



# The Whig



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

January 2014

## President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

It is coming up on nomination time for the 2014-2016 officers for the St. Lucie River Chapter and as Nomination Committee Chair, I need to fill the Chapter Officer positions. To date we have John Auld as President, Chris Wade as Treasurer, and Bob Donnahoo and Jay Wise are re-upping as Directors at Large. Registrar will be Chuck McKinley, Genealogist will be John Sheppard, Color guard/Sergeant at Arms is Seth Fields, leaving open Vice President (this is for someone who wishes to be President) and Secretary (handles chapter correspondence). We need volunteers to handle these jobs.



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## January 2014 Meeting Events

The St. Lucie River Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution was proud to have Professor Don Zimmerman, Adjunct Professor of History at Indian River State College in attendance at the January meeting. Professor Zimmerman is the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR's entrant into the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year contest.



*Professor Don Zimmerman with Vice President John Ault*

Vice President John Ault presented Professor Zimmerman with a check for \$100 for being the chapter's nominee.



*Joe Leinbach with Vice President John Ault*

Compatriot Joe Leinbach was recently awarded the Military Service Medal for his service in the United States Navy during the Korean Era.

Vice President John Ault presented Compatriot Joe Leinbach with the Military Service Medal and Certificate at the January Meeting.

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

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None of the Chapter positions are difficult, although President does require handling the meetings. Please step forward and take a Chapter job and keep the St. Lucie River Chapter growing and prosperous.

One may ask, "What are you going to do?" I personally will be taking over as State Secretary for the Florida Society moving up from Treasurer. I still intend to handle Eagle Scouts, Florida Good Citizenship, and will take an appointed position such as Chaplain, but with the State Secretaries job, I will not have time to run a Chapter. So please step up and volunteer, even if you are a new member or an old member. There is no requirement for skill level, just a desire to do the job. Just send me an e-mail at [allriedi42@bellsouth.net](mailto:allriedi42@bellsouth.net) or give me a call at 772-336-0926.

Thank you all for what you do for us.

Hall Riediger, President

## SAR News and Notes

-A new video of the construction of the National Headquarters has been posted. Video number ten may be viewed on the NSSAR website at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or by clicking [here](#).

-Who was the second signer of the Declaration of Independence? To find out, read the article on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-The SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage Vision Plan may be viewed on the NSSAR website or by

clicking [here](#).

-Current versions of the Official SAR Handbook, Volumes I, II, and III can be read online or downloaded to your computer or tablet by visiting the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-The Winter 2014 edition of *The Florida Patriot* is available for download from the FLSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-Current membership in the FLSSAR is 1,798 as of December 31, 2013.

## Events Calendar

February 8: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

February 15, 10-12:30: Project Citizen, Samuel S. Gaines K-8 School, 2250 S. Jenkins Road, Fort Pierce. We need volunteers to be judges of civics student projects.

February 28 - March 1: Spring Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

March 1, 8:30-12:30: History Fair, Palm Point K-8 School, 10680 Academic Way, Port St. Lucie. We need volunteers to be judges of history student projects.

March 8: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

March 8, 9:30: Last Naval Battle Ceremony, Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island

April 12: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

May 2-4: Spring 2014 BOM/Annual Meeting, Host Region is the Southeast.

May 10: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

July 18-24: 124th Annual Congress, Greenville, South Carolina

September 26,27: Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

October 3-5: Fall 2014 BOM Meeting, Host Region is TBD.

January 30-31: Winter 2015 BOM Meeting, Host Region is TBD.

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

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**Minutes**

January 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Jay Wise

Pledge to SAR: Chuck McKinley

Minutes of the December Meeting were approved, Jay Wise made the motion, Chuck McKinley seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Members present: John Auld, Chuck McKinley, Jay Wise, Carl Wade, John Shepard, Phil Carr, Joe Leinbach, Carl Dennis, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Chris Wade.

Guests present: Sheila Carr, Lindy Wise, Pam Hurley, Donald Zimmerman, Karla Zimmerman, Donald Zimmerman Jr.

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopened meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Awards Presentations and New Members Inductions:

Correspondence: Check out the NSSAR Website for the latest on the construction at the new building ([www.SAR.org](http://www.SAR.org)). Latest Posting was number 9. Really coming along well.

