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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The October meeting will be Saturday October 18th at the Best Western Resort & Convention Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal and the check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

President Kevin Yarnell promises an exciting program for this month. In as much as the business meeting is very short why not bring a friend and enjoy the program.

FLSSAR COMMITTEE'S

Would like to point out that we have three members serving on the State Society committee's for the year 1997-98 as follows:

Finance Committee

Law Enforcement, Fire & Safety & Heroism

Knight Essay Contest

James R. Washburn

Cyril P. Gamber

Kevin A. Yarnell

Our thanks go out to these compatriots for their continued effort for the good of the Society.

COMPATRIOT SCOTT MASON

Herb Mason, Scott's father advises us that Scott is now on a peace mission in Bosnia. Scott is employed by a law firm in Washington that is involved in lobbying that has been asked by the government do a mission in Bosnia for them. Herb points out that Scott is not a lawyer. We wish Scott success in this mission.

COMING EVENT

Our November meeting will be on the 15th of November and will feature a Historical guided cruise of the Hillsborough River. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and the time and location of boarding the vessel will be given to you in our November newsletter. Plan now to attend this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE TAMPA CHAPTER SAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Yarnell at 12:05. Members present were Kevin Yarnell, Bob Yarnell, Elwin Thrasher, Cy Gamber, Herb Mson and Claude Ritchie. Guest present were Mrs. Ritchie and prospective member Dwight Tetrick.

VP Bob Yarnell offer the invocation. President Yarnell gave a brief report of the September Board of Governors meeting including and update on the dues picture for 1998. Total dues (national, state and chapter will be \$50.00. President Yarnell also noted that he had been appointed to the state essay contest committee. Additionally he reported on the meeting schedule and tentative program schedule for the year. The most notable of which is a planned historic river tour of the Hillsborough River with Rodney Kite-Brown of the Tampa By History Center.

Following some discussion, it was moved and seconded that we undertake to once again present ROTC medals to the local high schools. Kevin relayed to the chapter information from a conversation he had with the state coordinator and it was agreed would re-start the program with the proviso that the medals be presented at an SAR meeting (probably April or May) and that the chapter be reimbursed for the medals. Cy Gamber noted that he accepted an appointment to the state law enforcement award committee.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

After lunch compatriot Her Mason reported that Compatriot Scott Mason was involved in the peace keeping mission in Bosnia.

In keeping with the Chapter's tradition of the September meeting being a program on some lesser known aspect of the American Revolution, Vice-President Bob Yarnell then gave a talk on the Revolution in Florida. He briefly discussed the war in West Florida, but concentrated mostly on the war in east Florida. American forces attempted on three occasions to to wrest Florida from the British but were thwarted each time, mostly due to the efforts of Thomas Browne and his East Florida Rangers. The talk was informative and was followed by a brief discussion period.

President Yarnell then gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted

Bob Yarnell

Secretary.



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