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President's Message

March 16th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Gaveled in at: 12:25pm by David Lott

Invocation: Chaplain – T. Shepherd

Pledge of Allegiance: D. Lott

S.A.R. Pledge:

Officer's Report: Registrar – Jim Lohmeyer & C. Adams-
The following applications are still in process; Mark Snider,
Patrick Woolbert, and Chuck Adams

Secretary – Jim Lohmeyer; minutes in the last newsletter were
approved and accepted.

Treasurer/Historian/Editor/Sgt-At-Arms – Joe Motes
gave this months' treasury report of \$2034. There is a tempo-
rary addition of \$18,499 from the trust fund that is in the
process of being moved into a new account with new trustees.
The new trustees will be David Lott, Tom Shepherd, and Jim
Lohmeyer. There was a motion to accept and approve last
months' report.

OLD BUSINESS: D.A.R. Luncheon- report by T. Shepherd
who attended.

May is Law Enforcement month; We are seeking recommen-
dations from members for awards for this purpose for our
May meeting.

New Business: Decision about where to deposit trust ac-
count- David Lott to investigate different financial institu-
tions for placement of the trust funds. Ted Duay was present
at this month's meeting to explain the process of transferring
the funds into a new trust account as he was one of the old
trustees. Also discussed was the need for a professional
website administrator to be able to add and delete the chap-
ters' information in "real time". Palm Beach Chapter of
S.A.R. has a wonderful website and it was suggested to
investigate who maintains there website. If there are any
members that are capable of performing this duty, please
contact David Lott or Joe Motes. Ted Duay was presented
with both a 10 year and 15 year Membership Certificate by
David Lott. Joe Motes has requested volunteers to present
JROTC awards in their communities' local high schools.
S.A.R. shirts are being sold on our national website for \$40;
members interested should send an email to J. Motes with size
(burgundy is preferred color for chapter) so that he can send
a bulk order.

S.A.R. Recessional: David Lott

Benediction: T. Shepherd

Adjournment: David Lott- gavel out @ 1:30pm

Presidents Message

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter S.A.R.;

Dear Compatriots: Thank you for attending our March
meeting. Bernard Wolff announced the winners of the
American History Teachers awards. If you did not get
his e mail, I will forward it to you. Please let Joe know
if you are interested in participating in the ROTC awards
presentation's for April and May.

Our membership continues to grow and please remem-
ber you do not have to be a member to attend our
monthly meetings. Bring a friend and enjoy our meet-
ing.

Regards,
David Lott



NEXT MEETING - April 20, 2019

**Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328**

Future Dates:

Saturday, 05/18/2019

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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Our Chapter presented the Good Citizenship Medal and two Good Citizenship certificates to two cadets of the Pembroke Pines Civil Air Patrol Squadron.



Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal and the Good Citizenship Medal to two cadets from Western High School.



Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal to a cadet and Good Citizenship certificates from Coconut Creek High School.

The Battle of Long Island (Brooklyn Heights)

Overview:

The British recognized the strategic importance of New York as the focal point for communications between the northern and southern colonies. Washington also recognized this, and in April of 1776 he marched his troops from Boston to New York. He positioned his troops on the western end of Long Island in anticipation of the British arrival. The American outpost of Colonel Edward Hand's sent word that the British were preparing to cross Long Island from Staten Island on August 22, at dawn.

There were three frigates, the Phoenix, Rose, and Greyhound, and two bomb ketches named Carcass and Thunder, in Gravesend Bay. The frigates were anchored in the Namews. British generals Cornwallis and Clinton had a force of 4,000 men that included Von Donop's corps of jaegers and grenadiers. The force started crossing to Denyse Point and they were covered by the guns of the H.M.S. Rainbow. Two hundred men of Edward Hand's withdrew to Prospect Hill, destroying the property and supplies that the British might use. The British boats returned to Staten Island and landed in Gravesend Bay with more than 5000 men. By noon, they had landed almost 5,000 men and about 40 cannons safely on shore.

Synopsis:

On August 22, 1776 the British landed on Long Island. British General William Howe defeated General Charles Lee at the Battle of Long Island. This took place at Jamaica Pass in Brooklyn. The British had lost 63 killed and 337 wounded and missing while Washington had lost about 970 men killed, wounded or missing, and 1,079 taken captive. George Washington had lost almost a quarter of his entire command.

On August 26, General Charles Lee retreated to Brooklyn Heights. The British could have won an even greater victory if General William Howe had heeded the pleas of his officers to storm the

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Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal to a cadet from Dillard High School.



Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal and the Good Citizenship Medal to two cadets and also presented Good Citizenship certificates from Charles Flanagan High School.



Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal to a cadet from Piper High School.

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Our Chapter presented the JROTC Medal to a cadet from Coral Glades High School.

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American redoubts at Brooklyn Heights. General Howe wanted to avoid another Bunker (Breed's) Hill. He ordered his men to dig in and bring the guns into range.

When George Washington arrived on August 27, he wasted no time on blaming who lost the battle of Long Island. Remaining cool, calm, and confident, he oversaw the construction of new fortifications on Brooklyn Heights. A serendipitous downpour made further British attacks unlikely. American troops found it hard to cook their food or to keep their powder dry. On August 28, additional troops arrived to boost the number of men under his command to 9,000.

Washington realized that he had put himself in a trap. He had split his troops between Manhattan and Long Island, with the Hudson River, the East River, and Long Island Sound open to British warships and transport. Admiral Richard Howe, the brother of General Howe, could cut him off if moved the fleet from the New Jersey Shore to the East River to block movement from Long Island to Manhattan. Unfavorable winds and rains kept Admiral Howe from taking advantage of this opportunity to cut Washington off.

Rain continued to be intermittent the next day, August 29. Washington realized his position was untenable and it was time to withdraw. The seagoing soldiers of John Glover's Marblehead [Massachusetts] Regiment noiselessly ferried Washington's troops across the East River to Manhattan on the night of August 29. Darkness, fog, and bad weather immobilized Admiral Howe's fleet. Washington's cool and firm command exacted superb discipline from green troops. They remained quiet throughout the ordeal. He had kept the British high command in utter ignorance of the evacuation that he hastily ordered. When the British charged in the morning, they founded empty trenches. Washington's army lived to fight another day.

