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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
March 22, 2008
Movement Underground Possible

The Sons of the American Revolution descend from the first Veterans of these United States and carry on the pledge to defend our Nation's freedoms. We understand from experience and knowing our American History freedom is not free and never has been. Many young people today because of other influences and educational bias do not understand how freedom needs our constant protection. Young people in some cases cannot recite much about George Washington, much less early American History. New first or second-generation American citizens living today have no family ties to our Founders and Patriots and express little interest. Is it because school age children are not taught the wonderful rich history of our nation or that their parents do not have the interest to demand it as part of the required school curriculum? I believe it is both. We are just learning that Florida may soon require more history as part of FCAT

The Founders and Patriots that gave us this freedom we have enjoyed these past 225 years may be alarmed as to the assault on our nation from within our own borders. Will the Eastern part of the country and in particular the area of the 13 Colonies start rumbling beneath your feet? Should that happen, it may not be an earthquake. It may be the Patriots turning in their graves in worrisome need to get out and re-educate a nation. It seems what we stand for and how we achieved that status is in question by our candidates for President and many members of the Congress. Schools are removing our early history as an important part of young people's education. The higher the education level a student moves up to, the more corrupt the history lessons become. Abraham Lincoln- "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed it ourselves." Rutherford Hayes gives this advice to politicians and I wish they would take his advice. "He serves his party best who serves his country best."

I had the pleasure of escorting Ben Franklin (Richard Fowler, SAR) as did Compatriot Carl Hoffmann to some local schools to give a lesson on the life and times of Ben Franklin. Sadly we must report the Sarasota Military Academy is the only Public School to invite us to visit. The other schools visited were Christian non-public opened minded educational academies for parents to send their children.

Ben and I in full uniform presented the Flag Award to the Englewood Medical Center after we departed from the Englewood Christian Academy Monday morning. When both of us walked into the lobby full of patients, you can imagine the shock on their faces. One woman was heard to say- "did I die and now I am with my ancestors?" The Doctor and owner of the multi office center Charles B. Eagar, M.D. was very proud to have Ben Franklin and I present him his SAR Flag Award Certificate. (See photo)

We as descendants of these Patriots who risked everything including hanging have reason to be proud of our Patriot Ancestors. There may be some ancestors in our families we are not so proud to discuss. However, some Americans of many generations in this country are constantly chastised by some political spin masters and candidates regarding issues that you and I have nor ever had control to change. We need to understand this and be willing to stand up to these people and say;

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT OUR ANCESTORS DID, GOOD OR BAD IN THEIR LIVES HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO.

Please take notice of a change in the Office of Chapter Secretary and reservations for meetings The BOG voted unanimously to appoint **James "Chris" Dunn** to relieve VP Charles Riegle and Secretary Pro Tem of the duties of Chapter Secretary. We thanked Charles for stepping up last fall when needed. E-mails will be sent before and after the Quill & Bugle to remind members of the meeting date and meal selections with the new email link and telephone numbers.

On a personal note, my wife Mary and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary March 30 We wish you and all your family a Happy Easter Holiday. *Phillip H. Tarpley, President*

WORDS of WISDOM

“A trained intelligence can do much, but there is no substitute for morality, character and religious conviction” President Calvin Coolidge

