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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 couple of events that need comment, first I wish to thank everyone involved with the Scholarship Project, Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Bob Donnahoo and Phil Carr. We have decided to set up a scholarship with Indian River State College that will give a deserving student a \$1000. scholarship each year. This is in perpetuity, we believed that this what the Kelley's wished for us to do and their gift will now last for ever.

Second I wish to thank all the members, who have stepped forward to serve the Chapter for the ofrseeable future. The level of participation has not been this high in many years. Thank you all again.

Bob Donnahoo, President

## David and Majorie Ramseur Visit our Chapter

The St. Lucie River Chapter was delighted to host the Florida Society President, David Ramseur and his lovely wife, Marjorie, who is President of the Florida Society Women Auxillary at our March 10th meeting. Marjorie and David collaborated on a presentation of Washington's Crossing of the Delaware which was very interesting and enlightening. We wish to thank them for their efforts and their company at the meeting. It is always a event when we get a visit from the Florid Society President.

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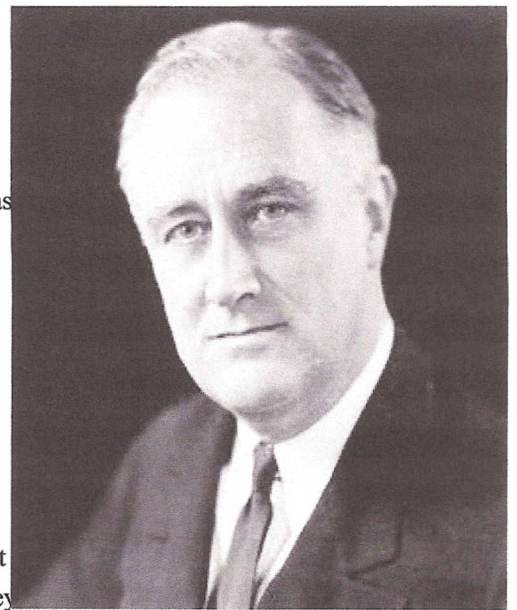
Bob Donnahoo

A huge thank you to each of these gentlemen for taking on the responsibility of helping move the Chapter into the future.



