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July Chapter Meeting

Minutes by Oscar Kraehenbuehl, July 9, 1998

The July meeting was held at the Tower Club, President Joe Motes presiding. Attendance was modest but its quality was sterling, as usual. Harry Young was accompanied by his wife, Susan and Bob Dooley brought his friend, Donna Presnell. The good luncheon was enhanced by stories of travel, past BOM's, immigration, community events and that rage of the nation, Viagra. This was followed by a warm pudding dessert that had to be tasted, not described. Aren't you sorry you weren't there ??

Concerns were expressed about the Chapter's declining membership and participation. Mike Evans suggested we setup an information booth at the flea market event sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale High School Navy Jr. ROTC on Saturday, September 26th. This will be attempted but help is needed to man the booth throughout the day. If you can spare a few hours, call Oscar Kraehenbuehl, 564-2813. Our guest speaker offered to include SAR meeting and membership information in the monthly flyer distributed by the Broward County Historical Commission. If anyone else has ideas on how to attract new members, please notify President Motes and/or come to a meeting and share them.

Remember, there are four kinds of bones that make up every organization:

1. The Wishbones spend their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The Jawbones do all the talking but little else.
3. The Knucklebones knock everything that anyone else tries to do.
4. The Backbones get under the load and GET THE JOB DONE.

What kind of bone are you ?

The guest speaker was Rodney Dillon, Administrator, of the Broward County Historical Commission. He presented a summary of the events that included the topography, activities and people in this area during the time of the Revolutionary War. This is a part of local history not generally known and we were fortunate to have it described with such enthusiasm and authority.

There will be no regular chapter meeting in September

Once again, we have been invited to join the Broward DAR Chapters at their Constitution Week Luncheon. It will be held on Sept. 17th at 11:30am at the **Fort Lauderdale Country Club located at 415 E Country Club Circle, Plantation.** Make reservations and payment directly to the Maj. Wm Lauderdale DAR Chapter, 12221 SW Tara Dr., Plantation, FL 33325-3531. Deadline is September 11th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. The Guest of Honor will be **Professor Bruce Rogow** from Nova University and his presentation will be on Constitution Law Litigation.

Please note change of meeting date

***** NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 20 *****

**TOWER CLUB !!!
\$16.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP
11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH
28TH FLOOR NATIONS BANK
1 FINANCIAL TOWER
SE 3RD AVE. & BROWARD BLVD
FORT LAUDERDALE
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:
JOSEPH MOTES 434-6060**

Flag Appreciation Certificate Presented

A certificate of commendation was presented to Phillip (recently deceased) and Theresa DeLeo for their respectful and long standing display of the American flag in front of their home. Phillip served in the Navy as does his son, who provides a new flag each year for his parents to display. We have Harry Young to thank for proposing this presentation. Other worthy recipients out there ??

The following was extracted from SARTALK.

Show Your Colors

Flag Day has past, but patriotism and displaying the flag should be an every day affair. The Senate will soon vote on a constitutional amendment to permit laws that would make desecration of our flag illegal. This a controversial action, but there is little doubt where the author of the following article stands. He is Lt. General Patrick H. Brady, Medal of Honor winner and Chairman of the Board, Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. "If You Believe, Then Fly Your Flag"

FLAG DAY was once a day when American honored the inspirational, unifying and patriotic effects of our flag, not a piece of cloth but as the vault for the values of America, the symbol of our soul, our honor, our dignity and our unity. It has been the tissue for the tears of widows as they wept over the coffins of loved ones, the armor and the inspiration of soldiers in combat. It is the shield of justice for soldiers of peace, men like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. And it is the greatest teaching aid we have inspired in our children patriotism, citizenship and respect.

One week after Fag Day 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court took away the right of the American people to protect their flag, a right we held since our birth, and today is just another piece of cloth to be burned and soiled with impunity.

The courts have taken the simple word speech from the First Amendment and distorted it beyond recognition. Just consider this: prayer is not protected speech, pornography is. Burning a draft card or a cross is not protected speech, but burning a flag is.

