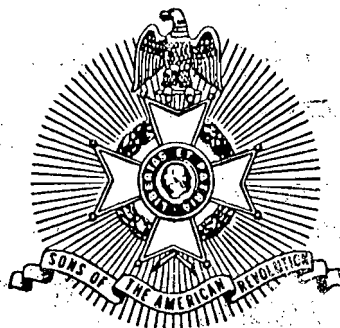


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### MARCH MEETING

 UR March will be Saturday March 18, 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.

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### PROGRAM FOR MARCH

 ur Program for our March meeting will be presented by a ROTC Cadets Eric Johnson and Jennifer Stewart from Gaither High School. Their topic will be a historical of the Civil War. This should be a very interesting program and you will be surprised as to how well they do. Bring a guest come and enjoy this presentation.

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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

**T**HE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL MEET AT 11:00 AM MARCH 18TH JUST BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING.



John Allison Jr.  
John Pacheco Jr.

March 1  
March 12

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### ROTC AWARDS

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On March 30 we will present MS III Cadet Robert P. Hazel in the University of South Florida, Sundome, Green & Gold Room, the SAR ROTC medal. Members who would like to attend please advise President Brooks who will notify will make sure that you have reserved seats for this event. Cadet Hazel is member of the U.S. Army ROTC at the University of South Florida.

what time? 2 PM

On April 27 we will present AS 100 Cadet Joseph W. Hoover III, of Pompano Beach, Florida the SAR ROTC medal. Cadet Hoover is member of the Air Force ROTC at the University of Tampa has a grade point average of 3.1 and Majoring in Psychology.

I can't help but notice that Captain James J. Chambers, Jr. is the Commandant of Cadets at the University of Tampa and wonder if he is of any relation to our Dr. James A. Chambers?

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#### TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by President George Brooks.

In the absence of Chaplain Larry Huntley Secretary Jim Washburn gave the invocation.

President Brooks led the SAR pledge.

President Brooks introduced guests as Mrs. Jeanne Mason, Denis Fusilier, ROTC Cadet Kevin Crouch, Kevin's father Mr. Crouch and his son Woody.

The minutes of the January Meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report showed, as reported to the Board of Governors at their meeting which preceded this regular meeting, as follows:

Income	\$ 210.47
Expense	68.38
Net Income	140.09
Chapter Funds 1/1/95	1307.83
Chapter Funds 2/18/95	1449.93

National, State and the '98 Congress assessment dues and funds in the amount of \$810.00 were transferred to State Secretary Larry Bradley since the January meeting. The annual report which accompanied the payment showed that Chapter gained no new members in 1995 but lost seven members. Membership now stands at 30.

President Brooks remarked that the Chapter has done "a great job" at husbanding and nursing its resources. Treasurer Washburn then reported that the Board of Governors at its meeting had approved a budget for 1995 that equally balanced income and expense.

President Brooks reported that the Chapter was waiting to hear from the Veterans Museums to whether or not it accepted the offer of a Revolutionary War vintage tree.

He reported that he had contacted the Purple Heart Association regarding the possibility of Purple Heart holders being guests of the Chapter if they so chose.

President Brooks reported that he intended that the Chapter do more interaction with the DAR with primary intent of the Chapter recruiting more SAR members from those males the DAR referred to the Chapter.

He said that the BOG had approved a Flag Certificate for the Children's Services Center of Hillsborough County. The Center has an agricultural department which will tend a Revolutionary War vintage tree for a year or so until the tree is well established enough to be planted in the ground with minimum of further tending, if any.

Editor Elwin Thrasher said that the Chapters Yearbook would be ready in April.

Secretary Washburn noted that National had informed him that the SAR membership cards would be sent to the Chapter around the first of March. He hoped that they would be ready for distribution by the time of the March meeting.

Following lunch, George mentioned that on the Learning Channel there is a special on George Washington which made the point that Washington was better General than some critics gave him credit of being. He also mentioned that he had taped a program called the American Revolution In 30 Minutes but, unfortunately he taped another program on top of it. For the folks who were not at the last meeting, he called attention to the six hour spectacular on the American Revolution of which he has a copy. (This TV series is written up on page 23 of the Spring 1994 issue of the SAR Magazine including the address to be contacted by anyone wishing more information about it.)

He reported on his attendance at the winter meeting of the FLSSAR Board of Management meeting. He mentioned that the Florida Society being the third largest in the Society with 33 local Chapters. The State's activities are rather "robust" in terms of the total SAR. He found it "amazing" that the State had passed a resolution recommending that the National dues be increased but very commendable too.

He volunteered to go back four or five years of financial statements of the FLSSAR and recast them in a way to show the percentage shifts to give more insight into the changes occurring.

Out of the 33 Chapters, 10 or 11 are smaller than the Tampa Chapter. He stressed that he would do all he could in 1995 to increase the membership of the Tampa Chapter mentioning the increasing activity with the ROTC units. (And above with the DAR.)

He then turned the meeting over to Kevin Yarnell, who, as Vice President and responsible for Chapter programs introduced, with a listing of some of the outstanding achievements of the speaker; Armwood High School ROTC Cadet, Kevin Crouch. Cadet Kevin spoke to the Chapter about the Junior ROTC program, how it works, what it does and using himself as an example of how it affects the young people in the program, both male and female. He spoke of the structure of the Armwood unit from the top officers down through the some 150 Cadets; the required classroom courses of 5 days a week; the drilling outside with and without weapons and particularly the teaching of discipline and leadership for not only within the ROTC but outside as well; the inter-unit rivalry; the activities out in the community but most noticeable was the emphasis on discipline and leadership. Cadet Crouch hopes to be accepted into West Point after his graduation from Armwood. It was an excellent presentation from this young man.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jeanne Mason who presented the Chapter with the pot of \$9.

The SAR recessional was led by President Brooks and the benediction said by Jim Washburn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

The meeting was attended by 7 Chapter members, the program speaker and 3 guests for a total of 11.

Respectfully submitted,

*James E. Washburn*

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Secretary

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"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people; for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American Patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to protect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies"--William Tyler Page

