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2001 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be Saturday 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.

PROGRAM SEPTEMBER

Past President George Brooks will present us with a history of one of the battles of the American Revolution at this meeting. George's past presentations have been outstanding and I am sure that this one will be of interest to our members.

Minutes of the May 19, 2001 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:05. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. Vice President Yarnell led the pledge to the flag and the President led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jim Washburn, Marty Miller, Elwin Thrasher, Barry Rich, Dwight Tetrick, Fred Patton, Joseph Hill, Bob Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Walter Lane and David Lane, prospective members, Janet Tetrick, Deputy Joseph Bamford, Mrs. Peggy Bamford, Mrs. Harsh, and Zachariah Lakel

The President announced two new members to the society and chapter. Compatriot Fred Patton was on hand to receive his certificate. Richard Warner was not available.

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

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,302.09.

The secretary read three thank you notes received from ROTC cadets with regard to our April meeting. In total, the

chapter presented 7 Jr. ROTC medals and 3 Sr. ROTC medals this past year.

The secretary gave a brief overview of the arrangements for the State Society Summer BOM to be held August 10-11, 2001. All is proceeding on track. A chapter board of governors meeting was set for July 12, 6:30pm at Tampa Catholic High School to finalize the arrangements.

Finally, the secretary reported that he'd accepted the position of state chairman of the Knight Essay contest.

Vice President Yarnell introduced Zachariah Lakel, the winner of our chapter essay contest. Zachariah is a junior at Berkeley Prep. He read his essay for the chapter, which was well received. Secretary Yarnell then announced that Zachariah had placed 2nd in the state contest. Thus, President Tetrick was able to present to Zachariah both a certificate for his chapter win, and a \$600.00 check for his 2nd place state finish.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting and introduced Joseph Bamford, Administrative Chief of the Lutz Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Bamford comes from a family of firefighters. He has been with the Lutz Fire Department for 33 years. President Tetrick read a letter of recommendation from Ed Davis, Chief of the department.

Mr. Bamford then made a few remarks with regard to his personal history and his duties at the department. His talk was most interesting and was well received. A brief question and answer session followed.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

President's Message

"Congratulation" are in order for Kevin Yarnell, (Secretary / Treasurer, Tampa Chapter FLSSAR) because of his outstanding performance. Coordinating the activities of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution summer 2001 Board of Managers meeting, held at the Radisson Hotel in Tampa, August 10-11. His planning for hotel rooms, meeting rooms, hospitality suite, and a delectable dinner menu made for a very prestigious event. I received numerous complements from many of the Compatriots and their wives about the location, accommodations, cuisine, and service.

Supported by Robert Yarnell, (Vice President, Tampa Chapter FLSSAR) in amassing literature about Tampa, for the distinguished "guest presentation folders" that were provided to all of the attending members. Compatriots Jack Bolen and Fred Patton assisted Kevin and Robert Yarnell in greeting guests at the BOM registration desk. Special thanks to all of these gentlemen for contributing their time and talents in creating a very memorable BOM meeting.

**Dwight Tetrick, President
Tampa Chapter, FLSSAR**

A few thoughts about the State Society Summer Board of Management Meeting

As the reader is aware, our chapter agreed to host the summer BOM, August 10-11. We were a bit hesitant at first to accept but upon research and reflection the Board of Governors decided that this was possible with our limited manpower. In hind sight it would have been nice to know all the details up front, but even things we found out about at the eleventh hour weren't that difficult to accomplish.

The event was held at the Radisson at Sabal Park just off I-75. The staff at the hotel was wonderful in every respect. First, we missed the reservation deadline for booking rooms due to the late arrival of the Patriot magazine. Then the meeting rooms underwent some change. Finally, we altered the count for the Friday night dinner at least six times in the last 2 days. In all of this, the hotel staff was patient and understanding.

I'm indebted to many who helped out with details. Elwin Thrasher originally suggested the Radisson. Bob was able to pick up some very nice brochures for our registration packet and secured an excellent speaker for Friday night. Dwight was able to nail down the story of "the inventory" and make arrangements for the ladies of the Clearwater SAR chapter to host the hospitality room. He also was gracious in his continual offers of assistance with detail work. Deb, Fred Patton, Jack Bolen, and Dwight all helped with the registration table leaving me to trouble shoot with the state officers.

I trust you'll be pleased to read that we received many complements for the arrangements. Several members told us the hospitality suit was the best they'd ever experienced and our registration packet was positively highlighted at the Saturday morning meeting.

The chapter will also be pleased to learn that the experience didn't hurt our treasury at all. In the end, we came out dead even with regard to the money. The state treasurer was especially pleased since, evidently, this is not always the case.

All in all, the effort was worthwhile and a considerable success. I think we can all be proud of the results.

Kevin Yarnell



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