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Dear Patriots,

Last year was a good year for our chapter. The activities, speakers and programs were excellent. Our Christmas joint meeting with DAR and Toys For Tots was a success and should be repeated this year. Our congratulation to those who worked on the cemetery program. In general you are to be commended.

Our featured speaker for Feb. 24th will be Kingsley Guy, he recently retired as editor of the South Florida Sun Sentinel opinion pages.

Kingsley's distinguished career at the Sun-Sentinel spanned some 30 years and included more than 20 years as the chief of editorials, shaping the newspaper's institutional opinions on matters large and small. This will be an opportunity for us to hear one of the most respected and distinguished member of the media in Florida and perhaps hear recollections of his interviews with future and former presidents and governors, or maybe his take on the state of affairs in the world, nation and South Florida.

One thing is for sure, Kingsley will have some interesting stories to tell and they'll all be true.

So don't miss this program. Bring you wife or a friend...call Joe Motes if you are coming.

Jim Lohmeyer

This past years contributions to the trust fund was \$400 by 15 members along with their dues. Sincere appreciation is extended to:

Daniel Ayers	Ronald C. Cameron
James Cox	Ted Duay
Jack Hennen	Don R. Ingles
Richard Jones	Karle W. Lee
Andrew Lewis	Jim Lohmeyer
Joe Motes	Tom Strok
Wellington Roemer	Brien Sullivan
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The Battle of Fort Moultrie and Long Island - June 28, 1776

The first day of the memorable year 1776 was marked by two events that are still remembered in Revolutionary annals -- the burning of Norfolk by the fleet of Governor Dunmore, who had been driven to the sea by the infuriated people of Virginia; and the unfurling of the flag over the Continental army at Cambridge.

Before the close of this same month, January, General Clinton was sent from Boston to hold the colonies of the South. In May he was joined in southern waters by Sir Peter Parker with an English fleet of ten warships, bearing a body of troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis, who was destined later to be a leading figure in the war. Meantime, in February, a fierce battle had occurred in North Carolina at the mouth of Moore's Creek between a thousand patriots, led by Colonel Richard Caswell, and sixteen hundred Tories, mostly Scots, under the leadership of Donald Macdonald, who had fought for the young Stuart Pretender at the battle of Culloden thirty years before. The patriots were completely successful, routing the enemy and taking nine hundred prisoners, including the commander.

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NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 24th

"Flaming Pit"

1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach
(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)

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

Buffet luncheon - \$15.00

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Harry Young, 87, reenacted history

By Andrew Tran
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

A Fort Lauderdale man passionate about the past, who often dressed up in Revolutionary War garb and who co-founded the Genealogical Society of Broward County, will get a military memorial service at the Florida National Cemetery in Sumter County on Friday.

Harry Linford Young Jr., 87, died in Gainesville on Dec. 20. The ceremony was delayed to arrange the 1:30 p.m. service at the veterans cemetery, said his daughter, Faith Beye, 60.

Lt. Col. Young was known in the Broward community for dressing up as Civil and Revolutionary War soldiers during parades and other special events.

He traced his family tree to 23 soldiers in the American Revolution, the founder of Knoxville, Tenn., and back to the ancient Rome of Julius Caesar, his daughter said.

Lt. Col. Young's fixation with history touched all aspects of his life.

"He felt you should know where you come from," Beye said. To help others trace their roots, he helped start the Genealogical Society of Broward County in the 1970s.

During elections, Lt. Col. Young would dress up and stand by polling stations, thanking voters. "He was a patriotic gentleman," said family friend Oscar Kraehenbuehl.

A native of Berwick, Penn., Lt. Col. Young moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1952 from Rocky Mount, N.C.

He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and with the Air Force Reserve before retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After his military service, he started an accounting firm in Plantation. He always enjoyed helping people with their problems, Beye said.

Decades ago, bad weather killed the beefsteak tomato crop of one of his clients in Delray Beach, Beye recalled. He suggested the farmer sell the baby tomatoes that survived, noting they "still tasted fine." Back then, the miniature tomatoes were thrown out, Beye said.

The farmer thanked him for the resulting spike in revenue by buying him a gold Cadillac, Beye said.

