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

September 2014

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

Our first regular meeting will be October 11 at Manero's in Palm City. Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder and City of Stuart Police Chief David Dyess will be present to award Law Enforcement Medals, and Sheriff Snyder will discuss the Constitution and current law enforcement procedures.

Additionally, the SAR will proudly present NINE FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Certificates to deserving members. Our Vice President Chuck McKinley is State Chair of the Veteran's Committee, and has worked very hard the past six months to increase our chapter's participation in the Florida Veterans Battalion.

There is a lot going on with our active chapter. We need everyone to pitch in and help with our various activities. WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU PAY YOUR DUES AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!

Sincerely,

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2014 National Constitution Day

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR supported two DAR related Constitution Day activities on September 13, 2014. The first Constitution Day ceremony was at the Fort Pierce Marina with the Cora Stickney Harper DAR Chapter. Our chapter American flag was carried by the US Coast Guard color guard team, and the chapter SAR flag was carried by Compatriot Chuck McKinley. Compatriot Jay Wise led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Joe Regan played Taps on the bugle provided by the American Legion. DAR Vice Regent Karon Drew conducted the ceremony along with readings by several of her chapter members, including City of Ft. Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, who gave a speech on the Constitution. Lindy Wise supported us logistically and made sure our team looked good for the general public.



Compatriot Joe Regan

The second event of the day was the Constitution Day Luncheon jointly sponsored by the DAR and SAR held at the Monarch Country Club in Stuart. Over 100 members and guests attended and heard the stirring presentation by George Bush, past President of the Martin County Bar Association and expert on Constitutional Law, entitled "The Importance of Our Constitution".

The event was co-chaired by DAR Committee Chair Bobbie Hoffman and by SAR Chapter President John Auld and Director at Large Hall Riediger. Regents from the DAR Halpatiokee, Okeechobee, Jupiter Lighthouse, and Saint Lucie River Chapters participated in the activities. SAR members who attended included Jeff Sizemore, FLSSAR Regional Vice President, Hall Riediger, FLSSAR State Secretary, John Auld, Chapter President, Jay Wise, Director at Large, Joe Leinbach, Chuck McKinley, Chapter Vice President, John Sheppard, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Jack Irvin, and Joe Regan. Phil Carr, Chaplain, gave the invocation.



SAR Chapter President John Auld presenting George Bush the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship award

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Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts Celebration

On September 2, 2014, the Saint Lucie River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution supported the celebration of the 100th year anniversary of the Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts. We participated in a ceremony raising a new flag in the school courtyard.

Compatriot Jack Irvin requested our support and participation. Jack wore two hats that day: first, as an officer of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and second, as a member of the Saint Lucie River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was assisted by COL David Rubinstein USAF, LTC Bobbie Williams USAR, CW2 William Armstrong USAR, and Margie Armstrong MOAA Aux, and Sandra Irvin, his wife, all of the local MOAA organization. Supporting from Saint Lucie River SAR were Compatriot John Auld, Chapter President, carrying the Liberty Tree flag, Compatriot Chuck McKinley carrying the Betsy Ross flag, Compatriot Jack Irvin carrying the MOAA flag, Compatriot Jay Wise carrying the SAR Chapter flag, and Compatriot Joe Regan.



Our Chapter American flag was carried by a MOAA member. Also supporting were Bill Arnold SP4, USAR, who started and coordinates the in-school veterans patriotism program for St Lucie County, Linda Kangas 1LT UASR, Dianna Zychowski 1LT USAR, Joseph St. Rose USAR veteran, James Thoma, music director and trumpeter, Kaitlyn Mobley, student, who sang the Star Spangled Banner, and Jackie Lynch, the school principal.

The new flag was raised by Mark Perfit, USAR veteran, accompanied by his wife and son, who attends the school. Mark has for years walked to this school and raised and lowered our great Standard, on his own accord, his own time, and free of charge, for love of country and his son. Mark is a great patriot. The event was covered by the local newspaper with pictures and details on their TCPALM web site.



This was a perfect time to come together with our schools and other organizations, who share our enthusiasm for this county, our Constitution, our Flag, and our desire to promote patriotism to our young children and the public in general. We took pride in answering questions as to who we were and why we were attired in Revolutionary period regalia. Our chapter enjoys these public moments to honor our country, to represent our SAR organization, and to provide the history of our nation's founding. This is part of our continuing effort to educate both young and old in what it took to become the United States of America. As we continue to participate in these public ceremonies, we have been meeting some of the same people who are dedicated to our country and history and hope to encourage membership for those who qualify, and to establish friendships for those who don't. Thanks for a job well done to the Saint Lucie River SAR.

