

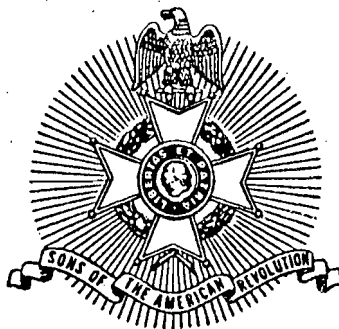
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Our September meeting will be Saturday September 17th at the Colonial Inn (FORMERLY THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER), 820 Busch Blvd., Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for paying their own meal. Your check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Compatriot Bob Yarnell present a **TIMELY DISCUSSION OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG**. Bob has been gracious enough to present programs in the past and I will assure that his presentations are very interesting. Don't miss this meeting!

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The Board of Governor's meeting will be Thursday September 8th 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.



Cyril Gamber	June 1
Parke Wright III	June 6
Robert Hill	June 9
Leslie White	June 15
Ted Dickerson	June 15
Herbert Haager	July 16
James Lillard Sr.	July 18
Herbert Mason	August 13
Charles Bearss	August 21
Mark Gibson	August 31
Austin Rising	September 11
Robert McWilliams	September 26

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 21, 1994 AT THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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

Chaplain Larry Huntley gave the invocation.

President Brooks led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and in the SAR pledge.

There were no guests to be introduced.

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.

Secretary Washburn read the note of appreciation received from Mrs. Michael Sayroo, Senior State President of FLCAR in support of the Sixty-Third Annual State Conference of the FLCAR.

He also read from the University of South Florida 1994 ROTC Awards Ceremony Booklet the criteria which the ROTC Cadet had to meet to become the recipient of SAR ROTC medal, certificate and ribbon. The Cadet receiving the award was Jonathan Hoyne. The presenter was Compatriot Jim Chambers.

As Treasurer, Jim reported the following:

Income for the year to May 12th, the date of the Board of Governors' meeting,	\$ 208.87
Expenses	416.74
Net Expense	<u>207.87</u>
Chapter Funds 1/1/94	1,370.24
Chapter Funds 5/12/94	<u>\$1,162.37</u>

Application has been made to the FLSSAR's Endowment Trust Fund for Reimbursement to the Chapter of Eagle Scout Award program expenses of \$133.04 and Good Citizenship Certificate Award program of \$32.97. How much of the expense will be reimbursed to the Chapter will not be known until after the FLSSAR's summer Board of Management meeting, probably in July.

The IRS form 990EZ required of the Chapter was called to the attention of Compatriots.

Since the BOG meeting the Chapter has ordered a Law Enforcement Medal, certificate and ribbon from NSSAR. The cost including shipping was \$17.50. It was ordered to have on hand for presentation at some future date.

President Brooks reported on the BOG meeting including the following matters:

His efforts to increase the viability of the relationship between the Chapter and the units of the ROTC to which the Chapter has been awarding medals over the years. On balance, there has been acceptance of his proposals which should increase the interaction between the Chapter and the ROTC units to the benefit of both. The Board approved suspending awarding ROTC medals to those ROTC units declining to participate in the arrangement.

The Board also approved suspending the Eagle Scout program for the time being. Barry Rich, who was Chairman of the just concluded program, had been contacted by President Brooks and had agreed with this. Hopefully, Compatriot Rich will accept responsibility for some other program.

George had identified a company which takes seeds from trees which have been identified as Revolutionary War vintage trees, cultivates the trees and sells the ones grown successfully. George intends to contact the City of Tampa and the Hillsborough County Parks Department regarding the possibility of the Chapter buying a tree (or trees) and planting it in an appropriate place with a plaque on it identifying the Chapter as the donor. Perhaps Barry will help on this program.

The Board approved the suspension of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oratorical Contest.

The Board approved the draft of the agreement with Charles A. Wasmer regarding his participation in the development of the type of "patriotic" merchandise. Compatriot Wasmer is a member of the Cincinnati Chapter and a direct descendent of the founder of the Sons of Liberty. It is intended that he grant to the Tampa Chapter 50% of the Net Revenues received from the sale of the merchandise. This program is still in the process of development.

The Board reviewed a draft of a "Freedom of Religion" type flyer. the flyer would describe the impact of the American Revolution on religious freedom. On the reverse side of the flyer would be a genealogical chart. The intention is to give an appropriate number of flyers to a number of churches each year for distribution to their congregations. This program too, is in the early stages of development.

