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The Quill and Bugle

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 20, 2009

Compatriots: Thank you for your confidence in electing me and the other officers to serve you one more year. For me, the first year was tough. I had a hard act to follow and found that the Past President wasn't acting nor practicing. He was for real and really set a standard of excellence that was very difficult to follow as did the other officers that served with him and are now with me. Oops! I almost forgot to mention his name but of course we all know Phillip Tarpley set a very high standard for our Saramana Chapter and it paid off as demonstrated by all of the state awards that we received for last year. Now it looks like I will have to get to work and forget about being sick in 2010 so that we can maintain the high standard set for us.

We have several challenges facing us this coming year. One of them is the Rumbaugh Oration Scholarship contest. Each year we have been receiving fewer participants and the reason is unknown to me. Somehow, we have to get our advertising together and let the School Boards, the teachers and most of all, the students know about the potential value of this particular scholarship. But Peter Douglas and I will work on that. Another area is the Eagle Scout Awards Program. Last year we awarded an Eagle Scout Award to a student who lives in Parrish, Florida. He was the first Eagle Scout to ever win the award in his Scout Troop and yet the Troop had been in existence for over 10 years. This year, we have Lester Hunt who has done an excellent job of gathering data about Scout Troops, advertising, meeting with Scouting officials and getting the word out about the SAR Eagle Scout Program. This year, Compatriot Hunt has been able to get four Eagle Scouts to participate and compete for the SAR Eagle Scout Award. Further, Allan Hegener has volunteered to work with Lester on this project. Kudos to our Compatriot Lester Hunt.

Another area that needs a lot of work is getting some of our new members to get involved with the Saramana Chapter. Our Registrar/Genealogist Phil Tarpley has been working with prospects to develop lineage documentation and processing new members as fast as he can get the candidates to turn their family papers in. He does not fool around and keeps delays to a minimum. This year alone (2009) he has sent in over 13 new applications for approval and all are in the last approval stage. He will send out 3 more this coming week. We have had a couple of new members, William Segraves and Ted Hornbeck volunteer for chapter Officers but they have met up with family losses and serious personal injuries, thereby prohibiting them from participating. However, they promise to come back and be active.

During the past year, the Quill and Bugle was slightly revised to comply with National requirements and the Yearbook was substantially enhanced with more pertinent and informative information. If you haven't noticed the changes, compare your last issues with those issued a year ago. You wouldn't believe the enhancements that have been made though they are hardly noticeable when made one at a time. The Q&B won 3rd place for 2008. Again, many thanks go to Phillip Tarpley for this effort.

Charles Riegler has been doing a yeoman's job on collecting pictures and creating a pictorial review of our Saramana Chapter over time. Much of the pictorial review is due to the picture taking of Elaine Crapo, Billie Lowe and Nick Catsakis. Further, Mary Tarpley has created and collected items to be sold or raffled at the Quarterly Board of Management Meetings to raise money for the JROTC program. These are the people that work in the background where they are not noticed by the membership. And for another task that is not noticeable, Elaine Crapo reads every document that the President prepares to ensure readability, clarity and understanding before it is sent out for publishing. In addition, she has filled in as an SAR Auxiliary member and marched with our Color Guard so that our Chapter would qualify for participation with a minimum of four Color Guard Members. Compatriots, that is about all for now as I have run out of space. Editors are like that, you know.

Fraternally and at Your Service

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.



God Bless America

WORDS of WISDOM
Educating the People
Phillip H. Tarpley-Editor



I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed...

Interesting quotes and bits of knowledge

Our Constitution was not written in the sands to be washed away by each wave of new judges blown in by each successive political wind - Anon.

Word of the month

Scrimshank (v)-To avoid one's obligation or share of the work- to shirk one's duty

True or false

Only 2 people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later

There are four things that you cannot recover; The stone...after the throw. The word...after it's said. The occasion...after the loss. The time after it's gone

Men can read smaller print than women; but remember women can hear better

The feet you step on today are usually connected to the rear-end you have to kiss tomorrow
Unknown authors

When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But with wise and knowledgeable leaders, there is stability. Proverbs 28: 2 Living Bible translation

Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage moral and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled or hanged.

- Abraham Lincoln

Everything seems new to those too young to remember the old and too ignorant of History to have heard about it. -Thomas Sowell

History lessons



“A well instructed people can be permanently a free people”

-James Madison,

“The study of history is a powerful antidote to contemporary arrogance”

-Paul Johnson

Christmas Time at Valley Forge, December 1777

In the freezing winter of 1777, General George Washington’s army was suffering from bitter cold, very little shelter, a lack of supplies and the obvious superiority of British forces. Many of his soldiers were in agony from severe frostbite, with feet and legs often frozen until they became black. Mandatory amputation of the injured appendages was widespread, disease was rampant and troop morale was very low.

