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The President's Message

June 2010

The months of April and May of this year have been very rewarding, when viewed from my perspective. For example, during April we started providing JROTC Certificates and medals to the young men and women who have been diligently training to be our future leaders of America. They have undergone subtle but rigorous training in leadership, integrity, honesty, community service and responsibility for one's own actions, just to name a few. They have been trained to understand discipline and teamwork through such simple methods as marching, competitive sports, physical fitness and a plethora of many other things. They have also received training in the value of the original documents that were created and used to found the United States of America, such as the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. It is very comforting when talking with many of these disciplined young folks and the name George Washington is mentioned and they don't respond with, "Huh"? or "George who"? Our Chapter has had the privilege to present fifteen JROTC Certificates and medals to students who are freshmen up through seniors in our High Schools in Manatee and Sarasota counties. We also picked up the only Air Force JROTC group, consisting of 120 students in Hardee County and this is only their third year since they were organized. The Sarasota Military Academy was honored with the "Best of the Best" JROTC Award consisting of a Certificate, a Bronze Medallion and \$250 from the Saramana Chapter. In addition, our own SW Regional VP and FLSSAR ROTC Chairman Phillip Tarpley presented \$500 as 2nd place winner of the FLSSAR, and \$250 from the State Women's Auxiliary for a total of \$950. The FL State winner placed 3rd in NSSAR competition.

During these same months of April and May, our chapter became involved with the Eagle Scout program. One of our newest members, Allen Hegener headed up an effort to accumulate funds for the Eagle Scout program. He prepared a plan, solicited input to refine the plan and then implemented the plan to hold a Special Eagle Scout Program Dinner hosted at the Lido Key Holiday Inn. He prepared and sent out invitations and invited known Eagle Scouts who are involved in local businesses in the area. Eagle Scouts who recently achieved their rank were invited to attend free while other attendees were requested to provide a \$100 donation to attend. This money is to be used by the Saramana Chapter to help build a fund for SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship awards. Allen and Compatriot Lester Hunt have done an exceptional job enhancing the Eagle Scout recognition program during the past year. This has provided favorable insight to the local communities about the worth of the SAR and the value we place on our youth that get involved in both the JROTC and Boy Scout programs. The monies that the SAR currently provides for scholarships were significant 15 years ago. But now, there are cases where \$950 will not cover the cost of text books. Further, there are some high schools that will not entertain programs and sponsors with scholarships of less than \$500. It has been a long time since most of us have had to pay for a modern day education. Yes, we have all helped out with our grand children but the whole bill was not ours. Compatriots, I believe it is time that we update our thinking on scholarships and initiate action similar to that recently accomplished by Compatriot Allen Hegener. This is my personal "THANK YOU" Allen on behalf of the Saramana Chapter for your outstanding efforts. You have set an exemplary example for all of us to follow. Let us all pull together in our programs to educate and reward our youth.

Fraternally and at Your Service

Karold B. Crapo, Jr.



God Bless America

The Secretary's Report

June 2010

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. President Harold Crapo called the meeting to order having a quorum. Attending were compatriots: Crapo, Riegle, Lowe, Grant, Bradley, Huff, McMurry, Tarpley, Mahaffey, McMaster, Battles and Douglas. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation and Compatriot Lowe led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report –Minutes of the April 14th meeting with one correction were approved by a motion to accept the minutes. The Secretary reported printing over 120 copies of the Chapter brochure & some NSSAR booklets for the Eagle Scout dinner

Treasurer's Report – Monthly financial statements & report of inventory value of Award Medals etc. of Jim Huff. Motion made to accept the reports subject to audit.

President's Report - The Chapter Publicity Report won 1st place and a check for \$100. at the FLSSAR BOM meeting. The Chapter also won first place in the Chapter Challenge statewide competition. President Crapo expressed disgust at the method of judging the Newsletters for the state. He has written a letter to the new President of FLSSAR, Gerald Meeks, requesting a review as national procedures as not being followed by state chairman. He will make up an article on chapter activities, which he will send to both SAR Magazine and The Florida Patriot for inclusion in a future issue.

Vice President's Report – reminded the members of the Memorial Service for Compatriot John Woolever, to be held at St. Wilfred Episcopal Church at 1PM on Saturday, May 22nd. The chapter was requested to be in colonial uniform or Class B uniform to present the Colors during the service.

Publicity/Recruiting – We looked at a print copy of the unusually positive (and unsolicited) report printed in the NewsManatee.com website. It will be forwarded to State and National for their interest and publication.

