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2004 - 2005 ROTC Awards

As the 2005 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, Ed Spencer and James Lohmeyer who helped make all these presentations a success. This year we had 25 ROTC recipients and two US Navy Sea Cadets were the recipients of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Next year we will have the addition of Stoneman Douglas High. Below are all our recipients for the past year:

Blanche Ely High	Andrew Browne
Boyd Anderson High	Motmon Harrell
Charles Flanagan High	Alejandro Gomez
Coconut Creek High	Christina James
Coral Springs High	Christopher Thompson
Cypress Bay High	Anthony Battaglia
Deerfield Beach High	Michael Mulvaney
Dillard High	Shavondra Scott
Everglades High	Joshua Iverson
Fort Lauderdale High	Dan Phillips
Hallandale High	Chris Hovey
McArthur High	Otto Henriquez
Miramar High	Andre Gonzalez
Monarch High	Joseph D Murray
Northeast High	Harold Petion
North Lauderdale High	David Triana
NOVA High	Adam Filpo
Piper High	Ryan Colburn
Plantation High	Damani Hylton
Pompano Beach High	Kelly Gordon
South Broward High	Christopher Simons
South Plantation High	Ricardo Guerrero
Stranahan High	Serge Michel
Taravella High	Darrel Sweeting
Western High	Dustin Hunsaker

Receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals for the US Navy Sea Cadets Spruance Division are: Jessica Vance & Christopher Williams.

Also, our chapter presented Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition to Scouts Michael Schumacher, Christopher Daugherty and Wil Bunnell of Troop 246, Scout Daniel Larsen from Troop 12 and Scout Joshua Vasata from Troop 395.

Our Guest Speaker for September

"How to Get Your Friends and Family into SAR and DAR"

Debbie Duay has over 6 years of genealogical research experience. She serves as the Registrar for the Lighthouse Point Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she is a member of the Genealogical Society of Broward County. She has taught numerous classes and workshops throughout the state of Florida on researching family history, and she has developed a free online tutorial on genealogy located at: **http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html.**

She has a Masters degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology with an extensive background in corporate training. Currently, she is a doctoral student at Florida Atlantic University in Adult Education with a specialization in technology. Debbie's area of expertise is in researching and documenting early American/Revolutionary ancestry. She is available to teach classes, speak to organizations on genealogy, or work with individuals on identifying their own personal family history.

NEXT MEETING - SEPT 24 th

"Flaming Pit"

1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach

(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)

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

Buffet luncheon - $12.00

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

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May 2005 Meeting Highlights

New members John Hennen, Rob Joynt, Mark Winslow, and Don Elder (not pictured) were sworn in by Registrar Ted Duay during our May meeting.

President Joe Motes presents Certificates of Appreciations to Cmdr Alan Starr and Cadet Christopher Williams for their presentation during our May luncheon.

2004-2005 JROTC Awards

President Joe Motes presented the ROTC Medal to Cadet Christina James from Coconut Creek High School, also present was last years recipient, Cadet Ashley McCullough who was this year's recipient of the DAR ROTC Medal, presented by Nina Carter.

Compatriot Ed Spencer presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Harold Petion from Northeast High School.

President Joe Motes presents the ROTC Medal to Cadet Ryan Colburn from Piper High School.

2004-2005 JROTC Awards

Cadet Otto Henriquez from McArthur High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Darrel Sweeting from Taravella High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Christopher Hovey from Hallandale High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Dan Phillips from Fort Lauderdale High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Joseph D Murray from Monarch High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Christopher Simons from South Broward High School receives his ROTC Medal.

2004-2005 JROTC Awards

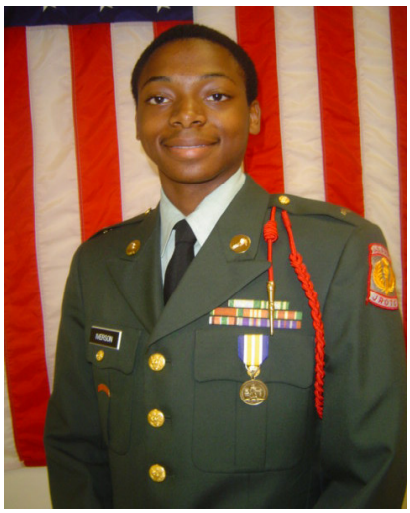
Cadet Michael Mulvaney from Deerfield Beach High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Kelly Gordon from Pompano Beach High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Motmon Harrell from Boyd Anderson High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Anthony Battaglia from Cypress Bay High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Andrew Browne from Blanche Ely High School receives his ROTC Medal.



Cadet Joshua Iverson from Everglades High School receives his ROTC Medal.

2004-2005 JROTC Awards

Cadet Ricardo Guerrero from South Plantation High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Serge Michel from Stranahan High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet Adam Firpo from NOVA High School receives his ROTC Medal, also present was last year's recipient Hugo Bustamante.

