



# The Whig



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

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## Vice President's Salvo

*This salvo was prepared by the First Vice President as the President is off to a college graduation in the Northern colonies.*

Gentlemen,

First off, a BIG WELCOME to the return of our WHIG editor, Bill Hammond!

Our next meeting will be on the May 7th at Manero's. This is to allow members to attend the BOM meeting on the 13th and 14th in Orlando, with the National SAR President General in attendance. New Chapter Officers who were nominated at the last meeting will be sworn in at this month's Chapter meeting. The new officers are Charles McKinley, President; Charles Berger, First Vice President; John Sheppard, Second Vice President; Membership Chairman, Chris Wade, Treasurer; John Auld, Secretary; Director Emeritus, Jay Wise and Directors-at-large Tom Gilmore and Hall Riediger. Further appointments are Bill Hammond, Editor; Tom Gilmore, Webmaster and Joe Regan, Sergeant-at-Arms. Welcome to all of  
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## JROTC Awards

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was proud to honor the following SAR Bronze ROTC Medal recipients from area high schools. The award is given "... in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors."

ROTC Medals were presented at awards ceremonies to the following Cadets at their respective high schools:

On March 16th, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Zachary Duncan of Port St. Lucie High School.

On April 7th, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Jacob Whaley of Fort Pierce Westwood High School.

On April 14th, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Colby Chapman of South Fork High School.

On April 16th, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Tristan Huggins of Okeechobee High School.

On April 21st, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Thomas D. Snider of Treasure Coast High School.

On April 27th, Compatriot Carl Wade presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Timothy Johnson of Fort Pierce Central High School.

On April 27th, Compatriots Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Jordan Verderber of Centennial High School.

Two high schools, Martin County and Jensen Beach, are left to be done in the first part of May to complete the JROTC awards for this year.

Often, these ceremonies include many awards as well as a Change of Command ceremony. One highlight of the above was dining out in Okeechobee attended by Jim Pippin and his wife Ruth, which required our compatriots to shake hands with over 200 people. The main highlight to this writer was meeting Compatriot James Daley of our St. Lucie River Chapter who is a teacher and the outgoing JROTC Commander at South Fork High School. We asked him to be prepared to give the chapter a briefing on the values and happenings of a JROTC unit at the high school level in the future.

*Chuck McKinley*



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the new officers.

Additionally, it is expected that appropriate medals will be issued at the meeting.

Future monthly meetings will still be the second Saturday of the month, unless a schedule change is approved as necessary.

At the present time, we are working on a proclamation for the upcoming Flag Day ceremony being presented at the Fort Pierce Elks Club on June 14th. All are welcome to attend, and if you are in Colonial attire, you can participate in the event with other chapter members. We encourage you to come and bring your spouses as well. We believe that there may be a repast as they did last year at no charge. The Fort Pierce DAR Chapter will be in attendance as well. We can thank Compatriot Jack Irvin for making the arrangements, as he is a past Exalted Ruler with the Elks.

Sincerely,

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## Recent Chapter Functions



The following is a compilation of recent events of interest to the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR. Please take a moment to review these events of the past several months. We thank those Compatriots who participated or were able to attend these events.

