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for the St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
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President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

On Memorial Day, May 26, the St. Lucie River Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution is planning to dedicate the new monument to our ancestors at the Port St. Lucie Veterans Memorial Park.

I am hopeful that you all will put the event on your calendar and will attend, we hope for a super turnout.

Jay Wise has informed me that the bronze part of the monument has been delivered, the granite pedestal is under construction and we are only waiting for the City of Port St. Lucie to pour the base. They have picked the location and have volunteered to set up the base.



So please set this date so you can attend and thanks to all, who have contributed to make this a reality.

Thanks

Hall Riediger, President

The Story of Alexander Burns

The Chapter was delighted to have John Auld tell us about his patriot, Alexander Burns. The story and it is unique in some ways with Burns at the age of sixteen being impressed into the British Navy. This was not an uncommon event in colonial times, but youngsters were not usually pressed into the navy. He served for 7 years and when his ship came to New York he deserted and stayed in America. Later he would return to Ireland, but his family was either dead or scattered and he left to return to the colonies with his cousin James Burns. Alexander Burns would serve in the First Pennsylvania Regt under the command of Col. William Thompson, he would take part in the Battle of Quebec, the New York campaign, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Matson's Ford, and Monmouth, serving in the renamed First Continental Regt. Burns would serve until furloughed



in June of 1783 and released when the unit was disbanded in November 15, 1783. He would purchase land in western Pennsylvania where he spent the remainder of his life raising a family and making a living until his death in 1826. There is a small inset showing the uniform worn by Burns. We would like to thank John for his efforts and the time he spent to write and research this presentation. Thank you, John.

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

Tom Barnhart Inducted into the SAR

The Chapter was delighted to induct Donald Thomas Barnhart into membership in the SAR. Tom has been the last couple of months finishing up his application and getting approved by National. The photo to the left is of Jan Barnhart pinning the rosette on her husband Tom with St. Lucie River Registrar Chuck Mckinley proudly watching. Chuck is new at his job and is doing a wonderful job guiding our new members through the process.



If you would like to follow the progress of the construction at the CAAH building in Louisville, you can access a video on the NSSAR website. NSSAR.org. Also available on this site is the complete directory of information of the National Society .

Events Calendar

April 13 Regular Meeting at Manero's in Palm City at 11:30 AM everyone welcome. Program is to be honoring Okeechobee Sheriff's Office nominee for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

April 19, Patriot's Day remember your Patriot

May 3,4,5 Board of Management meeting , Kissimmee, All members are invited to attend the Annual and Board of Management Meeting.

May 11 Regular Meeting at Manero's In Palm City at 11:30 AM. everyone is welcome. Program will be the 1st of the year and we will honor our own members, who have gone the extra mile this year.

May 26, Memorial Day Colorguard events in Stuart and Port St. Lucie.

June 16 Flag Day Colorguard events

July 4 Annual Colorguard event with the PSL Mets. come and enjoy the game and fireworks members, family and friends are invited

July 5 through July 10 123rd National Congress all members are invited to attend.

September 14 Annual Constitution Week luncheon with the Treasure Coast DAR Chapters, will be held at the Monarch Country Club, there will be more information available later.

27 September to 28 September Fall Leadership meeting Louisville, KY all members are invited to attend.

Finding Our Website

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Minutes
March 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Bob Donnahoo III

Pledge to SAR: Kent Cameron

Minutes of the January Meeting were approved, Tom Gilmore made the motion, Phil Carr seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted unanimous.

Members present: Kent Cameron, Tom Barnhart, Jim Simpson, Bob Donnahoo III, Bob Donnahoo Jr, Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Chris Wade, William Hammond, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Wade, Joe Leinbach, Tom Gilmore, Chuck McKinley, John Auld

Guests present: Lindy Wise, Sheila Carr, Penny Donnahoo, Sheila Carr, Joe Reagan, Joan Barnhart, Diane Cameron, Sandy Simpson, Honora Gilmore

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopened meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Awards Presentations and New Members Inductions: Tom Barnhart induction with his wife and Chuck McKinley assisting in the presentation.

Correspondence: Check out the NSSAR Website for the latest on the construction at the new building.

Unfinished Business: Jay discussed the ongoing progress of the new monument. It appears to be it is going to be placed near the Veterans Purple Heart Monument in the St. Lucie Veterans Memorial Park.

New Business: Reports Membership: Hall reported that membership is now 51 since Tom Barnhard was approved on February 6. FLSSAR is at 1941 members just under 2000.

Upcoming Events:

3/2 St. Lucie County History Fair at Oak Hammock K-8 8 AM until noon need judges.

3/9 Last Naval Battle Celebration at Port Canaveral. Conflict with History Fair.

