



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,
This my last Salvo in the "Whig" and I wish to tell you that it has been a distinct pleasure to serve you and the Chapter over this last year.

Bob Donnahoo will be taking over the reins and I hope each of you will work with him as you have worked with me. I am not stepping out, I am simply stepping aside and taking over the Florida Society Treasure's job. I think it will keep me busy.

So I thank you again for the honor and it has been an honor to serve each of you and the Chapter.

Good luck and take care.

Hall Riediger

Andrew Bolonka Receives Law Enforcement Medal

Andrew Bolonka receives the SAR Law Enforcement medal from 1st Vice President Bob Donnahoo. Detective Bolonka's efforts in breaking up a drug ring that



was through out South Florida. He spent over six months undercover getting the evidence to convict the people, who were profiting from these illegal activities. The St. Lucie River Chapter lauds the efforts of the men and women, who go in harms way to protect us, thank you Detective Bolonka. More pictures and text on the following page.

Please Remember to Bring an Item to the Meeting

When you come to the final meeting of the Winter please remember to bring a non perishable food item, such as granola bars, single wrapped packages of crackers, Slim Jim's, beef jerky and any other prepared preserved food. We will after the meeting send the items collected down to the Veteran's Hospital in West Palm Beach to be used by them for the disabled and homeless veterans that come into the hospital for occassional care. Also in the Fall, if you are going thourgh your closets please put aside any clothes, jackets, blankets for collection so that we can donate these items there also, the Chapter uses the items to gain points for the Stark award, run each year by National. This will be our thrid year.

Photos

1st VP Bob Donnahoo looks on a Payton Bolonka pins the SAR Law Enforcement medal on her fathers lapel. Doug North sits in the background.



Left to right: 1st VP Bob Donnahoo, center, St. Lucie County Sherriff's Deputy Andrew Balonka and Payton Balonka

St. Lucie County Under Sherriff Gary Wilson on the left talking with 1st VP Bob Donnahoo.



Minutes, April 10, 2010

Call to Order : 12:00 Noon by Hall Riediger

Invocation: Doug North

Pledge of Allegiance: Jay Wise

Pledge to the SAR: Rich Pattison

Minutes of the previous meeting a motion to approved by Bob Donnahoo, seconded by Doug North
There being a quorum present , the meeting proceeded.

Guests present: Helen Pattison, Penny Donnahoo, Grace Woodburn, Pat Eisenhardt and special guests. Deputy Chief Gary Wilson of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department, Detective Andrew Balonka and his daughter Payton Balonka.

Members present: Doug North, Bob Eisenhardt, Rich Pattison, Jay Wise, Bob Donnahoo, Hall Riediger, Carl Dennis, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Joe Leinbach and Royce Neil.

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Meeting brought back order 12:45 hours.

President General 's Patriot's Day message www.SAR.org. This web site needs no password and may be of interest to most members, please take the time to look it up and wander around.

Officer slate for April election, Bob Donnahoo, President, Dick Massey 1st vice President, Rich Pattison, Secretary, Hall Riediger, Treasurer, Royce Neil and Jay Wise , Directors at large. This is now a two year term, Membership is now 60 members, with 3 more at National awaiting approval.

We have received proclamations for Patriot's Day, from Martin County, St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce.

National congress will be held in Cleveland , Ohio, from June 24 through July 1, 2010. the 2011 congress will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The new SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution will be held at West Point, N.Y. Robert McDonald, Prof. of History at the USMA is the first distinguished scholar to speak. The event will be held at the Thayer Hotel, West Point, New York, June 18 through the 20th. The topic will be George Washington and his Protege's.

The Good Citizenship program is completed, and will go out this week. We have included all schools in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties. There are 55 Elementary, Middle and K-8 Schools in the three county area.

1st Vice President Bob Donnahoo presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Dective Andrew Balonka for his efforts in breaking up a drug ring that covered the southeast coast of Florida. Detective Balonka is part of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department.

the 50/50 winner was Payton Balonka.

Guy's Duck was \$19.00.

The next regular meeting is May 15, 2010 this is a week later then normal as the Board of Management Meeting will be the 7th, 8th, and 9th in Kissimmee. The program will be the Induction of new member Leo Riley, the installation of Officers and the Presentation of the SAR Heroism Medal to Lifeguard Lund of the Martin County Beach Patrol.

Benediction: Doug North

SAR Recessional: Hall Riediger

Thank you
Richard Pattison, Secretary

Accomplishments

It is with great pride that I am able to tell you that Compatriot Mark Klingensmith, of the St. Lucie River Chapter was elected the Mayor of Sewall's Point, Florida. Under our by-laws we cannot approve or disapprove of a candidate but we can congratulate him on a job well done. Congratulations Mark.

