



The Whig



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

February 2015

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

Our next meeting is March 14 at Manero's. Judge Mark Klingensmith, a member of our SAR chapter, will speak on the advancements in technology and how the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution, and shifting emphasis on constitutional values, play a role in how those cases have been and will be decided, particularly in 4th Amendment search and seizure cases. I encourage all of you to attend to hear this brilliant judicial mind.

In this edition of *The Whig* you will find proposed changes to both our Constitution and our By-Laws. Effectively, these are housekeeping changes, but we need to do this so that all members have the same information. Research indicates that in 2010 the documents were properly amended to make the terms of office two (2) years. Previously the term of office

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Winter 2015 BOM Meeting



From left to right: Chapter 1st Vice President Chuck McKinley, Chapter 2nd Vice President John Sheppard, NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock, Chapter President John Auld, Compatriot Carl Wade, FLSSAR Secretary Hall Riediger, and Compatriot Jack Irvin.

Chapter President John Auld and spouse Susan, Compatriots John Sheppard and spouse Cindy, Chuck McKinley, Jack Irvin, and Carl Wade were in attendance at the FLSSAR Winter Board of Management meeting. Committee reports were given by John Auld for chapter activities, Veteran Recognition Committee (VRC), and the State Liberty Tree programs. Sessions such as the Color Guard and a presentation on improvements to the FLSSAR website were attended. The banquet was attended by all and the highlight was the attendance of the NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock. President General Brock spoke about the goals of the SAR for the coming year. He then presented notice of the awarding of the Lafayette Medal to St. Lucie River Chapter member John Sheppard. Compatriot Sheppard was honored for his tedious efforts working on a national database. To receive the actual medal, he will need to personally visit the NSSAR National Headquarters in the future.

The main awards ceremony was highlighted by the State Oratory Competition award winner, a young lady from Palm Beach who will go on to the National contest competition later this year. A Gold Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Compatriot Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. from Palm Beach.

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was one (1) year. There will be two readings (February and March), and a vote in March. Then we will print these documents in final form and distribute so everyone will have the same corrected information. This is the second reading. A vote will be taken on the By Laws and Constitution.

Sincerely,

John Auld
772-418-3576

Four Chaplains Ceremony



St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR members were in attendance at the anniversary ceremony of the sinking of the LSAT Dorchester in the north Atlantic on February 3, 1943. Four US Army Chaplains gave their life jackets and their lives while consoling troops during the sinking of the ship hit by a German U-Boat. There were about 200 lives saved from the ship that contained over 800 individuals. These Chaplains were representatives of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Faiths and locked arms together as the ship went down. This remembrance ceremony is held on the first Sunday of the Month of February in a church of a different denomination every year and attended by all veterans groups in Port Saint Lucie. This year's service took place at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie. Compatriot Jack Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Joe Regan posted the chapters colors. Also in attendance were Compatriots Chuck McKinley, Carl Wade, and Jay Wise with spouse Lindy Wise. Compatriots Wise and Wade were in Colonial attire. As a point of reference, all veterans were requested to use a hand salute during the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance in accordance with public law for all veterans in uniform or civilian attire. Refreshments were served afterwards. Being an excellent non-denominational service honoring such a remarkable and compelling event, we would ask that more Compatriots and their spouses consider attending this event in the future.

Okeechobee DAR 20th Anniversary

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was invited to participate in the 20th anniversary of the Okeechobee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which took place on the February 7, 2015. In attendance were Compatriots Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Carl Wade (in colonial attire), John Sheppard, and Jack Irvin, with their spouses, as well as Chris Wade, Joe Regan, and Chuck McKinley. Compatriot Riediger gave a well-received talk about the revolutionary war, anecdotes about his patriots, the history of the SAR, and explained the various things we do and participate in throughout our community. Compatriot Sheppard prepared a table with literature and a display about our organization, distributed pamphlets, and talked to some prospective members as well. He has now revised our recruiting pamphlet to include Okeechobee County. Attendees enjoyed an interesting presentation by the Waste Management Company. We are in the process of requesting a similar presentation at one of our upcoming chapter meetings. The Okeechobee DAR also asked us to participate in their recruiting booth at the Battle of Okeechobee Second Seminole War battle reenactment on February 28th and March 1st. Fliers for the event were made available to all attendees. After the ceremony was over, all participants from the chapter had a repast at a nearby local seafood restaurant on the docks of the State Park on the Lake.



From left to right: Compatriots John Sheppard, Joe Regan, Carl Wade, Chuck McKinley (seated), Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Chris Wade, and Okeechobee DAR Regent Su George

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February Meeting Highlights

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was pleased to hold another exciting meeting this month. Along with our guest speaker Lloyd Lasenby, President John Auld made a presentation, and three new members were inducted.

