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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 3, 2008

The Wooden Bowl

I believe you will remember this tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year - old grandson. The old Veteran's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the dining room table. However, the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The Veteran's son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

'We must do something about father,' said the son.

'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.' The son and his wife's solution are setting a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced over in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old grandson watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up'.

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck his parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no words are spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the son took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family and, for some reason, neither the son nor his wife seemed to care any longer if he dropped a fork, spilled milk, or the tablecloth soiled.

Author unknown

Compatriots, we learned sometimes from our parents by seeing what they did. I still believe from the eyes of children watching their parents they learn behavior from them. I have learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, respect of our elderly, how they dress and act at public patriotic events. I went to Venice HS for my grandson's graduation ceremony. The disrespectful behavior of many of the young to middle age people standing along the sidelines shocked me. When the JROTC Marine Color Guard (after standing in the field 15 minutes while speeches were given) marched forward to present the Colors and even during the Pledge the disrespectful behavior of many young HS/college age people made my blood boil. They learned this unpatriotic behavior at home and in schools. I am sad it remains un-corrected by parents and considered normal public behavior.

I have learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I hope all of the above young people take a second chance at being patriotic and supportive of our Nation's traditions. I have learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life'. I have learned that you should not go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back once in awhile. I have learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I have learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I learned we teach others if we take the time to project ourselves, as Patriots, willing to stand for what is right about America. We need to ask questions about unexplained changes offered by politicians. I learned the friends in SAR are real friends and a part of my extended family and I wish all my fellow Compatriots a happy Fathers Day, *Phillip H. Tarpley*

WORDS of WISDOM

There are three kinds of people in the this Country - Those who make things happen - Those who watch things happen and those who say "What Happened"
Author unknown

There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism
Theodore Roosevelt

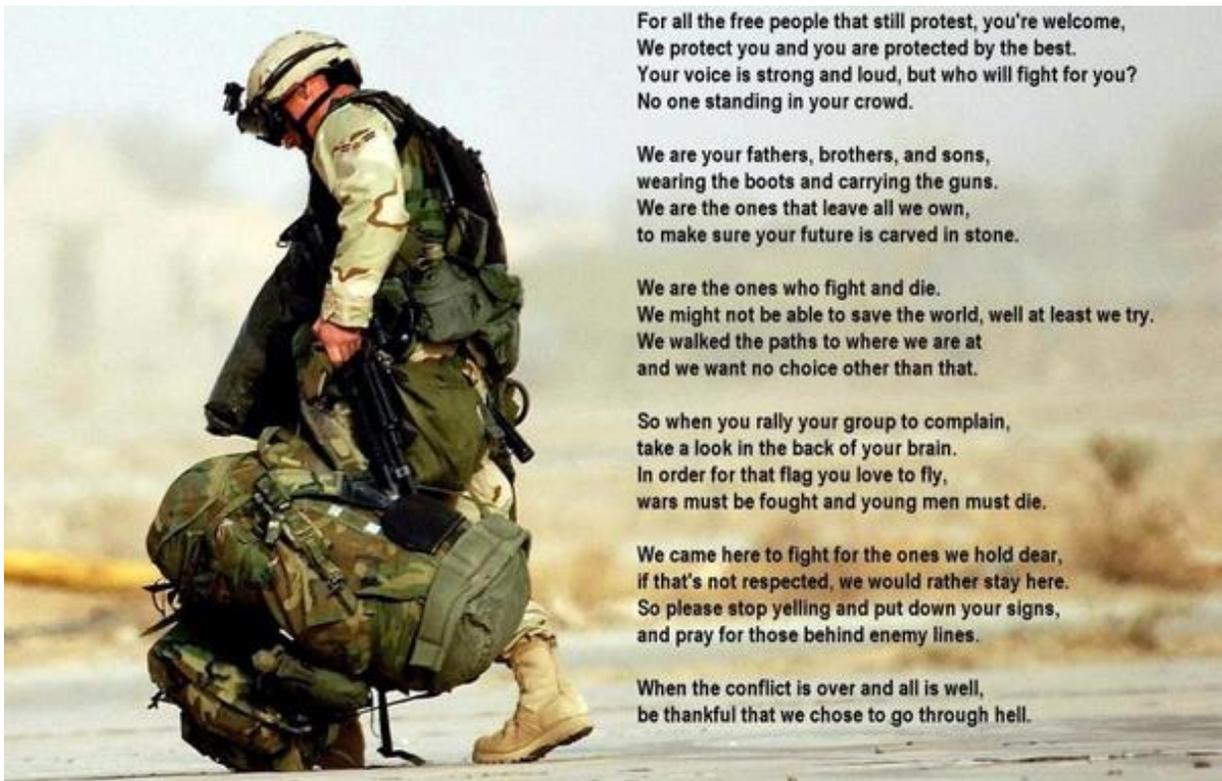
Have you noticed?

