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## NEWSLETTER

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be Saturday April 19th at the Best Western Resort & Convention Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal and the check will include the gratuity.

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### PROGRAM FOR APRIL

The Sons of the American Revolution, Eagle Scout Award will be presented to Anthony C. Anderson, the winner of this years essay contest. He is a member of Unit number 23, Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, 1309 Swann Avenue, Tampa. Eagle Scout Anderson has held the following leadership responsibilities: Asst. Denner, Denner, Den Chief, Asst. Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader, Jr., Librarian, Instructor, Troop Guide, Quartermaster, Buckskin, University of Scouting Den Chief Trainer, and is presently Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster. He will now go to the State Sons of the American Revolution and compete with the winners of other State Chapters of the Sons of American Revolution and the winner of that essay contest will go on to the National Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Each step along the way has a Scholarship award. Anthony is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David P. Anderson, 44533 W. Bay Villa Ave., Tampa, Florida.

**LETS HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT FOR THIS MEETING. WHO KNOWS THE PRESS MIGHT EVEN SHOW UP?**

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### OUR MAY MEETING

As many of you may recall, the tentative plan for the May meeting is a meeting at the Plant Museum on the campus of the University of Tampa. At the April meeting VP Bob Yarnell will have the details worked out (if our planned meeting is doable at UT) and will need to know how many will be in attendance. If you will not be at the April meeting but are planning to attend the May meeting at the Plant Museum, please call either President Kevin Yarnell 249-5608, or Vice President Bob Yarnell 249-8747.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Compatriots;

As you probably know I teach high school physics and computer classes. Earlier this year, I brought my slide rule into physics and, while my students pushed buttons on their calculators, I manipulated my well worn slide rule. The reaction of my students was, I suppose, predictable. In short they found it difficult to believe that the thing worked at all, and if it did, why anyone would use it.

So, I offered a brief history lesson dealing with the advent of technology and threw a commentary on how much easier their studies are because of the invention of calculators. My explanation was not effective. Later I realized the reason for this. They had never lived without modern technology and knew little of the daily life of even their parents. Without that knowledge and background a real appreciation of the current situation was difficult it not impossible.

One of goals of the SAR is to remember; to take the time to appreciate our current situation in light of that which has gone on before. It may not matter if my students appreciate what it was like to do advanced mathematics with a slide rule, but it is important that we all remember a time when personal liberty and basic rights were real, burning issues and not taken for granted

The phrase "lest we forget" is no doubt familiar to us all. Let us take a few moments this month to refresh our memory of past times and thus better appreciate our current circumstances.

With warmest regards,

Kevin Yarnell
President

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| Dr. James A. Chambers | April 1 |
| William R. Hatcher | April 4 |
| Robert Yarnell | April 12 |

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**Minutes of the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution meeting March 22, 1997.**

President Kevin Yarnell called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Members present: Kevin Yarnell, Robert Yarnell, Jim Washburn, Marty Miller, Claude Richie. Guest present: Mrs: Claude Richie.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved..
Treasure report: Funds available $1459.88
Secretary report: the state office has been contacted about Greg Tisdale's application. Membership cards will be sent to Elwin to be included in next months newsletter.

Jim Washburn read to the chapter a letter from the DeVane Chapter inviting us to their April 15th meeting where the speaker will be The President of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Bud Bauchspies, Jr.

The April meeting will be April 19th. The program will be the presentation of the Eagle Scout award winner and the essay winner.

The BOG meeting will be April 3rd at 7:30 PM at President Yarnell's house.

The announced program on Colonial education had to be canceled/postponed since several speakers who had been invited were unable to make the meeting. In its place, the members and guests took a "Knowledge Challenge" on the Revolution. There was good discussion and enjoyment as the members talked about various people and event of the War for Independence.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mr. Richie. The chapter added $2.50 to its treasury.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
*Bob Yarnell*
Bob Yarnell

## NEWS FROM COMPATRIOT TED DICKERSON

The National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Florida Branch, met on 28th February for a cocktail-dinner meting at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Luis Menendez. There were 40 of the Florida Branch's 97 members & friends present. After dinner, SAR compatriot Ted Dickerson was elected Governor of the Florida Branch to serve for 2 years. Ted's daughter, Meri Dickerson Menendez was elected to serve as Deputy Governor along with her father Ted. This is the first time in the history of the Florida Branch that a father-daughter have been elected to the highest offices!

Several of those present are DAR and SAR members throughout the state and the Governor of the Indiana Branch of the Pilgrims was among the guests.

On Saturday March 8th Ted and his wife Jane went to the luncheon meeting of the Honorable Artillery Company held at Bernard's restaurant in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Ted received his medal and those of his daughter Meri Dickerson Menendez and his Granddaughter Jennifer Anne Menendez who with Ted are charter members of the company.

You may have seen the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Ad in the SAR magazine. The Honorable Artillery Company was chartered by Queen Elizabeth II and is the oldest society of its type in the world dating back to the reign of Henry 8th of England who formed the original company t fight France. If any SAR member is interested in joining this organization contact Ted.