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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER MEETING

Notice our October meeting will be at 11:00 AM Saturday October 24th instead of the third Saturday of the month. Our October meeting will be a picnic held at Lettuce Lake Park with the Children of the American Revolution. Each person is requested to bring their own eating utensils (knife & fork). The Chapter will have the sandwich materials and cold drinks and will prorate the cost to each individual member attending. Lettuce Lake park is off Fletcher Avenue and there is a map attached to this news letter with directions outlined in red as to the location we will meet. There will fun programs for all and should prove to be a very exciting meeting. Bring a friend or family and enjoy.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your nominating committee has selected the following members to serve as Officers for the year 1999 and we will vote on them at our November meeting. The Chapter will accept any other nominations from the floor at that time but request that you make sure the person you nominate is willing to accept the position that he is being nominated to fill.

President	Robert Yarnell
Vice President	Dwight Tetrick
Secretary	Kevin Yarnell
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Minutes of the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution meeting held on September 19th, 1998

The September meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the American Revolution was gavelled to order by Vice president Robert Yarnell at 12:05 PM. President Kevin Yarnell arrived shortly after the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge were given.

In his secretary's report Bob Yarnell reported on inquiries received over the summer regarding membership and reported on the fall programs. October's program will be a picnic meeting held in conjunction with local CAR chapter at Lettuce Lake Park. In November, Alicia Addeo from Ft. DeSoto Park will speak and in December Rodney Kite-Powell from the Tampa Bay Center will present the program.

Marty Miller in his treasurer's report reported that the chapter continues to enjoy sound financial health.

President Yarnell then reminded everyone of the Pennies for Patriots project of the State organization. He suggested that all members consider giving the \$ 3.65 and perhaps even a bit more to help those members who cannot give so give so the chapter could report 100% participation to the state office.

A highlight of the meeting was the induction of Dwight Tetrick into membership. Following the taking of the oath he briefly discussed the research that led to his application for membership in the SAR.

Following lunch the chapter was treated to a fine presentation by Paul Camp on the arms and armor used by the Spanish Conquistadores in their conquest of the New World and in particular, Florida. Mr. Camp works in the Special Collections department for the Library at the University of South Florida. His talk was entertaining and educational and led to many questions and a nice discussion following his prepared remarks.

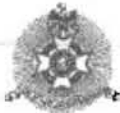
The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectively submitted

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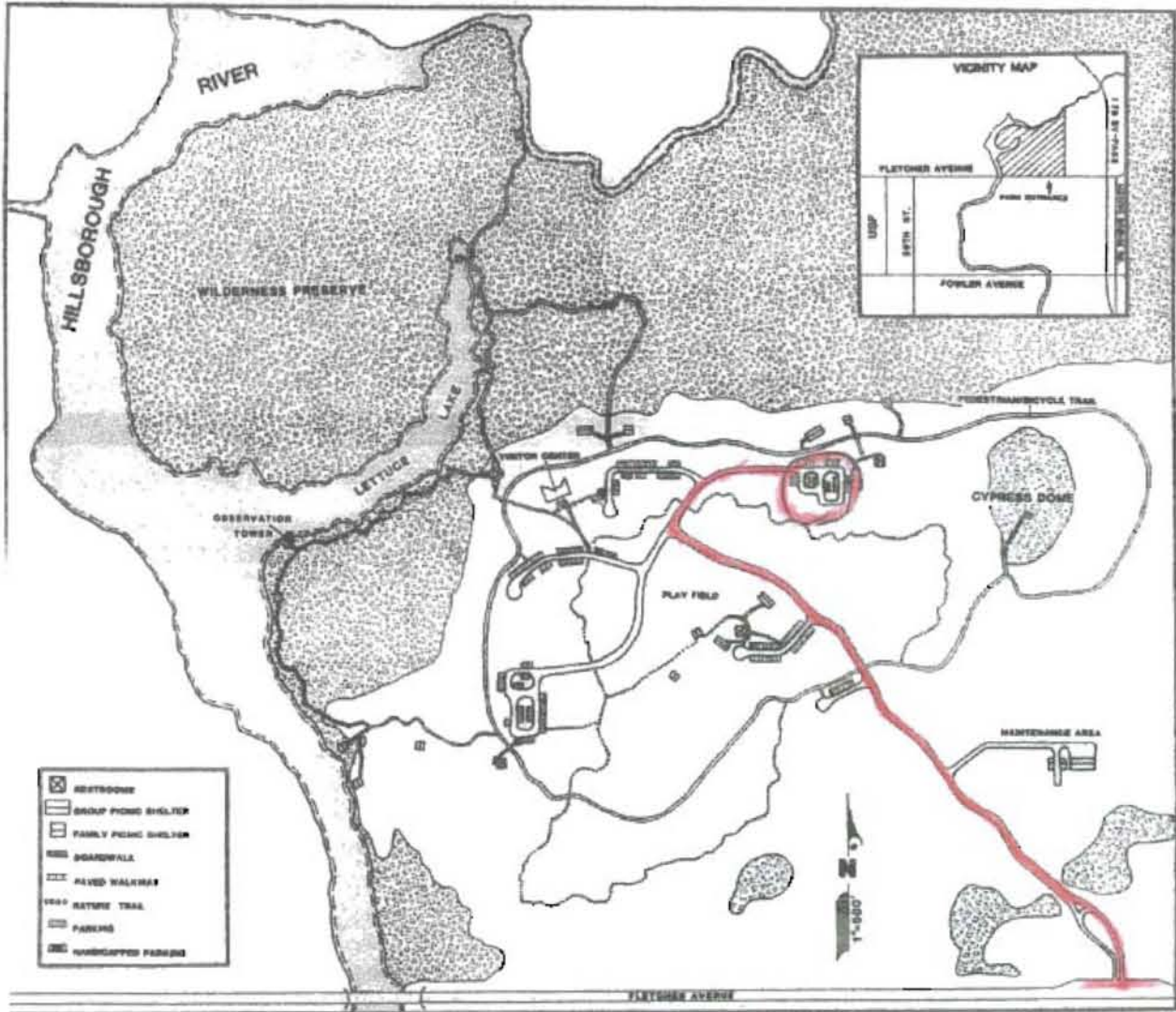
NATURAL HISTORY

The Hillsborough River, which originates in the Green Swamp about 25 miles to the Northeast, borders the park on two sides. Lettuce Lake is not actually a lake but a shallow, finger-like body of water connected to the river at one end. During periods of high water part of the river's flow "short cuts" across the swamp forest and through Lettuce Lake.

Over half of the park property lies in the annual floodplain of the Hillsborough River and consists of a hardwood swamp forest. This feature provides

a natural storage reservoir for floodwater and improves water quality, acting as a biological filter to remove excess nutrients from the water. The remainder of the park consists of hardwood hammocks and pine flatwoods plant communities.

A major objective of the park's development has been the preservation of the land's natural features so that visitors may have the opportunity to observe the native flora and fauna of this part of Florida. Over three hundred species of plants have been identified in the park, and an extensive variety of wildlife can be observed from the trails and boardwalks.



OCTOBER 24th meeting of The Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution with the Children of the American Revolution. Route is marked in red to area to assemble at 11:00 AM.