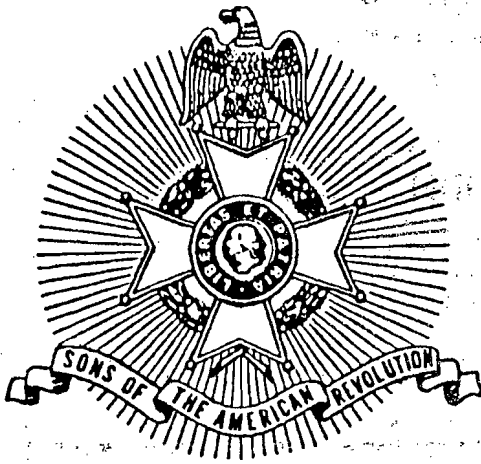


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**OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our September meeting will be Saturday September 18th at the **RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**, Tropic Room, 820 East Bush Blvd., Tampa, Florida. Each person will order from the menu and be responsible for paying for their own meals. This is the first meeting for the fall and lets have a good turn out for this meeting. Your Board of Governors have contracted with Ramada Resort & Conference Center for the next three meetings to see if the members agree to keep this as meeting or select another. This will give us a small private room which we felt would be better than the Wildwood Restaurant. There will be a small set up charge but we feel that this for the most part will be offset by the amount taken in by the 50/50 drawing.

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**PROGRAM FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Mr. Randy Stevens of Tampa Electric Company will be our guest speaker for this meeting and give us a presentation on the **History of Tampa**. Mr. Stevens program is an exceptional good program and I am sure it will be enjoyed by all.

It is difficult to get such good speakers especially when our attendance is so small each time. Lets all make a big effort to attend this meeting and bring a friend. It is rather embarrassing to arrange for good programs and not have a good attendance.

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**BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

The Board of Governor's meeting will be from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM September 9th 1993 at the Peninsular Library at Henderson & Neptune. Again remind you that all members are encouraged to attend these meetings and assist in planning the future programs and meetings.

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**WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS**

Two new compatriots have been approved since our last meeting and hopefully will be sworn in at our September meeting. We welcome them to our Society.

Mark Gibson  
Bob Allen Crane

Mark you will recall was recipient of our Eagle Scout Award several years ago and took an interest in his heritage and found he had a Revolutionary Ancestor.

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Cy Gamber	June 1
Bob Hill	June 9
Ted Dickerson	July 15
Herbert Haager	July 16
James Lillard Sr.	July 18
Herbert Mason Jr.	August 13
Charles Bearss	August 21
Russ Rising	September 11
Robert McWilliams	September 26

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### NATURALIZATION

Compatriot Jim Washburn & Elwin Thrasher represented the Tampa Chapter at the Naturalization swearing in of new American Citizens August 26 and presented each new citizen with a small American Flag as a memento of the occasion.

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### IN MEMORY OF

Compatriot James O. Smith, Jr. passed away in June. Compatriot Smith, a charter member, served the Chapter as Vice President, President, Chaplain, Veteran Affairs Chairman, Awards Chairman, & ROTC Awards Chairman. Jim was awarded the Presidents Award for his work on the many programs without recognition because he did not wait to be asked but just knew that someone needed to see that the programs were done and rarely even reported that he had done them. The Chapter will sorely miss his presence and support.

### TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 15, 1993 AT THE WILDWOOD RESTAURANT, DALE MABRY HIGHWAY, TAMPA, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President Cy Gamber at 12.05 PM.

Chaplain pro-tem Jim Washburn gave the invocation.

President Cy Gamber then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the SAR's in the SAR pledge.

The minutes of the April meeting having been published in the newsletter and mailed to all members, the reading of them was waived at this meeting.

Vice President Les White had nothing to report and Registrar/Genealogist Al Prouty was not at the meeting.

