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Highlights of April 6th Chapter Meeting

President George Dennis called the meeting to order at noon. Attendance was very low but the quality of those present proved once again an old adage that "size doesn't matter". Never-the-less this situation plus the fact that the President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one other regular attendee will not be in town for the May meeting, warranted a discussion about continuing meetings during the summer. Since the Tower Club charges for a minimum of ten luncheons, it was unanimously agreed that chapter meetings will be cancelled until September. All members will be so notified by this newsletter in the immediate future but no further newsletters will be issued until the September 9th meeting is announced.

President Dennis was the speaker today. He was in the Navy in WWII and served in the Pacific Theater. He was strongly moved and associated with the time in history related in a recent book by James Bradley entitled "Flyboys: A True Story of Courage". He highlighted the book for us. It is a recounting of happenings and atrocities that occurred for some who flew in the Pacific air campaign. It also related explicitly to events on the island of Chichi Jima, near the infamous Iwo Jima. George accompanied his talk with numerous personal pictures and souvenirs obtained at that time. The subject was of obvious interest and resulted in others recounting war experiences of their own. This book was recommended to anyone who wants a thought provoking look at the Pacific conflict, as viewed by both sides. James Bradley's first book, "Flag of Our Fathers" was a chronicle of the lives of the six men who raised the flag on Iwo Jima. The author's father was one of those men. It too received rave reviews.



George Dennis, US Navy Retired -- Speaker



Our next chapter meeting will be September 9, 2004. You all have a great summer.

**NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9th
TOWER CLUB !!!**

**\$20.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP
11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH
28TH FLOOR UNION PLANTERS BANK
1 FINANCIAL TOWER
SE 3RD AVE & BROWARD BLVD
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FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:
954-559-3202**

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American Heritage Project

Oscar Kraehenbuehl reminded members of the value and availability of the free CDs developed to assist teachers increase student's knowledge of America's heritage. Details about this program were covered in the April chapter newsletter and the winter issue of The SAR Magazine. Copies of the CD and a related brochure can be obtained by requesting at: OscarK@pobox.com or 561-488-5585. I will be out of town: May 9-31.

Urgent Message from FLSSAR Education Committee

You are aware about the fact that American History, Government and Economics are not required (in many instances) for high school graduation in Florida. Nor are questions about these subjects on the tests for promotion or on the FCAT. Bills which are, at least, partial remedies are **again** in the Florida Senate and House. Last year they were not brought to the floor for a vote and it **now** appears that the same will be the case this year - **that is, if we do not bother to take action!!**

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PLEASE SEND LEGISLATORS LETTERS OR E-MAILS TODAY AS THE SESSION ENDS BEFORE THE END OF APRIL.

If you do not have the names and addresses, the key people are as follows:

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If you need a short message, just send the following:

We are deeply concerned to learn that SB0426, SB0364, HB0081 may not be brought to the floor for a vote this year!! Please show your support for the civic education of our children by doing so. We will show *our* appreciation in November. Thank you.

(Your name and address)

If you wish local addresses, phone numbers and/or the names and addresses of other relevant legislators, contact Harry Hollien at hollien@grove.ufl.edu. Thank you for supporting the basic goals of our society.

Have a good and safe summer !!

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