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# WAS THE ATOMIC BOMB NECESSARY?

BY RICK AIKEN, 1ST VP AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Recent controversial exhibits at the Smithsonian Institute and American University in Washington commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the event have brought this question once again to the forefront.

The bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 by the Enola Gay, a U.S. B-29 bomber.

Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Fran Reynolds was sitting in a Tokyo jail at the time, having been shot down over Japan a few months before. He will bring his special insight to our August 10th lunch as he attempts to answer this question.

There is probably no doubt that that bombing - and the one of Nagasaki three days later - hastened the end of World War II, thus saving countless American lives by averting an invasion of Japan. But taken out of context, the delineation of the massive destruction wreaked by these two bombs often is seen to portray the U.S. as villain and Japan as victim.

Anti-war elements and others have often protested any discussion or display of the Hiroshima bombing as being unbalanced by not featuring the death and destruction of the aftermath and the moral questions it raised.

Colonel Reynolds will attempt to address this timely subject.

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Dr. Dennis Antoine will show us "FIVE WAYS TO LIVE A LONGER AND HAPPIER LIFE". Dr. Antoine is a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker with some very specific suggestions. Mark October 14 now!



Shown above is Deputy Frank Hill (R) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Ft. Lauderdale Sergeant-At-Arms, James Organ, III, for his fine presentation at our Chapter's July 13th meeting. The program is reviewed next page - see MINUTES.

## NO SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

IN SEPTEMBER WE JOIN THE MAJOR WILLIAM LAUDERDALE CHAPTER DAR for their Constitutional Luncheon on MONDAY September 18th -- reservations are due with checks in the amount of \$15 by September 14th. Lunch is at 11:30 at the Riverside Hotel. Our members, wives and guests are all invited. Send reservations and checks (payable to their chapter):

Mrs. Robert L. Green  
4767 N.W. 5th Court  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

REMEMBER, WE DO NOT HAVE OUR OWN PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER!

**NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 10**  
**RIVERSIDE HOTEL**  
**\$13.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP**  
**11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH**  
**620 EAST LAS OLAS**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:**  
**BOB DOOLEY 564-6296**

**REMINDER:**

WE MUST GUARANTEE OUR RESERVATIONS 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

You could be billed for the cost of the lunch if you reserve and fail to attend. If you don't reserve, you can attend -- come anyway -- we can't promise that you can be fed, but no one has gone away hungry yet!

# MINUTES OF JULY GENERAL MEETING

July 13, 1995 Riverside Hotel

The meeting was called to order at noon by the President Robert Dooley and the invocation given by Chaplain Fred Topper. 17 members and guests were present, including guests Mark Malaraki, Susan Young and Billie Maly.

Oscar Kraehenbuehl reported on happenings at the 105th Annual SAR Congress in Louisville, KY. About 20 members and wives attended from Florida, including the following from our Chapter: Harry & Susan Young, Ed & Betty Sullivan, Matt and Marilyn Sellers, Oscar & Retha Kraehenbuehl, Stuart Browne and Joe Rumbaugh. It was an interesting and event filled five days, including an opportunity to test lady luck at Churchill Downs. Some highlights were:

+ The newly elected national officers included Carl Hoffman, Chancellor General, who is from Jacksonville. (As President of the Miami Chapter in 1966, Carl participated in the founding of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter.)

+ The Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest was won by the California contestant. (The Florida candidate didn't place.) Thanks to the proceeds from the trust funded by Joe Rumbaugh, the national prizes for the winners will be doubled next year to: \$2000, \$1200 and \$800.

+ The FLSSAR won awards for the "Florida Patriot", majority participation in presenting Flag certificates and for the highest percentage of CAR members advancing to SAR membership.

The next Congress will be held June 8 - 12, 1996, in San Antonio, near the Alamo. Plan to attend.

Harry Young reported that bylaw changes approved at the SAR

Congress included provisions for the Trustees now to have the authority to change national dues, whenever necessary. Previously this had required a cumbersome bylaw change. He also reported on activities that are underway within the Society and in many other patriotic organizations to prevent federal adoption of 'revisionist' American history standards. It was suggested that an informative booklet be ordered, "Let Freedom Ring: A Basic Outline of American History". It's available free from: Family Research Council, Suite 500, 700 13th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Our speaker, Frank Hill, a deputy in the Broward County Sheriff's office and a candidate for Sheriff in the next election, gave his opinions and experience of why punishment of crime is failing to produce the desired rehabilitation and deterrent. In essence, he believes that jail represents only a frustration to criminals, not fear, and that rehabilitation is not possible for most adults. He thinks change will only be achieved by force and creating fear, plus programs aimed at turning youth from crime. It was an interesting and strong message regardless of your personal persuasions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Secretary

## BOCA -- SUMMER BOM

Boca-Deerfield Chapter hosted the Summer Board of Management meeting July 21-22. Your President, Bob Dooley and Past Presidents, Harry Young, Stuart Browne and A. Oscar Kraehenbuehl represented your chapter. A new feature of this BOM was the addition of special informative Friday afternoon sessions on Charter & By-Laws, Trust Fund reimbursements, publicity, etc.

The next BOM is set for New Port Ritchey on Oct. 27-28 at the Sheraton.

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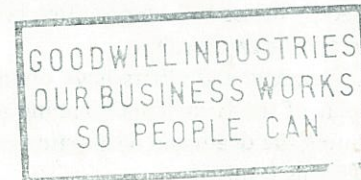
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