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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,

Hall has reported that we have only 15 of our membership, who have paid their dues so far. Our deadline is December 1 and we are running behind.

Please if you have not done so, get your check in the mail so we can get our membership report into National at the soonest possible moment.

We had a wonderful meeting in October with the gentlemen of the Martin County Fire Department you missed a good one, our meeting in November is when we honor our Veterans. Please try and make that one, it looks to be a good one also.

See you all soon

Bob Donnahoo
President

Honoring St. Lucie County Fire Fighters

In the picture to the right from left to right is Jeff Lee, recipient of the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award, Chapter President Bob Donnahoo EMS Department Chief Brian Blizzard, recipient of the SAR EMS Commendation Medal, Deputy Chief of



St. Lucie County Fire District Carlos Duran. We would also like to thank Catherine Chaney for the wonderful photos. She also did a Chapter portrait seen below. left to right first row Rich Pattison, Tom Gilmore and Howard Main Back row left to right John Auld, Bud Rockhill, James Simpson, Phil Carr, Bob Donnahoo, Jay Wise, Hall Riediger, Royce Neil and Oscar Kraehenbuehl.



MINUTES

Oct. 8, 2011

Call to Order: Bob Donnahoo

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Jay Wise

Pledge to SAR: Phil Carr

Meeting called to order, 1200 hours. There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

The minutes of previous meeting approved by Bud Rockhill and seconded by Tom Gilmore.

Quests present: Penny Donnahoo, Helen Pattison, Howard Main, Alice Rockhill, Jim and Sandy Simpson, Sheila Carr, Randy and C Chaney, Brian and Sherry Blizzard, Jeff and Susan Lee, and Chief Duran

Members present: Bob Donnahoo, Jay Wise, Hall Riediger, Bud Rockhill, Oscar Kraenhenbuehl, Tom Gilmore, Royce Neil, Phil Carr, John Auld, and Rich Pattison

1215 hours, the meeting recessed for lunch.

1315 hours, the meeting called back to order.

Sick Call: Doug North fell causing injury to his back. He is wheel chair bound.

Dick Massey is home from the Hospital. Carl Dennis also had a fall but is doing well.

Up-coming events: Oct. 21-22 BOM meeting in Kissimmee FL. All members are invited to attend. Nov 11, Veteran's Day. Nov. 12, regular meeting, Manero's, Palm City at 1130 hours. Dec. first Sunday- Fort Pierce Christmas Parade-more details to follow.

Program: Awards went to Fire Safety and EMS of St. Lucie County. Fireman Jeff Lee and Chief Brian Blizzard won these awards. Their Chief Carlos Duran was present.

50/50 was won by Royce Neil \$ 17.00 dollars

Guy's Duck: \$ 22.00 Dollars

Next meeting will be on Saturday, Nov.12, at Maneros' in Palm City at 1130 hours. We will honor our Veterans.

Benediction: Phil Carr

SAR Recessional: Jay Wise

Thank You
Richard Pattison
Secretary

Constitution Week Committee



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our joint Constitution Week Luncheon committee for their efforts and their patience in setting up this annual event. This year's committee was from left to right Bobbie Hoffmann, Halpatikee Chapter DAR, Hall Riediger St. Lucie River Chapter SAR, Judge Kathleen H. Roberts of the 19th Florida Circuit Court our guest speaker, and Colleen Kimbill, Regent of the Halpatiokee Chapter DAR. We would also like to thank the Monarch Country Club, they always seem to go the extra mile to make this event special.

Events Calender

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

January 13/14 - Board of Management Meeting , Kissimmee, all members are invited to attend.

January 14 - Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM Program to be determined.

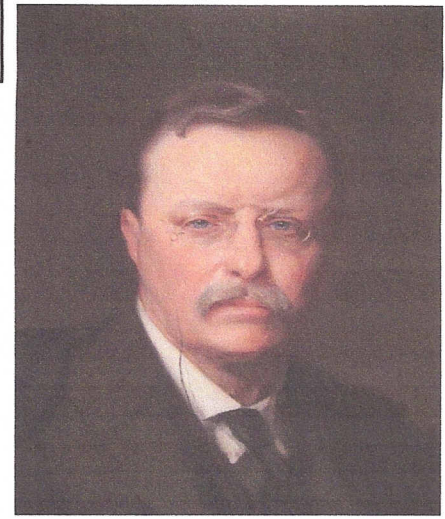
February and March are at this time undecided as we are in negotiate to have Sheriff Robert Crowder for our guest so that we can present him with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his 20 years of service to Martin County. This is going to be a highlight event.

