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MAY MEETING

WUR May meeting will be Saturday May 20, 1995 at Colony Inn Resort & Conference Center, 820 Bush Blvd., Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for paying for their own meal. Your check will include the gratuity.

Wrogram for May will honor all Veterans but especially those of World War II. It will feature some veterans of World War II telling of some of their experiences during this conflict. Sure many have some very fond memories as well as memories of some of the horrors as well! This will be the last meeting for the summer so lets have a good turn out and honor all the veterans.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting will meet at 11:00 AM May 20th just before the regular meeting.



Elwin Thrasher	May 11
Leo Tyson	May 15
Scott Mason	May 30

DeSoto Chapter DAR

The DeSoto Chapter of the DAR invites all SAR members and their guests to their **Flag Day Luncheon** to be held on June 13th at the **LATAM AT CENTRO**, corner of Nebraska and Palm at 11:30 AM. There is a fenced in parking area adjacent. The Charge including the gratuity will be \$ 9.50 per person. Those members who wish to attend please send your money for reservations to reach Virginia Green, 7538 Armand Circle, Tampa, Florida 33634, telephone 886-4592 no later than June 1st. There will be a flag day program that you will enjoy and remember for a long time.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

For those who have been saving the labels from the Campbell Soup products to help the DAR in their on going program to aid the schools they sponsor the DeSoto Chapter DAR would like to thank you and advise you that with the Campbell Labels they collected they have purchased for the Tammasee School a new Van. Having visited these schools would like to say that the DAR Sponsorship is a well worth while and ask all SAR members to save the Labels for Campbell products and give them to me and I will see that the DAR gets them for further sorting and sending to the schools to purchase some of their needs.

A & E'S 6 HOURS OF REVOLUTIONARY T.V.!

by George Brooks

At our last meeting, our Compatriot Rising asked me a direct question regarding A&E cable channel's 6 hour documentary on the Revolution. He simply asked if six hours of video wasn't a bit much. An indication of how good a question was his that I had to stop dead in my tracks and think real hard about the answer. The fact that either one of us had to "wonder" about the answer shows that the S.A.R. has not yet fulfilled its mission in reaching the hearts of all its members, let alone the great "unwashed" masses in the U.S. of A.

The American Revolution was one of those key conflicts that changed the course of global history. It was a revolution not only about independence, but also about DEMOCRATIC independence. The last time a conflict like this was waged was about 400 years prior in the Swiss cantons, and about 1,800 years earlier with some of the obscure Greek city state confederations/federations. Unfortunately, these earlier conflicts did not lead to a lasting global change in how people view the role of government and the "governors." The American Revolution DID lead to such a global change. Monarchies fell and democratic ideals now wrap around the world.

If we can have an 8 hour mini-series about Japanese shoguns, or about Thornbirds or any of the other quasi-fictional dramas that seem to command the attention of today's American audience, I think we can all conclude that six hours showing how we became an American audience is a precious possession. It is six hours filled with the narrations of celebrity voices and accurate re-enactments. And it is comprehensive enough that if all an S.A.R. member knew was what was said during these 6 hours, it would make the S.A.R. member an unusually well-informed AND RELIABLE commentator on the very historical events which bind our patriotic ancestries and families together into a Society.

For \$100 you and your family and all the youngsters of your revolutionary bloodline and can see for themselves --with greater clarity than many of our ancestors could see-- what triggered and fulfilled the American Revolution. Just call 800-423-1212 to place your order. I think every S.A.R. member should have the set (whether videotaped right off of A&E, or purchased in its pristine state from A&E and The History Channel).

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 15, 1995 AT THE COLONY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

President George Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

In the absence of Chaplain Larry Huntley, Secretary Jim Washburn gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Martin Miller.

President Brooks led in the SAR pledge.

He introduced guest Mrs. Fimi Richie and his son, Woody.

The minutes of the March meeting as printed in the newsletter were amended to include the paragraph stating that President Brooks and the guests who, at that point were the Gaither High School ROTC personnel. They introduced in more detail later in the meeting.