Nominating Committee - The president nominated the following men to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2011 officers: Crapo, Riegle, Tarpley, McMurry and Douglas. The BOG approved these choices.

Americanism Elementary Poster Contest – Chairman Riegle noted that we had 97 entries into the contest and selected two winners: Matthew Sehvani of Laurel Nokomis School won first place and Lorenzo Dubrucq of Bay haven School won second place. Each received a certificate of Honor and a check for his efforts. Photographs of the posters were passed around for all to see. Compatriot Tarpley suggested that we include the Charter & Private Schools next year. He will get the names of the teachers to contact. Manatee County schools have already committed to the program for 2011.

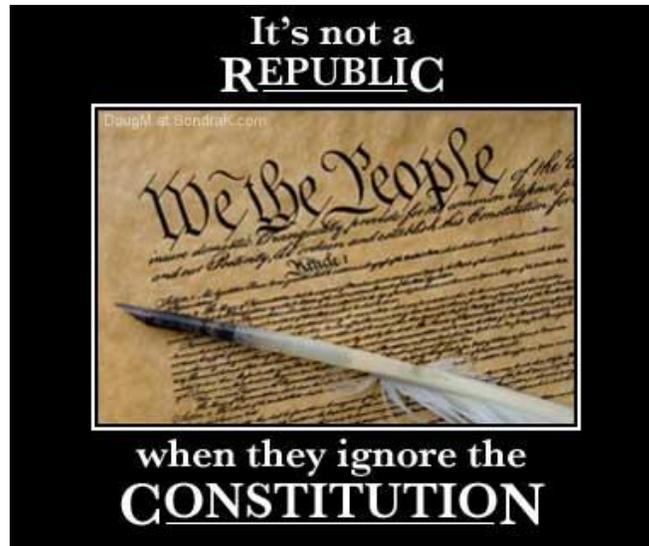
A motion to adjourn was made, and Chaplain Bradley gave a closing prayer and we were dismissed at 3:25 PM.

Charles W. Riegle, Secretary

WORDS of WISDOM

Educating the People

Phillip H. Tarpley-Editor



The Constitution of the United States

Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Interesting quotes and bits of knowledge

“Democracy is two wolves and a sheep deciding what to have for dinner, Freedom is a well armed sheep”---Ben Franklin

Monthly History Lessons

Richard Mahaffey told the BOG that now that he has a uniform, he would prepare a story about his Revolutionary ancestor and volunteer to go into the schools and entertain the young people with this tale in order to stir up their Patriotic interest. The BOG was unanimously pleased with this offer and suggested that whenever this was to occur, Richard notify our Publicity Chairman and attempt to get photos of the event for the Chapter Publicity booklet and for possibly publication in local papers. We hope to expand this program to include more members as our early American History is so important in our children's education.

Breaking News Alert

Austin, TX – The Texas State Board of Education met and confirmed by a vote of 9-5 textbook standards for the next 10 years. The Board emphasized the teaching of American history and rejected attempts by historical revisionists to remove significant parts of history. Leading the effort to support more than 200 amendments returning the textbooks' content to original topics was board member Cynthia Dunbar, who is a professor at Liberty University School of Law. Dunbar offered invocation before one of the final meetings of the Board, in which she said:

“I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing that the Good Book and the spirit of the Savior have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses. Whether we look to the first Charter of Virginia or the Charter of New England or the Charter of Massachusetts Bay or the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, the same objective is present – a Christian land governed by Christian principles. I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it: freedom of belief, of expression, of assembly, of petition, the dignity of the individual, the sanctity of the home, equal justice under law, and the reservation of powers to the people...I like to believe we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I like also to believe that as long as we do so, no great harm can come to our country.”

After this invocation, the Texas Freedom Network (TFN), which promoted historical revisionism, exposed its ignorance of history by writing a scathing article against Dunbar, saying, “She offered the board’s opening prayer this morning and removed any doubt about what she and other far-right board members want students to learn: America’s laws and government should be based on the Christian Bible.” TFN’s faux pas was to overlook the fact that Dunbar was merely quoting the words of the late Chief Justice Earl Warren from a Time magazine article. Warren was a liberal activist Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, who served on the High Court from 1953 to 1969. Some other liberal media that made the same mistake immediately removed similar articles upon learning the source of the prayer.

Mathew Staver, Founder of Liberty Counsel and Dean of Liberty University School of Law, commented: “Those who wish to revise American history are often ignorant of history. Some secularists wish to revise history in order to bury America’s rich religious heritage. It was the Great Awakening that preceded the American Revolution. Without a religious revival, there would have been no lasting civil liberty, and without the American Revolution, there would be no America. Those who wish to exclude God from our history either suffer from dementia or are dishonest.”

