



The Whig



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

October 2014

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

October 11 was our first regular meeting of the year. More than forty were in attendance for the awarding of Law Enforcement medals to Deputy Sheriff William Weiss and to Reserve Police Officer David Schoonover. Both Sheriff Snyder and Chief Dyess were present. We also handed out Veterans Battalion Certificates to six members. Those who could not attend will be presented their certificates when we next see them. We will present their medal(s) at a future meeting. It was a distinct honor to welcome two new young members, Mason Pratt and Jason Pratt, who received their pins from their very proud grandmother Judy Martin.

The November 8 meeting will feature Scott Van Duzer and his Boy Scout Troop from Fort Pierce. It is important that we encourage great community activists like Scott.

John Sheppard and Chuck
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October Meeting Highlights

The St. Lucie River Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was proud to present Martin County Law Enforcement Awards at the October 11th meeting, recognizing individuals from the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Stuart Police Department.

Stuart Police Chief David Dyess presented Reserve Officer David Schoonover, an officer whose career has spanned more than thirty years. Chapter President John Auld presented Officer Schoonover with a certificate and Mrs. Nicki Schoonover pinned the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal on the deserving officer.



President John Auld, Reserve Officer David Schoonover, Mrs. Nicki Schoonover, and Stuart Police Chief David Dyess

Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder presented Deputy Sheriff William Weiss, whose more than twenty year career has included service as the department's color guard commander. Chapter President Auld presented Deputy Weiss with a certificate and Mrs. Christine Weiss pinned the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal on the deputy sheriff.



President John Auld, Deputy Sheriff William Weiss, Mrs. Christine Weiss, and Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder

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McKinley are working hard with new candidates to develop their registrations. We continue to build our organization, and if you can help recruit more new members, please step up and talk with John or Chuck. Jay Wise and others are working to find additional sites for Liberty Trees on the Treasure Coast.

You will hear about the Christmas wreaths for Veterans at the November meeting. I was touched by this presentation at the Florida BOM in September. Think of the many vets buried here and throughout the country who have no recognition at Christmas or Memorial Day. We all need to do our part to continue to thank them for their service to our nation. I will be at Montecassino in Italy on November 11, and will pay homage to our World War Two fallen dead on that day.

Sincerely,

John Auld

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Port Saint Lucie State VA Home

On September 23, Governor Rick Scott approved building Florida's seventh veterans nursing home on a 28.5-acre site in Tradition in St. Lucie County. The 120 bed facility will employ 190 people while serving the needs of area veterans.

The Saint Lucie River Chapter, FLSSAR, was proud to be represented at the Awards Recognition Gala held on October 14th celebrating the VA home's approval. Dignitaries included St. Lucie County Commissioner Franny Hutchinson, who served as moderator, U.S. Congressman Patrick Murphy, Florida State Senator Joe Negron, Florida Representatives Gayle Harrell and Larry Lee, Jr., St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Port St. Lucie Mayor JoAnn Faiella, as well as many other county and city dignitaries.

Also present were Florida VA Deputy Executive Director Al Carter, St. Lucie County Veterans Services Manager Wayne Teegardin, as well as several military veterans groups including the Vietnam Veterans Group, American Legion, Military Officers Association, The Color Guard was represented by Jack Ivy Marine Corps League Detachment #666 Commandant Mike Ambrosia.

Chapter members were able to meet several attendees and discussed our help to the Veterans in our area. We also told them that our state and chapter organization has and will provide assistance to the residents of the home by our Chapter Veterans Committee. We discussed and solicited input from the Florida VA Director Al Carter advising us on how to work toward our Liberty Tree program at the State Capital. Asked if we



Compatriot Jack Irvin, Congressman Patrick Murphy, and Compatriot Carl Wade



Compatriots Charles McKinley and Jay Wise, and Representative Gayle Harrell



Compatriot Jay Wise, Sheriff Ken Mascara, and Compatriot Charles McKinley

intended to have a tree at the new facility, of course we responded positively, and will add that to our schedule for completion in 2016 when the facility is opened. In accordance with state policy, the facility will be named after a Medal of Honor recipient from Florida, and will be named in December of this year.