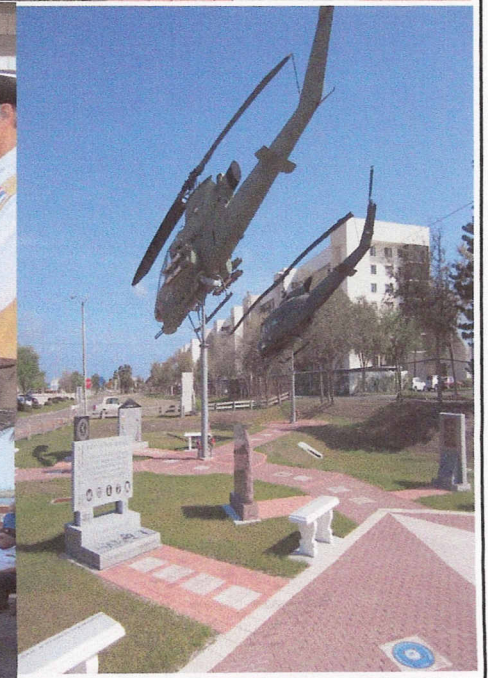
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# Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States and possibly one of the most famous of all the Presidents, the only President elected to more than two terms in office, he was elected to 4 terms, dying a short time after beginning his fourth term. FDR as he was known was born January 30, 1882 the only child of James and Sara Ann "Delano" Roosevelt, born to wealth and privilege, he was named for his Mother's favorite Uncle, Franklin Delano. Roosevelt would attend Groton School and then Harvard College, graduating in 1903, he would be a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and was Chief Editor of the "Harvard Crimson". While at Harvard Roosevelt's fifth cousin, Theodore Roosevelt became President, Teddy would become FDR's role model and hero. In 1902 he met his future wife, Theodore Roosevelt's niece Eleanor, a fifth cousin once removed. In 1904 Roosevelt entered Columbia Law School, but dropped out after he passed the Bar Exam in 1907. On March 17, 1905 FDR married Eleanor Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt walked Eleanor down the aisle as she had lost both parents before she was 10 years old. They would have six children, Anna Eleanor in 1906, James in 1907, Franklin Jr. in 1909 died young, Elliott in 1910, a second Franklin Jr. in 1914 and John Aspinwall born in 1916. By 1918 FDR and Eleanor had hit a rocky time in their marriage but by 1920 they had resolved their major differences, but Eleanor would always act independently from that point on, living separately on occasion. In 1910 FDR began his political career, being elected to the New York State Senate, then again in 1912 he was elected again. Roosevelt worked hard for Woodrow Wilson and when he was elected President, Roosevelt was rewarded with an appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1914 Roosevelt tried for the US Senate but Wilson would not support him and he lost that election. Then in 1920 he was picked to run for the Vice President of the United States on the Democratic Ticket, but he and the Presidential Nominee were soundly thrashed by Warren G. Harding. After this Roosevelt returned to New York and reentered the practice of law. The disaster struck, while vacationing in Campbello, Canada, Roosevelt was struck down by what was called Infantile Paralysis (Polio), today it is suggested that he did not have polio but Gullian-Barre Syndrome, the truth will never be known as his spinal fluid was never tested. By the end of the 1920's FDR was back in politics, running for the Governor of New York, he was elected in 1928 and again in 1930. Roosevelt was by the end of 1931 firmly in control on the Democratic Party and the logical choice to run for President, running on a platform of bashing Hoover and negativity, FDR won all but 6 states and 57% of the vote. Roosevelt won the Great Depression, 24% unemployment, the banking system in complete collapse, and the economy in complete disarray. He would begin the process of redeveloping and redefining the U.S. Government; new programs, a bitter fight with the Supreme Court and bitter battles with the Republicans, and finally the greatest war of all time the Second World War. The New Deal, on March 4, 1933 Roosevelt took over the Presidency in the middle of a banking collapse, he immediately had Congress pass the Glass-Steagall Act that created the F.D.I.C., then formed the Federal Emergency Relief Act, which created the CCC the Civilian Conservation Corps. which created 250,000 jobs. (If you go into the National Park System you can still see the effects of these 250,000 jobs, in the infrastructure they built). The N.I.R.A. (National Industrial Recovery Act) which created among other projects the largest government owned industrial enterprise in the History of America, the Tennessee Valley Authority. the Supreme Court unanimously ruled it unconstitutional. In 1933 Roosevelt eliminated the ability to own gold by private citizens, he issued an executive order allowing 3.2% beer available, Congress and the American People soon after repealed Prohibition with the 21st Amendment. With Roosevelt's 1936 reelection, newer programs were established, W.P.A. Works Progress Administration, which employed 2,000,000 people, the Wagner Act which established federal rights for Unions. Then in 1937 Roosevelt pushed through Social Security, and by 1938 unemployment had been reduced from 24% to 12%. In 1940 Roosevelt following the precedent established by George Washington, refused to be reelected except by acclamation, at the Convention he was renominated but he missed unanimous support by 100 votes, but he took the nomination anyway, and then in 1941 began the Second World War. Beginning in 1938 Roosevelt began a gradual build up of American Industrial might, Lendlease with Britain supplying the Chinese in their fight against the Japanese all came to an end with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt turned the might of the American industrial complex on to destroy the Axis, 4 years later Germany surrendered and shortly after Japan also surrendered. Roosevelt would not live to see the end of WWII, but his efforts would establish him as one of the United States greatest Presidents. He would establish a great personal rapport with Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin but after his death Stalin reneged on all deals that had been made beginning the Cold War. On March 29, 1945 Roosevelt was at the Little White House at Warm Springs he complained of a terrific pain in the back of his head and collapsed unconscious, he was carried to his bedroom where his Doctor diagnosed a massive cerebral hemorrhage and at 3:35 PM he was pronounced dead.

# Memories of the Last Naval Battle



# Minutes

March 10, 2012

Call to Order: Bob Donnahoo

Invocation: Jay Wise

Pledge of Allegiance: Bud Rockhill

Pledge to the SAR: Hall Riediger

1150 Hours: Meeting was called to order. Ther being a quorum, the meeting proceeded. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Phil Carr and seconded by Bud Rockhill, all voted yes.

