

NEWSLETTER



The Ft. Lauderdale Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 21, 1920

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY JAN. 9, 1992

PLACE: The Tower Club , One Financial Plaza , C & S Bank Building.
(Formerly known as the Landmark Bank Building.)

TIME: Social Hour - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon served at noon.

COST: \$10.00 per person for luncheon. Bring a guest or prospective member.

IF YOU PARK IN THE C & S BUILDING
THE COST WILL BE \$ 2.00 MORE

RESERVATIONS :

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 7TH BY
CALLING GIB BUCKBEE AT (305) 564-1951. LEAVE A
MESSAGE ON MY ANSWERING MACHINE.

PROGRAM :

OUR PROGRAM THIS MONTH WILL BE A 35 MIN.
MOVIE TITLED "WILLIAMSBURG - THE STORY OF
A PATRIOT". IT DESCRIBES WILLIAMSBURG AND
TELLS OF THE CRUCIAL YEARS WHEN EVERY
COLONIST FACED THE ISSUES OF SUBMITTING TO
TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, RESISTING
PRESSURE ON A SISTER COLONY, MEETING FORCE
WITH FORCE, AND TAKING THE FINAL STEP TO
COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE. THE STORY WAS
FILMED IN WILLIAMSBURG AND NEARBY
PLANTATIONS. IT SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING
AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL.

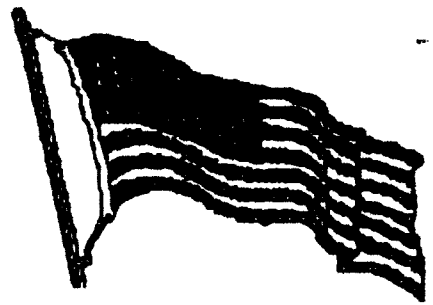
NEWS NOTES :

THE OFFICERS FOR 1992 ARE:
PRESIDENT: WALLY FLOYD
1ST V.P. OSCAR KRAEHENBUEHL
2ND V.P. BARRY BRIDGES
SEC./TRES. GIB BUCKBEE
GENEALOGIST BRIAN LEWIS
CHAPLAIN ED SULLIVAN
CHANCELOR ED SULLIVAN
SARGEANT AT ARMS JIM ORGAN

THERE ARE A FEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR
1992 DUES. THE TOTAL FOR NAT., STATE AND LOCAL
IS \$41.00. PLEASE MAKE THE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
THE SAR AND SEND THEM TO GIB BUCKBEE.

THE TRUST FUND IS STILL LOOKING FOR A GOOD FEW
MEN WHO WILL CONTRIBUTE. A LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE
CONTRIBUTED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

"LEST WE FORGET"



Evolution of the Flag *Not the Simple Story One Might Think*

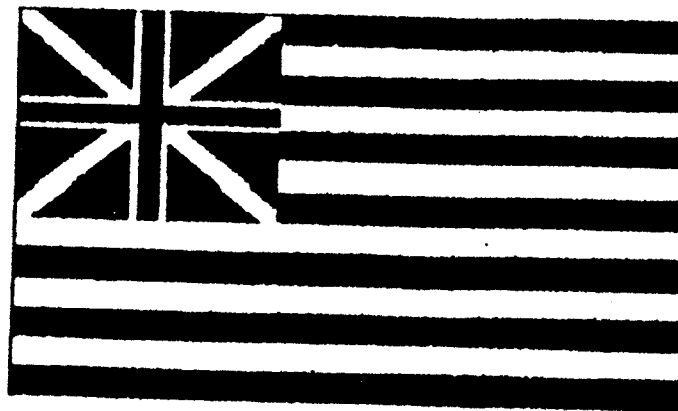
Old Glory, that proud symbol of America, is the product of a rather haphazard series of events. From 1776 until 1912, when the flag was formalized, every flag maker was, in effect, a flag designer, and there were many versions of the Stars and Stripes. A precursor of today's flag was the Grand Union flag, which George Washington presented to the Continental Army on New Year's Day 1776. It incorporated the British Union flag because the colonists, although they had already fought at Lexington and Concord, had not yet decided to break away entirely from the mother country. No one knows who the designer was. On June 14, 1777, after independence, the Continental Congress decreed retention of the stripes but replacement of Britain's flag with a "new constellation" of stars symbolizing the united Colonies. The designer of the 1777 flag is also unknown. The only



Although Betsy Ross was indeed a flag maker, for the Pennsylvania Navy, the meeting with George Washington depicted above by the artist John Ward Dunsmore is probably fiction.

authority for the story that Betsy Ross made it was Betsy's grandson, who first told it in 1870. The new flag was flown mainly by ships, for identification; it was seldom used on land. But whether on land or sea, its stars—arranged in various ways—were as likely to be blue on white as white on blue and to have eight points as five. Often blue stripes were mingled with the red and white, and in some flags the stripes were vertical. Only the three colors were con-

stant. In 1782 Congress proclaimed that the red stood for hardiness and courage, the white for purity and innocence, and the blue for justice, vigilance, and perseverance. In 1818 Congress eliminated some confusion by specifying 13 horizontal stripes, but it set no pattern for the stars. One popular motif was a single large star outlined by small stars, but the row arrangement became more common and in 1912 was made official.



1776. Grand Union of the rebelling Colonies included the British Union.