3/6 History Fair Awards at Ft. Pierce Central 6 PM to 8 PM

Committee Reports: Good Citizenship - Hall Riediger

JROTC - Jay Wise - 9 letters sent to JROTC units.

Commanding Officers to select a cadet for presentation of our Bronze Medal and Certificate.

Eagle Scouts - Looking for someone to contact Scouts and act as Liaison for Eagle Scout Program.

Good citizenship Certificates will go out at the end of this month.

Other Officer Reports: Color Guard reports for PSL and Stuart.

Habitat for Humanity - Joe made report.

Veteran Affairs: Call Carl Ward to talk about Veterans Affairs

Program: John Auld gave a special presentation outlining his family history and relatives that contributed to the Revolutionary War. The members found his talk to be very interesting.

50/50 Drawing: Penny Donnahoo \$17.00

Guy's Duck: \$26.00

Next Meeting: April 13th. Okeechobee Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Award.

Benediction Chaplin: Phil Carr

Recessional: Hall Riediger

Meeting adjourned

Yours,
Tom Gilmore, Secretary

George Herbert Walker Bush

The 41st President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush was born 12 June 1924 in Milton , Massachusetts to Prescott Sheldon Bush and Dorothy (Walker) Bush.

Bush began school at the Greenwich County Day School in Greenwich, Connecticut , then he transferred to Phillips Academy in Andover Massachusetts, where he was extremely successful, holding many leadership positions and graduating high in his class. Bush was accepted into Yale upon his graduation from Phillips in 1942, but chose to join the Navy instead. He would do well in this also graduating from aviators school in Corpus Christi, Texas on 9 June 1943 just a couple of days before his 19th birthday, he was the youngest naval aviator .

Bush was assigned to Torpedo Squadron VT52 in September of 1943 and then was based the following year on the USS *San Jacinto* as a member of Air Group 51. He would serve in combat at the Battle of the Philippine Sea, fly 58 combat missions, be shot down and rescued and be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 Air Medals and a Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the *San Jacinto*.

On January 6, 1945 Bush married Barbara Pierce only weeks after returning from the Pacific, they would have 6 children, George Walker (46), Pauline Robinson (49 died 53), John Ellis (53), Neil Mallon (55), Marvin Pierce (56) and Dorothy Bush Koch (59).

Upon Bush's discharge from the military he accepted the offer to Yale made before he went into the Navy. He enrolled in an accelerated program and completed his education at Yale in 2 I/2 years. He like his father

before a member of the cheerleading Squad, initiated into the Skull and Bones Society and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also was elected the President of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, captained the Yale baseball team, played in the first two College World Series games, and graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

After graduation Bush moved to West Texas and went to work with Dresser Industries as a sales clerk. Then in 1951 he started the Bush-Overby Oil Development Co, in 1953 cofounded the Zapata Petroleum Corp. and then in 1954 the Zapata Offshore Co. then he moved the headquarters from Midland, Texas to Houston, Texas, he would stay with the company until 1966 when his thoughts turned to politics and he had made his mark as a millionaire.

His first foray into politics began in 1964 as Chairman of the Republican Party for Harris County, Texas. In 1966 Bush was elected to the US House of Representatives, and reelected in 1968. President Nixon convinced Bush to run for the Senate in 1970, Bush lost to Lloyd Bentsen. Nixon appreciated Bush's sacrifice in 1970 and appointed him to be Ambassador to the United Nations in 1971 then in 1973 Nixon asked Bush to become the Chairman of the Republican National Committee. After Nixon's resignation Bush was nominated to be Chief of the US Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China and he would serve 14 months in that capacity. In 1976 bush was brought back to Washington and named the Director of the CIA.

When the Democrats took power in 1977 Bush went back to Texas and became Chairman of the Executive Committee of the First International Bank of Houston, served on the faculty



