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The monthly newsletter and source of information for the
St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution

October-November
2016

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

We thank our Compatriots for participating in all the Veterans Activities across our three County area. Since our Patriots were the first group of Veterans, then it is proper to salute them in our minds, and also in many cases they may have motivated us to follow in their footsteps. I am sure we did not know who they were in our youth.

The last veterans activity is Wreaths Across America at the Forest Hills Memorial Park in Palm City and Rolling Oaks Cemetery in Port St Lucie on the December 17, starting around 10:00 am. That day we will have a group of our Chapter Compatriots place a Wreath in the White City Cemetery at Compatriot Jay Wise's tomb. I will bring his wife Lindy to participate also. I will advise you of the time in a future note.

I wish to solicit your help once again in signing up for a committee to help us do the activities as described in our Bylaws and State Requirements. An easy one is let us know where you see an American Flag properly displayed in your area. All you

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Veterans Day Ceremonies



The annual Veterans Day Parade in Stuart was held on November 11 . The contingent of compatriots from the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was led as usual by Color Guard Commander Hall Riediger. With Hall leading our Chapter members dressed in Colonial Attire, we assembled our largest group in the past few years. Those compatriots marching with Hall were Chuck Berger, John Sheppard, John Auld, Bruce Herchenroder, and Bob Eisenhardt.

The City of Port St. Lucie presented its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. Multiple Veterans groups participated in the event as well as J.R.O.T.C. Color Guard units from Treasure Coast, St. Lucie West Centennial, and Port St. Lucie High Schools. Mayor Gregory J. Oravec of Port St. Lucie welcomed and addressed the crowd. The Guest Speaker was Colonel Burton H. Catledge of Patrick Air Force Base. His speech, part of which explored the true meaning of "Thank you for your service", was well received. Members of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR in attendance included Chuck McKinley, Bill Hammond, and Jim Alderman.

Compatriot Jim Pippin, Veterans Committee co-chair, attended a flag ceremony with guest speakers at Veterans Park in Okeechobee. The Okeechobee High School J.R.O.T.C. Honor Guard presented the colors and a rifle salute. Approximately 100 veterans were in attendance.

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have to do is ask the person if they would be interested in receiving a Flag Certificate, and if positive, tell our committee the person's name so we can produce it and you can give it to them (with pictures).

Our genealogist John Sheppard is soliciting Compatriots to help with applications. Filling out applications requires time, and more help is desired.

We are asking members to bring canned goods or boxes of food to fill up Johns Big Buckets so we can take it to the Food Bank and beat the 200 lbs. collected last year.

We will be doing Law Enforcement Awards for Martin County at the December meeting.

We are in the process of adding more new members with several more prospects in the data gathering cycle. Ask John Sheppard for some recruiting folders so you can give to prospective members.

Thanks for your support so far in this new year

Sincerely,

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October Meeting Highlights



The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR had the honor of inducting three new members at the October meeting. We are delighted to welcome George Bartley, Lt. Colonel Matt Saxton, and Gary Miles as new members.

George Bartley is descended from Jacob Saxe, who served from New York.

Lt. Colonel Matt Saxton is descended from Russell Green, a private who served from Massachusetts.

Gary Miles is descended from Stounton Maddux of Maryland, who declared his oath to the revolution.

Compatriot Jack Irvin presented to Chapter President Chuck McKinley a Certificate of Service in Vietnam from the SAR President General.

A motion by Jack Irvin to fund Wreaths Across America for 2016, to meet the deadline for remittance, was discussed. The motion was approved to provide \$100.00 each for Martin and St Lucie Counties. Okeechobee County has not finished their participation for this year.

A total review of the Chapter Committees as exist in our bylaws was discussed. President McKinley requested chapter members to volunteer for committee assignments and participate in activities. A list will be provided for posting on our Chapter's webpage.

