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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



Compatriots,

We begin a new year and hopefully it will be successful. We are planning many things this year one being a increase in membership, we want to create a Revolutionary War Memorial in Port St. Lucie, after our efforts in Stuart were rebuffed. Stuart decided to go their own way and we could not join in with their plans. We are looking to have more members at our meetings and we are looking for a Color Guard Commander, if you are young and have military experience and want to really get involved please contact Hall Riediger.

We are planning on seeing all of you at the October Meeting, take care.

Hall Riediger

Fourth of July



It was with great pleasure that the Chapter was invited to participate in the 4th of July celebration at Digital Domain Stadium. This is the third year in a row we have done this it a lot of fun. We present the colors and then stay for the game, hot dogs and cold beer, then a spectacular fireworks show. The members of the guard from left to right are Adam Whiting, Christian Whiting, Hall Riediger, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Jay Wise and Rich Pattison. If you have not participated in this event please come next year and join us for a fun night.



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

Remembering Royce E. Neil

Director at Large, Royce Neil of the Chapter passed away on September 21, he had been diagnosed with leukemia shortly before. Royce was a good friend and active member of the St. Lucie Chapter a former state policeman in Connecticut and a member of the Mayflower Society. We are going to miss his friendship and his presence at our regular meetings



Montage

The next page in the newsletter is a montage of pictures taken by LynnAnn White and Hall Riediger at the annual Constitution Week Luncheon. Many thanks to our Treasure Coast DAR Ladies for their efforts and cooperation. Also special thanks to Judge Mark Klingensmith for his wonderful talk.

Events Calendar

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 the ourselves.

December 25./ January 1 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

January 12, Regular Meeting, Manero's Palm City. Program is not set at this time.

February 9, Regular Meeting, Manero's Palm City. Program not set at this time

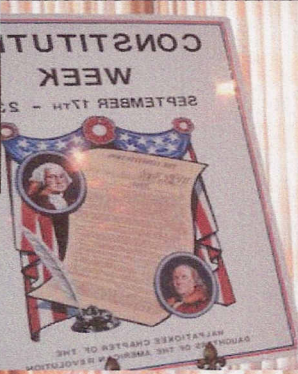
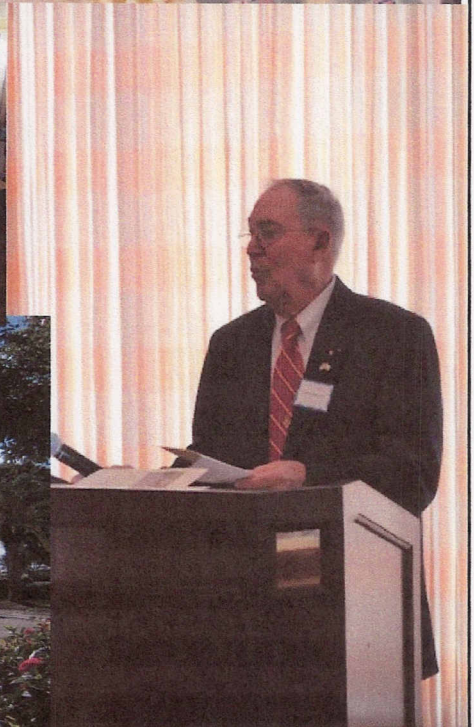
March 2, Last Naval Battle Celebration

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News of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage

The latest news concerning the Center for Advancing American's Heritage is that at the Congress this summer the Board of Trustees gave unanimous approval for the next stage of the restoration of the build on West Main. In the top picture you can see the building as it was purchased, the picture on the bottom shows the facade which has been completed and the Genealogical Library which has also been completed on the left. What the members approved at the Congress was the completion of the inside of the Museum building which is on the left. This is the rebuilding of the cellar, the first floor and the mezzanine and a new roof and enough finishing so that the building can be used for educational seminars, meetings and limited museum functions. The final step will be the completing of the museum, and offices and the moving of our headquarters from its present location to the West Main. We are getting very close to completion.



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,



Name _____

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Mail to: Compatriot Chris Wade
 P.O. Box 305
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I would like to include a donation to the CAAH \$ _____

Gerald Rudolph Ford

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., was born as Leslie Lynch King, Jr. on July 14, 1913 in Omaha, Nebraska. Just 16 days after his birth his mother left King because, he was a jealous and violent man, Ford later said his father had hit his mother many times and had threatened her with a butcher knife. Dorothy Ayer Gardner then moved in with her sister then later with her parents in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After the divorce Dorothy Gardner had full custody of her son and child support was paid by Ford's paternal grandfather until shortly before his death in 1930.

On February 1, 1916 Dorothy Gardner married for a second time to Gerald Rudolph Ford the couple called Ford Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. but he was never formally adopted and did not change his name legally until December of 1935. Jerry Ford was an active child, he was a Boy Scout achieving the rank of Eagle (the only president to ever attain this rank). He was a good student and an excellent athlete he attended the University of Michigan where he played football, he starred on the

team, playing center on offense and linebacker on defense, he would help Michigan go undefeated in 1932 and 1933 and two National Titles but in 1934 their fortunes plunged and they won only 1 game. He played in the Shriner's game in San Francisco, as a 1935 Collegiate All-Star team player, he played against the Chicago Bears and then in 1994 his jersey number 48 was retired by the University of Michigan.

In 1942 Ford entered the Navy of the United States as an Ensign. He would serve until the end of the war, and rise to the rank of Lt Commander. He would serve as a Flight Instructor and also aboard the Carrier *Monterey*, He would win The Pacific Campaign Medal with 9 stars, the Philippines Liberation Medal with 2 stars, the American Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

In 1949 Ford would be inducted into the order of Masons along with his 3 step brothers, he would later realize the connection with the Father of his Country.

On October 15, 1948 Jerry Ford would marry the love of

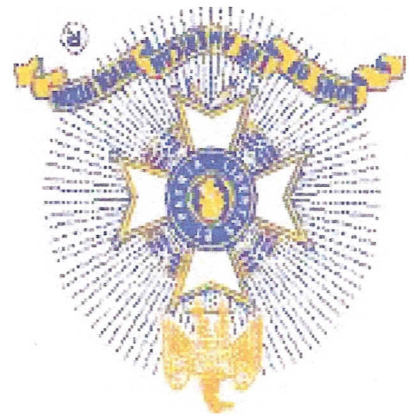


his life Elizabeth Bloomer Warren, they would have 4 children.

Ford would be elected to the Congress in 1948 and would be elected to the Congress for 13 terms, the last two as minority leader. In 1973 Gerald Ford would be selected as Vice President of the United States on the resignation of Spiro Agnew. Then the unthinkable, President Richard M. Nixon resigned because of the contact with the Watergate Scandal and Ford replaced him as President the only man ever to be President of the United States without being elected. Then on September 8, 1974 Ford pardoned Nixon.

It was a political disaster, Ford would lose the 1976 Presidential election to Jimmy Carter.

Jerry Ford would serve his country and business in many capacities, he would play a lot of golf his favorite sport, He would live another 30 years until December 26, 2006 when he passed at his home in Rancho Marraige, California the longest living President, 93 years and 185 days..



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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.