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Gainesville Chapter ~ Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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CHAPTER HOSTING THE FLSSAR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Chapter once again has the honor of hosting the Florida Society's quarterly Board of Management (BOM) meeting, and once again as in the FLSSAR Centennial Year of 1996 it's the winter session.

The two-day meeting will take place on Friday-Saturday, January 26-27th, at the Sheraton Gainesville hotel on Southwest 13th Street. Further details and a reservation form may be found on page 3 of this newsletter, as well as in the winter issue of *The Florida Patriot*.

The BOM runs from about noon on Friday to noon on Saturday, and what makes this a bit different is that we have some special responsibilities as host Chapter. There is a dinner Friday evening and a tour on Saturday for the ladies.

We can use some assistance with registration, with the hospitality suite, with coordinating the dinner and similar activities. It's a great opportunity to meet other SAR Compatriots and their ladies in an informal, social setting. If you would like to help with the following activities, please call the contact person indicated:

Registration/Reception

James Partin 377-4164/Charles W. Rinek 373-7300

Hospitality Suite

Vince & Tandy Carnes 332-6150

Program Activities

Henry M. Bariteau 335-0587

Tours of Harn Museum/Florida

Museum of Natural History

Patti Hollien 378-9771

Honorable Mention ~ NSSAR Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award ~ 1992

PRESENTING THE SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2001-2003

At the December 18th meeting, the Chapter Nominating Committee offered a slate of officers for the upcoming term. The formal election will take place at a brief business session during the Winter BOM meeting on January 26-27th (date, time and location to be announced), and the new officers will be installed at the Chapter's Annual Meeting in February. The Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Sam Boone,

Jr., Vince Carnes, Sr., John Coker, Jr., and Charles Rinek, offered the following slate (*incumbent):

President

Dr. Harry F. Hollien

1st Vice President

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2nd Vice President

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William V. Carnes, Sr.

Treasurer

George A. Knox

Genealogist/Registrar*

James D. Partin

Chaplain

Charles W. Rinek

Chancellor

Sam Boone, Jr.*

Historian

W. Eugene Page IV

Sergeant-at-Arms

(Temporarily Vacant)



Installed at the November meeting were new Compatriots Jack Crawford, George Tate, and Dr. Gordon Greenwood, shown flanked by President James Partin, right, and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Rinek, left.

LADY RIDERS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Nearly everyone knows the traditional story of Paul Revere, Dr. Samuel Prescott and William Dawes, Jr., all of whom set out from Boston late in the evening of April 18, 1775, to warn Concord of the impending British foray, but who remembers the young ladies who also warned our patriots?

How about Susannah Bolling of Virginia. In 1781, when the British arrived and took over the Bolling House at City Point (Hopewell, today) as HQ for Gen. Cornwallis, the teenager overheard discussions of British plans to surprise the Marquis de Lafayette and his small patriot command nearby. Susanna slipped away through a tunnel that had been built as an escape during Indian raids – she emerged on the banks of the Potomac River, rowed to the opposite shore, then borrowed a farmer's horse to delivery her message to Gen. Lafayette in person.

In another case, Lydia Barrington Darragh of Philadelphia tended to eavesdrop on British officers quartered in her house. Lydia was the Irish-born mother of a young American officer on Gen. Washington's staff, and she regularly sent off her intelligence to him in messages sewn into covered buttons! On the night of December 2, 1777, she overheard plans for the British to attack Washington in nearby Whitemarsh two days hence. The next morning, braving snow, wind, rough country roads, and enemy patrols, Lydia walked to a patriot outpost far from downtown Philadelphia and delivered her warning to Lt. Col. Thomas Craig, an old family friend.

A female "Jack Jouette" [another Virginia alarm rider]

was sixteen-year-old Sybil Luddington, who also rode nearly 40 miles over rough roads in Putnam County, New York, on the night of April 26, 1777, to warn the American militia that the British were on their way to attack nearby Danbury, Connecticut. The teenager, daughter of militia officer Henry Luddington, volunteered to spread the alarm after a messenger delivered the news to the Luddington home. The messenger and his own horse were too weary to continue on. Since her father had to stay to organize his men, Sybil rode off into the night to alert his outlying militiamen. She returned safely early the next day. Chapter Compatriot George Knox is a descendant of Miss Luddington!

Yet another case of a teenage girl on a heroic ride, Laodicea Langston ("Dicey") heard that the notorious Tory partisan "Bloody Bill" Cunningham was about to descend upon the South Carolina community where her brother, an ardent patriot, was hiding. Dicey set out at night from her family's cabin near Traveler's Rest and in minutes was pushing her way through alternating thick woods and dismal swampland. Miles later, she came to the Tyger River, its waters high and rushing from recent rains. She struggled across up to her neck in turbulent water, pulled herself up the steep bank, and trudged on, arriving in time to warn her brother and his compatriots of the imminent arrival of "Bloody Bill."

From *Best Little Stories from the American Revolution*
by C. Bryan Kelly



ADMIRAL FURLONG SAR FLAG AWARD

Please contact Vince Carnes, phone 332-6150 or e-mail at ClanCairns@aol.com if you have a local nominee for the SAR's Admiral Furlong Flag Certificate.

Remember, the flag must be displayed for patriotic purposes (not by restaurants, car dealerships and such for advertising, or official purposes, such as at city hall), must be displayed on a regular basis (doesn't have to be all the time, just for regular holidays is OK too), and must be properly displayed (correctly hung, in good repair, and lighted if flown at night).

Hey...Compatriots!
Yep, you on the internet!



If you're on the Internet, please drop an e-mail to Secretary Charlie Rinek at rinek@gnv.fdt.net or to Editor Vince Carnes at ClanCairns@aol.com so we can get your e-mail address and add you to our Chapter database.

In the very near future, we'll start sending out information, reminders and likely even the newsletter via the Internet. That'll make it faster and save the Chapter money. Don't worry, if you don't yet have an e-mail address, we'll still send you correspondence – unfortunately by good old "snail mail."

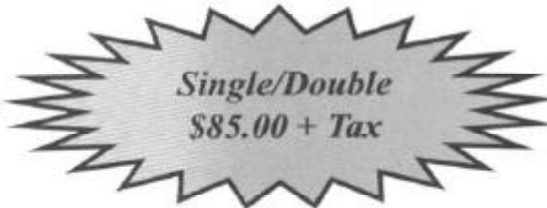
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ~ January 3, 2001: (You may cancel by 6:00 PM January 16, 2001)
Please reserve rooms directly with the hotel, but send registration/meal form as indicated below.

No. of Rooms _____ Check-in Date _____ Check-out Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone No. _____

Enclosed is a check or credit card authorization for one night's rates to guarantee this reservation.

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard American Express Other _____
Credit Card No. _____ Expires _____

BANQUET/LUNCHEON RESERVATION ~ REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____
BOM Voting Authority (Art. II Sect I FLSSAR Bylaws) _____
Guest(s)' Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State & ZIP _____
Highest SAR Office _____ Phone No. _____

Registration Fee (*SAR Members Only*) No. ___ x \$9.00 = \$ _____
Friday Evening Banquet..... Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breast..... No. ___ x \$28.00 = \$ _____
Roast New York Strip..... No. ___ x \$30.50 = \$ _____
Seared Orange Roughy..... No. ___ x \$30.50 = \$ _____
Total Enclosed..... = \$ _____

ROOM & MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 3 January, 2001
Please send your completed forms and payment to:
Charles W. Rinek, Secretary/Treasurer
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(Please make your check payable to: "Treasurer FLSSAR")
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