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October 2014 Member Inductions

The St. Lucie River Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, had the honor of inducting two new members at the October meeting. We are delighted to welcome Mason Patton Pratt and Jade Alexander Pratt as new members.

The Pratts are descended from Patriot Haffield White, who served Massachusetts as Adjutant and Captain.

Grandmother Judy Martin was present to pin rosettes on both new compatriots.

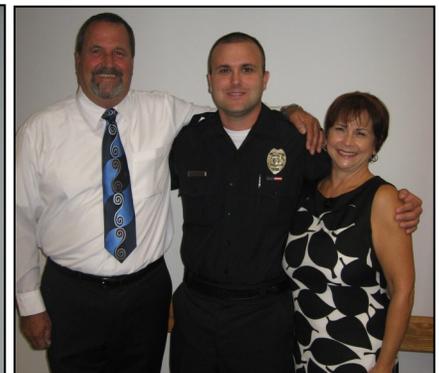
President John Auld, Mason Patton Pratt, Jade Alexander Pratt, and Judy Martin



Member News



The St. Lucie River Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, is proud to relay that one of its own members has recently accepted a new position. On October 13th, 2014, C. Ross Wade, compatriot and member of the Chapter, was sworn in by Jupiter Police Department Chief Frank Kitzerow, and assumed the position of JPD Police Officer effective immediately. Ross was formerly a Master Patrol Officer, serving the Sewall's Point Police Department for nearly seven years, and was named 'Officer of the Year' last year. Officer Wade is the son of Compatriot J. Christopher Wade.



Above: Compatriot J. Christopher Wade, Officer C. Ross Wade, and Mrs. Marie Wade

Left: Officer C. Ross Wade and Police Chief Frank Kitzerow

2015 Membership Dues



It is that time of year again. 2015 dues (\$65) are now being collected. Dues may be paid to the Treasurer at regular meetings.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

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

Compatriot Chris Wade
628 Bentpaddle Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



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President John Auld introduced Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder who delivered a stirring address recalling our forefathers who were God-centric in their deliberations to form our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Sheriff Snyder echoed the phrase "One Nation under God" and praised the Sons of the American Revolution for upholding and remembering the founding of our country. Sheriff Snyder received a standing ovation.

Additionally at the October Meeting, the following compatriots were presented Florida Veteran's Battalion Certificates for their service in the armed forces: John Auld, Carl Vincent Wade, Jack Harmon Irvin, William Robert Hartley, Donald Thomas Barnhart, and Joseph Klein Leinbach.

Not present to receive their certificates were Daniel Joseph Olin, Robert H. Eisenhardt, and James Christopher Wade.

Above: Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder



John Auld and Charles McKinley



John Auld with Carl Vincent Wade



Jack Harmon Irvin and Carl Wade



William Robert Hartley and Carl Wade



Donald Thomas Barnhart and Carl Wade



Joseph Klein Leinbach and Carl Wade

SAR News and Notes

-Full Results of 2013 Americanism & President General's Streamer Contests. Find out where the St. Lucie River Chapter placed in these 2013 contests by visiting the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-NSSAR Collection Highlight: Brandywine Watch. Read about the Brandywine Watch on the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-The National Society has contracted with Harris Connect, LLC publishing to create a new membership directory. Harris Connect has completed the verifying stage of the Membership Directory and is quickly moving in to the production stage. You still have time to order your copy or a copy to donate to a local library. Just call 1

-800-877-6554 to place your order. The anticipated delivery date of the 125th Anniversary Membership Directory is January 2015. The National Society does benefit from the proceeds of this publication and thank you for your support

-Sons of the American Revolution cuts ribbon on Museum Row headquarters. A video from WDRB Channel 41 in Louisville has been posted on the NSSAR website. Visit the website to view the video or click [here](#).

Events Calendar

November 8: Regular Meeting, presentation by Scott Van Duzer, Manero's, Palm City *

November 11: Veterans Day: Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Pt. St. Lucie and Veterans Day Parade in Stuart at 10 am.

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 TBD.

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

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

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

May 1-3: Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is TBD.

