



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1987

Our Last Meeting

Was attended by 16 members, 2 guests and Steven Sperry, Supervisor of Repair Answering System, G.T.E. Mr. Sperry's slide presentation on the forthcoming Enhanced 911 emergency call system as it is to be implemented in Hillsborough County was most informative. The system should greatly increase the ease in contacting emergency services and, in turn, reduce the response time of those services to the scene of the need.

Bob Baylies reported that the name tags had been ordered. Remember that the tags will cost the membership \$3.50. Since the tags are expected to be on hand for our November meeting, those Compatriots who have not yet paid for theirs should do so before or at that meeting. Paying for the tags will take some \$300 for the bank account which stood at \$643.34 in October. Checks for this (or anything else) should be sent to our Chapter Treasurer - Robert R. Hill, Sr.

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Better yet---come to the meeting and give them to him there.

A request for donations to be used towards the restoration of Ben Franklin's home in London resulted in \$33 being raised towards that project. Bob Baylies is the State Chairman for this project so you can be sure that you can make your contribution towards it if you haven't done so already. This is a SAR sponsored project and you can be sure that it is regarded as well worthwhile. Come to the November meeting to help make our Chapter not only one of the Florida Chapters to contribute, but also the one making the largest contribution. That seems only right since Bob is the Chairman.

Odds and Ends

Compatriot Willis Stone can't be accused of being a snow-bird. He recently moved back up north to New Haven, Connecticut.

Forewarning---annual dues for 1988 will be \$27 and will be due by January 1st. As noted above, come to the Chapter meetings and make your payment to Treasurer Hill. If you must mail them, send them to his address, NOT your Editor's.

A newspaper covering the Pomona, California area had an article not too long ago regarding Marilyn Ruzicka having been installed as Regent of the Pomona Chapter, DAR. The article went on to say that Marilyn had been unaware that her family lineage qualified her to become a member of the DAR until her great-aunt became President General of the DAR from 1981 to 1983. Her great-aunt? ..Jeannette Osbourne Baylies.. Of course, Marilyn is Bob Baylies sister.

Some happenings during the month of November in the Revolution:

- 1775 - Americans under Montgomery capture St. Johns, Canada and go on to capture Montreal on November 13. Later they are defeated trying to capture Quebec.
- 1776 - The British, having driven the Americans under Washington out of Long Island and up Manhattan Island into Westchester County (White Plains), finally drive them out of Ft. Washington on the east side of the Hudson River to Ft. Lee on the west side and from there into retreating south into New Jersey.
- 1777 - Fort Mercer and Fort Mifflin were at the juncture where the Schuylkill River comes into the Delaware River a few miles south of Philadelphia. In October Fort Mercer, on the east side of the Delaware, had withstood an attack. But for three weeks the British established batteries overlooking Fort Mifflin on the west side. For six days these batteries plus guns from British ships bombarded the fort with what has been reported as the most concentrated bombardment in the 18th Century. After Fort Mifflin fell, Fort Mercer could not hold out. The British then wintered in Philadelphia. Washington went to the resort area of Valley Forge.

1778 - In reprisal for an attack on the Six Nation (Indian) town of Unadilla, 500 Indians and 200 Tories attacked and destroyed the village of Cherry Valley some 50 miles west of Albany, Nee York.

At the time of our October meeting your Editor was toughening it out with his wife and another couple in their Cadillac in, among other places, North Carolina, the Blue Ridge Parkway, etc. Two of the "other places" included the National Military Parks at Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780) and Cowpens (January 17, 1781), both of which are in South Carolina. The Parks Service has done an excellent job in preserving these sites and have equally excellent visual presentations of the circumstances that led to these battles and of the battles themselves. You would do well to include them in your "places to see" if your travels take you anywhere near them. They are only some 30 miles apart as the crow flies.

The Chapter's Board of Governors is going to meet on November 12th, 7P.M., at the North Tampa Public Library, 8916 North Boulevard, just south of the intersection with Busch Boulevard. All Compatriots are welcome to attend and add their thoughts to the plans and decisions being made.

Our Next Meeting

Will be at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa, as usual. We will start gathering at 11:30 A.M. and expect to have lunch 12 noonish. Of course this will be on the third Saturday of the month; in this case, the 21st. The cost of the lunch will be \$8 per person. Guests and particularly prospective SARs are always welcome. The telephone calling committee should be contacting you about the meeting, but if for some reason they can't reach you, please let Bob Hill (see above for his phone number) that you are coming so that he can arrange with the Shrine for the number of lunches to prepare.

Be there, Compatriots!!!! Support your Chapter, its objectives, programs and its officers by your physical presence at least. Maybe you will find that your more active participation is a self satisfying enjoyment.

IMPORTANT MEMO

Treasurer Bob Hill request that all checks for any Chapter function (lunches, name tags, dues, etc.) given to him directly or to someone else to give to him be made out to-

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and NOT, REPEAT NOT in his name.