



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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President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

As we work our way through the doldrums of the summer, we have had some success with the color guard at Tradition Field, and the up coming DAR/SAR Constitution Week luncheon, which I hope all of you can attend, is the high point of the year with the Chapter getting together with the Treasure Coast DAR Ladies to celebrate the establishment of a new government in 1787. This year we will have Don Zimmerman, an educator with the Martin County School System and an Adjunct Professor at Indian River State College, and also the Chapter's entry into the SAR Tom and Betty Lawrence Teacher of the year contest. He is a delight and will speak about the founding fathers, who they were, and why they participated in the undertaking of a new government. So remember to set aside September 14 at 11:00 AM to join us at Monarch Country Club for this fun event.

Respectfully,

Hall Riediger, President

Memorial Day Ceremony



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013, the Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Department hosted the city's annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 2100 S.E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Port St. Lucie. The solemn ceremony drew a large crowd as representatives from local veterans groups and other guests of honor presented tributes to those who sacrificed for this nation. The Port St. Lucie Concert Band was on hand to perform appropriate music.

The St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution was present to honor the patriots of the War for American Independence. This day marked the public unveiling of the chapter's monument dedicated to honoring those patriots. The monument was purchased by the St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution and installed at Veterans Memorial Park by employees of the city of Port St. Lucie.



About 11:25 a.m., Compatriot Jay Wise, Director at Large and Sergeant at Arms, in full uniform, rose to address the large crowd of veterans, residents, and dignitaries. Compatriot Wise spoke of the importance of honoring and remembering the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices,

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established the United States of America, and of the principles of liberty and the Constitutional Republic. He then announced the new monument dedicated to the patriots of the American Revolution and invited all in attendance to visit the memorial following the ceremony. Finally, Compatriot Wise paid tribute to the memory of Compatriot Dick Massey.



Jay Wise saluting Peter Popolizio, Commander, Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 106

Displays of period firearms and an information table for the SAR were positioned near the monument. Members of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR were on hand to assist the public with answers to their many questions. Compatriots Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Bob Danahoo, Bob Eisenhardt, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Wade, and Adam Whiting all appeared in full Revolutionary attire.



Oscar Kraehenbuehl



Carl Wade and Adam Whiting

Many other members were in attendance providing assistance to the public and giving help in setting up and breaking down the Chapter's displays, flags, and information table. It was an outstanding opportunity to meet and interact with the public and share the spirit of the Chapter with the community.



Rifle salute offered by Jack Ivy Detachment #666 Marine Corps League Rifle Squad



Independence Day at Tradition Field



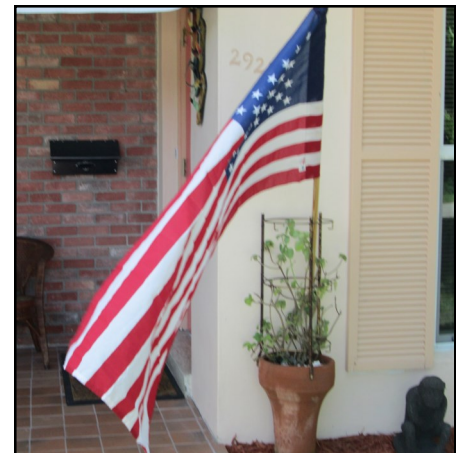
On July 4, 2013, the color guard of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR presented the colors during the National Anthem preceding the baseball game between the St. Lucie Mets and the Jupiter Hammerheads at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie. The game was well attended as

fans came to watch the baseball and stayed to see the fireworks after the game.

From left to right: Adam Whiting, Christian Whiting, Hall Riediger, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, and Bob Eisenhardt.

Habitat for Humanity

On June 28, 2013, Compatriot Jay Wise attended the Habitat for Humanity Home Celebration held for John and Sharon Kerr. Compatriot Wise presented the family with a Constitution booklet, an SAR flag presentation booklet, and a new American flag and bracket for display at their new home. Habitat for Humanity American flag presentations are an ongoing project of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR. Interested chapter members are welcome to participate.



Several Awards Given at Recent Meeting

Chapter President H. Hall Riediger bestowed several Awards and Certificates upon deserving members of our Chapter and others as well at the 2012-2013 end of year meeting held May 11, 2013.

