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President's Message

Dear Compatriots:

From October 31, 2008 to November 1, 2008, I attended the Fall Board of Management meeting of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution held in Kissimmee, Florida. The meeting was quite informative and it was good to catch up with fellow Compatriots from around the state.

One of the hot topics that I addressed as State Registrar was SAR's new policy interpretation on the use of DAR Record Copies as proof of lineage for SAR applications. SAR will no longer accept any DAR Record Copy that contains center check marks on it. For many years, DAR reviewers have used center check marks when indicating that they have verified a DAR Record Copy to information on a prior DAR Record Copy. SAR will no longer accept these center check marks as proof of verification, which means that this large population of DAR Record Copies cannot be used by prospective applicants to gain membership in SAR.

To no avail, I have personally protested this new policy interpretation to SAR's Genealogist General, as well as to the Chairman of NSSAR's Genealogy Committee. Both the Executive Committee and the Board of Management of the Florida Society SAR have authorized me to write a letter to all members of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee, as well as to the President General and the Secretary General, expressing Florida's position against this new policy interpretation on the grounds that it is unnecessary and will have a profound, negative effect on recruiting new members into the SAR.

On November 8, 2008, I had the honor of being a guest at the monthly meeting of the Major William Lauderdale Chapter DAR. The meeting was well attended, with Florida DAR 1st Vice Regent, Col. Barbara Makant, giving an interesting and informative presentation on the history of women in the military, from the Revolutionary War to current times. I would like to express my thanks to Major William Lauderdale Chapter Regent, Stephanie Murphy, for inviting me to attend.

At our November 22, 2008 meeting, we will be taking nominations for Chapter officers for 2009, with elections occurring at our December 20, 2008 meeting. We need volunteers! If you would be willing to serve as an officer, please let me know, as our Chapter always benefits from new faces and ideas.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

In patriotism,

Ted Duay
President

Veterans can now salute during national anthem

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Veterans and active-duty servicemembers not in uniform can now render the hand salute during the playing of our national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month. The legislative change was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., an Army veteran, and included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009.

The new provision improves upon a little-known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag. But it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of veterans service organizations have rendered hand-salutes during the national anthem, and at events involving the flag, while wearing their organization's official headgear.

NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 22, 2008

***** FUTURE MEETING DATES *****

DECEMBER 20, 2008

JANUARY 24, 2009

FEBRUARY 28, 2009

"Flaming Pit"

1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach
(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

Buffet luncheon - \$16.00

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The meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was held September 27, 2008 at 11:30 AM at the Flaming Pit Restaurant, 1150 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, Florida.

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Ted Duay. Benediction offered by Rob Joynt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge.

The 13 members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Immediately afterward the meeting broke for lunch.

After the break Ted reviewed activities over the last month, calling it a busy period for him, having attended functions every weekend. Ted discussed participation as an SARcolor guard member for a DAR function in Orlando.

He also mentioned that during the November meeting officers for next year will be nominated and elections will take place at the December meeting.

Joe Motes presented the Treasurer's Report.

Additional discussion included Joe's work presenting awards to ROTC, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, etc. throughout South Florida.

Ted talked about the new process for kids under 18 becoming Junior SAR members.

Vice President Ed Spencer updated us about the Swamp Fox CAR's activities for the year, offering members the opportunity to purchase the 2008-09 Florida CAR pin.

A number of members have expressed interest in Revolutionary War uniforms so Ted gave an overview of his experiences in ordering his uniform as well as the cost.

Mention was made of the joint meeting with the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR scheduled for November 1st at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club. The presentation topic at the meeting will be about inhabitants of South Florida in pre-historic times.

Ed Spencer invited members to his home where donated supplies for the troops overseas were to be packed.

Opal Spencer talked briefly about the Swamp Fox CAR chapter putting on a presentation in colonial costumes at the Pompano Library October 11th.

Debbie Duay was then introduced as our guest speaker, the topic was "The Delegates to the Constitutional Convention: The Good, the Sad, and the Juicy". She talked about various delegates and their troubles and sometime seedy backgrounds. Included were Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Yates and George Mason. It was an interesting, well received presentation full of details that have been largely lost to history.

After Debbie's talk, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Charlie Crowell
Chapter Secretary