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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be held Saturday February 17th, 1996 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. Your meal check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Vice President Yarnell tells me that he was not able to obtain the program that he originally planned but that he would have another outstanding program that everyone will enjoy. So lets invite our friends and have a good turnout. All prospective members and guests are invited to attend all of our meetings.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Your editor has printed some new copies of the amended Constitution and By-Laws and will have some at the February meeting. Those who are interested in having a copy of the amended copy may obtain them at the meeting. Any of the other members who would like to have one please contact Secretary Jim Washburn: We have decided that we would save postage costs by only mailing copies to those who are interested in having a copy.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors adopted a balanced budget for the Year 1996 at their February meeting. The Chapter will not spend more than it receives in dues and other income for the year 1996 which will leave the Chapter with a healthy balance in the bank.

JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST

The State Society now awards the winners of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest the following:

First Place	\$ 1000.00
Second Place	\$ 500.00
Third Place	\$ 300.00

Perhaps with the above awards we will have more students interested in entering this contest than we have had in the past.



Keith Koehler
Claude Richie

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**TAMPA CHAPTER SAR
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 20, 1996 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL EAST
BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA.**

Because of a conflict at the serving line with a number of other guests at the hotel, the Chapter decided that time would be saved by having lunch before the meeting came to order.

Following the lunch President George Brooks called the meeting to order at approximately 12:34 PM.

Chaplain Larry Huntley gave the invocation.

President Brooks led in the pledge to the flag and the SAR pledge.

He then introduced guests Jim Wood, Prospective member, Fimi Richie (Mrs. Claude Richie), West Central Regional Vice President Courtney Crutcher and his son, Woody.

The minutes of the December meeting as published in the Chapter newsletter were approved as printed.

Secretary Jim Washburn reported: the application for membership of Joseph Walker has been sent to the State Registrar but no indication of its status has been received.

The State Society is still looking for announcements from its members to be placed in the commemoration issue of the Florida Patriot to be issued in recognition of the 100 anniversary of the founding of the State Society which will be in March.

Dues for 12 Chapter members for 1996 are in the bank and checks for 3 more are on hand for a total of 15. Jim will be contacting those members not having yet paid to determine their intention for renewing membership.

He received an inquiry from a Kevin Pappan (through National and the State Secretary) regarding membership in the SAR. Unable to find a telephone number for that name, he wrote a note informing Mr. Pappan of his address and telephone number.

Eagle Scout Chairman Barry Rich informed Jim that he could not make this or the February meetings but intends to bring the winning Eagle Scout and guests to the March meeting.

As Chapter Treasurer, Jim reported that the major change from the financial report of the December meeting was an increase of \$53.00 reflecting '96 dues received and deposited. Financial reports through December 31st have been furnished to members of the Board of Governors. Russ Rising was also furnished a copy.

Jim also said that he had a Chapter 1996 budget worksheet prepared but suggested that since attendance at the January BOG meeting was minimal that consideration of it be postponed until after more of the BOG had a chance to review it. Also the Chapter would have a better idea of how many members would be renewing their dues by that time.

According to the State Secretary, the Chapter's annual report is due to him February 15th, so the dues of renewing members are now due to the Chapter ASAP (as the newsletters of the past recent months have been indicating).

Courtney Crutcher inquired as to whether or not the Chapter History had been submitted for inclusion in the Commemorative magazine and was told that it had been and an acknowledgment received from Editor Vince Carnes.

President Brooks reported he had received a certificate from the Department of Defense designating the Tampa Chapter a WWII commemorative Community which he turned over to the Chapter Secretary. Included on the certificate was the statement the Chapter "agreed to develop annual three or more educational programs, commemorative programs or events to honor World War II veterans, their families and those who served on the home front' !!!

President Brooks then noted that the Chapter had a member of the Purple Heart Order as a guest without realizing that Dr. James Chambers, a loyal Compatriot member of the Chapter, was a holder of the Purple Heart. To make up for this oversight Dr. Chambers was made a guest of the Chapter for this meeting. He told the Chapter the circumstances, not only of those that earned him the Purple Heart (which were substantial, but of his full WWII service. Few could have done more than Dr. Chambers in the military service of his country in WWII.

President Brooks, as his final act of being the Chapter President for the past year, presented the President's award to Elwin Thrasher, the Chapter's Editor of its newsletter for his dedication in getting out the nine issues of the newsletter, the Chapter year book (which includes the roster of Chapter members) and the Chapter's Constitution and By-Law booklet.

The meeting was then turned over to West Central Regional Vice President for the purpose of dismissing the 1995 Chapter officers and installing the 1996 Chapter officers. As such Courtney Crutcher installed the following:

President	Kevin Yarnell
Vice President	Robert Yarnell
Secretary/Treasurer	James Washburn
Registrar/Genealogist	Office Vacant

In anticipation of the subsequent approval by the Chapter members of the change in the Constitution, the following were also installed;

Chaplain	Larry Huntley	
Editor	Elwin Thrasher	
and also	Member at large	Martin Miller

Kevin Yarnell, now installed as Chapter President, took over the meeting. He reported on the BOG meeting decisions. Particularly the essay contest program. It being based on the response received from students after having been made aware of it. Two unsolicited inquiries have been received already.

He reported that Jim Chambers has agreed to take responsibilities for the Senior ROTC program. No one has taken responsibility for the Junior ROTC program.

The next BOG meeting was announced as being February 1st at Kevin Yarnell's home at 7:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

It was agreed that consideration of a budget would be at that meeting.

Secretary Washburn pointed out two small changes in the proposed Chapter Constitution and By-laws as printed in the newsletter, both being in the By-Laws:

Article 4 Committees - section, sub-section f

Article 7 Miscellaneous Subsection 5 in the last sentence between the word "paying" and the word "members" the word "and" should be inserted.

A motion by Bob Yarnell to approve the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the newsletter with the two above changes noted was seconded and approved by ten Chapter members present with no dissent.

Courtney Crutcher mentioned that he had with him the FLSSAR Commemorative medals and tie-tacks for anyone who might wish to purchase.

Treasurer Washburn said that he would order the Senior ROTC medals needed since they should be ordered well in advance of the end of the school year. No one objected.

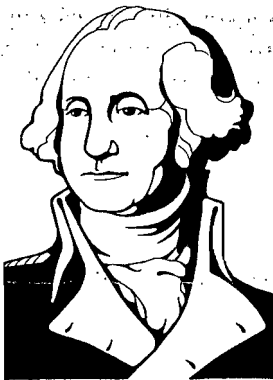
The 50-50 drawing was won by Claude Richie with \$6.50 going to him and the Chapter.

President Kevin Yarnell led in the SAR recessional; Chaplain Huntley gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

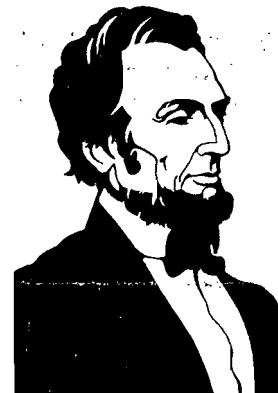
It was attended by 10 Chapter members, West Central Regional Vice President Courtney Crutcher, Mrs. Fimi Richie, Jim Wood and Woody Brooks for a total of 14.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Washburn
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Secretary



George Washington's
Birthday
February 22



Abraham Lincoln's
Birthday
February 12