Treasurer Jim Washburn gave the Financial report for 1993 through the BOG meeting which was held May 6th. For the year to that date income had been \$501.00 and expenses \$421.00; the \$80.00 net income added to the Chapter's funds on January 1st of \$1203 gave a balance of \$1283.00. Since the April BOG meeting the Chapter received \$123.00 from the Florida Endowment Trust Fund reimbursing it for one-half of the donation of \$106.00 to the Friends of the Library and \$25.00 to the CAR plus \$114.00 for the purchase of ROTC and Law Enforcement Awards. Other significant income was \$199.00 from "In Kind" donations and \$110.00 from dues. Major Expense was \$134.00 for the yearbook and newsletters as well as the above mention donation to the Friends of the Library.

Editor Elwin Thrasher had nothing to report regarding the newsletter of publicity. President Gamber noted that the Chapter was receiving publicity via the announcements in the newspaper of the War Games. Since Compatriot George Brooks has been away for going on a couple of months, President Cy didn't know whether he was responsible for that publicity or not.

In the absence of Compatriot Jim Smith, Cy reported that Jim was to present the ROTC medals and certificate at the USF and St. Leo College. Also that the Law Enforcement medal/certificate probably would be given early in the fall; most likely September or October.

President Gamber introduced the wives of SAR members who included Jeanne Mason, Fimi Richie, Arline Rising, Millicent Seymour, Lillian Tyson and Billie Washburn. Also present were our speaker Mrs. Charles E. (Renee) Fisher (who was really later introduced as such); her husband "Bud"; her guest Maureen Dixon; Less White's son, Brian and SAR's Bob and Kevin Yarnell. These Brothers are in the process of becoming members of the Tampa Chapter as transferee's from the Suncoast Chapter.

Secretary Jim Washburn reported that Bob Yarnell's reinstatement fee had been forwarded to the State Secretary although no word had been yet received back as to its status: that the Chapter donation of \$10.00 to the Florida Endowment Trust Fund returned the reimbursement mentioned above; that more than 50% of an expense can be applied for; that a new life-membership fee schedule is available.

For the information of the Chapter members, President Cy read the list of State Society officers elected at the State's annual meeting. The recording secretary's position was not filled. Any Compatriot willing to fill the position should contact Cy for who to see about it.

Cy also had some information about the State's "Earl Marlin Publicity Contest". Prizes were granted at the annual meeting to Chapters meeting the criteria of the contest. The Tampa Chapter knows next to nothing about the contest but needs to find out more if it wants to share in the cash prizes and flag banners.

Mrs. Martha Sayroo who lives in Tampa and is the current Senior President of the Florida CAR was at the SAR annual meeting and wanted it known to the Tampa Chapter SAR that the CARs would be willing to work up a program to present to the Tampa Chapter.

While the group was waiting for lunch to be served, Russ Rising told about Bud Fisher and others from General Chennault's Flying Tigers of WWII days being invited by the Chinese government to visit China as the government's guests. Over 300 of the ex-Flying Tigers took advantage of the invitation and were treated royally.

Following lunch President Gamber called upon Russ Rising to introduce Mrs. Fisher, Renee, to the Chapter and guests. Mrs. Fisher then proceeded to tell of some of her experiences serving in the French Underground during WWII. They were and almost incredible story of the continuing personal series of adventures of France right up until the final days of Allied victory. Listeners to the story as told might well imagine that there were other events which might have been told but which were not. However it is fortunate that Mrs. Fisher has written down the story which she recounted so that posterity not lose his fascinating tale as memories dim.

Mrs. Fisher also had a number o photographs depicting the persons and places involved in her story.

The SAR recessional was said and the benediction was given and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 PM.

The meeting was attended by 13 SARs (including Bob and Kevin Yarnell); the speaker, her husband and guest; 6 wives and Brian White for a total of 23.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Washburn  
Secretary

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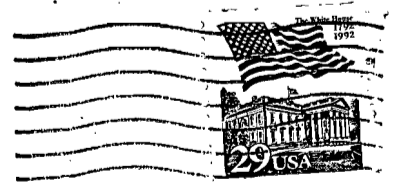
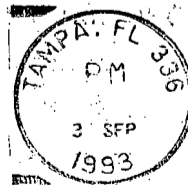
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