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**OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING
WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

The location is the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida (telephone #963-1660) in their private room at 11:30 AM. This 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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Gentlemen:

Officer Jonathan Touchton will be the recipient of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. He has been with the Tampa Police Department since 1990 and since that time has been constantly recognized as a hard-working, aggressive, intelligent policeman. He has been recognized many times by both citizens and his fellow officers for his efforts in the field of law enforcement.

He was instrumental in developing a plan to combat prostitution by entering into agreements with business owners along the Nebraska corridor giving Police Officers the power to act as agents of the owners. This agreement lets officers who encounter prostitutes who are on the property of these businesses to either arrest them or issue trespass warnings. This program has been very successful, and has led to a decrease in the level of visible prostitution.

This past year he made almost two hundred arrests and took six handguns off the streets. He is currently assisting in a new program that will assist officers in becoming aware of persons in their assigned areas who are on probation for various offenses, including sexual predators. By doing so, officers will have more knowledge of the people in their area who are likely to reoffend, saving precious time when investigating future offenses.

Minutes of the October 18, 2003 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 11:57. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. President Tetrick led the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Claude Ritchie, Jim Washburn, Dwight Tetrick, Dan Stutzman, Walter Lane, Marty Miller, Rod Stebbins, Richard Hardesty, and Barry Rich.

Welcome guests: Fimi Ritchie, Thierry De Seguins-Cohorn, Don Middleton, Randy Stebbins, Jodi Stebbins, Justin Stebbins and his friend Brittany, and Ricky Stebbins.

The president recognized the guests.

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the September meeting as distributed.

There was no Treasurers report as Kevin Yarnell was attending the State Meeting.

President Tetrick reported two new applicants, Jim Skillman and Stewart Bailey.

There was a discussion concerning the Chapter's efforts to plant a "Freedom Tree". Rod Stebbins offered to buy the tree and there was suggestion as to where it would be noticed by a multitude of people. It was mentioned that a plaque, at a cost of \$250, could be placed by the tree. President Tetrick advised that National would reimburse the cost. President Tetrick and Rod Stebbins will continue to investigate the location for the tree.

President Tetrick wants to have the Chapter Yearbook started again. Rod Stebbins offered to take on this responsibility.

Rod Stebbins gave a brief overview of the Chapter Website. He explained the many uses of the site and the fact that it is free to the Chapter. Its primary purpose is to get our name out to the community and thus increase membership. He will update the member's list after the membership list is completed for 2004.

Don Middleton and Randy Stebbins were sworn in.

President Tetrick stated that Chapter's Board of Governors would remain the same. They are President Dwight Tetrick, Vice President Jack Bolen, Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Yarnell, Chaplain James Washburn, Surgeon Walter Lane, Historian Robert Yarnell, Sergeant at Arms Edward Neugaard, and Newsletter Editor Daniel Stutzman.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

Rod Stebbins gave a talk on his interest in genealogy. He recanted how he became interested in the study of his family history and how he formed the Stebbins Ancestral Society. This organization has grown to include a database of 111300 names.

President Tetrick then presented Mr. Stebbins a Certificate of Appreciation for both the talk and his efforts on the Chapter website.

Claude G. Richie, Jr. won the 50/50 and donated his share to the chapter. \$17.00 was thus added to the treasury.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 2:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Stutzman
Newsletter Editor

November in the Revolution

November 13, 1775 Montgomery captures Montreal for the Americans.

November 2, 1776 The Continental Army spent 6 weeks encamped at Whitemarsh. From this point, General Washington was able to protect the supply cities of the West and monitor the British, who were occupying Philadelphia.

November 16, 1776 The British capture Fort Washington in New York and Fort Lee in New Jersey.

November 16, 1777 The British begin the Siege of Fort Mifflin. Fort Mifflin was located on the Delaware River and was one of a series of forts built by the Continental Army. These forts were a problem for General Howe, who at this time was occupying Philadelphia. Howe was having problems in bring supplies and food into the city. Fort Mifflin became the focal point of his attack. It took three weeks of intense bombardment before the Fort Mifflin fell to the British.

November 30, 1782 British sign the Articles of Peace.

November 25, 1783 British troops leave New York.

Chapter Notes

Dues for 2004 are due December 1. Please make the check payable to the "Tampa Chapter of the SAR". The total is \$55.00 of which \$25.00 is National, \$20.00 State, and \$10.00 Local. You can bring the check to the October/November meetings or mail to Kevin Yarnell, 7507 Summerbridge Dr, Tampa, Fl. 33634

The Chapter would also like to support the "Pennies for Patriots" Fund. Each member is asked to contribute a penny a day or \$3.65 for the year to this fund.

The money goes to the Florida State Society Trust Fund. In the past, the Tampa Chapter was very supportive.

The Chapter now has its own website thanks to Dwight and Captain Rod. Check it out at www.patriot-web.com

The January meeting has been moved to the 4th Saturday, January 24. The Winter BOM Meeting 2004 is on the 3rd Saturday. This BOM Meeting will be held January 16-17, 2004 at the Holiday Inn North, in Lakeland.

George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the new Continental Army in June 1775. This is the letter that he wrote to his wife, Martha.

MY DEAREST, - I now sit down to write to you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern, and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I reflect upon the uneasiness I know it will give you. It has been determined in Congress that the whole army raised for the defense of the American cause shall be put under my Care, and that it is necessary for me to proceed immediately to Boston to take upon me the command of it. You may believe me, my dear Patsy (his pet name for her), when I assure you, in the most solemn manner, that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it, not only from my unwillingness to part with you and the family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my capacity, and that I should enjoy more real happiness in one month with you at home than I have the most distant prospect of finding abroad, if my stay were to be seven times seven years. But as it has been a kind of destiny that has thrown me upon this service, I shall hope that my undertaking is designed to answer some good purpose. You might and I suppose did, perceive from the tenor of my letters, that I was apprehensive I could not avoid this appointment, as I did not pretend to intimate when I should return. That was the case. It was utterly out of my power to refuse the appointment without exposing my character to such censures as would have reflected dishonor upon myself and given pain to my friends. This, I am sure, could not, and ought not to be pleasing to you, and must have lessened me considerably in my own esteem. I shall rely, therefore, confidently on that Providence which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me, not doubting that I shall return safe to you in the fall. I shall feel no pain from the toil or the danger of the Campaign; my unhappiness will flow from the uneasiness you will feel from being left alone. I therefore beg you will summon your whole fortitude, and pass your time as agreeably as possible. Nothing will give me more sincere satisfaction as to hear this and to hear it from your own pen....



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