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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be held Saturday December 21st at the Best Western Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon . Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal and check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Program for December will be a comparison of Christmas of Colonial New England to Christmas in the South. This program will be presented by Vice President Bob Yarnell and an associate and should prove to be a very interesting program. Lets have a good turn out for our final meeting for the year 1996.

1997 DUES

It is time to pay your 1997 dues and it would be helpful if you do so at once in order to help our out going Secretary/Treasurer complete the records before leaving his office and his being able to assist Bob Yarnell in taking over this position for the coming year. Your dues for 1997 are as follows:

National Dues	$ 17.00
State Dues	$ 20.00
Chapter Dues	$ 10.00
Total	$ 47.00

Please make Checks Payable to Treasurer Tampa Chapter SAR and mail to:

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Those who wish to make volunteer contribution to the 365 Fund for the FSSAR please send check to above for the type of contribution as follows:

Compatriot	one year	$ 3.65
Patriot	ten year	$ 36.50
Son of Liberty	lifetime	$ 365.00

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 1997

At our November meeting we elected the following officers to serve for the year 1997. These officers will need your support and help though out the year so please give them your support and assistance.

President	Kevin Yarnell
Vice President	Robert Yarnell
Secretary/Treasurer	Robert Yarnell
Genealogist/Registrar	Elwin Thrasher
Editor	Elwin Thrasher
Chaplain	Open
Board of Governors Members at Large:	
	Martin Miller
	Jim Washburn

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TAMPA CHAPTER SAR
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 1996 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Yarnell at 12:08 PM.

The invocation was said by Secretary Jim Washburn.

President Yarnell led in the pledge to the flag and the sar pledge.

Guests introduced were Greg Tinsdale, a prospective member, and Malia Kapono who later presented the program. Mrs. Fimi Richie came in with husband Claude, but left to attend to other matters until after the meeting adjourned.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter for November.

Secretary Washburn reported that he had received a letter from Mrs. Milicent (Mrs. Jack) Seymour which expressed her appreciation to the Chapter having presented a donation to the FLSSAR Endowment Trust fund in memory of Pat Chapter President Seymour. He also noted that the Chapter had received and acknowledgment of the donation from the treasurer of the Fund.

Jim had also received from NSSAR notification that Steven Ashley Roth had been accepted into membership in the SAR. However since the certificate of membership had not been received yet from the State Secretary, the Chapter could not present it and accept Mr. Roth into the SAR at the swearing-in ceremony.

Jim reported that NSSAR merchandise department notified him that the Certificates of Appreciation sold to the Chapters for presentations as appropriate had been increased in size early in 1996 and since The folders in which the Certificates are presented no longer accept the Certificates, the folders the Chapter now has could be altered to make the Certificates fit or returned for replacement.

As treasurer, Jim reported that the Chapter had income in excess of expenses for the year to date of $12.61 and had funds of $1,316.11. $37.00 was also in the bank from National and State 1997 dues received. Compatriot Les White was the first member to submit 1997 dues and checks for three other members were on hand for deposit. So far the request by the Florida Society for financial help in the form the "Pennies-For-Patriots" from Chapter members has been less that 100% which the FLSSAR had been hoping for.

He also mentioned that he would like all member of the Chapter to pay their 1997 dues ASAP in order to help in determining 1997 income for dues as part of the process of establishing a budget for the Chapter for 1997.

The Chapter recessed for lunch.

The next Board of Governors meeting was scheduled for December 5th, 7 PM at the home of Kevin Yarnell.

There was no item of old business.

The report of the Nominating Committee by Chairman Martin Miller of Chapter or Chapter officers for 1997:

President	Kevin Yarnell
Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer	Robert Yarnell
Genealogist/Registrar & Editor	Elwin Thrasher
Member at Large	Martin Miller
Member at Large	James Washburn

There being no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to record the officers nominated above as being elected unanimously.

The ordering of ROTC medal to be awarded to SENIOR ROTC persons next Spring was delayed until the cost could be provided for in the 1997 Chapter budget.

Vice President Bob Yarnell spoke of the tentative plans he had for the program so the December meeting. The program for this meeting regarding the display of old guns has been canceled but on hold for a later meeting.

For this meeting Bob introduced Malia Kapono, a teacher at Tampa Catholic who specializes in American Literature. She spoke of letter writing in colonial times as being much different in approach from letter writing of today in that it was a form of communication between people which today is largely done vocally by means of the telephone etc, when not done face-to-face. She had several examples of letters written by well known people of Colonial times in illustration. Most of them seemed more formal and stylized than would be expected in todays letters to be able to accommodate the difference of circumstances. A general conversation followed regarding the means of communication in colonial times and the intentions of the writers in what they were writing about.

Following the program, the 50-50 drawing was won by Cy Gamber. He contributed back $3.65 for the Pennies-For-Patriots program with change of $.35 being added to the Chapter's share making it a total of $4.85.

President Yarnell led in the SAR Recessional.

Secretary Washburn said the Benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:3 PM.

The meeting was attended by 9 Chapter members, 1 guest (not counting Mrs. Richie) and Mrs. Kapono for a total of 11.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Washburn