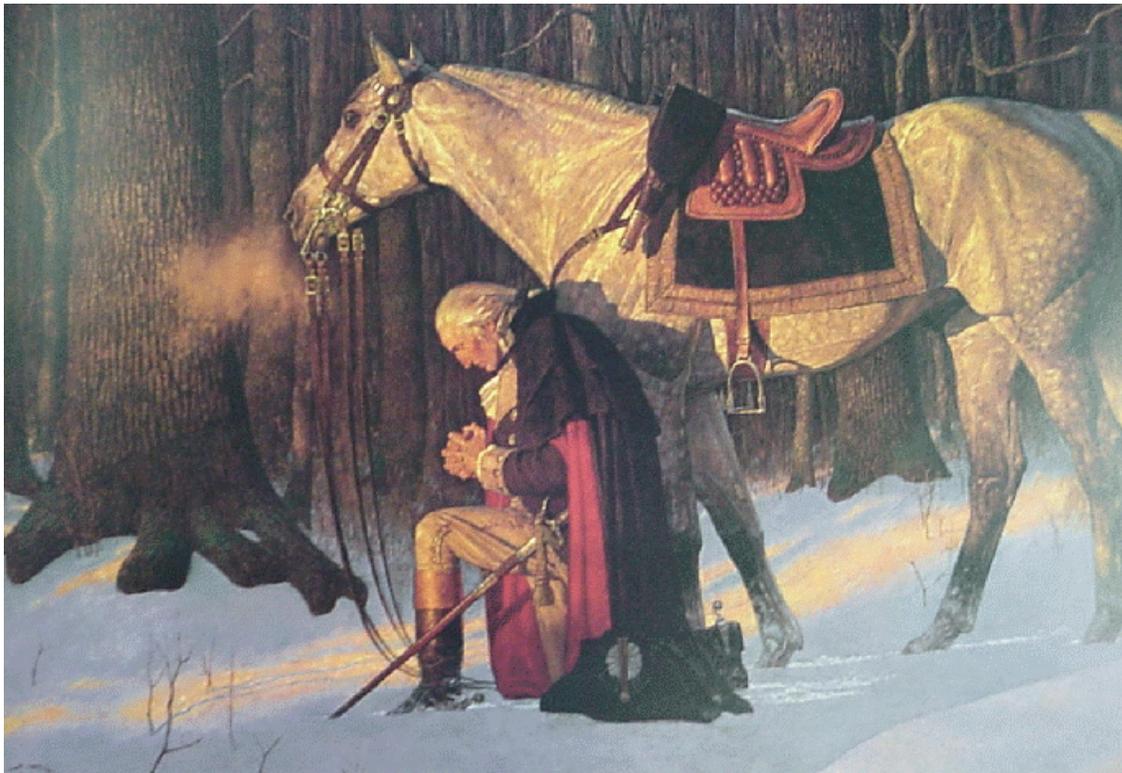
“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters” Ben Franklin

ALWAYS REMEMBER

“Nothing is more certain than a nation divided, will not survive and those who seek to divide us can only succeed if society becomes morally corrupt and fails to educate itself in history.

The true Soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him - but because he loves what is behind him.

This picture of General George Washington in prayer for his men and Country says it all for me, Phillip H. Tarpley, President



Remember that Freedom is not free. God bless our Armed Forces and their families around the world.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 20, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Phillip H. Tarpley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 16 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Ashcraft, Bradley, Crapo, Douglas, Dunn, Miller, Huff, Hoyt, Lancaster, Millman, Barrett, Tarpley, Riegler, McMaster, McMurry and Williams. Secretary Riegler certified that a quorum was present. Compatriot Peter Kent attended the meeting. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation. President Tarpley for the benefit of Peter Kent introduced everyone.

Compatriot Hoyt made the motion to accept the minutes of February BOG meeting, as written. The motion seconded and passed unanimously. Secretary Pro-Tem Riegler proceeded to read his Secretary's report of the period since the George Washington Birthday Luncheon.

President Tarpley briefed the board on the George Washington Birthday Luncheon and the GGW awards. President Tarpley gave a report on the trip to our area for school visits by Richard Fowler "AKA Benjamin Franklin." The balance of the \$324.00 50/50- raised during the George Washington Birthday luncheon (\$162.00) was mailed in his name to the NSSAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He requires nothing more for his trips around the nation. We had hoped to raise more to send in his name from our schools. Phil & Carl hosted him in their home.

The March 14th Chapter Luncheon had reserved attendance of 59 people, of whom 15 were Law Enforcement Officers receiving awards and his Superior Officer. Several family members joined them. After the customary opening ceremonies and introductions, President Tarpley noted the entire meeting was scheduled to end promptly at 1:30. The awards program began and was completed before serving meals.

The Officers receiving awards are from the following departments: Bradenton, Longboat Key, North Port, Palmetto, Sarasota, Venice, and the Sheriffs Departments of Sarasota and Manatee Counties. President Tarpley gave out the award Medals and Certificates. Vice President Riegler called on Sgt. at Arms Barrett to escort them forward. Compatriot Crapo read the nomination of each officer from his commanding officers. It was very impressive, as usual. We had 23 Saramana members present with 11 of their wives and several other guests to witness the awards ceremony.

Near the end of the luncheon, President Tarpley presented Compatriot Harold Whitcomb the George Washington Military Service Award. He was unable to attend the George Washington Birthday Luncheon. He noted that we would be presenting later the same award Certificate to Mr. Richard Brainard, who was too ill to attend and in the hospital. Compatriot Brainard plans to attend a later meeting when he can accept his award. Basil Lancaster will receive his later. The meeting adjourned in time to give our members time to travel to and attend a Memorial Service in the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, where the life of our Compatriot brother, VADM. Earl B. Fowler was to be remembered. Compatriot Earl B. Fowler died February 8, 2008 at age 82. He and his wife Helen were enjoying a cruise in South America celebrating 60 years of marriage. President Tarpley took a moment to thank Helen for sharing a Nation's Patriot and Hero with our Society over the past several years. All of us will miss him.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Victor McMurry gave the Treasurer's report to the BOG. His report moved by Hoyt and seconded subject to audit was approved unanimously. I am going to be out of town for our next two luncheon meetings. Chris Dunn as of today new Chapter Secretary is now in charge of taking reservations,

