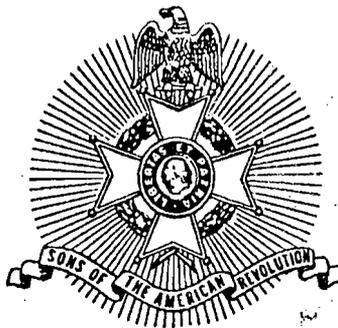


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Our October meeting will be Saturday October 15th at the Colonial Inn (FORMERLY THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER), 820 Busch Blvd., Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each Person will be responsible for paying their own meal. Your check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER MEETING

At the time of this publication have not been able to contact Kevin on the Program for this month but am sure that it will be a good one. It is the month for two historical events. Columbus Day October 12th and Yorktown Day October 19th. My Revolutionary Ancestor wrote that they did not have uniforms to wear until after the battle of Yorktown when they took the British's uniforms and dyed them green. Wonder if this where the Olive Drab color we know it today came from?

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The Board of Governor's meeting will be Thursday October 6th at the NORTH TAMPA BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8919 N. BOULEVARD - just south of Busch Boulevard (West of Florida Ave.) at 7:00 PM.



Daniel Carleton

October 10

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 1994 AT THE COLONY INN (FORMERLY THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER), EAST BUSH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President George Brooks at 12:01 PM.

Chaplain Larry Huntley gave the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by President Brooks as well as the SAR pledge by the SAR's..

The guests were then introduced as follows: Mrs. Billie Washburn, Mrs. Margaret McGee, Mrs. Aline Rising, Prospective members Calvin Martin and Dennis Fusiliers and West Central Regional Vice President Courtney Crutcher; who arrived a bit later.

The minutes of the May 1994 meeting were accepted as printed in the September newsletter without change and were not read.

Secretary Jim Washburn commented on the wealth of activity being carried on by the Florida State Society as evidenced by the 15 pages of detailed information printed in the minutes of the State's annual meeting held last May.

However, Jim pointed out the following matters mentioned in the minutes.

1. The FLSSAR has established "THE MILITARY BASE GENEALOGICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE". Genealogical training was started by an SAR at an air base near Tucson, Arizona and found considerable interest in it including, it turned out, some by potential SAR's. The idea was pocked up on by NSSAR and now FLSSAR. With MacDill AFB and other nearby military type installations, the Tampa Chapter might find such a training course for SARs and Chapter members.
2. NSSAR has turned down a proposal to establish a "member-at-large" category of membership. This should not have an effect on the present Chapter membership; (but in the recent past a couple of members dropped out of teh Chapter and went member-at-large in the State SAR)
3. NSSAR voted favorably on the proposal that new members be required to pay their first year's dues on submission of their applications. At the recent Chapter BOG meeting it was decided that the Chapter would review each new application for membership and decide how best to minimize the cost to each applicant of the NSSAR dues.
4. The minutes noted the efforts of the Tampa Chapter to improve the interaction between the Chapter and the JRROTC units it provides medals for.
5. The minutes urged all Compatriots to contribute to the SAR at Chapter, State and National levels as committee members and officers. This done taking into consideration TALENT, TIME, EFFORT, AND MONEY, none of which is inconsiderable.
6. For 3 years, starting in 1995, the FLSSAR is requiring an additional \$1 to the regular dues from each Chapter member to provide financing for the expenses to be incurred in hosting the 1998 National SAR Congress to be held in the Orlando area. At the recent Chapter BOG meeting, it was decided that the Chapter would pay this fee from its treasury without assessing Chapter members for it. (Presumably this is so for 1995 at least)

Jim noted that he had received a request from the State Secretary that the Chapter annual reports be submitted promptly and at least by the deadline date of February 1995. This requires that Chapter members pay their 1995 dues promptly, and by January at least for the Chapters report to be prepared in a timely manner.

Jim also had 3 more items of interest:

1. A flier regarding a "U.S. Constitution Restoration Rally" to be held in Lakeland. The Chapter members did not seem overly enthusiastic about the Rally's program.
2. A 1976 newspaper article regarding the unearthing of what appears to be Thomas Paine's obelisk on a farm in upstate New York. The farm had an old, unmarked cemetery. As all Compatriots know, Paine was the Revolutionary pamphleteer who wrote "Common Sense" and "The American Crisis".
3. Three new SAR brochures dealing with a Fire Safety Commendation Award, The Veterans Administration Voluntary Service and Genealogical Library and Historic Museum at National Headquarters in Louisville.

