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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,

A number of things have come to my attention, first December is the month that we have our annual food drive, the food going to one of the local food pantries for those less fortunate than ourselves, Please bring a nonperishable item to the meeting so we can donate a good amount of food.

Second, the new program with Habitate for Humanity kicks off this December 10th, Jay Wise will do the first presentation for the Chapter although he will miss our meeting, we will get a full report from him at the next meeting. I would like to thank Joe Leinbach for volunteering to handle the Martin County area, with Jay handling St. Lucie County.

Third we received from the estate of Marceline Kelley a donation to the Chapters Scholarship fund of \$17,500 to be used for the good of some good student, I have formed a committee of Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Phil Carr and myself to make sure the money is invested wisely and used properly. We thank Mrs. Kelley for her tremendous gift.

Finally On Saturday, February 25th St. Lucie County will hold its History Fair, this year it will be held at the West Gate K-8 School and begins at 8AM. The Chapter has participated in the Fair now for a number of years and all members are welcome to come and help judge the childrens projects. The Chapter gives a prize to the best Revolutionary War era project. Last year it went to South Port Middle school.

Thank you all,

Bob Donnahoo, President

November 12th Regular Meeting

On the right, President Bob Donnahoo, presents to Bud Rockhill on his left and to Jay Wise on his right; the NSSAR World War II Certificate of Patriotism. Phil Carr also received the certificate but did not attend the meeting and was presented his certificate at a later date.



The picture to the left shows from left to right Sandy Simpson, Bob Donnahoo and Ben Davis. Ben was presented the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his service during WWII. Ben served as a rear seat gunner in torpedo planes and dive bombers and was aboard both the USS Lexington when she was sunk at Midway and the USS Hornet when she was sunk at the Battle of Santa Cruz during the Solomons Campaign. After those two events Ben finished the war in Ft. Lauderdale.

To the right from left to right is Dick Massey, Bob Donnahoo and Bob Eisenhardt. Bob presented Dick and Bob with the SAR Medal of Military Service, both Bob and Dick served in the United States Air Force. We are always proud of our members, who served in the armed forces of the United States.



William Howard Taft



This is the sixth in our series on American Presidents , who were members of the SAR, William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States. Born September 15, 1857 to the rich and powerful Taft Family of Cincinnati, Ohio, "Big Bill" graduated from Yale University, Phi Beta Kappa in 1878 and then from the Cincinnati Law School in 1880. He held a number of minor legal jobs until at the age of 29 he was tapped to be a Judge in the Ohio Superior Court in 1887, beginning a long and distinguished legal and political career. In 1886 Taft married his childhood sweetheart, Helen Herron they would have three children, Robert, Helen and Charles. Then began a lifetime of government service that has been rarely duplicated, from 1887 to 1890 Taft served on the Superior Court of the State of Ohio, In 1890 President Benjamin Harrison appointed him Solicitor General of the United States , then in 1891 he was appointed to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, while he served as a judge in the Sixth Circuit, Taft also served as the first dean and a professor of Constitutional law at the University of Cincinnati, from 1896 to 1900. In 1900 Taft was appointed to a series of positions including the first civilian Governor-General of the Philippines, he would serve there until 1903. In 1904 President Roosevelt appointed Taft , Secretary of War, Taft would oversee a number of events of Historical consequence, the beginning of Construction of the Panama Canal, the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, served temporarily as Governor of Cuba, and also continued guiding the Philippines toward self governance. Roosevelt also knowing that Taft mostly desired to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court offered the position to him a number of times, but Taft's wife Helen had her eye on the White House and convinced Taft not to accept the appointments. In 1908 Taft ran for the Presidency and being a close friend and political ally of the immensely popular Roosevelt won easily, but his Presidency was rocky and over the four years alienated Roosevelt, who formed the Bull Moose Party and ran for the Presidency himself, with the Republicans split Woodrow Wilson won easily with only 41 % of the vote. After the election loss Taft was appointed "the Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and Legal History " at Yale University, he would also serve as the President of the American Bar Association, Then in 1914 he formed the League to Enforce Peace hoping to stop WWI, but was not able to prevent the "War to End All Wars". Then in 1921 President Warren G. Harding appointed Taft, Chief Justice of the United State Supreme Court. Taft would serve in this capacity until shortly before his death on February 3, 1930. A very interesting man, having a remarkable life and career, blending a little of Heavy Weight Wrestling Champion at Yale, to being the only President to administer the oath of office to another President and the only President to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. Upon his death on March 8, 1930 Taft was succeeded by Charles Evans Hughes, who had been appointed by Taft. William Howard Taft was buried at Arlington National Cemetery the first of only two Presidents buried there and one of four Supreme Court Justices.

Veteran's Day

Below from left to right Bob Donnahoo and Jay Wise present the colors at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Port St. Lucie for Veteran's Day. Part of our efforts to honor Veterans on November 12th.



Above from left to right is the second contingent of the St. Lucie Color Guard, Bob Eisenhardt, Oscar Kraehnuehl and Hall Riediger, presenting the colors at the Stuart Veteran's Day Parade and festivities. More on this in the next issue when we will have a photo shoot of the new Veteran's Memorial Park in Stuart..

Events Calendar

December 4- (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 January 1, 2012 - We wish all of you the Merriest of Christmas and the Happiest of New Years

January 7 - Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM Program to be determined. This is a change because of a conflict with the BOM in Kissimmee on the 13/14.

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

February and March are at this time undecided as we are in negotiations 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.

