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Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country

Vice President's Message

An open letter to all Saramana Compatriots

You, as SAR Members, each have a responsibility to make the right choice if you want to continue to be the BEST Chapter in the whole State of Florida.

When the Crapo boys were growing up, we, as the parents, believed that we had the right and the responsibility to set the BEST example possible so that when the boys were let loose on society, they would fit in and contribute to their Community, their State, and their Country. We did not have manuals issued to us on how to be parents. All we could do was to provide them with a tool box of life and hope that they used it wisely. But we do have manuals for the SAR on how to be most effective in everything we do as a historical and heritage society.

Every one of our members were either employed or owned a business within his lifetime. Listed below are just some of the important things we learned from that experience.

- Leadership within an organization is paramount. We found that leadership does not always come from the top but much of it emanates from within the rank and file.
- Employees' understanding their responsibilities towards meeting the goals of the organization is essential.
- Training was a daily practice. Without training, production suffered.
- Poor production led to dissatisfaction and unrest amongst the employees.
- Change was essential to avoid stagnation, which leads me into the purpose of this paper.

During the past few years, the Saramana Chapter has received and given out more awards than in any prior ten-year period combined. We have increased participation to the point where we have at least 10-12% of our Chapter membership participating in Chapter activities. In addition, as Abigail Adams said to John, "Don't forget the ladies, John." The ladies of our Compatriots have been most helpful and supportive of our activities, for which they have received recognition. A few of our guest attendees, to include members of the DAR, have also given great support to our activities during the past 5 years. So what is the problem? To date,



we do not have a problem, but there are various symptoms on the horizon that will turn into serious problems if we, as collective members, do not take action this year. So what is the problem on the horizon? Stagnation! Stagnation is defined as “not advancing or developing.” This brings me right back around to the need for change.

In my estimation, for what it is worth, we are the Best Chapter in the State of Florida. But burn-out is one of the bad symptoms that lurk on the horizon in any organization. We need new ideas. For example, our last George Washington Luncheon, during which we honored Wounded Warriors, recipients of the Purple Heart, and Female Veterans, was without a doubt, a spectacular meeting – a meeting that will be very difficult to improve upon unless we have new ideas and new thought processes.

This year, I plan to be on the Nominating committee again. So before someone calls you and asks you to be involved, I request you view the inside cover of the yearbook and volunteer to be one of the officers for the coming year. Volunteer to do something that you want to do; something that you will enjoy and be able to make a difference. Compatriots, it is you upon which the success of the Saramana Chapter is dependent. Do not fail yourselves and let the Chapter start to flounder. We have already had two Chapters within the state of Florida that have folded, or will fold soon, just because the whole purpose of the Chapter activities turned in to a “meet, greet, and eat” venue. Well, this ain’t Duffy’s Tavern! We do have an important job to do.

Please give some very serious thought to what is written above. Your present officers and those that have preceded us are very tired. Many of us have moved on so that we can take our Chapter experiences and share them with the State in an attempt to make it easier for the Chapters to operate and also enhance their capabilities to operate more efficiently while improving upon accomplishment of the tasks assigned. Your sincere attention to this matter is required; it is the life or demise of your Chapter. From everyone that I have met, as a member of the Chapter, there is not one of you that deserve anything less than the Best SAR Chapter in the whole State of Florida. You have it now! Don’t lose it!

At your service and waiting to hear from you.

Harold Crapo, Jr.
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Chairman, 2011 Nominating Committee Saramana Chapter
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The American Revolution Month-by-Month: May 1775

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The euphoria following the exciting activity at Concord on April 19th and its follow up in the siege of the city of Boston gradually wore thin. Sitting around bottling up British General Sir Thomas Gage in Boston was not what most of the army had expected when they enlisted. When things were the most boring and many soldiers pondered going home, enlistment or no enlistment, there came the news that Ticonderoga had fallen on May 10, 1775 to Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys. Capture of what was thought to be an impregnable fortress came just in the nick of time to revive the morale of soldiers and civilians alike. While it was a lift to American morale, it also turned the tenor of the uprising from objection to revolution. The result was a strengthening of resolve on both sides.

Ticonderoga was seen as the Gateway to the North; with it secured it would take a strong force to attack the colonies from Canada. Congress mistakenly thought that the Canadians, so recently French subjects, would rally to an American attack Congress began to see possession of Ticonderoga as an open the door for an attack to the North.

