



# 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,

It is with great pleasure that I get to greet all of you back to another year with the St. Lucie River Chapter

We are looking forward to a number of things coming up that will be of great importance to each of you. First we are looking for a couple of good men, who are willing to serve on the Nomination Committee. Second we are looking for a few more good men, who are willing to serve the Chapter as officers.

I am in my last year as your President and we will more good leadership in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Donnahoo

## Chapter Colorguard at the 4th of July

On the 4th of July this year the Chapter again was the Honor Guard presenting the colors for the St. Lucie Mets Baseball team at Digital Domain Stadium here in Port St. Lucie. This is the second year we have done this and will do it again next year. If you are in the area please join us for the game and fireworks as it is a lot of fun.

We were lucky enough this year to have the entire guard participate introducing them from left to right are Jay Wise Commander,

Christian Whiting, Mascot, Adam Whiting, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Dick Massey, Hall Riediger, Rich Pattison and Bob Eisenhardt. In all there were 20 people there this past year, hot dogs, beer and a great ball game, our Mets lost to the Fort Meyers Miracle. The there was a spectacular fire works show for about 20 minutes lots of crashing and banging just like John Adams stated. We even had the advantage this year of it not raining. Think about joining us next year for this annual event.





# William McKinley



# Mark Klingensmith

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Compatriot Mark Klingensmith of Stuart has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Bench of the Florida 19th Circuit Court. All of you please add your congratulations to my own, to "His Honor"  
Mark Klingensmith

Our third in the series of American Presidents, who have been members of the SAR, William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States.

William Mckinley was born January 29, 1843 in Niles, Ohio the seventh of nine children. At the age of 10 the family moved to Poland , Ohio. Mckinley graduated from Poland Accademy and then he attended Allegheny College but was forced by illness to return home in 1860. After this because of finances he was only able to attend parttime. In June of 1861 at the start of the Civil War McKinley joined the Union Army as a private and was assigned to the 23rd Ohio Infantry. In battle fought in western Virginia Mc Kinley displayed such bravery he was promoted to Commissary

by his commanding officer, Rutherford B. Hayes a future President and mentor. This began a career of excellence where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, then Captain and then finally Brevet Major by Abraham Lincoln. McKinley was mustered out of the Army in September of 1865 and then attended Albany Law School in New York, his bravery and service was also recognized by others and he was invited to join the Masons rising to Knight Templar. Admitted to the Bar in 1867 he was soon involved with politics.

In 1869 met and began courting his future wife, Ida Saxon they were married in 1871 and the first two years of his marriage were the happiest years of his life. In December 1871 his first child Katherine was born, In 1873 shortly after the death of Ida's Mother their second child, Ida was born. This only portended future disaster, Ida the newborn died at the age of 5 months and her difficult birth had caused her mother 's health to deteriorate , Ida suffering with Phlebitis and epileptic seizures among other afflictions and then in 1876 Katherine died.

In 1877 McKinley ran for Congress, he won and served from 1877 to 1882, he was defeated in 1883 but was reelected from 1885 to 1891. In 1890 he lost his house seat and decided to run for the Governorship of Ohio, he was elected and then reelected in 1893. In 1896 McKinley ran and was elected president of the United States and would serve from 1897 to 1901. Two major foreign policy events occurred during his term, first in 1897 the islands of Hawaii were annexed in to the United States and then in 1898 the Spanish American War began with the explosion and sinking of the battleship "Maine" in Havana , Cuba. In the 1900 election McKinley ran with the new American hero, Theodore Roosevelt.

Then in September of 1901 McKinley and his wife, Ida attended the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo New York. These were the show of shows, new products, inventions, great shows and all sorts of new fangled contraptions. The buildings were lined with the crazy invention of the electric light and there was even to even crazier inventions that people marveled over like the X-Ray Machine. On September 5th Mckinley visited the Temple of Music, as he entered a man waiting in line with a pistol hidden by a handkerchief waited for him, when McKinley was close enough Leon Czolgosz, fired two shots, the first grazed his shoulder but the second entered his abd in the muscles of his back. Bystanders beat Czolgosz so badly he was close to death even though McKinley pleaded he be saved. Doctors easily removed and treated the first wound in the shoulder, but were in a quandary on the second bullet, deciding finally to leave it in place as McKinley was improving. On Sept 14th McKinley's health turned for the worse and he died at the age of 58. His last words were "It is God's way, his will be done not ours."

The question will always remain though, Doctors would not operate by the new electric light so used reflected sun-light and why in the world didn't they use the new x-ray machine?





## Honors

On Sept 17th the St. Lucie River Chapter honored Judge Kathleen H. Roberts of the Florida 19th Circuit Court. The picture on the left shows Judge Roberts and Hall Riediger representing the St. Lucie River Chapter. We are always delighted when we are able to honor those members of our government, who do not receive the credit they deserve and usually are made the scapegoats of bad politicians.



## Calendar of Events

September 17, Constitution Week Luncheon at Monarch CC see invitation in Newsletter "The Whig".

Fall Leadership Meeting Sept 30 and October 1, National Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

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 21-22 Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society in Kissimmee, FL. All members are invited to attend.

