



The Whig



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

January 2015

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

Our next meeting is February 14 at Manero's. Please bring your bride or significant other and celebrate Valentine's Day.

In this WHIG, you will find proposed changes to both our Constitution and our By-Laws. Effectively, these are housekeeping changes, but we need to do this so that all members have the same information. Research indicates that in 2010 the documents were properly amended to make the terms of office two (2) years. Previously the term of office was one (1) year. There will be two readings (February and March), and a vote in March. Then we will print these documents in final form and distribute so everyone will have the same corrected information.

Sincerely,

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January Meeting Highlights

The St. Lucie Chapter, FLSSAR, had the honor of inducting several new members at the December meeting. We are delighted to welcome George Harrington Winterling, Sawyer Nash Hawley, and Maverick Earl Hawley as new members.

George Winterling is descended from Robert Bloodsworth, who was from Maryland and signed an oath of fidelity in 1778.

Sawyer and Maverick Hawley are considered junior members and are descended from Thomas Hardy, a private who served from Massachusetts.



*Compatriot George Winterling
with President John Auld*



*President John Auld with Compatriots
Maverick and Sawyer Hawley, mother Melissa
Hawley (father Edward not pictured), and
uncle Second Vice President John Sheppard*

Second Vice President John Sheppard made an excellent presentation on the several 'Acts of Parliament Affecting the Colonies'. From the Molasses Act of 1733 to the Taxation of Colonies Act of 1778, Compatriot Sheppard considered and discussed the multitude of Parliamentary Acts which ultimately led to the American Revolution. It was a thoughtful and informative presentation that shed light on the root causes of the revolution, which are important to be acknowledged and discussed, and Compatriot Sheppard's presentation was enthusiastically received by the members and guests present.

A motion was made for the Chapter to consider the presentation for future use as an educational tool for school visits, etc.

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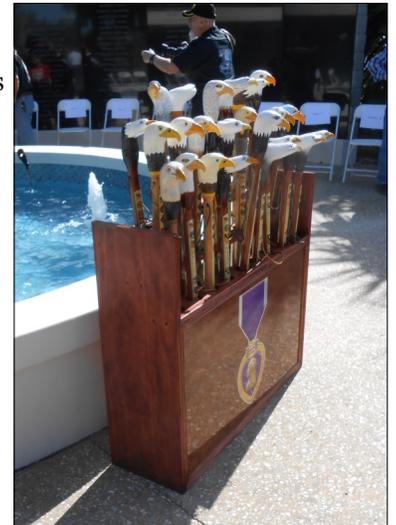
Navy Seal Museum Event

Compatriots Jay Wise, Joe Regan, Jack Irvin and Chuck McKinley attended an event at the National Navy UDT Seal Museum in Fort Pierce, having received an invitation from the Indian River Woodcarvers group of Vero Beach. The group's Purple Heart Cane Project provides carved eagle-headed walking canes to veteran Purple Heart recipients. The service was conducted by the facility Master Seal and Lloyd Lasenby of the carvers group. The SAR was recognized as were a Retired General and several other retired officers. There were 18 canes distributed to all branches except there were none for the Coast Guard this time.



Compatriot Chuck McKinley admires CMOH recipient Sgt. Melvin Morris.

The highlight of this ceremony was the presentation to a Medal of Honor Recipient, Sgt. Melvin Morris from Cocoa, who was wounded 3 times. This is a wonderful process that these lady and gentleman carvers have done to honor our veterans. These canes contain the persons' name, service branch, awards earned, and dates of enlistment and discharge. To date there have been over 200 of these canes presented by this group. We have invited them to give a presentation at a future St. Lucie River Chapter SAR meeting.



Walking canes created by the Indian River Woodcarvers

Liberty Tree Update



As part of our preparation for the dedication ceremony for the new liberty tree that was recently planted at Fort Pierce Women's Club, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR requested of the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners a proclamation recognizing the dedication of the first Liberty Tree in St. Lucie County.

At the Board's regular meeting on January 20 at 9 am, President John Auld, 1st Vice President Chuck McKinley, Director at large Jay Wise, and Compatriot Joe Regan represented the Chapter. Chairperson Paula Lewis presented the wished for, signed and sealed Proclamation from the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners.

