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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phillip H. Tarpley

October 29, 2008

225 years ago the Paris Peace Treaty guaranteed our freedom won by our Patriot forefathers. Today rouge world leaders and news media from other countries try to influence American citizens how to vote in our electoral process. They are not told by our leaders and press to mind their own business. They are not reminded we are the people whose parents fought to give them their freedom. Those same countries owe us enough to clear all our national debts.

Today, 221 years after our Founders adopted a Constitution of the People, by the People and for the People stating how we agreed to be governed, our protection from the government is being tested. The Congress is putting the government in our lives as never before and they have plans to move in even more. I am not a scholar of the Constitution, but I played one in high school once. Schools gloss over teaching the Constitution, except the freedom of speech

I learned citizens (legal) have the right to one vote in each election. I remember when you traveled to the courthouse register. The supervisor of election's staff asked for identification to prove who you are and if you were a US citizen, where you lived and for how long. They may have asked if your right to vote was revoked and they checked to confirm. Once that process was completed you were issued a voter's ID Card. I recall at age 16 thinking I had a right to a drivers license under the Constitution only to soon learn it is only a privilege.

The recent proclaimed right to be insured under a national taxpayer funded, government managed health insurance plan is not in the Constitution. It is a privilege you have to purchase it or insist your employer provide you coverage or remove your talents to an employer that does. All this is not questioned because people do not know our Constitution.

The Declaration of Independence states we are all created equal, that we are endowed by our Creator with certain alienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That does not mean we stay equal during our lifetime except under the eyes of the law as we are to have equal justice. We have the right to work hard, start a business, create wealth and save for our family's future and retirement. If any of you do not believe in the right to build your nest egg for retirement such as a 401-K and keep it stop reading.

The Constitution is about to be stepped on again by a committee Chairman in the Congress. There is word a piece of legislation being worked on, that will if passed, convert control of your 401-K etc., to the government to manage under the Social Security system. This proposed tax reform plan is to have the US Government manage the assets of your pension plan but guarantee you a 3% increase in growth annually (buying government bonds). The value of the pension assets at your death is cut in half and your wife will receive income based on that half. The asset value of the fund when both die will not belong to your family/estate. Social Security keeps the balance for the use of the Social Security fund. The congress created banking laws in the 90's and failed to correct them when warned of the problems it would create. The problem has now surfaced in such a way our nation is in a financial mess. Not a single member of congress who failed to pass legislation to curb the banking laws accepts blame. They name everybody else as corrupt. Our Chapter Treasurer, a retired Banker told me exactly how the Federal Reserve Bank Regulators threatened banks to give mortgage loans they would never allow otherwise. Our children and grandchildren will pay for this economic mess for a long time. The congressmen however, will get a pass, again.

WORDS of WISDOM

George Washington wrote---

"Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder"

Thomas Jefferson wrote---

"One man with courage is a majority"

"When once a republic is corrupted, there is no possibility of remedying any of the growing evils but by removing the corruption and restoring its lost principles. Every other correction is either useless or a new evil"

*"Our citizens may be deceived for awhile, and have been deceived: but as long as the presses can be protected, we may trust to them for light" (*sorry Thomas we can no longer trust the presses for the light)*

John Adams wrote---

"The only maxim of a free government ought to be trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty"

"Fear is the foundation of most governments"

James Madison wrote---

"The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted"

"The essence of government is power: and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will be liable to abuse"

Sir Winston Churchill stated---

"Its' no use saying 'we're doing our best'

You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary"

President Roosevelt stated--- *"There is nothing to fear but fear itself."*
*(*The news media however beats the drumbeat of fear every day)*

The Editor writes---Remember when we vote, it should not be what is best for the "Party" but what is best for the people and future of our country,

Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor

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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

October 28, 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Phillip H. Tarpley having a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 10 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Dunn, Tarpley, Huff, Hoyt, Crapo, Bradley, Douglas, Grant, and Ashcraft. Miller, Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation. Compatriot Duane Cornell was introduced to the members. The meeting having completed all business before it adjourned at 3:15 PM

Minutes of May and September BOG presented. Motion presented and passed to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's report also presented and accepted, subject to audit.

Harold Crapo reported on the receipt of several Proclamations commemorating the 221th anniversary of the US Constitution and the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty from both our counties. He explained how a member of the Manatee County Commission requested that a reading be done by SAR on DVD by the METV. Harold wrote two scripts and two weeks later, the DVD was completed. He then turned it over to Compatriot Frank Hodalski who immediately took it to the NSSAR Education group and briefed them as to the contents. NSSAR now wants to distribute the DVD nationwide.

Harold is in the process of requesting a release of the Copyrights to the DVD. The next briefings will be to the Chapter Membership and then to the FLSSAR at the BOM on October 31, 2008. Subsequently, Harold will also brief the Manatee County School Board and present them with a copy of the DVD. Harold requested an Honorarium for \$100 be approved by the BOG for the METV and their production of the US Constitution DVD. A motion was offered, seconded and passed unanimously. A similar motion will be made at the BOM to ask the FLSSAR to match the Honorarium.

