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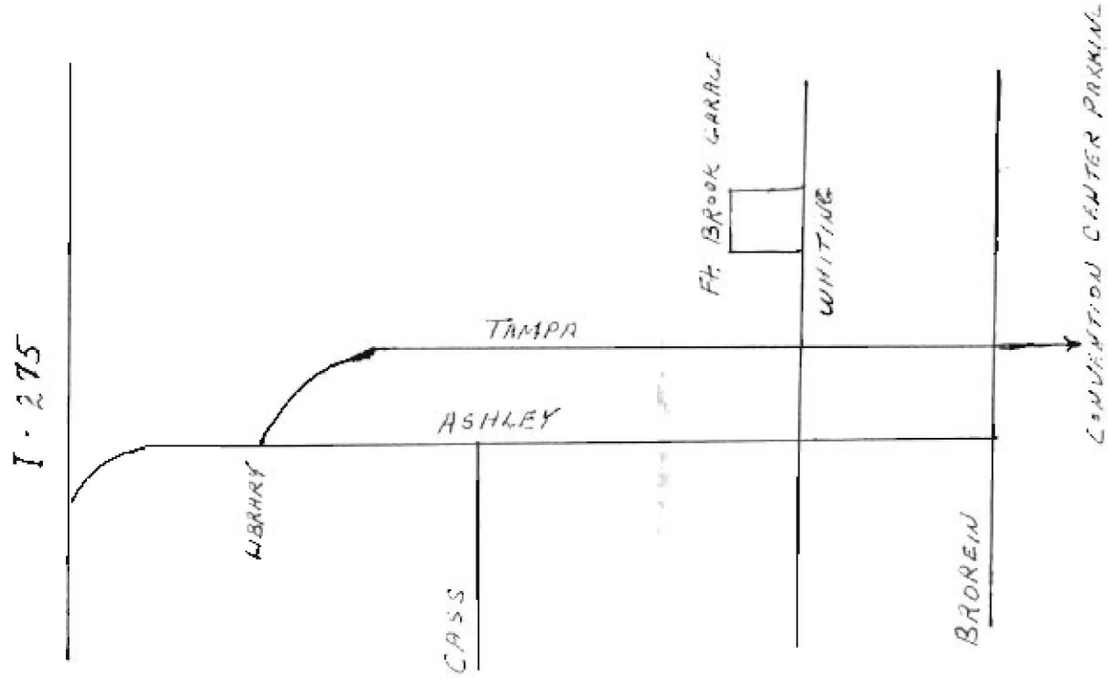
NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER MMETING TO BE AT TAMPA BAY IUSTORY CENTER

Plans are all set for our meeting at the Tampa Bay History Center on October 19th. The easiest way to get there is simply get on Tampa St. and head south toward the Convention Center. When you get to the light at Borein St. you can either go straight, turn left or turn right. GO STRIGHT and head right into the parking garage at the convention center. Once you have parked follow the signs to the History Center. The main entrance is off Franklin St. and the area the History Center occupies on the corner of Franklin and Platt Sts.

Once inside our lunch will be set up probably in their meeting room., just off the main gallery. Following lunch we will have a brief introductory tour and then you will be free to spend time at whatever exhibit most interest you. Indeed, Marty will probably want to call your attention to the transportation corner and giv us some insight into that facet of Tampa's past.

REMINDER: Please bring a $5.00 donation to help defray the cost of the sandwiches and drinks.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Thought the SAR would be interested in knowing that Hillsborough County Commission has made a $50,000 grant which will pave the way for the county's only veterans memorial to be placed at the Veterans Memorail Park on U.S.301 along the Tampa Bypass Canal.

The Memorial will consist of six 7-foot white marble columns. One will display the Great Seal of the United States with a Revoluntionary War soldier and the Preamble to the Constitution on its other side. Each of the other five columns will represent a branch of the U.S. miltary, with its seal and history on the other side. The square-foot cap stone will have 13 flutes representing original colonies and 50 stars to symbolize the 50 states. The base of the memorial and connecting walkway will be constructed of white and Etowah pink marble flaging. In the center of the memorial will be a 40-foot flag pole. Local designer Gloria Dixon donated the design.

