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Highlights of March 11th Chapter Meeting

President George Dennis called the meeting to order at noon. Members were greeted and guests Barbara Gay and Rachael Barber, local DAR members, were warmly welcomed. Bill Bolinger, a Ohio Compatriot, was a visitor and urged to come again.

Treasurer Richard Jones reported a current operating balance of \$1520 which is expected to be adequate to cover the society's foreseeable expenses. As a follow up to his presentation last month about the Sun-Sentinel newspaper, he reported that the paper's photojournalist in Haiti was recently shot twice while following current events there. The injuries were not fatal and he continues that assignment.

Secretary Oscar Kraehenbuehl encouraged those present (and all members reading this newsletter) to be alert for persons in the community who properly and routinely fly the American flag. Provide him with their names so that a special SAR certificate of commendation can be prepared for presentation to them for their patriotic zeal.

Oscar outlined the "American Heritage Project" which has been initiated by the national society. The background and details of this program are provided in the Winter issue of The SAR Magazine (pages 10-11). Its objective is to provide school teachers with information that can supplement their lessons with the goal of increasing student's awareness and knowledge of America's heritage. This information has been professionally prepared and is provided on a CD which is free to use, copy and modify as best suited by the teachers. Lesson plans are provided for elementary school, middle school and high school. A large number of these CD already have been distributed and the material is in use in numerous states.

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President George Dennis present a Certificate of Appreciation to Stuart B. McIver for his presentation at the March Meeting.

Program for April 8th Meeting

The program for this meeting has not been finalized.

Come and be pleasantly surprised !!

*NEXT MEETING - APRIL 8th
TOWER CLUB !!!
\$20.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP
11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH
28TH FLOOR UNION PLANTERS BANK
1 FINANCIAL TOWER
SE 3RD AVE & BROWARD BLVD
FORT LAUDERDALE
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:
954-559-3202*

or e-mail Joe Motes at: joemotes@aol.com

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A brochure accompanying the CD highlights its contents and contains letters of appreciation and support from school staff, teachers and legislators.

All SAR members are now challenged to distribute this material to teachers, administrators and members of local school boards and publicize the project wherever possible in their community.

Copies of the CD and brochure can be obtained from the chapter secretary at the following address. Six copies were taken at the meeting by those who have family or friends who are teachers. Make contact with others who can use or assist in distributing this worthwhile, high quality lesson material. If you can't make the contact yourself, let it be known who that person is and others will follow up. – This is a program that strikes at a vital need in the education of our youth. Please get involved. Contact: Oscar Kraehenbuehl, 19211 N. Creekshore Court, Boca Raton, 33498-6218; Phone: 561-488-5585; E-mail: OscarK@pobox.com

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The guest speaker was Stuart B. McIver, author, journalist who has been involved in many facets of southern and especially Floridian history. He recounted the background and elements of his recent book and an overview of his findings about Florida's involvement in the Revolutionary War. This and other information noting that the last part of that war was fought and won in the south may lead to his next book. His observations and conclusions tended to get significant and somewhat impassioned responses from those attending who had northern roots – all of which he welcomed. Anyone wishing to know more about Mr. McIver or see a list of his books can find this on his web site:

www.stuartmviver.com.

Genealogy Research Tutorial Online

Debbie Duay, wife of Chapter Registrar /Genealogist Ted Duay, chairs the DAR Lineage Committee and has been working on an internet-based genealogy tutorial that shows people how to use the internet for genealogy research. It is a self-paced course designed to meet the needs of people with a variety of learning styles. It's free, fun and exciting because it is highly interactive. If of interest to you, your family or friends, check it out at:

www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html.



ROTC Chairman Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Valentin Boza from Plantation High School. Also pictured are Anthony Dittmer (L), 2002 recipient and Felix L DeJesus (R), last years recipient.

Cadet Boza was just promoted to Major and will be the new cadet commanding officer of this unit for the 2004-2005 school year.

I was very impressed with Cadet Boza and in my opinion I think he will make an excellent officer in our Military Service. Major Kudos!