The meeting was changed slightly from the usual with Ann Decker from Indian River State College, in attendance. Ann was visiting us to answer, members questions about the Scholarship Committee's decision concerning the money left to the Chapter by Mrs. Kelly. The Committee's findings were presented to the membership by Jay Wise and Hall Riediger; \$19,780 was left to the Chapter by Mrs. Kelley in her will, Hall and Jay presented the thought to round out the money from Chapter funds and donate the \$20,000. to I.R. S.C. to endow a scholarship in perpetuity of \$1000.00 per year to a student who could show an interest and desire for History, and would attend a meeting each year so the members could get to know them.

Sick Committee: Our Two members , who have been ill, Doug North is still confined to the Nursing Home, he is now stuck in a wheel chair, please keep in mind it is his birthday this month, say a prayer for him and wish him a Happy Birthday. Dick Massey is continuing his battle with cancer and so far is a bit ahead of the game, he attended the meeting was presented his Bronze Color Guard Medal land has consented to be the up coming Chapter President.

Correspondence: A former winner of the Knight Essay Contest Christy Gurrero, has completed her requirements to receive her Juris Doctor Degree, which she will receive in May from Florida Gulf Coast University. Royce Neil suggested we send her a card congratulating her on her accomplishments.

Membership: Chuck McKinley has been approved for membership.

Up coming events: April 14 regular meeting the Chapter will present to Deputy Sheriff Angela Flower the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Sheriff Ken Mascara with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Also the slate of officers for the 2012 -2014 years will be presented and elections will be held.

May 4-6: Board of Management Meeting will be held in Kissimee, all members are invited to attend.

May 12- Regular meeting at Manero's Officer installation, and member awards will be presented

May 28- Memorial Day events in PSL and Stuart please make sure you have this on your calenders.

Guests present: Howard Main, Lindy Wise, Penny Donnahoo, Alice Rockhill, Helen Pattison, Bobby Hoffmann. Shirley Massey, Sheila Carr, Grace Woodburn, Majorie and David Ramesur (David is Florida Society President).

Members present: Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Bob Donnahoo, Bid Rockhill, Karl Heilman, Rich Pattison, Dick Massey, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Phil Carr, Chuck McKinley, Royce Neil, Tom Gilmore, Chris Wade and Carl Dennis.

50/50 Winner was Bud Rockhill \$18.00

Guy's Duck: \$25.00

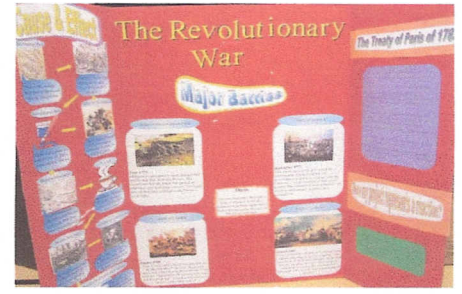
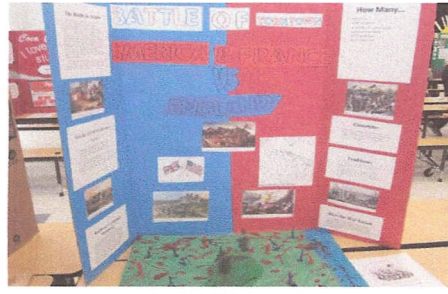
Benediction: Jay Wise

SAR Recessional: Hall Riediger

Thank You

Rich Pattison, Secretary

# St. Lucie County History Fair



The Chapter was delighted to award three prizes this year at the St. Lucie County History Fair. The pictures above are from left to right first, second and third place and the prizes were presented on March 15 at Port St. Lucie High School by Hall Riediger. This is one of our best projects for the year, Chapter participation this year was excellent with, Chuck Mckinley, Rich Pattison, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Bob Eisenhardt, Bob Donnahoo, Jay Wise and Hall Riediger from the Chapter and Penny Donnahoo and Barbara Hatfield from the DAR. This is a really worth while project and the School System appreciates the efforts of all the volunteers, who particiapte. Please if you can volunteer for this event next year, you will really get something worth while from your efforts.

## Events Calendar

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 meting 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 calenders

June 14- Flag Day, event will be detailed later

July 4- Baseball game ion Port St. Lucie color guard participation.

July 6 to July 11- National Congress, Phoenix, AZ

September 8 or 15 Constitution Week Luncheon Joint Meeting with the DAR

Sept 28/29 Fall Leaadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

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## President's Brigade

### Gold Medal

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### Silver Medal

### Bronze Medal

George R. Lambert