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OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Presentation of the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Major Thomas M. Knight, commander – Troop C, Florida Highway Patrol, nominated this year's recipient. She is Duty Officer Teresa Rey. In his recommendation, Major Knight states, "Recently of two separate occasions, Duty Officer Rey was the communications between a *FHP caller and the State Trooper dispatched to handle a violent and potentially deadly act of highway violence. Both times Duty Officer Rey remained calm, professional and alert to possible indicators from the caller that ultimately assisted the Trooper in apprehending the armed and dangerous subjects." Jack Bolen, overseer.

Minutes of the September 18, 2004 Meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Minutes of the October 16, 2004 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:00. Chaplain Jim Washburn offered the invocation. Jack Bolen led the pledge to the flag and the president the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Rodney Stebbins, Allen Bell, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Jack Bolen, Ed Neugaard, Walter Lane, Joe Hill, Robert Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Billie Washburn and June Bolen.

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

The president reported on the status of the Liberty Tree. We are waiting to hear from the Tampa Parks and Recreation Department about a location.

The president reported a slate of nominations for the chapter officers in 2005.

Elected Positions:

President	Jack Bolen
Vice President	Ed Neugaard
Secretary / Treasurer	Kevin Yarnell

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain	Jim Washburn
Historian	Robert S. Yarnell
Sergeant at Arms	Allen Bell
Surgeon	Walter Lane, Jr.
Archives	Kevin Yarnell
CAR Liaison	Robert S. Yarnell
DAR Liaison	Dwight Tetrick
Knight Essay Contest	Kevin Yarnell
Law Enforcement & Newsletter Editor	Ed Neugaard
Fire Safety	Rodney Stebbins, Sr. (temporary).
Liberty Tree	Dwight Tetrick
Medals & Awards	Dwight Tetrick
Senior ROTC	Dwight Tetrick
Junior ROTC	Kevin Yarnell

Elections will be held in November. Nominations from the floor will be taken at that time.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

The secretary reminded the membership that the annual dues will be due by Dec. 15th. He also gave a brief report from the state Board of Management Meeting held in Lakeland this same weekend. He highlighted the new push at the state level to provide judges for local school history fairs. Bob Yarnell, being more familiar with history fairs, provided more details.

The treasurer reported a current balance of \$2,109.12.

The president reconvened the meeting and asked Jack Bolen to introduce the speaker. He introduced Bob Yarnell who spoke on the original meaning of the Constitution.

He began by reminding the membership that the founding fathers intended the House and Senate for different purposes. House members were elected directly by the people and therefore represented the people. The Senate was originally elected by the state legislators and therefore represented the states. After the 19th amendment the people have two voices and the states none. These may not always be good things.

Bob then gave several examples where the constitution was not properly followed due to ignorance or lack of understanding. Recent Presidents, for example, have imposed tariffs, often to political advantage, which is a power given to the congress in section 8 of the constitution.

Another area of misunderstanding is the checks and balances on the judiciary. We often see judges as having the final say on issues and this isn't truly the case. There are three separate checks against the abuse of judicial power.

He concluded with additional examples and a brief question and answer session. The membership found the talk quite interesting.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ed Neugaard. The treasury was thus enriched by \$7.00.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Chaplain Washburn benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

Dues for 2005

The dues for the coming year are the same as in previous years:

<i>National</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>State</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Local</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>

We also ask our membership to consider an additional \$3.65 – a penny a day – which goes to the Endowment Trust Fund. The interest from this fund is used to reimburse local chapters in their programs. The Tampa Chapter regularly receives money from the fund.

Please send the dues in one check, made out to "Tampa SAR" (\$55.00 or \$58.65) and mail it to:

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The deadline is December 15th.

Dwight Tetrick, President of the Tampa Chapter S.A.R. presents Scout Evan Purchell (of Troop 18, Ucita District, Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America) with the S.A.R. Certificate of Appreciation as his troop looks on. Scout Purchell is awarded this honor for his outstanding work in the graves registration and genealogy at their meeting in the Messiah Lutheran Church on November 8th.



Chapter Notes

The Chapter Website is 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.

Our next meeting will be held on November 20, 2004 - please mark your calendars.



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