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APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be Saturday April 17th at the Best Western Resort & Convention Center Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each Person will be responsible for payment of their own meal.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL MEETING

At this meeting we will present the SAR ROTC medals to the outstanding ROTC cadets selected from the high schools in the area. Lets have a good turn out for this meeting and let these students know that we are proud to honor them with this award.

Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR meeting, March 20, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Yarnell at 12:08. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. President Yarnell led the pledge to the flag and the SAR pledge.
Present were Marty Miller, Dwight Tetrick, Jim Chambers, Jim Washburn, Ted Dickerson, Claude Ritchie, Barry Rich, Cy Gamber, Mike Hill, Greg Tisdale, Robert Yarnell and Kevin Yarnell.

Guest present were Jeannette Tetrick, Fimie Ritchie, Kirby Halbet, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Thompson, and Fred Thompson IV.

The minutes were approved as printed.

The secretary relayed a request by the state society for volunteers for state committees and an invitation from the DAR to attend the dedication of a WWII memorial in Largo on March 21, 1999. Plans for the April meeting involving the JROTC awards are proceeding well.

Treasurer Marty Miller reported a balance of \$2288.01.

President Yarnell reported on a receipt of a letter from the Egypt Shrine Temple concerning holding our monthly meeting there. He will investigate.

Mike Hill was inducted into the local chapter. Following the induction, he gave the chapter a fine summary of his ancestor,

Dr. James Cozby (major). All were pleased to add another new member to the chapter.

Ted Dickerson commended to the members the article on George Washington found in the latest SAR magazine. The writing and accuracy of the information were highlighted.

President Yarnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

Jim Chambers reported on his presentation of a Silver ROTC medal at the University of Tampa to Cadet Graig Hodge. Two other medals will be presented in the near future.

The secretary presented Greg Tisdal with a membership packet that he had not received when inducted into the chapter.

President Yarnell introduced Barry Rich, Eagle Scout chairman. First Barry shared with the members information about a CD containing SAR genealogy data including all Revolutionary War veterans. He proceeded to explain the goals of the Eagle Scout Award and the application process. [The secretary notes here that Barry underwrites a significant portion of the costs associated with this fine program]. This year's winner, Fred Thompson IV, was introduced. Fred read his essay "the Signers of the Declaration of Independence" which was well received by the membership.

Our guest, Kirby Halbet, won the 50-50 drawing. Khe donated the \$13.00 to the chapter.

The recessional was said followed by the benediction offered by Jim Washburn. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kevin Yarnell

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Secretary

**American Revolutionary Patriotic Theme:
The signers of the Declaration of Independence**

"When in the course of human events..." and "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." are both familiar phrases to most Americans. They come from the Declaration of Independence, the document that established the American Colonies' liberty. However, who were the men that announced to the world that the thirteen British colonies wanted their freedom? Many men and women know of at least three men, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, who signed the document. Who remembers any of the fifty-three other members of the Second Continental Congress that adopted the Declaration on July 4th, 1776.

For instance, George Walton was from the state of Georgia and he signed the Declaration of Independence. Before the war he served several times as chief justice and Governor of Georgia. He was also secretary of the Provisional Congress and president of the Council of Safety in 1775. From 1776 to 1781, he was a delegate to the Continental Congress. Mr. Walton was a United States Senator in 1795 and 1796.

Another man Lewis Morris, signed the Declaration of Independence. He was a representative from New York. He worked on committees supervising the supply of ammunition and military stores while part of the Continental Congress. During the Revolutionary War, Morris was a major general for the New York militia. He also served in New York's state legislature.

A Pennsylvanian man, George Clymer, signed the document. Like some of the other men who put their signature on the Declaration of Independence, Clymer also put his on the Constitution. In 1773, he was part of a committee that tried to persuade Philadelphian merchants not to sell British tea. He was part of the first United States House of Representatives and even served on the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety.

It is plain to see that the men who signed the Declaration of Independence did not want to be under the thumb of British rule any longer. Once the fighting was over, they continued to try to make this new formed country into a better place. Even the lesser-known signers carried on in American Politics.

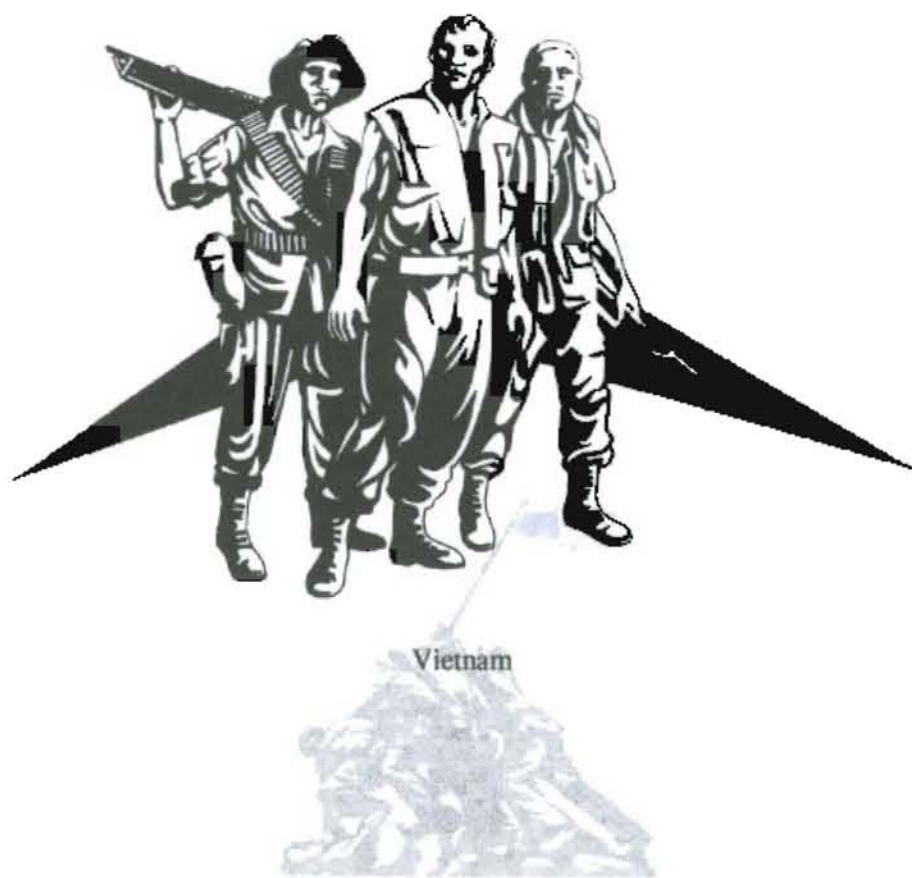
By: Fred Thompson
Eagle Scout Award Winner, Tampa Chapter, SAR
March 1999

Ever wonder what parents felt like to have a child born on April 1

Happy
Birthday!

Dr. James Chambers
William Hatcher

April 1
April 4



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