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## N·E·W·S·L·E·T·T·E·R November 2002

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### OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Our November meeting will be Saturday, the 16th at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida telephone # 963-1660 in their private room at 11:30, that gives us time for camaraderie. Wives and guests are always welcome at our meetings. Members and guests will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

**ALL SAR MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THEIR SAR INSIGNIA TO ALL MEETINGS.**

### PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Tampa Police Officer Michael A Skypack a veteran of the Department for eight years he has been chosen to be the recipient of the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. He is currently assigned to District One-day shift, patrolling West Tampa, including North Boulevard Housing Development. Officer Skypack ranks first in robbery arrests. We look forward to meeting Officer Skypack hearing of some of his experiences.

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At this meeting we will also be presented with our Nominating Committee's selection of Officers for the year 2003. At our October meeting they had the following:

President/Registrar  
Vice-President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Chaplain  
Surgeon  
Historian  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Dwight Terrick  
Jack C. Bolen  
Kevin A. Yarnell  
James E. Washburn  
Walter W. Lane, Jr. MD  
Robert S. Yarnell  
Fred Patton

Nominations may be made from the floor, but be sure that anyone you nominate will accept the position for which you make the nomination.

## 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay your 2003 membership dues promptly by making a check payable to  
The Tampa Chapter, FLSSAR and mailing to:  
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National Dues	\$ 25.00
State Dues	20.00
Chapter Dues	10.00
Sub Total	\$ 55.00
Optional 365 Fund	3.65
Total	\$ 58.65

Note the optional 365 fund goes into the Florida State Society's trust fund and the interest from this fund is used to pay for the programs (such as ROTC medals etc.) that the Chapters participate in on the State and National level.

### MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2002 MEETING OF THE TAMPA CHAPTER SAR AT PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, DALE MABRY HIGHWAY NORTH TAMPA, FLORIDA.

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:03. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. The secretary led the pledge to the flag and the President led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jim Washburn, Dwight Tetrick, Fred Patton, Walter Lane, Joseph Hill, Cy Gamber, Claude Ritchie, Bob Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Billie Washburn, Rod Stebbins, Richard Hardesty, and Fimie Ritchie

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

The secretary reported on the State BOM meeting being held this weekend in Clearwater. Dues should be given or mailed to the treasurer in the next month. We must submit the annual report prior to December 20, 2002.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,180.92.

The secretary then presented President Tetrick with two Supplemental Ancestor Certificates for ancestors George Emery and George Clemens. This gives Dwight a total of 12 supplementals. Dwight took a few moments to explain supplementals and the membership application process to our prospective members.

President Tetrick reported on the formation of the nominating committee: Robert Yarnell, Dwight Tetrick, Jack Bolen, and Kevin Yarnell. They have proposed:

President- Dwight Tetrick  
Vice President- Jack Bolen  
Secretary / Treasurer- Kevin Yarnell  
Chaplain- James Washburn  
Surgeon- Walter Lane, Jr., MD  
Historian- Robert Yarnell  
Sergeant-at-Arms- Fred Patton  
Newsletter Editor- Daniel Stutzman

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting and introduced Compatriot Bob Yarnell who spoke on "The Benedict Arnold We Don't Know".

Bob pointed out that the two reasons that the Revolutionary Army was a viable entity in the middle of the war are George Washington and Benedict Arnold. This last seems odd considering that Arnold is most known for a treasonist act. The speaker then detailed some of Benedict Arnold's early successes including the conquest of the Fort at Ticonderoga, the moving of cannon in winter for Washington's use, the very near capture of Quebec, and the defeat of a British invasion from Canada using simple made boats. At Saratoga, Arnold was not involved in the first days fighting but by disobeying an arrest order he turned the tide of battle on the second day and won the engagement. Arnold is wounded for the second time at the end of the fighting.

Gates, the commander at Saratoga, took all the credit for the victory while Arnold received none. This may have been the beginnings of Arnold's difficulty. He is assigned to command the garrison at

Philadelphia, a post he thought did not reward his efforts. Here he began to socialize with loyalist sympathizers there and fell in love with Peggy Shippens, a loyalist. He bought a mansion, which put him in debt to loyalist bankers.

The debt, his ego, and the loyalist company he kept, all worked together for him to consider switching sides. He turned down a battle command, an act not characteristic of the early Arnold. He does accept a command at West Point, a strategic point on the Hudson River and here conspired to give the plans for the defenses to the British.

The rest of Arnold's life is rather tragic. He dies in England in debt. It is reported that Arnold requested to put on his Continental Army uniform just prior to his death and that he was buried in the uniform.

Benedict Arnold's story can teach many lessons. It is instructive to consider what might have happened had he been killed at Saratoga rather than only wounded. At that point he would have been considered an equal to Washington in stature and importance. Certainly the two men took radically different paths after this point.

A brief question and answer period followed.

President Tetrick announced the committee appointments for 2003 as follows:

Archives- Bob Yarnell

CAR Liaison- Bob Yarnell

DAR Liaison- Fred Patton

Knight Essay Contest- Kevin Yarnell

Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Heroism- Jack Bolen

Medals & Awards- Dwight Tetrick

Senior ROTC- Dwight Tetrick

Junior ROTC- Kevin Yarnell

Rod Stehbins won the 50/50 earning \$7.00 for himself and \$8.00 for the chapter.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell

Chapter Secretary

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## **NOVEMBER IN THE REVOLUTION**

### **Nov. 13, 1775**

Montgomery captures Montreal for Americans.

### **Nov. 16, 1776**

British capture Fort Washington, NY and Fort Lee, NJ.

### **Nov. 2, 1777**

#### **Whitemarsh**

The Continental Army spent six weeks encamped at Whitemarsh. From the hills at Whitemarsh, General Washington was able to both protect the supply cities of the west and monitor the British, who were occupying Philadelphia.

### **Nov. 16, 1777**

#### **The Siege of Fort Mifflin**

Philadelphia belonged to the British and General Howe. Yet the area surrounding the city, and the Delaware River, which flowed past Philadelphia, was controlled by George Washington and the Continental Army. Howe desperately needed to find a way to bring food and supplies into the city. To do so, he chose to attack American-held forts along the Delaware. Fort Mifflin, the focal point of the American Defense, came under an intense bombardment. After three weeks of fighting, the British finally conquered the forts but only after a surprising American defense.

### **Nov. 30, 1782**

British sign Articles of Peace

### **Nov. 25, 1783**

British troops leave New York

This chart tells you by generation about many of the ancestors you have, how many can you identify?

GENERATION	AMOUNT OF ANCESTORS	LINEAGE
1	1	You
2	2	Parents
3	4	Grandparents
4	8	Great grandparents
5	16	GG grandparents
6	32	GGG grandparents
7	64	GGGG grandparents
8	128	GGGGG grandparents
9	256	GGGGGG grandparents
10	512	GGGGGGG grandparents
11	1024	GGGGGGGG grandparents
12	2,048	GGGGGGGGG grandparents
13	4,096	GGGGGGGGGG grandparents
14	8,192	GGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
15	16,384	GGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
16	32,768	GGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
17	65,536	GGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
18	131,072	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
18	262,144	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
20	524,288	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
21	1,048,576	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents
22	2,097,152	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG grandparents



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