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# FIVE WAYS TO LIVE LONGER - HAPPIER

BY RICK AIKEN, 1ST VP AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

For more than fifteen years Dennis Antoine, Doctor of Chiropractic, has been giving talks to groups of people here in South Florida on how they can improve their lives.

Dr. Antoine is convinced that a person's physical and mental well-being can be improved immeasurably by developing some specific living habits.

At our October 12th Luncheon, he will reveal to us those five secrets to a longer and healthier life. You will not wish to miss this important opportunity to gain this knowledge.

If you are a "doubter", then come and ask -- here is a chance to hear, decide and question. All of our speakers have always been only too willing to answer any questions put to them -- either after the presentation, or privately after the meeting.

AND -- BRING A GUEST! Who would not like an extra 10-20 years of happiness on this earth?

For our last regular program of the year, Mr. Rodney Dillon of the Broward County Historical Commission will be featured. November 9th is the date.

Mr. Dillon is a bone-fide Civil War Historian whose area of expertise is the Civil War in South Florida. This should be a very interesting program.

On December 8th, we have our 30th Year Celebration and Installation Banquet at Tropical Acres. This Banquet should prove to be the nicest ever for our Chapter. Arrangements are already in place to make it truly grand. This newsletter contains your invitation and on Page 4 is the Reservation Form to sign and return. Your participation is essential to this grand occasion.

## NEED VOLUNTEERS NOV. 4TH AND 5TH

Our SAR Chapter will have a booth at the annual "Broward County Pioneer Days" exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th. The event will be held at Walter C. Young Resource Center, which is in Pembroke Pines on 129th Avenue, just west of C.B. South Park and off Pines Blvd. The theme will celebrate the Florida sesquicentennial, 80th anniversary of Broward Co., and 50th anniversary of the end of WW H. Volunteers are needed to man our booth for 2-hour periods on either or both days, from 10 AM until 4 PM. Our objective is to distribute SAR brochures, answer questions and get names of those wanting more information. If you have memorabilia to exhibit or are willing to participate, contact Oscar Kraehenbuehl, 564-2813.



Lt Col. Frank Reynolds (Ret.) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Bob Dooley for his stirring presentation at the August Chapter meeting.

**NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 12**  
**RIVERSIDE HOTEL**  
**\$13.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP**  
**11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH**  
**620 EAST LAS OLAS**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:**  
**BOB DOOLEY 564-6296**

## 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!

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Oscar Kraehenbuehl, has been hard at work on the slate of officers for 1996. The other members of this committee are past presidents, Stuart Browne and Edward Frisinger. If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations for this committee OR WISHES TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE please contact Oscar at 564-2813.

Jim Organ, our perennial Sergeant-At-Arms, has agreed to serve for yet another year, but advises us that he is due to retire and will be spending much time in North Carolina after that. It would be nice if someone could volunteer for this post of great responsibility as his under-study. The primary duties are to have our flags and other paraphernalia present at all SAR functions.

Also, the post of 2nd Vice-President is available -- a great spot for one of our newer members to assist by serving and learning more about the Chapter.

The slate will be presented at the October meeting and published in the November newsletter. The election of officers will held at the November meeting, set for November 9, 1995. Installation of the new slate of officers has been set for the evening of Friday, December 8, 1995.

Editor's Note: These two articles are from "Sidelights on the American Revolution" by Webb Garrison.

### First Naval Battle

Like a number of land engagements in which casualties were out of all proportion to psychological impact, the first naval battle didn't seriously hamper British activities. It merely fanned the fires of patriotism by showing that Americans actually could defeat professionals from across the Atlantic.

