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NEWSLETTER

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**O**ur September meeting will be held Saturday September 21st, 1996 at the Best Western Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal. Your meal check will include the gratuity.

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**PROGRAM FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Chief Warrant Officer Jim Rodgers Armitage, M.A., U.S. Army (ret.), President of Major John DeVane, Sr. Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be our guest speaker for this meeting. He is active in many local organizations, has spoken before local groups, including DAR, SAR, and SCV for his community involvement.

As is our tradition, the September topic will focus on the American Revolution. CWO Armitage's will talk to us about Dr. Joseph Warren-Revolutionary War Hero.

This promises to be one of our best programs ever. Be sure to mark your calendar and help us get the 1996-1997 year off to a good start by attending the meeting the meeting on September 21st. Bring your family or friend.

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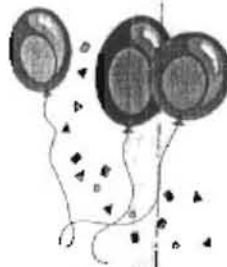
**Proposed October 19th Meeting**

Your Program Chairman is proposing for our October Meeting to be held at the TAMPA BAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM located in the Tampa Convention Center. One of the Museum's officers would give us a talk and then a tour of the Museum. The meal would be catered at a cost of \$5.00 per person. If there are enough members that would be interested in this he will make the final arrangements.

Those of you who would attend please advise Bob Yarnell at the September meeting and any others who wish to attend please advise Bob Yarnell via phone or note that you would like to attend.

**AGAIN PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE PROPOSED OCTOBER MEETING AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND THOSE WHO MAY NOT ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT BOB CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CATERED MEAL ETC., IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE THE PROPOSED MEETING FEASIBLE HE WILL MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Cy Gamber        | June 1       |
| Parke Wright III | June 6       |
| Robert Hill      | June 9       |
| Leslie White     | June 15      |
| Ted Dickerson    | July 15      |
| Herbert Haager   | July 16      |
| Herbert Mason    | August 13    |
| Charles Bearss   | August 21    |
| Ausitn Rising    | September 11 |

**TAMPA CHAPTER SAR  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 18, 1996 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL, EAST BUSCH  
BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

Because of an impending conflict with other organization(s) at the food counter at noon, our waitress suggested that we have our lunch before noon. She did not take individual orders for lunch since it was a soup-and-sandwich food line at the single price of \$4.95. The Chapter took advantage of the suggestion which made the call to order for the meeting come at 12:21 PM.

And because President Kevin Yarnell was to present the program for the meeting, Vice President Bob Yarnell presided. He called the meeting to order, Secretary Jim Washburn gave the invocation followed by Bob leading in the pledge to the flag and the SAR pledge.

The guests introduced were Mrs. Claude (Fimi) Richie, Mrs. Herb (Jeanne) Mason, prospective member Greg Tisdale and Eagle Scout Rasmussen and his father, William.

Upon a call for any correction of the minutes of the April meeting none were given so the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Secretary Washburn noted that the newsletter reported the passing of a former loyal member. That member was Daniel Carleton, not Carlson as printed. Compatriot Carleton attended many Chapter meetings accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Frances Compton until his health began to fail. In recognition of his faithfulness to the Chapter, the Chapter's Board of Governors approved a \$10.00 donation to the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund in his memory. This has been done.

Jim also reported that signature card were on hand to make the authorized signatures on the bank account to be President Kevin Yarnell and himself.

He said he had received a phone call some time ago from WC Regional VP Courtney Crutcher that Mrs. Ed Hoyt had been killed in an automobile accident. Compatriot Ed Hoyt, accompanied by Mrs. Hoyt, installed the Chapter officers for the year 1991. The Chapter regrets hearing this.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has sent Jim information regarding the organization including an application for membership form. Any Chapter member interested in the organization can get the information about it from him.

Jim noted an article in the Winter 1995-96 issue of the Florida Patriot regarding the Tampa Chapter which reported that the Chapter was supporting and "Adopt a Brick" program in support of a veterans park along US 301. Apparently some confusion developed with a program which the Chapter did have in attempting to plant a tree of some historical lineage at the Veterans Park. At any rate the Chapter never had a part in the "Adopt a Brick" and unfortunately, the tree program never came to fruition.

