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GAINESVILLE CHAPTER HONORS OUTSTANDING LOCAL PATRIOT!!!

The highlight of the July 16th meeting was a very special presentation by President Harry Hollien of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Ms. Stephanie Burt. Ms. Burt is a rising sophomore at Gainesville High School, and received the accolade in recognition of her patriotism and citizenship in a beautifully written letter this spring to the editor of the *Gainesville Sun* in which she called to task many of her classmates for not rendering honors to the flag of the United States during the morning Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the letter may be found in the March 2001 issue of the Gainesville Broadside. Chaplain Rinek introduced Ms. Burt, while Secretary Carnes provided a description and history of the SAR Bronze GCM, and President Hollien then presented her the medal and accompanying certificate (shown at right). Ms. Burt and her parents were guests of the Chapter at this meeting.



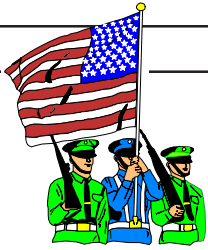
In addition, later in the meeting the Chapter had the privilege of formally inducting two new Compatriots into the SAR. Pictured below are Compatriot Richard Watts (below left), whose patriot ancestor was Major Absolom Bedell, who fought in the Battle of Kettle Creek, Wilkes County, Georgia, and Compatriot Robert L. Van Winkle (below right), a descendant of Johannis Van Winkle, who served as an Ensign in Col. William Stewart's Regiment from Pennsylvania. They are shown receiving their NSSAR credentials from President Harry Hollien and Secretary William V. Carnes, Sr.



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



*Winner of the 2001 FLSSAR "Poor Paul"
Newsletter Award ~ "Best in Florida"*



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER'S CORNER Henry Bariteau

As I get ready to travel to Yorktown for the 220th anniversary celebration, I stopped to ponder a few questions.

After all, Yorktown was the culmination to a long six-year war that tested the very fabric of the new fledgling nation. The long war had bitterly divided families, caused great financial hardship, and cost some individuals their very lives.

Now some 220 years later, I asked myself;

1. Have we as a society fulfilled the vision the founders left us with and had hope we would fulfill?
2. Have we sustained the basic values that these good men left us with?
3. Can their vision for future generations survive?

I thought long and hard about the question I asked myself, too a long breath, and was saddened.

Recently I attended the short service held at the Malcolm Randall Veteran's Medical Center this past Memorial Day. They had an excellent speaker, who brought out a few key points.

Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in America's Wars. This speaker went on further to say that only one-third of our current Congress have any military experience, including service in the Reserve and National Guard components. Furthermore only one-tenth of the congressional staffs (pages) can claim the latter. Most disturbing of all was a poll that was conducted in which people were asked the significance of Memorial Day. The answers ran the gambit from "the beginning of the vacation season," to "the opening of the pool."

What this illustrates very clearly is the lack of respect for America's social institutions and values. All too often people complain about a variety of social ills and problems. Somehow they seem to have answers to all these problems, yet perhaps they are part of the problem. These are the same people who claim to be "true Americans" and who wish to dismantle the very same institutions and social values that have sustained this country for the past 220 years, under some false guise of being "progressive." This is political correctness gone awry.

Perhaps we should really start to call these very same people on the carpet. If they enjoy their liberty and freedom, what have they done to defend it? Are they a veteran, and/or do they participate in veteran's service organizations like the American Legion, the V.F.W., AmVets, TROA, and others?

If the ills of society are indeed so bad, what have they done to make it better?

There are a whole host of groups out in this world striving to make the world a better place, and still maintaining our heritage and values. Such organizations include the Elks Club; the Moose

Lodge; the Kiwanis Club; the Rotary Club; the Masonic Temple; the Knights of Columbus; the Lions; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Odd Fellows, and others. All these groups have good men who look to make this word a better place. For all those who complain, where is their membership card to any one of these organizations? Furthermore if they really want to make a great impact or change, why not take a leadership position or chair a committee in their respective organization.

It is unfortunate that those who complain will most likely never become part of the solution.

Yet amongst our ranks we have leaders. I look at this organization, and I see people who have worn Army/Marine green and Air Force/Navy blue. I see people who are involved in organizations outside this one. I see individuals who are not afraid to assume leadership positions in these other organization.

I look forward to Yorktown. It binds me to the past, to our founding fathers and their visions, and to honor what they left us. It will be a time of both retrospect and forward vision. May the ghosts of the past and God lead us to honoring and fulfilling their vision.



CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

This is the tentative agenda for meetings for the remainder of the calendar year (and into 2002). All will be on Mondays at the Sheraton Hotel unless otherwise noted. Changes will be published in subsequent *Gainesville Broadside*s and/or on reminder postcards.

- August 20th
Luncheon** *Col. Robert Whitener, USA (Ret.)
"How Events of WWII Influenced
the Korean Conflict"*
- Sept. 22nd
(Saturday)** *Constitution Week Luncheon*
- Oct. 15th** *Yorktown Observance Dinner*
- Nov. 19th
Luncheon** *Rick Mulligan
Cox Cable's New Services*
- Dec. 17th** *Valley Forge Observance Dinner*
- Jan. 21st ('02)
Luncheon** *Program TBA*
- Feb. 18th ('02)** *Annual Meeting & George
Washington Birthday Dinner*

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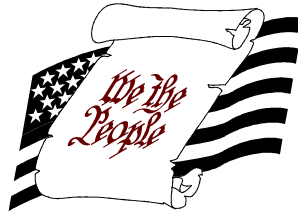
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001

11:30 to Noon ~ Gathering & Reception

Noon to 2:00 PM ~ Buffet & Program

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Buffet Menu

*Mixed Green Salad with Appropriate Toppings ~ Fresh Fruit, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw
Chef's Choice of Three Entrees & Choice of Starch & Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Rolls & Butter ~ Coffee & Tea
Separate Buffet Table of Desserts*



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