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DECEMBER

2002

Season Greeting

OUR DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Our December meeting will be Saturday, the 21st at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida telephone # 963-1660 in their private room at 11:30, that gives us time for camaraderie. Wives and guests are always welcome at our meetings. Members and guests will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

ALL SAR MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THEIR SAR INSIGNIA TO ALL MEETINGS.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER MEETING

A segment of the program will be, "History of the Teddy Bear", Part of the National Conservation Program. Presented by the Fort Brooke Society of the Children of the American Revolution who will be our guests at this meeting. Pam Bagenski, is Senior President for Ft. Brooke Society.

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay your 2003 membership dues promptly by making a check payable to
The Tampa Chapter, FLSSAR and mailing to:
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National Dues	\$ 25.00
State Dues	20.00
Chapter Dues	10.00
Sub Total	\$ 55.00
Optional 365 Fund	3.65
Total	\$ 58.65

Note the optional 365 fund goes into the Florida State Society's trust fund and the interest from this fund is used to pay for the programs (such as ROTC medals etc.) that the Chapters participate in on the State and National level.



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2002 MEETING OF THE TAMPA CHAPTER SAR AT PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, DALE MABRY HIGHWAY NORTH TAMPA, FLORIDA.

Minutes of the November 16, 2002 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:08. Jim Washburn offered the invocation. The secretary led the pledge to the flag and the President led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jim Washburn, Dwight Tetrick, Fred Patton, Walter Lane, Jack Bolen, Dan Stutzman, Marty Miller, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Janet Tetrick, June Patton, June Bolen, and Ben Van Norman a newly transferred member from California. Also present were Officer Michael Skypack and Corporal Larry Timer both of the Tampa Police force.

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the October meeting as published in the newsletter.

The secretary reported that the ROTC medals had been ordered and received. Dues for 2003 need to be to the secretary by December 20.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,014.67.

President Tetrick reported that Jim Chambers suffered a stroke (his past week. Dwight spoke with him and reported that Jim was in good spirits.

We received word that Eric Stutzman, son of Dan Stutzman, was accepted into membership of the SAR. Dan reported that Eric might be in town in December to join us.

The president presented to the membership of the slate of officers suggested by the nominating committee. They have proposed:

President- Dwight Tetrick
Vice President- Jack Bolen
Secretary / Treasurer- Kevin Yarnell
Chaplain- James Washburn
Surgeon- Walter Lane, Jr., MD
Historian- Robert Yarnell
Sergeant-at-Arms- Fred Patton
Newsletter Editor- Daniel Stutzman

The floor was open for additional nominations. None were forthcoming and the nominations were closed. The slate was then unanimously approved.

There being no other business the meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting and introduced Vice President Jack Bolen. Jack introduced Officer Michael Skypack our Law Enforcement Medal award recipient and his supervisor Corporal Larry Timer. He pointed out that Officer Skypack

had a significant record as compared with his fellow officers. Even though he is just doing his job, his statistics indicate that he accomplishes a great deal in any given day.

Vice President Bolen introduced Corporal Timmer who gave a brief testimonial to the fine work done by Officer Skypack. Several stories told by the Corporal clearly illustrate Officer Skypack's dedication to the police force and to our community.

Vice President Bolen then introduced Officer Skypack who spoke briefly about his love for the work. He is soon to start his tenth year on the force. Next week he will begin night duty in the Tampa Heights section of town but has had a number of different assignments on the force.

A short questions and answer session followed.

President Tetrick presented the Law and Enforcement Award to Officer Skypack.

June Bolen won the 50/50 earning \$9.00 for her and \$8.00 for the chapter.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yamell
Chapter Secretary



DECEMBER IN THE REVOLUTION

Dec. 13, 1776

Major General Charles Lee was captured by British Light Dragoons at the Widow White's tavern in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Story is told that the dragoons celebrated in such earnest that they insisted the Major General's horse get drunk with them.

December 25, 1776

Washington crossed the Delaware River on that stormy night. The river, at McKonkey's Ferry, is 1,000 feet wide. The boats used by the Army were Durham boats. They were forty to sixty feet long and pointed at each end like a canoe and generally had an eight-foot beam. The boats, built by Robert Durham, could carry 15 tons of iron ore, pig iron, or other supplies. These boats ferried 2,400 Continentals across the Delaware on that far from mild Christmas night.

December 26, 1776

Washington attacks and defeats the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey.

December 19, 1777

The Continental Army begins its winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. A city of log huts was constructed by orders of the commander, George Washington. Squads were formed of 12 men and each squad was to build its hut. The hut was 16 feet deep, 14 feet wide, and 6 1/2 feet high; the hut had a front door but no windows. A fireplace and chimney were in the back for heat. The gaps in the logs were filled with clay. The roof was constructed with any material available. The bedding was straw that covered wood slats.



Dwight Tetrick, Tampa Chapter President, awards Mrs. Eleanor Purser of the Women's Reserve U. S. Marine Corps, the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her talk in September about the Women Marines in the Second World War.

Dwight Tetrick, Tampa Chapter President, awards Tampa Police Officer Michael A Skypack, the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his service to the community. Corporal Larry Timer looks on.



This magnificent 9-foot tall bronze sculpture of George Washington kneeling in prayer is on the grounds of the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Nearby General Washington had his Continental Army Headquarters during the fateful winter of 1777-1778 of the Revolutionary War. The Foundation is noted for a range of patriotic and educational programs. *Photo compliments of NSSAR.*



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