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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

February 26, 2009

Compatriots, my most important task this month is to say **THANK YOU** to all of our SAR members and for the support of the DAR Chapters in helping to make the February joint meeting a success. **The George Washington Birthday Luncheon** honored the women in our lives. A special award proposed by Past President Tarpley was approved months ago by the BOG to honor the members of DAR and our wives.

The “**Abigail Adams Award**” recognized the woman’s role in supporting our ancestors in the fight for independence and the continued support for preserving this nation’s freedom and history. I am fully aware that some of the members of both groups did not attend but, that does not necessarily mean they did not make the effort. For example, one member went through all of the effort to prepare to attend, went down to the car only to find the battery deader than a door-nail. How disappointing. AAA was called but arrived too late. Yes, that did happen to a member in Tampa and I say “Thank You” for your special effort and support.

Our FLSSAR President Ron Toops has asked every SAR Chapter in the State of Florida to support this effort and he set the example by providing one of the donations in our name. Personally, I consider the Saramana Chapter the most active, hard working and productive Chapters in the whole state of Florida and we have the annual reports to prove it. Saramana has more members than any other Chapter in the State that are also Officers in the FLSSAR and Committee Chairmen in NSSAR. Past President Phil Tarpley is nominated for Regional Vice President and I am nominated to replace him as FLSSAR Sgt-at-Arms. Frank Hodalski, Hal Miller and Carl Hoffmann are nominated to remain in their respective state Officer positions.

With that being said; my next subject is about the Center for Advancing American History (CAAH) which is located in Louisville, Kentucky. Since it is in our SAR Charter’s mission to bring Early American History back into the classrooms nation-wide, it would sure help the effort if we could *all* support the CAAH in any way possible.

My request of everyone that is a Saramana SAR member is to contribute at least a token amount to the CAAH so that all of the building modifications can be completed the soonest. This is referred to as the “Bricks and Mortar” work. Once that is done, then the CAAH can apply for Federal and other charitable grants to complete the total effort. The longer this is dragged out, the less we will end up with. Since we *ARE* the best SAR Chapter, bar none, it would be very appropriate to have 100% participation in this effort and possibly “*set the example*” for the rest of the Nation. Notice that I said, “*participation*” and not dollar amount. Participation connotes “*Positive Attitude*” which I believe we have.

Therefore, let us individually consider a minimum of \$5 which at 100% participation would provide \$650 that the CAAH does not now have. If every chapter then followed our Saramana example, the CAAH would end up with over \$1,000,000 for the “Bricks and Mortar” effort. All checks, large or small, should be made out to, "[The SAR Foundation, Inc.](#)" and mailed to our [Treasurer, Victor McMurry](#). My check is going out today, our Treasurer is busy but not that busy and is looking for work. Let’s accommodate Compatriot McMurry.

Fraternally,

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

WORDS of WISDOM



What has this Congress done to our descendants?

"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money" Margaret Thatcher

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government." Thomas Jefferson

February 24, 1803

The "Revolution of 1800s" Marbury v. Madison establishes judicial review

On this day in 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides the landmark case of William Marbury versus James Madison, Secretary of State of the United States and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--**the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional**--in the new nation.

The court ruled that the new president, Thomas Jefferson, via his secretary of state, James Madison, was wrong to prevent William Marbury from taking office as justice of the peace for Washington County in the District of Columbia. However, it also ruled that the court had no jurisdiction in the case and could not force Jefferson and Madison to seat Marbury. **The Judiciary Act of 1789 gave the Supreme Court jurisdiction, but the Marshall court ruled the Act of 1789 to be an unconstitutional extension of judiciary power into the realm of the executive.**

In writing the decision, John Marshall argued that **acts of Congress in conflict with the Constitution are not law** and therefore are non-binding to the courts, and that the judiciary's first responsibility is always to **uphold the Constitution**. If two laws conflict, Marshall wrote, the court bears responsibility for deciding which law applies in any given case.

Above is summary of a Supreme Court Ruling. The Congress has just recently passed laws that are stepping all over our Constitution in a Bill no Congressman had time to read before voting. I wonder when the Supreme Court will decide to rule the laws added into this Stimulus Bill violate our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

*Freedom is only meaningful to those who will fight to keep it.
Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor*

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

January 24, 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Harold B. Crapo, Jr. presided and having a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following Compatriot members of the Board were present: Crapo, Dunn, Riegle, McMurry, Huff, Tarpley, Grant, Lancaster, Lowe, McMaster, Bradley, Ashcraft, Douglas, Kent & Hunt. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation. The meeting having completed all business before it, adjourned at 3:44 PM

Minutes of the January BOG were presented. Motion presented and passed to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's written report also presented and accepted, subject to audit. Appointments approved by the Board were Peter Kent as Trustee to Operating Trust Fund.

Past President Tarpley reported the FLSSAR BOM suggested the word contest should be removed for our student programs and insert the word scholarship. Schools will put our programs on the list of scholarships available in high schools. The BOG will move this at next meeting. Members will be asked to approve the By-Law changes in May meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President thanked Compatriot James B. Huff for his work producing the Abigail Adams Award Certificates and stated 85 reservations were taken. The President and Past President Tarpley after much research and discussion decided it was time to leave the Sarasota Hotel and Marina. Service had deteriorated since October. Sonja Newton a long supporter of SAR had left and taken a similar position at the Holiday Inn on Lido Beach. He reported he and Tarpley met with her and Tarpley met with the Chef as well. The decision was made to hold the March 13 meeting and balance of 2009 meeting at the new location. A great new menu is being developed with the Chef with no change in cost of meals. **See the Members section for complete information.**

The George Washington Birthday Luncheon was successful. DAR attendance however was disappointing in that we were honoring the women in our lives and the members of DAR. "The Abigail Adams Award" was presented to 46 women attending who were eligible. Two more women will have their Certificates sent by mail as their reservations came late.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vic McMurry reported the adverse effect of the stock market on our Operating Trust Fund continues. He has called a meeting of the Trustees to discuss future plans. Tarpley and Riegle audited the Treasurer's and OTF records for 2008 and presented a report required. The books are in good order and current.