The Treasure's report for year to September 8, 1994:

Income	\$ 232.81
Expenses	528.79
Net Expense	\$ 295.98
Chapter Funds 1/1/94	1,370.24
Chapter Funds 9/8/94	<u>\$1,074.26</u>

President Brooks then mentioned the decisions made at the BOG meeting regarding the additional \$1 dues assessment and the National dues called for with a new application for membership.

He then restated the TAMPA CHAPTER S.A.R. GOALS as were printed in the minutes of the May meeting and in the September newsletter. He stressed that these were goals the effectiveness of which might be gauged by means of a survey although a survey is not presently scheduled.

The road-side sign project is still in process but on hold pending a re-do of the sign painting by George's mother. George reiterated how few of the general public know that the SAR exists. The sign(s) will help correct that situation and help achieve at least one of the goals.

The selection of a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the Chapter for 1995 roughly followed the Chapter by-laws, and after a call for further nominations from the floor produced none for the nominating committee and none for the officers, President Brooks announced a slate of officers for the November election of officers at which time further nominations from the floor may be made.

As provided by Article IV, Section 1 of the Chapter's Constitution the officers nominated are:

President	George Brooks
Vice President	Kevin Yarnell
Secretary/Treasurer	James Washburn
Genealogist/Registrar	Roger Crane

As provided in Section 2 the Members-at-Large nominated are:

Martin Miller
Elwin Thrasher

If elected, the above officers and members-at-Large plus the immediate Past President, Cyril Gamber will constitute the 1995 Board of Governors.

Although not listed by the Chapters Constitution in official capacity, the following have indicated willingness to serve in 1995 as follows:

Chaplain	Larry Huntley
Editor	Elwin Thrasher

President Brooks announced under old business that all ROTC units we are still in contact with plus 3 new ones have agreed to send a representative in uniform to present a program on a topic we have agreed to.

Under new business Cy Gamber announced as an ex-FBI agent he has become aware of fellow ex-agent who is trying to locate the grave sites of Congressional Medal of Honor winners and to see that the sites are appropriately recognized. Cy said he felt that since Florida probably has a minimum, if any, Revolutionary War grave sites to honor, the Tampa Chapter consider it appropriate to take on this Medal of Honor grave site recognition as a project. Cy said he would try to get more information regarding what has been done and is involved. This might grow into a National SAR project.

There followed some general conversation regarding the desecration of grave sites.

Then, going back to an item of old business, George said that he had supplied Barry Rich with information regarding the acquisition of seedlings from trees which have been identified as having had some Revolutionary War significance. This detailed more in the September newsletter/minutes.

Back to new business, George said that he had correspondence from John Whisler, Chairman of the FLSSAR Patriotic Activities Committee, urging the Chapter to look for circumstances that justified the award of the Flag Certificate for display of the flag for patriotic purposes.

George called upon SE Regional Vice President, Courtenay Crutcher, to present information regarding the Department of Defense (Federal Government) 50th Anniversary World War II Commemorative Community Committee. The President of the FLSSAR formed a committee similarly named. David Snyder of Boca Raton has been named Chairman. The purpose of the committee is to honor all WWII veterans. All FLSSAR Chapters are expected to form a commemorative Community. Each Chapter is to identify and furnish to the State Chairman a list of all the WWII veterans. The certificates will be from the Defense Department and the medal from the SAR.

A FLSSAR centennial medal was shown and is available to members. Complete information regarding the medal is on page 3 of the PREMIER DELUXE ISSUE SUMMER 1994 of the FLORIDA PATRIOT.

Vice President Kevin Yarnell, being responsible for the program for the meeting, scrounged around and, failing to find a speaker who would present a program on the Revolutionary War finally had to settle on one who would talk to the Chapter on the War Between the States (sometimes known in the North as the Civil War) and particularly the Battle of Gettysburg. And who would this be but brother Robert Yarnell. And although of more recent vintage than the Chapter might expect, it was one of the most excellent programs the Chapter has ever had. Many questions about the battle by the Chapter members indicated their interest in it and the program.

Ticket for the 50-50 drawing was chosen by Aline Rising. Luckily she drew her own number. The Chapter and she won \$6.50.

President George led in the SAR recessional.

Chaplain Huntley gave the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

It was attended by 11 Chapter members, Regional Vice President Courtney Crutcher, 3 member wives and 2 guests, for a total of 17.