The date of the Liberty Tree dedication ceremony has been delayed until March 28, 2015. Please make a note of the new date and plan to attend.



From left to right, Jay Wise, Chuck McKinley, Chairperson Paula A. Lewis, and John Auld

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JROTC Award

On January 16, 2015, Compatriot Carl Wade, on behalf of our chapter and the NSSAR, attended the 30th Fort Pierce High School JROTC Military Ball at the Pelican Yacht Club to present an award. This year's award for "outstanding leadership and military bearing" was for 1st LT Corina De Leon who was not able to attend. Cadet MAJ Naseeka Dixon accepted the medal and certificate on De Leon's behalf.

Compatriot Carl Wade with JROTC Award for 1st LT Corina De Leon, accepted by Cadet MAJ Naseeka Dixon



St. Lucie County History Fair



The St. Lucie County History Fair will be on Saturday, February 21, at Palm Pointe Research School at Tradition. The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR has again been asked to participate by judging History Fair projects created by the students. Also, the Chapter will provide a monetary reward to the best project(s) dealing with the American Revolution. The time should be 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please volunteer. Chapter members wishing to volunteer should contact Chuck McKinley ASAP so we can confirm our numbers.

Committee Reports

 -1st Vice President's Report—Attended the monthly meeting. Coordinated and released our acceptance to participate in the St Lucie County History Fair on February 21st to Kathleen Ems from the school system and awaiting response. Prepared and released an email to participating chapter members for the Okeechobee DAR Chapter 20th Anniversary to be held on the 7th of February. Attended the Purple Heart Cane ceremony at the Fort Pierce Seal Museum with compatriots Jay Wise, Jack Irvin and Joe Regan, later met with their moderator to request a presentation at our February meeting and awaiting a response. Prepared, coordinated, and released Committee reports for my state Committees such as the Veterans Recognition and Liberty Tree Committees for the January FLSSAR BOM, as well as attending it. Assisted the 2nd VP and DBC in the updating of the chapter membership database that is used in chapter activities as well as Charter and Bylaws. Successfully obtained PH Cane group Leader Lloyd Lassen for presentation at February meeting.

-Membership Committee Report—We have 65 total members, including 3 life members and 7 juniors. As of Thursday, 3 of the 65 are newly approved. All of our applications in the system have now been approved. We have 5 new applications in stages of preparation.

-Eagle Scout Committee Report—No activities

-Habitat for Humanity Committee Report—No activities

-History Fair Committee Report—see article on St. Lucie County History Fair

-JROTC Committee Report—see article on JROTC Award.

-Liberty Tree Committee Report—Planted the Liberty Tree at the Fort Pierce Women's Club with assistance from chapter members, Jay Wise, Joe Regan, John Sheppard and Chuck McKinley. Prepared and was successful in obtaining a Proclamation by the St Lucie County Commission for the project, assisted by John Auld, Jay Wise, Joe Regan and Chuck McKinley. The ceremony was scheduled for the 24th of January but has been moved to the 28th of March. We are awaiting the receipt of the marker and its installation. A program has been defined and a pamphlet handout has been prepared and in the final process of review. Working on Ft Pierce Proclamation as well. Our SLR committee also participated in the preparation of our state committee report as well as the creation of a new state database. We are wearing two hats, chapter and state responsibility for the Liberty Tree Program.

-Veteran's Affairs Committee Report—see article Navy Seal Museum event.

SAR News and Notes

-Genealogy Workshop Starts New Year at SAR Library. On Saturday, January 17, 2015, the SAR Genealogical Research Library hosted its first event of the year. Nearly 50 people attended NSSAR Staff Genealogist Denise Hall's hands-on genealogy workshop. To find out more, visit the NSSAR website at www.sar.org or click [here](#).