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

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

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

Editor's Note

Compatriots, please forward your photographic or written submissions for consideration of inclusion in forthcoming issues of "The Whig".

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Minutes
October 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM

Invocation: BRUCE HERDHENRODER

Pledge of Allegiance: JOHN SHEPPARD

Pledge to the SAR: HALL REIDIGER

"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, Sept, 2014:

Motion to approve: HALL RIEDIGER Second: JAY WISE

Motion carried

Members Present: Hall Riediger, Tom Gilmore, Chuck McKinley, John Auld, John Sheppard, Carl Wise, Tom Barnhardt, Bruce Herdhenroder, Bud Rockhill, Jay Wise, Bill Hartley, Joe Leinbach, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Rod Graves, Jack Irvin

Guests present: Alice Rockhill, Susan Auld, Jan Barnhart, Barbara Hartley, Shirley O'Andrea, David and Vicki Schoonover, Chief David Dyess, Judy Martin, John Martin, Makalla Stierlin, Sheriff William Snyder, Christine Weiss, William Weiss, Stephen Leighton, Mason Pratt and Jade Pratt

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Mason Patton Pratt Patriot: Haffield White

Jade Alexander Pratt Patriot: Haffield White

Grandmother Judy Martin pins rosettes on both.

RECESS FOR LUNCH. CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

NEW BUSINESS: The SLRSAR BOM proposed two changes to the Constitution. This is the first reading:

Change Article II by adding Okeechobee County.

Change Article VII to read: At all Chapter meetings, nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum, of whom at least three (3) must be officers.

Award Presentations:

1. CHARLES MCKINLEY PRESENTS FLORIDA VETERAN'S BATTALLION CERTIFICATE TO JOHN AULD

2. CARL WADE PRESENTS FLORIDA VETERAN'S BATTALLION CERTIFICATES TO:

CARL VINCENT WADE

JACK HARMON IRVIN

WILLIAM ROBERT HARTLEY

DONALD THOMAS BARNHART

JOSEPH KLEIN LEINBACH

3. NOT PRESENT TO RECEIVE FLORIDA VETERAN'S BATTALLION CERTIFICATES:

DANIEL JOSEPH OLIN

ROBERT H. EISENHARDT

JAMES CHRISTOPHER WADE

Award Presentations for Law Enforcement:

It is our distinct honor and privilege to present Law Enforcement Commendation medals to two officers from Martin County.

From the City of Stuart, Reserve Officer David Schoonover. Police Chief David Dyess outlined Officer Schoonover's career spanning more than thirty years. Mrs. Nicki Schoonover pinned the medal on Officer Schoonover.

From the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff William Weiss. Sheriff Will Snyder outlined DS Weiss's career over more than twenty years, including service as the departments Color Guard Commander. Mrs. Christine Weiss pinned the medal on DS Weiss

President Auld introduced Sheriff Will Snyder who then delivered a stirring address recalling our forefathers who were God centric in their deliberations to form our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. SNYDER echoed the phrase "one Nation under God" and praised the Sons of the American Revolution for upholding and remembering the founding of our country.

Sheriff Snyder received a standing ovation.

Information and Announcements:

Dues are now due. Please pay now.

All officer and committee reports now appear in the WHIG.

Chuck McKinley was appointed as Chair of the FLSSAR Veteran's Battalion.

Hall Riediger has been elected Secretary of the FLSSAR.

Riediger has been appointed SLRSAR color guard commander.

50/50 drawing winner is Hall Riediger who donated the \$16 to the Liberty Tree Fund.

Guy's Duck amount: \$26

Next meeting date and program:

November 8: Mr. Scott Van Duzer from Fort Pierce will discuss Boy Scout Troop 772 and his foundation's charitable activities.

Link: <http://www.vanduzerfoundation.org/about-us/awards-recognitions/#.VDrDNootCpo>

Mayor Hudson will also attend.

Benediction: BRUCE HERCHENRODER

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 1:44 PM

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

The Liberty Tree

The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution (1776-1783). In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies and for that reason it was felled by British soldiers in 1775.

