



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

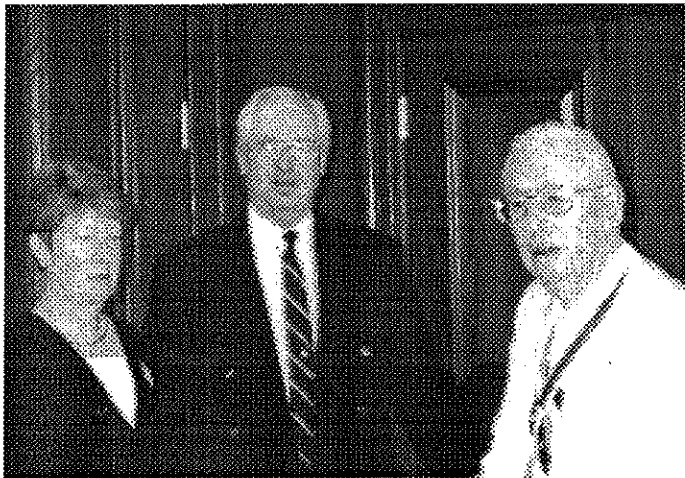


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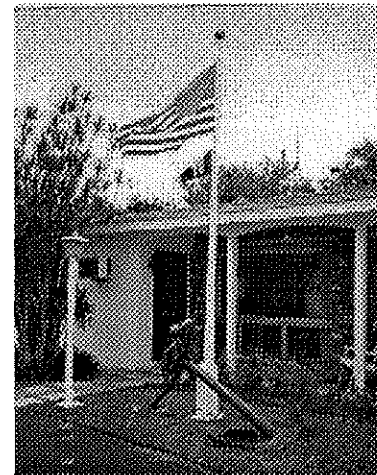
Compatriot James Ralston and his wife Carol with Compatriot and Past President Ed Frisinger (left) during the April luncheon meeting.

The winning student in the Fort Lauderdale chapter's annual essay contest will be our guest at the May meeting. William Armshaw, a senior at Western High School in Davie, won out over students from virtually every high school in Broward County. He will receive \$100 cash from us and a certificate. His essay, "Constitutional Democracy and the American Republic," will be our chapter's entry in the state contest. Also joining us will be his English teacher, Pamela Hurley.

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!



An SAR Flag Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Donald L. Mohler, 1490 NE 57 Place, Fort Lauderdale, for his outstanding display of the American Flag. The pole is from the Cane County Courthouse, Geneva, Illinois, and is over 100 years old. (The county was formed in 1836.) He saved it from destruction during renovation. The anchor is from an unknown vessel that lost it during a storm on Lake Michigan.

NEXT MEETING - MAY 8

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

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JOSEPH MOTES 434-6060

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April General Meeting

April 10, 1997 - Tower Club; Minutes by Oscar Kraehenbuehl

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Young at noon and the invocation given by Compatriot Ed Frisinger. Meeting guests included: Floyd and Eileen May of Boca-Deerfield Chapter, Courtenay Crutcher of Suncoast Chapter, and James and Carol Ralston from Michigan. Compatriot Ralston is a member of our chapter and the son of our departed friend and Compatriot Arthur Ralston. James and his wife, as well as the other guests, were present to participate in the commemoration program for Art and two other recently deceased members and family, Fred Topper and Richard L. Aiken. We also were pleased to have PPG Matt Sellers and his wife Marilyn present.



Pictured here are Compatriot and Past President Courtenay N. Crutcher and his wife Miriam, during our April luncheon meeting.

President Harry Young presented a review of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter history and some of the accomplishments of early chapter presidents, which included Art Ralston and Richard Aiken. (A summary of this history will be presented in this and subsequent newsletters for the benefit of all members.) This was followed by some personal reflections and memories of Art, Fred and Richard. Jim Ralston capped the occasion by noting how much Art has enjoyed SAR and his Florida friends and then presented a \$1000 check in his memory to Chapter Trust Fund. More modest but equally appreciated memorial contributions were made to the trust fund by Stuart Browne, Ed Frisinger and Oscar Kraehenbuehl. Others wishing to contribute should send their checks to A.O. Kraehenbuehl, Trustee.



