



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

**Meeting Place -- Tower Club, 28th Floor of the Nations Bank Building**

**1 Financial Tower, SE Third Avenue & Broward Blvd.**

(Parking inside building is \$ 2.00 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM if ticket is stamped by the Receptionist)

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1994

**TIME:** SOCIAL - 11: 30 am LUNCH - 12:00 Noon

**COST:** \$ 14.00 per PERSON (Make checks payable to: Tower Club)

For RESERVATIONS : Call Oscar Kraehenbuehl at **564-2813**  
by **Noon, TUESDAY, June 7th**

**PROGRAM :** Guest Speaker will be Lt. Col. Frank Reynolds (USAF Ret.)

*June 6th is the 50th anniversary of 'D-Day'. It is fitting, therefore, that we will have a speaker who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Col. Reynolds was a bomber crew member during most of his military career but also had the misfortune of being a Japanese POW. He will recount some of his WW II stories for the enlightenment or recollection of our members and guests.*

*It also will be our pleasure to present the SAR War Service Medal to one of our distinguished members for his contributions to our country during WW II. Come share this moment.....*

**+++ Attend !! Support your Chapter !! Bring your friends !! +++**

### **NEWS :**

+ **Thanks to Harry Calevas** for being our speaker at the May meeting. He told us some stories about John D. Mac Arthur, and what it was like to work for and be a confidant of an eccentric person (who made \$500 M /yr.)

+ **Cost of the meeting luncheon has been increased to \$14.00.** The Tower club has revised its meal charges and some meeting procedures. This cost increase was announced at the May meeting and it was unanimously agreed that this change was acceptable vs. looking for another place to meet. The Tower Club's meals, location, ambiance, and service were believed far better than could be obtained elsewhere for this price. Your attention is called to the following reservation procedural changes, effective with the June 9th meeting. Note that you could be billed for the cost of lunch if you make a reservation and fail to attend.

- Reservations should be made no later than Tuesday noon (48 hours) prior to the meeting date. Cancellations can be made anytime prior to this same deadline.
- A guaranteed count will be given to the Tower Club at this time and the Chapter will be charged for this number of meals or the number served, whichever is greater.
- Additional reservations will be accepted until Wednesday noon (24 hours) before the meeting. A new 'guarantee' may be called in at that time, if warranted.
- The Tower club will attempt to accommodate one or two people in excess of the final head count we provide, but no promises can be made beyond that number.
- If you are unable to attend and no one else fills your reserved space(s), it will be necessary for you to reimburse the Chapter if any extra charges are incurred.

We hope this information is clear. The bottom line is **please make reservations promptly and attend.**

*( Turn sheet over for more news and information. )*

## **MORE NEWS :**

+ **The Florida Society SAR Annual Meeting** at the Ft. Lauderdale Guest Quarters was declared highly successful. Luncheon aboard Cunard's 4-star cruise liner, "Crown Jewel", was a highlight of the activities with about 140 folks attending. (This was arranged by Art Chapman and his wife). We also had "beau coup" door prizes at both evening banquets, complements of an anonymous donor and Dillard's Dept. Store. It was a pleasure to see nine chapter members with their wives or friends attending the functions. It would have been even nicer if some of the new or less active members had participated. The overall event was informative and pleasurable.

The newly elected state officers include : Stanley Evans, President, from Ocala  
Ralph Cramer, Sr. Vice President, from Naples

+ **Junior ROTC Achievement Awards** have been presented by your President to deserving cadets at the following schools during the past month. The ROTC program is being expanded to many more schools and next year other Chapter members will be encouraged to volunteer to make these presentations at additional schools in behalf of the SAR. (It should be noted that this is one of the Chapter activities encouraged by the FLSSAR and cost of the medals and certificates can be reimbursed by the Endowment Trust Fund.)

Air Force Jr. ROTC - Coral Springs High School (2 cadets)

Air Force Jr. ROTC - Dillard High School (1 cadet)

Air Force Jr. ROTC - Northeast High School (2 Cadets)

Navy Jr. ROTC - Ft. Lauderdale High School (2 cadets)

+ **Grant requests were approved by the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund.** A total of \$400 has been received for contributions to the following local youth groups in behalf of the SAR.

- The Kirk Singers from the First Presbyterian Church. (About 30 of these fine young people performed during our Annual Meeting Banquet and were received with great enthusiasm.)

- Jr. ROTC at Northeast High School was given needed flight simulation software and an airplane yoke to permit the students to get a sample of flying and navigation experience.

- Naval Sea Cadets will be presented with a new banner for their drill team and marching unit.

+ **Leadership candidates are needed for our Chapter.** Our membership seems to have stabilized at about 65 for the past few years and we have an outstanding group of men and great meetings. However, there is a shortage of people able and/or willing to direct and run the Chapter. We have active and capable Treasurer, Chaplain, Registrar and Sergeant-at-Arms but other obligations prevent them from accepting more/higher responsibility. The First VP (Barry Bridges) never took office and has resigned and no one accepted the 2nd VP or Secretary nominations. We are getting by for this year but new leadership is needed for next year, and the future. It is hoped that this plea will stimulate some latent interest or suggestions. The Executive Committee will be happy to appoint volunteers to fill any/all of these vacant posts to provide experience before running for that or another office next year. Think about it !! Call to discuss possibilities ( Oscar, 564-2813 ).

+ **An especially warm welcome was extended to prospective members at the May meeting.**

- Richard (Rick) Aiken, a former very active member, was present and submitted all the things necessary to be reinstated in SAR and our Chapter.

- Joe Motes attended for the first time and had submitted his application for membership.

- Ben Taylor (father) and Bill Taylor, SAR members in Alexandria, Virginia, are now living in this area and will consider dual membership or transfer.

It was a pleasure to see them all, and we hope they will attend meetings regularly.