In 1765 the British government imposed a Stamp Act on the American colonies. It required all legal documents, permits, commercial contracts, newspapers, pamphlets, and playing cards in the American colonies to carry a tax stamp. Because the Act applied to papers, newspapers, advertisements, and other publications and legal documents, it was viewed by the colonists as a means of censorship, or a "knowledge tax," on the rights of the colonists to write and read freely.

On 14 August 1765, a crowd gathered in Boston under a large elm tree at the corner of Essex Street and Washington Street, originally called Orange Street, to protest the hated Stamp Act. Patriots who later called themselves the Sons of Liberty had hung in effigy Andrew Oliver, the colonist chosen by King George III to impose the Stamp Act, in the branches of the tree. Up in the tree with the effigy hung a British cavalry jackboot. Grinning from inside the boot was a devil-like doll holding a scroll marked "Stamp Act." It was the first public show of defiance against the Crown and spawned the resistance that led to the American Revolutionary War 10 years later. On 10 September, a sign saying "Tree of Liberty" was nailed to the trunk of the tree.

In the years leading up to the war, the British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule. British soldiers tarred and feathered a man named Thomas Ditson, and forced him to march in front of the tree. During the siege of Boston, a party of Loyalists led by Job Williams defiantly cut

the tree down in an act of spite, knowing what it represented to the colonists, and used the tree for firewood. This act only further enraged the colonists. As resistance to the British grew, flags bearing a representation of the Liberty Tree were flown to symbolize the unwavering spirit of liberty. These flags were later a common sight during the battles of the American Revolution.

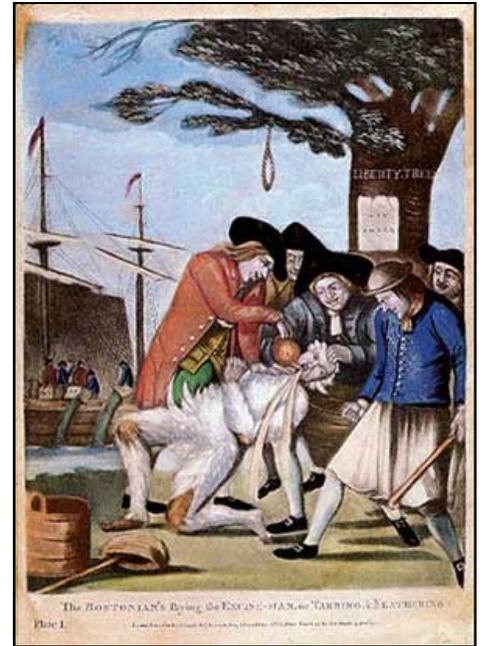
For many years the remnant of the tree was used as a reference point by local citizens, similar to the Boston Stone, and became known as the "Liberty Stump." Later the citizens in many of the colonies erected a Liberty pole in commemoration of the Liberty Tree.

Besides actual trees, the term "Tree of Liberty" is associated with Thomas Jefferson's quotation, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

To William S. Smith Paris, Nov. 13, 1787

DEAR SIR,

-- (...) Wonderful is the effect of impudent & persevering lying. The British ministry have so long hired their gazetteers to repeat and model into every form lies about our being in anarchy, that the world has at length believed them, the English nation has believed them, the ministers themselves have come to believe them, & what is more wonderful, we have believed them ourselves. Yet where does this anarchy exist? Where did it ever exist, except in the single instance of Massachusetts? And can history produce an instance of rebellion so honourably conducted? I say nothing of it's motives. They were founded in ignorance, not wickedness. God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion. The people cannot be all, & always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions it is a lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty.



The Bostonians Paying the Excise-man, or Tarring and Feathering by Philip Dawe, 1774, from John Carter Brown Library, Brown University

We have had 13. states independent 11. years. There has been one rebellion. That comes to one rebellion in a century & a half for each state. What country before ever existed a century & half without a rebellion? & what country can preserve it's liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to facts, pardon & pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants. It is it's natural manure. Our Convention has been too much impressed by the insurrection of Massachusetts: and in the spur of the moment they are setting up a kite to keep the hen-yard in order. I hope in God this article will be rectified before the new constitution is accepted. (...)

Th. Jefferson



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