Unfinished Business: Joe Leinbach with Military Service Medal for his service in the US Navy.

New Business:

We have been asked to present Heroism medals to two FHP officers Sgt. Alvaro Feola and Trooper Robert Ivey for Their efforts saving a motorist from a burning car. This will be handled at the upcoming BOM with the medals being presented by the State President Ted Duay. This is on target for the January 25th BOM.

Reports membership: Chuck McKinley

Committee Reports:

JROTC – announce that Carl Wade has consented to be the JROTC chair and will handle the presentations of the SAR JROTC Medals to our area schools.

Eagle Scouts – Hall we have two on the docket and two others waiting.

Florida Good Citizenship Award – these awards will be prepared and sent out in the near future, Hall is getting set to do this very soon so that the schools have their certificates for the kids. We will also need volunteers, to go to the schools that request our presence for the presentations.

American History Teacher Award – those of you that attended the Constitution Week Luncheon had the opportunity to meet Don Zimmerman.

Other Officer reports:

Color Guard reports: Seth will miss this meeting, as far as we know nothing until Patriot's Day and then Memorial Day in May.

Habitat for Humanity, Joe Leinbach

Veteran Affairs: Carl Wade requested a donation from SAR to Veteran's Council of City of Port St Lucie in the amount of \$50.00 Jay Wise made a motion to donate and it was seconded by John Auld. Treasurer presented check to Carl Wade.

Program:

Don Zimmerman made a presentation. He had been previously presented with the American History Teachers Award.

John Auld: presented "Winter of Discontent", a comparison of the weather and human conditions of 2014 to 1777-78 at Valley Forge.

50/50 Drawing: Carl Wade \$13.00

Guy's Duck: \$15.00

Next Meeting:

February 8, 2014 Hall and Tom are doing a celebration to George Washington for his birthday.

Announcements:

The Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War celebration will be held on March 9, 2014.

The St. Lucie County History Fair will be held the end of February/beginning of March, they will need judges so please keep this in mind. We do not have a set date as of yet.

We are taking volunteers i.e. nominations to be Chapter Officers for the 2014 to 2016 term please let me know if you would like to serve.

If you have an idea for a program please contact me so I can see about getting it set up.

Benediction Chaplin: Jay Wise

SAR Recessional: John Auld

"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 a Nation of Free Men".

Adjournment

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

## Brigadier General Daniel Morgan

Daniel Morgan was born July 6, 1736 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. His grandparents were Welsh immigrants. At the age of 17, Morgan left home and moved to the Shenandoah Valley, settling on the frontier near present Winchester, Virginia. He worked as a teamster, at a sawmill, and cleared land.

Morgan served as a civilian teamster during the French and Indian War. Returning from the advance on Fort Duquesne by General Braddock, Morgan was punished with 499 lashes for striking a superior officer, a punishment which could be fatal. Thereafter, Morgan developed a hatred for the British Army.

On the outbreak of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the Continental Congress required the formation of 10 rifle companies from the middle colonies to support the siege of Boston. Morgan was chosen by the Virginia House of Burgesses to form one of these and command with the rank of Captain. His men were assembled July 14, 1775 at Winchester whereupon they marched 600 miles in 21 days to Boston. Morgan's men benefitted from the technology of their rifles, which allowed them to be more accurate than muskets. Morgan developed tactics that used this to his advantage; tactics that at the time were viewed as dishonorable by the British elite. Morgan would use his rifles at longer range to kill the British Indian guides and then would take aim at the British officers themselves, causing confusion within the enemy lines.

