



# The Whig

The monthly newsletter and source of information  
for the St. Lucie River Chapter,  
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution  
April 2013

## President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

In some ways I am sad to tell you that in the Fall Bill Hammond will be taking over the Editor of the "WHIG" position. He has volunteered for this and I am sure he will do very well.

In some other ways it is a sad day in that I have edited the "Whig" now for the last four years and six years in all and something will be missing in my life.

Please as Bill takes over help him with submitting content, photos and support. Also let him know what a great job he is doing as often as you can. When you are working away it helps to have a little pat on the back every so often.

Take care,

Hall Riediger, President

## The Chapter Honors Det. Mark Shireman

To the right, President Hall Riediger is presenting to Detective Mark Shireman of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. In the picture is Hall on the left and Detective Shireman and his lovely wife Heather



The picture to the right from left to right is the Sheriff of Okeechobee County Paul C. May, to his right is Hall Riediger, Detective Mark Shireman, Heather Shireman and Detective Shireman's supervisor Captain John Rhodan. It is always a great pleasure to honor our police forces.

pinning the medal to his lapel. In the picture to the right Detective Shireman is thanking the members of the Chapter for his award. Detective Shireman was awarded the medal for his very quick and competent handling of a home invasion case in Okeechobee County. The case was solved in only 12 days



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# Minutes

## April 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon  
Invocation: Oscar Kraehenbuehl  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Tom Gilmore  
Pledge to SAR: William Hammond

Minutes of the January Meeting were approved, Bob Donnahoo ,Jr. , Tom Gilmore seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted unanimous.

Guests present: Detective Mark Shireman, Heather Shireman, Penny Donnahoo, Jess Clements, Captain John Rhodan , Seth Fields , Jan Barnhart, Dellores May, Sheriff Paul May Alice Rockhill, Jack Irving, Grace Woodburn, Pat Eisenhardt, Joe Regan

Members present: Tom Barnhart, Bob Donnahoo, Jr., Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Chris Wade, Bill Hammond, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Carl Wade, Joe Leinbach, Tom Gilmore, Chuck McKinley, Bob Eisenhardt, Bud Rockhill, Carl Dennis, Carl Wade

Meeting recessed for lunch.  
Reopened meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Correspondence: Check out the NSSAR Website for the latest on the construction at the new building. Latest posting was 3/13. Also in the construction a pottery bottle was found dating from the 1850's. And the library has received a new rare book published in 1781 about the American Revolution in French. Check all of this information at WWW.SAR.ORG.

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. Date of dedication is May 27th.

Reports Membership: The Board of Management Meeting and Annual Meeting will be may 3,4 & 5th in Kissimmee. All members are welcome to attend and I suggest that every member should attend at least one and then if possible get involved in the Committees, or Operations of the Florida Society.

Richard Bush has accepted an appointment to the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs.

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 - Mark Klingensmith has spoken up and is our Eagle Chair, he has already let me know of a Honor court of April 27 in Port St. Lucie, would anyone like to go with me, it is from 5 to 7:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, let me know if you like to go with me?

Good Citizenship Certificates went out yesterday to all elementary and Middle Schools in Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties. As I hear from the schools we will need members, who have uniforms, to go to the schools and present the certificates to the children.

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

Habitat for Humanity : Joe made report, nothing in the near future.

Program: Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal this year is being awarded to Detective Mark Shireman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department. Detective Shireman was called to a home in Okeechobee where there had been an armed home invasion robbery of July 17, 2012. There he interviewed the victims and gathered information to continue his investigation. Using cell phone and ATM card tracking he found that the thieves lived in Ft. Meyers. Also using surveillance videos from locations where the ATM cards were used he was able to identify one of the robbers and the car they used. The Sheriff's Office then picked up the suspect and after interviewing her, had the names of the other two suspects, who were then picked up. The whole affair lasting only 12 two days, on 29 July 2012 the three suspects were in jail and have been there since, they are now awaiting sentencing.

50/50 Drawing: \$19 money was contributed to the Monument Fund.

Guy's Duck: \$26

Next Meeting: May 11, 2013 Last meeting of the year, we are reserving this for member awards and thank you's.

Benediction Chaplain: Oscar Kraehenbuehl

Recessional: Hall Riediger

Yours, Tom Gilmore Secretary

# The New Roger Sherman Medal

The new Roger Sherman Medal was established this year to fill in the spot that has been missing in our award system. There are awards for just about everything except for those that do the regular work especially in the Chapters and this medal fills that lack.

The medal should be given for efforts of members at each level , National, State and Chapter with Gold for National , Silver for State and Bronze for the Chapter levels, It can be given for any two years of service as a Officer at each level or three years of service as a Chairman of a Committee or for four years of service a a member of a

committee. Plus it can be given multiple times by the use of the oak leaf cluster.

Roger Sherman was an early American lawyer and politician, as well as a founding father. He served on the Committee of Five , that drafted the Declaration of Independence and was a representative and Senator in the new republic. He was also the only person to sign all four great founding documents of the United States; the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.