You will recall that they are raising money for this by selling memorial bricks for $35 and other fund raising methods but were unable to raise but $35,000 of the $140,000 needed to complete the memorial. With 90,000 veterans, Hillborough County has the largest concentration of veterans in the state.

Raising necessary funds has been a real dilemma, said John Meredith, treasurer of the Veterans Freedom Memorial Committe. Corporations were not willing to help us without county support and the county would not help us without the corporate support. Now we should be able to get some corporate support and more additional individual support we will be able to complete the project. If everyone of those 90,000 veterans would give just $1 we could get enough to complete the project. One Brandon Business BHI Corp., a civil engineering firm has agreed to donate site preparation and engineering services.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or to purchase a memorial brick should contact the committee at P.O. Box 151, Brandon, Florida 33509-0515.

LIBRARY & SAR AD

Compatriot Herb Mason has suggested that we start a library of revolutionary books and place an ad in the NSSAR magazine regarding our meeting date and phone contact. The BOG thanks Herb for his input for the good of the Chapter and would like to have more of this type of comments from compatriots.

Your Editor has placed order for the Ad in the SAR magazine and should be in all the future issues. This ad costs $12.00 for the year for 4 issues.

While the Library is a difficult issue as we have no place to keep the books. It was decided to ask the membership for a list of Books that they would be willing to loan to other compatriots and publish this list and who to contact for the use of the books. Your editor will keep a listing of the books and any new books in his computer with names of the owners to contact for use of the books. He will from time to time publish this as a supplement to the Newsletter in order for compatriots to be aware of books that are available.

Any one having books that they would be willing to loan please give me the Name of the Book, the author along with address and phone number of the owner. This way the books do not necessarly need to belong to Chapter members.

Let me hear from you who may have any books of revolutionary content or historical content that other compatriots may be interested in reading.

TAMPA CHAPTER SAR
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 1996 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL, EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Yarnell at 12:00 noon.

The invocation was given by Secretary/Treasurer Jim Washburn.

The pledge to the Flag and the SAR pledge were led by President Yarnell.

Guests introduced were Mrs. Claude (Fimi) Richie, prospective member Greg Tisdale, Jim Wood and Ken Brice (Who was a little late because of traffic). The program speaker who was introduced more completely later was introduced, Compatriot Jim Armitage.

The minutes of the May 1996 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter for September.

Secretary Washburn reported on several matters of interest since the May meeting:

An application for membership from Steven Roth was forwarded to the State Registrar who informed the Chapter that he had forwarded the accompanying checks on to the National and State Treasures which indicates that he had approved the application submitted.

Compatriot Phillip Kosch having moved to Zypherhills transferred his membership from the Boca-Deerfield Chapter to the Tampa Chapter. He couldn't make this meeting but intends to make the October one.

The Summer issue of the FLORIDA PATRIOT reports that the Tampa Chapter contestant in the Knight Essay Contest won the contest with his presentation of the FLSSAR annual meeting in May. Kahev Hemmat had presented his entry to the Chapter at its March meeting.

Charles R. Gaskins-Coyle was sent an application form and worksheet to use for submitting the necessary information for membership in the SAR.

Past President George Brooks referred Jerry Krumbholtz to Jim who, in turn, furnished Jerry with the address of the people in Texas who make the period uniforms. Jerry is looking or uniforms for the fife and drum corps of which he is a member.

The Chapter was informed by the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund (EFT) that it was unable to honor the request for reimbursement of expense incurred in its (Sunday before July 4th) Independence Day Program.

Supplies of more certificates of appreciation and booklets on the preparation of applications have been ordered from NSSAR.

