

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLORIDA SOCIETY LAKE-SUMTER CHAPTER

MEETING NOTICE: The Lake-Sumter Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 11:00 A.M. at Taste Tempter Pancake Inn, 2310 West Main Street in Leesburg. The speaker will be our own Compatriot Ed Perry. His topic will be "Attacks on the Constitution of the United States of America." Wives and guests are always welcome.

Compatriot Ken Carter's patriot, **Nathaniel Cox, Sr.** was born in Pembroke (now Hanson, MA), in the Maine Province of Massachusetts, in November of 1741, one of nine children of English-born Edward Cox and his wife, Rebecca. He was one of the early settlers of Edmunds, ME and still has many descendants in that area. As a young man, Nathaniel, Sr. moved to North Yarmouth, ME, where he married Hannah Mitchell, daughter of Noah and Hannah. Noah Mitchell was the son of Dea. Jacob and Rebecca (Cushman) Mitchell, the grandson of Jacob and Susanna (Pope) Mitchell who were killed by the Indians in 1675 in Dartmouth, MA, and great-grandson of Experience Mitchell who came from England on the ship "Ann" in 1623. Experience Mitchell's wife was Jane Cook, daughter of Francis Cook who came to Plymouth, MA on the Mayflower in 1620. Nathaniel, Sr. and Hannah had thirteen children. Nathaniel Cox, Sr. first served as a Private in Capt. Francis Shaw, Jr.'s (Seacoast) company; enlisted on September 9, 1775 – the company was stationed at Narragausus, Gouldsborough, No. 4 and Pleasant River; he was promoted to Sergeant in Lieut. Thomas Parrat's detachment drafted from militia in 1777; later that year he was promoted to Sergeant Major in Col. Benjamin Foster's regiment. In a Certificate dated in Machias on December 12, 1777, signed by Capt. Reuben Dyer, it states that Nathaniel Cox, Sr. and others had received bounty from Capt. Stephen Smith, Muster Master for Lincoln County for engaging to serve on the expedition against St. John's, N.S and continued in service at and for the defense of Machias in 1777 and was one of four men from Pleasant River who received eighteen pounds of prize money from the capture of His Majesty's Armed Schooner "*Margaretta*", a 100 ton vessel with a crew of 40 men. Nathaniel, Sr. and Hannah (Mitchell) Cox moved to Edmunds, ME in 1798. Hannah died the following year and was buried in Edmunds. After her death, Nathaniel, Sr., moved elsewhere. The place and date of his death are not known.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2009, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by President Steve Offutt. The invocation was given by Compatriot Bill Piper. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by SAR members reciting the SAR Pledge.

The following guests were introduced: Visiting SAR member Harry Olson, John and Diana Albee. Present were 21 members, 6 wives and 3 guests for a total of 30.

CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS.

President – President Offutt welcomed members and guests. He announced that he, along with Compatriots Toops and White, joined other local patriotic organizations in decorating Lone Oak Cemetery in preparation for Veteran’s Day. He asked each member to send him a paragraph or two about their Patriot ancestor. Each month an ancestor will be selected to be featured in the monthly newsletter as space permits. Please include the full name of your ancestor and rank if they served in the military. He asked officers and committee chairs to send him a brief report on activities to be included in his report to the Regional VP each quarter.

1st VP Forry—Nothing to report

2nd VP Wyman—Nothing, no report

Secretary Moody -- Called for all attendees to sign in so accurate record of attendance can be recorded for use in the Chapter Challenge contest. He announced a correction to the October meeting minutes submitted by Compatriot Carter.

Treasurer Piper -- reported there is \$3319.09 in the treasury. Dues for 2010 are now due and payable..

CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

JROTC: Compatriot Toops reported that all five high school JROTC units in the Lake-Sumter area will be contacted again and urged to try to compete at the next higher level than the individual school. This would require the cadets to write a short essay. He announced proposed changes in the program.

PUBLICITY: Vacant

CHAPTER CHALLENGE: Compatriot Dick DeArmond has accepted chairmanship of this committee and requests cooperation from all members in reporting activities to him.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEROISM: Committee Chair Vacant. No report. Do we have a chapter member who will step up and take on this duty?

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Chairman Bushnell – Reported the Veteran’s Day parade in Orlando is the biggest Veteran’s Day parade in the U.S. and urged our chapter color guard to participate. The date is November 14.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Commander Bob Krey announced there are several events scheduled this fall. More information will be made available as it is learned.

EAGLE SCOUT: Chairman King Forry reported they are working with a couple of Eagle Scouts to encourage them to participate in the program. Co-Chairman Toops explained a new concept of a “Triplet Certificate” and “Essay Certificate” he will propose to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. The Triple Certificate program will entail assistance with the Law, Genealogy, and American Heritage merit badges. He is working with B. S. Troop 233 in Leesburg as a model.

EDUCATION: Chairman Ron Toops – Currently attempting to change the name of the Education Committee to the Legislative Committee.

FLAG CERTIFICATES: Chairman Steve Offutt – Nothing to report

REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST/MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Ron Toops reported he is working with several “76er’s at this time.

KNIGHT ESSAY/RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTESTS: No Report

CHAPTER WEBSITE: The chapter website has a NEW ADDRESS. Visit it at:
www.lakesumtersar.org

DAR SUPPORT: Campbell products labels were collected and presented to Frances Langston of the Bertha Hereford Hall Chapter to support the DAR Tamasee School project. Compatriot Moody asked label savers to clip and save “Box Tops For Education” logos found on General Mills and other products to help our chapter support a local middle school. For more information visit www.boxtops4education.com.

SPEAKER: The scheduled speaker cancelled because of sickness. Compatriot Toops presented a talk on several proposed changes to youth programs he believes will improve participation.:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: New member Floyd Wiseman was inducted.

CLOSING: The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional, The American’s Creed and the Benediction by Compatriot Bob Moody

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