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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phillip H. Tarpley

October 1, 2008

Saramana Chapter is in the process of instituting a new national school educational project thanks to Publicity Chairman Harold B. Crapo, Jr. The idea for this educational project began after a short speech by Harold during the Manatee County Commission Meeting. Harold received a Proclamation to Saramana SAR for Constitution Week. The Proclamation was one of several from our two Counties and local city Councils. One Commissioner asked Harold if he and SAR members would work up an educational video on the Constitution for school use. Harold called me and was encouraged to proceed. Manatee Education TV staff met with Harold and developed a format. Harold was tasked to write the script and address all of the Articles of the Constitution and reduce them to cover the intent without all the language as it would take too much time to read the entire Constitution. He needed to have readers from Saramana SAR, DAR, and then invited others to join such as two JrROTC Cadets, an Eagle Scout, etc. I was unable to be there and recommended Compatriots Sgt-at-Arms Clarence Barrett and Frank X. Hodalski to join him as readers. Frank was impressed by the product and suggested to Harold our chapter request approval from the Manatee County Commissioners and School Board to use the DVD as part of our educational program with the intent to establish a Nationwide program of SAR Compatriots reading The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, Bill of Rights and important moments of Early American History for DVD production. I will propose our Chapter begin to produce such DVDs using our Saramana members as readers, providing our BOG will agree to such a program when presented at our next meeting. Below is the brief Project Report from Harold Crapo.

U.S. Constitution Project Report: I, Harold Crapo teamed up with Manatee County employee Ms. Kim Godbee, and took the first two cuts at writing the script for DVD METV production. Kim performed as Assistant Producer for the ½ hour DVD recording and accomplished the final editing and also recruited American readers of different heritage to balance the mix of participants. In addition to the readers mentioned above, we were proud to present an Army Major who had recently returned from Iraq, Probation Officers and individuals of Spanish heritage. Each person was assigned a portion of the Constitution to read. I presented the introduction and the finale with everyone else reading in between doing an excellent job. Members of the DAR were dressed in formal wear and period dress while the SAR members were all in Colonial uniforms. All readers were an excellent representation of the citizenry within Manatee and Sarasota Counties. SAR member Frank Hodalski of the Saramana Chapter is also a member of the National Educational Project. He prepared a letter to the Manatee County School Board and METV requesting permission for the SAR to use the copy write DVD for the SAR Educational Project and for release to the TV History Channel. He then took a copy of the DVD to Kentucky for viewing by the SAR National Education Council. Results of this effort will be reported at a later date. All of this was accomplished within a two week period. The effort could not have been accomplished without the initial request by Manatee County Commissioner Joe McClash, County employee Kim Godbee the Assistant Production Manager and METV Station Manager Charles Clapsaddle who displayed the utmost patience and coaching for first time participants. It is a great feeling of accomplishment to be able to work in concert with different dedicated people who are true Patriots and support this great Country of ours. May “God Bless America.”

Respectfully submitted,

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

WORDS of WISDOM

*A message to our politicians from Thomas Jefferson;
“ There is no vice...so contemptible; as he who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it's much easier to do it a second and a third time, till at length it becomes habitual .“*

A story about SAR Compatriot Harry Truman and a message to our politicians who go to Washington of little wealth and leave with much wealth;

Historians have written the only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence, Missouri. On top of that, his wife inherited the house from her Mother. When he retired from office in 1952, his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year.

Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. The Secret Service did not follow them home.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

Modern politicians however, have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale during and after they leave office.

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices early in life were either to be a piano player in a whorehouse or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference."

Noah Webster wrote in 1789..."In selecting men for office, let principle be your guide. Regard not the particular sect or denomination of the candidate, look to his character."

Remember when we vote, it should not be what is best for the "Party" but what is best for the people and future of our country,

Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

October 1, 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Phillip H. Tarpley having a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 10 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Barrett, McMurray, Dunn, Tarpley, Huff, Crapo, Bradley, Douglas, Grant, and Hunt. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation. The meeting having completed all business adjourned at 3:20 PM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Last Board of Managers meeting included a discussion of reducing the number of meetings in a given year from four to three. The new Chapter Web Site approved by the BOG last spring is established. Saramana owns the domain name for our new website instead of operating under the FLSSAR domain license. The domain name registration was paid 10 years in advance. Hosting is being provided at \$49 per year. There is a link from the FLSSAR web site to our website. The website developer, Tracy Crocker, gave the chapter a 50% discount for the set-up and design help of the website. This would equate to a \$300 savings. President Tarpley requested that a letter be written to Tracy in appreciation of this gesture. A motion was made by Compatriot Barrett to send the letter. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Bradley and carried unanimously.

The 2009 yearbook is in process of edit and a form was included with membership renewal asking for any updates or corrections to the member's file. Several updates were received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Note spreadsheets were distributed with complete financial information) 74 members out of approximately 130, have paid their dues to date for the 2009 term.

