



**The Florida Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter**  
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## President's Message

Dear Compatriots,

Last month's meeting was a trip to the Civil War time as Compatriot George Dennis entertained us by reading letters from his grandfather, John Wesley Dennis. John fought in the Battle of Vicksburg and his fascinating letters sent home described in detail many hardships. George showed us medals, ribbons, and pictures of his family. The 1914 picture of George being held in a family picture, he was six months old, was something to behold.

Our program this month will be presented by Compatriot Joe Motes with uniformed (Marine) ROTC members.

Paul and Daniel Blackinton (father/son) will be inducted into our chapter in the near future. It's been a long time since a father and son have come in together. We also have several new applications that are being prepared.

It is with regret that I report that Vice President Ed Spencer is still in Leesburg attending his sister, Virginia, who suffered a stroke. I'm also sorry to report that Compatriot Jim Page's wife, Helen, passed away this month. I attended the funeral service and came away with the feeling that she was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

I want to remind you we will be meeting December 12. We are collecting for Toy's for Tots so be prepared to bring a toy. Come, even if you can't find one.

Last month we talked about a roster and this is being worked on and should be completed shortly after the yearly dues are collected. In order to have all the information updated, please give me by e-mail or snail mail your name, wife's name, home address, phone number, e-mail address, and the year and month you joined SAR. This will enable us to do a good job for you. Please send this to Jim Lohmeyer.

I am waiting to hear from the Wreaths Across America Program regarding our chapter's participation.

We need to let Colony West know how many will be in attendance so they can properly set up and prepare. Please call or e-mail Joe Motes no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting if you are attending.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 21st meeting.

Patriot Jim Lohmeyer

## This Month's Guest Speakers

This month's guest speakers are SgtMaj Donald Bennett, SDI for Stranahan High School JROTC, and cadets Raquel Thompson and Nelson Chery.

Our program this month will be about the Broward County JROTC program, a program the our Chapter has been supporting for the past 15 years.

The Broward County JROTC program this year is the biggest in the United States with 29 high school with about 6,000 plus cadets total in the program.

Please make an effort to attend this luncheon and show these cadets that we do care about them.



**NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 17, 2009**

**Colony West Country Club  
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac**

### **Future Dates:**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2009  
JANUARY 16, 2010 Installation  
FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

**Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon  
Buffet luncheon - \$15.00  
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-441-8735  
or e-mail Joe Motes at: [joemotes@aol.com](mailto:joemotes@aol.com)**

**Minutes****Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.**

Location: Colony West Country Club, Tamarac , Florida

**Date: October 17, 2009**

The October meeting of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was held on 10/17/09 in the Fairway Room at the Colony West Country Club in Tamarac , Florida .

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim Lohmeyer. In the absence of chapter Chaplin Rob Joynt, Jim lead the group with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance and the S.A.R. Pledge followed.

Eleven members and guest were present for the meeting. All were asked to introduce themselves. With the introductions came some light-hearted moments and discussions.

The minutes from the September meeting were offered for approval. Motion for approval was made, seconded and approved by voice vote of those present.

Jim raised the question of the December meeting, and whether there would be enough members available and able to attend. A show of hands seemed to indicate enough interest so the December meeting was scheduled for the 12th and members will be asked to bring a toy for the "Toy's For Tot's" program.

Jim also mentioned that at the November meeting, new officers for next year would be nominated and voted upon.

The treasurer's report was given by Chapter Treasurer Joe Motes. Joe also read a letter of thanks from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. Our chapter has donated approximately \$200 annually to the organization in recent years.

Chapter Registrar/Genealogist Ted Duay brought us up to date on new members. He mentioned working with two people, along with numerous applications that have already been approved. Ted also mentioned the increased difficulty in getting approvals since the new stricter approval guidelines have gone into effect. A bylaws amendment in presently in the works that may restore the old criteria.

It was noted that Chapter Vice President Ed Spencer has missed recent meetings and will continue to be unavailable as he is in the Orlando area caring for his sister.

A suggestion was made that the chapter roster be made available to all members in print form, perhaps in a future newsletter. It was agreed upon and steps will be taken to get the task done.

Lunch was then served.

Following lunch, our guest speaker, Past Chapter President George Dennis took the floor. His topic was his grandfather John Wesley Dennis, who served in the Civil War from Ohio . George presented many original letters that his grandfather sent home from the war, each with fascinating details. John Dennis fought in the Battle of Vicksburg.

Among the other relics George presented were his grandfather's ribbons from post Civil War G.A.R. reunions, photos, information about monuments dedicated to his grandfather's regiment, and a large framed portrait of his grandfather in uniform.

After George's presentation, President Lohmeyer stepped in and reminded the group of George's gallant service to our country in the South Pacific during WWII.

Everyone was reminded that uniformed ROTC members would join us at the next meeting (November).

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Jim and the S.A.R. Recessional.

Most Respectfully Submitted,

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