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APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be Saturday April 18th at the Best Western Resort & Convention Center Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each Person will be responsible for payment of their own meal. Gratuity will be added to your check.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Compatriot Cy Gamber has arranged for a video presentation by retired FBI agent Robert Gemberling, who was in charge of the Dallas FBI investigation into President Kennedy's assassination. Agent Gemberling wanted to put all this on tape before he died as there seems someone is always starting a new investigation and this would clear any doubt about the end findings. Agent Gemberling was also in charge and responsible for the Oswald investigation of this event. This video is about 50 minutes and is a very interesting presentation of the events and their findings. Bring your family or friends and view this historical documentation of the FBI's findings and conclusion.

"You are not to inquire how your trade may be increased, nor how you are to become a great and powerful People, but how your liberties can be secured; for liberty ought to be the direct end of your government"

Patrick Henry at the Virginia Convention on the Ratification of the United States Constitution, Richmond. 5 June 1778.



Dr. James Chambers
William Hatcher

April 1
April 4

Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR March 21, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Yarnell at 12:03.

Jim Washburn offered the invocation. President Yarnell led the pledge to the Flag and the SAR Pledge.

Present were Ted Dickerson, Marty Miller, Dwight and Janette Tetrick, Jim Chambers, Jim Washburn, Kevin Yarnell and Pavan Cheruvu.

The meeting dismissed for lunch in a successful effort to avoid a long line.

When reconvened, the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Marty Miller reported a balance of 2361.27. He further noted that our dues checks for the current year had been cleared the account.

In the absence of Secretary Bob Yarnell, Kevin reported with joy the news that the application of Greg Tisdale had been approved by the national organization. We hope to install Greg as a New Member in the April meeting.

Jim Chambers reported on his work with the Sr. ROTC awards. He has delivered the medals to both the University of Tampa and USF. Jim hopes to attend each of the awards ceremonies to present the awards on behalf of the chapter. The recipient at the University of Tampa is Christopher Washington. The army ROTC unit at USF will honor Mason Galloway. The air force ROTC recipient is not yet known.

Kevin Yarnell reported slower progress in contacting the high school ROTC units. Our plans are still on target to invite the cadets from 9 local high schools to receive their awards at the May 16th meeting.

Kevin relayed an offer by Cy Gamber to provide a 50 minute videotape related to the JFK assassination. This tape features a key player in the investigation and seeks to defend the Warren Report and answer the many theories advanced since that time. The assembled members thought this a worthwhile topic and Kevin will proceed with the arrangements.

President Yarnell then introduced Pavan Cheruvu. Pavan won our chapter's Knight essay contest for this year. His essay examined the idea of freedom from the point of view of a student in Bosnia a place where freedom is not taken for granted. Pavan's reading was excellent and well received by the membership. He answered questions and shared some of his future plans, which may include Harvard.

Vice President Yarnell being absent, a 50-50 drawing was not held.

The recessional was said followed by the benediction offered by Jim Washburn. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectively submitted

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President