Cadet Hylton Damani from Plantation High School receives h

Cadet Alejandro Gomez from Charles Flanangan High School receives his ROTC Medal.

2004-2005 JROTC Awards

Cadet Dustin Hunsaker from Western High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Cadet David Triana from North Lauderdale Academy High School receives his ROTC Medal.

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Awards

NJROTC Cader Alexander Coker, Flanagan High

For Meritorious Achievement while serving as a cadet in Charles Flanagan High School's NJROTH unit. In that Cadet Coker, as an upstanding and outstanding NJROTC cadet, and nearing a major hurdle in the Boy Scouts of America as "Eagle Scout," took it upon himself during an outing with junior scouts, he let the way on a kayaking venture where an unfortunate accident occurred involving a young scout, less fortunate than most. His kayak overturned as a result of vaves hitting its side from a passing large boat. Struggling and in panic, his life vest slipped over his head, and he was in danger of drowning. Cadet Coker selflessly, and without thought, jumped into the water, hit his head on the kayak and lost his glasses, yet continued in attempts to rescue the young scout. In the end, he was singled out as "the person responsible for saving the life of a fellow scout." As such, he was awarded the highest individual award for which a NJROTC cadet is eligible and theSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Awards

US Navy Sea Cadet Bradford Barrett is awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

US Navy Sea Cadet Christopher Williams is awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

History of the US Navy Sea Cadets

At the request of the Secretary of the Navy, the Navy League of the United States established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps in 1958, to create a favorable image of the Navy on the part of American youth. The US Congress federally chartered the Naval Sea Cadet Corps on September 10, 1962.

The goals and objectives of the program are as follows:
1. Develop an interest and skill in seamanship and seagoing subjects, and the sea services,
The US Navy, the US Coast Guard, and the US Marine Corps.
2. Develop an appreciation for our Sea Services contribution to our history, customs and traditions.
3. Develop posative qualities of pride, patriotism, courage, self confidence, strong moral character, good citizenship in a drug-free,gang-free lifestyle.
4. Present the advantages and prestige of a military career in the Sea Services.

Today, there are over 378 Units in 47 states, including Puerto Rico, Guam and Iceland, with enrollment of 12,000 young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17.

The Spruance Division, was established in FT Lauderdale by the FT Lauderdale Council, Navy League of the US., over 25 years ago. LCDR Alan Starr assumed Command 10 years ago and has grown the unit from 12 Cadets to over 50. He has established an outstanding Corps of Cadets, who are very visible in the community, and present Colors at more than 30 events during the year.

They have an outstanding track record of over 25 Cadets enlisting in the US Navy, US Coast Guard, US Marine Corps, and the US Army. 10 Cadets have gone on to College ROTC Scholarships, and and 4 Cadets are currently enrolled in the US Naval Academy.

Our Senior Cadet, Chief Petty Officer Eric Balcunas has received an appointment to the US Coast Guard Academy, and leaves in June. The Spruance Division has consistently placed in the top 15 of all Sea Cadet Units, Nationwide.

Genealogical Society of Broward County

The Genealogical Society of Broward County is open to anyone interested in researching and preserving their family history, local history, and related interests. The Society maintains and staffs a genealogical library that is open to the public. The library is located in

Parkland Library

6600 University Drive

Parkland, FL 33067

Hours: Tuesdays - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursdays - 10:00am -4:00pm

Saturdays - 10:00am - 2:00pm

The library has over 3000 volumes-books covering the US and foreign countries. Donations of genealogical books are always welcome. The Society maintains an excellent website located at:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsbc/

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THE SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

On August 26-27, 2005, Ted Duay, Chapter Registrar/Genealogist attended the Summer Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution held in Lakeland. A number of topics were discussed at the meeting.

The main topic discussed that was important to this compatriot related to the Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund and the Florida SAR Operating Budget Trust Fund. As of June 30, 2005, these funds had assets of approximately $370,000. One of the primary purposes of these funds is to generate income for the Florida Society. The Florida Society uses this income to reimburse chapters for expenses related to allowable program activities, such as JROTC.

As of June 30, 2005, almost one-third of the combined trust fund balances was invested in two individual stocks. Concern was addressed at the meeting by this compatriot that the funds needed to be better diversified. Apparently, the compatriots managing the funds are looking to better diversify the holdings.

It was also discovered that chapter reimbursement requests were being paid out at 100%, instead of at 50% as the Board of Management had authorized a few meetings ago. The mandate to only reimburse chapters at 50% was being done to conserve money and make sure that more chapters had access to program funds. The overpayment of funds occurred due to miscommunication among the parties involved. Processes are being established to prevent this from happening in the future. As a result of the overpayments, there is only about $700 in program funds left to pay to chapters. More funds will not be available until January 1, 2006. The amount of funds to be made available next year was unknown.