The medal on the obverse has a portrait of Roger Sherman and the reverse the inscription "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR".

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](http://NSSAR.org). Also available on this site is the complete directory of information of the National Society .

## Events Calendar

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 last of the year and we will honor our own members, who have gone the extra mile this year.

May 27, Memorial Day Colorguard events in Stuart and Port St. Lucie. Dedication of the Revolutionary War Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park directly after the Memorial Day celebration, the dedication will be a short ceremony at the Memorial

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, Kansas City, Missouri all members are invited and encouraged to

attend and participate.

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

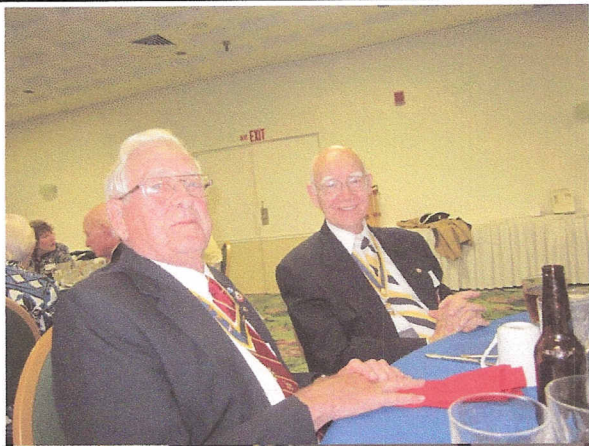
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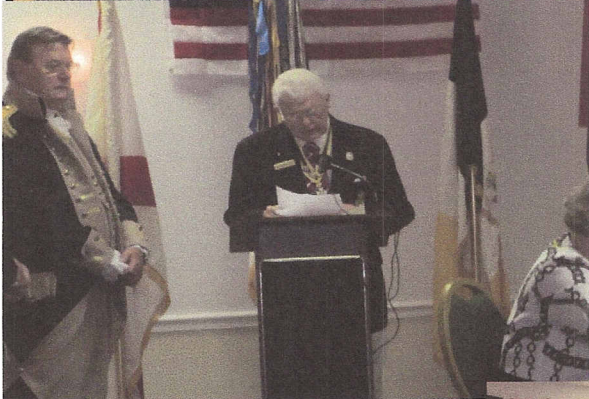
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# Some Images and Thoughts of a Board of Management and Annual Meeting



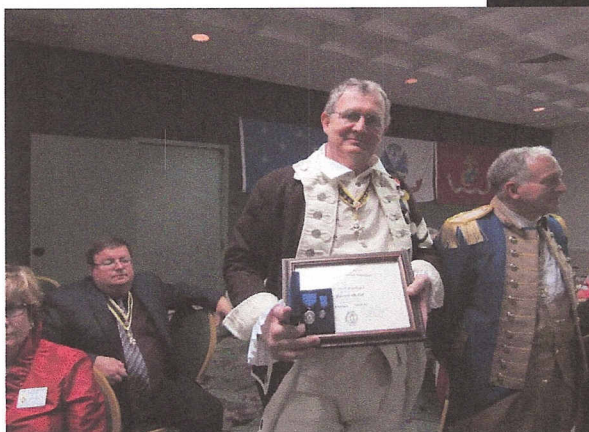
To the left Jay Wise and Oscar Kraehenbuehl enjoying the evening at the Friday night banquet. To the right, Oscar Kraehenbuehl showing off his Lamplighter Medal given to him for his continued support for hte Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Below that is Hall Riediger receiving the SAR's new Silver Roger Sherman Medal, presented by President Phil Tarpley with President elect Ted Duay in the background. Directly below is Hall being congratulated by Vice President General Pitard of



Above Florida Society President Phil Tarpley and Alternate National Trustee Phil Carr reading Compatriot Riediger's resume to the guests at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting Banquet. Below Hall showing his Patriot Medal and certificate. RVP Jeff Sizemore in the back and past Florida President



South Atlantic District , with Past President General Carl Hoffmann and Florida President Phil Tarpley in the background. It was a very eventful night for Hall Riediger to be honored by the Florida Society's membership for his efforts and perserverence over the last 12 years. A hearty thank you to all involved by Hall and the Chapter,



David Ramseur is to Hall's left. On the right, the group picture of the Patriot Medal recipients l to r Vic McMurry, Saramana, Doug Bridges, Miami, Hall and the Patriot Medal Fraternity





# George Walker Bush

The last of our Presidents, who have been members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Number 43 George Walker Bush. The eldest child of the 41st President George Herbert Walker Bush and Barbara Pierce Bush born on July 6, 1946 in New Haven, Connecticut. The family soon moved to Midland, Texas where George spent most of his early years. He received a public school education until the family moved to Houston when George entered the Kinkaid School for two years and then for High School he attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, an all male school where he played baseball and was on the cheerleading team.

