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The President's Message

May 2010

What would happen without us? There is a dedicated cadre of men who give much more of their time than is called for in our bylaws to perform the duties of their offices in Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR.

Are you one of these? No? Well, you could be and should be. I'll tell you why. When you joined the Sons of the American Revolution, you swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Try as I might, I cannot find a single paragraph in our Chapter Constitution which describes your duties to your fellow compatriots, except that which is part of your installation ceremony for new membership (Appendix J). I wish there were one. It would keep me from writing this article and hoping that some of you will read it and take it to heart.

Only a few serve the many. I guess it has always been this way and the many are divided into two camps, those who say nothing good or bad about the way the leadership operates and those who constantly have something to say about every occurrence – mostly negative in nature.

I can tell you from my 5 short years of experience serving as an Officer, on Boards and Committees for the SAR, that this sort of work is most worthwhile and rewarding. I guess that is why some of us do it. Not that I am to be held up as a shining example because there are many compatriots who have done much more than I and with less handwringing.

Please get up right now and call me or any one of the other officers with your offer to take on a responsible position in our chapter. We need you. My second term is ending soon and we need to find someone to steer this ship. We need to put a younger person in the role of President and Vice President, who can learn the ropes. Our By-laws state that the President may serve only two years. However, our Vice President has been in his job for the past 3 ½ years while simultaneously performing as Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Chairman of multiple committees and filling in for the President during illness. This kind of effort is above and beyond the call of duty. Our Treasurer has expressed a desire to step aside and we do have a Compatriot who has accepted the role as Assistant to the Treasurer, to ensure a smooth takeover in the near future. There are plenty of positions in the officer pool and in committee work, which are crying for your help. ***Do something!*** We need more “asst. to” jobs filled. Even if you already have a job on the Board of Governors, you might still be able to help in other areas. O.K. I have vented my concerns.

In my estimation, we have a ***GREAT*** Chapter. We do lots of things to help the young citizens of our area – Scouts, JROTC, C.A.R., - and we help our veterans through the nursing homes, the Wreaths Across America program, supporting the various joint meetings with American Legion and VFW, etc. We also march, as a Color Guard, in all community parades, and present the colors when asked for by the DAR and other community organizations, such as the Community Prayer Breakfast, at the end of April. Our President has been called on to speak before hundreds of our citizens in many venues on the Constitution and our committees go to schools and government buildings to present our awards to young citizens and to their teachers. We have even been asked to sing the National Anthem at DAR meetings.

Please take what I have said in the spirit in which it is intended. I want Saramana to continue to be the successful beacon of light it has been to our State Society and to those who count on us to preserve and protect the meaning of the Constitution of the United States. Let us all pull together.

Fraternally and at Your Service

Karold B. Crapo, Jr.



God Bless America

The Secretary's Report

May 2010

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. As President Harold Crapo was ill, Vice President Charles Riegle called the meeting to order after establishing that there was a quorum. Attending were compatriots: Riegle, Lowe, Grant, Bradley, Huff, McMurry, Tarpley, Mahaffey, McMaster, Lancaster, Miller, Hazelton, and Douglas. Asst to the Treasurer, Ted Hornback was also present. Compatriot Bradley gave the **Invocation** and Compatriot Grant led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Riegle presented the Minutes of the March 17th meeting and a corrective change, a motion to accept these minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Motion made and approved to accept this report subject to audit. In his verbal report Treasurer McMurry told the BOG about financial status of the OTF and of the recent buy/sell activity. He said that the growth of our OTF is beyond expectations.

Genealogist/ Registrar – Registrar Tarpley reports new Applications & Supplemental Applications in process and expects to have 5 new members approved for induction by this summer. Tarpley then noted that Compatriots Willis Wheat and John Woolever have died within the past month

Publicity/Recruiting – Lowe told about his efforts to get publicity in the Sarasota Herald Tribune and once again requested that we all save any newspaper reports of chapter activities to send/give him for the record books.

Americanism Elementary Poster Contest – Chairman Riegle noted that he has now received over 50 entries into this year's contest and will provide each child with a certificate of appreciation for entering the contest. The judging will be accomplished by the end of April and the winner from our chapter will be forwarded to the FLSSAR BOM meeting for judging on May 7th.

Eagle Scout – Riegle read the report of Compatriot Lester Hunt regarding the upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honor being held in Venice Council and his hopes of another Court of Honor being held soon.

JROTC - Compatriot Tarpley reported he is making a schedule of presentations to be made. We can all look forward to attending the chapter luncheon meeting on May 14th, which will spotlight the "Best of the Best" local JROTC Cadet. Our winner came in 2nd in the FLSSAR competition.

Old Business – Hal Miller gave an update on the upcoming Founders Breakfast on April 23rd

New Business – The Secretary pointed out that our President General, Ed Butler will be the guest speaker at the upcoming FLSSAR BOM banquet on May 8 and that all compatriots should take the opportunity to attend this meeting and meet our leader.

Vice President Riegle asked for a motion to adjourn, and Chaplain Bradley gave a closing prayer.

