

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLORIDA SOCIETY LAKE-SUMTER CHAPTER**

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**MEETING NOTICE:** The Lake-Sumter Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 11:00 A.M. at Taste Tempter Pancake Inn, 2310 West Main Street in Leesburg. The speaker will be John T. McGlohorn, Professional Surveyor and Mapper, whose topic will be *The Early History of Land Surveying in Florida*. Wives and guests are always welcome.

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## **LAKE-SUMTER SAR MEMBER'S PATRIOT ANCESTORS**

Compatriot Pete Adams' SAR ancestor was Pardon Gray of Tiverton, R.I. He was born there in 1737 and lived there until his death. He served in both the Mass. and R.I. militias. He was a colonel during the Revolution. He provided foods for the military at Fort Barton in Tiverton. He also trained militia men at his farm. He hosted LaFayette on several occasions at his farm. His cousin, Robert Gray was the first American to captain a ship around the world under the American flag and while in transit he discovered and named the Columbia River after his ship. Another cousin, Samuel Gray, was the first man to die in the Revolution at the Boston Massacre. There is a wildlife preserve named in his honor in Tiverton. It is called the Pardon Gray Nature Preserve.

## **NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 7, 2009, MEETING**

Note: Secretary Moody was out of state and absent from the meeting. President Offutt supplied the following notes regarding the meeting.

**A few things about the meeting:**

- 1. Did not have a quorum to hold a board meeting on Saturday. Only 3 were in attendance. Myself, Ron and Bill.**
- 2. Don Phelps (guest speaker) put on a good program. Based on his book, *THE RELUCTANT REBEL*. Book is about Daniel Sullivan, a young man who became a guide for Benedict Arnold on a march to save Fort Stanwix. He fought in the two battles at Saratoga.**
- 3. Being Don Wyman was absent, I don't know who the speaker is for next meeting. King Forry will present the award for the Eagle Scout Essay contest.**
- 4. I did receive a letter from national headquarters thanking the Lake-Sumter chapter for the contribution of \$561.00.**

5. Ron Toops covered briefly the education programs with the state.
6. Volunteers will be needed for the BOM meeting in April as our chapter will be the host. Will need two people for the registration table, at least 4 people for the hospitality room. BOM is scheduled for April 24,25 & 26th.
7. Best method for raising funds for the chapter to be contributed to the building fund was discussed. This will be discussed again at the March board meeting of the chapter. Hopefully we will have enough members in attendance to officially have a board meeting.
8. Pete Adams will forward his report to state for chapter challenge.
9. Two Flag Certificates were awarded at this meeting. Ralph and Dorothy Wagner and Frank and Ellen Blackwood. The Blackwoods were in attendance. Chuck White took the certificate for the Wagners.
10. Check with Bill Piper for the amount in the treasury. I failed to write down the amount when Bill was giving his report.
11. Scott Bushnell put on a presentation of our chapters website. Very interesting.

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** The chapter website has a NEW ADDRESS. Visit it at:  
[www.lakesumtersar.org](http://www.lakesumtersar.org)

**REMINDER:** President Offutt requests that each member send him a short biographical paragraph about their patriot ancestor for use in the monthly newsletter.

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