March 2/3- Last Naval Battle Celebration in Port Canaveral, this annual event is a great time to go visit and participate in the colorguard, a fun time is always there.

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Theodore Roosevelt



The fourth in the series and probably the most interesting of all the Presidents, who were members of the SAR, Theodore Roosevelt. Born October 27, 1858 he was a sickly boy, who had asthma, to help his physical problems, Roosevelt began a life time of heavy physical activity, he was home schooled studying natural history, he attended Harvard University then entered Columbia Law School the following year but left early, in 1881 when he was elected to the New York assembly as the youngest member, he was 23 years old. In 1880 Roosevelt married Alice Hathaway Lee and in 1884 with the birth of their first child, Alice, Alice Hathaway Lee, the mother passed away of Bright's Disease (Kidney Failure). Roosevelt would remarry in 1886 his childhood sweetheart Edith Carow, they would have five children Theodore Jr., Kermit, Ethel, Archie and Quentin. 1882 Roosevelt would publish his first major historical work "The Naval War of 1812". This extremely well researched book established him as a serious historian and would set a mark for the future. In 1884 after the death of his wife and his Mother, who died on the same day, Roosevelt attended the Republican National Convention. In a bitter fight over the candidacy of James Blain, Roosevelt left the convention disillusioned and bitter, he retired to his Dakota ranch which he had purchased the previous year. He would spend the next three years in the Dakotas ranching and with the horribly bitter winter of 1886/1887 was wiped out along with his neighbors, losing his \$60,000 investment. Roosevelt returned to New York in 1886 and did two things, first he married Edith Carow in London and second ran for Mayor of New York City, as the Dakota cowboy, he finished third, but he did get re-involved with politics. He campaigned vigorously for Benjamin Harrison in 1888, for his efforts he was appointed to the United States Civil Service Commission. Roosevelt would serve on this committee until 1895, fighting fiercely for reform and against spoils politics. He was so fierce in fighting this bane on America, that when Harrison lost in 1892 Grover Cleveland appointed him to the same position. In 1895 Roosevelt was appointed to the position of President of the Board of New York City Police Commissioners, during this two years at the job he would change the NYPD forever; standardizing sidearms, establishing new disciplinary rules, physical and mental examinations, and even had the telephone installed in the station houses. Roosevelt even would walk an officers beat late at night or early in the morning to make sure he was doing his job. Urged by Henry Cabot Lodge, President William McKinley appointed Roosevelt the Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1897, he would rattle many cages through out the Navy and when war broke out with Spain he resigned and with the aid of Col. Leonard Wood founded the First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, "the Rough Riders". the unit made up of mostly cowboys from the West. Roosevelt would be second in command with Wood being the Colonel, but through a series of events Leonard Wood was promoted to Brigadier General and Roosevelt was promoted to Colonel in command of the Rough Riders. He would become famous for his actions at the Battle of Kettle Hill and San Juan Hill in Cuba and would be nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor, Congress would disallow it but in 1997 Roosevelt was renominated and in 2001 was awarded the Medal posthumously by President William J. Clinton. In 1898 Roosevelt would be elected Governor of New York and then in 1899 he was selected to run with President William McKinley for the office of Vice President of the United States. On September 6, 1901 President McKinley was shot by an assassin and on September 14, 1901 died and Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as President of the United States. In 1904 he was re-elected on his own and then in 1905 two major events occurred, first Roosevelt signed the Charter for the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and second he successfully negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War, for this he would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Roosevelt would decline to run in 1908, but in 1912 disgusted with the Taft Administration he ran for the Republican Nomination, when he did not gain the nomination he formed his own political party the "Bull Moose Party". At a campaign speech in 1912 there would be an assassination attempt on his life, the assassin would shoot him in the chest, but the bullet did not penetrate into the chest cavity, Roosevelt realizing he was wounded but not seriously went on to deliver a 90 minute speech, that had a bullet hole through the papers. Roosevelt would continue to be active, he would explore parts of the Amazon River Basin during 1913/1914 discovering a river which today bears his name. Roosevelt would attempt to raise a volunteer regiment for World War I but President Wilson would not accept it. He would continue to be active until his death in his sleep on January 6, 1919 at the age of 60. It is said "Death had to take Roosevelt sleeping, for if he had been awake, there would have been a fight."

