

# NEWSLETTER



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

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 28, 1988

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 11, 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  
THERE WILL BE A \$2.00 PARKING FEE**

### RESERVATIONS :

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TUESDAY JUNE  
9TH. CALL WALLY FLOYD AT (305) 566-9705.  
LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH HIS SECRETARY.

### PROGRAM :

THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH WILL BE LOCAL CIVIL  
WAR EVENTS BY RODNEY DILLON OF THE BROWARD  
COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

THE SPEAKER WILL PROVIDE A LECTURE AND  
SLIDES ABOUT CIVIL WAR EVENTS WHICH TOOK  
PLACE IN OUR AREA OF FLORIDA. THIS WILL  
BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN OUR  
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SOME DETAILS OF AMERICAN  
HISTORY AND TO BE ABLE TO RELATE THEM TO  
PLACES IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.

### NEWS NOTES :

REMEMBER THAT JUNE 14TH IS FLAG DAY AND WE  
SHOULD ALL FLY A FLAG IN FRONT OF OUR  
HOMES TO SHOW WE ARE PROUD OF IT.



# "LEST WE FORGET"



## THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

There is the national flag. He must be cold indeed who can look upon its folds, rippling in the breeze, without pride of country. In a foreign land, the flag is companionship and country itself, with all its endearments.

Who, as he sees it, can think of a state merely? Whose eyes, once fastened upon its radiant trophies, can fail to recognize the image of the whole nation? It has been called a "floating piece of poetry," and yet I know not if it has an intrinsic beauty beyond other ensigns. Its highest beauty is in what it symbolizes. It is because it represents all, that all gaze at it with delight and reverence.

It is a piece of bunting lifted in the air; but it speaks sublimely, and every part has a voice. Its stripes of alternate red and white proclaim the union of thirteen states constituting our national constellation, which receives a new star with every new state. The two together signify union past and present.

The very colors have a language which was officially recognized by our fathers. White is for purity, red for valor, blue for

justice; and all together—bunting, stripes, stars, and colors blazing in the sky—make the flag of our country to be cherished by all our hearts, to be upheld by all our hands.

Behold it! Listen to it! Every star has a tongue; every stripe is articulate. There is no speech nor language where their voices are not heard. There is magic in the web of it. It has an answer for every question of duty. It has a word of good cheer for every hour of gloom or of despondency.

Behold it! Listen to it! It speaks of earlier and of later struggles. It speaks of victories and sometimes of reverses, on the sea and on the land. It speaks of patriots and heroes among the living and among the dead; and of him, the first and greatest of them all, around whose consecrated ashes this unnatural and abhorrent strife has so long been raging. But before all and above all other associations and memories, whether of glorious men, or glorious deeds, or glorious places, its voice is ever of union and liberty, of the constitution and of the laws.

Robert C. Winthrop