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NEWSLETTER**

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be Saturday 19th 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.

PROGRAM FOR MAY

We will privileged to hear from our George S. & Stella Knight essay contest winner, Zachariah Lakel. Zachariah is a Junior at Berkeley Preparatory School of Tampa. He has won numerous academic awards and participates in a variety of school activities. His essay addressed the question of why the constitution has managed to survive for 200 years.

Also ten year veteran firefighter, Administrative Chief Joseph Joseph Bamford of the Lutz Volunteer Fire Association (also a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputy) will be awarded the NSSAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal.

Minutes of the April 21, 2001 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

In the absence of the president and vice president, Secretary Yarnell called the meeting to order at 12:05. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. Cadet Adam Ficca led the pledge to the flag and the secretary led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jim Washburn, Jack Bolen, Jim Chambers, Marty Miller, Claude Richie, Elwin Thrasher, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Femi Richie, 5 JROTC cadets and their guests- totaling 17.

The secretary invited the cadets to introduce their guests.

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the March meeting as published in the newsletter. The secretary reported on the absence of the president and vice president. The plans for our hosting the summer state Board of Management

meeting are moving along. A board of governors meeting was set for May 3rd at 6:30 to choose a location for the meeting.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,264.59.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

The secretary reconvened the meeting and began his remarks by briefly explaining to our guests the nature and purpose of the SAR organization. He then spoke on the book "Flags of our Fathers". The book detailed the raising of the flag on Iwo Jimo and the lives of the six men involved in the flag raising. Most striking was the fact that the famous picture actually depicts the raising of a replacement flag and that there was little combat in the area on the day of the flag raising.

The talk was well received and a brief question and answer session followed.

The 50/50 was won by Marty Miller who donated all the proceeds to the treasury. The chapter thus gained \$10.00.

The secretary led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary



Above: At the University of Tampa Army ROTC Awards Banquet on April 27, 2001 President Dwight Tetrick presenting Cadet Brianna L. Holmes of the Spartan Battalion the SAR Silver ROTC Medal for academic and leadership excellence.



Above Cadets Awarded the ROTC Bronze Medal at our April 19, 2001 Meeting

From left to right: Army Cadet Sgt. Dayton Wood (East Bay High School), Marine Cadet Jamal Wilburg (Chamberlain High School), Army Cadet Nick Shelton (Brandon High School), Air Force Cadet Adam Ficca (Bloomingdale High School), & Navy Cadet Allen Duncan (Leto High School).

COMPLIMENTS TO OUR ROTC

Our waitress told me that she was so impressed with our awarding the ROTC medals and that their manners were so nice. Saying, yes mam and no mam and thank you mam. These are things that I am sure make their parents and commanders are proud to hear. It is not often that we give our young men and women compliments on their behavior in public.

ARMED FORCES DAY

It so happens that our May meeting falls on Armed Forces Day, May 19th . Let us remember those who are serving our country this day and fly the flag. Let them know that we are grateful of their service by writing or personal contact this day.

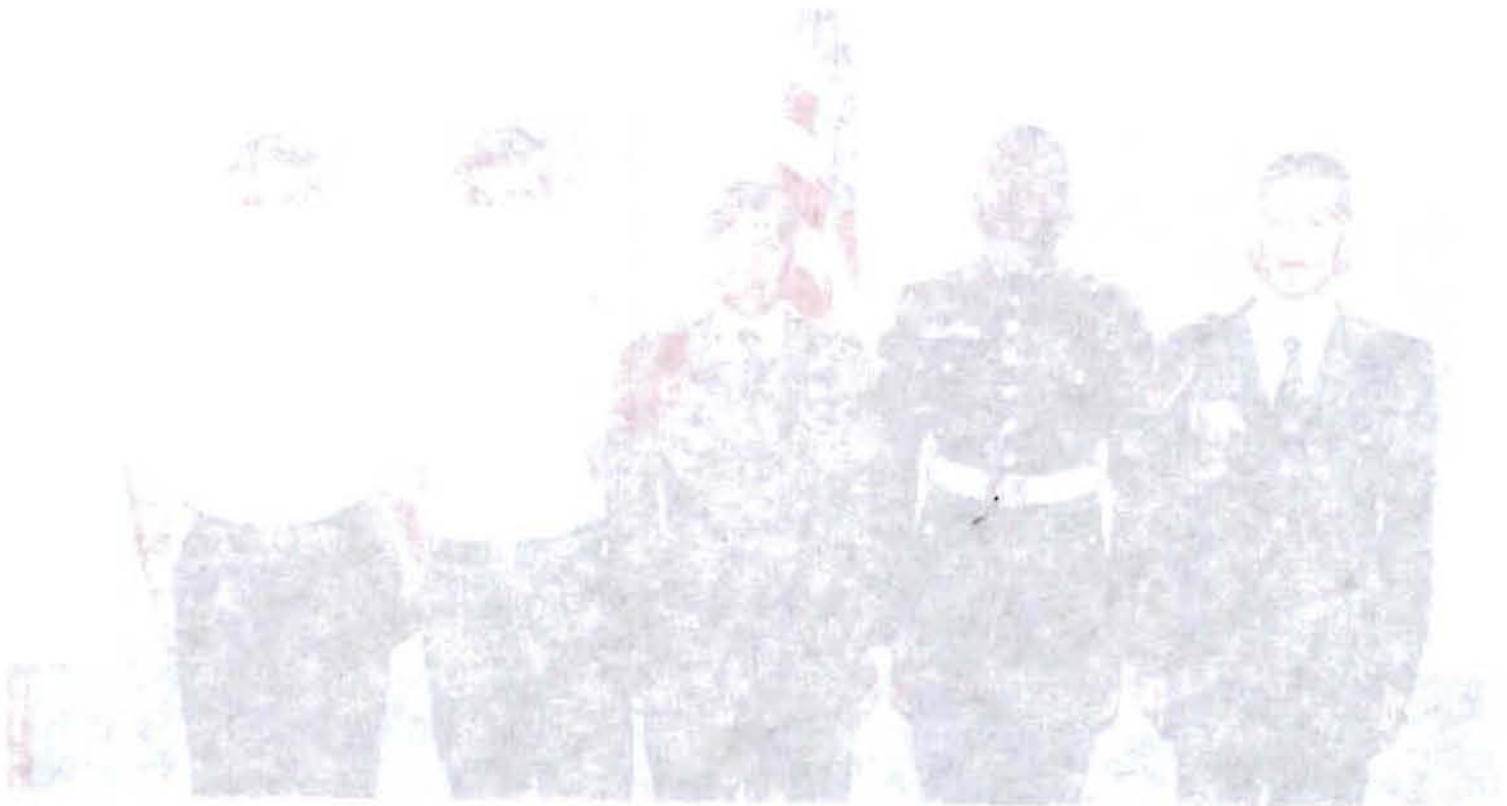


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Our members are the life of the organization. With our members we are able to provide the best service to our members. We are proud of our members and their dedication to the organization. We are proud of our members and their dedication to the organization.



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