Patriot's Day

It is also with great pleasure that we thank all those who participated in getting the three proclamations from the Martin County Commission April 6th, the St. Lucie County Commission April 13th, and the City of Fort Pierce April 19th. A thank you to Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Jay Wise, and Hall Riediger for their efforts to remember our Patriot ancestors.

Join Up with the NSSAR Website

We would like to let each of you know that the NSSAR has a web site on the internet, It is accessible by typing in www.nssar.org into your web browser. If you choose to check out what is happening on the site, news and activities are available right on the home page. For those who are a little more adventurous you can go to login and sign up for the discussion forums and communicate with other compatriots across the country. Try this, you can really get more involved and active in the organization and it gets to be a lot more fun. Hope to see you in the forum discussions .

Library Coming Soon

Well some news from National, first the 6th installment of the videos produced by Secretary General David Sympson. David has kept up with how the Library is coming along, since the beginning and if you look at the SAR web site you can following the reconstruction. National is planning to move in sometime this Summer. This is going to be a major event for the SAR.

The Pegasus Parade was held in Louisville this past week. This is the parade held just before the Kentucky Derby and runs down the main street of Louisville. 36 compatriots participated this year, a big increase from last year. SSomething you can put on your calender

The SAR will have another color guard group at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. This is Monday, May 31 and is a major publicity coup for the SAR.

The 120th National Congress will be in Cleveland , Ohio June 25 through July1. this is the event in the SAR when all meet to form policy elect National Officers and work toward a Silver Color Guard Medal. If possible each of us should try and take part in a Congress. In 2011, the 121st Congress will be held in Winston-Salem , North Carolina next Summer. Dates to follow.

Gold Good Citizenship Medal

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for **Outstanding and Unusual** patriotic achievement and service of **National Importance**. It may be presented only once to any individual. This medal was authorized in 1954.

The medal is presented to persons of prominence on a **National Level** in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and the professions, and other appropriate fields of endeavor.

Former Presidents General may be awarded this medal, but the requests should be processed as any other. Other SAR members may receive the medal if they meet the requirements established for all applicants.



The Gold Good Citizenship Medal may be presented posthumously if the recipient died between the time the award was approved by the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee and the date it was to be presented.

The medal is gold filled and may be presented by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter with the approval of its state society. A certificate suitable for engraving should be completed and presented with the medal. Only two medals can be awarded by a state society in any one year.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this award. All requests and applications are to be sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal so state societies should contact him in advance to avoid an invalid request.

Plans for presentation must be made sufficiently in advance to allow the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee to review the applications while in session. Therefore, applications must be received by the Executive Director one month prior to a Trustees' Meeting or a National congress. If the application is not received in time it will be held until the next scheduled meeting.

In requesting the medal, the conferring authority must present a form, obtained from National, including a very detailed biographical sketch. The form requires the signature of the state president. Include payment for the current cost of the medal with the application.

After review by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the requesting society will be notified within four weeks as to the decision on the nomination. If approved, the medal will be mailed to the submitting society. If disapproved, the payment for the medal will be returned with a letter of explanation by the Executive Director. Miniature medals are available only to the recipients of the full sized medal.

A couple of years ago the St. Lucie River Chapter had the pleasure of awarding the first Gold Good Citizenship Medal, ever awarded by the Florida Society to Alex Moskovic of Hobe Sound. Alex, who an Emmie Award winning television producer, did not win the medal for his work in television, but for commitment to his adopted country. Alex has spent countless hours since his retirement speaking with students through out Florida and the Eastern United States telling of his experiences in Europe in 1939 through 1945. He has spent countless hours pursuing the governments of Europe in the relentless effort to have the property and valuables returned to the survivors of the Holocaust. We are proud to include Alex as a special member of the S., Lucie River Chapter.

Calendar of Events

May 7,8,9 Board of Management Meeting and Annual Meeting, Kissimmee, President General will attend. There will be another special seminar of Chapter Operation

May 15th Regular Meeting Manero's in Palm City meeting activities are, Installation of New Officers, Induction of a new member and the awarding of the SAR Heroism Medal and chapter awards.

May 31st, Memorial Day activities, there will be a color guard unit at the Veterans Memorial in Port St. Lucie and a color guard unit in the Stuart Parade. All guard members please contact Jay Wise to see about assignments.

June, please keep in mind that we will be needing colorguard members to present Good citizenship certificates at local Elementary and Middle Schools, please let Hallkinow if you are going to be available.

June 16th Flag Day

July 4th Independence Day

August 27/28 Board of Management Meeting Kissimmee, all members are invited to attend.

September tentative date the 11th, joint meeting SAR/DAR Constitution Week.

October 9 Regular meeting Manero's, Palm City, Fire Safety Month.

Nov. 11th Veteran's Day activities, color guard in Port St. Lucie and Stuart.

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Bronze Medal

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