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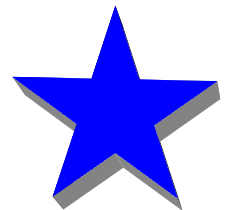
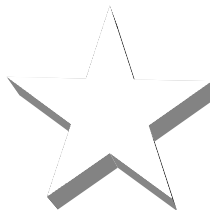
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**OUR APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING  
WILL BE SATURDAY, April 17, 2004**

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.

# APRIL PROGRAM

Secretary Treasurer Kevin Yarnell will present the program centered on the JROTC awards. The Program is "The Great Book Challenge."

## Minutes of the March 20, 2004 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:02. Chaplain Washburn offered the invocation. Jack Bolen led the pledge to the flag and the President led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Jack Bolen, Jim Washburn, Don Milleton, Dan Stutzman, MD Miller, Joe Miller, Ed Neugaard, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: June Bolen, Billie Washburn, Chuck Grant (potential member), John Skillman (potential member, and Ian Malinowki

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

The secretary reported receiving the certificates for our 5 newest members from National.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,240.03.

The president reported no changes on the status of various people in the process of applying for membership and other correspondence he'd received. Arrangements for presenting the Sr. ROTC unit are also on track

The arrangements for presentation of ROTC medals were discussed briefly. The secretary reported requested that those willing to present check the list of the units and dates of their award ceremonies to arrange who might present at each ceremony.

The Secretary reported receiving a request from the Tampa Bay Tech NJROTC unit asking for financial support for an upcoming field day. He moved and Jack Bolen seconded a motion to provide \$25.00 to the unit. The motion passed.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tetrick introduced Chuck Grant who shared with the chapter about the Patriotic Order Sons of the American. Formed in 1847, the group, among other things, was the driving force behind our Flag Day observation. One of Chuck's ancestors apparently was a member in the distant past. He found an old ribbon / medal in the family belongings and did some research into its origin.

The secretary, on behalf of the membership, presented President Tetrick with a Meritorious Service Award. Dwight has done much in the last few years for the chapter especially with regard to increasing our chapter's membership. The award is a small token of the appreciation of the members.

President Tetrick next introduced the Secretary who explained the local essay contest and then introduced Ian Malinowski our local winner. Ian is a senior at Palm Harbor University High School in their IB program. His biography is quite impressive including awards for both academic and other interests. Ian read his essay stopping to expand on certain points. The essay examined three possible causes of the British defeat at Saratoga. What made the essay unique was that it was not a simple 'flag waving' celebration of some historical figure. Rather, Ian examined this historic event as a historian might. The secretary announced to the membership that Ian's essay had also won the Florida Society contest.

A brief question and comment session followed.

John Skillman won the 50/50 drawing for the second month in a row. The chapter treasury was enriched by \$8.00.

The President announced the Tampa Chapter's points for the Chapter Challenge Contest. Our chapter's total points increased significantly this past year.

Ed Neugaard shared a copy of a \$6.00 bill printed in the 1700's that was on sale on e-bay for \$27,000. The bill was signed by one of his ancestors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell  
Chapter Secretary

## APRIL IN THE REVOLUTION

- April 18, 1775** Paul Revere's Ride.
- April 19, 1775** Battle of Concord and Lexington.
- April 23, 1775** King George III declares the Colonies to be in a State of Rebellion.
- April 26, 1777** The Ride of Sybil Ludington. She was 16 years old and her father was a Colonel in the militia in Putnam County, New York. A Patriot messenger arrives at their home with news that nearby Danbury, Ct. was ransacked by the British and that they were heading to Fredricksburg, NY to destroy another Patriot supply center. The messenger was too tired to continue and Colonel Ludington was needed to organize the militia. Sybil volunteered to ride and inform the militia. She rode 40 miles that night, informing the residents of what happened and issuing a call to arms. Sybil returned safe the next day. Enough militia turned out to cause the British to retreat to Long Island.
- April 27, 1777** Battle of Ridgefield, CT. The Americans, led by Benedict Arnold, defeats the British.
- April 8, 1780** British warships enter Charleston Harbor.  
As the British deployed around Charleston, They noticed a plantation home overlooking the Congaree River. It was the home of Rebecca Motte. The location was ideally located for a fortified outpost. The British took over the home. Rebecca and the Patriots wanted them out. The plan was to burn the British out and Rebecca supplied the fire arrows for the job. The British left and the Patriots were able to move in and extinguish the fire, saving most of the home.
- April 25, 1781** Battle of Hobkirk's Hill.
- April 4, 1782** Sir Guy Carleton replaces General Clinton as the British commander in America.
- April 12, 1782** Battle of Les Saintes.  
Benjamin Franklin and Richard Oswald begin peace talks in Paris.
- April 16, 1782** General Washington establishes the headquarters of the American Army at Newburgh, New York.
- April 19, 1782** The Netherlands recognizes the United States of American through the efforts of John Adams.
- April 11, 1783** Congress officially declares an end to the Revolutionary War.

## Chapter Notes

The Chapter Website is [www.patriot-web.com](http://www.patriot-web.com)

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 May meeting will be held on the 15th.



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