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for the St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
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President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

Last week was the day that most of us should know all about, but only a very few do. Patriots' Day the day that has been set aside to honor the Patriot's, who fought at Lexington, Concord and the long journey back to Boston, 273 British soldiers died that day and 95 colonists. It was the start of the long War of Independence. The chapter requests Proclamations for the various local governments and they are eager to respond, We had Proclamations from St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce that honor the 178,000 patriot,s , who served to gain us our Independence. We like to remember the men , who served back then, and we also like to remember the men and women , who are serving right now paying the interest on that debt we owe. May 30 is Memorial Day helps us celebrate this wonderful day for Veterans.

Bob Donnahoo,
President

Deputy Brian Irving Honored

The St. Lucie River Chapter had the distinct pleasure of honoring Deputy Bryan Irving of the Martin County Sherriff's Department, with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Deputy Irving is the chaplain of the Department and was nominated for the honor by Sherriff



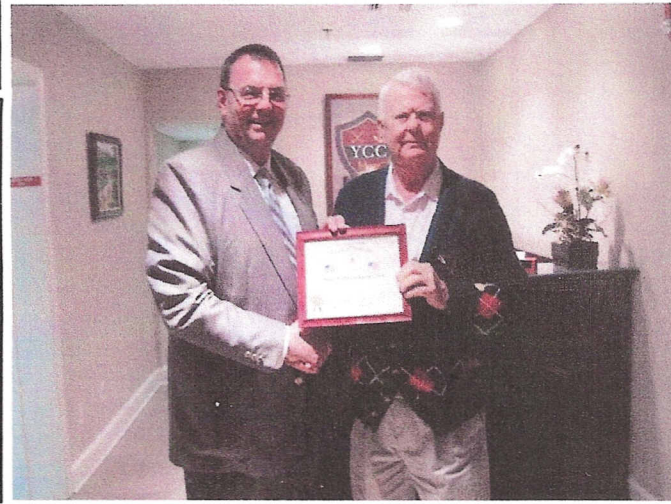
Irving, Bob, Bryan and Debbie Irving, and finally Captain Ed Kilpatrick of MCSD, who stood in for Sheriff Crowder and spoke a few words to the group. We are always honored when we get to visit with these public servants.

Crowder for Bryan's above and beyond attention to duty. We are delighted to bestow this honor and we thank the Department for their efforts to keep us safe. The photos are of Bob Donnahoo with Bryan



Phil Carr Presents Flag Certificate

St.. Lucie Compatriot Phil Carr presented to the Stuart Golf and Yacht Club a SAR Flag Certificate for their presentation of the American Flag. This is our 2nd presentation this year of a flag certificate.



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.



Benjamin Harrison

Born August 20, 1833 in North Bend, Ohio, he was the grandson of President William Henry Harrison. Harrison attended Farmer's College near Cincinnati, Ohio for two years and then transferred to Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio graduating in 1852. On Oct 20, 1853 Harrison married Caroline Lavinia Scott, they had two children Russell Benjamin Harrison and Mary Scott Harrison McKee.

He enlisted in the Union Army in 1862 as a 2nd Lieutenant when his unit left Indiana he was promoted to Colonel in the 70th Indiana Regiment. He served in the Cumberland Valley, and then under W.T. Sherman participating in a number of battles up to and including the Battle of Atlanta, he would be

transferred to the Nashville Theater before Sherman's March to Savannah. Harrison would be promoted on March 22, 1865 to Brigadier General and would march in the Grand Review at the end of the Civil War. On March 4, 1881 Harrison would be appointed by the Indiana Legislature to U. S. Senator and he would serve in that capacity until March 4, 1887. In 1888 he was chosen as the candidate for the Republican Party on the 8th ballot. He would defeat Grover Cleveland in the election of 1888 and serve as President of the United States until 1893 when he would lose in his reelection bid to Grover Cleveland. In 1896 he remarried his deceased wife's niece Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, 25 years his Junior, they would have 1 child Elizabeth born February 21, 1897. Early in 1901 he contracted a heavy cold which turned to Pneumonia, and died on March 31, 1901.

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. This year Corben Hampe of Southport Middle School made up the project to the right as his presentation to the 2011 St. Lucie County History Fair held this year at Samuel Gaines Middle School in Fort Pierce. There were about 80 projects and all are good, also there are video tape presentations, plays, skits, and music presentations. I would like to say that his project is the first Revolutionary War project in the last



three years and we are delighted with it. when I called Jim Currie to get help in setting up the presentation, I found out that Corben is one of Jim's students and he was delighted that he had won a prize. Please if you can come out for this event next year you will not be disappointed.

