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OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004

The location is the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA**, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida (telephone #963-1660) in their private room at 11:30 AM. This 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.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Presented by Robert Yarnell. *"The Constitution Then and Now"*

The Constitution of the United States was adopted September 17, 1787 and became effective March 4, 1789. It is the basic law of our country and defines the structure and function of the Federal government and its relationship with the States and Citizens. It consists of seven original Articles and twenty-seven Articles commonly referred to as Amendments. The first ten

Amendments are what we refer to as our "*Bill of Rights*". The 21st Amendment cancels the 18th which established prohibition. Considering the first 10 Amendments were part of the originally ratified document and two others cancel each other, the basic law has only been changed fifteen times in over two hundred years.

Robert will share his views on what the writers of the original intended, how the interpretations of the document has changed with different Supreme Courts and what future interpretations may hold for the citizens of our country.

Minutes of the September 18, 2004 Meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:00. Chaplain Jim Washburn offered the invocation. Kevin Yarnell led the pledge to the flag and the president the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Rodney Stebbins, Richard Hardesty, Charles Grant, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Luke Llyod and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Billie Washburn, Jeanne Lloyd, Brian MacNeel.

The president introduced the members and guests. He then introduced Mr. MacNeel as our speaker. He is a former police officer now working in the area of crime prevention. Due to another engagement Mr. MacNeel gave his presentation first. He spoke on crime prevention giving many practical examples of how to safeguard a home against burglary. This included a demonstration of an alarm system that worked on changes in air pressure.

Personal safety was the second topic covered. Once again Mr. MacNeel discussed several practical examples. He was very entertaining and the membership was grateful for the information. A short question and answer session followed.

President Tetrick then presented Mr. MacNeel with a certificate of appreciation from the chapter and dismissed the group for lunch.

The president reconvened the meeting. He began by thanking Dan Stutzman for his work with the newsletter over the last several years. Dan had to give up the task due to a change at his work. Rod Stebbins published the most recent newsletter. Changes to address need to be given to the secretary and to Rod.

A brief discussion followed on the various committees that our local chapter.

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

The secretary read four thank you notes received during the summer. One was from Ian Malinowski, winner of the Knight Essay Contest. Two were from JROTC cadets we honored last April, and one was from the Tampa Bay Tech JROTC unit thanking us for our donation to their field day.

The treasurer reported a current balance of \$2,127.22.

The Secretary presented Dwight Tetrick with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal. This represented his having sponsored twenty new members into the society. The award comes from the National Society.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Rod Stebbins who donated his winnings to the chapter. The treasury was thus enriched by \$10.00.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Chaplain Washburn benediction. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary



Brian MacNeel & Dwight Tetrick



Another Medal for Dwight Tetrick



The Family of members...



Chapter Notes

The Chapter Website is www.patriot-web.com

The Chapter would also like to support the "Pennies for Patriots" Fund. Each member is asked to contribute a penny a day or \$3.65 for the year to this fund.

The money goes to the Florida State Society Trust Fund. In the past, the Tampa Chapter was very supportive.

Our next meeting will be held on October 16, 2004 - please mark your calendars.



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