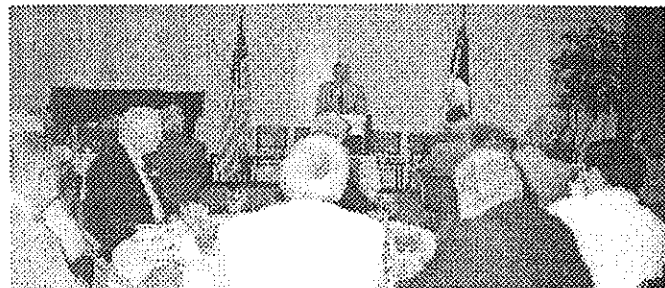
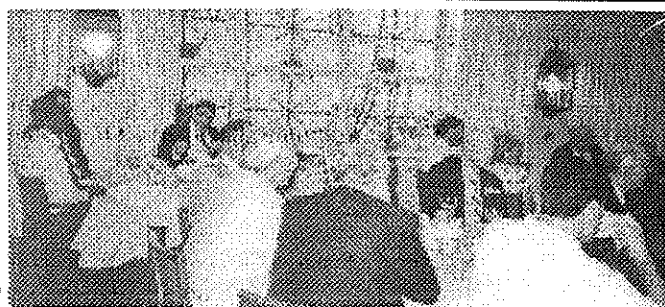
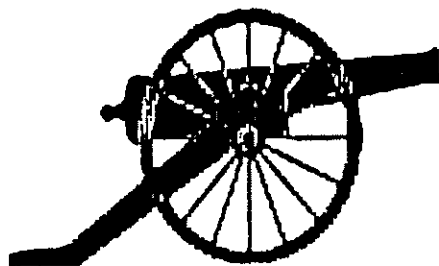
News of the Battles of Lexington and Concord -- themselves of little military significance - reached the village of Machias, Maine, some time late in the week of June 4, 1775. On Sunday the eleventh, while crewmen of H.M.S. Margareta were attending church services with their commanding officer, patriots slipped into the harbor and took over two commercial vessels.

The sloops Polly and Unity lay at anchor, waiting for cargoes of lumber consigned to British forces occupying Boston. Midshipman James Moore, commander of the Margareta, concluded that discretion was the better part of valor. Though his own vessel had four light cannons and the patriots had only a few muskets plus axes and pitchforks, he decided to flee.

Chasing the British ship in the Unity, patriots elected Jeremiah O'Brien as captain. They outsailed the British vessel and

after hand to hand fighting took the Margareta as America's first naval prize of the war.

Renamed the Machias Liberty, the one time



*Pictured above are two views of the record attendance at the August Luncheon as they were captured in rapt attention to the presentation of Lt. Col. Frank Reynolds. He set forth the most compelling case ever that the A-bomb was absolutely necessary to save lives and end the war. None of those present at the Luncheon walked away unconvinced after hearing his four supported reasons. A number of those present believe that this program should be reproduced, taped and distributed to schools and the media.*

sloop Unity saw heavy fighting two weeks later off the coast of Maine, where the British schooner Diligent and her tender were captured. Rejoining the captured Polly, O'Brien's vessel became flagship of the first naval squadron of Massachusetts' colonial navy.

### Assault at High Tide

Americanborn General Sir Henry Clinton was confident that rebel forces concentrated in Boston would be defeated easily and quickly. Rebels had no heavy cannon. Clinton's fleet included five mediumsized warships: H.M.S. Lively, Falcon, Cerebus, Glasgow, and Symmetry.

But the British trump card in the clash that Clinton was sure would be little more than a skirmish was the huge H.M.S. Somerset -- armed with three tiers of big guns. Any amateur could see that the rebels could be blasted off the top side of the earth in minutes.

There was just one difficulty. Clinton couldn't risk running the Somerset and other vessels aground. The big warship drew so much water that attack would have to be launched precisely at high tide.

Writing in his journal on the evening of June 6, the British commander noted the cost of this factor. "If we were of active disposition," he recorded, "we should be landed tomorrow

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# CONSTITUTION WEEK DAR-SAR MEETING ONE HUGE SUCCESS

Eleven Ft. Lauderdale Chapter members and their guests joined with the Major William Lauderdale Chapter DAR and the Regents Council of Broward County to Celebrate Constitution Week. Meeting at the Riverside Hotel on September 18th, a full house enjoyed a full program.

Representing our Chapter were: President Bob Dooley, 2nd Vice-President Joe Motes, Sergeant-At-Arms Jim Organ, Chaplain Fred Topper, Past presidents Gib Buckbee and his wife, Harry Young and his wife, Edward Frisinger, Stuart Browne and applicant Michael Kiriakon.

President Dooley gave greetings to the DAR and thanked the DAR for their great support of the SAR by furnishing the "sons" for us and otherwise in assisting in our membership.

In spite of the fact that compatriot Harry Y had difficulty in locating the fruit in his special "fruit salad" in instead found olive pits, it was a most successful meeting shared with our lovely sister organization.