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	LOCATIONS
1/8/16	UVSLC	Irvin, Wise	PSL
1/9/16	Monthly Meeting	per minutes	Maneros
1/13/16	Vet Park Ceremony, KIA Iraq	Wade, Irvin, McKinley	PSL
1/16/16	Habitat for Humanity	Yuliana Ontiveros -Regan, Wise, McKinley	PSL
1/16/16	Purple Heart Canes	Trinkle, Wise, Wade, Irvin, Pippin, Regan, McKinley	Seal Museum
1/25/16	UVPSL	Irvin, Wise	PSL
1/26/16	Fundraiser, Gold Star Monument	Irvin	Chili's, PSL
2/1/16	Jetson's Vets Meeting	Irvin, Carl Wade, Wise, Chris Wade	Ft Pierce
2/5/16	BOM	Riediger, McKinley	Orlando
2/6/16	Nat Guard Deployment Party	Carl Wade	WPB
2/7/16	Dorchester 4 Chaplains	Regan, McKinley, Alderman, Irvin, Wade	PSL
2/8/16	Gold Star Dedication	McKinley, Irvin, Wade, Alderman, Auld	PSL
2/8/16	Medal of Honor Williams, Northport k-8	Irvin	PSL
2/9/16	Donna Carlsen VSO Funeral	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
2/12/16	UVSLC	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
2/13/16	SAR/DAR Meeting	Riediger, McKinley, Wade, Irvin, Auld, Alderman, Wise, Pippin, Jordan, Sheppard	Okeechobee
2/13/16	Police Medals	Ryan Helroyd, Mark Margerum	Okeechobee
2/13/16	Cert of Appreciation	Golden Corral	Okeechobee
2/15/16	Martin Co Fair Recruiting	Sheppard, Alderman, McKinley, Berger	Stuart
2/23/16	SLC History Fair	McKinley, Alderman, Irvin, Auld	SLC
2/27/16	History Fair TV Show	Wise, McKinley, Alderman, Irvin	PSL
2/28/16	Battle of Okeechobee	Irvin, Wade, Hammond	Okeechobee
2/29/16	UVPSL	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
3/5/16	Last Naval Battle	Hall, Wise, Irvin, Pippin, Jordan, Regan, Alderman, C Wade & 4 Spouses	Merritt Island
3/11/16	Northport K8, Anniversary	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
3/11/16	UVSLC	Irvin, Wise, McKinley	PSL
3/12/16	Monthly Meeting	per minutes	Maneros
3/16/16	Fort Pierce POD visit	Working on heroism medal	Ft Pierce
3/16/16	Port St Lucie HS JROTC	Jack Irvin - Cadet Zachary Duncan	PSL
4/1/16	UVSLC	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
4/1/16	SLR BOD	Auld, Riediger, McKinley, Gilmore, Berger, Wade	
4/2/16	UVSLC Gold Star Golf Tourn.	Chapter Signs (2)	PSL
4/7/16	Ft Pierce Westwood JROTC	Jack Irvin - Cadet Jacob Whaley	Fort Pierce
4/9/16	Monthly Meeting	Per minutes & Election	Manero's
4/13/16	SAR/Cora Stickney DAR	Hall, Irvin, Wade, Regan, McKinley	Fort Pierce
4/14/16	South Fork HS JROTC	Irvin, McKinley - Cadet Colby Chapman	Stuart
4/16/16	Okeechobee HS JROTC	Irvin, McKinley, Pippin - Cadet Huggins Tristan	Okeechobee
4/21/16	Treasure Coast HS JROTC	Irvin, McKinley - Cadet Thomas D Snyder	PSL
4/21/16	UVPSL	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
4/22/16	Color Guard Training	Jack Irvin - Treasure Coast HS JROTC Color Guard	PSL
4/25/16	UVPSL	Irvin, McKinley	PSL
4/27/16	Ft Pierce Central JROTC	McKinley, Wade - Cadet Timothy Johnson	Ft Pierce
4/27/16	Centennial HS JROTC	Irvin, McKinley - Cadet Jordan Verderber	PSL

To Visit the Chapter Website, go to:

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

## New Chapter Members

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was honored to welcome new Compatriots to the Chapter over the last six months.



Charles Richard Jordan descends from CPL James Griffin of North Carolina.

Robert Lee Vandevender descends from Francis Silvers of New York, who was a prisoner of war.

Robert and son Connor Bonvie descend from Thomas Hubbard, a private from Connecticut.

Please Join us in welcoming these new members.

## Gold Star Family Monument Activity



Activity is continuing for the preparation and installation of the Gold Star Family Monument at Veterans Memorial Park in Port St. Lucie. The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR donated funds to help defray the cost of the monument. Additionally, the Chapter sponsored holes for the UVSLC Gold Star Golf Tournament, whose proceeds partly went to fund the monument. Based on a recent UVSLC meeting, the marble has arrived. We are awaiting the schedule for completion activities, and an email will be sent out for all to attend the ceremony if possible. This is the second monument of its kind in Florida and the only one on our coast.

## DAR Colonial Attire Presentation



On April 13th, Hall Riediger, St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR Director-at-large and Color Guard Commander, gave a wonderful briefing to the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter, DAR in Fort Pierce about the significance of colonial attire with samples provided. Attending in various uniforms were Compatriots Carl Wade, Jack Irvin, Joe Regan, and Chuck McKinley. The Compatriots attended the DAR meeting and had a fine luncheon. A highlight of the meeting was the Missing Man Table, a presentation which detailed the significance of items placed on the table. An MIA from WWII was selected. If you have the opportunity to observe one of these, it is very heartwarming, and you will find one in all American Legion facilities and Elks clubs around the nation.

## Compatriots Assist in Northport K-8 Anniversary



Compatriots Jack Irvin and Chuck McKinley participated in the 30th Anniversary of the Northport K-8 School on March 7th. Concurrently the school participated in the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's Books and his 112th birthday at the same time, highlighting his emphasis on reading. Participants included a County Commissioner, Port Saint Lucie Council members, the Port Saint Lucie Police Department, and several County Veterans Organizations. School staff assigned groups of two or three persons who were escorted to classrooms, usually by students. In these rooms, we were to read two or three books and give the history of Dr. Seuss and his foundation of learning to read at an early age. We participated in two different sessions, the first being twenty minutes and was short due to the schedule. The second was for forty minutes. Compatriot Irvin gave the history of Dr. Seuss, a short talk about his education, the importance of reading as he progressed through the educational process, and the importance of teachers and the use of reading in achieving his goal. Compatriot McKinley did likewise. We answered questions about our life's work and military careers, as well as our learning the history of our great nation and the importance of reading in attaining personal goals for a successful life. All in all, it was very successful for us to participate and give back to the community by supporting this school. The event is held on an annual basis and personnel from various veterans and public figures are invited to participate. At the introduction, we were told about MOH awardee Woody Williams's trip to the school and his participation in a similar educational exercise during his recent visit to Port Saint Lucie and dedication to the Gold Star Mothers Monument dedication. MOH awardee Williams emphasized the importance of reading to the students during his visit. Chapter members will participate in this worthwhile exercise in the future and look forward to carrying on as Compatriot Jack Irvin has done in the past.

