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From the Editor's Desk

Compatriots and Friends,

Early in March I made a whirlwind tour of Florida, coming in on the heels of a couple of tornados and torrential rainfall. It was great to see all the folks at the *Last Naval Battle* ceremonies in Cape Canaveral, and you can see a lot of the pictures of the ceremonies elsewhere in this magazine.



Dick Fowler

The next week, I went to three schools in Southwest Florida where I gave Benjamin Franklin character portrayals. It was a great experience for me, and the students were most appreciative.

Unfortunately, children are not learning American History in our schools, and as a nation, we get a failing grade in History. We have been trying for three years to get legislation passed in Florida to include Social Studies (which includes history) on the F-Cat tests. This is the crux of the problem, not only in Florida, but in every state I have been in.

In the meantime, the SAR should do all it can to supplement the schools in the teaching of American Revolution History.

Last October, I went to Point Pleasant, WV and gave B. Franklin portrayals to over 500 fourth-graders. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I got back much more than I gave.

You can see more by going to my *Look Like Ben* website at www.looklikeben.com .

Dick Fowler, Editor

**Deadline for submissions for the
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