



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

Next Meeting – Tower Club, in the C & S Building (Parking inside is \$ 2.00)

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993
TIME: SOCIAL - 11: 30 am LUNCH - 12:00 Noon
COST: \$ 11.00 per PERSON

For RESERVATIONS : Call Wally Floyd's secretary (California Federal)
by **11:00am TUESDAY**, Feb. 9th at **566-9705**.
(Reservations can be made until 11am, Wednesday, by calling 564-2813)

PROGRAM : *It's time for our Chapter's annual
" Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest "*

Candidates from Broward County high schools will present original orations on a topic dealing with an event, a personality or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary war. The talks will be judged and awards given. As you may remember, the winner from our Chapter for the past two years also has won the State competition. - - Members and your friends are urged to come and show support and appreciation for these fine young people.

NEWS :

- + Contributions have been made to our SAR Chapter Trust Fund in memory of our compatriots, Winfield Mayne and Edward Corson.
- + A new supply of Supplemental Application forms have been received. This could be a good time to get records approved and preserved for all your other ancestors that qualify for SAR. The total fee for each Supplemental is \$29.00 (\$20 for NSSAR and \$9 for FLSSAR).
- + There was a large attendance at last month's meeting that thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Evans' discussion and slides on the Dead Sea Scrolls. However, we continue to have a problem seating everyone because of the number of people not making reservations. If at the last minute you find you can attend, PLEASE DO, but try to make reservations by the above deadline whenever possible.
- + Note that reservations are made by calling a different phone number if you wait past Tuesday at 11:00am.

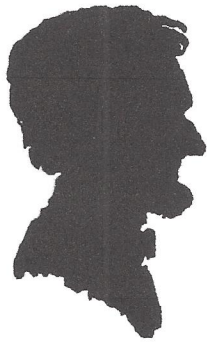


Hope to see you and your guests at the meeting ..



Please make reservations so adequate seating will be available.

(Turn sheet over for a bit of history and trivia.)



"LEST WE FORGET"



In Quest of a Name

A majority of influential leaders in most major English colonies (but never all leaders in all colonies) found it comparatively easy in the heated atmosphere of 1775 to agree that separation from the mother country was not merely desirable but essential. To reach this point of view was much easier than to devise a suitable name for the new nation that was in the process of being formed.

Numerous documents and proclamations settled for "United Colonies." Others specified "all the English colonies on this continent." Yet the most frequent of all early usages was "The United Colonies of North America." Printed rules for troops, issued on June 30, 1775, specified the parent body to whom troops were responsible as being "The Twelve United English Colonies of North-America."

But the term "colony" didn't seem exactly appropriate for sovereign political entities. By June, 1776, "state" had come into such wide usage that the Virginia delegation proposed to the Continental Congress that these "United Colonies are, and of right out to be, free and independent States."

This emphasis made it easy for Thomas Jefferson to adopt bold new terminology in framing the Declaration of Independence. That document dubbed the still-unformed nation as "The United States of America."

From the Declaration of Independence, that label passed into the 1777 Articles of Confederation and eventually into the Constitution that was adopted in 1787. Long before that, though, the name was firmly fixed. Washington's commission (June 17, 1775) and his instructions from Congress, issued three days later, placed him at the head of the armed forces of the United States of America.