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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

January 24, 2009

Compatriots, my most important task this month is to say **THANK YOU** for all of the get well cards that you sent to me and Elaine. They were better than any prescriptions that we had. We have two challenges that face us this year and I consider them equally important. They are support for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) and Membership. Without the membership, we have no need for the CAAH, so let's talk about membership first.

Our Charter requires that we as Sons of the American Revolution have the very responsible task of keeping our early American history alive. Today, unlike when we went to school or when most of us went, there is so much to learn about technology and its advancements, there is barely enough time for schools to teach American History. Teachers are inundated with paperwork while they also must teach subject matter that will allow all students to be tested fairly based on standards set by the State of Florida, primarily the FCAT exams so that when students graduate from the school system, they are reasonably knowledgeable and competent to advance in their life. But what about their future? Do they really know what some of the problems were that were encountered in this country since its beginning? I would state with a great degree of confidence that the answer is NO. And yet, it is these young adults that are going out into the world and planning for our future. For example, the current financial crisis that we are in as a country has happened every 25 to 35 years since our ancestors first landed at Jamestown in 1607. All of this has been documented and each time the cause was focused on greed. Our Congress would take immediate action after the fact and boost the economy only to have it fail again within two or three decades. It seems that we have not yet learned how not to make the same mistakes over and over again. It is up to us and all other Heritage Organizations to try and convince our State Officials that Early American History is as important as exploring outer space and that it must be placed back into the school curriculum. Meanwhile, it is also incumbent upon us to work with the School Districts and the individual schools in an effort to assist the teaching staff, and help them with teaching students about our Early American History. Last year, a senior high school "A" student overheard Elaine and I talking about our Betsy Ross flag. She asked in all innocence, "Who is Betsy Ross"?

My next subject is about the CAAH. The NSSAR has purchased a building in a historic section of Louisville, Kentucky. We have been asked to support this effort by having *every SAR member* in our chapter make an *affordable* donation, large or small, to refurbish the building. This might be referred to as the "Bricks and Mortar" work. Once the "Bricks and Mortar" effort has been completed, then the NSSAR will be able to apply for grants to set up the Historical Museum. But first, we as part of a nationwide organization must consider doing our part to ensure that the CAAH project does not fail. I am fully aware that some members did not support the original acquisition but the vote passed to purchase. Now, it is up to us to support the decisions that were made. Let us be the model chapter and have 100% participation starting with at least a minimum of \$5. All checks should be made out to,

["The SAR Foundation, Inc."](#) and mailed to our Treasurer, [Victor McMurry](#).

The George Washington Birthday Luncheon will honor the women in our lives. A special award proposed by Past President Tarpley was approved by the BOG to honor the members of DAR and our wives. The "**Abigail Adams Award**" recognizes the woman's role in supporting our ancestors (male and female) in the fight for independence and continued support for preserving this nation's freedom and history. I encourage all of our sisters in DAR and our wives to apply for this beautiful award to be presented during the luncheon. The form is attached.

Fraternally,

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

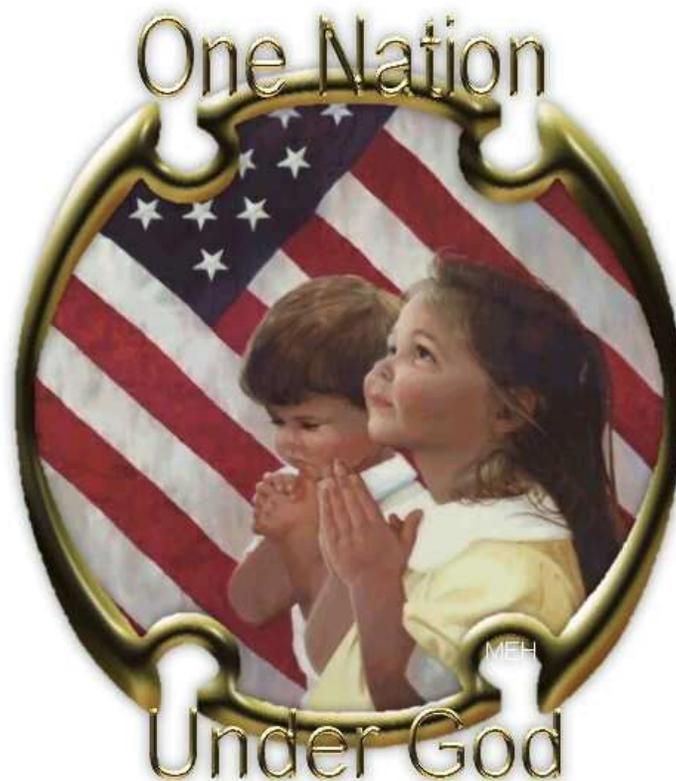
WORDS of WISDOM

"Poor is the nation that has no heroes. Shameful is the one that, having heroes, forgets them." Words from monument on the Davies Bridge Battlefield, Bolivar, TN

