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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phillip H. Tarpley

November 24, 2008

My two year term as your President plus the six months as President Pro-tem in 2006 has been one of the highlights in my life. I leave office at the next meeting owing much to the other Chapter Officers, Governors, Committee Chairmen and many members who stepped up to exemplify the mission of NSSAR. I look back at the comradely and fun we have enjoyed during parades, meetings, JrROTC programs and all other patriotic events in our community.

For all this, I thank all of you. You may remember I wrote part of the below message two years ago after my election. It is still true today.

THE SAR FAMILY OF COMPATRIOTS

I am part of an extended family. You are part of my extended family. We both have something special that binds us together. We have something that few men (nearly 200,000) in 131 years have accomplished. We share the heritage of America's first fight for freedom. Most of you fought to protect that freedom. Most of you have parents who served in the armed forces to keep that light of freedom to pass on. You and your parents are members of "the greatest generation" because you passed on a tradition of a free nation. More important, the work ethic, adventurism, traditions of God, family and country came first and opened the doors of opportunity. Citizens were still free to farm, educate themselves, and begin new businesses providing places to work. Many of you are true heroes in the real tradition, not as some describe a hero today. Hero in the true version means I willingly risk my life to save yours. We learn from the news on occasion we still have real heroes, but more on fake heroes are printed.

I wish more people would listen to what we have to share about our country's history, family traditions and why people need to know the past to keep us free in the future. Do you remember family traditions that are disappearing as fast as money in your bank account? I remember sitting at the table with my family for the evening meal. I remember going to Sunday school and after Church heading to grandmother's for a family gathering and good fried chicken. I even remember having to dress appropriately to go to school and anywhere else in public. I remember learning how to read and write and the teacher hugging children for their accomplishments. I remember all children standing up with hand over heart to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and no one protested the words "Under God"

I remember when some of my classes in school included all American History back to 1607 at Jamestown. I remember having homework assignments that left me time to do my daily chores and have time to play outside with neighborhood children. I would bet the few pennies I have left in my bank account you remember those traditions in your family and school. Today family life as we knew it is almost non-existent. Traditions we shared have given way to things believed to be more fun away from family. Hollywood's violent trash movies and insulting commercials invade our daily life affecting our children's view of family life in America. There are school books attempting to rewrite our history and establish negative images of America's founding fathers and our great history. Some of this effort is from within our institutions of higher education. We need national leadership to counter the education system moving into private family matters including sex orientation classes in elementary schools.

George Washington inspired his soldiers by his leadership and action, not just words. His leadership inspired men to fight on for our freedom when it appeared all was lost. We need that same leadership now to defend our Constitution and Bill of Rights. There are serious constitutional issues surfacing that if true, will test the strength of our Constitution and the will of the Supreme Court to support it. George Washington led this country as our first President in the same manner. George Washington not only followed certain traditions but also by his actions started many. We need another national leader similar to him to reverse some very dangerous conditions developing in our educational systems, Congress and the Federal Court system. We the people have lost control of government if current actions continue.

I am proud to belong to this SAR family of honorable men and the honorable women standing beside us.
God Bless you all,

Phillip H. Tarpley

WORDS of WISDOM

*“A government big enough to give you everything you want,
is big enough to take away everything you have.”*

Thomas Jefferson

*“There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone.
All that we send into the life of others comes back into our own.”*

Edwin Markham



*It has been said, that the sun never sets on “Ole Glory;” because,
when the last rays of the setting sun are resting upon the Stars and
Stripes in the Philippines,
Its morning rays are gilding its glorious folds in Puerto Rico*

*“Wherever an American is today, on land or at sea, whether at
home or far away, a priest or layman be---Let patriotism have a full
sway. All other thoughts dissever, that come what may---*

The Stars and Stripes Forever”

Authors unknown to Editor

Freedom is only meaningful to those who will fight to keep it.

Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 25, 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, November 19, 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 15 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Dunn, Tarpley, Riegle, McMurry, Huff, Crapo, Bradley, Barrett, Hunt, Duane Cornell Grant, Lancaster, McMaster, Williams and Miller. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation. Compatriot Wm Battles, II President of MASSAR and dual member was introduced to the members. The meeting having completed all business before it adjourned at 3:15 PM

Minutes of October BOG presented. Motion presented and passed to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's report also presented and accepted, subject to audit.