The Siege of Boston (April 19, 1775 to March 17, 1776) was the first intentional act of war on the part of the colonists. Begun on the night of April 19th as a logical follow up on the day's battle begun at the old north bridge in Concord. Up to the beginning of the siege, all action had been unplanned, simply a reaction to the movement of British troops. When the Minutemen found themselves surrounding Boston and all British troops inside the city, reality set in. The action of April 19th and the night following placed the Minutemen in a state of open rebellion against the British Crown.

The new situation was apparent to the local leaders but not to the Minutemen whose organization to this point had been strictly reactionary – to guard and defend – but not to oppose the King in open rebellion. The Minutemen, relatively leaderless, began to disperse as rapidly as they had come; farmers for the most part, they began to return to their farms and families, for this was the season to begin preparation for the year's crops.

The local leaders realized that whether they had intended rebellion or not, that the actions of the day and night of April 19th had created a declaration of war. A message made more forceful by the large losses suffered by the British and subsequent bottling up of their forces within the city of Boston.

Fortunately, the British Commander, General Gage, was impressed by the effectiveness of the Minutemen on the way back to Boston and their seemingly determination to continue the conflict by their effective and timely occupation of the area around the city. The actual turmoil within the colonists' ranks was not observable to him. All he saw was the continued



fortification and strengthening of the rude forts surrounding his position indicating that they were in place and planned to stay there. Additionally, there was the cutting off of all supplies from the countryside upon which the citizens of Boston and British defenders were totally dependent.

Neither the British nor the Americans were prepared for the situation in which they now found themselves. Adding to the confusion was the failure of both the Americans and the British to properly assess the others actual capabilities. The Americans underestimated the British capability and fortunately for the Americans, General Gage, vastly underestimated the American forces and their ability to fight.

In the beginning the Americans lacked weapons, ammunition, and any commitment by the Minutemen to serve beyond an emergency. Above all, there was no central leadership to direct and support troops in the enforcement of a siege. There wasn't any preparation to feed, clothe, and house a large force even by the day, not to mention the requirement for an extended siege. If there ever was an army whose motto should be "In God We Trust," this was it.

The siege bumbled along until leaders appeared on the scene. Colonies rallied to the cause, committing interim funds, supplies and bodies. The so-called "rabble" that Major Pitcairn had dispersed at Lexington was on its way to becoming an army sufficiently formidable to not only defy the vaunted British Regulars but thirteen months later on March 17, 1776, see the last British soldier board ship and sail away.

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In Memorium

Lt. Col. Edward Sherman Hoyt – Nov. 13, 1917–Mar. 4, 2012

Editor's Note: We reported on Compatriot Ed Hoyt's death in the last issue. Following are details from his Memorial Service

The rifles fired and we heard Taps played by the 12 Military Attendees who came to honor our late Compatriot Ed Hoyt on Saturday, March 17th at All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church, Longboat Key, FL. Ed's sister received the folded American Flag, along with a few private words spoken by the Lieutenant in charge. Some 20 of Ed's nephews, nieces, grand nephews, and grand nieces were present to honor him, as were friends and some of our Saramana Chapter members. We heard stories of Ed's youth and early life in Sarasota, playing his saxophone with his dance group, tennis and bridge with friends, and serving on the NSSAR, FLSSAR, and Saramana BOM and BOG, as well as the large number of medals and awards he amassed during his 47 years as a Life Member of the SAR. Ed will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, honesty, and progressive thinking. He was a gentleman, as well as a Compatriot.

RIP



Dates for your calendar

MAY

- **May 4-5 (Friday-Saturday) – FLSSAR BOM ANNUAL MEETING**
This meeting is important to us in Saramana Chapter, as our own Phillip H. Tarpley is nominated for PRESIDENT of the Florida Society, and other members are on the slate of Officers for 2012-2013.
- **May 11 (Friday) – Chapter Luncheon honoring JROTC “Best of the Best.”** Information on the Page 7 of this **Q&B**.
- **May 16 (Wednesday) – Saramana Chapter BOG meeting** (all members are invited to attend). 2:00-3:00 pm. Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave., Sarasota, FL
- **May 28 (Monday) – Plan to attend (or march in) the MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.** As usual, we will have our trolley to ride in for those who cannot or do not want to march with the Color Guard. Bring your tricorn, if you have one, or dress casually, BUT come and be with your compatriot brothers and sisters. Meet at the corner of Main Street and Highway 301 (Washington Street) in Sarasota at 9:30 am on that Monday. We will have sunshine and water will be available.