The power of political parties today seems to be more important then the local people "we the people" elected to represent us without the power of money to stop special interest groups that control them. It now seems to be "it is good for the political party" rather than what is best for our nation's peoples as a whole. The freedom of the press has become the power of the press. Phillip H. Tarpley

"The power of parties (factions) tends to create convulsions and 'false alarms'; that is social unrest and bizarre warnings about phantom dangers."
President George Washington

ALWAYS REMEMBER

"Nothing is more certain then a nation divided, will not survive and those who seek to divide us can only succeed if society becomes morally bankrupt and fails to educate each generation of our history to gain personal freedom in the world.



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

June 4, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL

President Phillip H. Tarpley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 13 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Barrett, Bradley, Crapo, Dunn, Huff, Tarpley, Riegle, McMurry, Grant, McMaster, Lancaster, Douglas and Williams. Secretary Dunn certified that a quorum was present. Chaplain Bradley gave the Invocation. President Tarpley also received approval for those he appointed as members to the Nominating Committee. The By-Laws requires it by May BOG meeting. Compatriot Riegle made the motion to defer appointment of Wm. E. Battles III as a BOG member until the fall since he was unable to attend the BOG meeting. Secretary Dunn read the minutes for the March & April BOG meetings. The motion to accept both as read seconded and passed unanimously. The BOG approved the request by President Tarpley to establish the Chapter Web Site for members. The motion for approval was unanimous

President Tarpley briefed the members on the FLSSAR annual meeting and announced his election to Sgt. at Arms for the State Society. He noted **May** is the last chapter and BOG meeting until fall and the **October 10** luncheon. He hopes to have a good turnout, as the nominating committee will announce a slate of Chapter Officers for 2009. **Anyone** interested or willing to serve in any capacity please contact Chairman Jack B. Ashcraft or members Harold Crapo, Eugene Bradley, Jim Huff or Bill Millman.

The May 9th Chapter Luncheon had reserved attendance of 54 people, of whom 4 were JROTC related guest. President Tarpley presented Braden River HS Cadet Capt. Danielle Strutt the SAR JROTC bronze medal for the Best of the Best Cadet. It was very impressive, as usual.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Victor McMurry gave the Treasurer's report to the BOG. His report subject to audit approved unanimously. McMurry also presented the Treasurer's report for the Operating Trust Fund. Report also accepted. He reported we are financially sound and all assets accounted for.

Registrar's Report: New member Everett Blount was inducted into our Society and chapter during an impressive ceremony. Registrar William Millman, Sgt. at Arms Clarence Barrett and VP Charles Riegle assisted President Tarpley in the ceremony.