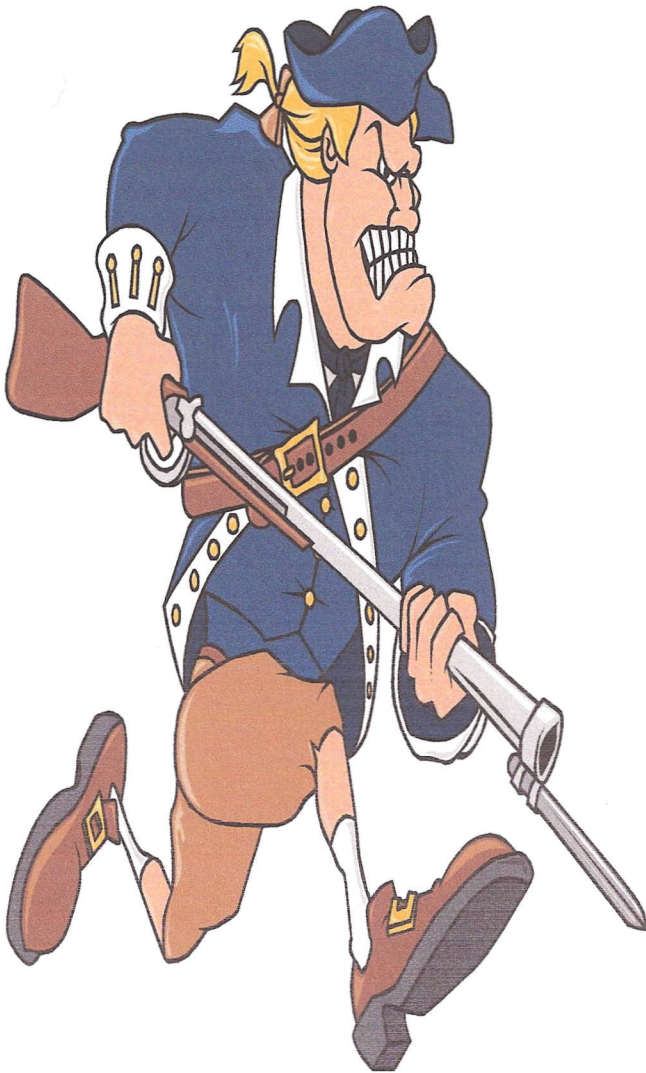
In conclusion Roosevelt was a unique person, the only person in history to win the highest honor his country can give for bravery in war and the greatest honor the world gives for peace, the Nobel Peace prize. He and his son Theodore Roosevelt Jr. are one pair of the two fathers and sons, who have won the Medal of Honor, Theodore Roosevelt Jr won his for his bravery on the Normandy Beaches on June 6, 1944, the other pair Arthur Mc Arthur and his son, Douglas McArthur, All four SAR members. Roosevelt is ranked as the fourth or fifth greatest President in American History, he was not only a politician but an author, a historian, a explorer, a naturalist and a conservationist, and possibly his greatest accomplishment and gift he gave to us as Americans is our National Park system. He deserves that fourth spot on the mountain in South Dakota.

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

Each year we ask members to do a little additional to help the Chapter with its prizes to the young people, who participate with the SAR Contests. As we all know the costs of everything goes up but our resources never seem to match the expenses. So if you can please help out and we will list your name here on the page as a member of the President's Brigade.

For a donation less than \$24 you get to be in the Bronze Medal level, for a donation between \$25 and \$49 you get to be in the Silver Medal level and for a donation of \$50 or more you are in the Gold Medal level. If you can please help.