Compatriots Hall Riediger, Tom Gilmore, Jack Irvin, Chuck Berger, and Jim Alderman related the activities from the October BOM in Kissimmee. Their highlights in essences are a new five year plan that will require our participation in future activities. They described the Vietnam War 50th anniversary ceremony led by our National President General and our State President. Compatriots were awarded certificates and two pins for their participation in that event. We recently reviewed and asked all compatriots to endure that they were included in the database kept at the state before the BOM meeting. We are awaiting a response as to what will happen to the participants who did not attempt and how they will receive their commendations. A follow up will be written to our members when that is received.



Compatriots Jack Irvin and George Bartley



Compatriots Jack Irvin and Matt Saxton



Compatriots Gary Miles and Chuck McKinley



Compatriots Jack Irvin and Chuck McKinley

To Visit the Chapter Website, go to:

<http://www.stlucieriverflssarc.org/index.html>

November Meeting Highlights



At the November meeting, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was honored to have as Guest Speaker Karen Zook, Gold Star Mother of Cpl. Ian T. Zook, USMC, KIA in Iraq October 12, 2004. Mrs. Zook discussed the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Memorial Park in Port St. Lucie, and Wreaths Across America.

The Chapter will again be participating in Wreaths Across America ceremonies at local cemeteries on December 17. The Chapter has approved donations to fund activities in our area. We presented Mrs. Zook with a check for the Wreaths Across America program at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Palm City. A check will be presented to Diane Almodovar for the program at Rolling Oaks Cemetery in Port St. Lucie. The Chapter will additionally be attending a special ceremony at the White City Cemetery, where we will lay a wreath for our esteemed Patriot Jay Wise. Lindy Wise, his wonderful wife, will be in attendance.

Veterans Committee Chair Carl Wade and Co-Chair Jim Pippin had the honor to award War Service or Military Service Medals to Phil Avant, John Berger, Rick Jordan, George Bartley, Gary Miles, Matt Saxton, and Robert Vandevender.

Compatriot Larry B. Hughes, a transferring member from Indiana, was welcomed to the Chapter.

Concluding the November meeting was a wonderful memorial service for Compatriots Jay Wise and Bud Rockhill performed by Chapter Chaplain Phil Carr, Chapter President Chuck McKinley, and Vice Presidents Chuck Berger and John Sheppard in accordance with a state guidelines. Chaplain Carr talked about the contributions that Compatriot Wise gave to our Chapter and State Committees, such as Liberty Tree, History, and Habitat for Humanity, and other chapter activities as well as his own personal activities with his family over the years.

Our big thanks go to Compatriots who brought food items for our December Food Bank Drive that will conclude next month's meeting. My personal thanks to my wife Betty for the patriotic decorations that she provided for our tables.



Gold Star Mother Karen Zook



Rick Jordan with Carl Wade



Matt Saxton with Carl Wade



Gary Miles with Jim Pippin and Carl Wade



Chaplain Phil Carr



Robert Vandevender with Jim Pippin and Carl Wade

Chuck McKinley

Goldstar Mothers Monument Dedication



The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument dedication was completed on the 25th of September at Veterans Memorial Park in Port Saint Lucie. Compatriots Chuck McKinley, Jack Irvin, and Joe Regan were in attendance. Once again Compatriot Woodrow H. Woods, the last Medal of Honor survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima, was in attendance along with the responsible members of the United Veterans Council of Saint Lucie County. There were over five hundred people in attendance for the dedication.



Gold Star Families Memorial Monument



Left: Distinguished Members of the Marine Corps League with Medal of Honor recipient Woodrow H. Woods

Chapter Reports: November 2016



Treasurer's Report—

Current Checking Account: \$3248.58

Current Money Market Account: \$6695.89

Membership Committee Report—Our Chapter has the following number of members for a total of 78 current members:

66 regular members

3 life members

9 junior members

Twelve prospective member's applications are pending approval at NSSAR or are in preparation.

Program Committee Report—At the December meeting, we will honor Martin County Law Enforcement Awards.

Eagle Scout Committee Report—No activity to report.