A new plan is being discussed by Phil Tarpley and Harold Crapo to confront the State, local School Boards and School administrators to stop rewriting early American History. The FL Legislators passed a Bill to have American History taught as a class to be tested and graded. The educators are intent on leaving out some Patriots and Founders of our nation and further making false statements about our early Founders. They will not know how to argue against teaching this American history. We are talking about the Black Patriots of the American Revolution. There are Black Founders of our Country not being addressed in Early American History classes. The above revisers in Texas of Early American History fought to keep them out of our History books thus student education along with the rest of our Patriots & Founders. The SAR dedicated a memorial marker to the Patriots of color. We do have Black SAR members descendants of Oscar Marion betrayed in the movie “The Patriot”

This Month in Early American History

*When was the Medal of Constraint proposed as a Military Service Medal?
1810, 1910 or 2010*

True or false

The accuracy of lie detector tests has never been completely decided upon. Although it is inadmissible as evidence in court, even the proponents of lie detector testing agree that it is not always accurate. Among the first lie detectors, considered by some to be the most accurate, was the donkey's tail! That's right, in ancient India a suspect would be escorted to a darkened room.

Only three would be present: the accused, the interrogator, and a donkey. The person being questioned was told that the donkey would bray if his responses were not truthful, and he was then asked to hold the donkey's tail.

Forerunners of the modern-day lie detector include a portable unit, developed in 1930. As early as 1899, and Italian physiologist invented what is called the hydrosphygmograph, which simply recorded variations in pulse. Later on came the galvanometer and the pneumanograph to measure electric conductivity of the skin and respiration. But none of these early devices was as tried and true and accurate as the donkey's tail!

Remember, the suspect is in a darkened room with a donkey. He was told to hold the tail of the donkey, and if a lie was told, the donkey would bray. But the suspect was not told that the donkey's tail was covered with black soot! So those who feared the donkey's telltale bray, in the darkness of the room dared not to touch the donkey's tail. They would emerge with clean hands... thus proven guilty! Honesty is, always has been, and always will be, the best policy! It is priceless. Honesty paves the way for successful living. Honesty is a virtue. Ask yourself, "Have I been truthful in all things today... to my relationships. . .to myself? Have I been straightforward? Did I earn respect?" Honesty takes plenty of courage, but the rewards are tremendous. Folks will say of you, "There is a person we can trust, one on whom we can depend to act fairly, justly, considerately. This individual is worthy of promotion and recognition." And all this without using the donkey's tail!

I recommend our Compatriots find as many donkeys as possible. and request Veterans provide the soot saved from burning of our American flag by ungrateful fools. We should gather and march to Washington and make our elected & non-elected Federal Officials and the main stream news media journalist our first targets. -----The editor

Members Bulletin Board and Special Events



Chairman Robert Grant noted that the chapter has agreed to provide members to serve as "honorary family" for burials in the Sarasota National Cemetery during the month of August.

*With sadness I report the passing of two Veterans and Saramana Compatriots
Willis H. Wheat, Jr. & James Douglas Woolever*

*Happy Birthday to Compatriot's born in June
Jack Ashcraft, Clarence A. Barrett, James B. Huff, Ira Greene Briggs Carroll, Sr.
Harold B. Crapo, Jr.,*

*June 12 11:30 am is DAR Flag Day Luncheon
Bradenton Country Club
4646 9th Avenue, Bradenton, Florida
Contact by June 8, Melva Bartush (Osceola Chapter) 941- 753-7698
Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon \$24.00*

NEW MEMBERS REPORT
Registrar/Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley

New member John Mange received NSSAR approval for membership this month. New members awaiting Certificates of membership from NSSAR are Thomas Robert Castle, Stephen Howlett and William H. Van Duzer. Prospective members in application process awaiting necessary documents or proof research are; John Fitzpatrick, Gordon Charlton, Jim Stainbrook, James Allen,

Meeting Events during the JROTC Best of the Best Cadet Awards Luncheon
Photo by Billie West Lowe



Saramana SAR Town Crier Clarence Barrett center gives notice to President Crapo of two new members present for the obligation pledge and induction into our chapter. Robert L. Grant, Sr. left standing in for his son Robert L. Grant, Jr. and Robert H. Cheney on the right.