We still have 12 members who have not sent check to pay their membership dues. Our paid members report to state society is due on 11/30 we will amend for late dues payments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Nominated officers for 2009 went forward without any nominations or opposition from the floor during the Chapter Business meeting. The motion made to close nominations, vote for all and close business meeting passed. They will be installed by FLSSAR President Ron Toops during the December 12, meeting.

The President reported for the record the BOM actions that would have affected the Chapter financially. Frank Hodalski, Hal Miller, Harold Crapo and President Tarpley gathered enough support to kill the motion to lower dues rebates to chapters.

The new Chapter Web Site is established under the site name of www.saramanasar.com Members with experience in web site uploading of files, pictures and weekly update management is asked to call him to help.

Harold reported securing a release of the Copy rights to the METV DVD. He reported The FLSSAR BOM was briefed and \$100.00 was agreed on to match our \$100.00 Honorarium for METV Harold will also brief the Manatee County School Board and present them with a copy of the DVD.

The office of Historian for our chapter has not been filled and the BOG asked for a member step up for the office to preserve chapter's historic documents and records.

Required state reports to FLSSAR and any county, FL, US tax filings have been prepared and sent or ready to send as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vic McMurry reported the adverse effect of the stock market on our Operating Trust Fund. He also reported on the reimbursements we received back from FLSSAR for part of the expenses of our awards and scholarship contests. He also requested members be notified who have failed to send in dues as of BOG report.

Happy Thanksgiving, *"Chris" Dunn, Secretary*

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

Election of Officers

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, Commander-Color Guard, Eugene Bradley, Governors, Everett Blount 2011, Duane Cornell. Peter Douglas 2012. Historian's position for 2009 remains open subject to acceptance of an appointment.

Chapter Meeting Notice

December 12, 2008 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon
THE SARASOTA HOTEL AND MARINA

FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

E-mail tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com Cell - 941-400-9457

December 17, 2008 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

John I. Barner, Jr., Dr. James Kent Bartruff, Peter Marshall Douglas, Norman J. Greene, Jr. John H. Harding Jr., Frank X. Hodalski, Karl P. Knoedler Karl W. Krause, Eric M. Levy Robert C. Morrison, Lt. Col. Robert B. N. Peck, Ronald L. Shankland

NEW MEMBERS UPDATE

Several new members were approved over the past few months. New Compatriots, Edward D. Gorton, Jr., Henry Campbell Wood, Jr. and Graham Douglas were inducted during the last meeting. Peter Douglas stood in for his son Graham. Charles W. Riegle honored his father with the Memoriam Membership now available. Lawrence Berry and Burton Corbus received Supplemental Certificates for their family of Patriots.

Three members of the Pearce Family, George, Jan, Jeffery plus Ronald Lee Shankland were out of town. We look forward to their induction soon. Several applications are in the pipeline for approval or in application process. Several former members from other states now living in our area are being searched for and being asked to become members in our chapter.

Adding your sons and grandsons as Youth or Junior 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 help keep Saramana as one in not the largest chapter in FLSSAR. Our loss of members by death and transferring membership out of state cost us first place in 2007.

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.

The entire list of members making donations over the years to the Operating Trust Fund will be listed in the 2009 Year Book and on our Web site. Consider making a contribution.

Thanks for the Giving

By

Compatriot, Harold "Burt" Crapo, USN, AGC/AW

A harsh land far from home
Sea on one side; wilderness surrounds
Someone is here before
A town built from scratch
Roofs covered in thatch
Amid the timbered walls



Crops are difficult
Game is elusive
A friendly gesture is given
By those who were here before
Corn is grown; fish is the key
Secrets are learned
The colony thrives
Harsh is now bountiful
Gifts are exchanged
Commerce prospers
The leaves turn with the season
The wind begins to bite
The sea becomes angry

We're in for a long fight
Winter sets early
The air has a chill
Yet there's no fear
We have friends that are near
How to repay
Their generosity
They have given so much
We so little in return
A feast seems in order
On a clear fall day
With the air crisp and clean
We fall to prepare
A banquet fit for a king
Our friends are our guests
For without them
We would not be here and so many
We owe them so much
And they ask so little
All we can do is say
Thanks for the Giving.

