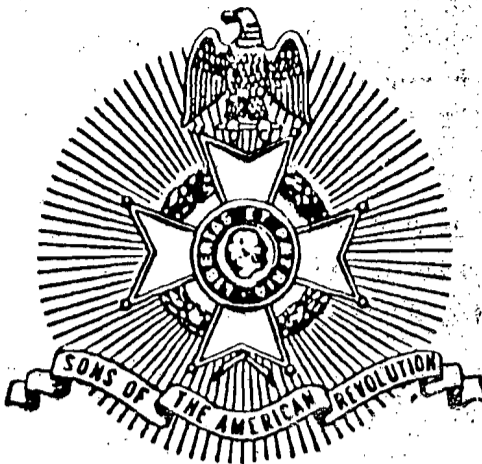


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OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be Saturday November 20 at the **RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**, Room next to dining 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 NOVEMBER MEETING

Mr. Ken Hubona, of Tampa Electric, will speak of **Our Crazy English Language**. This is a humorous view of the history and mystery of our native tongue. This "tongue-in-cheek" walk through the beginning and the evolution of the language we use and abuse every day will make you laugh and make you think!

At this meeting we will also be presented with our Nominating Committee's selection of our Officers for the Year 1994. At our October meeting they had the following:

President	George Brooks
Vice President	
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Washburn
Registrar/genealogist	Roger Crane
Member at Large	Elwin Thrasher
Member at Large	

Nominations may be made from the floor but be sure that anyone you nominate will accept the position for which you make the nomination. As you can see there are two openings that had not been made at the October meeting. One for the Vice President and one for a Member at Large.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The Board of Governor's meeting will be from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM November 11 at the Peninsular Library at Henderson & Neptune. All members are welcome to attend these meetings and we encourage your input.

1994 DUES

YOU MAY PAY YOUR 1994 DUES BY MAKING CHECK PAYABLE TO THE TAMPA CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND MAILING TO:

JIM WASHBURN
5211 NEPTUNE WAY
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NATIONAL DUES	\$ 9.00
STATE DUES	\$ 7.00
CHAPTER DUES	\$ 10.00

TOTAL	\$ 36.00.



John Pacheco Jr.	Nov. 2
Roger Crane	Nov. 7
Robert Sumner	Nov. 15
James Washburn	Nov. 24

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 1993 AT THE RAMADA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

There was some conflict at the Ramada regarding where the Chapter was going to be able to hold the meeting since, for some reason, the room which had been assigned to it had been reassigned to another group. That situation eventually being resolved, the meeting was called to order by President Cy Gamber.

The invocation, pledge to the flag and the SAR pledge having been said, Cy called attention to the death this past June 21st of Compatriot James O. Smith, Jr. who had been Chapter Vice President, President, Chaplain, and Chairman of the ROTC Awards, Law enforcement Award and Veterans Affairs Committees. A \$ 10.00 donation to the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund has been made in his memory. All SARs present stood as President Gamber spoke a few words in prayer for and remembrance of Compatriot Smith.

President Cy then introduced guests, new members and West Central Regional Vice President Courtenay Crutcher and Mrs. Crutcher.

He announced that Compatriot George Brooks was busy moving into a new apartment at Egypt Lakes and couldn't attend the meeting and that neither could Jim Washburn who is vacationing in Tennessee.

He then called upon Vice President Les White to present to Compatriot Claude Richie a certificate and pin in honor of Claude's 25 year continuous membership in the SAR.

Compatriot Crutcher was then called upon to present to Roger Alan Crane the certificate (national #141181, State #6835) and other accouterments signifying his acceptance into membership of the SAR. Following the swearing-in Mrs. Crane place the SAR rosette in the lapel of Compatriot Crane's jacket and spoke a few words of acceptance of his membership.