Captain Morgan was chosen to command three rifle companies under

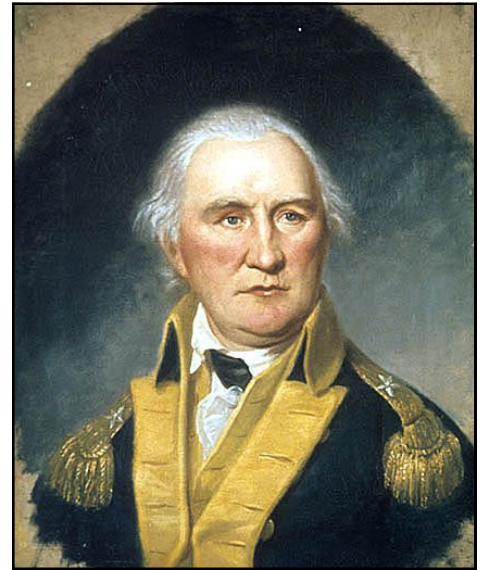
the direction of Colonel Benedict Arnold in the Invasion of Canada. The Arnold Expedition into Canada lost 400 men on the advance, arriving on November 9, 1775 with some 600 men. Brigadier General Richard Montgomery arrived, forces were joined, and the Battle of Quebec was begun on December 31. Attacking forces were divided between Montgomery and Arnold, allowing two thrusts. Colonel Arnold was wounded in the leg and General Montgomery was killed. The attack faltered and Morgan and men were encircled and surrendered. Morgan was a prisoner of war until January 1777.

Returning to the Army, Morgan learned he had been promoted to Colonel for his efforts at Quebec and given orders to raise and command the 11th Virginia Regiment. He was also placed in command of the Provisional Rifle Corps, a light infantry unit selected from units of the main army.

Morgan's regiment was assigned to the Northern Department under General Horatio Gates. Morgan was present at Freeman's Farm and at the Battle of Bemis Heights, where under orders of Benedict Arnold, his sharpshooters mortally wounded General Simon Fraser.

When the Virginia Line was reorganized on September 14, 1778, Morgan became Colonel of the 7th Virginia Regiment. Morgan had become dissatisfied with the Army and Congress, being repeatedly passed over for promotion, and on June 30, 1779 he was allowed to resign.

In June 1780, Gates urged Morgan to re-enter service, but Morgan declined.



*"Daniel Morgan"  
By Charles Willson Peale*

After Gates' disaster at the Battle of Camden, Morgan joined the Southern Command at Hillsborough, North Carolina. On October 13, 1780 he finally received promotion to Brigadier General. Morgan received orders from Nathaniel Greene to forage the back-country of South Carolina and harass the enemy while avoiding direct battle.

When the strategy became apparent to the British, Cornwallis sent Colonel Banastre Tarleton to hunt Morgan down. Against orders, Morgan decided to set up a direct confrontation.

On January 17, 1781, the two forces met at the Battle of Cowpens. Morgan's command was supplemented by militia and dragoons, while Tarleton's men were re-enforced with regular light infantry. Morgan used Tarleton's aggressive nature and disdain for militia against him. Morgan's marksmen and militia

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were placed in front and ordered to engage, inflict damage, and withdraw as soon as they were threatened, thereby presumably inviting a premature assault on the center of the American lines. Tarleton ordered charge. While retreating, Morgan's men were to reload, and on signal, stop and fire point blank on the pursuers. What was presumed to be fleeing militia was actually the beginning of a double envelopment or pincer movement by Morgan's men which resulted in Tarleton's 1076 men suffering 110 killed and 830 captured in less than an hour. Tarleton escaped, but Cornwallis lost his legion

and his light infantry for the remainder of the campaign.

On February 10, due to his painful sciatica, Morgan returned to his Virginia farm. He served only briefly the remainder of the war.

In 1790 Congress awarded Daniel Morgan a gold medal to commemorate his victory at Cowpens. In 1794, Morgan was called to service under "Light Horse Harry" Lee to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion. Morgan served in the United States House of Representatives from 1797 to 1799.

Daniel Morgan died July 6, 1802 at Winchester, Virginia on his 66th birthday.



*"Portrait of Sir Banastre Tarleton"  
By Joshua Reynolds*

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At the January meeting, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was delighted to have Compatriot John Auld present "Winter of Discontent", a comparison of the weather and human conditions of 2014 to 1777-78 at Valley Forge.

*"Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge"  
By John Ward Dunsmore*



## Editor's Note

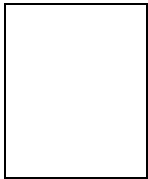
Compatriots are encouraged to forward content contributions to the editor for inclusion in *The Whig*. Compatriots who forward photography of the various chapter events will be performing a great service to the editor and to the chapter as a whole. WKH

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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