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## 2000 NEWSLETTER

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### APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be Saturday April 15th at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 North Dale Mabry, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. When you arrive go straight to the private room and after opening of the meeting we will adjourn long enough to get in the serving line and select our lunch and return to the meeting room to eat. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meals and leaving a gratuity for the waiter or bus person. **Every one is invited to our meetings as they are not closed and we welcome anyone interested in Historic, Educational and Patriotic topics which the Sons of the American Revolution are based on.**

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### PROGRAM FOR APRIL

At our April meeting we will give the ROTC awards to the Hillsborough Count High Schools ROTC cadets and the Senior ROTC awards to students of the University of Tampa and the University of South Florida. I would like to remind you that the college Cadets upon graduation must serve a tour in the military. Of Course they will report to duty as a Second Lt..

Come and meet some of the youngsters who are to become leaders of tomorrow. Their training in discipline and team work is invaluable to their futures.

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### VICE PRESIDENT YARNELL

To avoid the problems of the last few months meetings we have already lined up tentative speakers through next February. We are committed to providing interesting programs & speakers.

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### Minutes of the March 18, 2000 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:00. Chaplain Jim Washburn gave the invocation and Dwight led the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Ted Dickerson, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Cy Gamber, Jim Chambers, Barry Rich, and Kevin Yarnell,

Welcome guests: Janett Tetrick, Billie Washburn, Jack and June Bolen, and Joseph Hill Jr.

The membership approved the minutes of the February meeting somewhat on faith. An error caused the January minutes to be republished in the newsletter.

The secretary reported good progress toward the April meeting where we will present the ROTC awards to the outstanding high school cadets. The membership agreed to pay for the lunches of the cadets.

Treasurer Marty Miller reported the chapter's financial transactions over the course of the past month. The current balance is \$2,363.23.

No other old business was brought forth.

A board of governors meeting was set for March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting. There was, unfortunately, no speaker available for this month. So the membership used the time for a discussion of membership and student participation in contests. Dwight reported on the hospitalization of Kirby Halbert. We hope to be able to induct him into membership next month. Also on the membership front, Jack Bolan's application has been completed and will be sent off to the state. [Secretary's note: As of this writing, Jack's application has past the state registrar and is on its way to national.] Other issues regarding the increasing of membership were discussed, among them getting leads from the DAR.

Ted Dickerson related that he had received no entries for an essay contest sponsored by another organization in which he has membership. Barry Rich reminded the chapter that participation in the Eagle Scout award program is very poor, and this year non-existent, because of the essay component. Some discussion ensued concerning the possible causes of this and what might be done about it.

The 50/50 drawing fell, for a second month, to Jim Chambers who donated the \$14.00 proceeds to the chapter.

The president Tetrick led the recessional, the chaplain offered the benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell  
Chapter Secretary



Dr. James Chambers  
William Hatcher

April 1  
April 4

### HANOI JANE

Many of us over 50 remember that during the Viet Nam war Jane Fonda opposed the war, as many others, but she went to Viet Nam and embarrassed the U.S. Government and the prisoners of war by her actions.

Many of these actions are spelled out below. It is appalling that her actions have been forgotten and that she may be honored as one of the "100 Women of the Century." The text that follows was sent to me, and I believe it needs reading.

Subject: HANOI JANE

Looks like Hanoi Jane may be honored as one of the "100 Women of the Century". JANE FONDA remembered?



Unfortunately many have forgotten and still countless others have never known how Ms. Fonda betrayed not only the idea of "our country" but the men who served and sacrificed during Vietnam.

There are few things I have strong visceral reactions to, but Jane Fonda's participation in what I believe to be blatant treason, is one of them.

Part of my conviction comes from exposure to those who suffered her attentions.

The first part of this is from an F-4E pilot. The pilot's name is Jerry Driscoll, a River Rat. In 1978, the Commandant of the USAF Survival School was a former POW in Ho Lo Prison-the "Hanoi Hilton". Dragged from a stinking cesspit of a cell, cleaned, fed, and dressed in clean PJs, he was ordered to describe for a visiting American "Peace Activist" the "lenient and humane treatment" he'd received. He spat at Ms. Fonda, was clubbed, and dragged away. During the subsequent beating, He fell forward upon the camp Commandant's feet, accidentally pulling the man's shoe off-which sent that officer berserk. In 1978, the AF Col. still suffered from double vision (which permanently ended his flying days) from the Vietnamese Col.'s frenzied application of a wooden baton.

From 1983-85, Col. Larry Carrigan was the 47FW/DO (F-4Es). He spent 6 years in the "Hilton"--the first three of which he was "missing in action".

His wife lived on faith that he was still alive. His group, too, got the cleaned/fed/ clothed routine in preparation for a "peace delegation" visit. They, however, had time and devised a plan to get word to the world that they still survived. Each man secreted a tiny piece of paper, with his SSN on it, in the palm of his hand. When paraded before Ms. Fonda and cameraman, she walked the line, shaking each man's hand and asking little encouraging snippets like: "Aren't you sorry you bombed babies?" and "Are you grateful for the humane treatment from your benevolent captors?"

Believing this HAD to be an act, they each palmed her their sliver of paper. She took them all without missing a beat. At the end of the line and once the camera stopped rolling, to the shocked disbelief of the POWs, she turned to the officer in charge... and handed him the little pile. Three men died from the subsequent beatings. Col. Carrigan was almost number four.

To whom it may concern:

I was a civilian economic development advisor in Viet Nam, and was captured by the North Vietnamese communists in South Viet Nam in 1968, and held for over 5 years. I spent 27 months in solitary confinement, one year in a cage in Cambodia, and one year in a "black box" in Hanoi. My North Vietnamese captors deliberately poisoned and murdered a female missionary, a nurse in a leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot, South Vietnam, whom I buried in the jungle near the Cambodian border. At one time, I was weighing Approximately 90 lbs. (My normal weight is 170 lbs.) We were Jane Fonda's "war criminals."

When Jane Fonda was in Hanoi, I was asked by the camp communist political officer if I would be willing to meet with Jane Fonda.

I said yes, for I would like to tell her about the real treatment we POWs were receiving, which was far different from the treatment purported by the North Vietnamese, and parroted by Jane Fonda, as "humane and lenient."

Because of this, I spent three days on a rocky floor on my knees with outstretched arms with a piece of steel placed on my hands, and beaten with a bamboo cane every time my arms dipped.

I had the opportunity to meet with Jane Fonda for a couple of hours after I was released. I asked her if she would be willing to debate me on TV. She did not answer me, her former husband, Tom Hayden, answered for her.

This does not exemplify someone who should be honored in the list of "100 Years of Great Women." Please take the time to read and forward to as many people as you possibly can. It will eventually end up on her computer and she needs to know that we will never forget.

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