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NEWSLETTER

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be Saturday May 20th at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 North Dale Mabry, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. When you arrive go straight to the private room and after opening of the meeting we will adjourn long enough to get in the serving line and select our lunch and return to the meeting room to eat. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meals and leaving a gratuity for the waiter or bus person. **Every one is invited to our meetings as they are not closed and we welcome anyone interested in Historic, Educational and Patriotic topics which the Sons of the American Revolution are based on.**

PROGRAM FOR MAY

At our May meeting we will give a National Society Sons of the American Revolution Appreciation Certificate to Leland Baldwin, Division Chief of the States Attorney's Office. This will be our last meeting until September so lets have a good turn out and show our appreciation for the Law work that our States Attorney's Office does for our community.

Minutes of the April 15, 2000 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:05. Chaplain Jim Washburn gave the invocation and Dwight led the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Jim Chambers, Barry Rich, Elwin Thrasher, Bob Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell,

Welcome guests: Janett Tetrick, Jack and June Bolen, and Joseph and Louise Hill Jr., Chuck Wilkson of the Lakeland SAR chapter, 4 JROTC cadets accompanied by 11 friends and family. Total number for this meeting was 29.

The membership approved the minutes of the March published in the newsletter.

The secretary reported good excellent cooperation with regard to the high school JROTC units. Joseph Hill will be submitting his paper work for reinstatement this month.

President Tetrick reported that he had presented the ROTC silver award to Cadet Justin Springer at the University of Tampa earlier in the month. Kirby Halbert continues to be hospitalized and a small group planned to visit him immediately after the meeting to present him with his membership certificate.

Treasurer Marty Miller reported the chapter's financial transactions over the course of the past month. The current balance is \$2,370.74.

No other old business was brought forth.

Barry Rich offered again to coordinate the Eagle Scout award if the chapter so desired. The members readily agreed.

President Tetrick reported an official from the state attorney's office would be at our May meeting to receive the law enforcement award.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting. He spoke briefly concerning the Sons of the Revolution" organization. Chuck Wilson, our guest from the Lakeland chapter, gave details about the Valley Forge society.

Secretary Kevin Yarnell, the coordinator for this ROTC awards meeting, gave the presentation. He began with a brief explanation of the award. Each cadet, in turn, was presented his medal and certificate.

Following this, the secretary gave a brief presentation on the book, "The Tipping Point", by Malcolm Gladwell. The book sought to examine the mechanism behind events that 'tip'. That is, events that seem to happen rapidly such as a significant drop in crime, or the explosive spread of some piece of information. One example used in the book was the ride of Paul Revere. The secretary briefly discussed the three major criteria or rules involved in such events, but concentrated on the first, "the power of the few". In this rule, the author examines why some people seem to have more influence than others do. Paul Revere, for instance, was able to alert the New England countryside to the advancing British regulars. However, a fellow patriot rider, was not anywhere nearly as successful even though he carried the same news.

The presentation was well received by those in attendance.

The 50/50 drawing fell to a guest from Brandon High School who donated the proceeds to the chapter.

The president Tetrick led the recessional, the chaplain offered the benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary



Above Left to President Dwight Tetrick presenting SAR Junior ROTC medals

Senior Chef Petty Officer
Andrew Tollefson, Robertson High School

Seaman Patrick Vogel
Leto High School

C/SGT Stephen Hnat
Chamberlian High School



President Dwight Tetrick presenting
C/CSM Herbert Piper, Brandon High School
SAR Junior ROTC Award



Awarded Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Medal
at Tampa Chapter SAR meeting April 2000

Left to right Junior ROTC
Seaman Patrick Vogel, Leto High School; C/Sgt Stephen Hnat, Chamberlain High School; Senior Chief Petty
Officer Andrew Tollefson, Robertson High School; & C/CSM Herbert Piper, Brandon High School



Elwin Thrasher - May 11
Joseph Walker - May 15
Scott Mason - May 30