Recipients of Awards and Certificates are as follows:



The Martha Washington Medal awarded by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to the SAR.

This medal was presented to Mrs. Sheila Carr.



The Chapter Distinguished Service Medal is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the chapter during a chapter president's term of office.

This medal was presented to Compatriot Jay Wise.



The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal is awarded to SAR members who have rendered faithful service to their chapter, state, or the National Society over multiple years.

This medal was presented to Compatriot Jay Wise and to Compatriot Joe Leinbach.

A Certificate of Appreciation was issued to Compatriot John Auld for his March meeting presentation.

A Certificate of Appreciation was issued to Manero's for its continued hospitality. Kathy Przelski accepted on behalf of Manero's.

From top: Mrs. Sheila Carr with Phillip Carr, Jay F. Wise, and Joe Leinbach (left) and Kathy Przelski (right).



Sewall's Point Police Dept. Officer of the Year



The St. Lucie Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to report that one of its very own members has received a special honor.

On Thursday, May 16, 2013, Officer Christopher Ross Wade of the Sewall's Point Police Department was recognized and awarded a plaque for being the 'Officer of the Year'. The award ceremony was sponsored and held at the Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 163 in Stuart.

Compatriot J. Christopher Wade, proud father of Officer Wade, and Compatriot Bob Eisenhardt were among those in attendance.

From left to right: Masonic Lodge No. 163 "Worshipful Master" John D. Pickford, Sewall's Point Chief of Police John J. Donadio, Officer Ross Wade, and Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder



Governor Scott Appoints Judge Mark Klingensmith



The St. Lucie River Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is proud to announce that on June 27, 2013, chapter member Judge Mark Klingensmith received the following appointment:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JUNE 27, 2013 CONTACT: GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

Governor Rick Scott Appoints Judge Mark Klingensmith to the Fourth District Court of Appeal

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott

announced the appointment of Judge Mark W. Klingensmith to the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Klingensmith, 52, of Stuart, has served as a Circuit Court Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit since 2011. From 1986 -2011, Judge Klingensmith practiced with a firm in West Palm Beach, currently known as Sonneborn, Rutter, Cooney & Smith. He received his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Florida. Klingensmith is a member of the University of Florida College of Law Board of Trustees, and has served on the Civil Rules, Judicial Administration, and Grievance Committees of the Florida Bar.

Governor Rick Scott said, "Judge Klingensmith has served Floridians with integrity and distinction. I am proud to appoint him to the Fourth District Court of Appeal so he can continue his service to our state."

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<http://www.flgov.com/4th-dca-press-release-2/>

SAR News and Notes

-As you know, construction has started on Phase II of SAR National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Three new videos have been posted since the beginning of May to track the progress and may be viewed at the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-The FLSSAR has posted a link on its website for those interested in finding their Revolutionary ancestors. The link connects to a website by Debbie Duay, Ph.D., wife of FLSSAR President Theodore Duay III. This website is tailored for use by the SAR. It is full of tutorials and tips as well as links for finding online information. You can access the link on the FLSSAR website or click [here](#).

-Did you know that past copies of the *SAR Magazine*, *The*

Florida Patriot, and *The Whig* can be downloaded to your computer or tablet?

For the SAR Magazine, you can visit the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

For The Florida Patriot, you can visit the FLSSAR website or click [here](#).

For The Whig, you can visit the St. Lucie River Chapter website or click [here](#).

-The membership application for Seth Fields was approved by the NSSAR on June 19, 2013.

-The supplemental application for William Hammond was approved by the NSSAR on June 27, 2013.

Events Calendar

September 6, 7, 8: Fall BOM Meeting, FLSSAR, Orlando, Florida

September 14 : 11 am: Annual Constitution Week Luncheon with the Treasure Coast DAR Chapters at the Monarch Country Club. The Guest speaker will be Don Zimmerman, an Adjunct Professor at Indian River State College and an educator with the Martin County School District. Monarch Country Club is a short six minute drive from our usual meeting place of Manero's in Palm City.

September 27, 28: Fall Leadership Meeting, SAR National Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

October 12: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

November 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

November 11: Veteran's Day

November 28: Thanksgiving

December TBD: Ft. Pierce Christmas Parade; Everyone is invited to participate. Please come and join us for this wonderful community project.

