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# The Quill and Bugle

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***THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***  
*April 22, 2008*  
*Report Card on Teaching American History*

I am sure the Founding Fathers would not like nor approve of this report card at all. A story recently published by Kenneth C. Davis refers to a report released in 2007 that confirms the position taken by the Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR position is public school systems fail to educate students on American history. It is now part of (Social studies) and poorly taught by teachers who know little American history themselves. Some spend no more than a day on early American History before turning the page to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century for the civil rights movement and the era of protesting.

The report showed that when more than 14,000 seniors and freshmen at 50 American colleges and universities when tested on some basics of American history and civics, the average score was about 52%. That is a failing grade on any measurement of scoring. Seniors scored slightly higher than the incoming students confirming our premise. Harvard had the best results where seniors scored 69.6% or barely passing. Now we learn the news in 2008 is poor as well when 43% of teenagers in another survey knew the Civil War was fought between 1861 and 1900 (1850-1865 is correct answer). When the researchers dug into the lack of knowledge of our history by talking with students it became obvious teaching methods were also the cause. Giving names, dates and something to read is how most history lessons are presented in the classroom. Learning about history is considered very boring but the students seem to enjoy history when it presented in a format such as a movie. Mel Gibson's movie *The Patriot* for example mentioned as interesting. We understand from experience and knowing our American History Hollywood takes liberties with the truth regarding our history thus enhanced to something misleading.

I sent the below email letter to the incoming Superintendent of the Sarasota County school system.

Dear Dr. White,

I wish to express our pleasure on learning of your selection as incoming Superintendent of Sarasota County School System. The National Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution is dedicated to teaching our young people the rich heritage of this nation. We believe the teaching of American History has taken a back seat to other programs. The knowledge of the establishment of America 400 years ago is important. Few in this nation seem to know the first elected representative form of government occurred on July 30, 1619 in Jamestown. This taste of self-government lasted long enough to become part of the fight for freedom during the American Revolution. Children need to know our history so they can plan our future as they replace our generation.

We are available to visit schools to give presentations of our early history. We encourage School History Fairs and provide awards to students. We have several programs for schools that are used nationwide by SAR Compatriots to teach and promote excellence in education for students and teachers. We will join with the DAR at anytime to promote the teaching of history. We both have the same goals.  
We look forward to working with you,

Phillip H. Tarpley  
President  
Saramana Chapter FLSSAR  
National Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution

Thank you, Mr. Tarpley, for your words of support. I look forward to working with you. Lori White

Lori White  
Associate Superintendent  
Instructional Support Services  
School Board of Sarasota County, Florida  
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**Please take notice of a change in the Office of Chapter Secretary for reservations and meetings.**