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world." Thomas Jefferson

"The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our own money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the dispensation of the public moneys." A letter to Shelton Gilliam from, Thomas Jefferson, 19 June 1808

With the current Congressional proposal of Trillions of dollars of tax payer's money to bail out poorly managed companies and corrupt Wall Street brokers, one may wonder how Jefferson would respond



"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government." Thomas Jefferson

*Freedom is only meaningful to those who will fight to keep it.
Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor*

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

January 24, 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Harold B. Crapo, Jr. presided and having a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following Compatriot members of the Board were present: Dunn, Riegle, McMurry, Huff, Tarpley, Grant, Lancaster, Cornell, Lowe, Williams and Miller. Compatriot Williams gave the Invocation. The meeting having completed all business before it, adjourned at 3:40 PM

Minutes of the December BOG were presented. Motion presented and passed to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's report also presented and accepted, subject to audit. We still have some members who have not sent a check to pay their membership dues. This seems to be a problem state wide and blamed mostly on the current economy.

Appointments approved by the Board were Governor Billie West Lowe as Governor and Duane Cornell as Trustee to Operating Trust Fund.

The 2009 budget was presented and approved after a full discussion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President thanked VP Riegle for presiding over the January luncheon in his absence due to illness. The theme for the George Washington Birthday Luncheon was presented and approved. The theme is honoring the support and influence of women during the heroic effort for independence of our Country. The members of the DAR and many of our wives have Ancestors like Abigail Adams who supported our soldiers then as they do today. He asked Past President Phillip Tarpley to present his proposal of "The Abigail Adams Award" for approval to award the women attending who are eligible. The BOG approved it as appropriate to honor these women

Flag Awards Chairman presented SAR Flag awards to three businesses and one residential community for properly displaying the American. There are others nominated for 2009 to be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vic McMurry reported the adverse effect of the stock market on our Operating Trust Fund and presented the year end reports. The President will seek out two other chapter members qualified to appoint as new Trustees to OTF to BOG for approval. Tarpley and Riegle agreed to audit the Treasurer's and OTF records for 2008 as required. Edward Hoyt is moving to Jacksonville and can no longer perform the audits.

The 2009 Members Year Book is being compiled for issue in February. Any last minute changes to member's information such as e-mail addresses have still have a short time to call them in to Phil Tarpley or Victor McMurry the keeper of member records.

Please take notice of the information for our Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon with the local DAR chapters as our guests. Award information form is attached

James "*Chris*" Dunn, Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

NEW MEMBERS

New member George Pearce was inducted during the January meeting. Jeffrey and Jan Pearce were out of town. We look forward to their induction soon. Several applications are in the pipeline for approval. Seven new prospective members are in the application and research process. Membership Chairman Billie West Lowe is doing a great job telling our SAR story and finding prospects.



Standing from left is Sgt at Arms Reynolds Cushing, George Pearce & Vice President, Charles Riegle Photo by Billie West Lowe

DAR added 10,000 new approved members in 2008 Join in the search for new members. It is very important. Please give it your immediate attention.

Adding your sons and grandsons as Junior Members is easy. Telling people about SAR is just as easy. Ask your DAR friends if their brothers, sons and grandsons are members or if their husbands are eligible to join SAR

President Crapo is requesting members to make donations to the NSSAR Center for the Advancement of American History. Please make donations of \$5.00 or \$10.00 a month in 2009 or more. Our chapter would like to present a check from our members of at least \$1,000 or more to this most worthy project. We understand it is tax deductible. Your Tax Accountant can advise if tax deductible. Contact our Treasurer, Vic McMurry 941-966-0493 for full details. We will provide letter receipts if requested for IRS

We still happily accept donations of stocks, Bonds and cash to our Operating Trust Fund

