



# 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, MAY 13, 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**, May 11th, at **566-9705**.

( Late reservations can be made until 11am, Wednesday, by calling 564-2813 )

**PROGRAM :** " *History of the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Airbase* "

*This now defunct air station played an active roll during WW II, as well as providing some of the training received by George Bush. Our speaker, Allan F. McElhiney, was in the Navy during that war and is now an active member of the Navy League and one of the founders of the "Naval Air Station, Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society". He, and that group, have actively contributed to the preservation and rejuvenation of what is left of the station. They also conduct an annual memorial (December 5th) for the 'Lost Patrol' and commemorate other local heroes. - - - Over the years, our speaker has accumulated a significant history of events involving the air station and has agreed to share some of the highlights with us. + + + **Come, enjoy, and invite your friends !!***

**NEWS :**

+ Many thanks to Bill Casson for volunteering to chair the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program for our Chapter later this year. He has already hurdled a former stumbling block and gotten agreement from local scouting officials to cooperate in this program. The goal is to provide extra recognition for the young men who achieve this outstanding level in scouting.

+ Treasurer's Report as of May 1st: Checking Account balance: \$ 1,593.52  
Trust Account balance : \$ 2,391.02

So far this year, the Trust Fund has been increased only by two memorial contributions from our own Treasury, and modest interest payments. Please don't forget this worthwhile depository for your contributions. The Chapter's usual expenses and activities continue to slowly deplete our treasury from year to year. We could undertake more historic and patriotic projects and increase the public's awareness of our organization if more funds were available.

+ Our Vice President, Barry Bridges, asks that you contact him or any officer if you have a program idea or know a speaker that would be of interest for our luncheon meetings. (Phone: 523-5715)

+ Reservations deadlines have past for the 1993 FLSSAR Convention in Lakeland. Hope you made yours...



**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. )*



# DID YOU KNOW ?



## The Great Seal of the United States



*"Resolved, that Dr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Jefferson be a committee, to bring in a device for a seal for the United States of America."*

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Although the eagle has been mentioned as an item of the insignia since the early 1800's, The Great Seal was not officially adopted for wear as officers cap insignia until 1897.

Symbolically, it reflects the beliefs and values that our Founding Fathers held for our new nation, and they wished to pass those values on to their descendants. Its origin took over six years, beginning in 1776.

Although Messrs. Franklin, Adams and Jefferson coined the Latin motto, *E Pluribus Unum* (Out of many, one); their design was, well, not very good. Congress thanked them and set up another committee.

A total of three committees pondered the Seal's design before Congress turned to Charles Thomson. He selected the best features of the previous designs and gave his sketches to William Barton for a final draft.

The colors red, white and blue are taken from the American flag. The shield is "born on the breast of an American Eagle without any other support" to denote that the United States ought to rely on its own virtue.

The number 13, denoting the original states is represented in the bundle of arrows, the stripes on the shield and the stars in the constellation. The olive branch and arrows denote "the power of peace and war". The motto on the scroll held in the eagle's beak expresses union of the 13 states.