Habitat for Humanity Committee Report—No activity to report.

History Fair Committee Report—The St. Lucie County History Fair will be at Indian River State College on January 12th.

JROTC Committee Report—No activity to report.

Liberty Tree Committee Report—No activity to report.

Veteran's Affairs Committee Report—See various articles in The Whig.

Genealogy Committee—No activity to report.

Color Guard Committee—See article "Veterans Day Ceremonies".

Americanism Committee—No activity to report.

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Certificates of Appreciation

Compatriots Chuck McKinley, Chris Wade, and Chuck Berger made the rounds with Certificates of Appreciation for businesses in Martin and St. Lucie counties. As you may know, some restaurants offer a full entrée to veterans every year on Veterans Day. Other businesses offer similar "Thank You's". In recognition, the Chapter presented Certificates of Appreciation to Denny's, Golden Corral, Applebee's, Publix, and Jetson's.



Compatriots Chuck McKinley and Chris Wade with Marilyn Costanza and Marina Cash of Denny's



Compatriot Chris Wade with Tony Andrews of Golden Corral



Compatriots Wade and McKinley with Bob Force of Applebee's



Compatriots Chuck Berger and Chuck McKinley with Jetson's owner John Jetson



Compatriot Chuck McKinley with Debbie Hickey of Publix

Additionally, Compatriot Jim Pippin of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR made the rounds in Okeechobee County, handing out Certificates of Appreciation to businesses in the area who went above and beyond to recognize our veterans on Veterans Day. Businesses receiving Certificates of Appreciation included Golden Corral, Applebee's, and Publix.



Above: Compatriot Jim Pippin with Publix Assistant Store Manager Andrew Wirth and staff



Above: Compatriot Jim Pippin with Golden Corral Kitchen Manager Cheryl Deschamps and staff



Right: Compatriot Jim Pippin with Applebee's Manager Andrew Crowau, General Manager Sebring Dongen and staff

SAR News and Notes

-King's College London Partnership - Update: Now We'll Finally Get to See the American Revolution Through the Eyes of King George. A treasure trove of nearly 350,000 documents, about to be released to the public, reveals new insights about how George III lost the colonies. Read the original article on Smithsonian.com or by clicking [here](#).

-Outreach Education Participates in Hamilton Event at Kentucky Center for the Arts: On Monday, October 17, with Broadway flair, SAR Outreach Education "rose up" and gave it our best "shot" as a partner in a PBS documentary screening and sing-along of Great Performances: Hamilton's America. Find out more at www.sar.org or by clicking [here](#).

-SAR First Lady Cilla Leed Tomme announces her Service Project: "President General Tomme's initiatives for this

year are youth oriented, with his Education Outreach program and his challenge to the state societies to donate \$1,000 to the Council of Youth Awards."

"I have elected to carry out a service project during my year as First Lady. Since the SAR Congress will be held next July in Knoxville, TN, I have decided that this would be an appropriate area to serve. I have been working with the Knoxville Area Urban League and I have identified a project which is already in place and serving the Knoxville youth entitled, Shoes for School." Find out more on the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-The current edition of The SAR Magazine, Fall 2016, is available to view or download from the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

Events Calendar

December 10: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City*

December 17: Wreaths Across America, Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City and Rolling Oaks Cemetery, Port St. Lucie, noon.

January 12: St. Lucie County History Fair, Indian River State College, Fort Pierce

January 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City*

January 21: Canes for Purple Heart, Ft. Pierce Seal Museum, Color Guard

February 3-4: Winter 2017 BOM Meeting, Kissimmee. Host region is the NE.

February TBD: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Okeechobee, place TBD.

February 22: George Washington's Birthday

March 4: Last Naval Battle

March 11: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City*

May 19-21: Spring 2017 BOM Meeting, Kissimmee. Host region is the SE.

July 7-13: 127th Annual SAR Congress, Knoxville, Tennessee

* Regular meetings start at 11:30 am unless noted.