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August 2014 Chapter BOM Meeting

On August 13, the Chapter officers met to schedule this year's activities and to appoint committees.

We want everyone to get involved and to contribute to our organization. As President, John Auld has requested that each chapter member develop a brief 5 minute presentation of his Patriot. This could be a talk, PowerPoint, video, or slideshow. It is important that, as part of our heritage, we know the history and stories of our ancestors who fought so valiantly for our freedom. At each monthly meeting, one or two members will give their presentations. Space permitting, some of these "Patriot Tales" will be printed in the Whig. Committee chairs have been asked to recruit participants and train their replacements. Let us work as a team and spread the labor. More inclusiveness and participation create feelings of fraternity and belonging.

We are looking for new and fresh ideas that may be more Veteran related. We also seek out civic events at which our SAR chapter can become better known to our community. Please email President John Auld at dlua@comcast.net with ideas for future meetings.

2014 Officers and Directors:

President:	John Auld
1st Vice President:	Charles McKinley
2nd Vice President:	John Sheppard
Treasurer:	Chris Wade
Secretary:	Tom Gilmore
Director:	Jay Wise
Director:	Hall Riediger

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain:	Phil Carr
Historian:	Jay Wise
Genealogist:	John Sheppard
Registrar:	Charles McKinley
Sergeant at Arms:	Seth Fields
Web Master:	Tom Gilmore
Editor:	William Hammond

Standing Committees as Authorized by SAR Constitution:

Program Committee:	Chairman Charles McKinley, First Vice President
Membership Committee:	Chairman John Sheppard, Second Vice President
Americanism (Chapter Challenge):	Chairman Hall Riediger, Director

Other Committees:

Eagle Scouts:	Hall Riediger
Habitat for Humanity:	Joe Leinbach & Jay Wise
History Fairs:	Hall Riediger
JROTC:	Carl Wade & Jack Irwin
Liberty Tree:	Joe Regan, Jay Wise, Charles McKinley
Membership:	John Sheppard
Veterans Affairs:	Carl Wade & Jack Irwin
Color Guard:	Seth Fields

Upcoming October Chapter Meeting



The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR will hold the October Chapter Meeting on October 11, 2014 at 11:30 at Manero's restaurant. Please make a note of the date and time and plan to attend this important event.

1) The Chapter will present the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from the Sons of the American Revolution to the following deserving individuals:

Deputy Sheriff and Honor Guard Commander William Weiss of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Police Officer Dave Schoonover of the City of Stuart Police Department.

Our guest speaker is scheduled to be Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder, who will address the Chapter regarding modern law enforcement and our Constitution.

City of Stuart Police Chief David Dyess is scheduled to attend the meeting to join in honoring these two officers.

2) Also planned for the October meeting, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR is proud to present NINE FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Certificates to:

James Wade, Chris Wade, Dan Olin, Joe Leinbach, Jack Irvin, William Hartley, Robert Eisenhardt, Donald Barnhardt, and John Auld.

All members and their spouses are encouraged to attend and join us in honoring these deserving individuals.

SAR News and Notes

-President General Lindsey C. Brock's Primary Goals for 2014-2015. Read about them on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-National Society Headquarters moved into new quarters on West Main in Louisville, joining other notable organizations like the Slugger Museum and the Frasier Museum. Read about the new SAR HQ and the future plans to launch a museum of the American Revolution in the building over the next several years [here](#).

-The SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage Vision Plan. Experience the vision on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-SAR Genealogical Research Library Features Steamboat

History with Belle of Louisville. Read more at the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-The NSSAR Archives are issuing a series of posts about the Presidents General of the NSSAR. Edward S. Barrett, President General 1897-98, was born in Concord, MA in 1833. He was president of the Massachusetts Society SAR for six years. He served in the Civil War in the Connecticut, serving in the Connecticut 12th Infantry Regiment and the Connecticut 12th Infantry Battalion. He was the Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Trade. Barrett died while in office in Concord, MA on December 21, 1898.

Events Calendar

September 26,27: Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

October 3-5: Fall 2014 BOM Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is the Southwest.

