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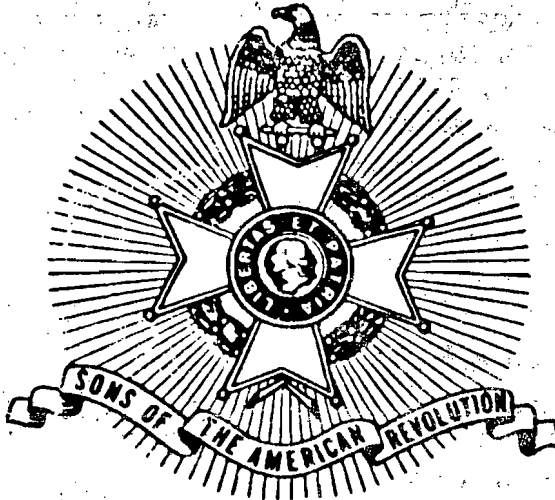
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**MARCH 1992**

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**OUR MARCH MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 21st AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EGYPT SHRINE TEMPLE, 4050 DANA DRIVE. THE COST PER PERSON WILL BE \$ 15.00 PER PERSON. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY TUESDAY 17th OF MARCH PLEASE CALL OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER, JIM WASHBURN, AT 287-0655 AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE IN YOUR PARTY IN ORDER THAT HE MAY ORDER THE CORRECT NUMBER OF MEALS. THE MENU WILL BE CHICKEN CORDON BLEU WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS.**

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This meeting will be the presentation of our Eagle Scout Award. Scout **JOHN EDGAR RANKIN** is to be the recipient of this award. Scout Rankin's theme is **PATRIOTISM**. John is the son of Lloyd & Carolyn Rankin, 6506 Alta Monte Drive, Tampa, Florida. He is a student at Jefferson High School and member of Boy Scout Troop 246. With this award he will be presented a \$50.00 Bond and later this year will compete with the winners of the other chapters in the state and should he win there will proceed to compete with all the state winners. The National winner receives a very nice Scholarship, hopefully to be used for College.

Lets have a big turn out for this meeting to show our appreciation for his efforts in entering our contest. We need to show that we are proud to present this award by a big show of the membership. Compatriot Cy Gamber, has put a lot of hard work these last few years and we need to also show him that we appreciate his work toward this end.

Our Secretary/Treasurer advises that David Rhodes McCallister has sent a check for reinstatement. David was dropped for non payment of dues in 1991 and we welcome back to the Chapter. As I understand it to be reinstated one must pay all the back dues for those years that have not been paid.

Perhaps there are other past members who would like to be reinstated. We could at least give them a call and ask. We most certainly welcome any new or old member into the Chapter.

Lets get out and try to get some new members this year. Please let our Registrar/Genealogist George Brooks know of any prospective members and help him see that they are given application forms and any help that they may need.

The St. Petersburg SAR Chapter has invited those who are interested in joining on sail aboard the Sloop **KATY/PROVIDENCE** A Star of the Sea in 1775. The following brochure explains the history of the vessel. For those who are interested the cost is \$ 20.00 per person and it will sail from St. Petersburg at 4:00 P.M. March 25th.

Any one interested please contact President Ted Dickenson as soon as possible at phone: 876-6613.

## Sloop

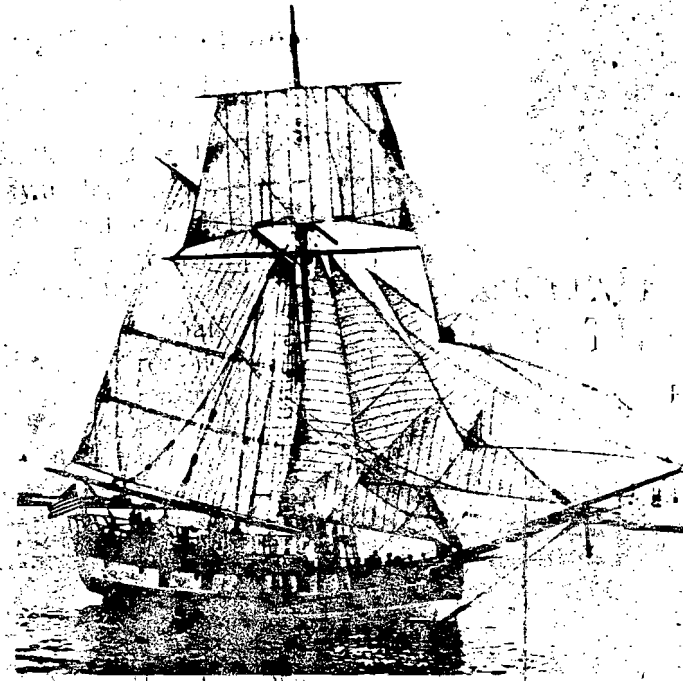
# KATY/PROVIDENCE

### *A Star of the Sea in 1775*

Until 1775 this warship of the American Revolution, built by the Rhode Island merchant, John Brown, was engaged in highly prosperous trade with ports in the West Indies. Rhode Island, the first colony to organize a Navy, commissioned KATY to defend against British ships in Narragansett Bay. On June 15, 1775, under Captain Abraham Whipple, flagship KATY captured armed sloop DIANA off Conanicut Island in the first naval battle of the Revolution. When, in October, Congress authorized the formation of a Navy, KATY, renamed PROVIDENCE, was the first vessel selected. In early 1776 the newly-formed fleet attacked Nassau, where PROVIDENCE launched the first landing of American Marines on foreign soil.