President Gamber noted that the Chapter would be meeting at the Ramada at least through the December meeting and that Mr. John Camenga of the Special Collections Department of the Tampa Public Library would be present at the October meeting to formally accept for the Library the 5 genealogical books purchased by the Chapter as a Friend of the Library. Mr. Camenga is also scheduled to tell the Chapter of the capabilities of the Library in searching for genealogical information. The meeting will be October 16th.

Cy also announced that the Chapter would be presenting a Law Enforcement Award in a joint ceremony with the Clearwater Chapter on October 21st. The 2 awards are to given to FBI agents. He will have more information at the Chapter meeting October 16th. All Tampa Chapter members are urged to attend this ceremony. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 60 and 19.

The Treasurer's report was given by Cy which showed the Chapter had \$1,261.37 in the treasury.

The minutes of the May meeting were dispensed with since they were printed in the newsletter.

Cy mentioned that Jim Washburn and Elwin Thrasher presented U.S. Flags to new citizens at the naturalization proceedings held in the West Tampa Convention Center. Approximately 144 flags were handed out.

He has been in contact with Barry Rich who is Chairman of the Eagle Scout Award program. The program seems to be a little slow getting underway this year but Compatriot Barry is pursuing it.

Compatriot Ted Dickerson reported that he had passed along to the Chapter Registrar/Genealogist, Al Prouty the names of some prospective members. Ted also mentioned some recently available sources of genealogical information including the which the Tampa Library now has. He asked if anyone present had any success in contacting other SARs through the NSSAR's directory. Cy remarked that the Chapter had sent out letters of invitation to the Tampa Chapter meetings to SARs who lived in the Tampa area but who were not Chapter members resulting in the transfer to the Tampa Chapter of the Yarnell brothers.

WCVP Crutcher remarked that the Oration Contest which was known as the Douglass G. High Contest is now known as the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. He hoped that the Tampa Chapter would conduct a contest. As a result Compatriot Bob Yarnell said he would take it on and Compatriot Jim Chambers volunteered to help. Cy told of the excellence of the speakers who he saw at the National Congress in Phoenix, particularly the Florida representative. Courtney added that the Chapter could get reimbursed for much of any expense it had in connection with contest.

Chairman Martin Miller of the Nominating Committee asked for any suggestions for the Chapter offices but said he had had some success in putting up a slate.

Following lunch Mr. Randy Stevens of Tampa Electric Company's Speakers Bureau using slide projection of pictures from its earliest days to the present, presented a most interesting talk on the history of Tampa. Mr. Stevens s a native of Tampa as were his parents so he certainly knew wereof he spoke. The Chapter presented Mr. Stevens a certificated representing its appreciation for his program.

The SAR recessional and the benediction were said and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was attended by 13 SARs, CAR (Brian White), Mrs. Crane, Crutcher and Richie and Mr. Stevens for a total of 18.

Prepared from the video tape of Elwin Thrasher and his written notes and Respectfully Submitted by,

James E. Washburn
Secretary

**TAMPA CHAPTER SAR
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 1993 AT THE RAMADA
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

The arrangements for our meeting went much more smoothly for this meeting than they did for the September meeting. Even though the meeting room originally assigned to us would have been a tight squeeze for our group, as small as it was our waitress arranged for us to use a room just off the main dining room which was much more commodious.

President Cy Gamber called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Chaplain pro-tem, Jim Washburn gave the invocation followed by Cy leading the group in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the SARs in the SAR pledge and introducing guests. The reading of the minutes of the September meeting was waived in anticipation of their being printed in the November Newsletter.

