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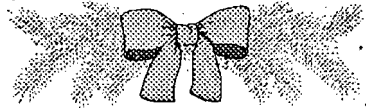
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OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be Saturday December 18 at the **RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**, Room next to dinning room, 820 Busch Blvd., Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each Person will be responsible for paying for their own meal. Your check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER MEETING



Compatriot George Brooks will be our speaker for this meeting. His program will be a discussion of an obscure battlefield in North Carolina and the details of the battle. The current controversy at the local area and the meaning of the battlefield. This should be a very exciting subject and should make a most interesting program. I encourage each member to make every effort to attend this meeting and bring a guest. You wont regret it!

1994 DUES

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 1994 CHAPTER DUES PLEASE DO SO NOW BY MAKING CHECK PAYABLE TO THE TAMPA CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND MAILING TO :

**JIM WASHBURN
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NATIONAL DUES	\$ 9.00
STATE DUES	\$ 7.00
CHAPTER DUES	\$ 10.00

FOR A TOTAL	\$ 36.00
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BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The Board Of Governor's meeting will be from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM December 9th at the Peninsular Library at Henderson & Neptune. All members are welcome to attend these meetings and we encourage your input.



Jeff Mancinik	December 2
David MCCAlistter	December 9
George Brooks	December 24

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 1993 AT THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

In the absence of President Cy Gamber and Vice President Les White, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Washburn called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

The Invocation was given by Past President Ted Dickerson.

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Compatriot Daniel Carleton.

Jim led the SARs in the SAR pledge. He then introduced the members of the Chapter and the guests who were Mrs. Frances Compton, Billie Washburn, Visiting SAR Larry Huntley and guest speaker Ken Hubona (about whom more later), Arlene Rising came with Russ Rising in a few minutes later. The meeting was then recessed for lunch.

Following lunch, Jim mentioned that President Gamber was visiting his son in Miami and V/P Les Whites probably on duty with the TPD.

He Mentioned the brochures explaining about the **VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM & PARK** which he had previously distributed. This facility is a unit of the Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation department. It is located at 3602 Highway 301 North which places it immediately north of the Tampa By Pas Canal as the 301 bridge crosses the canal. The Museum and Park have been in existence 1991. Perhaps the Chapter may find a way to cooperate with it in some of its exhibits and events.

Also mentioned were the SAR information documents which were available.

The minutes of both the September and October meetings were published in the November newsletter consequently the reading of them was waived.

Secretary Washburn reported on some of the correspondence and information coming to him including:

Letter from Guidance Resource Specialist - College Lab resources of Student scholarship money.

Letter from John Cahoon, Chairman of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee looking for nominees for offices in the FLSSAR.

Notice that the FLSSAR has formed a National Defense committee.

Brochure on the "Mission of the CAR or What Every Compatriot Should Know about the CAR"

Newspaper clipping about the Overmountain Victory Trail Association which annually marches from September 23 to October 7 on a 220-mile (or probably part of it) trail recreating the route of colonial militiamen from what was then "the west" to fight the British at Kings Mountain.

He also announced that there was \$1,352.64 in the bank but since part of that was National and State dues of \$78.00 the Chapters was \$1,274.64.

He explained that "In Kind" income on the financial reports represented expenses paid out-of-pocket by a member not expecting reimbursement from the Chapter but reported to him and shown as income on the one hand and related expense shown appropriately.

He also stated that all Chapter members need to pay dues for 1994 in the amount of \$36.00 and requested that they be paid in time enough for them to be deposited in the bank in 1993.

He mentioned that the State Society would be hosting the 1998 National Annual Congress and that it would be assessing Chapters starting in 1995 and continuing for 1996 and 1997 \$1.00 per member in order to build up an operating fund for expenses of the Congress the State would have to bear. Each Chapter may determine whether this additional \$3.00 would be added to each member's "dues" or paid out of the Chapter's funds.

There is some indication that the National dues (now \$17.00) might be increased but the suggestion that the National \$35.00 application fee be increased was turned down.

The \$3.00 voluntary contribution which was requested along with the annual dues the past couple of years has been dropped as has the Christmas Car program which requested members pay for Christmas cards sent to them without being ordered.

Newsletter Editor Elwin Thrasher had nothing to report.

Bob Yarnell, Chairman of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest for the Chapter, reported on timing of the contest in relation to the State's timing of its contest and the conflicts with the local schools' programs. It appears that the Chapter will have to hold its contest in February. This creates a longer than desirable period of time between the Chapter contest the State contest in May. Bob also reviewed some of the rules regarding the subjects about which the orations may be made.

Although not primarily a Chapter program, George Brooks reported on the status of the "Cannon" program being considered by the State. He is the Chairman of the Cannon Committee. There still some problems to be taken care of.

Board of Governors member, Ted Dickerson, had nothing to report.

But on a call for any "old business" Ted suggested that our members should make an effort to visit the National burial grounds up near Bushnell. He said that they are very beautiful and impressive.

Jim Washburn reported that Chairman Barry Rich of the Eagle Scout Award Program had called him to say that program was well underway with over 130 letters having been sent out to Eagle Scouts.

There was no other old business.

The item of new business was the election of Chapter officers for year 1994. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Martin Miller presented the slate of:

President	George Brooks
Vice President	Kevin Yarnell
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Washburn
Genealogist/Registrar	Roger Crane
Member at Large	Elwin Thrasher
Member at Large	No candidate

Upon the call for nominations from the floor, George Brooks nominated Martin Miller for the unfilled member-at-large position. The nomination was seconded and Martin accepted the Nomination. The call for further nominations from the floor produced none. It was moved and seconded that the nomination be closed. The motion carried. The 1994 Chapter officers will be installed during the January 1994 Chapter meeting.

There being no further new business, Mr. Ken Hubona was introduced to present a program on "Our Crazy English Language". Ken besides being a member of Tampa Electric Company's Speakers Bureau since 1990 is also an electrical engineer for TECO. The Chapter will remember that Ken spoke to it in September of 1991 regarding the possibilities of a person winning the grand Prize in the Florida lottery.

The slide presentation of "Our Crazy English Language" was particularly interesting and humorous and helped us all refresh our understanding why the English language is one of the most difficult in the world for persons not brought speaking it from birth to learn. Particularly when the same word or phrase used in two unlike circumstances convey completely unlike meanings.

Following the program, the Chapter was reminded that the next Board of Governors meeting would be on December the 9th at the Peninsula Library and the next meeting would be on December the 18th at the Ramada Center.

Arlene Rising won the 50-50 drawing but contributed her half to the Chapter treasury for a total of \$13.00.

Jim Washburn led in the SAR Recessional and Ted Dickerson gave the Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

The meeting was attended 10 Chapter members, Mr. Hubona and 4 other guests for a total of 15.

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Washburn
Secretary