Upon her return to Rhode Island in the Spring, John Paul Jones assumed command, taking sixteen prizes on a cruise from Philadelphia to Nova Scotia. Under the command of Rhode Island's John Peck Rathbun, she captured more prizes and single-handedly seized Nassau.

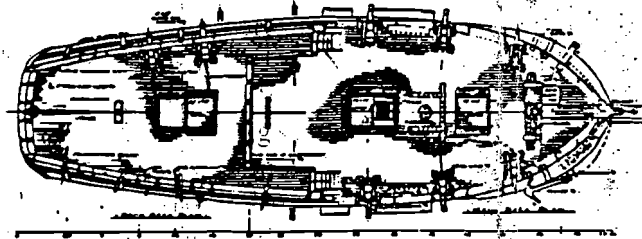
Known as the Lucky Sloop, she captured a total of 40 British prizes, more than any other vessel, including the 16-gun brig DILIGENT. In 1779 her luck ran out, and PROVIDENCE was burned by her own crew to avoid capture by the British in the Penobscot debacle.



### Specifications

Length	110 ft.	Power (GM6-71)	170 s.h.p.
Beam	20 ft.	Speed	8 knots
Draft	10 ft.	Fuel	1,000 gals.
Displacement	67.5 tons	Passengers	40
Sail Area	3,470 sq. ft.	Crew	6

*U.S. Coast Guard Certified*



## A Star is Reborn During The Bicentennial

Today you can hear the sloop PROVIDENCE fire her guns as she patrols the coast; see her glide through the bay under full sail; feel the decks rolling beneath your feet. From Narragansett Bay comes a fully operational reproduction of the ship that sailed there more than centuries ago, but with a different mission than her predecessor -- instead of seeking the enemy, the sloop seeks to draw attention to History.

The plans by naval architect Charles Wittholz were based on a 1777 painting by Francis Holman, rough drawings presented by historian John Millar, and several existing models. Built in Newport, R.I. by Seaport 76 Foundation, Ltd. the ship is a Bicentennial project which brings to life the great maritime heritage of this nation.

Since commissioning on October 24, 1976 PROVIDENCE has carried out this mission along the East coast covering over 25,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. She has participated in numerous reenactments, waterfront festivals, private parties, and national events such as the parade celebrating the Statue of Liberty. PROVIDENCE also serves as a schoolship for young people interested in learning seamanship in our 18th century atmosphere.

The sloop is owned and operated by Seaport 76 Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Newport, R.I. The sloop is supported by charter fees and contributions.



"Give me a fast ship, for I intend to go in harm's way."

## COME SAIL WITH US

Here is sloop PROVIDENCE, reproduction of the Continental Navy ship which was the first war command of John Paul Jones. Our craft is available for charter, visits to patriotic events in seaports, private parties and for underway training of students interested in learning the art of handling a Tall Ship and as back-ground for TV and movie features or commercials.

For information call or write  
Seaport 76 Foundation  
Box 76, Newport, RI 02840  
Phone 401-846-1776



Welcoming you aboard is our captain, fully licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard. Seaport 76 is proud to have him take you to sea on their historic ship.

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**H-A-P-P-Y**  
**B-I-R-T-H-D-A-Y**

John Allison	Mar 01
Bill Staples	Mar 05
Charles McGinnis	Mar 09
Glenn Arter	Mar 28

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~~AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING~~

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President Dickerson advised us that Vice President Charles Bearss has resigned his position in as much as he is unable to fulfill the position due to having to work shift work and cannot attend most of the meetings. We now need a replacement for Charles as Vice President. If any one is willing to take this position please let us know in order that we can fulfill this position. We regret that he is not able to perform the duties as he did an excellent job last year.

Hopefully Charles will still be able to continue as liaison to the CAR.

Our Good Citizenship Committee advised that forms for this award have been given to Dr. Hagan to work with the 6th grade classes of the Hillsborough County Schools.

Our Genealogist/Registrar proposed that we might want to consider conducting a Revolutionary Contest in the Schools and awarding an inexpensive set of plastic figurines as a prize.

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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

The board of Governors Meeting will be Wednesday March 11 at the Pennsular Library at Henderson & Neptune from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.. Would like to remind you that all members are welcome to attend these business sessions and contribute their thoughts on the various issues that face us.

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**CORRECTIONS TO YEAR BOOK**

There are number of corrections that should be made to the 1992 Year Book that you should have by now:

Page 6, that part that reads: Jim Miller; Should read: Martin Miller.

Page 8, that part that reads: Charles Bearss, 1400 Jaredu Drove Should Read: Charles Bearss, 14901 Hardy Drive, West.

Page 11, Bennett McGee's Zip code should read 33549.

Page 12, Martin Miller's Spouse should read Marjorie.

Page 12, Austin Rising's Spouse should read Arline and the address should read 4147 Saltwater Blvd.

If there are any other corrections to be made please let me know in order that I can make the corrections now and not repeat them next year.

I am dropping the following prospective members from our mailing list due to fact that they have no doubt become members of some other chapter because their names were listed in the SAR National Magazine as new members for Florida.

Jack Chaille, 1927 Wolfe Laurel Drive, Sun City Center  
Gilbert N. Whitehurst, 8827 Treasure Bayou, Riverview

Perhaps we are doing something wrong that they have joined other chapters. We had the Nissen brothers from Sun City Center on our Prospective member list and I note that Rev. Carl Nissen is now Chaplain for the Florida State Society. It seems that each of us must put more effort in our recruiting to prevent this from happening again.