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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,

It is fast coming up on the end of the year, it is always surprising how fast the year goes by. This brings us to the subject of this column, we will be in need of Officers for the next term which begins in June 2012 and runs until May of 2014. We would ask of each of you to step forward and take a small job with the Chapter so that the Chapter can continue to operate and move forward. If the members of a chapter do not step up the Chapter gradually dies as those who do the job gradually wear out and pass away, this has happened in the Florida Society last year with the Panama City Chapter and this year with the Deland Chapter. There is no growth and only a steady decline. We should each remember that we only get out of participation in an organization, the effort we put into the organization, if we do nothing then we receive nothing. Please pitch in and participate, it is a lot of fun and very satisfying.

Take care.,

Bob Donnahoo, President

Margarita Bonner Speaks to us.

The St. Lucie River Chapter was delighted to receive Margarita Bonner as our special guest at the January 7th meeting. M/Sgt Bonner US Army (Reserve) is the Senior Instructor of the "Panther Battalion" of Ft. Pierce Westwood High School. The JROTC programs are one of the main focuses of the Chapter in our yearly activities. We



try to participate in all the JROTC programs in our chapter area every year and are quite successful at it. Not only do we do Westwood, but we do Ft. Pierce Central, Port St. Luice, Centennial, Treasure Coast, Jensen Beach, Martin Co, South Fork and Okeechobee High Schools, which are all the public high school in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties. The JROTC programs are sponsored by the US Military(Air Force, Army, Navy), meaning they provide instructor/instructors and give the students a structure but the students are not part on our military forces. The programs have been very successful with student participation, student accomplishments and providing structure to all students but especially to students with marginal home life and guidance. The picture above is Bob Donnahoo presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to Margarita Bonner and the picture below is Margarita Bonner, Bob Donnahoo and Michelle Nurse receiving a small gift from the Chapter. We are always delighted to have these wonderful people, who devote their time and energy to helping the youth of this country.



Minutes

January 7,2012

Call to Order: Bob Donnahoo, President

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Eisenhardt

Pledge to the SAR: Phil Carr

1205 hrs.: Meeting called to order. There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Joe Leinbach, and seconded by Bob Eisenhardt.

Guests present: Penny Donnahoo, Howard Main, Sheila Carr, Chuck McKinley, Jim Simpson
M/Sgt Margarit Bonner and Michelle Nurse.

Members present: Bob Donnahoo, Bob Eisenhardt, Royce Neil, Rich Pattison, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Phil Carr and Joe Leinbach.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1215 hours..

The meeting was called back to order at 1300 hours

Sick Committee: Phil Carr reports that

Doug North is now confined to a wheel chair. It is difficult for him to attend meetings. Dick Massey is also not feeling well. Please try and let them know we are thinking of them. A card or a phone call would be a big help.

Membership Report: We have 41 paid members. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Thank you.

Up Coming events: January 13/14 BOM , Kissimmee. All are welcome.

February 11, Regular Meeting Manero's

February 12, Four Chaplains Service in Sebastian , Fl

February 25, St. Lucie County History Fair

Program: M/Sgt Bonner, Senior Army Instructor of the JROTC Program at Fort Pierce Westwood High School, was our guest speaker. She gave a marvelous program about the JROTC stands for and hopes to accomplish with the young people at the school. We have been working with the JROTC program for years and hope to do more in the future.

50/50 was won by James Simpson \$10

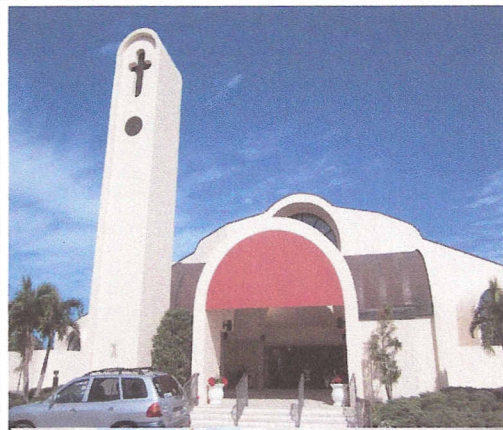
Guy's Duck was \$16.00

Benediction: Phil Carr

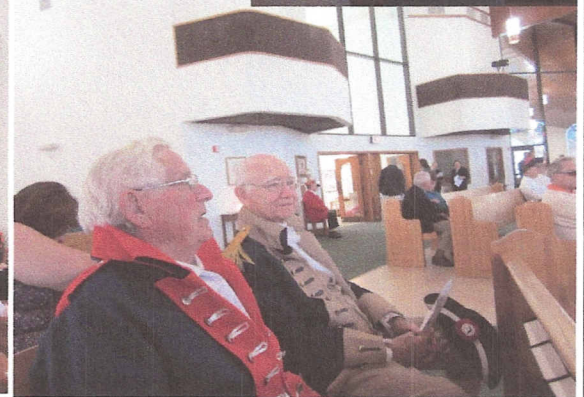
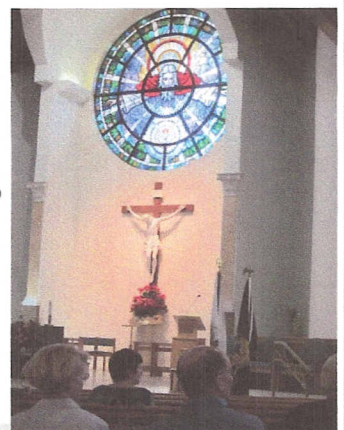
Recessional: Jay Wise

Thank you
Rich Pattison
Secretary

4 Chaplains Service



Memories of the 4 Chaplains Service that the Chapter Colorguard attended on January 29, in Sebastian, FL. this was a very moving service sponsored by the American Legion and well attended by the the residents. The Bishop of the Palm Beach Diocese took part, the Encore Choral Group of Sebastian River High School was there at the St. Sebastian Catholic Church. Jay Wise, Oscar Kraehenbuehl and Hall Riediger in uniform represented the Chapter. This is another of the many activities that the Chapter participates in and are open to all members.



