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## OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Our October meeting will be Saturday, the 19th at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida telephone # 963-1660 in their private room at 11:45 in the A.M. Wives 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.**

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## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

Tampa Chapter member Compatriot Bob Yarnell will speak on the Benedict Arnold we don't know the Benedict Arnold before West Point. Bob has spoken to us before on both the Revolution and Florida history topics. Plan to attend, I'm sure you'll find his thoughts on Benedict Arnold interesting.

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## PICNIC CANCELLED

For those not at the September meeting please read the minutes below. The Annual SAR-CAR Picnic usually held in October has been canceled for this year.

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## Minutes of the September 21, 2002 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR.

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:00. Jim Washburn offered the invocation and Editor Bob Yarnell led the pledge to the flag, Pres. Tetrick led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Jack Bolen, Cy Gamber, Ed Neugaard, Fred Patton, Bob Yarnell and Daniel Stutzman. Welcome guests: Janett Tetrick, June Bolen, June Patton, Billie Washburn, Eleanor Purser, Richard Hardesty and West Coast Regional vice-president Compatriot Jim Armitage

Since it was the first meeting after the summer hiatus, Pres. Tetrick went around the room introducing members and guests. The minutes from the May meeting were approved (motion made by R. Yarnell, seconded by J. Bolen). The Sec/Treas. was not present at the meeting. In his absence, Pres. Tetrick gave the Treasurer's report--\$2212.97.

West Coast Regional vice-president Compatriot Jim Armitage then awarded the Chapter a ribbon for the Chapter's Flag indicating we had won the Chapter Challenge. He also reported on the BOM meeting to be held Oct. 18-19 in Clearwater and urged members to attend.

Pres. Tetrick opened the floor to discussion on the October SAR-CAR picnic. Bob Yarnell, who has coordinated this in the past, made a report of what was planned. However, the change in date and venue made attendance by many SAR members problematic.

After some discussion it was decided to picnic and invite the CAR's to our Dec. meeting (motion made by R. Yarnell, seconded by J. Bolen). More details on the Dec. meeting will be available in the Dec. newsletter.

A tentative program schedule for the rest of 2002 was discussed and presented. Oct. Bob Yarnell will speak on Benedict Arnold. November-Law Enforcement Medal presentation. Dec. meet with CAR and CAR will do the program.

At 12:17 Pres. Tetrick recessed the meeting for lunch.

Pres. Tetrick reconvened the meeting at 12:50 and Vice President Jack Bolen introduced our speaker, Eleanor Purser. Mrs. Purser served in the Women Marines during WWII. She gave an overview of the formation of the Women Marines and interspersed this with anecdotal stories of her own experiences. In particular, she highlighted the problems faced by the Corps in organizing, training and utilizing the women. These problems were overcome and the Marine Corps Commandant reported after the war that the Women Marines had freed up enough men to form an entire Marine Corps division. A brief question and answer period followed her presentation.

President Tetrick presented a certificate of appreciation to our speaker.

Jack Bolen won the 50/50 drawing and graciously donated his half of the winnings to the chapter. Eleven dollars were thus added to the treasury.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Yarnell  
(Substituting for Sec. Kevin Yarnell who was out of town)

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## OCTOBER IN THE REVOLUTION

### Oct. 7, 1777

#### Battle of Saratoga

Normally I would include a brief description/account of the battle, but the real story of Saratoga will be a centerpiece of this month's program on 1d.

### Oct. 19, 1781

#### Cornwallis surrenders.

On Oct. 19, 1781 Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British forces at Yorktown. For all intents and purposes, this ended the war and guaranteed the independence of the United States.

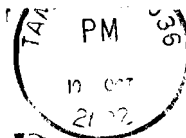
### Oct. 28, 1776

#### Battle of White Plains

Gen. Washington's army lost yet another battle around New York. With his attempts to prevent the British from establishing a base at New York thwarted, Washington retreated to the west, determined to keep his army intact.



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