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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

May 28, 2009

The last Board of Management Meeting held at Kissimmee on 26-27 April was a real hoot. Your Saramana Chapter walked away with several major awards. We came in first in the State with the USS Stark Award (helping the Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans' Home in Port Charlotte) thanks to Compatriots Jack Ashcraft and Lester Hunt. We were first in the Chapter Challenge with a \$100 check.

This was attributed to the increased amount of participation by our Chapter membership who became involved. Then Saramana Chapter came in 1st with the Publicity Reporting. The Saramana Chapter was presented with Flag Streamers from the Last Naval Battle and Kettle Creek activities. We also brought home \$175 for the Center for Advancing American History (CAAH) plus an additional \$50 for the JROTC Fund. All of this was from an auction of a special decorated mirror donated by Compatriot Phil and Mary Tarpley. We owe many thanks to Phil and Mary for their generous donation of the mirror and to those who participated in the bidding process. In addition, I must remind all of you that all of these accolades came about under the leadership of our past President Phillip H. Tarpley. All I did was collect them at the dinner meeting. That was the easy part. And while speaking of Mr. Tarpley...

Compatriot Phil Tarpley is recovering from his heart surgery. However, talking gives him much discomfort at this time, so I recommend cards, notes and letters in the interim.

The JROTC Awards Program is almost complete as of this writing. Much to my surprise, we had a request from Hardee High School for presentation of an SAR Bronze Medal to one of their students. Hardee High School is located in Hardee County in the town of Wauchula and is about 60 miles east of Bradenton. The trip was worth the effort, according to two standing ovations. Elaine and I were met by a couple of Air Force JROTC Cadets as we got out of our vehicle. We were escorted to the auditorium and introduced to the Air Force Lt/Col Anthony Hingle, the School Principal and the Superintendent. We watched 70 AF JROTC students receive some kind of award. And to think that when the program was started four years ago, there were only 10 students involved. During the presentation, I was given the opportunity to speak about the scholarship and Eagle Scout Awards that are made available for students to earn. It appeared that they had never heard of these awards before. I hope we find more High Schools in our Southwest Region that have not been informed about the SAR. If anyone out there can provide some ideas about a 15 minute briefing that might be created and given at all of the JROTC High Schools in September each year, I would appreciate the assistance and input.

I am taking this time to say, "Thank You" to all of the Compatriots that participated in handing out JROTC Awards this year at the High Schools in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. It shows we care about the students.

Fraternally

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

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President

WORDS of WISDOM



For the record, on this Memorial Day 2009

This Nation is not a country that starts a war because we like war or we want another nation's land or assets. It is however, often falsely stated to be the reason by some talking media heads, college professors and national politicians among others pushing their own agenda.

The truth is the only foreign soil we still occupy in Europe etc, after all the wars from WWI to present, is the graves of over 125,000 freedom loving Americans who fought on that nation's land for the freedom of other world citizens. We did not seize half of Germany, as Russia did. We did not seize Japan either. We helped both and other countries rebuild as peaceful, free and productive nations. Communist Russia seized other nations after the wars but did not give them any freedom. How soon people forget how we are only free if we are willing to stand up for freedom here and around the world.

I want to thank all my Compatriots for their prayers, the many cards, letters, e-mails, hospital visits and calls to express a speedy recovery following my open heart surgery. Harold & Elaine Crapo stayed with my wife all day while I was in surgery and later in the Cardiac Care unit. They are two of my best friends and we both cover the others back when needed. We do that in SAR because we are extended family. My healing is on a steady course. The next health issue for us is my wife's 2 major surgeries starting in early June.

This may be my last issue as Editor of the Q & B depending on how soon President Crapo names a new Editor. I have been Editor for nearly 3 years and believe it is time for someone else to show their talent for reporting chapter news. The format is in place for easy transition.

Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 26, 2009

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting May 13, 2009 in lieu of a normal Secretary's report provided to Editor

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. As there was a quorum present, President Crapo called the meeting to order. President Crapo gave the Invocation, as Chaplain Bradley was absent.

Vice President Riegle acting as Secretary passed out the Minutes of the April meeting and requested additions or corrections. Not receiving any, president Crapo asked that the BOG accept the Minutes. A motion was made by Huff and seconded by McMurry. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Vic McMurry then reviewed the Financial Statement for March and offered a Value of Inventory of Medals and Awards. A motion to accept these reports was made by Huff and seconded by Douglas. The vote for acceptance was unanimous.

President's Report: President Crapo discussed the awards our chapter had received at the recent FLSSAR BOM Annual meeting. We won the 2008 USS Stark Award, Chapter Challenge and the Publicity Award, along with \$100 for these efforts. He noted the chapter Rumbaugh Oration and Stella Knight Essay 2008 winners also won the state contest and now entered in the national contest. We also received streamers for our chapter flag for participation in: the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution and the memorial for the Battle of Kettle Creek in GA. The president then announced that our next BOG meeting would be held on September 16th, followed by a joint luncheon with the DAR to celebrate Constitution Day on September 24th. See the Q&B for details.

Committee Reports:

Operating Trust Fund: McMurry reported that the OTF fund has grown over the past month

Publicity: Compatriot Lowe gave an oral report of publicity received last month.

Recruiting: Compatriot Lowe then reported on the 3 applications, which are at National for approval.

Veterans' Affairs: - Compatriot Grant reported on the recent meeting held by Representative Vern Buchanan at which the new educational and healthcare benefits for Veterans were discussed. Compatriot Crapo reported for Compatriot Ashcraft that we are very active in donating items to the Veterans Home in Port Charlotte and have amassed about 14,000 for this effort. We won the Stark Award for this and other efforts.