We were dismissed at 2:50PM.

Charles W. Riegle, Secretary

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

True or false

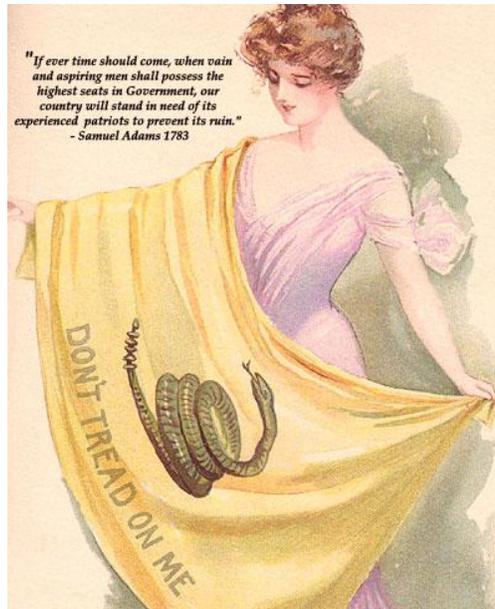
The accuracy of lie detector tests has never been completely decided upon. Although it is inadmissible as evidence in court, even the proponents of lie detector testing agree that it is not always accurate. Among the first lie detectors, considered by some to be the most accurate, was the donkey's tail! 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. I will provide the soot saved from burning of our flag by ungrateful fools. Make our elected Federal Officials and the main stream news media journalist our first targets. -----The editor

Monthly History Lessons *This Month in Early American History*



The Gadsden Flag

Civility and class among men of honor, our Forefathers; debated, wrote, voted and signed a Document to establish a Government for the People, by the People and of the People. Americans today are starting to read the U.S. Constitution again. They again demand Congress, Federal Judges and the President follow, defend and support the Constitution of the United States

April 19, 1775--- the date of the beginning of the American Revolution at Lexington

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.

Article 4.-The States

Amendment 10-Powers of the States and People- Ratified 12/15/1791

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. Article 4 is in the spotlight at the moment as 20 States will be involved in a Law Suit against the Federal Government over Legislative Acts they believe is Unconstitutional. The issue is Mandates to the States or funding requirement and 2nd the Authority of Congress to require private citizens to purchase a certain product or suffer penalties.

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

The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of “liberalism, they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day, America will be a socialist nation. ---Norman Thomas-1944 Former Presidential Candidate

Members Bulletin Board and Special Events

Happy Birthday to Compatriot's born in May

*George F. Cancro, Stephen Gaines Finley, John L. Hegener, Teddy Huss, Douglas C. Rist
Brian Alan Tarpley and John Phillip Tarpley*

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

NEW MEMBERS REPORT Registrar/Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley

The Registrar reports names of the new SAR members inducted during April meeting
Paul Joseph Longstreet & Larry Allen Peck, Sr.

New members approved for induction during the May meeting; Robert Cheney, Robert L. Grant, Jr.

New members awaiting final application NSSAR approval, John Mange, 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, Wayne Shaffer, Wm. Brady, George
Sparks, Dean Pettit and Justin Bowman

Events during the Police and Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon



SAR Town Crier Clarence Barrett on left gives notice to President Crapo of two new members present for induction into our chapter.

New members above are Larry A. Peck, Sr. and Paul J. Longstreet on the right. Others in photo are Registrar/Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley and President Harold B. Crapo, Jr. John L. Hegener has his back to camera.

Heroism Awards well deserved

Heroism is knowingly risking one's life or at least subject to serious injuries in the actions taken to help others



Officer David A. Durrance of Bradenton City Police Department standing next to his wife received from President Harold Crapo the SAR Heroism Medal for his fast and decisive action that saved his Sgt.'s life who was about to be shot by a bank robber.



Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Deputy Robbie Martin on left and Deputy Gene Nault, right, receive SAR Heroism Medals for life saving of an accident victim. They dove into a deep pond to free victims trapped in the submerged vehicle. Pictured also are Phillip Tarpley-Chairman of Police Law Enforcement and President Crapo presenting the awards

Captain Tom McNulty of City of Venice Police Department also received the Heroism Medal for his work and diligent actions that caused the capture and arrest of a suspect involved in a vicious beating in a bar. The Captain quickly used his experience to discover he was the man wanted for murder, rape and murder of two women, several home invasions and warrants for vicious crimes in Sarasota & Manatee Counties. The quick arrest led by the Captain prevented other crimes as the suspect is also confined to jail on Federal probation violations.