-Friends of the SAR Library Promotional Package Approved. At the Fall 2014 Leadership meeting, the Library and Archives Committee approved a three part promotional package consisting of a new FOL application, lapel pin, and a DVD that would include a tour of the Library and promotion of the FOL program. To find out more about the 'Friends of the SAR Library', visit the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-View current and past editions of The Whig by visiting the SLR Chapter website at www.stlucieriverflssarc.org or by clicking [here](#). Issues range from January 2010 to present. All issues are in PDF format and can be saved to your computer or iPad.

-Supplemental Lineage Application. Members having more than one qualifying ancestor may file supplemental applications. Since one of the SAR's objectives is to acquire and preserve the records of the individual service of patriots of the war, all members having more than one qualifying ancestor are strongly urged to prepare and file supplemental applications. To find out more, visit the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

Events Calendar

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| January 30-31: Winter 2015 BOM Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is North Central Region. | March 28: Liberty Tree dedication ceremony, Fort Pierce Women's Club, 10 a.m. |
| February 1: Four Chaplains Service, Faith Congregational Church, 2199 SW Savona Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, 3 p.m. | April 11: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City * |
| February 7: Okeechobee DAR Chapter's 20th Anniversary, Okeechobee County Library, 206 SW 16th Street, 10 a.m. | May 6-8: Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is TBD. |
| February 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City * | May 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City * |
| February 21: St. Lucie County History Fair, Palm Pointe Research School, Tradition, 8:30-1:30 | May 25: Memorial Day |
| February 16: President's Day | June 14: Flag Day |
| March 6-7: Spring Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky | June 26-July 1: 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, Kentucky |
| March 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City * | July 4: Independence Day |
- * Regular meetings start at 11:30 am unless noted.*

Editor's Note

The editor would like to recognize the efforts of Compatriot Joe Regan. Joe has attended many of the recent Chapter events and has been responsible for the majority of photographs which have appeared in recent issues of The Whig. Thank you for your efforts. *WKH*

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Patriots on Parade

Jacob Sivley

Jacob Sivley was raised in a Shenandoah Valley German community in what was then Dunmore County, Virginia, the son of the German-speaking immigrant named Joseph Sivley. The Rev. John Peter Muehlenberg was a minister in the area at the time. Muehlenberg was a patriot who volunteered himself for the upcoming war effort and, in January 1776, was assigned by the Virginia Convention to raise a regiment which became the 8th Regiment – Virginia Continental Line (the German Regiment). Many young men from the community joined this unit. Jacob, who was about 24 years old, did not do so at this time. However, it is believed Jacob and his brother Peter joined the 8th Virginia as volunteers just prior to the regiment entering winter quarters at Valley Forge. Because of army desertions, sickness, the end of enlistments, and other issues, on February 23, 1778, Jacob and Peter were drafted for one year as privates in Captain Jonathan Clark's Company, 8th Virginia Regiment, Scott's Brigade, 3rd Division (Lafayette's) of the Continental Army. While at Valley Forge, Jacob and Peter were often listed as "sick in tent", "sick at Yellow Springs", or "sick at V. Forge", owing to the severe conditions. Jacob remained there through July 1778 – after Washington had left Valley Forge and after the Battle of Monmouth. At that point, Jacob's Company was part of the consolidated 4th, 8th, and 12th Virginia Regiment. Jacob spent the rest of his enlistment with Washington at White Plains, New York, where the army remained in order to observe the British army then quartered at New York City. Jacob and Peter were ultimately discharged from the 4th Virginia Regiment on February 16, 1779.

No.	Name	Rank	Company	Regiment	Division	Brigade
15	John Dore	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's
16	John Dore	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's
17	Jacob Sivley	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's
18	Peter Sivley	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's
19	John Dore	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's
20	John Chamberlain	Private	Clarke's Co.	8th	3rd	Lafayette's

Muster Roll of Capt. Clarke's Company, Virginia 8th Regiment, for the months November, December 1777, January, February, and March 1778, dated April 17, 1778, from the National Archives.

Jacob's father Joseph died before November 28, 1782. Joseph was a farmer and patriot, part of the Dunmore County militia, and credited with providing 700 pounds of beef to the army. Joseph's estate was settled in 1785.

