

Honoring the “Forgotten Soldier”

By Helen Vogt Greene

Celebrating 63 years of service, Regent Karen Christie of Garcilaso de la Vega, NSDAR, welcomed the Honorable Betty Resch, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach and other dignitaries: Don Lanman, President of the Palm Beach SAR, Greg Parkinson, Peter Johnson, PBSAR, Diane

Tidwell, Palm Beach DAR and Zoe Stout, Seminole DAR. The Call to Order and the Ritual was completed with the help of Helen Greene, Chaplain, Teresa Bevan, V. Regent and Laura Bolyard 2nd V. Regent. Mayor Betty Resch, who brought special “Greetings from the City of Lake Worth Beach,” also present

Garcilaso with a Proclamation from the City of Lake Worth Beach. The proclamation honored all “Native Americans.” The Mayor reminded the members “that there are many ways we all could and should show our appreciation to those that are Native Americans.” Regent Christie thanked the Mayor for taking her valuable time to be with Garcilaso.

Following a delicious Thanksgiving buffet luncheon, with all the trimmings, members enjoyed a birthday cake wishing Garcilaso a “Happy 63rd Birthday.”

Teresa Bevan, 1st V. Regent, introduced one of our very own, Shirley Bergman, Garcilaso’s only member with a military career. Bergman has had a 28-year logistics career in the U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Reserve and civilian federal service with the Department of Defense.

With her husband, her career homes have been in three foreign countries and five states and Texas. She is currently chapter historian, the editor of the monthly newsletter for the PBC Genealogical Society.

Because of her military career and as a Veteran, Bergman was asked to speak on the topic “The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier” celebrating its 100th year.

Using a power point



Garcilaso de la Vega, NSDAR, welcomed The Honorable Betty Resch, Mayor of Lake Worth Beach, who presented a City Proclamation honoring Native Americans and taking part in honoring The Veterans of the Tomb of The Unknown Soldiers.

presentation, Bergman inspired her listeners with a pictorial and detailed presentation of events, especially focusing on the Tomb Guards and their “21 Steps of Remembrance.”

Established on November 11, 1921, once called the Brave Riflers, today called the “Old Guard,” those military personnel protecting the Tomb are stationed in Fort Myer, Virginia, adjacent to Arlington Cemetery, the most important and largest Military Cemetery.

During the 100th Anniversary, for the first time, the public was allowed to walk on the plaza and place flowers since 1925.

Like no other, the tomb (or location) and those that

protect it... “exemplifies the valor and honor by remembering those who died committing brave and selfless acts with no one to bear witness to them.”

As a special “Thank You” for an excellent program, a special commemorative coin was given by V.R. Bevan. Also Regent Christie, presented Bergman with the DAR National Service Recognition, called “Serving The Nation Award.” This award is given to only those with military service.

Dianna Stoffer, Registrar, welcomed new member, Jodie Guthrie Kinmon. For the first time, a Garcilaso member will share the name “Guthrie” with her Revolutionary Soldier.

As part of “A Day of Service” Laura Bolyard, thanked members that came and made a new area ready and weeded for a new garden at the Lantana Community Elementary school.

A special “Thank You” was given Cindy Pemberton and members that contributed to the DAR Service to Veterans. This past month Cindy took food, eight homemade quilts, three throw blankets and lots of “Hotel-Thank You for Coming” toiletries.

Everyone agreed that because of the program and being of service to others, Garcilaso is prepared to have the best of all... Happy Thanksgiving.

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