



# The Whig



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

November 2014

## President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

If you missed the November meeting, it was a *doozy* with Scott Van Duzer and his Fort Pierce Boy Scouts. Don't miss the December 13th meeting. We will be presenting medals to the Firemen, EMS, and outgoing Fort Pierce Chief of Police Sean Baldwin. Also, please bring a canned or packaged food item for the needy.

Dues are due! Hall is preparing the "annual report" for our chapter, and indicates that 20 members have not yet paid dues. This report must be submitted to the State and National by December 31. We will look bad if we have to "drop" 20 members from our roster for failure to pay dues. Please bring a check to our meeting on December 13, or send it to Chris Wade. Thanks for your attention to this.

We all need to do our part to continue to thank our service men and women for their service to our nation. We have many thousand buried

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## November Meeting Highlights

On the 8th of November at our monthly meeting, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR awarded Scott Van Duzer, a Fort Pierce business man, the Bronze Good Citizenship Award for his activities from his Foundation to various Saint Lucie County citizens and organizations. We were especially impressed with his work with the new scout troop 772 that he helped form in the Fort Pierce area.



*At left, Scott Van Duzer. At right, Compatriot Jay Wise. With Scout leader Rusty Hines and Scouts Joseph Jean and Jocelyn Jocirin.*



*Scott Van Duzer*

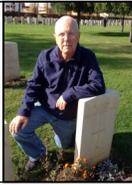
Hudson to Scott. Scott introduced his scout leader Rusty Hines and Joseph Jean and Jocelyn Jocirin who were from the first group of scouts in the troop at Dan McCarty School. Jay then pinned Scott with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state.

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

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in foreign countries. We were in Italy on Veteran's Day and I asked the tour guide to stop at Montecassino in Italy, so we could pay homage to our World War Two fallen dead on that day. Most of those graves are for United Kingdom military, but we paid homage and said a brief prayer for them.

Please attend our meetings on the second Saturday of every month at Manero's in Palm City. Your hard working board and officers needs your input as to what presentations you want.

Sincerely,

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## Wreaths Across America



We made a presentation at the November meeting about the Wreaths Across America program. It was well received. A motion was made from the floor, seconded, and approved for a Chapter donation of \$100, and later we had a collection. At the end, we had \$285 for this deceased veteran's program recognition. I believe that this should always be put on our fall agenda to participate annually. Also, I would recommend that one of our members also participate at the ceremony on the 13th of December at Noon at the White Cemetery in Fort Pierce. This is a wonderful way to tell our fallen heroes we have not forgotten. **Chuck McKinley**

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government National and State facilities, neighborhood cleanup and other civic activities. The children are not paid and learn to give back to their community. There were several interruptions for applause praising Scott's efforts to reduce crime in the Fort Pierce area by getting youth involved in the community.

As a follow up activity on the Veterans Day celebrations in Port St Lucie, we were honored to have the two young scouts that accompanied Scott to the meeting join us and carry our chapter and National Colors marching with all the veterans groups. We also gave the young scouts SAR patches. We plan to ask these young scouts to join us in civic activities in the future.



*Compatriot Jay Wise presenting Scott Van Duzer with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.*

## 2015 Membership Dues



**2015 dues (\$65) are now due.** Please send them in as soon as possible so we are not delaying our report to National.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Copy or print this page, fill out, include check for \$65, and Mail to:

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## SAR News and Notes

-Who was the 3rd Signer? To find information on the third signer of the Declaration of Independence, visit the NSSAR website at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or click [here](#).

-NSSAR Hosts Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon At New Headquarters. President General Lindsey Brock and the NSSAR celebrated their national volunteers at a luncheon held October 30, 2014. Read about it on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-New Additions to the National Headquarters. Four new flagpoles have been added to the exterior of the new National Headquarters. View pictures at the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-Gov. Franklin Murphy, President General 1898-1900.

Learn about the former NSSAR President General by finding a copy of "History of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Vol. 1.", by visiting the website of the NSSAR, or by clicking [here](#).

-2014 Wreaths Across America Proclamation. Read President General Lindsey Brock's Proclamation on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-View current and past editions of *The Florida Patriot* by visiting the FLSSAR website at [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org) or by clicking [here](#). Issues range from Fall 2014 to Summer 2007. All issues are in PDF format and can be saved to your computer or iPad.

## Events Calendar

December 13: Regular Meeting, Fort Pierce Police Chief Shawn Baldwin will be honored on his retirement, Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson (DAR) will attend representing the City. Firemen and EMT Medals (St. Lucie County) will be awarded, Manero's, Palm City \*

January 10, 2015: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

January 30-31: Winter 2015 BOM Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is North Central Region.