Calendar of Events

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 Genreal David Sympson will be the guest speaker

May 21- Regular meeting, Date changed because of conflict with the Board of Management. We have a really nice presentation prepared by President General David Sympson on the New Genealogical Library that was just completed in Louisville.

May 30 - Memorial Day, Color guard events.

June 14- Flag Day Elk's Club Celebration Color guard.

July 4 - Baseball event

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

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

September 17, Constitution Week Luncheon at Monarch CC 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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MINUTES

April 9, 2011

Call to Order:

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge to SAR:

Minutes of previous meeting approved by Royce Neil and seconded by Jay Wise
There being a quorum; the meeting proceeded.

Guests present: Penny Donnahoo, Alice Rockhill, Helen Pattison, Honora Gilmore, Shirley Massey, Grace Woodburn, Debbie and Bryan Irvine, and Capt. Ed Kilpatrick.

Members present: Doug North, Bob Donnahoo, Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Ed Rockhill, Chris Wade, Rich Pattison, Tom Gilmore, Dick Massey, Bob Eisenhardt, Carl Dennis, Royce Neil, and Joe Leinbach.

Cake was served for Doug North's birthday. God bless him.

Meeting back to Order: 1:15 PM

The first order of business was the induction of new member Thomas Gilmore. Welcome to the Chapter Tom. We hope you and your wife (Honora) had a great time.

Sick Committee: nothing to report. Those that were on sick report were back.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Chris Wade presented his neighbor with a flag certificate
Hall Reidiger, Jay Wise and Bob Donnahoo participated in the Memorial Service for Ray Boyce on March 19.

Bob Donnahoo presented awards to the JROTC at Martin County High and Port St. Lucie high, and Jay Wise presented JROTC award to South Fork High School

Our next meeting will be May 21, the BOM meeting will be the seconded Saturday in May. That is the reason for the change.

This month we honored Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Bryan Irvine. Officer Irvine is a Chaplain. His service to the community has been outstanding. When we asked for a candidate for this award; the sheriff stated this was the best person for this award.

50/50 winner was new member Tom Gilmore. \$11.00.

Guy's Duck: \$ 17.00

Benediction: Deputy Bryan Irvine

SAR Recessional: Doug North

Richard B. Pattison
Secretary

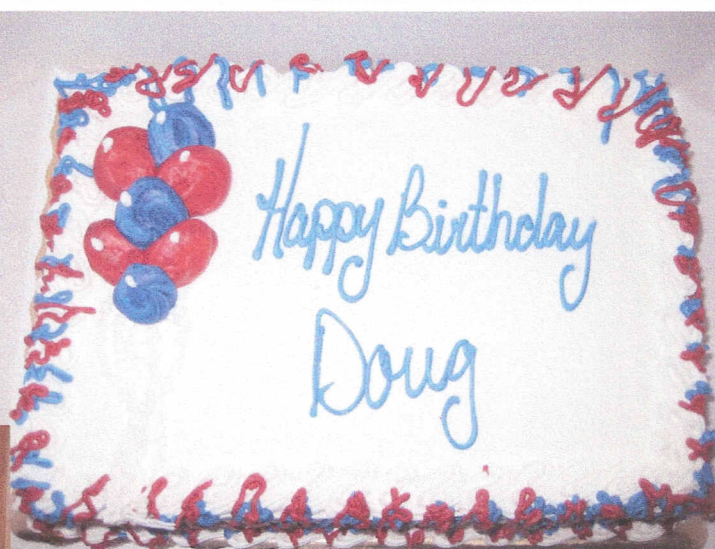
It was with great pleasure that we inducted Thomas Nelson Gilmore into membership in the SAR and the St. Lucie River Chapter. Tom has also volunteered to become our new webmaster and is now engaged in setting up a website for the chapter. The photos are of Bob Donnahoo, in uniform, Tom Gilmore and his lovely wife, Honora. We are delighted to have them as members of the chapter.

New Member Tom Gilmore Inducted



Happy Birthday Doug

The Senior member of the chapter celebrated his birthday, on April 28th. We are proud of Doug North and we plan to celebrate many more birthday anniversaries in the future. Up until last year Doug was the JROTC and Eagle Scout Chairman for the Chapter. Also Doug



has been a Past President of the Chapter a Regional Vice President in the Florida Society, and has been awarded the Patriot Medal . I know you will want, like all of us to wish Doug a Happy Birthday. The picture of the left shows Hall Riediger presenting the Birthday cake to Doug.



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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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Silver Medal

George Lambert

Bronze Medal

John Auld
Frederick "Bud" Rockhill, Jr.