*Phillip H. Tarpley, President*

## WORDS of WISDOM

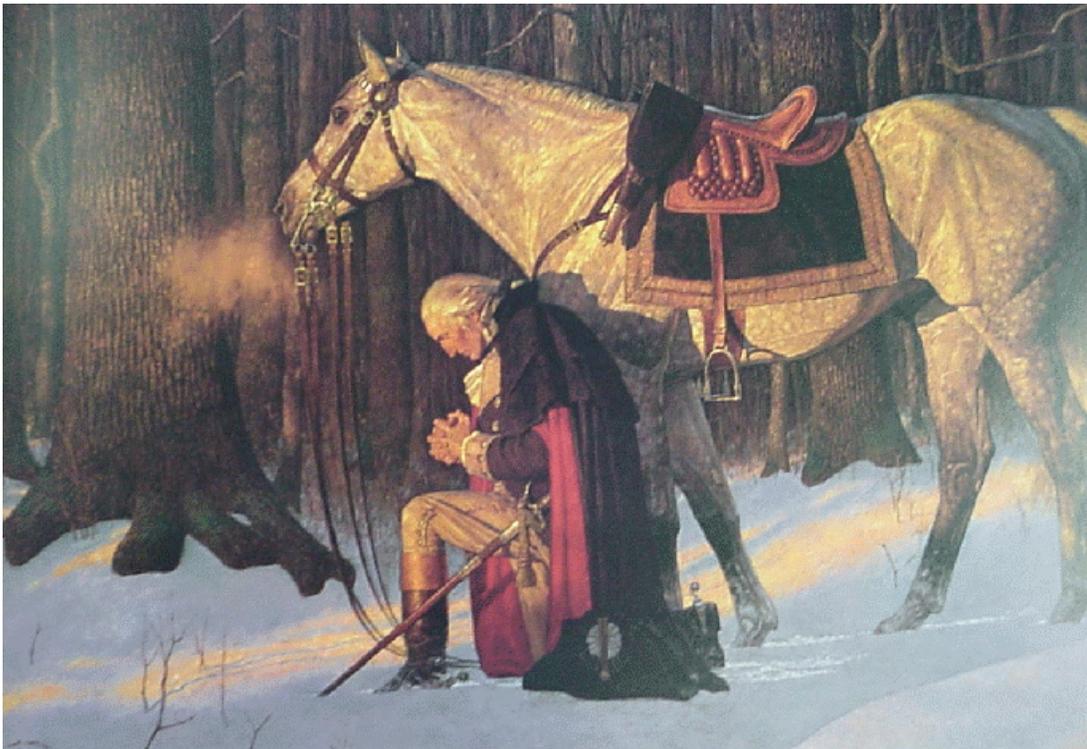
*Remarks made early in Jamestown “the better sort” (as Gentlemen were often called and now called elitist). “They exclaim of all things, though they never adventured to know any thing ...nor ever did anything but devour the fruits of other men’s labors.” The gents were discontented because they did not have any of their accustomed dainties, silver or gold and dissolute liberty as expected. Later words gave the “better sort” reason to squirm even more with this decree; “He that will not work shall not eat.” Captain John Smith*

*“When there is liberty, some men will create more wealth than others. Property and class factions are the result. Over time factions (political parties) tend to move farther and farther away from reality as the reason-destroying power of fanaticism intensifies. Eventually factions (parties) can gain so much power that they are able to promote laws, which destroy the liberty of other citizens.”  
John Madison*

*“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 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.*



*General Washington prays for our nation and soldiers, as we should.*

# *THE SECRETARY'S REPORT*

*April 23, 2008*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Phillip H. Tarpley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 12 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Ashcraft, Bradley, Crapo, Dunn, Huff, Millman, Tarpley, Riegle, McMurry, Grant, Hunt and Williams. Secretary Dunn certified that a quorum was present. Chaplain Bradley gave the Invocation. President Tarpley introduced the two new members approved and appointed to the BOG filling remaining terms of vacant seats of VADM Earl Fowler and Chris Dunn's elevation to Secretary. He also appointed members to the Nominating Committee. The By-Laws requires it by May BOG meeting. Compatriot Riegle made the motion to defer accepting the minutes of March BOG meeting until presented at May meeting by Secretary Dunn. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.

President Tarpley briefed the members on the Fire and Safety awards. He also gave a report on the JROTC Awards program now under way for 13 schools. A Cadet will receive the Best of the Best award at the May 9, luncheon. **He noted this is the last chapter meeting until October and hopes to have a good turnout.**

The April 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter Luncheon had reserved attendance of 64 people, of whom 18 were Fire Department personnel and family members. The Fire & Safety Officers receiving awards are from the following departments: Bradenton, North Port, Palmetto, Sarasota County, Venice, and Cedar Hammock. President Tarpley gave out the award Medals and Certificates. Compatriot Harold Crapo read the nomination of each Department and the commanding officers summarized the reason for nomination. It was very impressive, as usual.

Near the end of the luncheon, President Tarpley presented Compatriots Lt. Col Lewis Graber and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Basil Lancaster their George Washington Military Service Awards. He noted that he would be presenting later the same award Certificate to Mr. Richard Brainard, who was too ill to attend. Compatriot Brainard plans to attend a later meeting when he can accept his award.