With his men under extreme distress – dying at the rate of twelve per day – and disturbing sights of crimson amid white powder, General Washington sought divine assistance. The weight of the world on his shoulders, he fell to his knees in the snow at Valley Forge while the Continental Army was encamped along the frozen Pennsylvania landscape. Hidden away in a grove of trees, his bended knees met the cold, hard ground. Quaker Isaac Potts was riding his horse in the forest when he came upon General Washington in deep conversation with God. It was there he witnessed Washington “interceding for his beloved country.”

He later revealed the experience to his pastor, Nathaniel Randolph Snowden, an ordained Presbyterian minister and graduate of Princeton, who then recorded the eyewitness account in his “Diary and Remembrances.” Snowden described the account of Isaac Potts, as such: “In that woods pointing to a close in view, I heard a plaintive sound as, of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis, and the cause of the country, of humanity and of the world.” “Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying,” reported an awestricken Isaac Potts.

As American history unfolded and days turned into weeks, it became apparent that God had answered General Washington’s prayers, coming to our young country’s assistance in the form of another defender of liberty – the nation of France. Emboldened after a Colonial victory at the Battle of Saratoga in October of 1777, the reluctant French formally entered the

war against the British, becoming the first country to officially recognize our nation's declaration of independence.

It was then, on May 6, 1778, after hearing of French intervention, that General Washington called a day of thanksgiving for his beleaguered army, announcing to his troops, "It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the universe to defend the cause of the United American States, and finally to raise up a powerful friend among the princes of earth, to establish our liberty and independence upon a lasting foundation, it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the divine goodness, and celebrating the important event, which we owe to His divine interposition." The rest, as they say, is history.

Twelve years after despair led him to kneel in prayer at Valley Forge, newly elected President Washington officially proclaimed November 26, 1789, as Thanksgiving Day for our new Republic. It was evident he had never forgotten the hopelessness he once felt, the courageous struggles of his men or the answered prayers of an earlier time.

In his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation of 1789, he exhorted the people of the United States to observe "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer" so that they might acknowledge "with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." He likewise reminded the country that "it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." He specifically assigned the day "to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be . . ."

Despite unprecedented challenging and stressful times, George Washington, like the overwhelming majority of our founding fathers, held strongly to his religious faith, with prayer representing an essential component of his distinguished life. He had a vivid understanding from whence his strength and hope arose. Let us thankfully recall that invaluable lesson imparted by the other father of our country. In the most troubling of times, when it seems despair has triumphed over hope and darkness has smothered the soul beyond salvation, a heavenly answer is always waiting to be found, whenever bended knees meet the cold, hard ground.

-History source-Jack Manning

Our children deserve the best Teachers and only correct learning materials

*Have you asked the School Board members who reviews and approves the books and educational material that have **obvious** revision of American History? History can be interesting if presented by someone who enjoys it. Recently, it was discovered some teachers were showing radical and anti-American political indoctrination videos to our children in county schools. Teachers even gave students tests. Asked how that was allowed and who approved the videos was not really answered. We ask, they ignore and away it goes. We cannot allow elected and non-elected government officials to ignore us "**The People**" when education is so important to our future.
Phillip H. Tarpley-Editor*

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 20, 2009

Chapter Meeting November 13th:

For those of you who were not able to attend our November Luncheon, we had a great day. The food at the Holiday Inn was up to its usual high standards and our attendance was well over 50 members, wives and guests. Our speaker was Dan Kennedy, Headmaster of Sarasota Military Academy and a fellow Saramana member. Dan gave us the history of this fine Charter School, from inception to future plans for expansion. We can all be very proud of his achievements on behalf of our children. As many of you know, Dan was Principal of the Sarasota High School for over 7 years prior to helping found the SMA, which is the largest JROTC public school in the country.

The usual Rumbaugh Oration contest was not held at this meeting, as there was only one entry this year. It was decided to have the oration given at the SMA, in front of his peers, with our judges present. This will take place on Monday, November 28 at Noon. If you wish to attend, just come.

The Nominating Committee gave its report and after following Bylaw procedures, we elected the following officers for 2010:

Harold Crapo, president

Charles Riegle, Vice President, Secretary, Historian

Victor McMurry, Treasurer

Phillip Tarpley, Genealogist, Registrar

Eugene Bradley, Chaplain and Captain of the Color Guard

Reynolds Cushing, Sergeant at Arms

Please plan to attend the December 11th luncheon meeting when our current Florida Society President, William Stevenson, will install these new officers. This will be the last scheduled Chapter meeting of the year 2009.

