



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



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R.O.T.C. Presentations

This year our chapter presented 12 ROTC Medal at 11 different high schools in Broward County. The following cadets were selected for this award.

James Brown	Western High
Juan Carlos Diaz	Dillard High
Brendan O'Shea	Fort Lauderdale High
Emily Doctor	Northeast High
Richard Wesolowski	Coconut Creek High
Melisha Cornish	Miramar High
Shedrick Henley	Ely High
Jose Moreno	Coral Springs High
Sherod Thompson	Boyd Anderson High
Ramon Perez	Piper High
Wan Kam Lok	Piper High
Nicholas Gonzalez	Stranahan High

Next year we will be presenting the ROTC Medals in 13 high schools which includes the newly formed program in South Plantation High. This years presentation included seven new schools that have been added to our chapters roster.

Unfortunately, two schools were missed this year, Plantation High and South Broward High, but lines of communications are now established for next year.

During the presentation at Fort Lauderdale High, retiring CO Capt Clinkscale gave a nice eulogy and short story about Compatriot Fred Topper.

REMINDER:

WE MUST GUARANTEE OUR RESERVATIONS 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

You could be billed for the cost of the lunch if you reserve and fail to attend. If you don't reserve, you can attend -- come anyway -- we can't promise that you can be fed, but no one has gone away hungry yet!

Don't miss our June meeting!

**Local Police Heroes to be honored at June Meeting.
COME SHARE IN THIS TRIBUTE!**

It is doubtful that few will ever forget the heroism and tragedy of an event on July 25, 1995. Detective **James O'Hara** and Officer **Joseph Alu** attempted to rescue two girls who were being held hostage by a man who, when he was rushed, caused a powerful gasoline explosion. The girls and man were killed and the officers were burned critically. The two officers have endured extensive therapy and rehabilitation. Their heroic efforts received much attention nationwide and they have been given numerous awards and honors. It is a distinct privilege for our chapter to have them and their wives as our guests and to present these officers with the SAR Heroism medal in behalf of the Florida Society.

Let's show these two outstanding heroes our support by attending the June meeting.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 12

TOWER CLUB !!!

\$15.00 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

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May General Meeting

May 8, 1997 - Tower Club; Minutes by Oscar Kraehenbuehl

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Young at noon and the invocation given by Chaplain Gib Buckbee. There were 22 people present including the following wives of members: Billie Price, Betty Sullivan and Retha Kraehenbuehl. The guest of Compatriot Buckbee was Rev. P. Philip, a minister from India. His distinguished career and accomplishments included founding an orphanage, establishing many churches in southern India, and receiving more than 150 medals and commendations from the Indian government for solving crimes as a policeman. Jim Todd, a member of the Confederate Veterans, was the guest of Michael Kiriakon. It is hoped he will extend his lineage research and become a member of our Society. FLSSAR Sr. Vice President Phil Carr was present and urged as many as possible to attend the upcoming BOM and annual meeting in Orlando.

Stuart Browne, FLSSAR Chairman of the Oration Contest, reported that there would be five students participating in the state contest. It was noted that our chapter's winner will have stiff competition. Joe Motes did not report on his progress in arranging to award ROTC medals to high school cadets but, so far, he is planning to make awards at 9 schools in the next several weeks.

Rich Jones, Chairman of the chapter's annual essay contest, introduced the winner, William Armshaw from Western High School and his teacher, Ms. Pamela Hurley. William was given a certificate of commendation and a \$100 prize (from interest earned by the Chapter Trust Fund). He then read his articulate and well organized essay. This essay now will compete with others in Florida and then nationally, with the winner getting a \$2000 prize. Comp. Jones reported that although local participation in this contest was significantly greater than for previous years, the essay content frequently was appalling and discouraging. Many simply extracted the work of others from the many resources available via computer software and the Internet. There is concern whether the necessary writing ability of young people is being developed.