February 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

February 16: President's Day

March 6-7: Spring Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

March 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

April 11: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

May 6-8: Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is TBD.

May 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City \*

May 25: Memorial Day

June 26-July 1: 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, Kentucky

July 4: Independence Day

September 25-26: Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

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

## Editor's Note

As part of President Auld's goal of providing compatriots the opportunity to present biographies of their patriotic ancestors to the Chapter, space will be made available in future issues of *The Whig* for those compatriots who wish to present their ancestors in written form. *WKH*

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**Minutes**  
**Nov 8th 2014**

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Irvin

Pledge to the SAR: Oscar Kraehenbuehl

We the Decedents 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 Whig, October 2014

Motion to Approve: Carl Wade

Motion for Approval: Oscar Kraehenbuehl

Motion carried

Break for Lunch

Members Present: Jay Wise, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Wade, Chris Wade, Jack Irvin, Phil Carr, Joe Leinbach, Chuck McKinley, Joe Regan, John Sheppard and Dan Olin

Guests: Edna Schubert and Shirley X, Lindy Wise, Sheila Car, Scott Van Duzer, Scout Leader Rusty Hines, Joseph Jean and Jocelyn Jocirin, and Stephen Brook, a Palm Beach SAR Chapter Member.

Presentations:

Chuck McKinley called Jay Wise, Joe Leinbach and Phil Car to the floor to award Military War Medals to Jack Irvin and Carl Wade; Joe Leinbach read the citations, and Jay Wise and Phil Carr pinned the medals on them. We thought it fitting to have World War II and Korean War veterans do this to show the transition from those to the new Generation of Vietnam and other Veterans. The presentations were then turned over to Carl Wade and Jack Irvin to award the Florida Veterans Battalion Certificates to Chris Wade and Dan Olin. They awarded and pinned Dan Olin's Military Service Medal. Jack and Carl are now responsible for all veterans' recognition activities.

Jay Wise called Scott Van Duzer to the floor and read a letter from Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson to Scott as well as read his Bio. Scott introduced his scout leader Rusty Hines and Joseph Jean and Jocelyn Jocirin who were from the first group of scouts in the troop. Jay then pinned Scott with the Bronze good citizenship medal, followed by Scott speaking of their goal to keep children off the streets and out of gangs in the Fort Pierce Area and how they formed the troop, the successes they have achieved, travel to government National and State facilities, neighborhood cleanup and other civic activities without the children receiving any payment. Scott received several interruptions for applause praising his efforts reducing crime in the Fort Pierce area by getting youth involvement in the community.

The chapter Patriots on Parade (POPS) was initiated today with a presentation by Jay Wise telling us of his patriot, Lt. Colonel Frederick Wise of Pennsylvania. He also provided a copy for the WHIG as that is to be the process also. Additionally, Edna Schubert gave a presentation on the Glenn's Patriot George Holter and other ancestors of late husband, former member Glenn Schubert. All presentations were well received by the audience. Edna provided her copy for the Whig as well.

Information and News:

Treasurer's report indicates that there is \$1188.60 in the Checking Account and the savings account has a value of \$6110.62.

Dues are also still coming in and a friendly reminder is for the compatriots who have not done so receipt would be appreciated so we can meet the state deadline.

Wreaths across America:

An overview was given by Chuck McKinley and a motion was brought before the Chapter for approval of a Chapter donation to the fund. A motion to approve \$100 from the chapter was brought forward by Jack Irvin.

Carl Wade seconded the Motion and a vote was held with all in agreement by the members present. Jay Wise took up a collection from the meeting attendees and collected a total of \$185. In summary Chris Wade will prepare a total check from the chapter donation and the collected moneys so in essence there will be \$285 AVAILABLE FOR THE DONATION TO THE Wreaths across America program in our area.

Membership Committee Report

John Sheppard provided an update of membership activities since the last meeting;

1 application approved at National; 1 supplemental pending at National; 3 applications pending at State; 5 applications completed, waiting for checks so they can be mailed to State.

John read NSSAR's "Acceptable Service by a Patriot Ancestor", listing all the services of Patriots that can be used by applicants for membership. . This useful document can be used during recruiting and in schools for history presentations.

He also mentioned that soldiers in the Battle at Point Pleasant, West Virginia are considered Revolutionary War Patriots by both the SAR and the DAR, even though the battle took place in the year before the Battle of Lexington. He is in the process of gathering more information for a presentation in the future.

Veterans Affairs Committee- Jack Irving discussed his attendance at the South Fork Middle School in the Saint Lucie County School District where he joined several veterans speaking to students about the historical aspects of the American Revolution.