Old Business: - The President then requested the BOG approve the members of the Nominating Committee for the 2010 officers. Compatriots Lowe, Huff, Williams, Bradley and Riegle were named and approved by voice vote.

New Business: - President Crapo asked for the BOG to approve a chapter donation of \$100 to sponsor a golf hole at the upcoming NSSAR Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which will go to the JROTC program. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A true record, attest: Charles W. Riegle VP/ Acting Secretary/ Editor edited for space.

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

NEW MEMBERS

Registrar/Genealogist Phil Tarpley notes it is taking about 5 months from his forwarding applications for process to the final approval or rejections. NSSAR is about 4 months behind. Membership Chairman Billie West Lowe is doing a great job seeking out prospects. **DAR** is a great source for new members. Please join Compatriots Lowe and Tarpley in the search for new members. It is a very important effort. Please give it your full attention. Talk to your friends in DAR to recruit their husbands, sons or grandsons as eligible new members.

Foster Gaines Finley was approved for membership this week.

The 2 supplemental applications of Burton Corbus and one by Phil Tarpley are listed now as received in April at NSSAR.

If you have other Patriots and have not had them approved please do so as it helps others who may have the same Ancestor.

Several of us in Saramana have added new Patriots to the SAR approved list of Patriots.

Honoring a departed Compatriot of Saramana

The daughter of James P. Stewart contacted Past President Tarpley couple months ago to notify our chapter of his passing. She related as she has several time how proud her farther was to be a SAR member. He was a highly decorated Korean War Veteran. He served in the US Navy and earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star among others. She asked if I could arrange for an SAR Color Guard grave side memorial service in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery near Louisville, KY. when the date of service could be determined. I contacted our dual member J. David Sympson NSSAR Registrar for his help. He took charge from there. Two SAR chapters provided Color Guard members and Chaplains.

They joined with the Navy and Masonic Lodge members for a respectful memorial service to a War Hero and SAR Compatriot. His daughter holds the US Flag resented to her.

I thank Compatriot Sympson and the members of Louisville Thurston and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapters for what they did for our Compatriot's family.

Phillip H. Tarpley
Regional VP
FLSSAR



SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT
Eugene Bradley, Commander

Color Guard Members notice of events
June 13 DAR Flag Day luncheon
FL SAR Sons of Liberty Brigade
NSSAR National Congress July 3-8
FLSSAR August BOM meeting

The Memorial Day Parade Color Guard was light a few normal marchers this year due to health issues. The members marching included Commander Eugene Bradley, President Harold Crapo and Sgt. At Arms Reynolds Cushing. Saramana SAR Woman's Aux. member Elaine Crapo in her Army uniform marched with the unit. Both President and Mrs. Crapo were interviewed and featured on TV Channel 6 News at 5 PM. The CG unit later marched with other local CG units for massing of the Colors at the Philippi Park memorial services.



Stella Knight Essay Chairman Lawrence Berry presents Morgan Finkelstein her award certificate and Scholarship check of \$1,000. Elaine Crapo presented her \$300 from the SAR Woman's Aux. She is entered in the national contest after also winning the state contest.

Happy Birthday greetings to the Saramana Compatriots born during the summer months.

June thru August

**Jack B. Ashcraft, Chuck Barrett
Richard Brainard, Ira Briggs Carroll
Charles Churchill, Colin G. Crapo
Harold B. Crapo, Jr. Robert M.
DeMarr, William V. Entwistle, Robin
Franklin, Edward "Ted" Gorton,
James B. Huff, Lester K. Hunt
Wendel F. Kent, Basil Lancaster
Aldan S. Mahaffey, Richard A.A.
Martin, Malcolm L. Miller, Gerald L.
Munn, Carl A. Nissen, Jr. George N.
Pearce, Dr. Jan D. Pearce, Charles W.
Riegle, Evan C. Riegle, Sayre A.
Schwarztrauber, Robert B. Strayer
J. David Sympson, Eric R. Wachsman
Willis H. Wheat, Jr. John A. Williams,
Jr. Henry Campbell Wood, Jr.**

**May your days be productive & happy
and your nights peaceful with rest**

JROTC Awards Program



President Harold Crapo presents the Saramana JROTC “Best of the Best” Medal Award to Cadet Staff Sgt. Thomas Kopec of Braden River High School



Moment of Surrender Statue in Sarasota at end of WWII, in New York 1945 with Harold Crapo, Jr.

What is President Crapo looking for? Hal Miller was photographed couple years ago doing same thing except his photo was in the newspaper. Above photo sent Editor by secret photographer

Provided by DAR
The DAR Allapattah Chapter Invites *All* SAR Members to Join Them
at Their Annual Flag Day Luncheon

June 13, 2009
11:30 am
at the
University Park Country Club
7671 The Park Blvd.
University Park, FL 34201

Entree Selections (\$23.00 each):

Herb and Macadamia Crusted Chicken Breast with mandarin orange and cranberry chutney

Or

Grilled Salmon with a citrus glaze

All meals will include a field green salad with tomato, rice pilaf, Chef's selection of vegetables, and strawberry shortcake.

Please send reservations, with entree selections noted, and checks, made out to Allapattah Chapter, NSDAR, to:

Carolyn Brooks
5624 Monte Rosso Road
Sarasota, FL 34243-5239

941-351-3925

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, June 10th.

Directions to University Park Country Club:

From 75 - Exit at University Parkway. Go west to The Park Blvd. and turn right (north) to 7671.

From 41 - Go east on University, pass Lockwood Ridge and Whitfield and turn left (north) onto The Park Blvd to 7671.

Flag Day Luncheon

Name:	Chicken	Salmon
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