Name	Rank	Company	Regiment	Division	Brigade
John Dore	Private	Kirkpatrick's Co.	4th	3rd	Lafayette's
Peter Sivley	Private	Kirkpatrick's Co.	4th	3rd	Lafayette's
Jacob Sivley	Private	Kirkpatrick's Co.	4th	3rd	Lafayette's
John Clark	Private	Kirkpatrick's Co.	4th	3rd	Lafayette's

Pay Roll for Capt. Kirkpatrick's Company, Virginia 4th Regiment, for the month of February 1779, from the National Archives.

In November 1786, Jacob Sivley sold his household furnishings, a chest of his wife's clothing, and some farm animals for fifteen pounds. He signed the deed of sale in German. Jacob moved his family into far western North Carolina, and in July 1788 was in Greene County working as a chain bearer on the survey for Warrant number 719. By 1794, Jacob had purchased this same land, now lying within Jefferson County, Territory South of the River Ohio, later the State of Tennessee. Jacob lived in Jefferson County until about 1808, when he moved his family down the Tennessee River on flatboats and settled on property just south of Huntsville on the Huntsville Spring Branch in Madison County, Mississippi Territory. Jacob sold land in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1809. Jacob's family is represented in the first (1809) census of Madison County by his eldest son, Andrew. In the 1810 list of taxable property in Madison County, he and his son are both listed. Together they eventually owned over 750 acres encompassing much of what is now John Hunt Park and part of the adjacent golf course. The family homes were located just off what is now the intersection of Airport and Leeman Ferry Roads. Jacob died on November 12, 1816 and is buried in the Sivley Cemetery located at the southwest corner of the park. His grave, in present day Madison County, Alabama, is marked by both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

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Minutes

January 10, 2015

Call to order: 12:00 PM

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Irvin

Pledge to the SAR: John Sheppard

"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: in WHIG, December, 2014.

Motion to approve: John Sheppard

Second: Carl Wade

Motion carried

Members Present: Chuck McKinley, John Auld, John Sheppard, Carl Wise, Bud Rockhill, Bill Hartley, Joe Leinbach, Jack Irvin, Carl Wade, Bill Hammond, Tom Gilmore, Joe Regan, Phil Carr, George Winterling, Sawyer Hawley, Maverick Hawley

GUESTS: Edward Hawley, Jr., Melissa Hawley, Chris Winterling

Spouses: Susan Auld, Alice Rockhill, Shelia Carr

AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Sawyer Nash Hawley, Maverick Earl Hawley and George Harrington Winterling were introduced and sworn in as new SAR members. Sawyer and Maverick Hawley are considered Junior Members.

RECESS FOR LUNCH. CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

Correspondence: Former chapter president Bill Thatcher is in Ohio and sent in his dues with a brief note honoring Bill Thatcher Jr.

New Business: Motion by Phil Carr and seconded by Chris Wade to create a Nominating Committee with Riediger as chair and Joe Regan and John Sheppard as members. Object is to present a slate of officers at March meeting. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Detailed committee reports appear in the WHIG.

JROTC – Jay Wise (absent for this meeting)

Eagle Scouts: Carl Wade reported events he attended or will be.

Liberty Tree: Chuck McKinley reported progress.

Color Guard: Nothing to report.

Habitat for Humanity: Joe Leinbach reported no projects active.

Veteran Affairs: Carl Wade reported updates

LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL REPORT WAS:

Checking account balance: \$3578.86

Money Market balance: \$6110.73

Dues for 2015 continue to trickle in.

Correction to Whig and Minutes: Church named should have been Faith Congregational Church. Carl Wade name was misspelled.

PROGRAM: John Sheppard made an excellent presentation on Acts of Parliament Affecting the Colonies. The members gave John a rousing applause after his talk and suggested that we consider it becoming a widely distributed presentation. As we enter "tax season", John's presentation is timely.

50/50 drawing winner is Susan Auld for \$13. Susan graciously decided to donate the winnings to Guy's Duck this month.

Guy's Duck amount: \$31 which includes the \$13 from Susan.

Next meeting date:

February 14. Bring your Valentine and treat her to lunch at Manero's. A motion will be made to approve a Nominating Committee with Hall Riediger as Chair and John Sheppard and Joe Regan as members.