Treasurer Jim Washburn gave a summary of the Chapter's income and expense:

Income	\$ 626.00
Expense	\$ 689.00

Net Expense	\$ 63.00
Chapter Funds 1/1/93	1203.00

Chapter Funds	\$ 1140.00

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He reported that the Chapter had applied to the Florida Endowment Trust Fund for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$136.55. In the past the Chapter has applied for reimbursement of 50% of its expenses in presenting the Chapter and the SAR before the public. In response to the information received at the last FLSSAR Board of Management meeting that 100% reimbursement has been requested for the following:

ROTC medals & certificates	\$ 70.25
US Flags for presentation at naturalization proceedings	\$ 42.30
Allegiance Sunday Alter Flowers	\$ 24.00

\$ 136.55

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Jim called attention to the fact that SAR membership dues were due by January 1, 1994 for the year 1994. He requested that Chapter members pay those dues in 1993. Three members have done so already. The Voluntary \$3.00 Contribution requested for the George Washington Fund by National SAR has not been requested for 1994 so the dues for 1994 for the SAR are:

National	\$ 17.00
State	\$ 9.00
Chapter	\$ 10.00

Total \$ 36.00

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Since he was away at the time of the September meeting, he thought it proper to give a brief report of his vacation trip.

Except for the Chapter President and the Secretary/Treasurer there were no other officers present to report.

President Gamber reviewed some of the fees other than the annual dues which are charged by National, State and Chapter. These are in the spring issue of the Florida Patriot except for the Chapter portion. He also mentioned the FLSSAR EMERITUS program as printed in the summer issue of the Patriot. For the Chapter the most significant portion is "A member who is physically, mentally or financially unable to pay his dues . . . his Chapter and State dues are waived and the Chapter is responsible for (his) National dues".

The Chapter has been contacted concerning the American Education Week and the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year Award. For Chapter members the significant portion of the week is Friday, November 19th. At that time any SAR may go to any Hillsborough County School of his choice to talk to the students regarding his career and his life with the purpose of impressing on the students the importance of staying in school and getting a good education. Anyone interested may find out more about the program from President Gamber.

Martin Miller gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Except for the lack of nominee for Vice President and a Member at Large there is a slate which at present consists of:

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Nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting following which election will be held.

The report on the Joseph S. Ruffaugh (formerly Douglass G. High) Orator Contest was given by Bob Yarnell. He reported that the program is under way with the need for the date of the contest at the State Society level before the date of the contest at the Chapter level can be set. He has information from high schools as to when their contest will be held.

President Gamber said he understood that Barry Rich has been in contact with the Boy Scout headquarters with regard to getting the Eagle Scout Award program underway. Guest Mrs Frances Compton reported that she had two grandsons who were about to become Eagle Scouts.

Upon call for information for the Good of the Chapter, Jim Washburn said that he had contacted Mrs. Fifi Stoner and had learned from her that Edmund Stoner was in a nursing home and not doing well at all.

Also that the application for membership papers and the \$65.00 Application fee of John (Johnnie) B. Carroll had been returned to Mr. Carroll because the application needed additional information and Mr. Carroll had moved to Ohio.

Jim had a call from a Laurence L. Secrest regarding membership in the SAR. His grandmother is a DAR so it shouldn't be a problem for him to become an SAR.

The Chapter gained another member when the transfer from Shreveport, LA. of Julius Bruce Moore was approved by the State Societies involved.

The application for membership of Fred Pachoud is in the "mill" and hopefully it will be approved soon.

A summary of the Resolutions of the 103 Congress of the SAR was read and even further summarized were as follows:

- NAFTA - opposed
- Homosexuals in the military - opposes homosexuals openly serving
- Rights of the Child - opposes - opposes the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child
- Haitian refugees - opposes allowing Haitians with HIV/AIDS into the US
- English as the official language - supports
- George Washington Stamp - supports

Following lunch Mr. John Camenga of the Tampa Public Library officially accepted on behalf of the Library the genealogical books it bought from the donation made to it by the Chapter. He discussed the information which each book contained as source of Revolutionary War genealogical help to SARs and prospective SARs. Mr Camenga also described the on-line computer system ^{he has recently} acquired. This system is not yet fully implemented but when it is, it will have many capabilities, many too numerous to mention here.

There was no 50-50 drawing.

Jim Washburn said the benediction, the SAR recessional was said and the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM

The meeting was attended by 7 Chapter members, Mrs. Richie, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Compton and Mr. Camenga for a total of 11.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Washburn
Secretary