Editor's Note

Members are encouraged to attend patriotic events throughout our area in support of the Chapter. It is greatly appreciated if members can take photographs of these events. Please remember to get the names of those in the photos so that we may credit them later. *WKH*

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Minutes

November 12, 2016

Call to order: 12:00 PM
Invocation (Audience stands) by: Chaplain Philip Carr
Pledge of Allegiance (Audience stands): Lt. Col. Matt Saxton
Pledge to the SAR (Audience stands): Chuck McKinley

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Introduced guests: Sheila Carr, Karen Zook, Betty McKinley, Jan Barnhart.

Prospective members: Steve Laster, Ralph Beasley, Robert Beasley.

Larry B. Hughes from Indiana is transferring to our chapter.

Meeting recessed for lunch. Meeting reopened by calling everyone back to order.

Minutes of October, 2016 meeting: Due to "technical difficulties," the WHIG was not published. Minutes were emailed to all members. Berger moved and Alderman seconded motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried without dissent.

There was no Correspondence or Unfinished Business.

Committee and Other Reports:

2nd Vice President John Shepard reports: 78 current chapter members; 6 new applicants at National; several others in queue.

Treasurer Chris Wade reports: Checking acct: \$3248.58; Money Mkt. Acct: \$6695.89.

Jim Alderman reported a nice turn out in Okeechobee for Veteran's Day with about 500 attending.

Hall Riediger (Color Guard Captain) impressed Chuck Berger, John Auld, Bob Eisenhardt, John Shepard, and Bruce Herchenroder to participate in the Stuart Veteran's Day Parade. There were more than 10,000 spectators along the 1/4 mile parade route, a great salute to our Veterans and the USA.

50/50 drawing winner: Matt Saxton donated \$18 back to the chapter.

Guy's Duck amount: \$23

Presentation: Gold Star Mother Karen Zook made a presentation regarding Wreaths Across America, and accepted a check from SAR for \$100 (per motion passed at October meeting). 1620 wreaths will be laid at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Palm City, and other sites in Martin and St. Lucie counties at 12 noon December 17. All wreaths around the world will be laid at 12 noon EST.

Presentation: President McKinley presented Military Service awards to Charles Berger, Richard Jordan, Lt. Col. Matt Saxton, and Robert Vandevender.

Memorial Ceremony: A Memorial Service led by Chaplain Phil Carr was held to honor two fallen members, Jay Wise and Bud Rockhill.

Members present: Gary Miles, Robert Vandevender, Jim Alderman, Phil Carr, Chuck Berger, Joe Regan, Carl Wade, Chris Wade, Chuck McKinley, John Auld, Matt Saxton, Rick Jordan, Jim Pippin, John Sheppard, Tom Barnhart.

2017 Membership Dues

2017 dues (\$70) are now due.

Dues may be paid to the Treasurer by mail or at chapter meetings. Please send them in now so we are not delaying our report to National. Unpaid dues will cause membership to lapse!

Note: NSSAR Dues (not FLSSAR or SLRSAR) were raised \$5 at the 125th Annual Congress.

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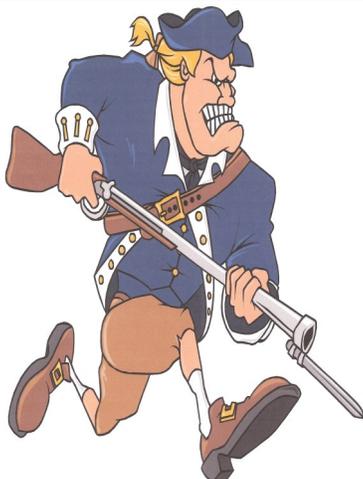
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President's Brigade

Those Compatriots whose extra financial support allows the Chapter to go the extra mile in it's efforts throughout the year. Please, if at all possible, help us out with a little extra.

Gold Medal

Support of \$50 and above

Silver Medal

Support of \$25 and above

Bronze Medal

Support up to \$24