Lt. Col. Young was also known among his clients for his integrity. "We always called him Abe Lincoln," said Rosemary Ziemba, 71, of Plantation, a client for 30 years. In addition to his daughter Faith, he is survived by his wife of 61 years, Susan Ann Cobb Young; sons Harry Young III and Robert Young; daughters Hope Ethelyn Lord, Charity Ann Jester and Susan Ann Harbuck; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Jeff & Ron R. Cameron Brian Wheeler Chris Donie were inducted into the SAR during our January Installation Meeting.



Ed Spencer, Robert Joynt, President James Lohmeyer, Ted Duay and Joe Motes were installed during the January meeting.

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The English fleet attacked the rude fort on the 28th of June; but the elastic palmetto logs proved an admirable defense, and a terrific bombardment of ten hours did little damage. On the other hand, the American fire was well aimed, and nearly every shot took effect. The flagship received more than twenty shots and was almost wrecked, while every other ship but one was seriously crippled. The heroism displayed in the defense of the fort, afterward called Fort Moultrie, was equal to that of Bunker Hill or of any other engagement in the war. It was on this day that Sergeant William Jasper, an illiterate youth who could not even read, made a name for himself in the history of his country by an act of momentary reckless heroism. The flagstaff was broken by a cannon ball, and the flag fell outside the fort. Jasper leaped down the embrasure in the face of the enemy's fire, gathered up the fallen banner, and planted it in the sand on the bastion. And the story is still related at the American fireside as an example of the heroic valor of the men of the Revolution.

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Ft. Lauderdale Society SAR Minutes meeting 27 Jan 2007

The meeting was called to order by society President Ted Duay.

Compatriot Duay announcement was that a historic marker commemorating the last battle of the American Revolution will be dedicated March 10 at 10 am at Cape Canaveral. For those wishing to attend, The ceremony will be held at The Canaveral Port Authority, 445 Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral, FL 32290, On Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 10:00 a. m.

Compatriot Duay then announced to the chapter members that Compatriot Harry Young had passed away on 31 Dec 06. Compatriot Young was a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Corp and will be buried in the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. It has almost been one month since Harry's passing, yet it is the first notice that many at the meeting had received. As a reminder to all members, Please have instructions to notify the chapter so that we may properly pay our proper respects.

The past meeting minutes were submitted by the society Secretary, William E. Spencer. Treasurer, Joe Motes, Presented a brief overview of the society's financial standing. The motion was made to accept the reports and seconded. They were accepted unanimously.

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Compatriot Ted Duay, as Registrar, presented a report of 27 new members last year and the induction of 4 members at this meeting. The 4 new members who were inducted were Brian Neil Wheeler, Ronald Riggs Cameron, Jeffrey Byron Cameron, and Christopher Davy.

Ted then proceeded to give a brief on the BOM meeting and, being a State Trustee, also presented the chapter with the State Trust report and explained that through these trust funds, the State is in good financial standing.

President Ted Duay introduced Debbie Duay to update us on the "Historical Preservation Projects".

Debbie stated that the project to document all the grave stones and burials in local historic cemeteries of Broward County. This project was conducted by the Ft. Lauderdale SAR and the Lighthouse Point DAR and has fully documented the Evergreen Cemetery, the Pompano Beach Cemetery, the Davie Cemetery and the Lauderdale Memorial Cemetery.

President Ted Duay then proceeded to call all incoming officers to be sworn in.

Chapter officers 2007:

President: Jim Lohmeyer
Vice Pres/ Registrar: Ted Duay
Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms: Joe Motes
Chaplain: Robert Joynt
Chancellor: Ed Sullivan
Secretary: Ed Spencer

Gerald Meeks, State Vice president Southeast Region, presided over the swearing in of the 2007 officers in

Past President Ted Duay, introduced our guest speaker, Chris Eck of the Broward Historical Commission that was created in 1972. Review of construction projects throughout the county is one of the commission's responsibilities due to the potential of destruction of long forgotten archeological sites as well being one of the major sources of new discoveries.

To the credit of the Historical Commission, 23 archeological sites have been incorporated as parks in Broward County since its founding. Currently, the Broward Historical Commission has received a grant to survey the coastal region for shipwrecks since the Florida coast was a major trade route in the early colonial period.

There being no further business before the society, Past President Ted Duay adjourned the meeting.