Feb 10 Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM

February 25 St. Lucie County History Fair, 8AM West Gate K-8 School. This is an annual event for us and it is well worth the effort to participate. All members are welcome and the school district loves the participation, please join us.

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.

March 10 Regular Meeting , Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM

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Minutes

November 12, 2011

Call to Order: Bob Donnahoo

Invocation: Jay Wise

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Eisenhardt

Pledge to the SAR: Hall Riediger

Meeting called to order at noon, there being a quorum the meeting proceeded.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Bud Rockhill seconded by Bob Eisenhardt.

Members present were Robert Donnahoo, Bud Rockhill, Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Joe Leinbach, Richard Massey, Royce Neil, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Bob Eisenhardt, and John Auld. Guests were Penny Donnahoo, Sandi and Jack Irvin, Charles McKinley, Howard May, Shirley Massey, Bill Flanagan, James and Sandy Simpson and special guest of honor Ben Davis.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15

The meeting called back to order at 1:15.

Sick Call: Doug North is still in rehab with the bad back, we are hoping he gets back on his feet before his birthday in April. Dick Massey has been diagnosed with cancer and the long term prognosis is not good but he was with us in November and battling on, we need to keep them all in our prayers.

New Business/correspondence- We have been made a bequest from the estate of Marceline and William Kelley of St. Charles, Mo. The Kelley's have donated to our scholarship fund \$17,500. the first check was for \$14,934.43. The Kelley's were residents of Port St. Lucie for a number of years and Mrs. Kelley was a member of the Saint Lucie River Chapter DAR. We thank them for their generosity and will keep them in our prayers. Phil Carr, Jay Wise and Hall Riediger were appointed to a committee to look into this matter and make sure the money is taken care of properly. A note to those of you, who have not looked into our new website, Tom Gilmore built the site and has been taking care of it, if you get the chance please take a look at it. It can be accessed by typing in St. Lucie River Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Take a look it is fun.

Committee reports: the most important was the notice we will send a delegation to Sebastian, Fl on Feb 12 for a 4 Chaplains Celebration. Also we have our first Habitat for Humanity presentation on Dec 10th, Jay will handle this for us.

Program: This was Veteran's Day honors our annual event to honor our Veterans and the Community Veterans, Jay Wise, Phil Carr and Bud Rockhill were presented World War II Certificates from the National Society, Dick Massey and Bob Eisenhardt were presented with SAR Military Service Medals for their service with the United States Air Force and our special guest Ben Davis was presented with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals for his WWII service. Ben was a rear gunner in a Navy flight crew, he served aboard the USS Lexington until her loss at Midway and then assigned to the USS Hornet until her loss at Santa Cruz in the Solomon Island Campaign he was then assigned to Pensacola and then to Fort Lauderdale.

50/50 Drawing was won by Royce Neil \$15. he donated it to the new Habitat for Humanity program
Guy's Duck was \$21.00

Next meeting December 10, at Manero's, Michael Goforth will be our speaker.

Benediction Jay Wise

SAR Recessional Jay Wise

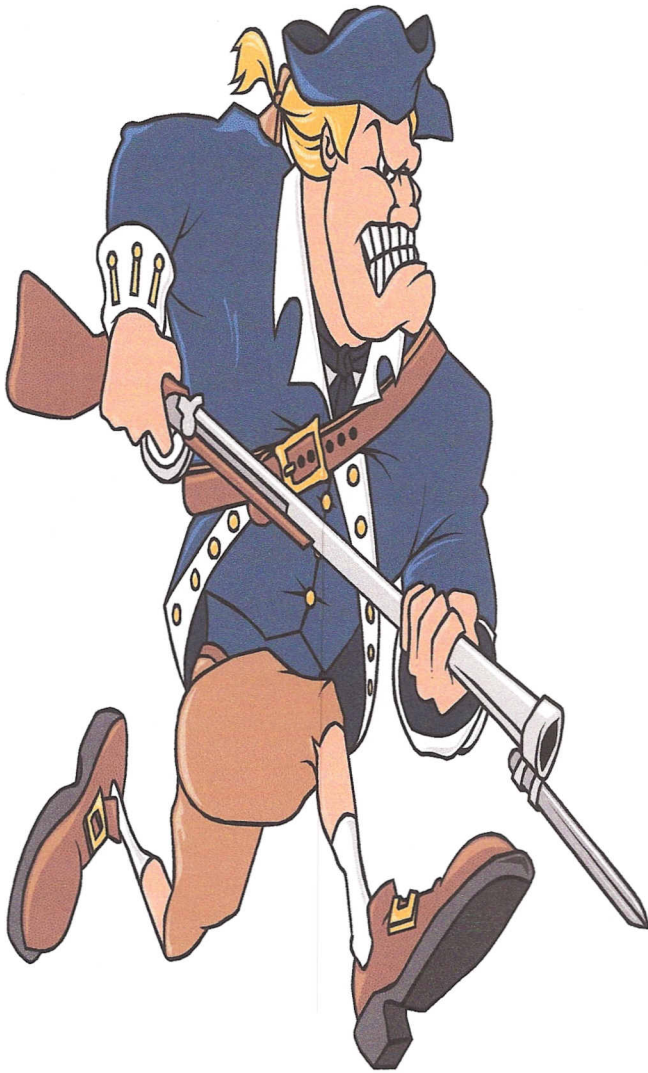
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President's Brigade

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 then \$24 you get to be in the Bronze Medal level, for a donation between \$49 and \$25 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.