



THE TAMPA CHAPTER
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Since meeting last May, the Tampa Chapter has been saddened by the death of two of its chapter members.

Uldric Thompson III - 59

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died August 11th as the result of an automobile accident. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard U.S. Corp. of Engineers retiring in 1983. He was a fifth generation Floridian.

Woodson Clyde (Spec) Winfree, Jr. - 77

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died September 2nd of natural causes. A native of Georgia, he had lived in Tampa 31 years. He served as a Major in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the Chapter's V.A. Hospital representative until his health gave way.

The Chapter extends its condolences to the families of these Compatriots and has sent a contribution in their memory to The Florida Society SAR Endowment Trust Fund.

Our Last Meeting

was held on May 16th with 21 people - Compatriots, guests and ladies - in attendance. Treasurer Bob Hill reported \$604.36 in the bank but noted that the nametags on order would take a big chunk of that since all 100 would have to be paid for when received. He urged all the members to buy -\$3.50- their nametags ASAP from either Secretary Bob Baylies or himself so that the money going out would be offset by the money coming in to the extent possible.

Compatriot Elwin Thrasher announced that he would be working up a updated year book/roster in time for the September meeting. He particularly urged the members to let him know of their spouses' names if they wished them to be included on the roster.

Compatriot Bill Staples audited Treasurer Bob Hill's records for the year ended March 31, 1987.

The University of Tampa, the University of South Florida - Tampa campus and St. Petersburg campus - St. Leo College, Florida Southern and 7 of the 8 high schools in Hillsborough County had been contacted by Compatriot Jim Smith's SAR/ROTC Medal Committee. Plant City's High School is contacted by the DeVane Chapter.

Scott Peeler's membership application being all but finalized, he volunteered to serve as a Chapter representative on the V.A. Hospital committee. Later on though, Scott decided to move back to Arizona and may not be here even for our September meeting.

Board of Governors Meeting

The Board met on May the 18th and on September 3rd. In May the main item of business was the drawing up of a budget for our 1987-1988 year to be presented at the September meeting discussion, changes if any and approval by the membership. As the proposed budget stands, the assets on hand and income to be received exceed the disbursements of assets and the payment of expenses to the extent that at next March 31st the Chapter should have assets of \$846.

The September meeting considered a variety of matters primarily with getting organized for the September meeting (see following), subsequent meetings and chapter matters in general. Among the latter were:

Chapter dues will stay at \$27 a year and are payable no later than January 1st of each year.

Membership application fees are \$35, National; \$15 State and \$15 Chapter for a total of \$65.

The Chapter has not had to pay for its nametags yet but the members have to be urged to pay in their \$3.50 so that the treasury will not be depleted when it does.

Genealogist-Registrar Dickerson reported that Edgar Cleary's application for membership had been approved and that he was working with other prospective members. Unfortunately there are still other men who do not seem willing to put forth the effort necessary to complete their application form.

Members should start to take under consideration who the officers for the 1988-89 should be.

Our Next Meeting

Will be held at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa on Saturday, September 19th (the 210 anniversary of the first battle of Saratoga). Plan to be there at 11:30A.M. for renewing friendships and, if the bar is open, one on the rocks to cool off. Lunch will be around noon and will cost \$8.

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Our program will be a talk/Charles Sansone of the law firm of Mitzel, Mitzel & Feegel, P.A. His subject will be in conjunction with our recognition of the Bicentennial of the Constitution and is titled "We the People". This is also our joint meeting with the DAR. As always our ladies, DAR or not, are always welcome at our meetings so let's all make that extra effort to be there to welcome our guests, listen to an interesting program and to start our fall season off ^{with a} positive and enthusiastic beginning!!!

Incidentally, Comp. Bob Hill in making the arrangements has made extra sure that lunch will be served (not like last year) and that the doors will be open on time to let us in.

Sundry

Did you notice the committee assignments in the Summer issue of The Florida Patriot? On the standing committees our Secretary, Bob Baylies is Chairman of the Allegiance Sunday and Publicity committees and is on the Target Cities and Veterans Patient committees. On the Ad Hoc committees, he is Chairman of the Constitutional Convention while Jim Smith is on the Ben Franklin Home Project committee. Glenn Arter is on Endowment Fund Disbursements committee. As reported previously, Glenn is also our West Central Regional Vice-President. If you look over all the committees in the FLSAR, its hard to believe that you couldn't find one that your talents would not be an asset to. Get active in your Chapter, the FLSAR and the SAR on the National level.

The next Board of Management meeting will be held on October 23rd and 24th at the Ramada Inn Riverfront, US-1 & Nasa Boulevard, Melbourne. Every Chapter has at least two members on the Board and perhaps more depending on other factors. Of course you can attend without being a member of the Board; you can enter in the discussions but not vote. The interchange of ideas and information with other Chapters and with the State organization can help our Chapter maintain and increase its drive and energy.

It is the position of the FLSAR that calling a convention for the purpose of drafting a Balanced Budget Amendment might have the effect of opening a Pandora's Box of complications since the law is not clear that a convention can be restricted to considering just one, single matter of concern. Applying pressure on members of Congress for the Congress to enact such an Amendment is another matter. Nothing else so far seems to have been effective in constraining the National budget, perhaps a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment would.

The Ben Franklin Home Project is one to raise money toward restoring the home that Franklin lived while he was in London, England. At least 7 Florida Chapters have contributed \$1,987.00 to the Project. Since our PP, Jim Smith is on the committee for this Project, we can be almost 100% sure of hearing more about it at our meeting.

The FLSAR Endowment Trust Fund invests the money given to it and, in turn, uses the income from the investments to fund approved projects. There is a brochure telling more about it particularly in regard to remembering it in wills and trust. Glenn Arter is on the Committee administering this Trust so we can be sure of hearing more about it too.