October 11: Regular Meeting, Law Enforcement presentation, Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder scheduled guest speaker, nine FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Certificates to our members, Manero's, Palm City *

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

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

The Chapter will be recognizing outstanding Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Safety personnel at the monthly Chapter meetings over the next few months. Check your schedules and attend these meetings so that we may honor these deserving individuals. *WKH*

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Committee Reports: September 2014

1st VP Activities---I have been working on the agenda items and presentations for the November and December meetings. (See events calendar.) The December awards will include a Fireman and an EMT. This has been coordinated with the Public Information Officer at the Saint Lucie County Fire District. Also chair of Liberty Tree and Veterans Affairs Committees. Chuck McKinley

Liberty Tree Committee---The Liberty tree Committee for the chapter is wearing two hats, one for the Chapter and one for the State. We sent a memo to all FLSSAR Chapter Presidents informing them of our plans, and requesting information on what projects are completed, the locations, and descriptions so we can create a state data base for all to review. Additionally we are working on a state project for a marker on the grounds of our Florida State Capital in Tallahassee.



At the Chapter level, we have gathered information on our two known Liberty Trees, one in Jensen Beach and the other in the Veterans Park in Okeechobee. We are looking at other possible site. We have done surveys of stone and marker companies to determine costs for a new location if they are approved. We also purchased the first Bronze Plaque to have available when we have Chapter and Location approval. A program will be developed for each Liberty Tree marker that may be installed.

Veterans Affairs Committee---We completed and processed 10 chapter members into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Certificates will be presented at the October meeting. Additionally processed were requests for 8

Military Service Medals (MSM), War Service Members (WSM), and National Certificates for chapter compatriots to be given at the November meeting. We are currently processing applications for two compatriots for entry into the National Corps. We anticipate more future activities as a result of the newly approved Veterans Nursing home in our area.

2nd VP Activities--- Duties include Chairman of the membership and genealogy committee and assisting the Registrar with applications and the Membership Data Base. The committee now has 4 compatriots to assist with the membership application process. Committee members actively recruit at the monthly Fort Pierce Farmers' Market event. I am looking for a volunteer to manage the Annual Food Drive. The board needs to determine when the annual food drive is to be held. Also chair of Membership and Genealogy committees. John Sheppard.

Membership Committee--- Currently coordinating applications for new 10 prospects. Received President's approval to fix the third Saturday of the month at the Fort Pierce Farmers. Up-dated the Master Data base of current and past data base is nearly complete. The Chapter has listed 138 Historical to Date members of which 57 are current members. We recommend that a listing of Patriots be put on the web page.

Genealogy Committee--- Conduct recruiting activities at the Martin County and Fort Pierce Libraries in their genealogy departments. Assist with new member applications as needed.

Historian--- Down to one box now, still sorting and assimilating data for report.

Color Guard Committee---Provided Color Guard for Constitution Day at Fort Pierce SAR ceremony, and 100th Anniversary of Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts.

Americanism Committee---No report.

History Fairs Committee--- No report

Eagle Scouts Committee--- No report.

ROTC Committee--- No activity as the school year just began

Habitat for Humanity Committee--- No Activity.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand (checking account):	\$1190.60
Money market reserve account:	\$6110.57
Current expense (medals/awards):	\$428.00

Chris Wade, Treasurer

Good Citizenship Award

The chapter has for many years participated in the Good Citizenship program. We give to each school certificates for one boy and one girl as good citizens. The Good Citizenship program along with JROTC are the most important things that the Chapter does with the local community and the school systems in three counties. We send out certificates to 54 schools to present to two student they select. We offer the schools the option for one of us to attend in uniform and to make the presentation. Only six schools request our participation,

but all of them present the certificates to their students.

Hall Riediger, Committee Chair, recommends we extend the program to include private schools, thereby increasing our presence to approximately 100 schools in the three county area. This should provide us further access to the schools. We need SAR members willing, able, and available to go to schools on request to present the Good Citizenship Award. Call Hall Riediger and let him know you will help. 772-336-0926.