Awards well deserved



Photo by Billie West Lowe

JROTC Cadet Josh Payne center of Sarasota Military Academy received the SAR Outstanding “Best of the Best” Medal with a Scholarship award from our chapter. He placed second in our FLSSAR Competition. Phillip Tarpley FLSSAR ROTC Chairman presented SMA Cadet Josh Payne his additional scholarship awards from FLSSAR and FL SAR Ladies Auxiliary. From left is SMA Senior Instructor, Col. Brockman Compatriot Dan Kennedy headmaster, Cadet Josh Payne, FLSSAR Regional VP Phillip Tarpley and President Harold B. Crapo, Jr.



Photos by Mary Tarpley

Mike Quinn President of NewsManatee.com left receives the Good Citizenship Award from President Crapo. The award cited Quinn's support for SAR programs that award our Police, Firemen, JROTC, Eagle Scouts and other youth scholarships. Photo above right: President Harold Crapo presented the NSSAR Meritorious Service Award and Silver Medal to Phillip Tarpley for his SAR service. He cited Phil's service as Past President of Saramana, Chairman of several Chapter and State committees, Current Chapter Registrar/Genealogist, Chapter Color Guard Member, Q& B Editor, FLSSAR Regional Vice President and recently appointed FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Color Guard Commander.

Wounded Warrior Medals



The Badge of Military Merit designed and awarded by General George Washington became the Purple Heart

Those men and women awarded the Purple Heart are asked to join us in November and receive the SAR Wounded Warrior Medal and Certificate Award. This SAR project is to honor the Wounded Warriors in and outside our membership. The only requirement to receive this Medal is documentation of having been wounded in service of the United States Military and awarded the Purple Heart.

Contact for members keeping the muster roll will be posted in July

Second requirement is attending the November 11, SAR Luncheon honoring our Wounded Warriors. This luncheon is the day after the Veterans Day Parade in Sarasota.

The information for menu selection, cost and contacts for reservations will be available starting in July

This NSSAR award has been approved by Saramana SAR Board of Governors

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD CAMP
Color Guard Captain Eugene Bradley
of the
SONS OF LIBERTY - FLORIDA SOCIETY BRIGADE
Colonel Phillip H. Tarpley Commander



The CG marched in the Memorial Day Parade May 31st in Sarasota beginning at 9:45 The Color Guard was under command of Col. Phillip Tarpley, Commander FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade. The following Guardsmen marched, Harold Crapo, Charles Riegle, Frank Hodalski and new CG members Richard Mahaffey, Jeffrey Hazelton, Walter Test, Larry Hurley, President of the Charlotte Chapter. Barbra Bartz 2nd from left below in Betsy Ross colonial dress carrying the Betsy Ross Flag marched in the rear of our Color Guard.

Photos by Arden Bartz



Left photo above is new CG member Richard Mahaffey left Jeffrey Hazelton and Walter Test on the right. Charles Riegle and Frank Hodalski center. Right photo as members now armed & ready to join the parade are Harold Crapo, Richard Mahaffey, Barbra Bartz, Phil Tarpley, Charles Riegle, Frank Hodalski, Larry Hurley, Jeffrey Hazelton and Walter Test on right.

We thank Alvin Abbott for his **donation** to our chapter of two full Colonial uniforms being worn above. William Millman **loaned** his great coat to help and Charles Riegle **donated** a tricorne hat to complete uniform of pants, shirt, vest etc **loaned** by Phil Tarpley. The other member who **donated** a full uniform was Donald Robbins now deceased. These uniforms are put to good use and returned for others to use after members replace them with their own uniform. This is one way to enlarge the Color Guard. We were cheered on by the crowd shouting out how great we looked as we marched along. The chapter now owns a 3 x 4 Betsy Ross Flag, with pole purchased and **donated** to Saramana by Charles W. Riegle It will be added to our inventory of flags for parades.

Decoration Day/Memorial Day: May 31, 2010

Memorial Day, **originally called Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all for us.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

She then conceived of an idea to wear **red poppies** on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries.

In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored and neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring **any and all dead**, and not just those fallen in service to our country. There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the

Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the **Boy Scouts** and **Cub Scouts** of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaries' Program).

In 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps." The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance, not a day to grill hot dogs and party. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. As the VFW stated in its 2002 Memorial Day address, "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." On January 19, 1999 Senator Inouye introduced bill S 189 to the Senate which proposes to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th instead of "the last Monday in May". On April 19, 1999 Representative Gibbons introduced the bill to the House (H.R. 1474) The bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform and there they died.
Source- [_QUEBEC-RESEARCH-L Archives](#)



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Major Events are in our future at the Library
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