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2003-2004 JROTC Awards Report

As the 2004 academic year came to an end, our Chapter has made this another successful year. In my conversation with many of the unit CO's, they have expressed how grateful they are for our involvement in their Awards Recognition program. My personal thanks go out to George Dennis who helped make all these presentations a success. This year we had 20 recipients, with the addition of the new US Navy Sea Cadets, this cadet was the recipient of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Below are all our recipients:

Boyd Anderson High	Derrick Linton
Charles Flanagan High	James Santoro
Coconut Creek High	Ashley McCullough
Coral Springs High	Nikolas Wagenknecht
Cypress Bay High	Daniel Espinal
Deerfield Beach High	Joseph Scott
Dillard High	Anthony Kelly
Ely High	Tyler Mosley
Fort Lauderdale High	Juan Tabora
Hallandale High	Aaron Atchison
McArthur High	Charles Harris
Miramar High	Luis Ramirez
Northeast High	Shammi Samaroo
NOVA High	Hugo Bustamante
Piper High	Michael Figueroa
Plantation High	Valentine Boza
Pompano Beach High	Michael Vitale
South Broward High	Jonathan Austin
South Plantation High	Harvey Schoonover
Stranahan High	Alex Follador
Taravella High	William J Howard
Western High	Zachary Yarborough
US Navy Sea Cadets	Matthew McHattie

Also, our chapter presented an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to Joshua C Adams of Scout Troop 190 in Fort Lauderdale.

Attended CAR Meeting

Chapter Officers (G.Dennis, J. Motes, T. Duay, O. Kraehenbuehl) attended the June 27th meeting and social of the Swamp Fox CAR Society in Pompano Beach. The chapter's newly elected President is Elizabeth Furey, daughter of Compatriot Harry Furey. The event included several skits and a monolog with historical and patriotic themes, all performed by the members. The affair was well attended by member's parents and was topped off by homemade ice cream and baked goodies. We were pleased to have been invited and gratified to see young people taking an interest in American history and an organization that has the same objectives and interests as the SAR.

September 18th Meeting – NEW DATE & LOCATION

The recent survey of chapter members indicated that most compatriots either desired or were willing to support a change of our chapter meetings to a Saturday if this would enable currently non-active members to attend and/or attract more potential members. The Pompano Elk's Club was selected as the new meeting location, since the Tower Club is not available on Saturdays. Meeting on the third Saturday was convenient for those responding.

It is hoped that as many as possible will support this change and help the chapter grow. Plan to attend the September meeting and bring your family, friends and prospective members. The outstanding program will be particularly appropriate for ANY individuals who might be interested in joining the **SAR** or **DAR**.

Meeting Date: Saturday, September 18th
Time: 11:30 AM, social gathering; Lunch at noon
Place: Elks Club, 700 NE 10th St., Pompano Beach
(Directions details are given below.)
Lunch Cost: \$13.50, all inclusive

This may change based on member's desires solicited at the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Debbie Duay, Registrar, Lighthouse Point DAR Chapter

Subject: "How to Get Your Friends in the SAR (& DAR)
Debbie will discuss how to prove a prospective member's patriot lineage from scratch. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and she has offered to review any ancestor data brought to the meeting.

Make reservations by calling VP Joe Motes (answering machine): 954-441-8735

Deadline: Thursday AM, Sept. 16th

Elks Club Location:

NE 10th Street is south of the Pompano Municipal Airport (home of the Goodyear Blimp) and runs from Federal Hwy. to Dixie Hwy. The Elks club is on the south side and closest to Dixie. It has a large sign in front near the road. – Phone: 954-781-2300

Come one !! – Come all !!

NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18th

ELKS CLUB !!!

\$13.50 INCL. TAX AND TIP

11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH

700 NE 10th STREET

POMPANO BEACH

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

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ROTC Chairman Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medals to Cadet Charles Harris for this year and Cadet Ruben Rodriguez for last year from Plantation High School.



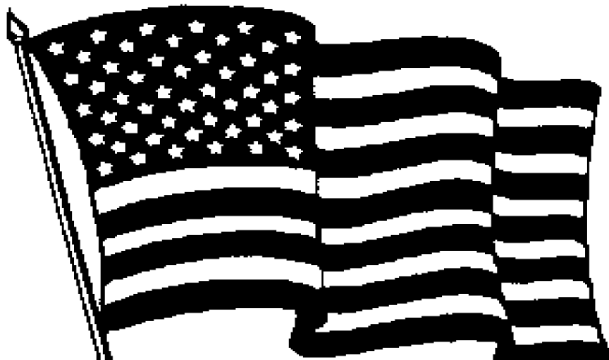
Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Joseph Scott from Deerfield Beach High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Aaron Atchison, also pictured is year 2002 recipient Cadet Hanneil Joseph from Hallandale High School.



Chapter President George Dennis presents the ROTC Medals to Cadet Michael Vitale from Pompano Beach High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Alex Follador from Stranahan High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Harvey Schoonover from South Plantation High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Zackery Yarborough, also pictured is his brother, Justin Yarborough, also the 1999 recipient our award from Western High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Hugo Bustamante, also pictured is last year recipient Sea Cadet recipient Eric Balcunas both from NOVA High School.



Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Jonathan Austin from South Broward High School.



Joseph Motes presents the SAR Good Citizenship Medal to Sea Cadet Matthew McHattie of the US Navy Sea Cadet.





Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet James Santoro from Charles Flanagan High School.



ROTC Chairman Joseph Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Valentin Boza from Plantation High School. Also pictured are Anthony Dittmer (L), 2002 recipient and Felix L DeJesus (R), last years recipient.