Benediction: Phil Carr

SAR Recessional:

"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."

Adjourned 1:48 PM

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

St. Lucie River Chapter

Constitution



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ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER

THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION

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by votes taken at either the March 13, 2010 or November 8, 2014 Regular meeting.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - JURISDICTION

The St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has jurisdiction in St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the St. Lucie River Chapter are:

1. To perpetuate the memory of those who strove for American Independence and whose military or civil acts and sacrifices during the American Revolution contributed to the achievement of that independence.
2. To unite and promote good fellowship among those whose ancestors participated in the American Revolution.
3. To promote the general dissemination of knowledge concerning our nation and its government in every way possible; to develop and enlighten public opinion on all such matters and thus help old and young alike to acquire a larger capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.
4. To foster Patriotism and to maintain and expand the institution of American Freedom.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any male person of good character who has attained the age of 18 years, whose forefathers aided in the establishment of American Independence shall be eligible for **full** membership. An application for membership in the St. Lucie River Chapter shall be endorsed by **the Registrar and two one additional** members of the Chapter and then forwarded to the State Registrar for processing together with the required fees. The State Secretary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall notify the Chapter of the acceptance of the applicant.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall be president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and two members at large, who usually are past presidents. All of the above shall be elected at the ~~biennial annual~~ election of officers for a term of two years. The chaplain, registrar, flag custodian and such other officers as deemed advisable shall be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the ~~elective~~ **d** officers, the ~~two~~ immediate past-presidents, and ~~the two~~ **one** members elected from the membership at large. The ~~two~~ elected members shall ~~each~~ serve a term of two years and may succeed ~~themselves~~ **himself**, and if absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board, without acceptable excuse from the Board, ~~shall~~ **may** be automatically dropped from the Board and the Board shall replace ~~them~~ **him**.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held monthly, with the possible exception of the summer months, at a time and place selected by the membership on recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Nomination of officers shall be made at the March meeting. Officers shall be elected at the April meeting and installed at the May meeting **in even numbered years**.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors and Chapter may be called by the President. At all Chapter meetings nine members, at least three of which shall be Chapter officers, shall constitute a quorum. A decision may be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting. A member in arrears for dues will have no vote.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended, altered and/or repealed, provided written resolutions are presented **in writing to each member either by email or U.S. Mail sent to the last known address of the member, no less than seven (7) days before the first meeting at which the Constitution amendment, alteration, or repeal is to be considered. Said resolution shall be** ~~and~~ read to the membership at two consecutive meetings prior to being voted on for approval. Such approval shall be by a simple majority of members present and voting.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases to which **they are** applicable and not inconsistent with the **Constitution and** By-Laws of the Chapter or those of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

St. Lucie River Chapter

By-Laws



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ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I - ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

After approval by the National **and Florida State** Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, **the applicant shall be sworn in as a member of the St. Lucie River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution** ~~membership in the Saint Lucie River Chapter is by approval of the Membership.~~

ARTICLE II - FEES AND DUES

Membership fees for new members, transfers from other Societies or Chapters and reinstatement of dropped members shall be the total of fees required by the National Society, the Florida Society and the St. Lucie River Chapter.

Annual dues for the subsequent year shall be due and payable on **or before** December ~~1st~~ **31st** and shall be the total of dues required by the National Society, the Florida Society and the St. Lucie River Chapter. **Members who are in arrears may be reinstated by complying with National Society Sons of the American Revolution bylaws relating thereto.** The dues are to be collected by the Treasurer. ~~Members who are two months in arrears are to be notified that non-payment of annual dues by February 15th terminates their membership. Any membership so terminated may be reinstated in the calendar year by payment of the current dues. When the lapse of dues extends beyond the following January 1st, the member shall pay a reinstatement fee as provided, plus the dues for the current year, but shall be exempt from payment of arrears from inactive years. (See Page 11, National Society By-Laws.)~~

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed as stated in ARTICLE VI of the CONSTITUTION. They shall have control and management of the affairs, funds and other property of the Chapter. They shall have the power to accept resignations from Officers and ~~from membership~~; to fill vacancies, except that of President; direct the President to call a meeting of the Chapter; and to authorize special meetings.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the Officers and Committee Chairmen shall be those that usually pertain to their offices and such other duties as herein stated.

