



**THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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At the September meeting of the Chapter it was saddened to learn of the death on the previous Monday, September 12th, of:

Austin Elwood Showers State #5309 and National #124932
Compatriot Showers was an active member of the Chapter, attended most meetings and put in over 300 service hours at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa.

The Chapter extends its condolences to his family and has sent a contribution in his memory to The Florida Society Endowment Trust Fund.



AUSTIN ELWOOD SHOWERS

Our Next Meeting

Will be on Saturday, October 15th, 11:30 AM at the Egypt Temple-Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. Lunch will be served at noon and will cost \$9. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the CAR and the Chapter will present its Law Enforcement Award. Awards Committee Chairman, Jim Smith has contacted the local law enforcement agencies for the selection of a qualified recipient of the Award and for a person to address our meeting (but your editor doesn't know who it is at this writing).

And since this will be a joint meeting with the CAR, it seems to be an appropriate time to make it easy for all members of our Chapter to make a tangible indication of their interest in and support for the CAR. The panel opposite will provide the necessary detail. Note that our Chapter will receive points toward an award that is given by the State Society to the Chapter that does the most to support the future SARs and DARs. As we know, our Chapter has had a problem recently in maintaining the number of its members. What better way is there than to let our CARs know that we are concerned with the vitality of their organization so that they may, in due time, progress into ours? Bob Baylies (963-0438) is the Chapter's Chairman of the Committee on CAR Liaison and is the person to contact if YOU want to do more to support the CAR than just financially.

Should you not get a call by the evening of Wednesday, the 12th, inquiring about whether you will be able to attend the meeting or not, for this meet-

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Mrs. David Jump
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Enclosed is my check for \$9.00 payable to the Sr. State Treasurer, FSCAR. As a **State Promoter**, I am entitled to the National C.A.R. Magazine. My fee will promote C.A.R. work on the State and National level.

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Date _____
Chapter _____
Name _____
Address _____

ing please call President Martin Miller (935-1697) to let him know that you will be there. Martin is taking over this chore this month because Treasurer, Sam Beauregard is in the final stages (he hopes) of getting a new home for his family and may not be able to make the necessary arrangements with the Shrine on how many people to expect.

The Chapter's Board of Governors met on the 6th to consider the agenda for the business portion of the meeting. It was a relatively short meeting, partly because, although all the Committee Chairmen had been invited to attend and to discuss their Committee's activity, none of them did so.

The matter of increased communication within the Chapter was discussed so the old cliché about the right hand and the left hand might be less of a matter of concern. It was suggested that Committee Chairmen let the Editor of the newsletter know of new developments in their areas of activity so that they might be reported on to the membership.

Plans need to be considered on what the Chapter might want to do to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the SAR which will be in 1989.

Treasurer Beauregard reported to the Board that the Chapter's bank account stood at \$580.82 including the \$100 flag fund.

Our Last Meeting

Was a bit light in attendance. Thirteen Compatriots, three of their ladies and our speaker, Mr. Alton (Bud) Parker and his wife.

Included as one of the Compatriots was Cyril (Cy) Paul Gamber who, that very day, received notification that his application for membership had been accepted. Even though Cy had not yet been sworn in, that seemed a bit obscure for counting purposes. To show that he wasn't hesitant about becoming active in the Chapter, he accepted membership in Russ Rising's Eagle Scout Award Committee.

Change to Chapter by-laws providing that a prospective member not be accepted as a member of the Chapter until he attended a least one meeting to be sworn in was passed. This provision may be waived by the Board of Governors.

Upon motion by Bob Baylies, Glenn Arter received the Chapter's support in having his name place in nomination before the State Board of Management as West Central Senior Vice-President.

Chapter participation in the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest is moving forward under the Chairmanship of Ed McCleary. Letters have been sent out to area high schools inviting their submitting qualified students. Members were cautioned that if costs to the Chapter ran too high, a special request for donations might result. However, a motion was passed that the Chapter apply to the Endowment Trust Fund for partial reimbursement of expenses it might incur.

Continued participation in the Eagle Scout Award program was approved.

All Chapter committees need more personnel to help carry out their programs and all inactive Compatriots are urged to come forward to accept the responsibility of membership.

Hillsborough County Tax Appraiser, Alton (Bud) Parker presented a very lucid and in depth talk regarding the department which he heads. Perhaps it is unfortunate, ^{him} that his talk could not be given county-wide for, as we all probably know, he lost his bid for reelection.

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