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APRIL MEETING



Our April meeting will be Saturday April 15, 1995 at Colony Inn Resort & Conference Center, 820 Bush 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 APRIL



Our Program for our April meeting will be presented by a Vice President Kevin Yarnell on Science. Kevin's program will high light the Science as known during the American Revolution. This should be a very informative historical presentation. Lets have a good turn out for this interesting presentation.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will meet at 11:00 AM April 15th just before the regular meeting.



Dr. James Chambers
William Hatcher
Robert Yarnell

April 1
April 4
April 12

ROTC APPOINTMENTS?

As the ROTC Cadets have presented their programs for us I have notice that many wish to attend either the Navel Academy, the Army Academy or the Air Force Academy and make a career in the military. I recall back in 1937 a class mate in high school getting an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis during his Junior year in high school through his congressman. I do not recall the criteria for this appointment but wonder if these appointments for outstanding students is still available? Anyone know if these appointments are still available? If you have any information on this would appreciate you advising as to what the criteria is and perhaps the Chapter can be of some help in helping these youngsters obtain their goals. If not we should inquire to our congressmen on this matter for further discussion.

1995 YEAR BOOKS

The Chapter's 1995 Year Books will be ready for the April meeting. Please attend and pick up your copy and save us the mailing cost and enjoy an outstanding Program.

TAMPA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tampa Historical Society is holding their annual descendants day program at Oaklawn Cemetery, corner of Morgan and Harrison Streets, on Sunday 30 April 1995 from 2 to 4 P.M.

Their theme this year is to "remember our 125 veteran's buried at this historical cemetery." **President Brooks will be there representing the Tampa Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution to present a 12" wreath in memory of all the descendants of the American Revolution soldiers, along with a wreath presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. This will be followed by wreaths placed by Mayor Greco, for veteran's of the Mexican War; County Commissioner Dotty Berger, a wreath for veterans of the Seminole Indian Wars; United Daughters of the Confederacy of the Confederacy, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans to present wreaths for the Civil War veterans; and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to place their wreaths; followed by a wreath placed by the Rough Riders for the Spanish-American War; then the Commander, MacDill Air Force Base to place a wreath for veterans of World War I, and World War II.**

They are planning to place flags beside each veterans grave; have appropriate band music played for each war; including the playing of the Star Spangled Banner and close with taps, and a twenty-one gun salute for all veteran's.

Would be nice to have as many SARs attend this ceremony as possible and perhaps take some pictures for our next newsletter.

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 1995 AT THE COLONY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

President George Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Chaplain Larry Huntley gave the invocation.

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

The minutes of the February Meeting were accepted as printed in the March newsletter.

Since substantially all of the Chapter's bookkeeping records were being held by President Brooks for auditing, no financial report could be prepared for this meeting.

President Brooks reported on his contacts with the Children's Service Center of Hillsborough County regarding the Center's nursing a seedling(s) from a tree of some historical significance until the tree became sufficiently strong enough to be transplanted to some selected location and marked with and SAR plaque. He also said that an SAR Flag Certificate would be presented to the Center on behalf of the Chapter by Jim Washburn this coming Wednesday.

George reported that he had been meeting with the DAR Chapters in the area - one in Temple Terrace, one in Brandon, and 2 in Tampa. The Brandon had a great presentation regarding the DAR hall in Washington, D.C. Some of the DARs said that they did not know that there was an SAR Chapter in the immediate area. With between 150-200 DARs in the area the Tampa Chapter stands to have some referrals for prospective membership from the relatives of the DARs. When George told the DARs he had a Revolutionary War uniform, that sparked some interest.

Incidentally the man in Texas who had been making the Uniforms died but his female assistant is taking over the work so the uniforms will still be available.

George then reported that Secretary Washburn had been contacted by the Tampa Historical Society regarding their annual descendants program which would include a memorial of all the veterans buried in Oaklawn Cemetery. Presumably this would include the veterans of US conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the present. The program is to be held on Sunday, 30 April 1995 from 2 to 4 P.M.. County, City, DARs and other veteran-oriented groups are already scheduled to participate in the laying of wreaths. The Society was inquiring if the Chapter would be interested in being included. George said that he would assure the Society that we would be. The Cemetery is at the corner of Morgan and Harrison Streets in downtown Tampa.

George said that he was half-way finished with the roadside sign he has been working on. Martin Miller has been consulting with George on the Constructing of the sign.

George reported that he has volunteered to try to develop a computer program which would be used to clarify the reporting of the year-to-year reporting of the multitude of funds of the National Society

In the absence of Vice President Kevin Yarnell, ~~President Yarnell~~, President Brooks then reintroduced Master Chief Petty Officer Spriggs and the two Cadets Eric Johnson and Jennifer Stewart. In introducing the two Cadets, MCPO Spriggs pointed out the silver cords each of the Cadets were wearing at their right shoulders and told that less than 2% of the 30,000 some-odd Cadets across the country met the high standards qualifying them to earn the cords. When he asked the ROTC class who would be willing to speak at the SAR meeting both of those Cadets raised their hands. Since he felt that there way no way he could choose between the two, he asked VP Kevin Yarnell if it would be OK to bring both. Kevin immediately agreed saying it would be "unique" for the Chapter.

Naval ROTC Cadet Eric Johnson, Lieutenant Junior Grade and Naval ROTC Cadet Jennifer Stewart, Administrative Officer then, in a joint presentation, reviewed their functions in their unit as Executive and Administrative officers. Besides the more routine matters of their unit operations, they explained ho the unit contacted with grade and junior high school, met with other units in competitions not only locally but across the state and took training trips to US Naval facilities and others. But throughout both talks was the emphasis on establishing leadership, discipline and a well defined chain of command. To go along with these factors is the need to learn how to perform the responsibilities at the higher level. Their planned text was considerably expanded in response to questions by the others present.

Later Cadet Johnson is planning to go in the Marines and Cadet Stewart is planning to go in the FBI after attending a law study at UCLA.

MCPO Spriggs added further information regarding the structure and programs of the ROTC program in general.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Martin Miller who contributed the whole \$12.00 pot to the Chapter.

The May meeting will be on May 15th, the usual 3rd Saturday, same place, same time.

President Brooks led in the SAR recessional and Chaplain Huntley said the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The meeting was attended by 10 SARs, the 3 ROTC guests and Arline Rising (a late arrival) for a total of 14 (not counting Woody Brooks)

Respectfully Submitted,

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