Charles W. Riegler, Secretary - pro-tem & James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary

Visit of Ben Franklin (Richard Fowler, SAR) in Sarasota & Manatee Counties



Ben Franklin and President Tarpley presenting Flag award to Dr. Eagar of Englewood Medical Center



Ben Franklin and President Phillip Tarpley in Englewood School with children lining up for a photos

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

April 4, 2008 is our next luncheon meeting

This meeting we honor those deserving brave personnel in Fire and Rescue

April 16, 2008 is the next BOG meeting

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE AND SAVE IN YOUR SAR FILE
THIS NEW INFORMATION FOR THE CHAPTER SECRETARY
THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

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OK to leave a message and/or your phone number and pay at the door

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD

Color Guard members Hal Miller, VP Charles Riegle and President Tarpley attended the annual remembrance of The Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Port Canaveral on Friday and Saturday March 7-8. Friday night President Tarpley addressed the dinner meeting about the General George Washington award. He read the letter from President George W. Bush to Saramana Chapter before presenting the award to three Compatriots. The three were in KY on NSSAR business and not able to be at our George Washington Birthday luncheon. Compatriots Lindsey Brock, Past President FLSSAR, William "Steve" Stevenson Registrar FLSSAR and Richard Q. Fowler, FLSSAR Patriot Editor were thanked for their service to the Nation when presented the award.

The Saramana members in Colonial uniform marched with the FLSSAR Liberty Brigade for presentation of the Colors at the Memorial Service Saturday morning. President Tarpley presented the Saramana wreath and offered the Continental Army Salute in memory of the Patriots.

President Tarpley was presented an NSSAR National event banner for our Saramana chapter flag.



Compatriots, we need and want your help to add Fife and Drummers. The BOG authorized the establishment of an age 10-18 youth Fife & Drum Corps. The Color Guard units always grab attention during parades, the massing of the Colors at memorial ceremonies and presenting of Colors at meetings. 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

Law Enforcement Offices Honored



Deputy Brian Bennett & Chief Deputy Larry Dunklee
Sarasota County Sheriff's Department



Deputy Cyril Niklinski and his Sgt. Supervisor
Manatee County Sheriff's Department

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: TO OUR COMPATRIOTS BORN IN APRIL

James Stevenson Devitt, Jr., James Carroll Dunn, Jr., James Paul Goodson, James Hatfield Granger, William Davis Morgan and John Douglas Woolever

MEMBERSHIP: We will induct several new SAR members into our Chapter by May according to Registrar William Millman. Several others are awaiting final NSSAR approval and Certificates of Membership delivered. We expect several more based on some of the comments made during the GWB luncheon

MEMBERSHIP WITH LONGIVITY: John A. Williams is receiving his 40 years of membership and Emeritus status. Willis Wheat was awarded his 65-year medal and William V. Millman and Richard A.A. Martin received the 30 -year membership medals.

EDUCATIONAL EVEN TS: April and May are busy months for our chapter as we present 13 JROTC School Cadets our awards. Those members wanting to make presentation to these fine young people call Phil Tarpley or Harold Crapo. Schools covered to date are Venice HS, North Port HS, SMA, and Lakewood Ranch HS. Schools open for presenters include Sarasota HS, Booker HS, Braden River HS, Palmetto HS, Riverview HS, Bayshore HS, Southeast HS and Manatee HS This year the focus is on education and school visitations by our Compatriots. Plan to help after summer recess for early fall and winter visits to schools. We have received several requests to come to middle schools already. I ask those who would like to be involved with this education project contact any of the officers. The Americanism Poster Contest for Elementary Schools is an easy one for next fall to help Compatriot Burton Corbus. He is contact member and welcomes your help.

NOTICE

Friday April 4, 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,

Tuesday April 1, by 3:00 PM is the cut off time for luncheon reservations

NEW AND FASTER RESERVATION SAVES POSTAGE

**We now prefer you call Secretary James “Chris” Dunn for your reservations
1-941-487-1244 or Cell 941-400-9457---E-mail your reservations to him
Then you pay at door on your arrival -- Please give names of your guests**

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Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Beef Bourguignon -Beef Tips w/ Burgundy Sauce - \$20 = _____

_____ Sliced Roast Turkey Breast - \$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