1st Vice President Chuck McKinley introduced guest speaker Lloyd Lasenby of the Purple Heart Cane Project. Mr. Lasenby explained the concept of the project to give wounded veterans personalized hand carved walking canes at no charge. Mr. Lasenby is a spokesman for the skilled group, the Indian River Woodcarvers Association, which creates these canes by hand, and he displayed several canes which were passed around amongst the audience. It is easy to recognize the value of this program. The chapter is very appreciative of the efforts of the Indian River Woodcarvers Association. To learn more, please see the article on page 6 of this newsletter.

President John Auld then offered a presentation on the Gadsden Flag and the first Navy Jack. To learn more about "Don't Tread On Me" and the rattlesnake symbol, readers can find an article presenting this topic in written form on page 7 of the newsletter.

The St. Lucie River Chapter was proud to induct three new members at the February meeting. We are honored to welcome Walter Vayle Sawyer, Stephen Gifford Pinney, and John Sidney Martin as new members.

Walter Sawyer is descended from Nathaniel Shepardson, who was a Justice of the Peace from Rhode Island. Compatriot Sawyer was pinned (SAR pin) by his friend Ann Mallardi.

Stephen Pinney is descended from Benjamin Bailey, who was a Minuteman and private from Massachusetts. Compatriot Pinney was pinned by his wife Teri Pinney.

John Martin is descended from Richard Shreve, who was a Captain of Light Horse Troop from Burlington County, New Jersey. Compatriot Martin was pinned by his wife Judy Martin.



Lloyd Lasenby of the Indian River Woodcarvers Association holds one of the group's hand-carved walking canes



President John Auld, Compatriot Walter Sawyer, and Ann Mallardi



President John Auld, Compatriot Stephen Pinney, and wife Teri Pinney

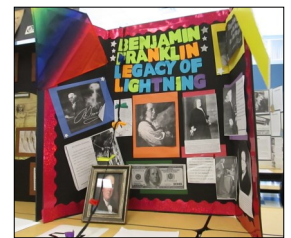
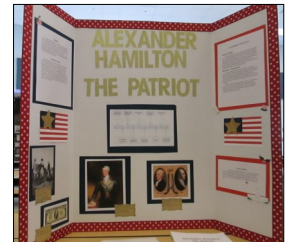


President John Auld, Compatriot John Martin, and wife Judy Martin

St. Lucie County History Fair

Compatriots Jay Wise, Jack Irvin, and Chuck McKinley participated as judges in the 2015 St. Lucie County History Fair held at Palm Pointe Research School in Tradition on February 21st. This is an annual event that the St. Lucie River chapter has participated in for many years to give back to the youth of our community. DAR Treasure Coast chapter members also participated in this event and gave students certificates. Chapter members judge entrants' projects as part of the fair, and they select the best projects related to the Revolution for award by the chapter. Once again, we gave cash awards to two students, first Grace Welby of West Gate School for her presentation about Alexander Hamilton, the Patriot and second Antonio Andrews from Dale Cassens for his presentation of Ben Franklin and Electricity. Certificates will be printed and forwarded to the students.

Jay had quite the time going through his section as he found the titles of some presentations were not always what one thought they might be. Two fine examples were one titled "A Fight to Freedom", which was really about Rosie the Riveter, and the other entitled "The British are Coming", which really was about Elvis Presley. Jack and Chuck were given the audio/visual section to judge and reviewed Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin. Their highlight was a presentation given on Dwight Eisenhower which depicted his lifetime activities from cradle to grave. Unfortunately, this topic was outside our chapter guidelines for the Revolutionary period. We thank Kathleen Ems for our invitation and coordination of our participation in this annual History Fair and hope to have more chapter members participate in this community project in the future.



St. Lucie County Liberty Tree



We are now at stage three of the dedication of the first Liberty Tree in St. Lucie County. On February 16th, Compatriots Jay Wise, Joe Regan and Chuck McKinley received a proclamation from Mayor Linda Hudson of Fort Pierce. The previous day, February 15th, the placement of the Liberty Tree marker was finalized as Compatriots Jay Wise, Joe Regan, Chris Wade, John Sheppard, and Chuck McKinley effected the installation. In attendance was Elizabeth Bowen of the Women's Club as well as several members. Afterwards, we worked on the finalization of the program that will be used for the event. The event is scheduled for the 28th of March at 10:00 AM. Compatriots John Auld and Hall Riediger will receive the Proclamations from the County Commissioners. Hall will speak about the history of the Liberty Tree.



From left to right: Jay Wise, Patricia Siler, Mary Hays, Chuck McKinley, Chris Wade, and John Sheppard

Jack Irvin arranged for a JROTC Color Guard. Bruce Herchenroder will lead a prayer and benediction. Chuck McKinley will be the Master of Ceremonies. Music and refreshments will be provided by the Fort Pierce Women's club. We encourage our chapter members to attend and, if possible, wear colonial attire to help identify our organization to the general public during this event. Our understanding is arrangements have been made to notify the media for event coverage.



