



# The Whig



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

May 2016

## President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

It is exciting that our new team of officers will have the opportunity to guide and improve our Chapter for the next two years. Two goals I think should have priority are increasing Chapter membership and member participation. Members need to join committees, attend meetings and events, get a uniform, and participate in Color Guard activities.

Our Chapter Handbook needs to be reviewed, updated, and distributed to all members. The Handbook should define how activities are conducted, identify responsibilities of officers, document contacts, and define the dress codes so all know what can be worn with what, etc.

Also, I wish to solicit from all on what you would like to see and/or what type of presentations you would like to have at our meetings. I would like to try an outdoor meeting at a park or range when it is comfortable; to

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## May Meeting Highlights



*President Chuck McKinley with Florida Society Senior Vice President Raymond Wess*

At the May 7th meeting, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was honored to have in attendance Florida Society Senior Vice President (and recently elected Society President) Raymond Wess. Chapter Officers for the 2016-2018 term were sworn in during the ceremony officiated by Compatriot Wess. Under the watch of Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Regan, new officers were presented in order of hierarchy, and a reading was given about the importance of the SAR and the responsibilities of officers and members by then Vice President Wess. New President Chuck McKinley was sworn in by Compatriot Wess, was given the Chapter President's Neck Ribbon by his wife Betty, and received the President's Gavel from Compatriots Wess and Hall Riediger, Florida Society Secretary and Chapter Director-at-Large.



Compatriot Chuck Berger was sworn in as First Vice President. Treasurer Chris Wade continues in his position. Directors-at-Large Hall Riediger and Tom Gilmore were sworn in for the new term. Second Vice President John Sheppard and Secretary John Auld were out of town on family business and will be sworn in

*From left to right: FLSSAR Vice President Raymond Wess inducts (Continued on page 2)  
Compatriots Riediger, Gilmore, Wade, Berger, and McKinley*



## JROTC Awards

On May 5th, Compatriot Jack Irvin presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Danny Petit of Martin County High School.

On May 12th, Compatriot Chuck McKinley presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Jay Mao of Jensen Beach High School.

All JROTC awards for the 2015-2016 school year have been awarded, including all high school JROTC programs in Martin, Okeechobee, and Saint Lucie Counties. We wish to thank our JROTC committee members Jack Irvin, Carl Wade, and Chuck McKinley for making this a positive and appreciated award experience for our young citizens who have enrolled voluntarily in these activities at our local high schools. As a result of our interactions with these schools, our Chapter has received their support in many outside activities, including serving as color Guard at various Chapter events. This support of our Chapter is deeply appreciated, as well as the commitment of students to obtain some military knowledge for use in their life after graduation, be it entering the Military Services or in their future work.

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upon their return. As Emeritus Director, Compatriot Jay Wise remains on the board and was missed at the meeting.

Additional awards were given to worthy individuals as follows. Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal were awarded to Hall Riediger, Tom Gilmore, Chris Wade, and Chuck McKinley, followed by the Awarding Bronze Roger Sherman Medals and Certificates to Compatriots Carl Wade and Joe Regan. Compatriots John Sheppard and Jack Irvin will receive these medals upon their return and Compatriot John Auld will receive his Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and other various medals and certificates for his activities as Chapter President at a later time.



*From left to right: Hall Riediger, Chris Wade, Tom Gilmore, and Chuck McKinley*



*From left to right: Hall Riediger, Carl Wade, and Joe Regan*



*Hall Riediger with SVP Raymond Wess*



*From left to right: Hall Riediger with Jay Mahoney, Owner of Manero's Restaurant, and Tricia Olander of Manero's Restaurant*



*From left to right: Betty and Chuck McKinley with SVP Raymond Wess*

## President's Salvo

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have it for family and friends and have a cook out and/or solicit some help with a firearms expert from the Revolutionary period.

Over the next few months, our new board will work on what committees we would like to have and how to improve them. I look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

Chuck McKinley

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## Chapter Awards at BOM Meeting



Chapter members Compatriots Hall Riediger, Jim Alderman, and Chuck Burger attended the recent BOM meeting in Orlando on the 13th and 14th of May. Chuck Berger, as our Chapter Delegate, was called to the podium to receive the following awards.

The Chapter received Silver Roger Sherman Medals and Certificates for Phil Carr and Chuck McKinley, awarded to each for their service to the Florida Society.

A Certificate of Appreciation for John Auld was awarded for serving as the St. Lucie River Chapter President.

Other awards included both Chapter Challenge and Earl Martin Publicity Award Certificates and ribbons for our Chapter Flag, as well as a \$50 monetary award for the Publicity Award. These honors come as a reward for and in recognition of our Chapter members efforts when they work as a team in public display, participation in Veteran and Historical ceremonies, JROTC award activities, Habitat for Humanities, school education events, our food drive, Flag and Constitution Days, DAR chapter interactions, Parades, and volunteering in many other activities. With future completion of the Veterans Nursing Home in Port Saint Lucie, our Chapter recognition will be even bigger.

*Chuck McKinley and Hall Riediger*

## Chapter Reports: May 2016



### Treasurer's Report—

Current Checking Account: \$812.04

Current Money Market Account: \$6652.55

### Membership Committee Report—Our

Chapter has the following number of members for a total of 75 current members:

63 regular members

3 life members

9 junior members

One prospective member's application is pending approval at NSSAR with several others in preparation.