Saramana honored 5 other Police Officers by awarding Meritorious Law Enforcement Medals for their outstanding efforts in Law Enforcement and crime prevention activities in our local cities and counties: They are: Detective Pat Robison - Sarasota City Police Department, Officer George Donahue - City of Palmetto Police Department, Officer Michael Coss – City of North Port Police Department, Officer Randy Thompson-Longboat Key Police Department and Manatee County Sheriff's Office Corrections Deputy Veronica Monsivasis

---A Reminder---

For those who are left behind to remember and grieve

This photo is a reminder that we do have real heroes who are the men and women who pledge to support and defend the Constitution and our idea of freedom for all. It is a sad fact that too often our Heroes give it their all for us. Young people need to understand the Hollywood movie or music stars and sport figures are not real heroes. A real Hero is willing to chance serious injury or death to protect other people. The March meeting recognized the Firefighter and emergency rescue crews who consider entering burning building or collapsed structures to save us as normal duty. Police and Law Enforcement Officers are the thin blue line between us and the lawless, scam artist, drug smugglers and dangerous gangs endangering our young children and the elder citizens.

The April luncheon meeting will honor the service of these men and women in Law Enforcement. These men and women are being wounded and killed in performance of duty in an alarming rate and drug gangs are often better armed and may win the battle in shoot outs. We will have 4 Police Officers being honored for acts of heroism this past year. Please make every effort to attend this luncheon. We are protected inside our borders and around the world by our young men and women in the Armed Forces and Coast Guard of the U.S. military services. Broken hearts in American citizens over loss of love ones in the continuous fight for and keeping us free goes back to the Tea Party era before the American Revolution. Freedom for Americans must be protected at home and abroad every day.

Let us always pray for our Heroes and the families here at home ---Phillip H. Tarpley



JROTC activities for April and May-- SAR JROTC Medal and Award presentations will start on April 28 and continue through most of May. The members willing to present the SAR medals can contact Harold Crapo for Manatee County schools. Phillip Tarpley has Sarasota County schools covered.

The JROTC Outstanding Cadet “Outstanding Best of the Best” Scholarship winner will be introduced and presented his bronze Medallion on neck ribbon and check during the May 14, luncheon meeting. This Cadet placed 2nd in a tough field of competition for FLSSAR State winner.

Eagle Scout Scholarship fund raising Dinner by Allen Hegener SAR Program Chairman is on May 20th at Lido Beach Holiday Inn. Please Contact Allen Hegener 941-809-6918 or ahegener@rwbaird.com by May 3rd to make a reservation to attend this event that will provide monetary support to our Eagle Scouts

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



We will march in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade May 31st in Sarasota beginning at 9:30
New Color Guard members Donald Ernest Campbell, Jeff Hazelton, Larry Peck

Historian Riegler purchased from his own funds and the chapter now owns a 3 x 4 Betsy Ross Flag used at the Prayer Breakfast by the CG. It has a pole and stand for use in any Color Guard or other chapter event.

Saramana Color Guard members presented the Colors at the 38th Annual Sarasota Community Prayer Breakfast on Friday morning April 23rd. The guardsmen were Eugene Bradley, Harold B. Crapo, Charles Riegler and Phillip Tarpley. Hal Miller led the Color Guard into the Ball Room to over 600 people gathered for the special "Founder's Prayer Breakfast" event. Hal F. Miller portraying Major Gen John Peter Muhlenburg a minister who stood up at the Continental Congress and pulled off his Clergy robe exposing his military uniform declaring he was ready to fight for freedom . We were joined in the program by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Reverend Jacob Duche, Patrick Henry, Betsy Ross, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Alexander Hamilton.



Photos by Ausra Riegler

Saramana Chapter Monthly Meeting Notice
JROTC Best of the Best Awards Luncheon Friday May 14, 2010 11:30
Next Board of Governors Meeting May 19, 2010 2:00 PM
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota
FLSSAR BOM & Annual Meeting May 7-9 2010

DAR Flag Day Luncheon

All members and their wives are invited to attend the Osceola DAR chapter FLAG DAY luncheon on June 12 at Bradenton Country Club, Bradenton FL at 11:30. More details in next issue of Quill & Bugle

Chapter Meeting location

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, 7th floor dining Room. 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 dining room. **Directions ---**

1. Turn onto John Ringling Blvd from US 41 and go 2.1 miles (about 4 minutes)
2. Turn left at S. Washington Drive and go 0.4 miles (about 2 minutes)
3. Take the 3rd left onto South Boulevard of the Presidents and go 0.1 miles
4. Take the 1st right onto South Polk Drive and go 0.3 miles (about 1 minute).
5. The Holiday Inn Lido Beach parking lot is in rear of hotel.

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

11:30 and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

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

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

If not available, leave Vic a message of 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 selections in the e-mail. I will confirm your order.

Call or e-mail to make reservations by 4:30 PM Tuesday afternoon May 11, 2010

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 ____ * Grouper Picatta (white wine, lemon and capers)- \$20 = ____
*Served with cup of soup as starter

#2 ____ *Chicken Caesar Salad - \$20 = ____
Char-grilled Chicken Breast, over Traditional Caesar Salad, Toasted Garlic Croutons and Fresh Parmesan Cheese
*served with cup of soup as a starter

#3 ____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Vegetable Salad - \$20 = ____
*Served with a cup of soup as starter

All entrees include beverage, rolls, cup of 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!**



**The new NSSAR Library is on schedule to open by this Summer
Major Events are in our future at the Library
Be a part of this effort, donate what you can**