

The Tampa Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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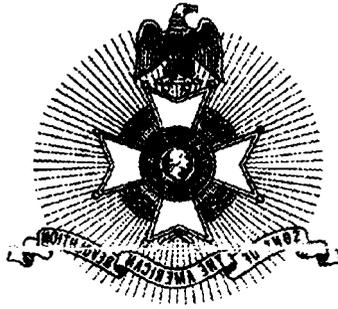
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May 2002 Newsletter

May Meeting:

The May meeting will be at noon on May 18th at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Dale Mabry. Members will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

May Program:

Tampa Fire Rescue Urban Search and Rescue Team Member

K9 Specialist to Receive SAR "Fire Safety Commendation Medal"

Public Education Officer Roger Picard (twenty-two year veteran Firefighter / Paramedic), a F.E.M.A. member of the Florida Task Force #2 will be the speaker at the May 18th meeting. The recently awarded "Firefighter of the Quarter" for Tampa Fire Rescue April 2002 will be accompanied by his partner K9 Jessie a six year old Yellow Labrador Retriever. She is trained as a F.E.M.A. Type 2 Disaster Search Dog and was deployed to the New York City World Trade Center Disaster with Firefighter Picard.

Some Late Breaking News...

Kevin Yarnell attended the state society annual meeting in Panama City, May 10-11. He reports that Compatriot Jim Armitage of the DeVane Chapter in Plant City, and a recent guest speaker at our meeting, was elected at the Regional Vice President for our area for the coming year.

Minutes of the April 20, 2002 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

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

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Jim Chambers, Walter Lane, Robert Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Billie Washburn our essay winner and 6 ROTC cadets and their guests.

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

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,266.39. We received a check from the state for \$57.00 as a dues rebate.

Bob Yarnell reported that he had still not heard from any elementary schools about the Good Citizenship awards.

Jim Chambers reported presenting a senior ROTC award to a deserving cadet at USF.

Dwight reported that next month we will present a fire safety medal to a member of the Tampa Fire Department.

The president presented the winner of our local essay contest to the membership. Manar Sarsour a senior at a local high school wrote, "Changes in America and Britain Which Caused the American Revolution". This essay placed third in the state contest. The president presented to Ms. Marsour a certificate and a check from the state for \$300.00.

Recessed for lunch

The secretary presented the program for the benefit of the Cadets and members based on the book "The Day the American Revolution Began" by William H. Hallahan. The premise of this book is that the revolution began at different times in different parts of the colonies owing to the significant time needed for news to travel from the Boston area. The information in the book is quite extensive and the secretary endeavored to give some of the flavor of this. We briefly looked at the start of the revolution in Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Williamsburg, and London. At the conclusion of the remarks, the secretary pointed out that the revolutionary cause was won in large measure due to the fine leadership provided by our ancestors. The JROTC awards seek to acknowledge that same spirit and quality of leadership in the local JROTC units.

The president then presented the JROTC awards to the six cadets attending.

Elliot Nytko, Chamberlain High School; Kenneth McLeod, Robinson High School; Jason Seal, Leto High School; Zachary Mueller, Bloomingdale High School; Adam Murray, Brandon High School; Pedro Cortes, Hillsborough High School

A 50/50 drawing was not held. The recessional was led President Tetrick and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

A Note of Thanks

Last month's meeting, honoring the JROTC cadets was a wonderful success. We appreciate the members who paid for a cadet's lunch and everyone's efforts to make the cadets and their families welcome. We received the following thank you note from one of the cadets and thought we'd share it with you.

Dear Members of the Sons of the American Revolution,

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for the medal that your prestigious organization presented to me. The luncheon and ceremony were well worth the work and effort that I have applied throughout my years in the program. I have already framed the certificate I received, and I proudly wear the award on my uniform.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the time and money that your organization spent to honor cadets such as myself.

Cordially,
Cadet SFC Adam Murray
Brandon High School JROTC