We made an announcement for our annual Food Drive for members to bring items to the December meeting. Further details will appear the Whig.

Attendees were also asked to participate in Veterans Day Activities in Stuart and Port Saint Lucie.

We solicited a request for support at the next Farmers Market Recruiting drive on the 15th. Jay Wise will be out of town for this month effort.

No 50/50 drawing was held as we could not find any tickets to sell.

Guys Duck netted \$16 and was conducted by Joseph Jean, one of the scouts from Scott Van Duzer's Troop 772.

Next month's meeting will include awards for an EMT and Fireman from the St Lucie Fire Department, and also a good citizenship award for Retiring Chief Sean Baldwin. The Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson will be in attendance.

Benediction was by Phil Carr followed by the SAR Recessional

All were wished Happy Thanksgiving and Adjournment was at 2:05 PM

Minutes provided by Chuck McKinley

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

## Major General Henry Knox

Henry Knox was born in Boston in 1750. His father was a shipmaster trading with the West Indies who died at the age of fifty. Henry gave up school to support his mother. Taking a job at a Boston bookstore, he became avid reader of history. Eventually he opened his own bookstore.

In 1772, Knox co-founded the Boston Grenadier Corps. He volunteered at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775, serving under General Ward. In July, General George Washington arrived and was impressed by Knox. Washington was considering the need for artillery in the American forces and found Knox to be knowledgeable on the subject, a result of his extensive reading and recent experience. Washington asked Knox's opinion on the subject. Knox thought to use the cannon recently captured from Fort Ticonderoga and was given the difficult task of bringing those cannon to Boston. He was commissioned a Colonel and placed in charge of artillery. Knox successfully brought the cannon to Boston by ox sleds and other various means. Knox eventually placed these cannon on Dorchester Heights. Seeing this, British General Howe removed his troops from Boston before the impending bombardment. Americans entered the town the following day.

Knox then superintended the defenses of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York City.

Knox was with the Army during the New York and New Jersey campaign. He handled logistics for crossing the Delaware River preparatory to the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776. For his service, Knox was promoted to Brigadier General and given command of an artillery corps consisting of five regiments. Knox was at the Battle of Assunpink Creek and at Princeton.

With the Army in Winter quarters, Knox went to Massachusetts to improve the Army's artillery manufacturing capabilities.

He raised a battalion of artillerymen and established an armory at Springfield, Massachusetts before returning to the Army in the Spring.

In June 1777, Henry Knox learned of Congress's appointment of Philippe Charles Tronson du Coudray to command the artillery. Knox threatened resignation. Du Coudray was a French soldier of fortune whose appointment upset not only Knox but John Sullivan and Nathanael Greene as well. Du Coudray was reassigned as Inspector General and died in September from a fall.

Knox was with the Army at Brandywine and Germantown, where his suggestion to take a particularly strong British defensive position rather than bypass it proved to delay the army's advance and allow the British to reform their lines. Knox was present at the Battle of Monmouth, where Washington commended his artillery performance.

Knox and his artillery wintered in Pluckemin, New Jersey, where Knox established a school of artillery and officer training, becoming a precursor to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Through the Summer of 1779 and beyond, Knox saw to the training of more than 1000 soldiers.

During the following period of relative inaction, Knox served as Washington's representative to Northern states with the purpose of increasing the flow of men and supplies to the army.

In 1781, Knox moved south with the Army and participated in the Siege of Yorktown. He directed the placement and aiming of artillery, and was considered intelligent and active. Washington commended both Knox and the French artillery chief for their actions, and recommended Knox for promotion, which was granted March 22, 1782. Knox became the army's youngest Major General.

In August 1782, Knox became commander of the facilities at West Point.



*"General Henry Knox" by Gilbert Stuart c.1805, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.*

In April 1783, Congress began demobilizing the Army, and Washington put Knox in charge of day to day operations. Knox drafted plans for the establishment of a peacetime army, including the establishment of two military academies and bodies of troops to defend the nation's borders. Many of his provisions were implemented. After General George Washington retired, Knox became senior officer of the army.

On March 8, 1785 Congress appointed Knox the second Secretary of War. The army was only a fraction of its former size. Congress authorized a seven hundred man army and Knox stationed the troops on the western frontier. Knox recommended the purchase and stockpiling of weapons at national armories. After the outbreak of the French Revolutionary Wars, Knox urged and presided over the creation of the United States Navy and the establishment of coastal fortifications.

American Indian Wars occupied the remainder of Knox's tenure in office.

On December 28, 1794 Knox tendered his resignation. Knox died on October 25, 1806 and was buried with full military honors.



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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