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The monthly newsletter and source of information
for the St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
April 2011

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

The St. Lucie River Chapter will be inducting a new member, Tom Gilmore.

We will be presenting the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy Bryan Irvine of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

It has been wonderful to have our esteemed Compatriot, Doug North coming back to our meetings. Doug has been through a lot in the past months and is now in assisted living and is doing well with most of the medical issues cleared up. April 28th is Doug's Birthday and we want to wish him our very best.

Also we wish Dick Massey and Royce Neil, who have been ill a quick and full recovery.

Our next meeting is April 9th at 11:30 AM at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City. Please come out to honor Tom, Bryan and Doug. If it weren't for the support of our ladies, our attendance would be meager. Gentlemen this is your SAR Chapter, We have a beautiful meeting place, great food and wonderful camaraderie. Please come out to show your support.

Thank you,

Bob Donnahoo,
President

Last Naval Battle Celebration

On March 5 three Compatriots, Jay Wise, Bob Donnahoo and Hall Riediger traveled up to Port Canaveral and participated in the 238th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution. This is the 5th year the celebration has been held and we are consistent participants.



The picture above shows our President Bob Donnahoo reading the Historical Marker standing among the patriotic flags that are around the cannon monument that is shown in the picture on the left. Also shown are the wreaths that the Chapter presents each year.



The wreaths are presented each year, one for the USS Alliance the vessel which fought in the Last Naval Battle and the second to Robt. McKnight the patriot of the John Moores, who served on the Alliance during the battle.



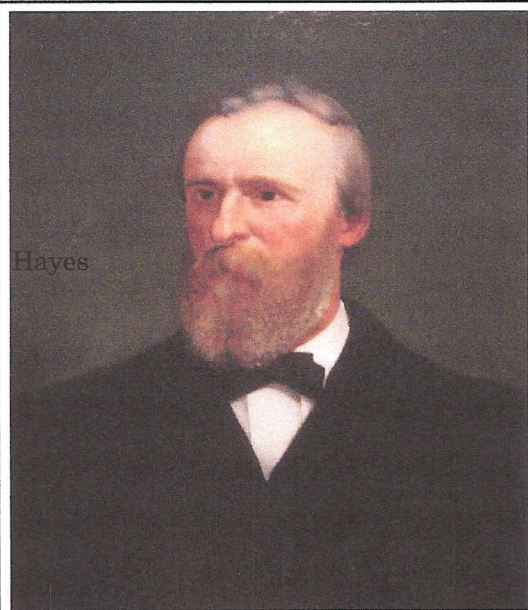
The last photo shows the Florida Society Color Guard forming up for the presentation of the colors. The upper right photo and the lower left are courtesy of Shirley Kennedy of the Brevard County Voters Registration Office, we thank her for her efforts.

Flag Certificate Presentation

Compatriot Chris Wade is presenting to his neighbor a SAR Flag Certificate for the very nice and proper presentation of the American Flag. As you can see, John and Wendy Ciacci of Port St. Lucie show the Flag and their patriotism very well. We thank them for their efforts.



The chapter has acquired a DVD produced by President General David Sympson that shows the construction of the new SAR Library in Louisville, KY. Hall has them available for a nominal fee that will go to fund raising efforts to complete the other part of the building. Please help if you can.