If speech can be other than verbal then flying the flag is the most powerful speech there is. Our flag speaks a language understood by the entire world. Nothing speaks as eloquently as Old Glory about who we are and the sacrifices of those who got us there.

And that is the best way for us to speak on this issue, fly our flags. The fate of our flag is now in the Senate and if enough senators see enough flags they will hear us.

If you disagree with the courts who say that defecating on the flag is speech, and if you agree with 80 percent of the American people who believe any form of flag desecration is despicable, hateful conduct, fly your flag. If you believe that the people, not the courts, own Old Glory, then fly Old Glory.

If you believe that the core of this issue is values and if you believe that our laws should reflect our values, fly your flag.

If you believe in the right of the majority of the people to determine the laws and the values that govern our society, then fly your flag.

If you agree with Justice Hugo Black and five Supreme Courts in this country who agree with him when he said "It passes my belief that anything in the Federal Constitution bars making the deliberate burning of the American flag an offense," fly your flag.

If you agree with Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, who wrote the First Amendment and believed Old Glory should be protected, fly your flag.

If you agree with George Washington that amending the Constitution is the only way for the people to control and protect it, then fly the flag that Washington himself helped design.

If you believe that no one should be allowed to substitute hateful, violent acts for reasonable speech in order to be heard, fly the symbol of free speech, fly Old Glory.

The concept of patriotism is not a hollow idea. It is a complex and powerful thing. It is the glue that holds us all together. With one flag, one pledge and one national anthem, we are bound together as American. I hope you will join me and show your colors in thanks to those whose sacrifices brought us the bounty that is America, and as a sign of your dedication to recapture Old Glory in the future.

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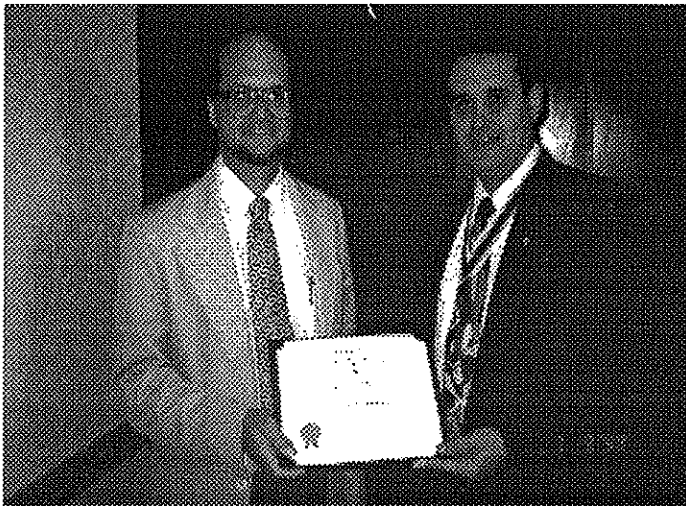
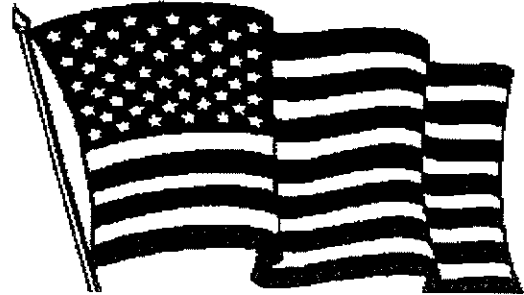
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Our August 20th Program

Our August 20th Meeting which has been changed to the third Thursday of this month will feature Professor Edward C. Smith, (via video) Director of American Studies at American University, Washington DC, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Washington DC, Study Tour Leader of the Historical Society of Washington DC and the Smithsonian Institute of Washington DC.

Dr Smith was brought to Hollywood FL 2 years ago for a talk on the Black Soldiers in the American Revolution and the Confederacy.

Compatriot Rodney Dillon is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Joe Motes for his presentation during the July meeting.