Editor's note: Compatriot Burt Crapo is serving his Country this Thanksgiving away from home
He is on duty far at sea aboard the Iwo Jima

**Pray for him and all our Troops away from home during our Holiday Season.
Americans at home sleep warm and cozy, but our Compatriots remember where the
Soldiers of peace are sleeping when they can, to protect America,
God Bless them all.**

Photos from events of November 14, meeting



Compatriot Sgt at Arms Clarence "Chuck" Barrett (r) presents New members Edward D. Gorton, Jr. (l) and Henry C. Wood to President Tarpley for induction



Frank Hodalski tells members about the Flag Presentation sent to SAR from troops in Iraq. Frank and Barbara headed up the effort with DAR to support our Troops Program. They have sent hundreds of shipping cartons to them, including items for children.



Colonel Carole Cornell presents on behalf of Kentucky Governor Beshears. The Governor's Commission naming President Tarpley a Kentucky Colonel



Past President General Carl Hoffmann receives two Certificates of Appreciation from NSSAR for his outstanding Committee work

Rumbaugh Oration Contest



Aubrey Condor-Bayshore HS



Sarah Johnson-Sarasota Military Academy

First place winner



Jinan Martiul-Riverview HS

Manatee County School History Fair

Several Members and some of the wives attended the History Fair as judges of student posters in the individual history poster contest 11/19. The members included Frank Hodalski and Barbara, Hal Miller, Carl Hoffmann, Billie West Lowe, Charles W. Riegle, Wm. E. Battles, II, Phil and Mary Tarpley, Eugene Bradley, John A. Williams and Linda Sue. Vice President Riegle and dual member President Wm. E. Battles II, MSSAR presented the SAR Award Plaques at the Awards Ceremony Thursday evening 11/20

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT

FLSSAR October 31 BOM Meeting

Saramana Color Guard members Phil Tarpley, Harold Crapo and Hal Miller marched with the FLSSAR Liberty Brigade to present the Colors for the evening Banquet

Osceola Chapter DAR November 6th luncheon

Saramana Color Guard members Capt. Clarence Barrett, Harold Crapo, John Summers and Carl Hoffmann presented the Colors for the meeting at Bradenton Country Club.

Gathering of the Warriors November 8th & 9th to honor America's Veterans



Saramana chapter's Flag display and recruiting booth was staffed by Phil and Mary Tarpley, Charles Riegler, Jack B. Ashcraft, John and Linda Sue Williams, Lawrence Berry, Lester K. Hunt Hal Miller, Duane and Carole Cornell, Billie West Lowe, Ren Cushing, Harold and Elaine Crapo All provided 3-6 hour shifts over the two days. Massing of the Colors ceremony included Color Guard members Tarpley, Riegler, Berry and Miller

November 11, Veterans Day Parade



Color Guard members marching in the parade were President Tarpley, CG Capt. Clarence Barrett, Hal Miller, Frank Hodalski, Ren Cushing, Harold Crapo, VP Charles Riegler and Billie West Lowe following taking photos. The SAR Trolley failed to show up as arranged back in October. The trolley company finally took blame as a mix up sending it to the DAV that had canceled it. The mix up however left several SAR/DAR members and wives without transportation in the parade. The CG again presented the Colors for the Ceremonies. President Tarpley laid the chapter wreath at the Veteran's Memorial Marker. Nick Catsakis used his van to take the stranded members and wives to and from the ceremonies.

First impressions speak louder sometimes

A young man named Chris received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. Chris tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, Chris was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. Chris shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. Chris, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, Chris quickly open the door to the freezer, the parrot calmly stepped out onto Chris's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

Chris was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Happy Thanksgiving!!
The Editor

Luncheon Notice and Meal Selection Friday December 12, 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

Call Tuesday December 9, 2008 by 3:30 PM the cut off time for luncheon reservations

Late reservation cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems with the hotel kitchen preparing and wait staff serving everyone on time

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 and phone number if Chris is not available

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

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Salmon with Lobster Bisque Sauce - \$20 = _____

_____ Beef Tip Bourguignon over noodles - \$20 = _____

_____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad or Fruit Plate - \$20 = _____

All entrees include beverage, 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.

James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary