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The monthly newsletter and source of information
for the St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
May 2012

President's Salvo



Compatriots,

We have ended one year and now have begun a new one, we did have unfortunate news that our New President Richard Massey succumbed to Cancer and the 1st VP has assumed the duties of President. We have a busy year ahead for us with many projects and activities planned and I hope that all of you can participate as best each of you can.

First and foremost we are beginning the project to place a monument at the new Stuart Veterans Memorial. It will be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11 at 11AM. We would like as many of the guard as possible to make that event. We also have made strides toward funding the project with a grant from the Florida Society of \$1000 and so far \$675 of donations from members, if you can help please do, We are estimating that it will cost us about \$2500 to finish the project.

Take care and I hope to see all of you this coming year participating in chapter projects and events.

Hall Riediger, President

Richard S. Massey



It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the death of Dick Massey our newly elected and installed President. Dick lost his long battle with cancer and has gone on to that other SAR Chapter.

Dick was a very active member of the Chapter just finishing a term as 1st Vice President, he was a long time member of the Yorktown Camp Color guard and could be seen often marching in the Stuart Parade and was also a front page photo in the St. Lucie News. Dick was a personal friend and I will miss him as will all the other members, who knew him, God Speed and farewell.

Medals and Awards



The picture above is Penny Donnahoo and Bob Donnahoo, Penny received the Martha Washington Medal for all of her efforts taking care of us during her husband's term and Bob the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts as President. The picture below is color guard Commander Jay Wise presenting SAR Bronze Color guard medals to our guardsmen, from left to right Jay Wise Color guard Commander, Oscar Krachenbuehl, Rich Pattison and Bob Eisenhardt. We thank them all for their efforts.



To Access the Chapter Website, go to:
<http://www.stlucieriverflssarc.org/index.html>

Howard Main

It is with again a heavy heart that I have to inform you of the passing of Howard Main, Howard was an associate member, who was working on his membership, and joined us regularly at our meetings, we got to know him very well, but he was called before he could complete the process of joining the SAR. We all wish him God speed and farewell. We will miss him greatly.



New Members Inducted



Officers Installed

The Chapter installed new officers for the 2012/2014 term, Hall Riediger, Treasurer of the Florida Society conducted the ceremony. We wish to thank the men, who have stepped forward to lead the Chapter for their commitment to help the SAR. Richard S. Massey, President; Hall Riediger; 1stVP; John H. Auld, 2nd VP; Thomas N. Gilmore, Secretary; J. Christopher Wade, Treasurer; Jay F. Wise, Royce Neil and Robert W. Donnahoo, Jr as Directors at Large. Also Charles McKinley was appointed as Registrar and Philip B. Carr as Chapter Chaplain, again thank you all.

The photo above is from right to left Hall Riediger, Registrar, James Simpson, Charles McKinley and Bob Donnahoo St. Lucie River President. Jim Simpson and Chuck McKinley were inducted in to the SAR as new members. We are always delighted to have these people join us and help spread the word of the SAR to the general public.

Events Calendar

July 4- Baseball game in Port St. Lucie color guard participation. All members welcome to enjoy the game. Contact Hall or Rich Pattison for tickets and event info.

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

September 8 Constitution Week Luncheon Joint Meeting with the DAR, Judge Mark Klingensmith of the 19th Circuit Court will be our guest speaker

September 28/29 Fall Leadership Meeting, National Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky.

October 13 First Meeting of the year, Manero's, Palm City Annual Fire Safety and Emergency Services Meeting.

November 10, Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City, Veterans Celebration to honor our Veterans.

November 11, Veterans Day Color guard activities in Port St. Lucie and at the parade, and dedication of the new Stuart Veterans Park, in Stuart.

December 2 or 9- the Fort Pierce Christmas Parade, every one is invited to participate please if you are free come and join us this wonderful community project.

December 8 Regular Meeting at Manero's, Palm City, program: Hall Riediger giving a talk and powerpoint show of the 14 forgotten Presidents. Also it is our annual food drive for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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Minutes

May 12, 2012

Call to Order 12:00 Noon Bob Donnahoo

Invocation: Jay Wise

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Eisenhardt

Pledge to the SAR: Hall Riediger

Minutes of the Previous Meeting approved: Motion Bob Eisenhardt, second Chuck McKinley

There being a quorum the meeting proceeded.

Guests: Helen Pattison, Lindy Wise, Penny Donnahoo, Pat Eisenhardt, Alice Rockhill, Jack Irvin, Steve Simpson, Susan Auld, Sheila Carr and Kent Cameron.

Members: Richard Pattison, Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, Jay Wise, Robert Donnahoo, Jr., Robert Donnahoo, III, Robert Eisenhardt, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Bud Rockhill, Jim Simpson, John Auld, and Joe Leinbach.

Meeting Recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM

Meeting resumed called back to order 12:45 PM

Award Presentations: Robert W. Donnahoo III and Thomas N. Gilmore NSSAR Military Service Awards

New Members: We were fortunate to be able to induct 2 new members into the Chapter at this meeting, Charles McKinley and James Simpson II. Please welcome them into the Chapter.

Presentation: Compatriot Bob Eisenhardt, presented " What the Pledge of Allegiance means to Me" This is a very effective and emotional presentation.

Sick Committee: (This is an update and not the sick list in May). Doug North is still in assisted living and is confined to a wheel chair, Richard Massey passed away at the end of May, Bob Eisenhardt has had his back surgery and is recovering, Bob Donnahoo has had his Liver Cancer Surgery and is recovering, Royce Neil had surgery for a knee replacement and is recovering, he has been diagnosed with chronic Leukemia when he went in for surgery., he is in rehab and the Doctors are watching the leukemia. Oscar Kraehenbuehl had his cataracts corrected, and a rumor has it Phil Carr is under the weather (details later when we find out what is the problem).

Florida Society Treasurer Hall Riediger installed new officers for the Chapter, Richard Massey - President, Hall Riediger - 1st Vice President, John Auld - 2nd Vice President, Chris Wade - Treasurer, Thomas N. Gilmore - Secretary, Jay Wise, Royce Neil and Robert Donnahoo, Jr - Directors, at Large. We congratulate and thank these men on their willingness to serve the Chapter and the SAR. (There is another note here, With the passing of our President, Richard Massey it will be necessary to elevate 1st VP Hall Riediger to President and 2nd VP John Auld to 1st Vice President.)

Upcoming Events: The Annual DAR/SAR Joint meeting for Constitution Week will be held at the Monarch Country Club at 11AM on Sept 8, please if you can attend please do, Compatriot Judge Mark Klingensmith will be our guest speaker.

Medals and Awards: the chapter was delighted to present Bob Eisenhardt, Oscar Kraehenbuehl and Rich Pattison the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal. The Chapter also presented Bob Donnahoo, Jr Past President his Past Presidents pin and the SAR Meritorious Service Medal for his service the last two years. Finally the Chapter presented the Martha Washington Medal to Penny Donnahoo for all she has done for us over the past two years, if you attend the meetings then you know all the wonderful and thoughtful things she does for us.

50/50 Drawing winner: Oscar Kraehenbuehl \$14.00

Guy's Duck: \$22.00

Benediction: Jay Wise

Recessional: Hall Riediger

Thomas Gilmore, Secretary

Dwight David Eisenhower

Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower, was born October 14, 1890 in Denison, Texas, the third of seven boys born to David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover. Originally born David Dwight his Mother changed it to Dwight David to avoid confusion. The family had lived in the United States since the 1730 when "Ike's" ancestors had immigrated to this country from Germany through Switzerland.

In 1892 the Family moved back to Abilene, Kansas, where Eisenhower always felt was home, his parents were devoted Mennonites and later joined a group that eventually became Jehovah's Witnesses. The Eisenhower home was the meeting place for these groups from 1896 through 1915.

Eisenhower graduated from Abilene High School in the class of 1909, both Ike and his brother Edgar wished to go to college, they made a pact where one would work while the other attended college, then they would alternate years. Edgar went first and at the end of his first year asked Ike for a second, which he was allowed. During that second year a friend "Swede" Hazlet was going to go to the Naval Academy and suggested Ike also try, Ike was one of the winners of the exam competition but was too old for the Naval Academy so he accepted an appointment to West Point. He accepted the appointment in 1911 and attended from 1911 through 1915 graduating in the middle of his class, which became known as "the class the stars fell on" as 59 members of this class became generals.

When Eisenhower was stationed in Texas after graduation he met Mamie Geneva Doud of Boone, Iowa. On Valentine's Day 1916 he proposed to her and they were married on July 1 1916 due to the outbreak of World War I. In the first 35 years of their marriage they would move 35 times. They would have 2 children, both boys, Doud Dwight Eisenhower known as "Icky", born September 24, 1917 and died of Scarlet Fever on January 2, 1921 at the age of three and John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower born August 3, 1922 while the couple was living in Panama.

Upon graduation Eisenhower asked for assignment to the Philippines but was denied instead he was assigned to the infantry and served at Fort Sam Houston Texas until 1917 then Ft. Oglethorpe in Georgia until 1918. Then he was transferred to the 65th Engineers and sent to Fort Meade Maryland, he then received order to the new tank corp at Camp Colt located in Gettysburg, Pa, his first command.

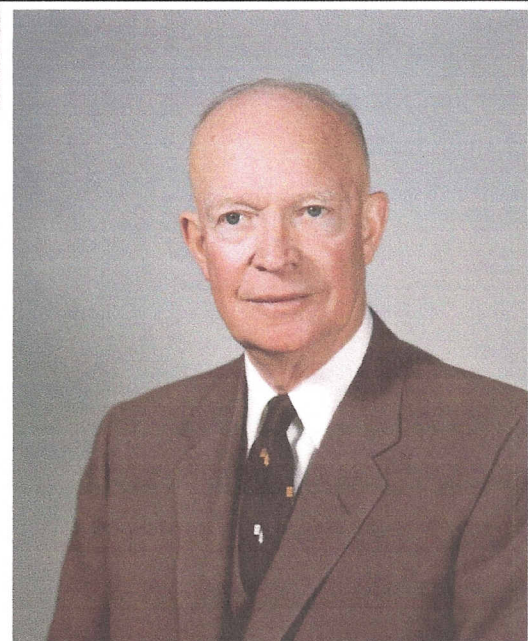
Eisenhower would miss out on any combat assignments but would establish a reputation for excellent organizational skills, the ability to accurately judge junior officers abilities and put the right person in the right job .

The lack of combat experience left Eisenhower depressed and a little bitter , and it would also allow his detractors an edge later in his career.

Eisenhower had by this time been promoted to Major, he would hold this rank for 16 years. His first job was to test new army vehicles and the countries highways, he found they were so bad that they could only average 5 miles per hour from Washington to San Francisco, this probably set his mind toward the future Interstate Highway System. He was moved to command a Battalion of Tanks at Ft. Meade, Maryland, then in 1922 where he spent much of his time collaborating with George S. Patton developing new tank tactics, his belief in the new tactics got him into trouble and he was censured with a threat of a court martial if he continued. He would serve with a series of generals that was unprecedented , Fox Conner, John J. Pershing, Douglas MacArthur, and George C. Marshall. In 1925 and 1926 he attended the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating first in a class of 245. From 1929 to 1933 Eisenhower served as Executive Officer to General George V. Mosley , Assistant Secretary of War, and then he was posted to be chief military aide to Douglas MacArthur. He would accompany MacArthur to the Philippines where over the 4 years he was there he developed strong disagreements with MacArthur on many subjects. He also learned there to fly although he was never rated as a military pilot.

In 1939 Eisenhower returned to the United States and held a number of staff assignments, on October 3. 1941 he was promoted to Brigadier General as his abilities had been recognized by his superiors, but they did not consider him for command of major operations.

Eisenhower was then appointed to the General Staff in Washington serving as Assistant to General Leonard T. Gerow, then he was promoted to Chief of the War Plans Division .Then an appointment came for him as Assistant Chief of Staff under George C. Marshall. In May 1942 Eisenhower along with Lt. Gen Henry H. Arnold to England to evaluate Major General James E. Chaney. He returned to Washington with a poor assessment of Chaney and soon found himself sent back to England as Commanding General European Theater of Operations replacing Chaney. In November he was also appointed Supreme Commander of Allied Force of the North African Theater of Operations, after successful operations in North Africa, then Sicily he engineered the invasion of Italy. Roosevelt then decided that Eisenhower would be the Supreme Allied Commander in



in Europe instead of George C. Marshall in December 1943, charged with the Allied assault at Normandy, the liberation of Europe and the invasion of Germany. On June 6th 1944 he began the process of liberating Europe with the monumental decision to begin the invasion. After the successful defeat of Germany, Eisenhower was appointed Governor of the US Sector in Germany until his return to Washington in November 1945.

In 1948 Eisenhower was selected to be President of Columbia University, it was considered a poor fit on both sides, but he would remain. His book "Crusade in Europe" was published and was a huge financial success. Also Eisenhower was active with the Council on Foreign Relations. Another activity the Eisenhower became involved with was when he was requested to advise Secretary of Defense James Forrestal on the unification of the armed forces. In 1950 he attempted to resign the post at Columbia when he was appointed Supreme Commander of NATO but they allowed him a leave of absence.

Then in 1952 a draft Eisenhower for President effort in the Republican Party convinced Eisenhower to run for President disappointing Harry Truman, who had tried to get him to run as a Democrat. He was elected in a landslide over Adlai Stevenson, then again in 1956 over Adlai Stevenson. His accomplishments were the Interstate Highway System, he led a very aggressive foreign policy with intervention in the Middle East, China and Korea, the Congo, Central America, planned the Bay of Pigs which he left for Kennedy and finally he was very active with Civil Rights. He appointed 5 Supreme Court Justices, 45 Court of Appeals Judges and 129 District Court Judges.

In retirement Eisenhower did a little in the political arena, but mainly did his favorite things golf, painting, and fishing. He died of congestive heart failure March 28, 1969.

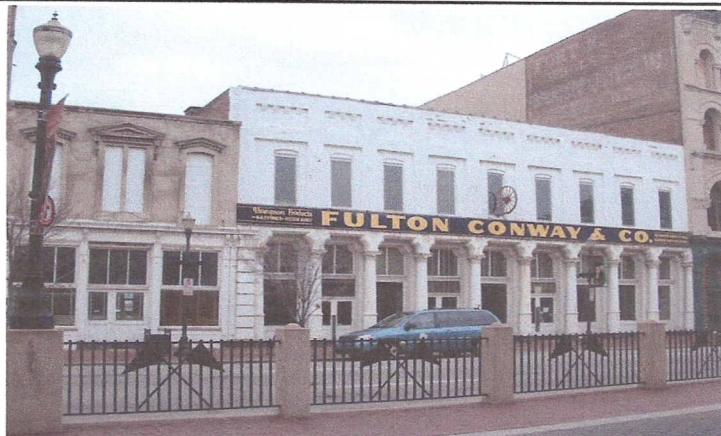
News of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage

If you haven't been able to keep informed about how the CAAH is coming along here is an update. The Genealogy Library was completed and dedicated last year.

Also a Compatriot and his wife donated the monies to completely refurbish the facade of the building in Louisville. That leaves only the museum and offices to be completed.

