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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,
I wish to thank all of you that have stepped forward to take an office this year. It is necessary for the health and growth of the Chapter that each of us steps up when asked and help the Chapter grow. If we don't step up then the Chapter slowly dies away until one day we will only have 10 members and the Chapter will be disbanded; which is what is happening to the Deland Chapter at this moment. Thank you all for keeping us viable.

Respectfully,

Bob Donnahoo

Honoring Sheriff Robert Crowder

On February 11, the St. Lucie River Chapter presented to Sheriff Robert Crowder the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his 45 years of service to Martin and St. Lucie Counties. Sheriff Crowder has been Sheriff of Martin County since 1992, he was also appointed Sheriff in 1972 but lost that election to Sheriff Holt. The picture on the top left is David Dees long time friend and fellow police officer, he was kind enough to handle Sheriff Crowders introduction. The picture to the left is President Bob Donnahoo presenting the framed certificate and medal to Sheriff Crowder. The photo on the bottom is Debbie Crowder pinning the miniature silver medal on the Sheriff's lapel. The award is greatly deserved by this public servant.



Dick Massey Receives the Color Guard Medal

Tuesday, February 28 Hall Riediger stopped and visited with Dick Massey current 1st Vice President of the St. Lucie River Chapter. Dick has been feeling poorly with a persistent bout of cancer. He is taking chemo therapy and is laid up some days with the side effects. So far he has managed to fight off the cancer and is still getting around but with a hitch in his gitty-up. Dick has been an active member of the color guard and the Chapter since he joined the Sons of the American Revolution and but has become so weak that he cannot continue participating in the guard, but he intends to make a meeting when he feels up to it.. We all wish Dick and Shirley the best, I will keep visiting and working to keep his spirits up. Please include Dick and Shirley in your prayers and maybe the miracle will happen and he will best this ailment.



Events Calendar

March 2/3 Last Naval Battle Celebration in Port Canaveral, this annual event is a great time to go visit and participate in the color guard, 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 4-6 BOM/Annual Meeting of the Florida Society in Kissimmee. All members are invited and encouraged to attend see Hall for more information.

May 12 Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL

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

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

June 14- Flag Day, event will be detailed later

July 4- Baseball game and Color guard details later

July 7-11 National Congress Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona.

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Minutes
February 11, 2012

Call to Order: Bob Donnahoo

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Eisenhardt

Pledge to the SAR: Hall Riediger

The meeting was called to order at 1210 hours. There being a quorum present; the meeting proceeded

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; Jay Wise made the motion and second was by Phil Carr. All members voted aye.

Guests present: Penny Donnahoo, David Dee, ECRVP Jeff Sizemore, Pat Eisenhardt, Grace Woodburn, Sheila Carr, Brian Irvine, Chaplain Martin County Sheriff's Department, Howard Main, Charles McKinley, Larry McKinley, Keith Long, Jack Irving and very special guests Robert Crowder Sheriff of Martin County and his wife Debbie.

Members present: Bob Donnahoo, Hall Riediger, Tom Gilmore, Jay Wise, Bob Eisenhardt, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Dennis, Richard Pattison, Phil Carr and Joe Leinbach.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 1215 hours.

Meeting called back to order at 1315 hours.

Sick Committee: Hall visited Dick Massey at home and he is looking better, Phil Carr had visited Doug North and he is now confined to a wheel chair, but is doing well.

Program: Sheriff of Martin County Robert Crowder was honored with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, today for his forty five years of service to Martin and St. Lucie Counties. He was introduced by long time friend, David Dees. Sheriff Crowder's wife, Debbie, long time friend Keith Long and Martin County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Brian Irvine were also present.

