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November Meeting: The December meeting will be at noon on Dec. 15th at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Dale Mabry. Members will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

November Program: As of this writing the topic of the Dec. meeting is undecided. As I'm sure you all know, we will try to have a good program and speaker.

DUES REMINDER: Reminder, the 2002 dues are now due. The dues are \$50.00. Please make check payable to Tampa Chapter, SAR and send to Kevin Yarnell at 7507 Summerbridge Drive, Tampa, FL 33634. We know that some of you are unable to attend meetings, but we hope you will continue to support the local chapter by renewing. The dues money helps us sponsor some of the programs we do. We have already had interest in the essay contest for next year, are ROTC program is among the best in the state and we are one of the few chapters that do an annual event with a local CAR chapter. We hope you all can and will attend meetings, but if circumstances prevent that, please renew and support the programs we do. In order for Kevin to get the report into the state by the new due date, he **MUST** have your dues by Dec. 14th OR bring your check to the meeting on the 15th. **THANKS.**

Minutes of the Nov. 17, 2001 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR held in conjunction with the Fort Brook Chapter CAR at Lettuce Lake Park

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:05. The CAR led the pledge to the flag, the Pledge to America, and the CAR creed. President Tetrick led the SAR members in the SAR pledge.

Members present: Marty Miller, Elwin Thrasher, Jack Bolen, Jim Chambers, Joseph Hill, Dwight Tetrick, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: June Bolen, Janet Tetrick, Sophia Chambers

The CAR and SAR split temporarily to conduct their respective business meetings.

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the October meeting as published in the newsletter.

The secretary reported that certificates for our two newest members had been received in the past month and that the 2002 dues must be in hand by Dec 15th to meet the state filing deadline.

The membership elected the slate of officers as proposed in November for 2002.

The president reported receiving a letter from a new Navy JROTC unit at Tampa Bay Tech. They seem anxious to be involved with us and we will contact them concerning our medal program.

The SAR and CAR rejoined and the CAR gave a brief program. First, the CAR president, Kelly, reported on the chapter's activities for the past year. They had a very successful year with many awards and honors coming their way. Next Barry reported on the state CAR project, which deals with the Everglades restoration project and education. Finally, the CAR members and their advisors sang several patriotic songs for the benefit of the SAR members.

The group was dismissed to wonderful potluck lunch. Following lunch, a group picture was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

DECEMBER DURING THE AMERICAN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

1776---Washington's Army crosses the Delaware and surprises the Hessians at Trenton. This victory boosts the morale of the army and the Congress as well as helping to keep the army together.

1777---Washington's army is in the midst of the cruel encampment at Valley Forge. While many men die of disease, those that survive use the time to train and in the spring of 1778 it is a new army that leaves Valley Forge to take on the British.