Mrs. Frances Compton sent the Chapter a letter expressing her appreciation that the Chapter had sent a donation to the FLSSAR ETF in memory of her brother, Daniel Carleton.

FLSSAR Registrar Stevenson furnished the Chapter with a copy of "NSSAR COPY REQUEST FORM' which must be filled out by anyone needing copies of forms from National. There are seven INSTRUCTIONS on the form, number seven of which reads "Nonrefundable search/copy fee: minimum amount $4.00, per name search or application. No more than five names or application per order." The Chapter Secretary will keep the master copy of this request form.

Because President Yarnell attended the Summer FLSSAR Board of Management meeting and heard much of the discussion regarding the increase in FLSSAR dues for 1997 and the establishment of a "365 FUND - Pennies for Patriotism Plan", Jim requested Kevin to comment on them. The discussions were lengthy and to the main point that the FLSSAR requires more money to fund the programs it has committed itself to sponsor. (The Fall 1996 issue of the Florida Patriot was relatively complete coverage of the "DUES INCREASE IN 1997 on page 2 and on the "365 FUND" on page 5.) However brief:

SAR dues for 1997 will be National (no change)	$ 17.00
State (including assessment for the 1998 Congress	20.00
Chapter (no change)	10.00
Total	$ 47.00

365 Fund has three levels of participation:

COMPATRIOT contribution based on 1 cent a day, on year membership	$ 3.65
PATRIOT contribution based on 10 cents a day, 10 year membership	$ 36.50
SON OF LIBERTY contribution on lifetime membership	$365.00

This may be paid at the rate of $125. For the first two years and $115.
For the third year. Checks are to be made out to "365 FUND FLSSAR"and sent to the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer who will forward them on to the State Secretary. The first FUND year runs from April 1, 1996 through March 31st 1997. Each Chapter is requested to strive for 100% participation. The Chapter BOG has not yet discussed how Chapter members are to be approached toward making contribution to the 365 FUND.

As Treasurer Jim reported to the date of the BOG meeting, September 4, 1996:

Income	$ 386.00
Expenses	320.47
Net Income	66.46
Chapter Funds 1/196	1316.11
Chapter Funds 9/4/96	$ 1382.57

Vice President Bob Yarnell described the proposed October meeting of the Chapter at the TAMPA BAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM located in the Tampa Convention Center if a sufficient number of Chapter members indicated their intention of attending to make such a meeting feasible. Later in the meeting a sufficient number of member indicated that they would attend the meeting.

President Yarnell announced that the next BOG meeting would be October 2nd, a Wednesday, at his home at 7:30 PM.

Vice President Bob Yarnell introduced Compatriot Jim Armitage, President of the DeVane Chapter, who presented a talk to the Chapter on The contributions to the Revolution by Dr. Joseph Warren. As Compatriot Armitage said "a little known but should be a well known Revolutionary War hero". (Dr. Warren is the focus of attention in the painting "The Battle of Bunker Hill" by John Trunbull, 1786. He appears to be wounded, lying on his back in the arms of another patriot who is warding off the bayonet of a British soldier who sis attempting to thrust it into Dr. Warren) Dr. Warren was a physician, patriot and a spy and the first hero of the American Revolution." However his efforts were to stay in the background coalescing the efforts of more well known instigators of revolution like Sam Adams, John Hancock and Paul Revere. In his time he was honored but became a shadowy figure later on after his death at Bunker Hill. The Chapter as privileged to have the contributions of Dr. Warren brought to its attention. Compatriot Armitage was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chapter for his most interesting talk.

The Chapter passed a motion requiring the BOG to develop a procedure for recognizing teachers who perform their teaching excellence.

a nominating committee to select candidates for office in 1997 was formed consisting of Martin Miller, Jim Chambers and Cy Gamber.

The SAR recessional was led by President Yarnell, Jim Washburn said the benediction and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

The meeting was attended by 8 Chapter members and 5 guests for a total of 13.

Respectfully submitted

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