

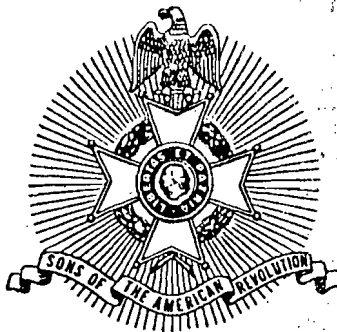
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Our May meeting will be Saturday May 21st at the **RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**, Room next to dining room, 820 Busch Blvd., Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for paying for their own meal. Your Check will include the gratuity..

PROGRAM FOR MAY MEETING

The program for this meeting will be Colonial music. Lets have a good turn out of members & their guest for this program as it will be our last meeting until September.

Sgt. James Selkrik, your editor's Revolutionary Ancestor, wrote that on one time on a detail to purchase supplies for the troops that they asked to be fed and permission to spend the night in a barn and the lady told them they could sleep in the barn but she would not feed them. They later started to sing, must have sounded pretty good, after some time she came out and told them if they just keep singing she would fix them something to eat.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will be Thursday May 5th at the **NORTH TAMPA BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8919 N. BOULEVARD** - just south of Busch Blvd. (West of Florida Ave.) at 7:00 PM.. Again remind you that any member who wishes to attend these meetings are encouraged to do so and give us your input for the good of the Chapter. *3/B 5/12*

Compatriot **Scott Mason** has recently accepted a position with the International Republican Institute, a Congressional Agency created for promoting the advancement of Democratic ideals abroad. Scott will spend the coming year in Sofia, Bulgaria, where his primary duty will be to advise the emerging political parties of various methods of Campaigning.

ALLEGIANCE SUNDAY

On July 3rd at 10:15 AM Compatriots Jim Armitage, President of the Plant City Chapter, and Robert Baylies, Past President of the Tampa Chapter, will be conducting SAR Allegiance Sunday at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Carrolwood. This program is an educational presentation of the organization goals and purpose of the SAR, as well as a talk on some of our country's founding fathers. All are invited to attend.

ROTC MEDAL AWARDS

Compatriot Robert Somner presented the SAR ROTC medal to the outstanding Cadet at the University of Tampa and Compatriot James A. Chambers presented SAR ROTC medals at the University of South Florida to the outstanding Cadets of the Army & Air Force Cadets ROTC. There has been much appreciation received from these units for the Compatriots presentation of these medals



Elwin Thrasher	May 11
Leo Tyson	May 15
Scott Mason	May 30

1994 CHAPTER YEAR BOOKS

The 1994 Chapter year books are now ready. Why not pick them up at this meeting and save the cost of postage to the chapter. Please check the year book for any errors and advise your editor in order that he can make the changes for future issues. Please correct Compatriot Richie's wife name to read: Fimie and Compatriot Robert Yarnell's phone number to read: 249-8747.

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 1997 AT THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President George Brooks (attired in his Revolutionary War uniform) at 12:08 PM.

Chaplain Larry Huntley gave the invocation.

President Brooks led all in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the SARs in the SAR pledge.

There was no reply to the call for corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter, The minutes were then approved as printed.

Guest were introduced as follows: Daniel Saunders (prospective member), Mrs. George Brooks, Ashley and the Brooks four year old Woody, Mrs. Fimie Richie, Mrs. Jane Dickerson and as more formally introduced later, Eagle Scout award Contest winner, Brian David Pickerd, Mr. & Mrs. Pickerd and Eagle Scout-potential younger brother.

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Washburn being absent from the meeting, there were no reports of those offices.

Bob Yarnell reported on the conduct of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oratorical Contest. He expressed his frustration that in spite of all the effort he put into contacting all the eligible schools in the area, only one contestant showed up for the contest. He mentioned the competition from various other organizations which hold similar contests. There have been some communication problems with The Chapter's contest winner which why she is not at this meeting and why it is uncertain that she will be at the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR to contest there. President Brooks noted that the Chapter had the medal for the Contest winner and, with the concurrence of the Chapter, the medal would be presented to the contestant whether she goes to the State contest or not. Chairman Bob expressed his thanks to the members of the Chapter who supported the contest.