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

John J. Summers, Peter E. Kent, Phillip Tarpley, J. Laurens McMaster, Gregory Thrower
William V. Millman, John Arthur Williams, Richard H. Quigley, Robert L. Yeager

Photos of some of the Luncheon Events

Eagle Scout honored for his Eagle Scout project to clean up an old cemetery and his winning Essay. From left Past President Tarpley, Ms. Karen Haga, Aaron M. Haga, Lester K. Hunt the Eagle Scout Chairman, VP Riegler at podium. Photo by Lowe



Past President Tarpley left, presents Compatriot Richard Brainard his General George Washington Military Service Award. Presentation was delayed because his illness. Photo by Lowe



Mary Tarpley awarded the Gold Martha Washington Medal



VP Riegler presented her the highest SAR Award for women He read Mary's work for SAR from our chapter to National

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT

Events scheduled for Color Guard Members

Friday night and Saturday morning February 27 & 28 2009

2009 annual ceremony of Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Port Canaveral

George Washington Birthday Luncheon Presentation of the Colors

Chapter Meeting Notice

February 18, 2009 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

February 21, 2009 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon

The search for a new location to hold our monthly meetings is now in final discussions
President Crapo and Past President Tarpley will meet with the finalist to secure the best
options available for our members while trying to keep it centrally located for members.

Luncheon Notice Meal Selection

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

12:00 Noon and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

Please leave home early to arrive by 11: 30 AM

Main Ballroom

Sarasota Hotel and Marina 7150 Tamiami Trail,
About 2.5 miles north of University Blvd. on the left

Special Notice and the person to call for this special event

Elaine Crapo 941-756-7272

Harold or Elaine Crapo by e-mail

hbcejc@tampabay.rr.com

Call or e-mail to make reservations by 5:00 PM Tuesday evening February 17, 2009

Note the cut off time for this luncheon's reservations

Please leave your message and phone number if Elaine or Harold are not available
Then you pay at door on your arrival -- Please give Elaine or Harold names of your guests

**Late reservation cause problems but showing up without making them causes more
problems for the hotel kitchen preparing and the wait staff serving everyone on time. The
hotel is now firm on no changes to increase meals after 10: 00 AM Wednesday morning**

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Prime Rib of Beef 8oz slice - \$25 = _____
_____ Baked Salmon with Lobster Bisque Sauce - \$25 = _____
_____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad with a Fruit cup - \$25 = _____

All entrees include beverage, rolls, salad and dessert

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE AT DOOR. WE DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE FUND.

Vic McMurry, Treasurer

To cancel your reservation; It must be done by calling the Secretary by 9.30 AM Wednesday morning
before the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when
your meal is ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.

The SAR Abigail Adams Award Registry

I register my name and I will attend the Awards Ceremony to be held during the Saramana SAR George Washington Birthday Luncheon 11:30 AM Saturday, February 21, 2009

To be eligible, I affirm that I am a member of the NSDAR and/or wife of an active member of NSSAR.

Please consider me for the award and request my name printed on the Certificate as;

Name in full printed please

The Saramana Chapter SAR honors the members of the Local DAR Chapters and supportive wives of SAR members. All DAR Members are eligible to receive this award. Members must register their name and make luncheon reservations by February 17, 2009 Awards will only be presented to those present at luncheon to accept in person

The luncheon is \$25.00 per person and guest of members attending are welcome at same per person amount.

Please provide names of your guests and entrée selected

The entrée selections including Salad, Beverage Bread and Desert are:

Prime Rib of Roast Beef (8 oz slice) # ___ @ \$25.00 = _____

Baked Salmon topped with Lobster Bisque Sauce # ___ \$25.00= _____

Vegetarian Selection - Large entrée size Vegetable Salad with a fruit cup # ___ @\$25.00= _____

Please register your name by e-mail to Elaine or Harold Crapo hbcejc@tampabay.rr.com

You may also call her at 941-756-7272 and be very clear how your name is to be printed on the Award We will need ample time to produce these award certificates and request to make known your desire to be included as soon as you can.

You may send this form with full payment or pay at door as per our policy

You will be responsible for payment if you make reservations but fail to attend unless notice is given by phone no later than Wednesday morning 9:30 AM February 18, 2009 per conditions our hotel contract.

Please advise your Chapter that you will attend luncheon to receive this award

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