The Secretary's report mentioned that appointment to the US service academies could be through the office of Representative Sam Gibbons. There may be other ways also.

Reproduced

President Brooks

Sam

MINUTES OF APRIL 15TH CONTINUED

Secretary Jim said that he had a City of Tampa map for the use of anyone who wished to attend the Veteran's Memorial Service on April 30th and didn't know where the Oaklawn Cemetery was.

As Treasurer, Jim reported that he had just received the accounting records back from being audited by President Brooks and therefore there was no report for this meeting.

President Brooks reported that he had audited the Chapter's books for 1994 and had found no errors.

He commented on the Veteran's Memorial Service (also known as the OAKLAWN RAMBLE) which is to be held Sunday, 30 April 1995 at the Oaklawn Cemetery from 2 to 4 PM. This function sponsored by the TAMPA HISTORICAL SOCIETY to honor all veterans of conflicts engaged in by the US. Although there are no known veterans of the Revolutionary War buried in the cemetery, the DAR and SAR are to present wreaths (as furnished by the Historical Society) as are representatives of some eight other organizations, most accompanied by honor guards. The names of the buried veterans will be read, two speakers and a 21 gun salute etc. George said that he was going to wear his Revolutionary War uniform and hoped that the Chapter would receive favorable publicity. He urged all the SARs to attend the Service.

George reported on an invitation extended to the Chapter by the DeSoto Chapter of the DAR to attend its Flag Day Luncheon 11:30 AM Tuesday June 13th at the Latam, Centro Espanol (?), corner of Nebraska and Palm. Cost will be \$9.50 per person. The speaker to be determined.

He said that Compatriot Richie, accompanied by Mrs. Richie, will be presenting an ROTC medal at Hillsborough High School; Jim Washburn will present the Army and Air Force Medals at USF and he has distributed the other medals and certificates to be distributed by the units.

Chambers has, or will, present the Army and Air Force medals at USF

George asked Compatriot Rich if he had heard anything from the Veteran's Memorial Museum regarding the Chapter's proposal for placing a "historical" tree at the park. No response has been received by either. Coordination with the Children's Service Center on the project is going along well.

Compatriot Rich announced that he was willing to chair a committee of one to carry out an Eagle Scout Award program again, albeit on a smaller scale than last time. He asks that the Chapter's Board for approval stressing the response of 5 - 6 scouts last time and the excellence of the winner. President Brooks said that he had been willing right along to continue the program if anyone had been willing to step forward to volunteer to carry it through. Asking the Chapter sitting as the Board if anyone had any objections to the Chapter paying the \$26.00 for the Award bond with Compatriot Rich assuming the cost of the postage. Hearing no objection, he called for a voice vote with response all "aye".

George had brought to the meeting a life-size presentation of the road-side sign that he has been working on for a while. Even it was not complete in all respects particularly with respect of the picture which will eventually be on the sign; however he had the picture which, when properly cropped, will be on the sign. He explained where he thought the finished sign would be effective, particularly in Temple Terrace and on Dale Mabry. He said that if he could not get permission to put the sign up, he would stand out on Dale Mabry in his Revolutionary War uniform and wave his sword around... "and make a fool of myself". To anyone responding to the sign, he would furnish pamphlet called "The A to Z" on how to do their ancestors.... at a small charge.

Vice President Kevin Yarnell, as person responsible for the program, accepted the responsibility himself and presented a program on some of the high-lights of Science as known during the American Revolution. However, in getting background for the program, he felt it advisable to limit the scientific areas to steam and electricity.

The fact that steam could do things was realized in the 1600s but it wasn't until the 1700s that a really practical use of it was developed for the need of pumping water from the coal mines in England. Other use in England centered on steam engines for railroads. In the colonies (the US) the use of steam centered on steamboats and this was after the Revolutionary War. There was some limited use during the war time period. It was the need to limit the monopolistic privileges of certain usage of steam-drive mechanisms that resulted in the US patent office and the regulation of commerce.