Then in 1964 Mr. Bush attended Yale University until 1968 when he graduated with a BA in history. He also was active in the Yale Cheerleading squad, and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, played rugby and was a member of Yale's 1st XV. As a senior he became a member of the Skull and Bones Society. The in 1973 Bush attended Harvard Business School where he earned a MBA degree and eventually the only U.S. President to have earned this degree.

In 1968 Bush was commissioned into the National Guard, after two year active duty service during training he was assigned to Houston flying air recon. In 1972/73 he flew with the Alabama National Guard, but he missed a physical and was suspended from flying, he was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve on November 21, 1974.

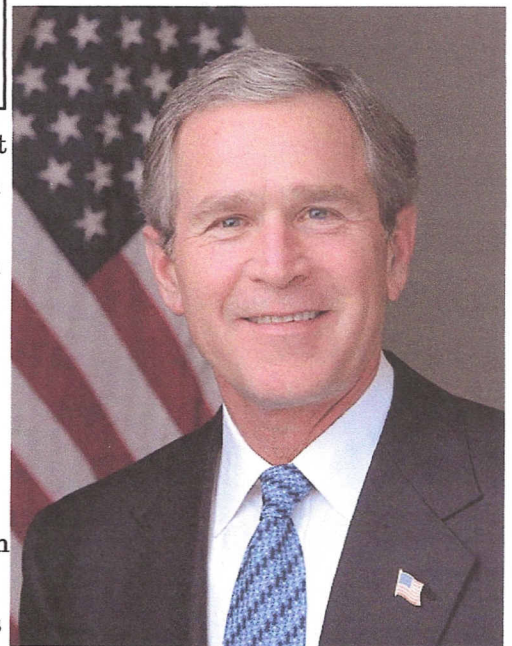
Then in 1977 at a backyard barbecue mutual friends introduced him to Laura Welch, school teacher and librarian, after three months of courting Bush asked her to marry him and they were married November 5, 1977. In 1981 Laura Bush gave birth to fraternal twin daughters Jenna and Barbara. On 14 April 2013 his daughter Jenna gave birth to the

Bush's first granddaughter, Margaret Laura "Mila" Hager. George W. Bush is a voracious reader, he likes cigars and is a avid golfer, he has become in his retirement an oil painter.

In 1978 bush began his political career and ran for the House of representatives from the 19th Texas District, he lost narrowly and went back into the oil industry. In 1988 he returned to Washington by working on his fathers successful 1988 campaign for the Presidency. He would serve as a campagain advisor and liaison to the media. Then in 1992 he would again serve in his father's campagain but this time they were unsuccessful losing to William J. Clinton.

In 1994 Bush began a campagain to become the Governor of Texas, he defeated Ann Richards, then in 1998 he ran again and was re-elected the first governor in the history to be elected to tow consecutive terms. Then in 1999 he began to look at running for President of the United States. He entered a large field of candidates, portraying himself a compassionate conservative he managed to eliminate all but John McCain and after the south Carolina primary he was all by himself. He entered the general election of 2000 against Al Gore and after a fierce election campagain which resulted in the Supreme Court of the United States declaring the third recount unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment declared Bush the winner by 537 votes. In 2004 he had no primary challengers and ran a campagain that tried to show John Kerry an ultra liberal, who would raise taxes and increases the size of government, Bush won the election with 286 electoral votes.

Although the Bush Presidency had originally sponsored a robust domestic

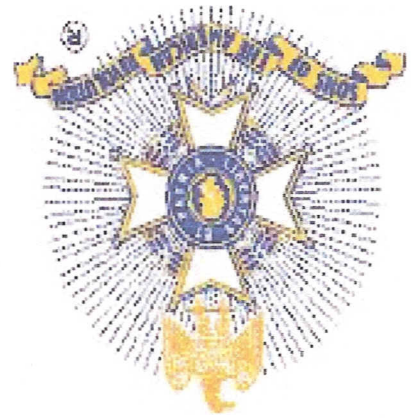


agenda, the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the wars in Afghanistan, and later Iraq, epic battles in Congress on immigration, health care, Social Security, economic policy and Guantanamo among other events slowly eroded his approval numbers until in 2007 the worst recession since the 1930's Great Depression hit the United States. The Bush years saw a huge increase in the National Debt, a tremendous increase in spending on the government (largest since Lyndon Johnson) and a increase in government employees of almost 100,000, mostly in the Dept. of Homeland Security.

But not all was bad news, President Bush, passed the No Child Left Behind Education Bill, prescription drug benefits through Medicare, created the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument and area of 84,000,000 acres in the North western Hawaiian Islands.

In 2005 he survived an assination attempt in Georgia, (Russia) when the grenade did not explode,

After the election of Barrack Obama, George Bush and his wife Laura retired to the ranch in Crawford, Texas and then purchased a home in Dallas, where they now live.



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President's Brigade

Gold Medal

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