The Board approved the draft of "TAMPA S.A.R. GOALS" together with "STRATEGIES TO REACH GOALS". The goals in the draft are:

1. 90% SAR name recognition for area adults.
2. 80% of all men with suspected descent from Revolutionary ancestors realize there is an active area Chapter to join.
3. 70% public awareness that democratic values in the world (not just in America) hinged on the Success of the American Revolution.
4. 60% of public would be more likely to support increased education of Revolutionary history.
5. 50% of all families have received forms, addresses and phone numbers for assisting with any family ancestry research.

The final version of the "GOALS" and "STRATEGIES" will be furnished to the FLSSAR for its information and consideration.

On a call by President Brooks for any other report, Compatriot Ted Dickerson reported that there was to be a family reunion gathering in Bradenton over the Fourth of July of "Sutton" line families. All persons interested in attending this reunion may find out more details regarding it by contacting Ted at phone 876-6613. He also spoke of a trip to Wyoming that he was going to take taking his grandson with him partly, at least to teach the boy as much as he can about the U.S. and its people.

President George reported that he had received contact from some teachers in response to the genealogical forms which were included in the distribution of the Good Citizenship Certificates to grade school students.

In response to the inquiry regarding any new application for membership Registrar/Genealogist Roger

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Crane said that his wife had just given birth to a baby girl and with that event passed, he could start clearing his desk of any membership inquiries. All present extended their congratulations to Roger on the birth.

Editor Elwin Thrasher remarked that the list of prospective members to whom newsletter have been sent in the past has been pared down to eliminate those who have not given any further indication of interest in the SAR. Postage expense for the Chapter will be pared down too as a result.

Following lunch Vice President Kevin Yarnell presented a program based on his experience working in the woodworking shop at Colonial Williamsburg and relating the work done there with the furniture available during the Revolutionary War period. He had pictures from the shop and examples of the work done there. His job was to explain to the public visiting the ship what the woodworkers were doing and how they did it. One of the most interesting thing he learned and demonstrated to the public what pieces which would be expected to be identical going into a given piece of furniture seldom were made by this or any other woodworking shop using techniques of the period. This hold true to some extent even today with more modern techniques. Of course the tools of the Revolutionary period were relatively crude from those of today. But the end result the, as even now, was a product that was satisfactory for it purpose even though like parts were/are not necessarily completely identical. The questions and comments regarding this topic by the other present indicated the interest in it.

Winner of the 50-50 drawing was Jim Washburn, \$8.00 was added to the bank account.

The SAR recessional was led by George Brooks and the Benediction said by Chaplain Huntley.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.
It was attended by 9 Compatriots.

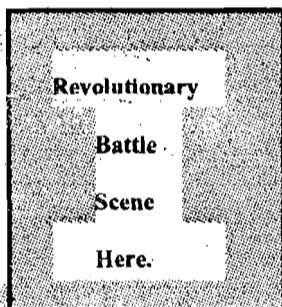
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ James E. Washburn, Secretary

TAMPA BOARD MOVES FORWARD!

by George Brooks

In May 1994 the Tampa Board agreed to investigate the erecting of one or more roadsigns (see the "mock-up" below). Callers will be provided general information on ancestry research. The D.A.R. volunteer will also be able to look through the D.A.R. Patriot Index for specific names, if appropriate.

**Was your Ancestor
a Revolutionary
HERO ?
FIND OUT!
Call: 888-8888**



A Patriotic Public Service by both the
Sons of the ... &
Daughters of the ... **AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

One aspect that has not yet been decided is whether or not to INCLUDE the DAR's name too! Though the SAR typically does things on its own, there are very good reasons for including the DAR's name on the sign. (1) For each female prospect who calls, we increase the likelihood of reaching MALE members of her family. (2) By including the DAR's name, we are more likely to increase the cooperation of landowners that we will approach for sign placement. (3) If the local D.A.R. chapters come to appreciate the exposure they receive from the sign, they may be willing to help us maintain the signs or find ADDITIONAL locations for placement. Call me if you have an opinion!

Below are TAMPA CHAPTER GOALS that we also approved in our May '94 Board meeting. I think you will see how our roadsign effort, in general, will fit well with our chapter's new and "QUANTIFIABLE" goals.

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- Approved by TAMPA S.A.R. Board, 5/94