The 2009 Members Year Book was completed by Phil Tarpley and mailed. He asked that members notify Victor McMurry and the Secretary regarding any updates to your information. They keep all of the member records.

March 13 meeting is the Fire and Safety Awards program. Please plan to attend at the new location as we honor those brave men and women,

James "*Chris*" Dunn, Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

NEW MEMBERS

More new memberships are in process. Membership Chairman Billie West Lowe is doing a great job seeking out prospects. **DAR** added 10,000 new approved members in 2008 SAR should do 50% as well if we work at it. Please join Compatriots Lowe and Tarpley in the search for new members. It is a very important effort. Please give it your immediate attention. Talk to your friends in DAR to recruit their husbands, sons or grandsons as eligible new members.

Registrar & Genealogist Phil Tarpley is requesting our members to provide copies of their Record Copy and any of supplemental Patriots for the Registrar's Record Book. Many are missing from the member's files. We want to know all of the identified Chapter Patriots.

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT

Events scheduled for Color Guard Members

Friday night and Saturday morning February 27 & 28 2009

2009 annual ceremony of Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Port Canaveral

Those attending will be Guardsmen President Crapo, Past President Tarpley and Sgt-at-Arms Reynolds Cushing

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

John C. Manson, Daniel A. Carlton, Carl K. Hoffmann, Eugene Bradley, Coleman Riegler, Billie West Lowe, Reynolds Cushing, Frank Arnold Hassell, John D. Camden

Photos of some of the George Washington Luncheon events



Sarasota Military Academy provided the Bagpipers, a Color Guard unit for opening ceremonies. President Crapo presented Certificates of Appreciation to all including the SMA Colonel in charge. Photos by Debra McMurry





We remember the support to the cause of freedom and independence provided by the women during the American Revolution. We shall never forget the support our women gave to our nation during the two World Wars. We remember the tears shed by the wives and mothers over the years when the terrible news arrived at the front door. We remember they had to live on little income and provide for the

Abigail wrote in a letter to John Adams when he was in Congress.

“Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors...If particular care is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation”.

The photo is of Susan B. Anthony portrayed by Ms. Barbara Rowe, during our luncheon meeting. She presented Susan B. Anthony as if she were speaking to us during her lifetime. She was a leader in the effort to give women the right to vote. The presentation was a first for our chapter.

family during tough times. We must always remember the women left on the home front over the years who worked to keep our country safe. They kept our farms and businesses operating until the men came home to share the work load of moving this great nation to become the beacon of freedom and hope around the world. We remember, “Behind every great man is a great woman, a mother, wife and supporter of our families”. They stand with us in the continuing struggle for freedom. They now go off to fight side by side with the men. This is nothing new as you can read below about one of the women during the American Revolution. There were many more.

Deborah Sampson

Deborah Sampson cut her hair and wrapped a cloth firmly around her chest. Thus, disguised as a man, she enlisted in the Revolutionary Army using her brother's name. Deborah fought for her country for years. She was wounded in battle, although sources differ as to where. Some say her shoulder; others her thigh. Coming down with a fever did her in - not in the mortal sense, but in her disguise. A kindly doctor treating her discovered her secret. He helped her keep her secret until the war ended, taking her to his house to recover in private. At the end of the war, Deborah was given an honorable discharge.

Did you know? Deborah's husband was only man to receive a widower's pension from the Revolutionary War

Chapter Meeting Notice

March 13, 2009 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon

March 18, 2009 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

The search for a new location to hold our monthly meetings is now completed President Crapo and Past President Tarpley met with the finalist to secure the best options available for our members. We have changed location & kept it centrally located for most members

Special Notice of our new meeting location

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach
233 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota
7th floor Banquet Room

Directions: From (Rt. 41) Tamiami Trail & John Ringling Blvd. Travel west across Bridge toward Lido Beach about 3 miles. Follow the signs directing you to Lido Beach from Armand Circle along Ringling Blvd. to the (Y) at the end. Bear to the left onto Ben Franklin Drive for a couple blocks. The Holiday Inn is on the left. Turn left, the parking lot is in the rear. The ramp into the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh only and our table is there.

Luncheon Notice Meal Selection

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

12:00 Noon and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM
Please leave home early to arrive by 11: 30 -11:45 AM

Call Secretary Chris Dunn

Cell 941-400-9457 or Office 941-487-1244

If not there leave a message and your phone number

E-mail tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com

You pay at door on your arrival -- Please give all names of your guests

Call or e-mail to make reservations by 4:00 PM Tuesday afternoon March 10, 2009

Note this is the cut off time for this luncheon's reservations

Late reservation cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems for the hotel kitchen preparing and the wait staff serving everyone on time. The hotel is firm on no changes to increase meals after 10: 00 AM Wednesday morning

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ **Corn Beef and Cabbage** - \$20 = _____
_____ **Chicken Pot Pie in Puffed Pastry Beggars Purse** - \$20 = _____
_____ **Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad with a Fruit cup** - \$20 = _____

All entrees include beverage, rolls, salad and dessert

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE AT DOOR. WE DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE FUND.

Vic McMurry, Treasurer

To cancel your reservation; It must be done by calling the Secretary by 9.30 AM Wednesday morning before the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when your meal is ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.