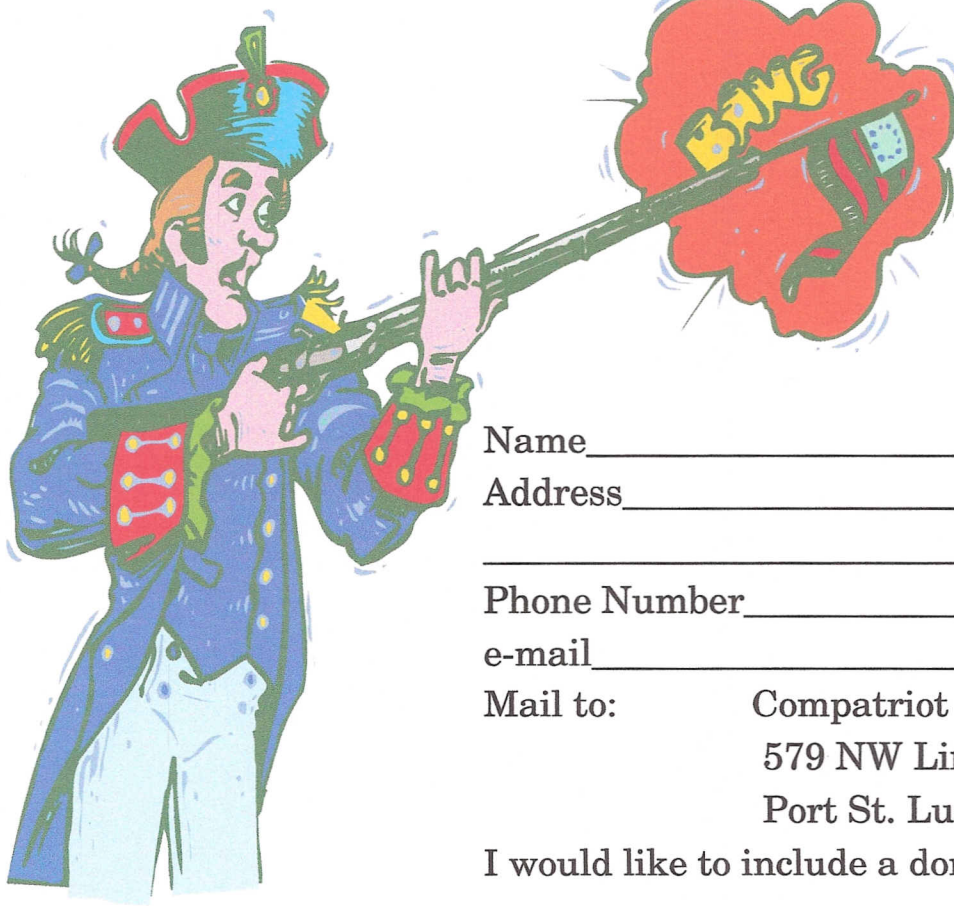
At the Congress in Phoenix, AZ. Compatriot Sam Powell issued a challenge to the members of the SAR in the form of a challenge grant of \$1,500,000. The funds will be made available as a match to all donations received for the final project. Sam is going to match any donations pledged to

the Center. He will match dollar for dollar all money given to the Center up to \$1,500,000. This is a fabulously generous offer, and it is up to each of us to avail ourselves of this. Please if you are able make a pledge to the CAAH and make Sam Powell match your contribution. Also you could just add a small contribution to your dues, \$5 or \$10 dollars and Chris Wade our Treasurer, Tom Gilmore our Secretary or myself will make sure the money goes to the CAAH. The pictures to the right are as follows, the one on top is before while the one on the bottom is now, and you can see just how much we have accomplished.



2013 Dues

It is that time again, 2013 dues are now being collected and are due by the first of December please send them in as soon as you can so we are not delaying our report to National,



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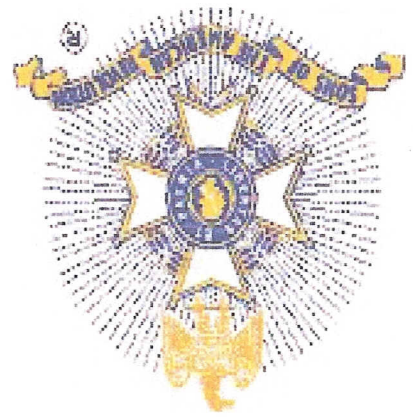
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Mail to: Compatriot Chris Wade
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I would like to include a donation to the CAAH \$ _____



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President's Brigade

Each year we ask members to do a little extra to help the Chapter with the prizes to young people, who participate in our 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 with a little extra and we will list your name here, as a member of the President's Brigade. For a donation of 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 a member of the Gold Medal level. Please if at all possible help us out with a little extra.