Compatriot and Past President Ed Frisinger (center) is presented a check to the chapter by Compatriot James Ralston and his wife Carol, in the memory of their father, Arthur Ralston.

It was announced that a Flag Certificate was presented to Donald Mohler for his exemplary display of the American flag. Members were reminded to be on the lookout for displays of the flag that reflect patriotism and caring. Notify the chapter President or Secretary to arrange for awarding a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to Howard Griffin, a frequent meeting attendee, for completing and submitting his application to the Society. We hope for a speedy approval.



Note: If the world-traveling Sullivans attend the May meeting, it is hoped we will be provided a few experiences or thoughts about what it's like to take a 102-day cruise. In any case, we welcome Ed and Betty back!

History of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the SAR, Part 1

(The information for this initial article is taken from the preface of the 1982 Chapter roster.-Col. Guy Loomis, President, and Matthew Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer. There were 106 members at that time.)

Fort Lauderdale's first chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was chartered in 1954 as the Carrico chapter. A former Governor of Puerto Rico (and then owner of the Fort Lauderdale News), together with his sons, were the prime movers in setting up this chapter. The first president was Robert O. Angle and the first secretary was George H. Gore. The chapter was disbanded five years later in 1959.

In 1966, a group of 14 compatriots, members of the Palm Beach and Miami chapters, but residents of Broward county, formed a second chapter of the S.A.R. and its charter was issued December 8, 1966. It is known as the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Charter members were Robert P. Quillian, Charles Cartwright, Frank B. Campbell, Robert L. Gilbert, Philip P. Gott, Andrew L. Lewis, Harry E. Parker, Sr., Frederick T. Boyd, George P. Butterly and Robert P. Bailey.

Since reorganization, the Fort Lauderdale chapter has held regular meetings, presented interesting and informed speakers, awarded Law Enforcement medals, R.O.T.C. Medals, Flag Certificates and National Meritorious Service Medals and groomed strong compatriots for leadership in both state and national societies.

Few chapters in Florida have given so many outstanding sons to further the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution at the State and National levels.

The Chapter's first president was **Robert P. Quillian** who served two terms, 1967 and 1968. Robert P. Bailey followed and he served two terms, 1969 and 1970. He subsequently moved on to State Regional Vice-President.

Matthew B. Sellers III was also a two-term president in 1971 and 1972; and is at this writing, probably the

Florida Society's most decorated member. He became the State President in 1973, National Trustee in 1974. Genealogist General in 1975 and President General in 1976. Compatriot Sellers has received the Minute Man Award, the Patriot Medal, the distinguished Service Medal, the Gold and Silver Good Citizenship Medals, the War Service Medal and in 1982, the National Meritorious Service Medal and Past President's Pin.

James C. Moore was the last president to serve two terms. It is interesting to note that there were only two members of our chapter with lower National numbers than his 59365. Although still a paid-up member, Jim is devoting a great deal of his time as Secretary of the Fort Lauderdale Link of the United States Navy League. He had a distinguished military career and holds the SAR War Service Medal as well as many World War II military medals, and the Past President's Chapter Insignia.

Calvin E. Sutherland became president in 1976. He was formerly the Florida State President in 1971 and State Registrar for nine years. He is recipient of the State's Silver Good Citizenship Medal, the National Society's Gold Citizenship Medal and in 1975 the Patriot Medal. In 1982 the Fort Lauderdale Chapter was pleased to recognize his hard work and loyalty by awarding him the National Meritorious Service Medal along with the Chapter's Past President Insignia.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh became president in 1977, Florida State President in 1980 and National Trustee during 1981-1982. His qualities of leadership have been a source of inspiration to those officers following him and a power for good for the entire SAR fraternity. Because of his fine qualities of loyalty and hard work for the SAR, over the years the chapter was pleased to award him the SAR Meritorious Service medal along with the Chapter's Past President Insignia in 1982. He was awarded the Patriot Medal in 1983 and in 1994, as a result of his generous funding of the national SAR oration contest and other local and community services, he was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship medal.

To be continued.....

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