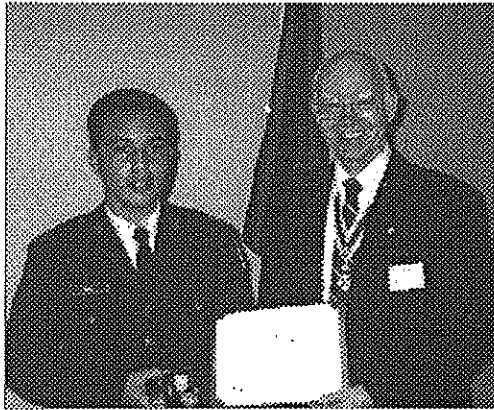
Edward Sullivan presented an enlightening and entertaining overview of the 102-day, round the world cruise from which he and Betty just returned. They were aboard the Holland American Line's SS Rotterdam. This is one of the last ships with the 'Steam Ship' designation and was designed for transoceanic travel. It will now be retired. The average age and physical condition of the passengers made the age of the ship seem trivial. It was noted that the poorest folks in the USA seem better off than the majority of people in many other countries. One big storm was memorable and his photographs showed massive waves breaking over the very high bow of this ship. Although English was the language of the world, it was apparent that the US auto industry is not in the running in the world market. The wealth of the oil-rich countries also was apparent. Two examples noted were countries where the taxis and boat outboard motors were replaced yearly by the government. All in all, Ed thought that the cruise's duration was not excessive since they had many ports and on-board activities. - It was recommended that everyone should do it....once!

Errata for the April issue of this newsletter. It is regrettable that Miriam May, wife of Floyd May, was identified in a photograph as being Courtney Crutcher's wife. It is hoped that the spouses of both found this temporary arrangement acceptable. In another paragraph, the application for membership by George Dennis was attributed to another person. Speedy approval is still hoped for and every attempt will be made to be sure this mistake doesn't carryover to the roster. - It may be concluded that the quality of newsletter editing is directly proportional to the pay for the job.

July 25-26 BOM is in Boca - Ya'll Come!

Reservation deadline for the hotel is June 25th and for the meals is July 15th. The forms and meeting details will be in the next Florida Patriot, but it's delivery has been slow lately. You can get this information at our June Chapter meeting or call Secretary Oscar Kraehenbuehl at 564-2813.

Our 1997 ROTC Cadet Recipients



Secretary Oscar Kraehenbuehl and Juan Carlos Diaz from Dillard High



ROTC Chairman Joseph Motes and Jose Moreno from Coral Springs High



Richard Wesolowski from Coconut Creek High



James Brown from Western High



Shedrick Henley from Ely High

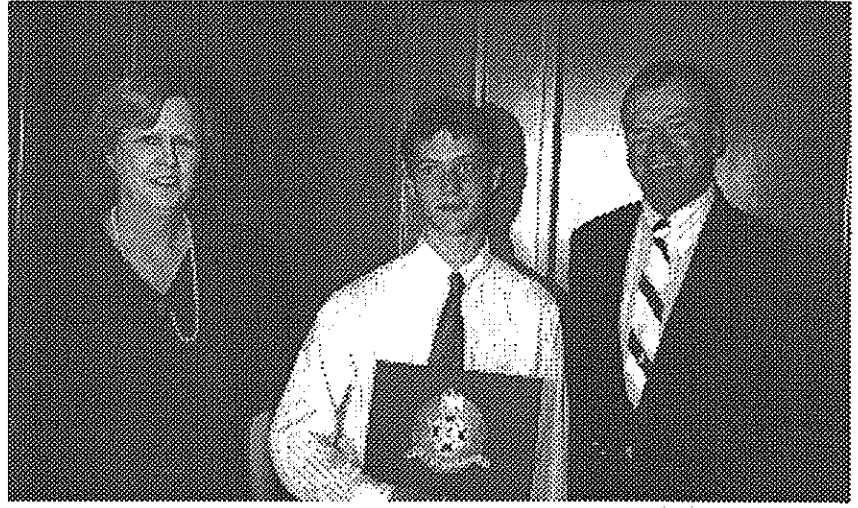
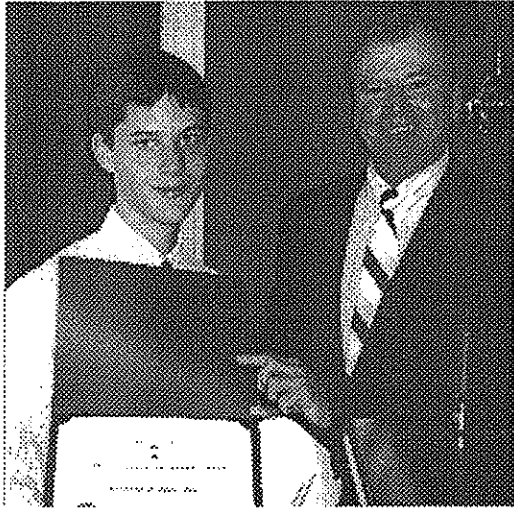


Melisha Cornish from Miramar High



Captain Hulan Clinkscales and Brendan O'Shea from Fort Lauderdale High

Our 1997 Broward County Essay Winner



Western High student William Armshaw and Essay Chairman Richard Jones.

Teacher Pamela Hurley, William Armshaw and Richard Jones

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