The retiring Officers shall, within one week of retirement, deliver to their successors all papers, funds, records and any other property belonging to the Chapter.

ARTICLE V - PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He shall call special meetings when requested to do so in writing by two or more members in good standing. He shall be responsible to appoint all committees, except the Nominating Committee. Committees so appointed shall elect their own Chairman, **unless provided otherwise herein**. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. **The President shall hold only the Office of President. The President shall report to the BOM Regional Vice President the Chapter's activities before each State BOM.**

ARTICLE VI - ~~FIRST~~ THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, ~~they~~ **he** shall take over the duties of the President and shall continue to do so as long as the President is unavailable. In addition, the 1st Vice-President shall be responsible for the programs of the regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII - ~~SECOND~~ THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, he shall assist the Vice President with the duties of the President and shall continue to do so as long as the President is unavailable. The 2nd Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee, **and will maintain Member Database lists of current and past members and assist the Registrar in the preparation of new applications. He shall keep a list of current applicants with their names, contact information and status. He shall be responsible for coordinating recruiting activities.**

ARTICLE VIII - SECRETARY — ~~TREASURER~~

The Secretary shall keep a record of all members attending meetings and a full record of all proceedings of the meetings.

He shall **be responsible that** give due notice of all meetings **is given**. ~~He shall notify applicants of their admission or rejection to membership.~~ He shall attend to all correspondence of the Chapter, except in those cases where it is advisable for the individual Officer to answer, in which case, a copy should be made for the Chapter files.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ IX - TREASURER

The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in such bank or banks that are designated depositories for the Chapter. He shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements.

The Treasurer shall make a report of the financial status of the Chapter **at regular monthly meetings and** whenever called upon to do so.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ X - REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall ~~keep a~~ **ensure** complete files and records of all memberships **application documents are properly stored and maintained** and shall be custodian of all papers pertaining to the ~~applications for membership.~~

ARTICLE ~~IX~~ **XI** - CUSTODIAN OF THE FLAGS

By direction of the Board of Directors or the President, the custodian of the flags shall be in charge of posting and retiring of the Colors and the safe storage of the Flags at all times.

ARTICLE ~~X~~ **XII** - COMMITTEES

1. The Program Committee, of which the 1st Vice-President is Chairman, shall have charge of all programs and entertainment, seeing to it that proper arrangements are made for all meetings.
2. The Membership Committee, of which the 2nd Vice-President is Chairman, shall be charged with the duty of acquiring new members.
3. The Americanism Committee shall assist, where feasible, at Nationalization Ceremonies and otherwise help to promote Americanism.
4. Special Committees shall have duties as are assigned to them.

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ **XIII** - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

For sufficient cause, the Chapter may remove any Officer from office by a two thirds majority vote of members present and voting, provided that at least fifteen days' notice of such action is mailed to such person at his last known address.

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ **XIV** - NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee shall be composed as follows: The most immediate Past President, who shall act as Chairman, and two other members who shall be elected **every odd numbered year** after nominations from the floor, provided that no one shall be elected to succeed himself. They shall be elected at the April meeting in the year following the installation of officers. This Committee shall serve for one year and present a suggested slate of officers at the **next** March meeting.

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ **XV** - ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall take place every two years at the April meeting. When the presiding officer proceeds with the election, it shall be his duty to ask if there are any nominations from the floor before declaring the nominations closed. All Officers are to be elected for a term of two ~~one~~ years. **Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members present.**

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ **XVI** - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered and/or repealed, provided written resolutions are presented **in writing to each member either by email or U.S. Mail sent to the last known address of the member no less than seven (7) days before the first meeting at which the Bylaw amendment, alteration, or repeal is to be considered. Said resolutions shall be** ~~and~~ read to the membership at two consecutive meetings prior to being voted on for approval. Such approval shall be by a simple majority of members present and voting.



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President's Brigade

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