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## 1998 NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be Saturday December 19th 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.

### PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER MEETING

The December program will be a presentation by Rodney Kite Powell of the Tampa Bay History Center on the escape of Judah P. Benjamin following the War Between the States and the stories/legends surrounding his sword. There may also be some comment about Christmas and the Colonial Army.

### 1999 DUES

It is time to pay your 1999 Dues. This year it would be nice if each member contribute \$ 3.65 or 1 penny a day for the year to go to the State Endowment Fund. The interest from this fund goes to reimburse the various chapters for the cost of the programs such as the Eagle Scout award, the ROTC awards etc..

Please make check to & forward your payment of dues to: **Martin Miller**  
Treasure Tampa Chapter SAR  
2507 West Diana Street  
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The dues are as follows:	National Society	\$ 20.00
	State Society	20.00
	Chapter	10.00
	Total	\$ 50.00
Plus donation 365 club		\$ 3.65
	Total	\$ 53.65

Please pay your dues as soon as possible as we need to get our report in to both the State Society and the National Society.

**Minutes of the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution meeting held on November 21, 1998**

The November 21, 1998 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the SAR was called to order by President Kevin Yarnell at 12:05 PM.

Present were: Jim Chambers, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Tetrick, Jim Washburn, Alicia Addeo, Bob Yarnell, Kevin Yarnell, Marty Miller, Elwin Thrasher, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Richie.

Jim Washburn offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge. President Yarnell then shared with the members positive notes and letters he has received about the SAR luncheon last spring.

President Yarnell also reported that he has received an inquiry about the essay contest, which he will handle. Bob Yarnell then gave the secretaries report. He reported on the favorable mention we have received in the Florida Patriot and reviewed the December program. It was then announced that Dwight Tetrick had received the War Services Medal/certificate from the national office. Marty Miller gave the treasurers report and the chapter is in fine shape financially. It was announced that the 1999 dues were now due.

President Yarnell then announced that it was time for the election of officers. He opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, Bob Yarnell moved and Dwight Tetrick seconded the motion to cease nominations and accept the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. The motion was approved. The new officers for 1999 are:

President	Robert Yarnell
Vice President	Dwight Tetrick
Secretary	Kevin Yarnell
Treasurer	Marty Miller
Chaplain	Jim Washburn
Editor	Elwin Thrasher
Genealogist/Registrar	Elwin Thrasher

President Yarnell announced that Board of Governors meeting would be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM at Tampa Catholic High School. The meeting then recessed for lunch.

Following lunch, program director Bob Yarnell introduced Alicia Addeo, Historian at Ft. DeSoto Park as guest speaker. She in turn introduced a video produced by the Plant Museum. After the video, Ms. Addeo spoke about Sgt. Henry Dodson and his experiences in Tampa during the Spanish/American War. She illustrated her talk with slides of Sgt. Dodson and read excerpts from his letters home. The talk was followed by a brief question and answer period. Both the video and the talk were informative and well received by the members.

Jim Washburn gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectively submitted

*Robert Yarnell*

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**EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY CONTEST**



Compatriot Barry Rich has received two responses for the Eagle Scout Essay Contest this year and their Essay is to be examined to determine the winner for the Tampa Chapter award. The winning contestant can then to the State Society to compete with the winners of all the state chapters for a state winner. The state winner then goes to the National Society to compete against all of the State winners for the National award.

It is encouraging that we have had a better response for this program than last year. It is a very worthwhile program and



hopefully we will have better responses in the future.

Compatriot Rich deserves a big had for chairing this program (at his own expense, except for the prize) for the last few years. It takes a lot of work on the part of the Chairman to prepare and mail the application data to all the Eagle Scouts of the area. The Chapter is indeed thankful that Barry has taken on the task and we thank him for his work.

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### PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Vice President Robert Yarnell will be moving up to the position of the President of the Chapter in January and your Editor would like to thank him for all the hard work to give us the best programs this chapter has had in a number of years. It is a shame that more of our members have not attended these programs. Also President Kevin Yarnell also came up with some outstanding programs to assist Robert. These two Officers are a great asset to the organization and again I would like to thank them both for their continued support of the Chapter.

Robert's program for the joint meeting of the CAR & the Tampa Chapter SAR was an outstanding program that involved the CAR members and will be hard to beat in the coming years and we hope to make this an annual event.

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Remember Pearl Harbor  
December 7th

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