JUNE

- **June 16 (Saturday) – Joint luncheon with the five local DAR Chapters to celebrate FLAG DAY.** Information will be in the next **Q&B**.

JULY

- **July 6-11 – Annual Congress of the NSSAR in Phoenix, AZ.** (See below)

No meetings are scheduled during July or August. September meetings will be listed in the next **Q&B**.

NSSAR Annual Congress, July 6-11, 2012

Please plan to attend the upcoming national convention of the SAR. Phoenix, AZ is beautiful, and we are sure that there will be plenty to do and see at this venue. Information is and will be available in *SAR Magazine*, *The Florida Patriot*, and on both websites: SAR.org and FLSSAR.org, as well as on our chapter website, SaramanaSAR.org.



Photos from our April Luncheon – Law Enforcement Awards

courtesy of Elaine Crapo



left to right Pres. Riegler with Dr. Gregory Scotten (War Service Award) and Phillip H. Tarpley (Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate); Riegler and Tarpley with Detective Michael Dumer (Sarasota County Sheriff’s Dept.)



left to right Detective Sam Levita (Manatee County Sheriff’s Dept.), Sergeant Shane Shehorn (Bradenton Police Dept.), and Officer Paul Joyce (Venice Police Dept.)



left to right Officer John Thomas (Longboat Key Police Dept.), Officer Andrew Combs (Sarasota Police Dept.), and Detective Brian Chippendale (North Port Police Dept.)



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Saramana Chapter, Florida Society
May Luncheon honoring the JROTC "Best of the Best"

Friday, May 11, 2012
Holiday Inn Lido Beach

Uniform of the day:

SAR Members – Class B uniform (grey slacks, white shirt, tie and blue blazer)

Guests please wear your uniform or appropriate attire.

Arrive by 11:15–11:30 am. Cocktails available from cash bar.

Meal choices (all of which include coffee & tea, vegetables selected by the chef, rolls/butter, and dessert: *choose one*)

1. Yankee Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes
2. Ocean Reef Salad (chicken salad and Albacore tuna, nestled in a bed of field greens)
3. Vegetarian (large garden salad with choice of dressings)

All reservations are \$20.00 per person. Provide all names including your guests with meal selections to Treasurer Ted Hornback by phone or email at (941) 485-4481 or Ted1538@aol.com. **Note: Reservations are required by 2:00 pm, May 9th, 2012.**

Pay at the door **by cash, or by check** made out to "SAR", or mail check to Ted Hornback, 1538 Belfry Drive, Venice FL 34292-4334.

Directions to the Luncheon Meetings

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, 7th floor dining Room. The ramp into the back of the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh floor. Our welcome and check-in table is there by the dining room.

Better directions to avoid St. Armand's Circle heavy traffic:

1. Turn onto John Ringling Blvd from US 41 and go 2.1 miles (about 4 minutes)
2. Turn left at S. Washington Drive and go 0.4 miles (about 2 minutes)
3. Take the 3rd left onto South Boulevard of the Presidents and go 0.1 miles
4. Take the 1st right onto South Polk Drive and go 0.3 miles (about 1 minute).
5. The Holiday Inn Lido Beach parking lot is in rear of hotel.



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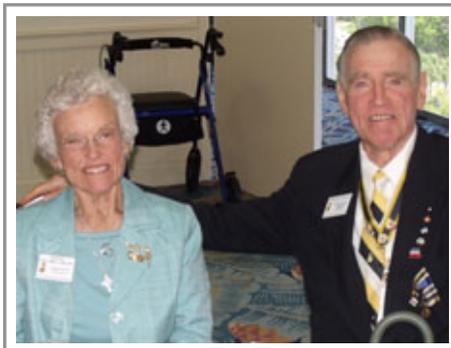
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More from April's Awards Luncheon *photos: Elaine Crapo*

right PruAnn and Hal Miller
below Richard Mahaffey presents Ted Hornback and Tommy Thompson with Supplemental Patriot certificates



Happy May Birthdays:

- John A. Benson
- George F. Cancro
- Stephen H. Clark
- Stephen G. Finley
- John L. Hegener
- Teddy L. Huss
- Douglas C. Rist
- Howard B. Sole
- Brian A. Tarpley
- John P. Tarpley

If your correct birthday is not listed, please contact the Editor at criegle@verizon.net