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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be Saturday September 18th 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 SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our Program will be the history of "The Tampa Fire Department". This should be a very interesting program because there is a great history behind this organization. Bring a friend, wife or children and enjoy the program.

CHAPTER MEMBERS SERVING ON STATE COMMITTEES

It might be interested to note that there are two members of our Chapter are on the following Florida State Sons of the American Revolution Committees as Follows:

FINANCE

James E. Washburn

LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE SAFETY & HEROISM

Cyril P. Gamber



Greg Tisdale was presented his membership certificate at our May Meeting. While Greg has been a member for almost 2 years somehow his certificate was lost in the mail or was never sent along with his other papers and after much writing and phone calls we were finally able to get his certificate of Membership.

After the presentation Greg was kind enough to give us a brief overview of his Revolutionary Ancestor.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD



Vice President Dwight Tetrick presenting Deputy Charles O'Daniel the SAR Law Enforcement Award. Officer O'Daniel is one of 9 deputies that cover 140 Schools in Hillsborough County presenting many classes one of which is the Jr. Deputy Law and Citizenship class.

Minutes of the May 15, 1999 meeting of the Tampa Chapter, SAR

In the absence of the President (due to illness) Vice President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:05. Chaplain Jim Washburn offered the invocation and VP Tetrick lead the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the SAR.

The guests, Mr. & Mrs. Charles O'Daniel, Curby Halbert, Femi Richie, and Janet Tetrick, were introduced.

The minutes were approved as reported in the last newsletter.

Secretary's report:

The secretary reported on the last of the JROTC presentations. In total the chapter presented seven bronze and three silver medals to units in our area. This is the largest number in many years.

The local CAR chapter sent an invitation for the SAR members to attend their annual Memorial Day observance to be held at the war memorial in Lutz on Sat. May 29th.

The chapter received a third place award in the Earl Marlin Publicity Contest sponsored by the FLSSAR. This earned the chapter a ribbon for our flag and a cash award of \$25.00 for the treasury. The secretary offered the chapter's appreciation to Elwin Thrasher our newsletter editor who did the lion's share of the work necessary to earn this award.

Pictures from the last meeting where the JROTC awards were presented were available for viewing prior to their inclusion in the chapter scrapbook.

The treasurer reported the financial activity for the month and a balance of \$2317.22.

Vice President Tetrick read a note from President Yarnell. The note discussed the significant strides made by the chapter in the last few years in two main areas. First, our programs have been consistently strong and very topical for our organization. We have learned that many of the other local chapters offer limited programming or programming on topics that are not always germane to the Revolution or other historical events. Secondly, we've made real progress in repairing our reputation with the state society. President Yarnell thought that it was important to pause and appreciate our accomplishments as the spring meetings come to an end.

A board of governors meeting was scheduled for Mon. May 31, 1999 at 6:30pm. The officers will coordinate items for the fall meetings at that time.

Vice President Tetrick presented Greg Tisdale with his, long awaited, certificate of membership. Greg then gave a brief overview of his ancestor.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Vice President Tetrick introduced our guest and presented the SAR Law Enforcement Medal to Deputy Charles O'Daniel. The deputy then gave a short talk about his work for the county sheriff's department.

Currently, Deputy O'Daniel works in crime prevention and primarily with youth. He is one of nine deputies that cover the 140 schools in Hillsborough County. One program, the Jr. Deputy Law and Citizenship classes, was explained to the membership. The Deputy also shared with the membership stories related to one of his personal interests- WWII aviation. The presentation was informative, interesting, and enjoyed by all.

Minutes of May SAR meeting cont'd.

The secretary won the 50/50 drawing and split the \$12.00 pot with the chapter treasury.

Vice President Tetrick lead the members in the SAR recessional and Chaplain Jim Washburn offered the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell

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Chapter Secretary



Dwight Tetrick

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