Cadet Boza was just promoted to Major and will be the new unit commanding officer of this unit for the 2004-2005 school year.

I was very impressed with Cadet Boza and in my opinion I think he will make an excellent officer in our Military Service. Major Kudos!

Interesting.....

WHEN MINISTER JOE WRIGHT WAS ASKED TO OPEN THE NEW SESSION OF THE KANSAS SENATE, EVERYONE WAS EXPECTING THE USUAL GENERALITIES, BUT THIS IS WHAT THEY HEARD:

"HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS AND TO SEEK YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE. WE KNOW YOUR WORD SAYS, "WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL GOOD,"BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE HAVE LOST OUR SPIRITUAL EQUILIBRIUM AND REVERSED OUR VALUES.

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE RIDICULED THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD ANDCALL IT PLURALISM.

WE HAVE EXPLOITED THE POOR AND CALLED IT THE LOTTERY.

WE HAVE REWARDED LAZINESS AND CALLED IT WELFARE.

WE HAVE KILLED OUR UNBORN AND CALLED IT CHOICE.

WE HAVE SHOT ABORTIONISTS AND CALLED IT JUSTIFIABLE.

WE HAVE NEGLECTED TO DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN AND CALLED IT BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM.

WE HAVE ABUSED POWER AND CALLED IT POLITICS.

WE HAVE COVETED OUR NEIGHBOR'S POSSESSIONS AND CALLED IT AMBITION.

WE HAVE POLLUTED THE AIR WITH PROFANITY AND PORNOGRAPHY AND CALLED IT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

WE HAVE RIDICULED THE TIME-HONORED VALUES OF OUR FOREFATHERS AND CALLED IT ENLIGHTENMENT.

AMEN

THE RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE. A NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS WALKED OUT DURING THE PRAYER IN PROTEST.

IN 6 SHORT WEEKS, CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHERE REV. WRIGHT IS PASTOR, LOGGED MORE THAN 5,000 PHONE CALLS WITH ONLY 47 OF THOSE CALLS RESPONDING NEGATIVELY.

THE CHURCH IS NOW RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF THIS PRAYER FROM INDIA, AFRICA AND KOREA.

COMMENTATOR PAUL HARVEY AIRED THIS PRAYER ON HIS RADIO PROGRAM, "THE REST OF THE STORY," AND RECEIVED A LARGER RESPONSE TO THIS PROGRAM THAN ANYOTHER HE HAS EVER AIRED.

By Rush Limbaugh:

I think the vast differences in compensation between victims of the September 11 casualty and those who die serving the country in Uniform are profound. No one is really talking about it either, because you just don't criticize anything having to do with September 11. Well, I just can't let the numbers pass by because they say something really disturbing about the entitlement mentality of this country. If you lost a family member in the September 11 attack, you're going to get an average of \$1,185,000. The range is a minimum guarantee of \$250,000, all the way up to \$4.7 million.

If you are a surviving family member of an American soldier killed in action, the first check you get is a \$6,000 direct death benefit, half of which is taxable. Next, you get \$1,750 for burial costs. If you are the surviving spouse, you get \$833 a month until you remarry. And there's a payment of \$211 per month for each child under 18. When the child hits 18, those payments come to a screeching halt.

Keep in mind that some of the people who are getting an average of \$1.185 million up to \$4.7 million are complaining that it's not enough. Their deaths were tragic, but for most, they were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Soldiers put themselves in harms way FOR ALL OF US, and they and their families know the dangers.

We also learned over the weekend that some of the victims from the Oklahoma City bombing have started an organization asking for the same deal that the September 11 families are getting. In addition to that, some of the families of those bombed in the embassies are now asking for compensation as well.

You see where this is going, don't you? Folks, this is part and parcel of over 50 years of entitlement politics in this country. It's just really sad. Every time a pay raise comes up for the military, they usually receive next to nothing of a raise. Now the green machine is in combat in the Middle East while their families have to survive on food stamps and live in low-rent housing. Make sense?

However, our own U.S. Congress just voted themselves a raise, and many of you don't know that they only have to be in Congress one time to receive a pension that is more than \$15,000 per month, and most are now equal to being millionaires plus. They also do not receive Social Security on retirement because they didn't have to pay into the system.

If some of the military people stay in for 20 years and get out as an E-7, they may receive a pension of \$1,000 per month, and the very people who placed them in harm's way receive a pension of \$15,000 per month.

I would like to see our elected officials pick up a weapon and join ranks before they start cutting out benefits and lowering pay for our sons and daughters who are now fighting.

"When do we finally do something about this?" If this doesn't seem fair to you, it is time to forward this to as many people as you can. If your interested there is more.....

This must be a campaign issue in 2004. Keep it going.

SOCIAL SECURITY: (This is worth the read. It's short and to the point.)

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years. Our Senators and Congressmen do not pay into Social Security. Many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan.

In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it. For all practical purposes their plan works like this:

When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die, except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments. For example, former Senator Byrd and Congressman Barr and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000 - that's Seven Million, Eight Hundred Thousand), with their wives drawing \$275,000.00 during the last years of their lives.

This is calculated on an average life span for each.

Their cost for this excellent plan is \$00.00. These little perks they voted for themselves are free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan.

The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Fund--our tax dollars at work! From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into -- every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer) -- we can expect to get an average \$1,000 per month after retirement. Or, in other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one month to equal Senator Zell Miller's benefits!

Social Security could be very good if only one small change were made. And that change would be to jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan from under the Senators and Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us and then watch how fast they would fix it.

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