Harold Crapo accepted the Certificate and member's rosette for his son Harold B. Crapo III serving in the Navy and aboard ship. He accepted the SAR induction pledge from the President two weeks earlier when his ship was at port in FL. Mary Tarpley accepted the Certificate and member's rosette for John Phillip Tarpley, grandson of Phil and Mary and son of member Brian A. Tarpley. President Tarpley noted he is the youngest inducted member of our chapter and state as he accepted the SAR pledge from the President on his 18th Birthday May 4, 2008 at 5:30 AM. The NSSAR converted his Youth Membership effective as of April 4, 2008 Final exams prevented him from being at the luncheon. Burton Corbus received another Supplemental Patriot Certificate for his family. Reynolds Cushing has transferred his membership to Saramana from Charlotte County as of June 1, 2008 and joined our Color Guard on Memorial Day. Registrar Millman reported several applications for new members are in process for approval.

Vice President's Report: Compatriot Riegle reported on the search for another meeting location more centrally located as suggested by the President in March. Several locations are under review. Costs for meals have not met the cost range provided by the current Hotel. John Williams is working with the VP

June 14, is annual Flag Day Luncheon hosted by the Sara-DeSoto DAR Chapter. President Tarpley has E-mailed notice to members with full details. **Contact; Sara-DeSoto DAR** for reservations, etc..

Membership renewal notices are due for mailing in September. The amount has not changed for 2009 by Chapter or State and national has not indicated an increase, *James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary*

Photos of some May luncheon meeting events



Braden River HS JROTC Cadet Captain Danielle Strutt and her Parents listen intently as President Tarpley congratulates her for her high achievement. Sgt at Arms Chuck Barrett stands with them before escorting her back to her seat.



Sgt at Arms Chuck Barrett presents new Member Everett Blount to the membership and President Tarpley for induction. Chapter Photographer Billie Lowe standing at left will take pictures.

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June 14, 2008 12: 00 noon DAR Flag Day Luncheon

July 5-9, 2008 118th NSSAR National Congress

August is the FLSSAR Summer BOM Meeting

September DAR Constitutional Day Luncheon

September 17, 2008 is next BOG meeting

October 10, 2008 is our next monthly luncheon meeting
This is the meeting we hear the Nominating Committee's report.

Special Notice of Help Wanted

Compatriot Jack Ashcraft requested the Editor mention the Nominating Committee will be selecting Compatriots to serve our chapter and ask those willing to serve please contact him as to your interest. The pay is low but the enjoyment of involvement is high.

**Please make note and save in your SAR files this information for Chris Dunn
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We are now in the process of setting up our Chapter's Web Site using the State domain license or on our own license, which allows us more flexibility for links to other sites of interest to members for research.

MEMBERSHIP: We may induct several new SAR members into our Chapter by October meeting according to Registrar William Millman. Several others are awaiting final NSSAR approval and Certificates of Membership delivered. We expect several more based on some recent contacts to members regarding interest in membership including Congressman Vern Buchanan's family.

JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Compatriots Jack Ashcraft, Chuck Barrett, Ira Carroll, Harold Crapo, Jim Huff, Hugh Joyner, Carl Nissen, Charles Riegler, Sayre Schwarztrauber and Bill Wheat.
I must sadly notify the members Past President Donald Gray Robbins away in May

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD

Color Guard members Hal Miller, Harold Crapo and President Tarpley attended the May BOM and annual FLSSAR meeting and marched in the FLSSAR Liberty Brigade CG for both banquets.

Color Guard members Crapo, Barrett, Bradley, Cushing, Riegler and Tarpley marched and presented the Colors and Sarawana wreath during the May 26 Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies. Burton Corbus attended and rode on the SAR trolley. PP Richard Quigley also attended the ceremonies



The above Color Guard members Ashcraft, Tarpley, Bradley, Barrett, Crapo, and Miller on June 1, along with other SAR Color Guards units participated in the massing of the Colors at the ground breaking Ceremonies of the Sarasota Veterans Cemetery. The Color Guard will present the Colors at the DAR Flag Day luncheon. The Color Guard units always grab attention during parades, the massing of the Colors at memorial ceremonies. It has such strong appeal to the public that we need and should increase our unit to a sizable number of 12 or more. *Eugene L. Bradley, Commander*