NSSAR is selling inventory items at a 10% discount for a short period. During that time any items we purchase that are eligible for reimbursement from FLSSAR will later be reimbursed at the original price. Picture frames are not reimbursable however, SAR presentation folders are reimbursed. Those folders cost the chapter \$1 each while frames range from \$3 to \$6. The chapter did receive \$634.76 which is a 50% distribution from the FLSSAR endowment trust fund. The Chapter Operating trust fund received \$137 comprised of three donations to the fund from members in September returning membership renewals. The entire list of members making donations over the years to the Fund will be listed in the 2009 Year Book and on our Web site.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER, MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES REGARDING OUR SECRETARY

Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for the 2009 term: President, Harold B. Crapo, Jr., Vice President, Charles W. Riegle, Secretary, James "Chris" Dunn, Treasurer, Victor G. McMurry, Chaplain, Eugene Bradley, Registrar & Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley, Sgt At Arms, Reynolds Cushing, Color Guard, Eugene Bradley, Governors, Everett Blount, Dwayne Cornell, Peter Douglas. Historian's position for 2009 remains open subject to acceptance.
James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

October 10, 2008 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon
THE SARASOTA HOTEL AND MARINA

October 15, 2008 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

October 31-November 1, 2008
FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting

TELEPHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF SECRETARY DUNN FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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Publicity Committee Report: Chairman Crapo reports two proclamations, one from Sarasota County the other from the City of Sarasota, were issued to recognize the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Treaty. In addition proclamations from Sarasota County, Manatee County, the City of Sarasota, and the City of Palmetto were issued for the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

We are still advertising on www.newsmanatee.com They have featured several front page articles on our chapter's work in the community. Compatriot McMurry made a suggestion that Compatriot Crapo investigate advertising in community newspapers. He provided a quote of \$210 for 1/8 of a page, \$295 for 1/4 of a page – minimum commitment of ten newspapers. No motion was offered by BOG for this advertizing.

Veteran's Affairs Report: Compatriot Grant attended three meetings over the summer. Information was provided regarding pending changes to compensation for veterans over the age of 65. Compatriot Grant also reiterated the change of the U.S. Code in regards to the proper salutation of the Flag. Compatriot Hunt announced that a donation of two wheelchairs had been given to the Port Charlotte Veteran's home. The Port Charlotte facility is also going to have an annual dinner – more details to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

Everett H. Blount, Walter Botkin, Jr. Jack H. Chaille, Dr. John H. Deam, Nicholas Dunn
Billie C. Franklin, Jr. William A. Glasser, Dan Kennedy, James A. McHugh, Victor G.
McMurry, Hal F. Miller II, Robert L. Grant, James C. Shive, James Lee Simpson,
Donald John Wemple, John H. Wilbanks, Roy M. Williams

NEW MEMBERS UPDATE

Several new approved members are scheduled for induction in November and several are in the pipeline of the application approval process. Several former members are being approached to renew membership.

Adding your sons and grandsons as youth members is easy. Telling people about SAR is just as easy. Ask your DAR friends to have brothers, sons and grandsons join SAR
Your help recruiting new members will bring us back as the largest chapter in FLSSAR.
Our loss of members by death and transfers out of state cost us first place in 2007-2008

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard presented the Colors during the Constitution Week Luncheon hosted by the DAR chapters. Members included Commander Eugene Bradley, Phillip H. Tarpley, Harold Crapo, Reynolds Cushing and James Crandall. Crapo lead the singing of the National Anthem.



President Tarpley addresses the Constitution Week luncheon attendees on 7th Annual "Gathering of FL Hereditary Societies" in October. There will be a presentation of a National Security Briefing on Radical Islam
Photo by Elaine Crapo



Two of our Color Guard members, Eugene Bradley left & Harold Crapo with Jean Catsakis, DAR pose with Sarasota County Commission Chair, Shannon Staub on right, prior to the several Sarasota County Proclamations presented to Saramana SAR & the DAR for recognition of Constitution Week and the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty ending the American Revolutionary War.
Photos by Nick Catsakis

Luncheon Notice

Tuesday October 7, 2008 by 3:00 PM is the cut off time for luncheon reservations

Friday October 10, 2008

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

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

Please leave home early to arrive by 11: 45 AM

Sarasota Hotel and Marina 7150 Tamiami Trail,

About 2.5 miles north of University Blvd. on the left

NEW AND FASTER RESERVATION SAVES POSTAGE

We now prefer you call Secretary James "Chris" Dunn for your reservations

Cell 941-400-9457--- or --- E-mail your reservations to him

tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com

Please leave your message if Chris is not available

Then you pay at door on your arrival -- Please give names of your guests

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Beef Stroganoff over buttered noodles - \$20 = _____

_____ Chicken Breast Supreme - \$20 = _____

_____ Vegetarian entrée Salad or Fruit Plate - \$20 = _____

All entrees include 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 9.00 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.

James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING YOUR CHAPTER ON A COMMITTEE