December 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City

December 25: Christmas

Editor's Note

The new edition of *The Whig* is here. Efforts have been made to retain continuity with previous editions. Appearance and format will evolve with experience and feedback. Suggestions are welcome. Content submissions should be forwarded to the editor. WKH

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Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Bob Eisenhart

Pledge to SAR: Tom Burnhart

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved, Phil Carr. Bob Eisenhart seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted unanimous.

Guests present: Sheila Carr, Penny Donnahoo, Seth Fields, Sandy Simpson, Jack Irvin, Grace Woodburn, Alice Rockhill, Pat Eisenhart, Janet Barnhart
Members present: Tom Barnhart, Bob Donnahoo III, Bob Donnahoo, Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Chris Wade, Bill Hammond, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Wade, Joe Leinbach, Tom Gilmore, Bob Eisenhardt, Bud Rockhill, Jim Simpson, Carl Dennis

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopened meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Awards Presentations and New Members Inductions: Richard Bush Induction

Correspondence: check out the NSSAR Website (www.SAR.org) for the latest on the construction at the new building. Latest Posting was 5/6

Unfinished Business: Monument dedication will be on May 27 at the Port St. Lucie Veterans Memorial Park, everyone is invited to attend.

New Business: I would like to call a Board of Directors Meeting for Friday May 17 at the Olive Garden in Jensen Beach at 12:30PM. All officer and members are invited. We are planning a Fourth of July baseball game again so put it on your calendar.

Reports membership: Chuck is away. We are working with at least three new members and my daughter has brought in a fourth.

Committee Reports Good Citizenship — All Good Citizenship Certificates are out and we are getting the responses back. It looks like the majority will be on May 30 and 31 and I will need help on those days

JROTC — Jay Wise- 9 letters sent to JROTC units. Commanding Officers to select a cadet for presentation of our Bronze Medal and Certificate.

Eagle Scouts — Our Eagle Scout, court of Honor did not work out, as I could not make a reservation to attend and didn't feel like I should just go. We will see that the Scout gets his award over the summer.

Other Officer reports: Color Guard reports for PSL and Stuart Memorial Day I will be in PSL I need someone to step up and do Stuart.

Habitat for Humanity - Joe made report.

Veteran Affairs: Call Carl Ward to talk about Veterans Affairs

Program: Martha Washington medal to Sheila Carr, for her support of the Chapter, here at home, at State, and with the Ladies Auxiliary.

Certificate of Appreciation to John Auld for his presentation in March.

Bronze Roger Sherman to Joseph Leinbach for being the Habitat for Humanity Chair for the last three years and to Jay Wise for being our Color Guard Commander. Jay has asked to retire from the guard and I will be looking for a new person the head this function for the upcoming year. I would prefer a military person to do this but I will work with a civilian, and I am not looking to do the job myself.

Certificate of Appreciation to Manero's for all their hospitality to our Chapter with the meetings. I used to think you all came for my wonderful and sharp meeting programs and special leadership but I now know it is the food. We will be returning next year if Manero's wants us back?

National has approved the new Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. It is a diamond shaped medal with bronze outer edge and a white center, with a blue SAR emblem. The fob hangs from a solid maroon ribbon. Only one medal can be awarded by the Chapter President for each year of his term of office. I am awarding the Distinguished Service Medal to Jay Wise for his efforts and energy in bringing our Monument that will be dedicated on May 27 to reality. He has worked tirelessly on this and on the 27th it becomes a bright point in Chapter History.

The medal is not available at this time and is still in production, will keep checking and when it is available I will get it and we will present it to Jay at the Constitution Week Luncheon. Instead I have this beautiful picture and description that we can present to Jay.

Also there is a special exception to this medal, the Presidents of the Chapter for the last five years can present this medal for each term office they have held if they have a qualified candidate.

50/50 Drawing: Phil Carr

Guy's Duck: \$25

Next Meeting: September 14 Constitution Week luncheon, at Monarch Country Club 11AM.

Benediction Chaplin: Phil Carr

Recessional: Hall Riediger

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

Commodore John Barry

John Barry was born in 1745 in County Wexford, Ireland, an area with strong maritime tradition. Barry began his career at sea as a ship's cabin boy, working up through the ranks. Barry's first command came aboard the schooner *Barbadoes* sailing out of Philadelphia on October 2, 1766. Philadelphia became Barry's home port.