## SAR News and Notes

-Patriot Biographies Committee Announcement. To identify the listing of all the Patriot Biographies that have been entered into the Patriot and Grave database, we have established a Patriot named "Index". Find out more on [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or click [here](#).

-Friends of the SAR Library Promotional Video Now Available. The SAR Genealogical Research Library is excited to announce the release of its first promotional video. To access the video, go to the Library website at [library.sar.org](http://library.sar.org). Find out more on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

 -SAR Foundation Donor Lapel Pins. The SAR Foundation is now showcasing pins of appreciation to all donors giving at the \$10 pledge level or above. Learn more at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or by clicking [here](#).

-"Decision 1770: The Voting Process". Learn about early

colonial voting processes on the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-“Decision 1787: The Constitutional Convention and the U.S. Presidency”. The Virginia Plan, introduced during the Constitutional Convention by Edmund Randolph on May 29, 1787, called for the creation of a national executive (or president) elected by the Congress. Different groups of Convention delegates wanted to settle the issues of 1.) reelection, 2.) the length of each term in office, 3.) how the executive would be elected, and 4.) the powers of the president. Learn more at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or click [here](#).

-“Decision 1789: No Campaign Needed”. When it came time for the newly born United States to elect its first president, everyone knew George Washington was the best man for the job. Learn more on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

## Events Calendar

**May 7: Regular Meeting, Manero’s, Palm City\***

May 13-15: Spring BOM Meeting, FLSSAR, Orlando. SW Region is host region.

May 30: Memorial Day, Ceremonies will be held in Port St. Lucie and in Stuart.

June 12: Flag Day Ceremony, Elks Club, Fort Pierce

June 14: Flag Day

July 4: Independence Day, Color Guard event, Tradition Field, Port St. Lucie

July 8-13: 126th Annual Congress, Boston, Massachusetts

September TBD: Annual Constitution Week Luncheon with the Treasure Coast DAR Chapters.

September 29-October 1: Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

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

### Editor’s Note

It has been a while since our last edition of *The Whig*, as I was involved in a serious accident while at work on the Saturday before Christmas. Attempts to publish earlier editions were unsuccessful. The publication schedule is expected to now return to normal. WKH

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**Minutes**  
**April 9th, 2016**

Call to order: 12:00 PM

Invocation (Audience stands) by: Hall Riediger

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience stands): John Auld

Pledge to the SAR (Audience stands): all present

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.

Minutes of previous meeting approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by: Riediger Second by: Pippin

Guests Present: Gary Miles, Gary Howard, George Bartley

Members present: Chris Wade, Jim Pippin, Rick Jordan, Chuck Berger, Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, John Auld, Joe Regan, Tom Gilmore, Cark Wade, Jack Irvin

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopen meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Correspondence: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Hall Riediger, Chair of the nominating Committee, submitted the following proposed officers for the next 2 years commencing May 7, 2016:

President: Charles McKinley

First VP: Chuck Berger

Second VP: John Sheppard

Treasurer: Chris Wade

Secretary: John Auld\*

Director at Large: Hall Riediger

Director at Large: Tom Gilmore.

Riediger made the motion to select the slate of officers, seconded by Carl Wade. President Auld three times called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the slate of officers was elected by unanimous acclaim. Congratulations to all.

\*NOTE: At the March meeting Riediger had been named as Secretary candidate. At a Board of Directors meeting April 1, Hall withdrew and named Auld, which was accepted by the BOD.

Committee Reports: All are published in WHIG.

Officer reports: Treasurer Chris Wade reports:

Checking acct: \$1302.07; Money Mkt. Acct: \$6637.50

50/50 drawing winner: George Bartley. \$14

Guy's Duck amount: \$15

Next meeting date and program: **May 7. Officers will be sworn in at this meeting. Please note date change due to annual FLSSAR Annual Meeting on May 13-14.**

Benediction (audience stands): Hall Riediger

SAR Recessional (audience stands): all present

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights and independent Supreme Court and Nation of Free men.

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Gilmore, Secretary



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## President's Brigade

### Gold Medal

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### Silver Medal

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### Bronze Medal

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