We discussed the upcoming Manatee History Fair schedule of events and the DAR Pioneer Day open house, which was held November 14th.

Board of Governors Meeting, November 18th:

Compatriot Bradley gave the **Invocation** and prayers for our compatriot brothers or family members who are ill or infirmed including Officers and Governors. VP Riegle led the group in the **Pledge of Allegiance**. President Harold Crapo presided noting we had a quorum. Attending were Governors: Riegle, Lowe, Bradley, Grant, Huff, McMurry, Tarpley, Hunt, McMaster, Miller and Lancaster.

We reviewed the events of the previous month and made plans for the upcoming events of the Chapter. The Operating Trust Fund Report showed that the chapter investments have shown an increase due primarily to the growth of the stock market. Our recruiting efforts are paying off, as the Registrar noted that we now have 15 new applications waiting for approval in headquarters and he has 5 new prospects working on their applications. President Crapo talked about the amount of clothing and items of usefulness, which we have given to the Veterans Home in Port Charlotte. This is a worthwhile effort and anyone with clothing that they are not using, should contact Harold or Jack Ashcraft to discuss giving them to these Veterans (male and female). We voted to have an actor portray a Revolutionary figure for the February George Washington's Birthday luncheon and to continue the advertisement in the Manatee News. President Crapo also noted that we are providing the DAR with promotional brochures to be given to all attendees at their upcoming State Society meeting. This will help our recruiting efforts greatly. After other housekeeping items were approved, we adjourned.

Please remember that any of our chapter members is welcome to attend our Board of Governors meetings, which are usually held the Wednesday after the Chapter luncheon meetings. This is a good way to see your chapter officers in action.

Submitted by

Charles W. Riegle

Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

Happy Birthday greetings to the Saramana Compatriots born this month.

John L. R. Barner, Dr. J. Kent Bartruff, Graham James Coleman Douglas, Peter Marshall Douglas
Norman J. Greene, Jr., Frank X. Hodalski, Karl P. Knoedler, Karl W. Krause, Robert B. N. Peck
Ronald Lee Shankland

Annual Chapter Meeting Notice Friday December 11 at 12:00

It will be held at our current meeting location; Lido Beach Holiday Inn. The elected Officers will be installed as our Officers and Governors for next year. All our members who can serve and help manage the affairs of our great chapter and can share your talents working on one of our many committees should advise the President. Sharing your talents is rewarding.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT

Submitted by

Registrar/Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley

The Registrar introduced some of our new and pending SAR members attending, Allen John Hegener, Dean Pettit and wife Marcia, Robert Stewart and his wife Marcia descendant of Col. Daniel Boone were introduced. They met prospective new member George Sparks another descendant of Daniel Boone and his wife Mary. Burton Corbus introduced his nephew as a prospective new member Steve Thaggard.

A large class of new members will be inducted at the December 11 Annual meeting New Member induction ceremonies prior to installation ceremony of 2010 Officers. The list of new SAR members include: Bruce Eugene Baxter, Don Campbell, William Segraves, Colin Garrett Crapo, Graham James Coleman Douglas, Brian Joseph Farrington, Foster Gaines Finley, Steven Gaines Finley, Cullen Gaines Finley, Jeffrey Joseph Hazelton, Allen John Hegener, Richard Charles Hunt, Ryan Charles Hunt, Stephen Earl Hunt, Albert William Paul, Hopefully all will be able to attend. Some will have parents or Grandparents standing in their place. Several new SAR applications to be finalized within next couple of weeks include; Robert Grant, Jr., William Brady, Paul Joseph Longstreet. Hopefully William H. Van Duzer will soon provide his final documents and Steve Thaggard, George Sparks, will contact me to work to complete their applications.

Supplemental applications are in process by Burton Robison Corbus, Jr. Phil Tarpley, Richard K. Mahaffey.

Membership Chairman Billie West Lowe reported no new prospects from his committee the past 5 months. **Remember DAR** is a great source for new members. Please join Compatriots Lowe and Tarpley (a regional SAR helper) in the search for and helping prospective new members. Not everyone knows how to complete research. It is very important to seek out and induct new members to keep our great heritage alive and pass on the effort. Please give it your full attention. Talk to your friends in DAR to recruit their husbands, sons or grandsons as eligible new members. Why not add your supplemental Patriots to the Honor Roll?

