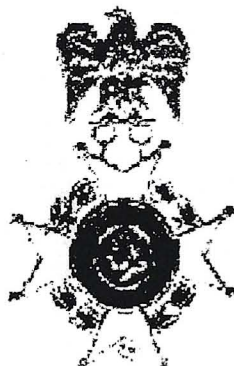


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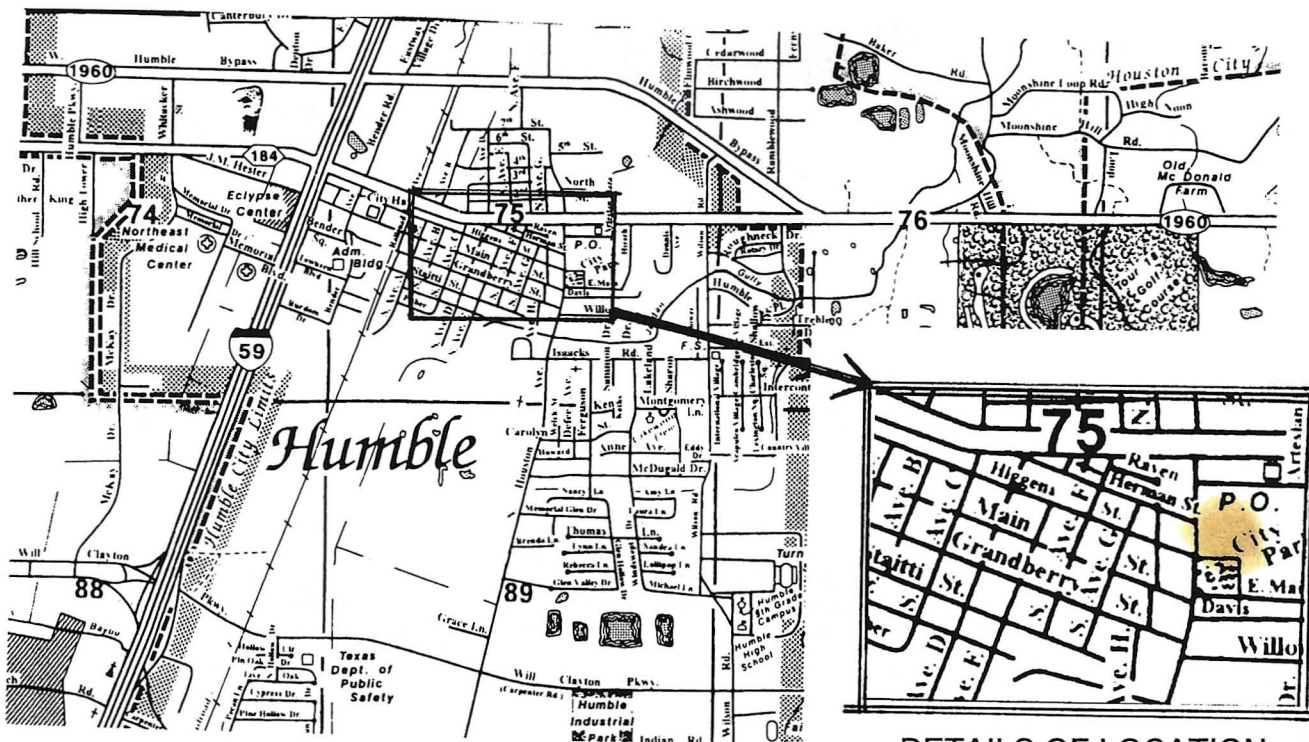
## \*\*\*\*\* MEETING NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

ON MAY 20, 1999 THERE IS TO BE A DINNER  
MEETING FOR MEMBERS, WIVES AND  
GUESTS  
IT IS TO BE HELD AT THE OLD CIVIC  
CENTER LOCATED AT 100 NORTH HOUSTON,  
HUMBLE, TEXAS  
AT 7:00PM

THE COST OF THE ROAST BEEF DINNER  
IS \$ 10.00 PER PERSON  
THE DRESS IS TO BE CASUAL  
(OPEN COLLARS FOR MEN)

PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED  
RSVP CARD TO ARRIVE BY 18 May 1999

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DETAILS OF LOCATION

100 HOUSTON, HUMBLE

AS A SPECIAL FEATURE OF OUR MEETING OUR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BOBBY RAY SMITH WILL DISCUSS "REVOLUTIONARY HEROS MOVEMENT TOWARDS TEXAS."



*Benedict Arnold*

FOOTNOTE  
TO HISTORY:

## Not Only a Traitor, He Was Also Hard on Horses

**B**EFORE HE became the most notorious traitor in American military history, General Benedict Arnold was one of the most courageous of the nation's war leaders. One weekend of service in Connecticut, in particular, helped to galvanize his reputation for bravery.

On April 25, 1777, General Arnold and General David Wooster were roused from their New Haven homes to help defend an army supply depot in Danbury against a British raid from the sea. Arriving too late to save the depot, Arnold and his 500 soldiers raced to Ridgefield to block the redcoats' return to Long Island Sound. Wooster and 200 men circled to the rear of the British.

Entering Ridgefield, Wooster tried to rally his reluctant troops with the words, "Come on, my boys, never mind such random shots!" He then turned to face the enemy and was immediately shot. Arnold fared better. As the defense caved and his militia fled, Arnold's horse was shot nine times and collapsed. The general struggled to his feet, only to find himself at the end of a British bayonet. "You are my prisoner," the redcoat said.

"Not yet," Arnold replied, raising a pistol and shooting him dead.

Arnold hurdled a gate and scampered into the woods. There he saddled a new steed, regrouped his forces, and raced south to cut off the British. The king's army beat the Americans to the shore, embarking under cover of heavy fire. At the water's edge Arnold again narrowly escaped death. His horse was shot from beneath him — again — and a bullet tore through the collar of his coat. For his bravery, Congress commissioned Arnold a major general. It also gave him a new horse.

— BOB TEDESCH

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

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- 8 — JAMES B. STERLING JR.
- 10 — DONALD T. POINDEXTER
- 11 — JEFFREY M. MEADOWS
- 14 — CANNON H. PRITCHARD
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- 27 — ADAM S. KEY

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- 15 — WOODY J. REESE JR.
- 20 — CLINTON R. FLEMING
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