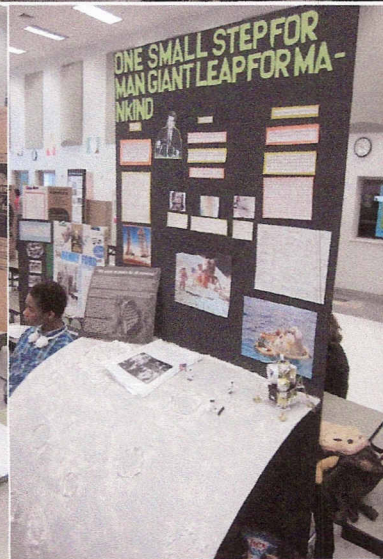
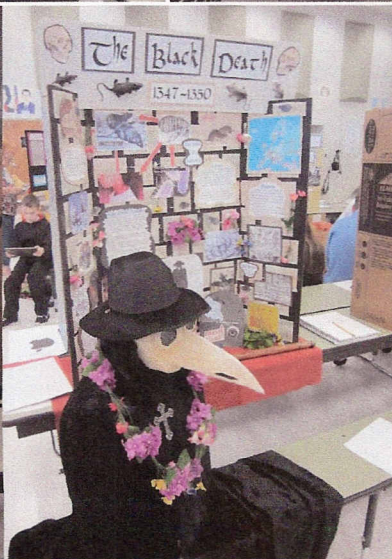
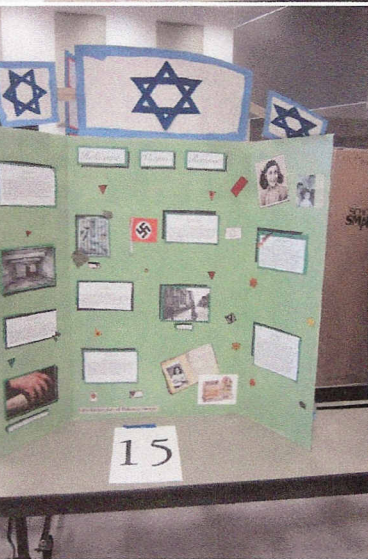
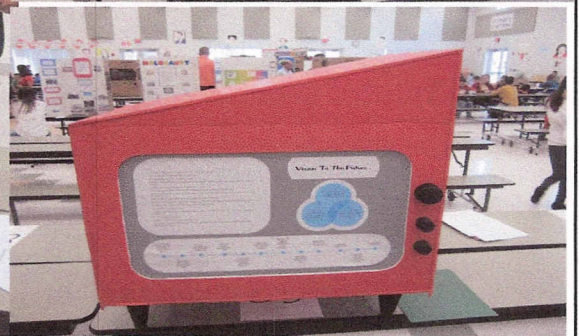
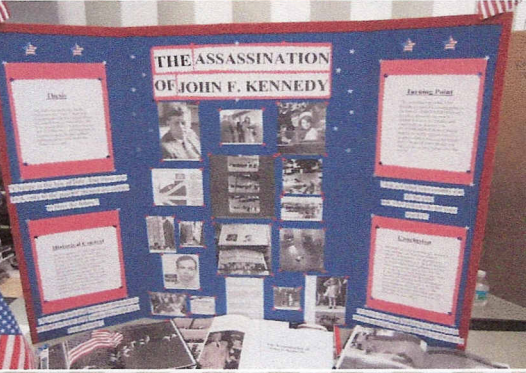
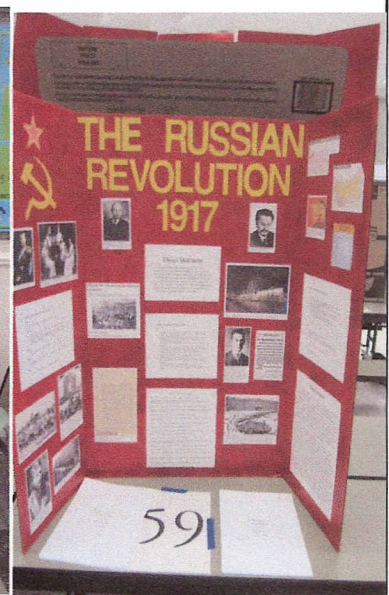
Rice University and Director of the Council on Foreign Relations.

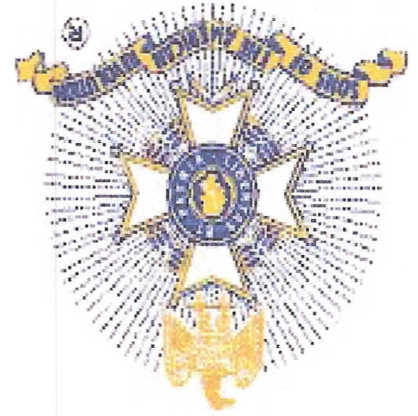
In 1980 Bush would run for the Presidency but would fall to Ronald Reagan, at the Convention Reagan selected Bush to be his running mate and Bush would serve two terms as Vice President. Then in 1988 bush would be elected on his own to be the 41st President of the United States, he would serve one term and then loose the next election to William J. Clinton.

President Bush would be known for a number of things, the ousting of the Noriega government from Panama, overseeing the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the first Gulf War, the Somali Civil War, and NAFTA. He would loose the election mainly due to a third party candidate Ross Perot splitting the vote, but many said it was because of his stance on rasing taxes, with the Pledge "Read my lips, no new taxes" and then signing a bill that raised taxes.

George HW Bush has been active since his retirement from government, he can be seen regularly with Bill Clinton on some humanitarian project, he can be seen at his estate in Kennebunk Port, Me and we all hope to see him make his annual parachute jump on his birthday, he will be 89 this June, the oldest President.

Some Memories of the History Fair





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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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Silver Medal

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Bronze Medal

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