November 11 - Veteran's Day color guard activities

November 12 \_ Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM Program is to honor our Chapter Veterans and some Community Veterans.

November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving to all of you from all of us.

December - (first Sunday) Fort Pierce Christmas Parade more information at a later date please keep it in mind .

December 10 - Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM Program is Michael Goforth columnist with the Scripts Newspapers to tell us about his Patriot Ancestor.

December 25,2011 - We wish all of you the Merriest of Christmas' and the Happiest of New Years

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MINUTES  
May 20, 2011

Call to Order, Noon: Bob Donnahoo  
Invocation: Doug North  
Pledge of Allegiance: Jay Wise  
Pledge to SAR: Oscar Kraenhenbuehl

Minutes of previous meeting approved by Hall Riediger and seconded by Joe Leinbach

Guests present: Penny Donnahoo, Wilida Leinbach, Honora Gilmore, Pat Eisenhardt, and Bobbie Hoffman.

Members present: Bob Donnahoo, Rich Pattison, Jay Wise, Doug North, Richard Massey, Joe Leinbach, Tom Gilmore, Hall Riediger, Oscar Kraenhenbuehl, and Royce Neil.

1200 hours, noon: Meeting called to Order. There being a quorum; the meeting proceeded.

12:15 hours, meeting recessed for lunch.

13:15 hours: meeting called back to order.

Sick report: We are sad to report the death of Carl Walcott. Sick list reports that Carl Dennis is recovering from a fall, hope to see him at the next meeting. Helen Pattison Had knee replacement and will be back by next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Jay Wise and Bob Donnahoo presented certificates and awards at the JROTC ceremonies at the following schools: South Fork, Martin County, Port St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Jensen Beach, Ft. Pierce Westwood, Treasure Coast, Ft. Pierce Central and Centennial High School. All JROTC awards have been completed. The Ft. Pierce Central and Centennial High School ceremonies will be on Comcast Television (time and date unknown)

Jay Wise represented the SAR at the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop # 479 in Ft. Pierce. Hall Reidiger received a Proclamation for Patriots Day from Ft. Pierce. We also received a Proclamation for Patriots Day from Port St. Lucie County.

Upcoming Events: Sept. 17, 2011 Constitution Day Luncheon  
Oct. 8, 2011 Next regular meeting at Manero's.

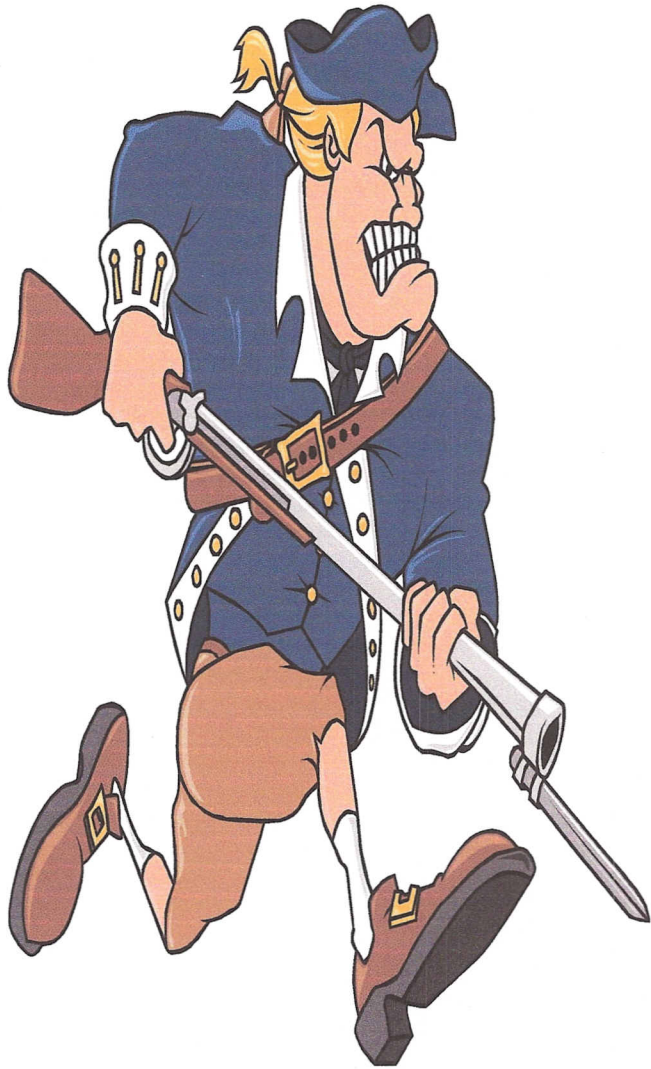
Program: New SAR Library given by Hall Reidiger

50/50 drawing \$ 12.00 to Bobbie Hoffman, which she donated back to the Chapter.  
Guy's Duck was \$ 16.00.

Benediction: Doug North  
SAR Recessional: Jay Wise

Richard Pattison





# Dues

are again due gentlemen, we are trying as every year to get them all collected and in to State before December 1, 2011, so please sign your checks fill out the form below and mail them off to:

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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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