Rutherford B. Hayes

This is the beginning of a series of articles about the 16 Presidents of the United States, who have been members of the SAR. Rutherford Birchard was born on October 4, 1822 in Delaware, Ohio. He was the youngest child with an older sister Fanny. He was raised by his mother as his father passed away 10 weeks before his birth. Hayes' schooling was through and varied, common school in Ohio, and then in 1836 Norwalk Seminary, the following year he transferred to a preparatory school in Middletown, Conn, where he studied Latin and Ancient Greek. Returning to Ohio he enrolled in Kenyon College in 1838 where he graduated in 1842, Valdictorian. He entered Harvard Law in 1843 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1845. Hayes traveled a while and was in Cincinnati, Ohio by 1850 where he opened a Law Firm and began courting his future wife, Lucy Webb. Lucy was a staunch abolitionist and teetotaler and she would influence Hayes for the rest of his life, she would give birth to 4 sons, Birchard Austin 1856, Webb Cook 1856, Rutherford Platt 1858 and George Crook in 1864. In 1861 when the South fired on Fort Sumter Hayes joined the Army enlisting in the 23rd Rgmt of Ohio Volunteers, he would serve through out the Civil War beginning as a Major and being mustered out as a Brevetted Major General. He would be wounded 5 times once with a wound to that broke his arm but would survive the War. In 1865 Hayes would be elected to the Congress, he would resign in 1867 to run for Governor of Ohio, he was elected and would serve three terms from 1867 to 1872 and then again from 1875 to 1876 when he ran for President of the United States. In 1876 Hayes would be at the National Republican Convention, he was not the favorite, but after 7 ballots a compromise was reached and he became the nominee. There would be a bitter and contentious campaign with Hayes tied with the Democratic nominee. After much wrangling another compromise was reached and Hayes was elected as President of the United States. It was not one of the stellar moments in American political history. In 1881 at the end of his first term Hayes stepped down not seeking another term and he would retire back to Ohio. Hayes would be active in many causes for the remainder of his life helping Grover Cleveland his replacement and also working with Chester Arthur a future President. Hayes was an abolitionist, anti alcohol and helped set up a strong Civil Service. He would join the SAR with the service of Ezekiel Hayes Captain in the Connecticut Militia.

Doug North Wins

Doug North, Past President and senior member of the St. Lucie River Chapter is presented with the SAR/American Flag lapel pin by Bob Donnahoo current



President. We have established this idea to help turnout at our meetings and so far has been a success with the members who have attended, come on out and join us for a meeting it is at Manero's and the food is great.

History Fair Winner



At the St. Lucie County History Fair held on the 26th of February, we had our first winner in the last three years. Annually the St. Lucie River Chapter members volunteer to judge the History Fair entries from all the schools in the county, each year it is one of the best things we do, there will be more on this entry in the next issue.

Calendar of Events

April 9- Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City, At 11:30 AM. Law Enforcement Awards presented this year to Martin County Sheriff's Department.

May 7- Battle of Pensacola Celebration, Pensacola, Florida

May 13-15 Annual Meeting and Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society Kissimmee, FL. All Members are invited to attend. President General David Symptom will be the guest speaker

May 21- Regular meeting, Date changed because of conflict with the Board of Management.

May 30 - Memorial Day, colorguard events.

July 4 - Baseball event

121st Annual Congress July 9 to 13th Winston Salem, NC

August 26-27- Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society in Kissimmee, FL All members invited to attend.

September 10, Constitution Week Luncheon more information when it becomes available.

October 8- Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM Program is Fire Safety Month presentation of the Fire Safety and EMS Commendation Awards.

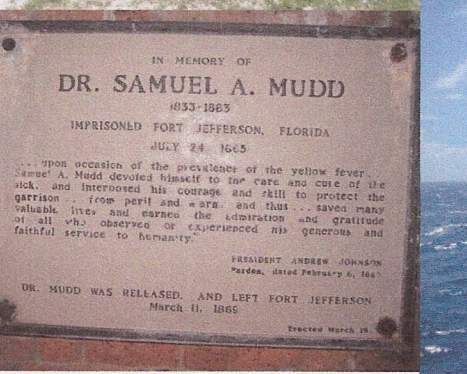
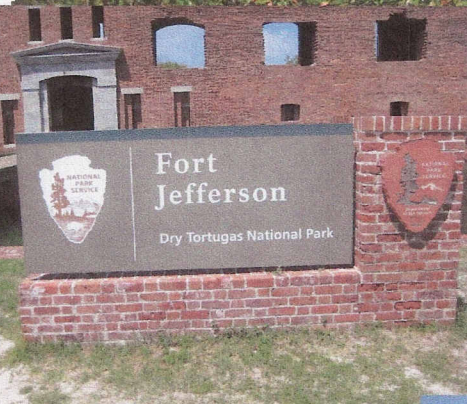
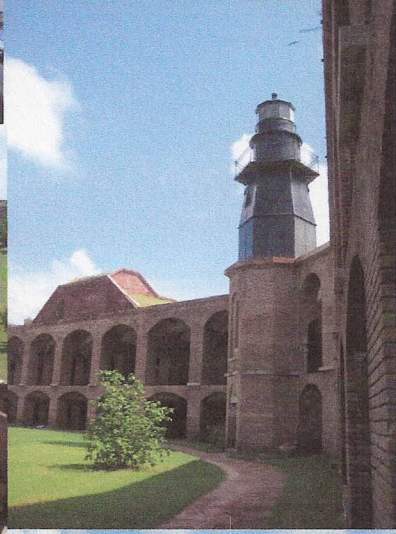
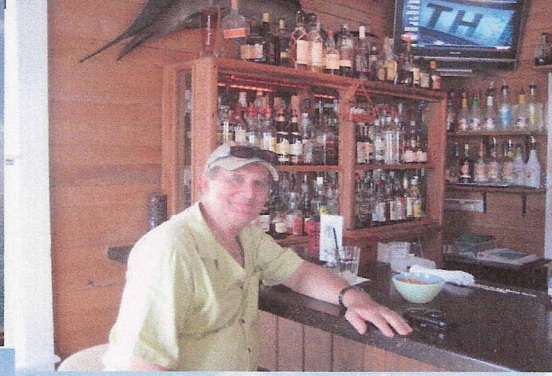
October 14-15 Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society in Kissimmee, FL All members are invited to attend.