**Program Committee Report**—No activity to report.

**Eagle Scout Committee Report**—No activity to report.

**Habitat for Humanity Committee Report**—No activity to report.

**History Fair Committee Report**—No activity to report.

**JROTC Committee Report**—See article 'JROTC Awards'..

**Liberty Tree Committee Report**—No activity to report.

**Veteran's Affairs Committee Report**—See article 'Upcoming Activities'.

**Genealogy Committee**—No activity to report.

**Color Guard Committee**—See article 'Upcoming Activities'.

**Americanism Committee**—No activity to report.

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## Upcoming Activities



The first event I wish to let you know about is a Military Appreciation Night Game at St. Lucie Mets Stadium on May 26, 2016. The gates open at 5:30 PM and the game starts at 6:30 PM. Veterans are free; just show your proof at the ticket window/gate and you can get your guests will get a reduced rate ticket. Beer is supposed to be \$2 and hot dogs \$1. Enjoy yourself and make the rest of our community know that there are a lot of veterans in the area.

The next events are on Memorial Day in two locations. Hall will be assembling a group to march in the Memorial Day Parade in Stuart. Please contact him for the date, time, and place to meet as soon as you can. Colonial attire if possible is recommended. Another Memorial Day Activity will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Parkway in Port Saint Lucie. The ceremony starts at 10:00am. The Chapter colors will be carried by members of the local JROTC groups. Compatriot Jack Irvin is the Officer of the Day for this event. Blazers are fine.

The Big Event will be the Flag Day Ceremony at the BPOE No 1520 Elks Club in Fort Pierce on June 12th starting at 12:00 Noon (TBR). The Facility is located in North Fort Pierce on US 1 between Delaware and Florida Avenues. You will have to make a left turn from the North at Delaware, go south down one street to 608 S 5th Street which is an entry between two buildings on the left, or if you had turned left on Florida go to S 5th Street and go about two or three blocks to 608 S 5th Street. In essence, you cannot turn into the Elks Facility off of US 1. You are invited to bring your spouse or friend and please wear Colonial attire or your Blue Blazer so we can be identified to the general public. You will enjoy the colorful Elks ceremony including our participation ceremony. as well as the gratis meal. Please join the Elks Club, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR and the Cora Stickney Harper Chapter, DAR in recognizing a National Flag Day local celebration.

As other activities are announced, we will inform you where and when as we hear them.

*Chuck McKinley*

## Events Calendar

May 30: Memorial Day, Color Guard Events, Ceremonies will be held in Port St. Lucie and 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 12: Annual Constitution Week Luncheon with the Treasure Coast DAR Chapters.

September 17: Constitution Day Event, Farmer's Market, Ft. Pierce.

September 25: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication, Veterans Memorial Park, Port St. Lucie

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

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

October 14-15: Fall BOM Meeting, FLSSAR, Orlando. Host Region is the NC Region. **(Rescheduled)**

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

### Editor's Note

Chapter members wishing to have articles appear in future editions of *The Whig* are encouraged to forward those articles and photographs, if available, to the Editor at [TheWhigEditor@icloud.com](mailto:TheWhigEditor@icloud.com). Participation by members in this or any other activity is welcomed. *WKH*

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**Minutes**  
**May 7th, 2016**

Call to order: 12:00 PM

Invocation (Audience stands) by: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience stands): Tom Barnhart

Pledge to the SAR (Audience stands): Jim Pippin

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: (published in *The Whig*)

Motion by: Phil Carr Second by: Carl Wade

Guests present: Naomi Wess, Sheila Carr, Janette Barnhart, Betty McKinley, Andrew McKinley, Liz Roherer, Ruth Pippin, Gary Niles, Cathy Niles, Letta Jordan, Special Guest SVP FLSSAR Ray Wess

Members present: Chris Wade, Jim Pippin, Rick Jordan, Chuck Berger, Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, Joe Regan, Tom Gilmore, Joe Leinbach, Carl Wade, Steve Trinkle, Jim Alderman, Rick Jordan, Phil Carr, Tom Barnhart

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopen meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Correspondence: none Unfinished Business: none

Committee Reports: All are published in *The WHIG*.

Officer reports: Treasurer Chris Wade reports: Checking = \$812.04; Money Mkt. = \$6652.55.

Other Officer reports: Color Guard reports: Commander Hall Riediger Memorial Day at PSL and Stuart. Flag Day in Fort Pierce June 12th. July 4th color guard at the Mets game.

Habitat for Humanity: Joe Leinbach

New Business : Officers for the 2016-2018 years,

President, Charles McKinley

1st Vice President, Charles Berger

2nd Vice President, John Sheppard

Treasurer, Chris Wade

Secretary, John Auld

Registrar, Charles McKinley

Directors, Hall Riediger, Tom Gilmore

Director Emeritus, Jay Wise

Program Awards:

Roger Sherman Medals: Carl Wade, John Sheppard, Jack Irvin and Joe Regan.

Oak Leaf Clusters: Hall Riediger, Charles Mckinley, Tom Gilmore, Jay Wise, Chris Wade and John Auld.

Certificates of Appreciation: Manero's Tricia and SVP FLSSAR Raymond Wess

Meritorious Service Medal: John Auld

Past Presidents Pin: John Auld

50/50 drawing winner: Jim Pippin \$20

Guy's Duck amount: \$24

Next Meeting: September 10th, Constitution Week at Monarch Country Club

Benediction (audience stands): Andrew McKinley

SAR Recessional (audience stands): all present

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Gilmore, Secretary

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## President's Brigade

### Gold Medal

John Auld

Hall Riediger

Carl Wade

### Silver Medal

Oscar Kraehenbuehl

Jay Wise

### Bronze Medal

Jack Irvin