Various oddities and "gadgets" were known in the Revolutionary period like the concave mirror and other but, for the most part, why the things did as they did had not been understood. Electricity was one of them. Static electricity was known of in the 1500s. Benjamin Franklin saw a show involving static electricity and it interested him and he proceeded to learn more about electricity. The familiar picture of him flying a kite with a key attached to the string was but a minute part of his study of electricity and its relationship to lightning. As a scientist, Franklin wrote down his findings as he developed them and corresponded with other scientists about them. It interested the King of France when he read a book about Franklin's experiments. All the interesting detail of how this developed over time is too detailed to repeat here but was fascinating. If you didn't attend the meeting you missed a good one.

of course having the King of France as a fascinated observer didn't hurt a bit when Franklin was trying to get France to aid the American cause.

The 50-50 drawing was again won by Martin Miller. He contributed to whole \$9.00 pot to the treasury.

President Brooks led in the SAR recessional. Jim Washburn said the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

It was attended by 10 Compatriots, for a total of 11 (and not counting Woody Brooks).

Respectfully Submitted,

James E. Washburn,

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Secretary



Woody Brooks, George's son, standing in front of the half-finished road sign for the Tampa S.A.R. on display at the meeting. In his hands is a color photo of his dad, in revolutionary garb with an authentic sword (courtesy of Emperor's Outpost at 6405 N. Florida Avenue), that will be enlarged and put on the sign.



Last month's speaker, Kevin Yarnell, with his re-creation of one of Ben Franklin's electrical experiments. Franklin built a double-bell device that run when thunderclouds passed over head. The higher sphere provided atmospheric charge, while the lower sphere kept Kevin from getting too charged up! Franklin's science made him popular with the King of France. Ben's scientific revolution led to others.



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Ceremonies pay tribute to veterans

Veterans of America's conflicts dating back as far as the Mexican War will be honored in Tampa ceremonies next week-end.

The Tampa Historical Society's annual Oaklawn Ramble on April 30 will include tributes to veterans of all wars who are buried in the city's oldest cemetery, at Harrison and Morgan streets.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are leading an observance April 29 at the Hillsborough County Courthouse, at the corner of Pierce and Madison streets, in which the Confederate memorial sculpture on the courthouse lawn will be rededicated.

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The Oaklawn event will start at 2 p.m. with opening remarks by Kyle S. VanLandingham, vice president of the historical society. Then Hillsborough County historian Hampton Dunn and George Howell III of the Hillsborough County Bar Association will speak.

A series of wreath presentations will follow, with the reading of names of veterans from particular wars.

MacDill Air Force Base's honors and ceremony team will escort representatives of descendants of the American Revolution: Yette Olson of the Daughters of the American Revolution and George Brooks of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Tampa Fire Department's honor guard will accompany Hillsborough County Commissioner Chris Hart as he spotlights veterans of the Mexico War.

Veterans of the Seminole Indian wars will be remembered with a wreath presented by Police Chief Bennie Holder and members of the police department's honor guard.

James Hayward of the John T. Lesley Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Mrs. James Oliver of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will present a wreath for Confederate veterans.

Company "K," Seventh Florida Infantry, and the Marion Light Artillery Confederate re-enactment groups also will participate.

Beverly Goodenough, national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will present a wreath honoring Union veterans. Tampa's Rough Riders president Norman A. Palumba Jr. will present a wreath honoring veterans of the Spanish-American War.

Veterans of World War I and World War II will be honored by the commander of Disabled American Veterans, Unit 110.

Then a dedication prayer will be offered by the Rev. Robert Gibbons, chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Honor guards from Hillsborough Masonic Lodge No. 25 and the York Rite will honor Masonic veterans, and the Knights of Columbus will pay tribute to Roman Catholic veterans.

The ceremonies will end with a 21-gun salute to all veterans by the MacDill Air Force Base unit, followed by a benediction by MacDill chaplain Samuel Rorer.