Vice President Kevin Yarnell mentioned that the next program would be on Revolutionary War music.

President Brooks reported on his efforts in working with the ROTC units to which the Chapter presents ROTC medal to make the ROTC people at all levels more aware of the SAR and at the same time to have the Chapter host people from the ROTC in presenting programs before the Chapter. He had copies of THE JOINT SAR-ROTC PROGRAM PROPOSAL form by which this mutual arrangement can be formalized to insure mutual understanding.

Veep Kevin Yarnell presented a mini-program. He at one time worked at Colonial Williamsburg and there learned of one method the letters were written Colonial times. In order to save on expensive paper and postage, the letters were written horizontally as usual now, and then on the same side of the paper writing was placed vertically over what had been written horizontally. He had written a letter to the Compatriots in this manner. Reading a letter written this way takes a little getting used to at first but after the initial "shock", it presents no particular problem. Incidentally, in those days the postage was paid by the receiver of the letter.

President George held up a copy of the new 1994 Chapter year book and called particular attention to the last couple of pages which contain information regarding the purchasing of Revolutionary War uniforms. (Clearly if more Compatriots had these uniforms and wore them at public events, the SAR would become more well known to the public.)

Two changes to the year book were mentioned: Mrs. Richie's first name is "Fimie" and Bob Yarnell's telephone number is now "249-8747".

President Brooks mentioned the number of people, particularly grade school students, who would be aware of the SAR and the Tampa Chapter through the Chapter's **GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD** program. Some 300 **GOOD CITIZENSHIP** certificates have been given to school authorities to award to appropriate grade school students. George designed a genealogical chart to accompany each one of the certificates. The intention is to foster interest in genealogy in the students (and their families) perhaps even leading in time to more SARs.

Barry Rich, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Award contest, gave an outline of the particulars of the contest and the criteria on which the contestants are judged. He also mentioned the success which the contest winner, Brian David Pickerd of Troop #259, St. Pauls Catholic Church, N. Dale Mabry, Tampa had in meeting those criteria. Scout Pickerd was presented with a Certificate of Recognition as the winner, and SAR patch for his Scout uniform and \$100 savings certificate. Scout Pickerd then read the essay which was written as part of the contest. It was regarding the well-known signer of the Declaration of Independence, John Hancock.

President Brooks thanked Scout Pickerd for presenting the "program" of the day for the Chapter.

He announced that the next BOM meeting would be May 12th at the North Boulevard Library and the next regular meeting would be at the Ramada on May 21st.

He led the SARs in the SAR recessional, Chaplain Huntley gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

The meeting was attended by 11 compatriots; Scout Pickerd, his father, mother and brother; Ashely and Woody Brooks; Jane Dickerson; Fimie Richie; and Daniel Saunders for a total of 20.

ADDENDUM: President Brooks wants the Chapter to know that Col.-retired Bob Sumner presented the Chapter's ROTC medal at the University of Tampa and that Dr. Jim Chambers presented the Chapter's ROTC medals to the two units (Army and USAF) at the University of South Florida.

Respectfully submitted as prepared from video tape of Elwin Thrasher, and his and George Brooks' written notes.

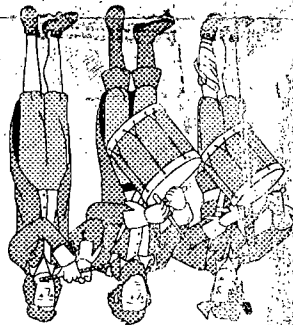
James E. Washburn Secretary.



Compatriot Barrett Rich, Eagle Scout Brian Pickerd & President George Brooks

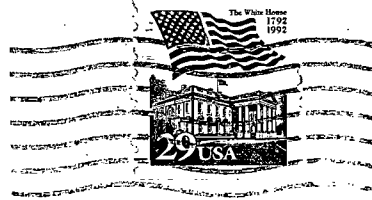


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