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Photos

A photo montage of a place beyond, a place that exists 80 miles beyond the end of the road, a 2 1/2 hour boat ride from Key West, virtually uninhabited since the early 1900's now only a small group of Park Rangers live there only 10 days at a time, lonely, isolated and hauntingly beautiful. This the least visited National Park and earns the title of "a Place Beyond".



March 12, 2011
Minutes of Meeting

President Bob Donnahoo called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Invocation: Doug North

Pledge of Allegiance: Jay Wise

Pledge to the SAR: Phil Carr

Members Present: Doug North, Bob Donnahoo, Hall Riediger, Carl Dennis, Bud Rockhill, Phil Carr, Bob Eisenhardt and Jay Wise.

Guests Present: Penny Donnahoo, Grace Woodburn, Alice Rockhill, Sheila Carr, Pat Eisenhardt, and new recruit Howard Main.

Minutes were approved, Bob Eisenhardt made the motion and Hall Riediger seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Meeting recessed for lunch:

Meeting called back to order:

Jay Wise gave the Sick and Lame Committee report: Dick Massey is recovering from cancer surgery he is doing fine and Royce Neil is also recovering from a bout of fluid around the heart, both are in recovery mode.

On 5 March three Compatriots, Bob Donnahoo, Jay Wise and Hall Riediger participated in the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution Celebration in Port Canaveral. This is a lot of fun and gets us out into the general public.

Phil Carr presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the Stuart Yacht and Country Club. This can be done by any Compatriot, even those that don't live in the St. Lucie River area, i.e. Kansas, Colorado or New York. If you know someone, who displays the American Flag patriotically and correctly you can present them with a Award. Just contact Hall Riediger or Jay Wise and we will get you one for presentation, all we ask is a photo of the display to be presented in the "Whig".

On February 26, four Compatriots, Hall Riediger, Bob Donnahoo, Rich Pattison and Jay Wise, judged student projects the St. Lucie County History Fair they were the lucky ones. This is an annual project for the Chapter and is also one of the most fun. It also gives the judges the opportunity to meet the kids, who are the tops in their classes and see some really special work and effort.

We received notice that the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution is restarting their Chapter. they will be looking for membership so if you have Grandchildren or Children please let us know. The St. Lucie River Chapter is going to help with this effort so there will be more about this in the future.

We have a conflict with the Annual and BOM meeting of the Florida Society and our regular meeting of the St. Lucie River Chapter on May 14, we will be changing our meeting date to May 21 so be sure to mark your calendars.

At this point in time we have 64 members with two getting ready to submit their papers. so we are still holding our own with membership, we aren't growing, but then we are not shrinking.

A Memorial Service will be held for Ray Boyce on March 19th at 3:00PM at the DAV in Fort Pierce. All members are invited to attend. Please contact Jay, Bob or Hall for further information.

March 24 and March 30, JROTC Medals will be presented at Martin County HS, South Fork HS and Port St. Lucie HS.

The Chapter will be receiving Proclamations for Patriot's Day, April 19th from St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce.

May 13, 14, and 15 is the Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, all Compatriots are invited to attend.

Program : Hall Riediger presented a powerpoint presentation of "A Place Beyond" Fort Jefferson, Dry Tortugas

50/50 Bud Rockhill donated his winnings to the Chapter

Guy's Duck \$14.00

Benediction: Doug North

SAR Recessional: Phil Carr

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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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