President Tarpley was authorized to issue a letter to NSSAR Nominating Committee Chairman Bruce Wilcox, PPG. The letter is indicating our endorsement of J. David Symson for the office of NSSAR Secretary General. Dave is a member of our chapter.

Historian, Jack B. Ashcraft spoke on the need to find proper storage for our chapter's historic documents and records. He has announced he is unable to continue as Historian and provider of storage space. Storage must be dry or air conditioned space. Any member that can help please contact Jack (941-371-4131)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President reported for the record that the report of the Nominating had been published in the October issue of the Quill and Bugle and Jack B. Ashcraft, Chairman presented the report during the October meeting. The new Chapter Web Site approved by the BOG last spring is established under the site name of www.saramanasar.com and help by a member with experience in web site management is asked to call him. **He reminds members to please send in their dues now.**

"Chris" Dunn, Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating committee presented to the members during the October meeting the following slate of candidates for the 2009 term:

President, Harold B. Crapo, Jr., Vice President, Charles W. Riegle, Secretary, James "Chris" Dunn, Treasurer, Victor G. McMurry, Chaplain, Eugene Bradley, Registrar & Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley, Sgt At Arms, Reynolds Cushing, Commander-Color Guard, Eugene Bradley, Governors, Everett Blount, Duane Cornell 2012, Peter Douglas. Historian's position for 2009 remains open subject to acceptance of nomination.

Jack B. Ashcraft Chairman

Election of Officers Business Meeting

November 14, 2008

November 11, Veterans Day Parade

Assemble by 9:30 AM parking lot NE corner of Main Street east of Washington (Rt. 301)
The SAR Trolley will be there for members, wives, DAR etc. who prefer not to march in parade.
Members wearing Class B uniform (blue blazer and gray slacks) are invited to join and march
with our Color Guard Unit

November 14, 2008 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon
THE SARASOTA HOTEL AND MARINA

NEW TELEPHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF SECRETARY DUNN FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

E-mail tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com Cell - 941-400-9457

November 19, 2008 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

October 31-November 1, 2008
FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: Over 80% of our members have paid their dues and updated their information to date for the 2009 term. He reminds us we need them fully paid in next two weeks in order to forward to FLSSAR to qualify for a percentage rebate from state for dues payment submitted by due date.

The 2009 yearbook is in process of edit and a form was included with membership renewal asking for any updates or corrections to the member's file. Several updates were received.

The entire list of members making donations over the years to the Operating Trust Fund will be listed in the 2009 Year Book and on our Web site.

Publicity Committee Chairman Harold Crapo reports breaking news.

SAR members and others featured in "Reading of the Constitution DVD by METV" was copy right released for NSSAR to use nationwide as another Saramana Chapter generated educational tool.

Veteran's Affairs Report: Compatriots Grant and Crapo attended the meetings of the Veteran's Commission in their respective counties and issued reports. Harold Crapo also reported he obtained another motorized wheel chair. It was presented to the Port Charlotte Veteran's home. Another trip is planned soon and donations you may have should be reported to Jack Ashcraft, Harold Crapo or Lester Hunt as to arranging collection & delivery dates.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

Jim Crandall, Gerald E. Dennis, Brian J. Farrington, Lt. Col. Edward Hoyt, Ian C. Miller
Hilton H. Morgan, Oliver Charles Riegle, Dr. David Alan Thompson, Samuel R. Wooten

NEW MEMBERS UPDATE

Several new members were approved over the summer and some are scheduled for induction in our November meeting. Several are not able to attend in person and will agree to the SAR member's pledge administered by the President. Several applications are in the pipeline approval or application process. Several former members are being searched for and being asked to renew membership.

Adding your sons and grandsons as Youth or Junior members is easy. Telling people about SAR is just as easy. Ask your DAR friends to have brothers, sons and grandsons join SAR

Your help recruiting new members will help keep Saramana as one in not the largest chapter in FLSSAR. Our loss of members by death and transferring membership out of state cost us first place in 2007-2008.

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT

The Color Guard will be marching in the Veteran's Day Parade in Sarasota. This is just one of the many events our members will involved with over the next two weeks



Several Color Guard members waiting to march in last year's Veteran's Day Parade stand for photo with Congressman Vern Buchanan. He has an SAR application in process to join our chapter

Luncheon Notice

Tuesday November 11, 2008 by 3:00 PM is the cut off time for luncheon reservations

Friday November 14, 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,

About 2.5 miles north of University Blvd. on the left

NEW AND FASTER RESERVATION SAVES POSTAGE

We now prefer you call Secretary James "Chris" Dunn for your reservations

Cell 941-400-9457--- or --- E-mail your reservations to him

tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com

Please leave your message if Chris is not available

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

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy - \$20 = _____

_____ Honey Baked Ham - \$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

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING YOUR CHAPTER ON A COMMITTEE