

TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY



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NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 1989

Our October meeting will be Saturday October 21st at the Egypt Temple Shrine 4050 Dana Shore drive starting at 11:30 A.M.. Cost per person \$9.00 for lunch. If you have not been contacted by our telephone committee by Wednesday October 18th please contact Sam Beauregard at either his home phone 948-1462 or office 228-4703 if you plan to attend in order that he can be sure enough meals are ordered.

We would like to see a better attendance at our meetings and with the thought that some other day other than Saturday might be more convenient might you give the telephone committee the day or night that you would prefer. It might be that we should alternate the meeting dates each month. Would appreciate your input on this matter.

This news letter is being mailed early in as much as your editor plans to be in Canada on vacation at the time our regular newsletter would be mailed. I hope to be back by our meeting however.

This meeting will be a joint meeting with CAR and our Law Enforcement Award will be presented.

AT OUR LAST MEETING

We had 12 members, 1 dual member and 3 guests at our last meeting.

Cy Gamber gave a brief report on his attendance at the 99th Congress held in San Francisco in July. Cy attended as a delegate for our chapter at his own expense. One of the highlights was a resolution for a Constitutional Amendment for Flag respect to prevent burning and desecration of our Flag. He also pointed out the Florida was recognized for having the most delegates in attendance and for having the most new members for the year.

Bob Baylies, who is on the Florida Society's Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee, gave us a brief review on how the trust fund works and that it would pay 100% for Awards etc. for Educational, Patriotic, or Historical purposes. Each Chapter pays in to this fund and each year the interest from this fund is distributed to the Chapters on request. Any unused interest is returned to the Fund and cannot be used until the next year. Our Chapter contributes to the fund by sending money in memory of a death of one of our members. The principal is not touched but only the interest each year.

Duane Vandenberg presented the program on the Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights) with aid of Maps and statistical data. This program was of particular interest to your editor in as much as his ancestor James Selkirk (Quartermaster Sergeant) wrote a history of his experience in the Revolutionary war (never published for some reason but I have a copy) and this battle was one of the first he told about. He gives more of the account from the soldier in action view point.