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, John Barry was Master of the *Black Prince*. On November 4, 1775, the Marine Committee of the Continental Congress purchased *Black Prince*, renamed her *Alfred*, and placed her former Master, John Barry, in charge of her re-rigging.

John Barry received his Captain's commission in the Continental Navy dated March 14, 1776. With this commission went command of the 14 gun brig *Lexington*. By March 26, 1776, Barry left Philadelphia, dropped down the Delaware River, and slipped through the British blockade on April 6. On April 7, 1776, off the Capes of Virginia, *Lexington* engaged and captured the *Edward*, tender to the British man-of-war *Liverpool*, after a one hour battle, and delivered her to Philadelphia, the first capture of a British warship by a regularly commissioned American cruiser.

On October 10, 1776, Congress established the relative rank of officers of the Continental Navy and placed John Barry No. 7 on the list of Captains.

Barry's next command was the *Effingham*, a frigate under construction at Philadelphia. While *Effingham* was under construction, Barry volunteered his service to the Continental Army. Barry served as aide-de-camp under General John Cadwalader, participating in the Battle of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton. He was also used as a courier of dispatches for George Washington.

When the British took possession of Philadelphia in September 1777, Captain Barry was ordered to take the

uncompleted Continental frigate *Effingham* up the Delaware River to a place of safety. In October, the ship was ordered sunk or burned. She was sunk on November 2, near Bordentown, New Jersey, to deny her use to the British.

On March 7, 1778, Barry, commanding a squadron of seven small craft, captured the 20 gun schooner *Alert* and two ships loaded with supplies for the British Army.

On May 30, 1778, John Barry was given command of the 32 gun frigate *Raleigh*. He sailed from Boston September 25, 1778, and two days later was overtaken and attacked by two enemy vessels. After a nine hour running fight, he was obliged to run the *Raleigh* aground on an island near the mouth of Penobscot Bay, but escaped to the mainland with most of his crew.

In November 1780, Barry was given command of the 36 gun frigate *Alliance*, with a mission to take Special Minister John Laurens to France. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a crew, this ship did not sail until February 11, 1781. On the passage to France, *Alliance* captured the 12 gun privateer *Alert*. On the return voyage the privateers *Mars*, 26 guns, and *Minerva*, 10 guns, were made prizes.

On May 28, 1781, suffering from storm damage, *Alliance* was engaged in calm seas by two enemy ships. Initially suffering damage, favorable winds arrived, allowing Barry to defeat and capture the 20 gun sloop *Atalanta* and the 14 gun sloop *Trepassy*. During the engagement with the *Atalanta*, Barry was seriously wounded.

While Barry recuperated, repairs to *Alliance* were undertaken, hastened by the decision to use the frigate to return the Marquis de Lafayette to France. *Alliance* arrived off L'Orient on the northwest coast of France on January 17, 1782.

On March 10, 1783, the last Naval engagement of the Revolutionary War was fought off the coast of Cape Canaveral.



Alliance defeated the 28 gun frigate *Sybil*. At the time of the battle, *Alliance*, was convoying the *Duc de Lauzun*, carrying money and supplies from Havana, Cuba destined for the United States. The action enabled the *Duc de Lauzun* to escape and complete its mission.

On June 4, 1794, John Barry was selected senior Captain of the reorganized Federal Navy. On February 22, 1797, George Washington presented Barry with Commission Number 1 in the Navy, backdated to the date of his original selection. He was ordered to superintend the building of the 44 gun frigate *United States*, which became his flagship. Captain Barry commanded all American ships during the undeclared naval war with France, 1798-1800, capturing a number of French merchantmen, and holding the courtesy title of Commodore.

By the direction of the Navy Department, he brought the *United States* to Washington where she was laid up. This ended Barry's active service. He died at his country residence near Philadelphia on 13 September 1803.

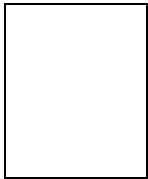
John Barry is officially recognized as the first flag officer of the United States Navy, by resolution, signed into law by President George W Bush on December 22, 2005.



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