NSSAR application increase \$20.00 as of January 1, 2010

Why pay money to have your family traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you
Anon

A side note: Phil Tarpley is now Florida State Registrar for Order of Founders and Patriots of America

**SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD
A UNIT of the SONS OF LIBERTY BRIGADE - FLORIDA SOCIETY
Color Guard Captain Eugene Bradley**



November Events

Veterans Day Parade November 11th in Sarasota

Color Guard Members Eugene Bradley, Harold Crapo, Reynolds Cushing, Hal Miller, Frank Hodalski, Charles Riegle, Phillip H. Tarpley marched and presented the Colors.



Color Guard Member Clarence Barrett & Jean Catsakis DAR at the Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony for Capt. Styles, USN



President Crapo salutes after laying Saramana wreath

**Happenings during the last meeting
Guest Speaker**



Compatriot Daniel F. Kennedy, Head Master and co-founder of Sarasota Military Academy

President Crapo presented on behalf the FLSSAR the FLSSAR Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to Past Registrar William Millman



Carl Hoffman was also presented his NSCAR Pin for his contributions to their support our troops campaign. Several Saramana Officers received their pins at the BOM.

Carl & Pat Hoffmann at History Fair



President Crapo and Phil Tarpley P President and current FLSSAR Regional VP with their wives delivered clothes and other item to Jacobson Veterans Nursing Home in November. Photo by Mary Tarpley

SARAMANA CHAPTER - SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Chapter Meeting Notices

December 11, 2009 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon

December 16, 2009 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

Notice of our new meeting location

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive,
7th floor Banquet Room

Directions: From (Rt. 41) Tamiami Trail & John Ringling Blvd. Travel west across the bridge toward Lido Beach about 3 miles. Follow the signs directing you to Lido Beach from Armand Circle along Ringling Blvd. to the (Y) at the end.

Bear to the left onto Ben Franklin Drive for a couple blocks. The Holiday Inn is on the left. Turn left, the parking lot is in the rear. The ramp into the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh floor.

Our welcome and check-in table is there by the banquet room.

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

11:45 and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

Please leave home early to arrive by 11:30 -11:45 AM

Call Victory McMurry only for phone reservations - 941-966-0493

If not available, leave Vic a message on your menu selections #1, #2 or #3 and give names of guests. Leave your phone number for a call back if needed

E-mails only: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@verizon.net to make your reservation
Provide meal selection # 1, #2 or #3 Please pay at door on your arrival -- Please give all names of your guests and meal selection in the e-mail. I will confirm your order.

Call or e-mail to make reservations by 4:30 PM Tuesday afternoon December 8

Note; this is the cut off time for this luncheon's reservations. Late reservations cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems for the hotel kitchen preparing and the wait staff serving everyone on time. The hotel is firm on no changes to increase or decrease meals after 2:00 PM Wednesday.

Meal Selections

- #1 _____ Beef Bourguignon: - \$20 = _____
(Tender Beef tips in Burgundy Wine sauce) over buttered noodles
- #2 _____ Chicken Caesar Salad - \$20 = _____
(Char-grilled Chicken Breast over Traditional Caesar Salad)
Served with toasted garlic croutons with Parmesan Cheese
- #3 _____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad with a Fruit cup - \$20 = _____

All entrees include beverage, rolls, soup 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 prior to the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when your meals are ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.



YOUR SAR KEEPS MARCHING FORWARD!

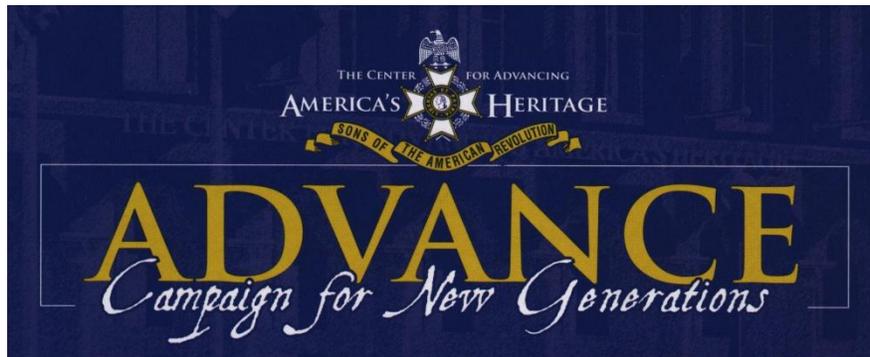
We just concluded a very ceremonial and
successful groundbreaking
for our new Genealogical Library...

Let's keep the momentum going!

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Contact Victor McMurry for information



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