Events Calendar

Feb 11 Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City 11:30 AM. Program will be the presentation of the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Sheriff Robert Crowder

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 for you to participate. Please come join us for this event you will pleasantly surprised.

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 had there.

March 10 Regular Meeting Manero's, Palm City, 11:30 AM Program will be a visit from Florida Society President David Ramsuer and his lovely wife, Marjorie, also officer nominations for 2012/2014.

April 14 Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City, 11:30 AM. Program is our annual honoring of Law Enforcement, this year is the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Ken Mascara will be in attendance, we will also have election of 2012/2014 officers

April 19, Patriot's Day

May 12 Regular Meeting, Manero's last meeting for this year, Palm City, 11:30 AM. Officer inductions and our annual awards for members.

May 28 Memorial Day, events in Port St. Lucie and Stuart, Color guard please mark your calaneders.

June 14, Flag Day events will be detailed later.

July 4 , Baseball game and colorguard, details later

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A photo montage of the January, Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee. The most important is the young lady to the right, Hannah Stimson, the Rumbaugh Contest winner. Other pictures show the Chapter baskets for the special drawing, color guard lining up for practice, the St. Lucie River delegation, the meeting of the minds, and Hannah Stimson and the future General Officers from the Florida Society, David Ramsuer Vice President General South Atlantic District, Randy Moody Chaplain General and Lindsey Brock current Registrar General and candidate for Treasurer General.



Drawing Baskets



Calvin Coolidge

The next in our series of Presidents of the United States, who were members of the Sons of the American Revolution, John Calvin Coolidge, Jr.. Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872 in Plymouth Notch, Vermont the only President born on Independence Day to John Calvin Coolidge, Sr. and Victoria Josephine Moor. He was the eldest two children born to this family, his sister, Abigail died when Coolidge was eighteen six years after their Mother had died. The Coolidge Family had a long genealogy in New England, the first John Coolidge came to the US from Cottenham, England in 1630 and Coolidge's great great grandfather, John Coolidge was a officer during the Revolution. Coolidge attended Black River Academy and was a graduate of Amherst College, he moved to Massachusetts shortly after graduation and apprenticed himself to a law firm, Hammond and Field, where he read the law, and Coolidge was admitted to the Bar in 1897. In 1905 Coolidge met a young women from Vermont, Grace Anna Goodhue, they were married in the parlor of her parent's home on October 4,1905. They were by most accounts a happy couple, opposites in personality, she talkative and out going and he quiet and reticent. They had two children, John born in 1906 and Calvin Jr. born in 1908. Coolidge then began the process of most lawyers of that age, he opened his own law firm and began to get involved in local politics, joining the Republican City Committee, he was elected City Solicitor 1900 and again in 1901, then in 1903 he was selected to be Clerk of the Courts. In 1904 Coolidge was defeated for the only time in his life, running for the Northampton School Board he was defeated because he had no children, his comment, "Might give me time!". In 1906 Coolidge was nominated for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, he was elected for a second term in 1907 and then in 1910 ran for Mayor of Northampton, he served as Mayor until 1912 when he ran for State Senator. He would serve in this capacity 1914 when he was elected as President of the Massachusetts State Senate. In 1915 he ran for Massachusetts Lt. Governor and was elected to 3 terms continuing until 1918 when he was elected Governor of Massachusetts. In 1919 the Boston Police went on strike the Mayor of Boston fired the Police Commissioner, Edwin Curtis and called out local National Guard units. Coolidge stepped in and reinstated Curtis and called up more units of the Guard and then took personal control of the Boston Police Department, then entire affair resulted in the country realized Coolidge could handle a crisis. This in turn led to him being suggested as a Presidential Candidate in the 1920 election. After 10 ballots Warren G. Harding was nominated for President and after a couple of ballots for Vice President, Coolidge was brought forward as a compromise candidate for Vice President. They were elected and Coolidge settled into the VP role and soon was being called "Silent Cal" because no one ever heard anything from him. The on August 2, 1923, Harding died of a heart attack in San Francisco and Coolidge ascended to the Presidency, he would serve out Harding's term and then be elected in 1924 to a term of his own. After the Convention of 1924 personal tragedy struck, his youngest son, Calvin, Jr. developed a blister on his foot playing tennis, it became infected and he died shortly after of sepsis (blood poisoning). Coolidge was never the same, he became more quiet and withdrawn . Coolidge finished his term as President and declined reelection in 1928. He retire to his home "the Beeches" he would serve as the Chair of the Railroad Commission, Honorary President of the Foundation for the Blind, a director of the New York Life Insurance Company, Trustee of Amherst College. On January 5, 1933 he died on a heart attack and laid to rest in Plymouth Notch,





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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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Silver Medal

Bronze Medal
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