

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, February 6, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. at Taste Tempter Pancake Inn, 2310 West Main Street in Leesburg. The speaker will be Dr. Donald Wyman presenting the light and dark details of the life of Benjamin Franklin from a book he is currently writing. Wives and guests are always welcome.

Daniel Howell, Patriot Ancestor of Compatriot Tom Wilcox
(as transcribed from his pension declaration)

Daniel Howell entered the service of the United States for his first tower (tour) under the command of Capt. Walter Crockett and Gen. Christian or Christy in a tower (tour) of five or six months as well as he remembers against the Indians, the Cherokee nation, in the state of Tennessee. The regiment was a Virginia militia regiment. The second tower (tour) was for three or four months against the same Indians under the command of Capt Harstone and Colo Martin of the Virginia Militia. The year is not recollected but the applicant was at the treaty made with the Cherokee Indians at the Long Islands of Holston by Genl Christy and Colo Thomas Madison. He was on another tower (tour) of thirty days as a ranger under Capt Joshua Wilson and Lieutenant Wm Hungate and he received his discharge since June 27 1778 which is herewith sent from his said lieutenant. The last tower (tour) was for one month under Colo Walter Crockett and Capt Eason in a regiment of Virginia Militia. He marched to the state of North Carolina and was at a skirmish at the Reedy Fork of Haw River a few days before the battle of Guilford Court House and he with Capt Eason Jr and Lieutenant Goodson returned in a few days to Virginia having been discharged. He had a discharge for all his towers (tours) but has lost all but the one enclosed. All the foregoing towers (tours) were performed by him while he resided within the county of Floyd as it is now but was Botetourt County then and subsequently Montgomery.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2010, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 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 guest was introduced: '76er David Smith. Other guests were '76er Tom Mysinger. And speaker Glorianne Fahs. Present were 15 members, 3 wives and 4 guests for a total of 22.

CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS.

President – President Offutt welcomed members and guests with a Happy New Years greeting. He asked members and spouses who could not find a nametag to notify him so ones could be made. Richard Offutt has been appointed to serve the remainder of the term of deceased Member-at-Large, Bill Brown. He asked for two volunteers to serve on the nominating committee with Past President Ron Toops. Tom Wilcox and Glenn

Langston volunteered to serve. The FLSSAR Winter BOM will be held on January 15 – 16 and he urged members to attend. Call him for more information. He has 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. A DVD from NSSAR President General, Ed Butler was presented, however the sound quality was poor and most could not hear the audio. Plans are being made to correct the problem and present the DVD again at the February meeting.

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 presented Treasurer Piper with a check for the balance of our grant from the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund. He read a note from Florence Russell, widow of deceased Compatriot Dean Russell. He reported that he has received the new address in PA for Compatriot Joe London. He completed and submitted the Chapter Annual Report and dues to the state secretary.

Treasurer Piper -- reported there is \$1550.26 in the treasury

CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

JROTC: Compatriot Toops reported he has met with Eustis H. S. JROTC instructors, LTC Congelosi and Sgt. Hunter His new essay proposal was well received.

PUBLICITY: Compatriot Dick DeArmond has volunteered to chair the publicity committee.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE: Compatriot Dick DeArmond has accepted chairmanship of this committee and requests cooperation from all members in reporting activities to him. A Chapter Challenge workshop was held earlier in the day to facilitate the organization of the annual chapter challenge report for the chapter.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEROISM: Vacant

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Chairman Scott Bushnell is coordinating reporting for the Stark Memorial Award.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Commander Bob Krey plans are in progress to participate in the George Washington's Birthday Celebration Parade in Eustis in February. Compatriot Langston will supply a golf cart. Detailed plans will be announced at the February meeting.

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EAGLE SCOUT: Co-Chairman Toops is working with B. S. Troop 233 in Leesburg as a model for his triplicate merit badge program. He is considering seeking an alternate troop as Troop 233 is experiencing a pending turnover in scoutmasters and some organizational problems.

EDUCATION: Chairman Ron Toops – Currently attempting to change the name of the Education Committee to the Legislative Committee. He urged members to support Florida House of Representatives HB0105. A companion Senate Bill is needed.

FLAG CERTIFICATES: Chairman Steve Offutt presented flag certificates to Ken Carter and Dick DeArmond.

REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST/MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Ron Toops reported five applications have been submitted to the approval system. He is working with 7 other 76er's with a number of others waiting in line for assistance.

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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 Joanne Shukis of the Puc Puggy Chapter to support the DAR Tamassee 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: Glorianne Fahs from the Leesburg Heritage Society presented an interesting program about the society's museum and the Historic Mote Morris House.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Compatriot Robert Moody was presented the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his years of service to community civic, educational and service organizations

CLOSING: The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional, The American's Creed and the Benediction by Chaplain Ken Carter.

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