A lady living in Mobile, Alabama contacted Jim by phone regarding the amount of dues necessary to accompany an application for SAR membership. Her son, Steven Roth, who lives in Tampa, based on information on his mother's DAR membership, is apparently qualified for SAR membership. Steven was contacted regarding this meeting if he were so inclined. Since he didn't attend, the Chapter isn't aware of his interest in SAR membership at this time.

The Board of Governors has approved accepting \$32 for 1996 dues from a particular member.

The financial report for the year to date is:

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| Income                | \$ 231.26         |
| Expense               | 247.87            |
| Net Expense           | 16.61             |
| Chapter Funds 1/1/96  | 1316.11           |
| Chapter Funds 5/18/96 | \$ <u>1299.50</u> |

The major item of income was \$113 of 1996 dues. The major expenses were printing, the Eagle Scout Award and supplies from National.

Barry Rich reported on some aspects of the "Historical Tree" project with which he participated before being called out of town. The hang up with the Veterans Park seemed to be the inclusion of a plaque but this seemed to be the only place he had contact with that would at all accept a tree and an accompanying plaque.

Vice President Yarnell remarked that the Board of Governors at its first meeting had gone over the list of projects -in-process that were "put on the shelf" and the "Historical Tree" was one of them.

VP Bob called the attention of the Chapter to the newsletter announcement of the DeSoto Chapter DAR's invitation to the Chapter members to attend a Flag Day Buffet June 11.

President Kevin Yarnell reported that the Chapter's contestant in the Knight Essay Contest, Kaveh Hemmat, had won the contest at the State level and had been awarded the prize of \$500. The essay will now go on to the National level.

VP Yarnell brought before the meeting for consideration the project already considered by the BOG—a local program by the Chapter to recognize good American History Teachers and make known to the teachers the Chapter's appreciation for a job well done. This would be an occasional occurrence as the qualifying teacher(s) came to the attention of the Chapters as being worthy of commendation. As put before The Chapter members for approval, it was approved without any dissent.

There was no old business brought before the meeting.

As a matter of interest to the Chapter, Jim Washburn displayed a medallion which was handed out at the FLSSAR Centennial Celebration at Pensacola in March (rather in proof of attending that event rather than attending the March Chapter meeting)

Past President Cy Gamber reported that he had attended the FLSSAR annual meeting at Naples. It was well attended with more attendees than there were accommodations. Of the many reports distributed at the meeting, the membership report was of particular interest. The FLSSAR had 51 new members approved for membership but 154 members did not pay their 1996 dues so on balance the FLSSAR is losing membership. Cy stressed that as a Chapter, we should do all possible to gain new members and/or get old members to renew membership.

Barry Rich, as chairman of the Eagle Scout Award Committee, then introduced Ryan Rasmussen, the winner of the Chapter's contest. In describing the Eagle Scout program, Barry indicated the various areas of activities that Scout Rasmussen participated in to qualify as the winner of our contest including the submission of an essay. Barry also gave a brief resume of Scout's recognitions already received in other activities and stressed that the Chapter was fortunate to have such a highly qualified winner of its contest. Upon reading the essay he submitted for the contest, Scout Rasmussen took the form of a report of a delegate to the Confederation Congress of 1781. The reading of the essay from this unusual point of view was well received by the Chapter and guests. The Chapter awarded its winner a savings bond a Medal and a patch. He answered a number of questions regarding his plans for the immediate future.

VP Yarnell then introduced President Yarnell who gave a very interesting program on an aspect of the Revolutionary period unrelated to military activities. Primarily the advanced civilization that the Colonies were. Kevin then told of the scientific inquiries made by Thomas Jefferson of which there were many. One example was the concave mirror which Kevin brought to the meeting and explained that it was a favorite with his students as it demonstrated how it could start a fire. Many other of Jefferson's developments were of very practical use as can be seen at his Virginia home for examples. Today many may seem as gadgets but for the times they were very advanced from what was being used otherwise.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jim Washburn and the Treasury became richer by \$12.

The SAR recessional was led by Bob Yarnell, Jim Washburn said the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

The meeting was attended by 10 Chapter members and 5 guests for a total of 15.

Respectfully Submitted,

*James E. Washburn*  
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Secretary

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