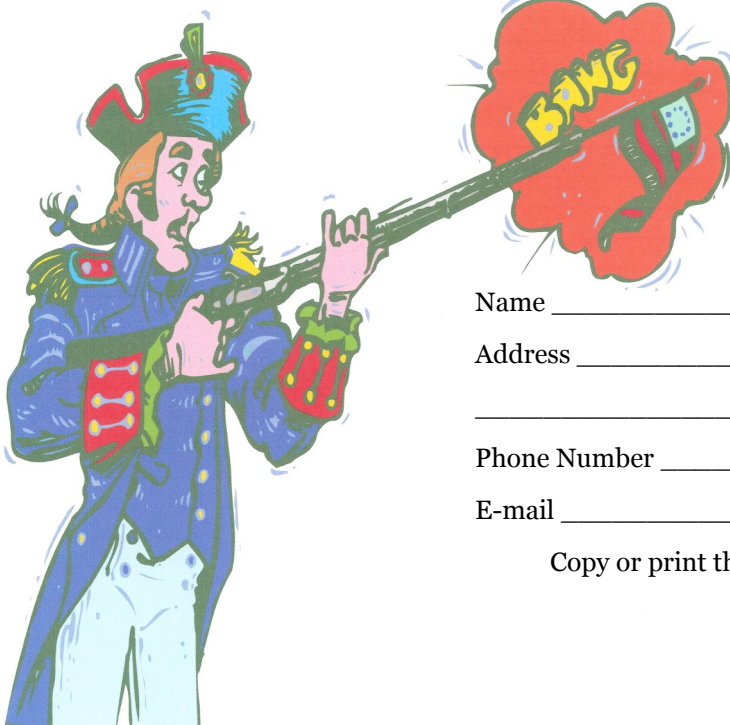
Past Presidents

The following is a list of all known past Presidents by years for the Saint Lucie River Chapter and will be updated as the years pass.

Guy S. Athearn	1989
Richard T. Diekmann	1990
Stephen F. Pillsbury	1991
Edward N. Casey	1992
Thomas R. Osterhoudt	1993
Douglas H. North	1994-1995
Guy S. Athearn	1995-1996

James C. Currie	1996-1998
William A. Thatcher	1998-2000
Donald C. Richardson	2000-2001
William A. Thatcher	2001-2002
Jay F. Wise	2002-2004
Richard Q. Fowler	2004-2005
H. Hall Riediger	2005-2007
Jay F. Wise	2007-2009
H. Hall Riediger	2009-2010
Robert W. Donnahoo Jr	2010-2012
H. Hall Riediger	2012-2014

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. All members are encouraged to pay their 2015 dues by October 11.

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Major General Anthony Wayne

Anthony Wayne was born in Easttown Township, Pennsylvania on January 1, 1745. Wayne learned surveying at his uncle's academy and studied at the College of Philadelphia. In 1765, Benjamin Franklin employed Wayne surveying lands in Nova Scotia. In 1774-1775, he served in the Pennsylvania Legislature from Chester County.

Wayne raised a regiment of Pennsylvania troops at the outbreak of war and became its colonel. Sent to aid Benedict Arnold in Canada, he was wounded at the Battle of Three Rivers. He received promotion to Brigadier General.

At Brandywine, Wayne commanded the Pennsylvania line. Forced to slowly withdraw by the British and Hessian forces, Washington looked to retire to a favorable position. On September 20, 1777, warned by Washington to be vigilant, Wayne's units were ambushed by General Gray's men, using swords and bayonets in the brutal night action. The casualties numbered 158. Wayne requested and received a court martial. The court acquitted him with the highest honor.

At the Battle of Germantown, Wayne achieved short lived success, pushing forward too quickly, and was ultimately forced to cover an orderly retreat.

The army wintered at Valley Forge, about five miles from Wayne's home,

but he preferred to stay closer to the army.

In 1778, Wayne led the American attack at the Battle of Monmouth. Wayne was left in a precarious position when General Charles Lee failed to carry out Washington's orders and ordered retreat. Washington rushed additional troops and Wayne reformed the lines, eventually causing the British to retreat. Washington praised Wayne's conduct to Congress.

Wayne conceived a plan to attack the British fort, Stony Point, on the Hudson River, which Washington approved with utmost secrecy. Wayne now commanded a corps of light infantry, Wayne attacked the fort, 150 feet high on a bluff, and the plans were executed so well that American forces reached the center of the fort at the same time, capturing 543 prisoners. The surprise of the successful attack caused Congress to award Wayne with a gold medallion commemorating his service.

In 1781, Wayne was commanding officer of the Pennsylvania line when conditions led to the Pennsylvania line mutiny, a serious issue only resolved by dismissing half the troops. After delays replenishing the ranks and dealing with subsequent complaints about devalued pay, Wayne joined Lafayette in Virginia. After the British surrender at Yorktown, Wayne was sent to South Carolina and then Georgia to break the British alliance



*"Anthony Wayne, uniform"
by James Sharples*

with native Indian tribes, negotiating peace treaties with the Creek and the Cherokee.

Wayne was promoted Major General on October 10, 1783.

After the war, Wayne served in the Second United States Congress as a representative from Georgia.

President Washington recalled Wayne to active service to lead the "Legion of the United States" in the Northwest Indian War. Wayne defeated the Indian Confederacy at the Battle of Fallen Timbers and negotiated the Treaty of Greenville, granting most of present Ohio to the United States.

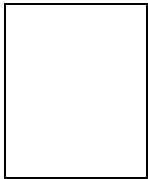
Wayne died on December 15, 1796.

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Silver Medal

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