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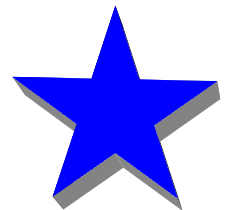
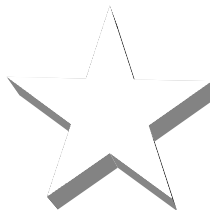
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**OUR OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING
WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

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.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Gentlemen,

Our very own Rodney Stebbins will address the October 18th meeting.

Genealogy as a Lifetime Hobby.

Speaker: Captain Rod Stebbins

Rod has turned a forty-five (45) year research program into a home-based business along with his writing books and computer software for the Fishing, Diving and Boating Markets.

He is the founder of the Stebbins Ancestral Society made up of over 500 related members and a family database containing over 111,000 names. This Society is considered to be a most exciting compilation of genealogical research by the Massachusetts Historical Society, several county and state research organizations and is on file in the Library for the Sons of the American Revolution.

His office in his home glows green from high-tech equipment such as computers, scanners, printers, telephones, fax machine, and loads computer of software for publishing large documents, databases and production of his CD products.

Just reaching his 68th birthday, he spends his time at home producing his products for a very successful home based business. This is an informal presentation, so please feel free to ask questions when needed.

Captain Rod is a Korean War Veteran. He has a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering graduating from the South Dakota School of Mines. He spent 26 years in the construction industry retiring in 1984.

Organizations:

Kentucky Colonel, Commonwealth of Kentucky, February 3, 1978

Florida Outdoor Writers Association – 1984 to present

Sons of the American Revolution – April 7, 2003

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States – July 14, 2003

Order of the Founders and Patriots of America - July 18, 2003

Sons of the Revolution – July 26, 2003

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - August 27, 2003

Minutes of the Sept. 20, 2003 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

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

Members present: Claude Ritchie, Cy Gamber, Dwight Tetrick, Jack Bolen, Walter Lane, Jack Bolen, Rod Stebbins, Luther Lloyd, Jim Washburn, Edward Neugaard, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: June Bolen, Fimi Ritchie, Jeanne Lloyd, Joseph Dato, Steven Hall, and Thierry De Seguins-Cohorn

The president recognized the guests and then asked Compatriot Seguins-Cohorn to address the meeting. He is a thirty year member of the French Society of the SAR. He briefly told of his current work with the US military in the area of counter terrorism.

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

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,398.85.

President Tetrick reported receiving the status of several new members.

The Secretary, on behalf of the State Society, presented Dwight Tetrick with a Liberty Medal and certificate. This was awarded at the 2003 National Congress in recognition of the fact that Dwight has recruited and sponsored ten members into the society.

President Tetrick announced that the Fort Brook Chapter of the CAR will hold its January meeting at the Seminole Indian Village. Dwight announced that he would be attending and invited other members to join him.

Edward Neugaard asked about presenting flag certificates to persons flying the flag. Rodney Stebbins reported on how the chapter had presented certificates in his community. The president will get with Edward to work out handing out additional certificates to some residents Edward knows.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

Rodney Stebbins reported that the Tampa Chapter now has a website, patriot-web.com. He described some of its features. Members can choose to add their names and other information to the site.

The secretary asked if the site had been linked to the state and national society web page. Rodney said that our site had links to the state and national, but not the other way round. The secretary offered to contact Dick Fowler, webmaster of the FLSSAR website, to have a link posted at www.flssar.org.

Dwight also reported on the progress made in planting a Liberty Tree.

Jack Bolen introduced Joseph Dato and Steven Hall members of the Rough Riders organization. Steven presented a brief history of the story of Rough Riders and Teddy Roosevelt. Steven discussed the current Rough Riders organization today beginning with its founding in 1978. They are dedicated to the preservation of Tampa's history and the memory of Teddy Roosevelt. They currently have close to 600 members and perform a number of community projects for the Tampa area.

Jim Washburn won the 50/50 and donated his share to the chapter. \$12.00 was thus added to the treasury.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 2:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

October In The Revolution

- October 11, 1776** The inexperienced American Navy is defeated in Lake Champlain by a British fleet of 87 gunships. The Battle of Valcour Bay lasted 7 hours. Most of the American 83 gunships were crippled and the remaining ships were destroyed 2 days later.
- October 28, 1776** General Washington's Army is defeated at the Battle of White Plains by General Howe. Washington retreats westward.
- October 7, 1777** The Americans win their first major victory at Saratoga. Generals Horatio Gates and Benedict Arnold defeat General Burgoyne. The British suffered 600 casualties while the Americans suffered 150.
- October 17, 1777** General Burgoyne surrenders his entire army of 5,700 troops to General Gates. The British troops are marched to Boston and put on ships and sailed back to England. They swear not to serve against America again. News of Saratoga reaches France where it is celebrated as though it was a French victory. The French Royal Court receives Benjamin Franklin and France recognizes American independence.
- October 17, 1779** General Washington establishes winter camp at Morristown, NJ. The troops will suffer another harsh winter due to weather and lack of supplies. This results in low moral, desertion, and an attempted mutiny.
- October 7, 1780** General Cornwallis abandons his invasion of North Carolina after Americans capture 1000 reinforcements enroute to join him.
- October 14, 1780** Nathaniel Greene is named commander of the Southern Army replacing General Gates. Greene's strategy is to win the popular support of the people and wear down Cornwallis. Greene does this by leading Cornwallis on a 6-month chase through South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and then back to North Carolina. The British, low on supplies, steal from the locals, thus enraging them.
- October 17, 1781** Yorktown is about to fall and the British sent out a flag of truce. Washington and Cornwallis work out terms of surrender.
- October 19, 1781** The British Army marches out of Yorktown in formation and surrenders. Their band plays "The World Turned Upside Down."
- October 24, 1781** 7000 British reinforcements under General Clinton arrive at Chesapeake Bay. They turn back after hearing of the surrender at Yorktown.
- October 7, 1783** Virginia's House of Burgesses grants freedom to slaves who served in the Continental Army.



Tampa Chapter Vice President, Jack Bolen, presents to Tampa Chapter Presiden, Dwight Tetric, the SAR Liberty Metal Certificate and Medal for recruiting and sponsoring 10 new members into the SAR



Tampa Chapter Vice President, Jack Bolen, presents to Tampa Rough Riders, Joseph Dato and Steven Hall, the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for their talk on the Rough Riders organization.



French Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution member Thierry de Seguins-Cohorn, is a French Army Lt. Col. He is a French cavalry senior officer who is for the present time is posted at Mac Dill AFB, Tampa, Florida. To be more precise, a Senior Intelligence Officer of the French detachment, which is attached to US Central Command to support the Operation Enduring Freedom. He was the guest of Tampa Chapter President Dwight Tetric at their September Meeting. Two coincidences, Thierry de Seguins-Cohorn (left) and Dwight Tetric (right) were both stationed at Harbord Barracks, Orleans, France, Thierry de Seguins-Cohorn in 1976-78, and Dwight Tetric (U.S. Army Signal Corps) in 1962-63 (Cuban Missile Crisis). Both men are members of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Chapter Notes

Dues for 2004 is 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



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