50/50 drawing winner was Carl Dennis \$13.00

Guy's Duck was \$30.00

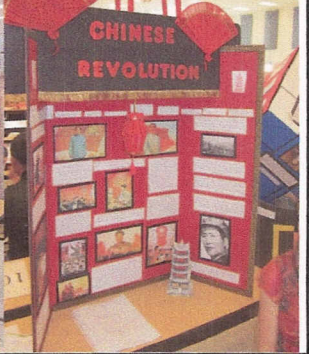
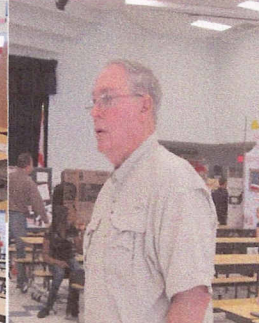
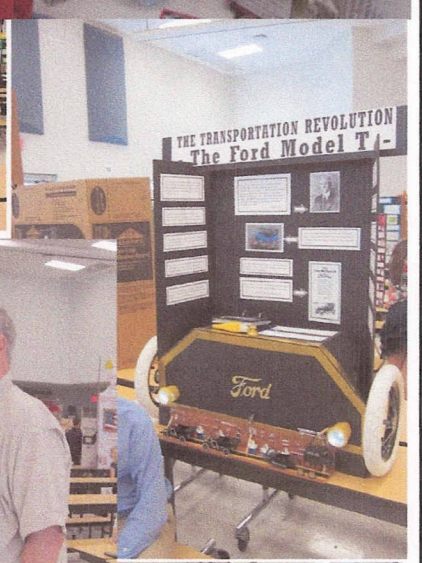
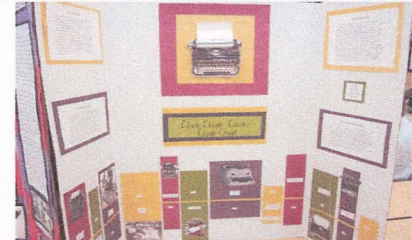
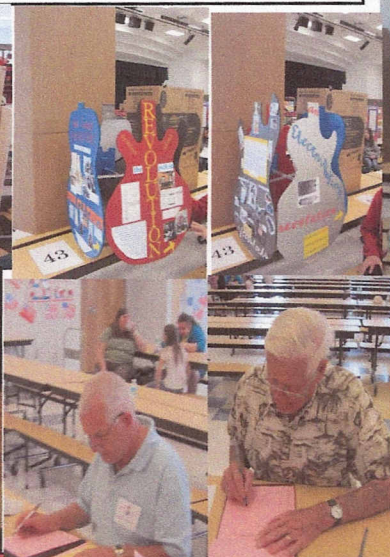
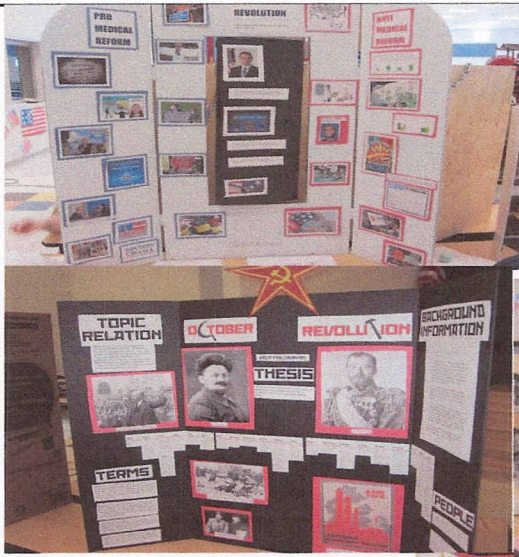
The next meeting will be at Manero's, March 10 at 11:30 AM.