**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.

**Registrar's Report:** A written report was distributed. Compatriot William Millman reported several new applications are in process. Several members of the Pearce Family, Everett Blount, Ronald Lee Shankland and Campbell Wood are waiting NSSAR final approval. Bad weather and flooding conditions in KY slowed the process. John Phillip Tarpley is becoming a full member May 4 when he turns 18. His paperwork waiting State President's Signature at FLSSAR annual meeting May 2-4. Working applications include Finley, Gorton and Ross. Supplemental applications for Burton Corbus and Lawrence Berry are in process at State. Youth application Graham Douglas is complete. Two prospects are Truman and Brady.

**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.

**Old Business:** Appointment of Compatriot Robert L. Grant to fill vacant seat of VADM Earl Fowler on Sarasota County Veterans Commission approved.

**June 14, is annual Flag Day Luncheon** hosted by the Sara-DeSoto DAR Chapter. President Tarpley will E-mail special notice to member with full details.

*James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary*

## *Members Bulletin Board & Special Events*

May 9, 2008 is our next luncheon meeting  
This meeting we honor the JROTC best of the best cadets

May 2-4 is the FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual State Meeting

May 14, 2008 is the next BOG meeting

May 26, is the Memorial Day Parade in Sarasota

June 1, is the dedication ceremonies for the new Sarasota Veterans Cemetery

### **Special Notice**

Compatriot Jack Ashcraft requested the Editor mention the fund raising drive for the JROTC students at Sarasota Military Academy. There are several Cadets invited to go to China for the International Olympics to be part of the opening ceremonies. They need to raise \$148,000 or \$4,000 each and are doing what they can but funds are slow to come in. He suggested offering challenges to match a donation or by organizing a community yard sale to help raise funds.

**Please make note and save in your SAR files this new information for Chris Dunn  
Chapter Secretary**

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Please leave a message and/or your phone number and he will return the call

**We are in the process of setting up our Chapter's Web Site using the State domain license**

### **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 March 7-8  
May 2-3 Color Guard members, Crapo, Hodalski, Miller and Tarpley will march in the FLSSAR Liberty Brigade Color Guard during BOM and the Annual meeting banquets.  
Our Color Guard will march in the May 26 Memorial Day Parade followed by our SAR Trolley  
We also present the Colors for opening ceremonies. The Color Guard will present the Colors again that evening at the Phillippi Mansion Park Memorial Day Concert.  
June 1 many members of the Color Guard will attend the Dedication of the Sarasota Veterans Cemetery  
June 14, the Color Guard is scheduled by request to present the Colors at the DAR Flag Day meeting.  
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*



William V. Millman, Registrar and Genealogist left, presented Chuck and Jan Entwistle parents of Compatriot William Entwistle our newest member to President Tarpley. President Tarpley informed the members William was out of state and received the members pledge from him prior to the presentation of his Certificate of Membership and SAR Rosette.



Past President John A. Williams, Jr. presented his 40-year NSSAR Membership Medal and Certificate by President Tarpley

**MEMBERSHIP:** We may 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 DAR comments made during the GWB luncheon

**MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:** Compatriots, George Cancro, William A. Glasser (Youth member) John L Hegener, Douglas C. Rist, Teddy Huss, Brian Alan Tarpley and John Phillip Tarpley.

Compatriots Honored for Military Service to our Country to preserve our freedom



Compatriots and Past Presidents, Lt. Col Lewis J. Graber and First Lt. Basil L. Lancaster receive their General George Washington Military Service Awards not available during the ceremonies at George Washington Birthday Luncheon. President Tarpley then asked all the members and any spouses previously presented the award to stand.



Commissioner Shannon Staub Chair of the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners the guest speaker explained the consequences to Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety services resulting from reduced funds under the new tax law. Sarasota City PD is reducing their services and work force as a result. Libraries reduced their hours open.

**LUNCHEON NOTICE**

**Friday May 9, 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 May 6, by 3:00 PM is the cut off time for luncheon reservations**

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**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. [cdunn@ludwig-walpole.com](mailto:cdunn@ludwig-walpole.com)

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

**Please indicate your entrée selections:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Stroganoff over noodles - \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast Supreme, (Broth with white wine sauce) - \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian entrée Salad or Fruit Plate - \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

All entrees include beverage, salad and dessert