



GENERAL DAVID HUMPHREYS BRANCH No. 1
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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MEETING NOTICE

February 9, 2004

Time: Social Hour 6:00 to 6:45. Dinner at 6:45

Location: The Gathering, 989 Boston Post Road, Milford, 878-6537
From I-95 Exit 39A. Follow Boston Post Road (U.S. 1) about 1/4 mile
The restaurant is on the left. From the Merritt Parkway: Exit 56, Route
121. Follow South to the Boston Post Road. Turn left and proceed about
1/2 mile. The Gathering is on the right.
*Menu: Salad Bar, New York Strip Steak, Prime Rib and Shrimp
Combination, Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Dijon, Baked Stuffed Shrimp
or Lemon Dill Salmon. Rice Pilaf or Baked Potato. Coffee, Tea or Soda
Dessert: Cheese cake.*

PROGRAM: Our speaker for the evening will be Compatriot Donald G. Rowland. His topic will be the Air War over France, Southern Germany and The Balkans during World War II. As part of "Getting to Know Your Compatriots", Don's biographical sketch appears below.

Don Rowland, who lives in Woodbridge, was born May 15, 1924. He graduated from Seymour High School in 1942. He enlisted as an Aviation Cadet while an engineering student at Northeastern University. As part of the crew of a B-24, he flew to Italy in 1944. He flew 35 combat missions and was awarded the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the DFC plus the EAME Theater Ribbon with 6 Bronze Battle Stars.

After the War, Don earned his BChE at Cornell University in 1949. He married Cornelian, Louise Baumeister in 1950. They have a married son and one grandson.

During his career, from 1949 to 1994, he worked for the Sponge Rubber Company, B.F. Goodrich and Uniroyal. He retired as Senior Research Scientist with 10 patents and numerous papers, articles and bulletins on cellular products.

In Woodbridge, Don has been an active citizen. He was Vice President of the Woodbridge Park Association for 22 years. As a Scoutmaster, he had 25 Eagle Scouts. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1978. Don belongs to the VFW and the American Chemical Society. He chairs the State Eagle Scout Patriotic program for the SAR.

Don's Ancestor Simon Peck served at Bennington, Saratoga and Crown Point

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Over many years the Boy Scouts of America has been molding boys into well-rounded young men. We pledge our continued support to B.S.A. Thanks to Chairman Don Rowland, Timothy Wilkins and John Crowell for their involvement in our Branch Boy Scout Committee.

Pray for our servicemen and women.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Carlton Haddad,
President

Minutes of January 12, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Preident Carlton Haddad.

The meeting began with prayer by the Chaplian, the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

The Treasurer's report was accepted

Don Rowland reported that there are 12 applicants for the Eagle Scout Award

Bob Stebbins agreed to head the Knight Esssay Contest

President Haddad reported that there will be meetings of the Executive Committee every three months.

To assist in the Getting to Know your Compatriots program, John Crowell suggested that a format and guidelines be developed.

President Haddad expressed disappointment with the food at the Ladies Night in December and has spoken to the management of The Gathering about it. Due to increasing costs is was suggested that the price of the dinner be increased to \$20. The actual cost including tax and gratuity is \$30.69 per person. It was suggested that the cheese and crackers and dessert might be eliminated to cut the expense. It was voted to table the matter until March to give the Treasurer time to investigate the matter more thoroughly.

The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional

Attest:

Marshall Robinson
Secretary pro tem