Benediction: Phil Carr

SAR Recessional Hall Riediger

Thank you,
Rich Pattison, Secretary

Images from the History Fair Feb 25, 2012



Herbert Hoover



The next in our series on the Presidents, who have been members of the SAR, the 31st President, Herbert Clark Hoover. Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa on August 10, 1874, the child of Jessie Hoover and Hulda Randall Hoover. Hoover's father was a blacksmith and along with his mother were Quakers. Hoover's father Jessie died in 1880 and his mother in 1884 leaving Herbert Hoover an orphan at the age of nine. He was taken in by his one of his grandmothers and then lived with his Uncle, Allen Hoover in West Branch, Iowa. In 1885 Hoover was sent to Newberg, Oregon to live with another Uncle, John Minthorn a frontier physician and business man, whose own son had died. He lived with Minthorn and attended Friends Pacific Academy, and then went to work in his Uncle's real estate office, attending night school instead of high school. In 1891 Hoover was admitted to Stanford University and forever claimed he was the very first student ever at Stanford, because he was the first to sleep in the dormitory. Hoover graduated in 1895 with a degree in geology. Then in 1897 he began a fascinating career as a mining engineer, starting in the gold fields of Western Australia, through 1897 and 1898 Hoover worked Big Bell, Cue, Lenora, Menzies, Coolgardie gold mines and in 1899 returned to the United States and married his college sweetheart Lou Henry, they had two sons, Herbert Clark Hoover, Jr 1903 and Allen Henry Hoover 1907. Hoover and his wife then sailed for China in 1899, he was lead engineer for Bewick, Moreing & Co. and by 1900 he and his wife along with other Europeans were trapped in Tianjin during the Boxer Rebellion, Hoover guided US Marines through out the area because of his knowledge of the terrain. It was during this time that he and his wife became fluent in Mandarin Chinese, they would use this language to protect themselves from eavesdroppers for the rest of their lives. Hoover visited Australia in 1902, 1903, 1905 and 1907 not as an engineer but as an investor, in 1905 he founded the Zinc Corporation where he purchased the mineral rich tailing from the gold mines and removed the zinc, silver and lead by 1908 he left Bewick Moreing and Co and struck out on his own. He joined with his brother and by 1914 he was extremely wealthy (4 million dollars) with offices in San Francisco, London, New York St. Petersburg, Paris and Mandalay, Burma. Also between trips around the world Hoover began to lecture at Stanford, with his lectures being published in 1909 as "Principals of Mining", which was a standard geology text book, In 1912 Hoover and his wife published their English translation from Latin of the 1556 mining book "De re metallica" by Georgius Agricola and the book is still in print. At the beginning of WWI Hoover changed careers from mining engineer to humanitarian and over the next seven years he would become an International hero for his efforts to feed war torn Europe, feeding not only the allied counties but Germany and later Russia during its Revolution. Then in 1920 Hoover was appointed as Secretary of Commerce in the Harding Administration and again in 1924 by the Coolidge Administration, he was often referred to as "the Secretary of Commerce and Under Secretary of everything else". He would handle such crisis as the Great Flood of 1927, he would also set up the first radio regulations, set up a uniform set of rules for traffic and highway safety, becoming one of the most well known and respected people in the United States. In 1927 Calvin Coolidge decided to not run for a second term, having served as President for 6 years, he was not a big fan of Hoover's, sometimes deriding him and calling him "Wonder Boy", but he was extremely popular with the party and easily won the nomination on the first ballot. Hoover ran on efficiency in government and easily beat the Democrat with 58% of the vote because of his popularity with the voters. In the beginning of Hoover's Presidency the economy was red hot and poverty was done nothing could slow the "Roaring Twenties" and then October 1929 the stock market crashed, the banks began to fail the country plunged into the "Great Depression." Then to make matters even worse the drought began in the mid west the worst in American History the land actually began to low away, and then in 1932 the Bonus Army camped out on the Capital Mall, the police tried to remove the protestors and were beaten back but shot were fired and two protestors were killed. Hoover then sent in the military, to maintain order Douglas McArthur was in command he exceeded his authority and drove the protestors from their camp hundreds of protestors were injured and Hoover gained another black mark. In 1932 Hoover ran for reelection against Franklin D. Roosevelt, the American Public angry over the failure of the economy defeated Hoover by a huge margin and Roosevelt became President. Hoover and Roosevelt were not sociable and Hoover did not continue to serve in the government he loved, but with Roosevelt's death in 1944 Hoover and Truman became good friends, Truman appointed him to a commission to root out government waste, and also sent him to Germany on a humanitarian mission for food aid to children, he would set up a school meals program that would feed 3.5 million children a total of 40,000 tons of food. In 1949 Thomas Dewey, governor of New York offered Hoover a seat in the U.S. Senate, Hoover refused. Hoover continued to serve in the "Hoover Commission" and was reappointed to it by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. he continued to write and he attended his last political convention with the 1960 Republican Convention. He was able to see his last convention in 1964 but because of poor health could not attend. On October 20 1964 at the age of ninety Hoover died of massive internal bleeding in New York City, and with his death an era ended.



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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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Silver Medal

Bronze Medal
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