Our immediate past president and erstwhile Secretary, Oscar K., was off a-travelling (the only way that he and Retha would have missed the SAR-DAR joint Constitutional Day Meeting last month) and rendered the following report on the Las

Vegas portion of the trip: "We enjoyed visiting, Las Vegas, but once every 25 years is often enough. In fact, we cut our trip short by one day; had done/seen all we wanted to in 7 days. Good food, entertainment, local people, but the overall environment isn't for us. (We broke even on playing the machines, since the only ones I put my money in were the 'money-changers'.")

It should be noted that this was addressed to the current president who likes LV enough to maintain a condo there.

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at daybreak. As it is, I fear it must be postponed until two." Experts had assured him that high tide would come precisely at that hour.

With the decision concerning time of attack made, Clinton retired for the night. Next day the attack was launched to coincide with high tide. But the delay had permitted patriots to throw up earth works on Breed's Hill - so that though British forces did take it and Bunker Hill, it was at enormous cost through loss of about one thousand men.

It took Britain many months to field replacements for those 1,000 men - months during which time Colonial forces gained both strength and skill. Time bought by the fact that high tide came at two o'clock in the afternoon instead of at dawn on June 17, 1775, helped prevent Britain from quickly crushing what at first was regarded as an impertinent uprising of farmers and merchants.

# INSTALLATION BANQUET RESERVATION

30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 1996  
COME JOIN US AT TROPICAL ACRES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1995.  
COCKTAILS AND HOR D'OEUVRES AT 6:30 AND DINNER AT 7:30 -- BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

## RESERVATION for Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR Installation Banquet Friday, December 8, 1995

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest SAR Office \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entree: Roast Prime Rib/Baked Idaho Potato \_\_\_\_\_

. Chicken Cordon Bleu/Stuffed Baked Potato \_\_\_\_\_

. Baked Boston Scrod on a Bed of Rice \_\_\_\_\_

. Total entrees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make payable to Ft. Lauderdale Chapter SAR)

Mail this 1/2 page to: Robert E. Dooley, P.O. Box 11955, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339. Must be received no later than December 1, 1995 as all reservations must be guaranteed with Tropical Acres OR, if you must, phone reservation by December 1, 1995 to: (305) 564-6296

# MINUTES OF AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 10, 1995 -- Riverside Hotel

The meeting was called to order at noon by the President, Robert Dooley, and the invocation given by Chaplain Fred Topper. 27 members and guests were present -- the largest attendance in memory for this time of year. Guests included: Past Regional VP Floyd May, FLSSAR Genealogist Phil Carr, Susan Young, Marianne Buckbee, Betty Sullivan, Jack Watson, George Dennis, Michael Kiriakon, Gary Hardesty and Frank Pato.

The Secretary announced that he had ordered forms for "The Florida Patriot Index". This is a listing of the patriot names and reference numbers of every Florida Society member since 1896. This publication is a part of the Florida Society Centennial Celebration. It may be purchased for \$32.45 before January 1, 1996, and \$47.50 thereafter.

Stuart Browne, Chairman of the FLSSAR Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee, noted that the national prizes for this contest have been doubled to: (1st) \$2000, (2nd) \$1000, (3rd) \$500 and the rest \$100. (This has been made possible by the endowment funded by our Chapter's compatriot, Joe Rumbaugh.) Stuart also commented on the brochure upgrade he has proposed, as a member of the NSSAR Oration Committee.

Harry Young reminded the Chapter of the bylaw obligation to appoint a Nominating Committee in September. Since

the Chapter will join the DAR for their Constitution Luncheon in that month, the following compatriots were appointed to serve on that committee: Oscar Kraehenbuehl (Chairman), Stuart Browne and Edward Frisinger.

Our monthly program -- "Was the Atomic Bomb Necessary?" -- was presented by Lt. Col. Frank Reynolds (Ret). There was no doubt in his mind, he being a captive in a Japanese cell at the time and doomed to die in the event of a US military invasion. He created rapt attention as he presented his overview, opinions and experiences regarding the war in the Pacific, and the dastardly deeds and philosophy of the Japanese soldiers and leaders. He provided four logical reasons why it was justified and beneficial for the A-bombs to have been dropped.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Secretary

## Secretary's report:

The Secretary has received a membership certificate for Rolland Price III and tried to so advise Rolland, but he was away and his answering machine/service was 'full'. The Secretary will deliver the certificate at the next meeting, along with the slip that gives his son's address and all the membership particulars.

An SAR member from Connecticut called to ask for the form and information required to apply for membership here and he wants to join our chapter. The Secretary sent him the form and information about attending our meetings.

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