SAR News and Notes

-Happy Birthday George Washington! On February 22, 2015 we celebrated what would have been George Washington's 283rd birthday. Read about the complicated story of why the national holiday in his honor can never be celebrated on his actual birthday by visiting the NSSAR website at www.sar.org or by clicking [here](#).

-Longest Serving Compatriot ready to celebrate Rhode Island Society's 125th Anniversary. Mr. Robert William

Kenyon was born on January 10, 1914 in Providence, Rhode Island. He joined The Sons of the American Revolution on March 29, 1936, national number 53946, and is now the longest serving compatriot in the United States. Read more about him on the NSSAR website or by clicking [here](#).

-Read the latest edition of *The SAR Magazine* by visiting www.sar.org or by clicking [here](#).

Patriots on Parade



Vice President Chuck McKinley has asked members to draft their Patriot's history for the Patriots on Parade (POP) project. We want members to stand up and tell their patriot ancestor's story, and some of these stories will be published in future issues of *The Whig*. So please do some research and prepare your story. Chuck will be glad to help you with your POP. When ready, please send the finished version to Chuck in the form of a Microsoft Word document.

Events Calendar

March 6-7: Spring Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

March 7: Last Naval Battle Ceremony, Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, 10 a.m.

March 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

March 28: Liberty Tree dedication ceremony, Fort Pierce Women's Club, 2408 S 29th Street, Fort Pierce, 10 a.m.

April 11: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

May 1-2: Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting, Orlando. Host Region is the East Central.

May 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

May 25: Memorial Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 26-July 1: 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, Kentucky

July 4: Independence Day

September 25-26: Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

* Regular meetings start at 11:30 am unless noted.

Editor's Note

The Editor wishes to acknowledge Compatriots Chuck McKinley and Joe Regan for their efforts to provide content for this month's edition of *The Whig*. WKH

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History of Canes for Purple Heart Veterans

The St. Lucie River Chapter SAR enjoyed a presentation by Lloyd Lasenby, spokesman and local Master of Ceremonies for the Indian River Woodcarvers. Lloyd passed around two examples of their current canes. Chapter members and guests noted the craftsmanship of each hand-carved cane personalized with the recipient's injury and service information. The program has awarded nearly 200 free canes to Purple Heart Veterans in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Brevard counties. Both men and women work as cane carvers, taking up to six months to craft one personalized cane.



The Florida SAR Veterans program committee is working to possibly implement this program on the state SAR level. At present, there are only two other organizations believed to be doing this in the United States, one in Michigan and one in Oklahoma.

As a matter of reference, the color purple originated from George Washington and was used on a medal that he commissioned in 1782. On August 7, 1782, his general orders established the "Badge of Military Merit":

"... The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit directs whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding."

The use of this badge became dormant until 1932, when on May 28, 1932, 138 World War I veterans were conferred their Purple Hearts at Temple Hill, in New Windsor, NY. Temple Hill was the site of the New Windsor Cantonment, which was the final encampment of the Continental Army in the winter of 1782-1783. Today, the National Purple Heart continues the tradition by honoring wounded veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. The FLSSAR and the NSSAR identify these recipients. There is a special SAR medal to designate our members who are Purple Heart recipients. The carved cane idea is believed to be the next step in recognizing our veterans for their service. The St. Lucie River SAR Chapter is the first chapter in Florida to recognize this program.

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This ceremony was significant for our chapter as Compatriot Jack Irvin received his War Service Medal with Vietnam drape and Carl Wade received his War Service Medal with drapes for his Vietnam and Gulf War service. Both Compatriots were also presented signed Certificates of Patriotism by the President General for the National Battalions. Our chapter was especially proud to have our three members receive their awards directly from the President General in a formal ceremony such as this, acknowledging their efforts on a State and National level.



Compatriot John Sheppard with State President Steve Williams and President General Lindsey Brock



Compatriot Carl Wade with State President Steve Williams and President General Lindsey Brock



Compatriot Jack Irvin with State President Steve Williams and President General Lindsey Brock

The Gadsden Flag

A brief letter to the editor in January regarding Colonel Gadsden of South Carolina caught my interest.

The rattlesnake, unique to America, became a symbol of opposition to English rule as far back as 1751 in publications by Benjamin Franklin. Franklin created a woodcut in 1754 of a rattlesnake cut into 8 pieces representing the colonies with the head in New England and the tail in South Carolina. This was the first political cartoon published in an American newspaper. The caption read: "Join, or Die."



In 1775 the US Navy was established by General Washington, and Esek Hopkins of Rhode Island was named Commodore. Colonel Gadsden represented South Carolina at the Continental Congress, and in December 1775 he presented the yellow rattlesnake flag to Commodore Hopkins to serve as his personal flagship standard. The "Don't Tread On Me" flag flew from the mainmast of the Commodore's vessel. The other ships flew a simple triangle shaped green tree with a trunk, commonly known as the "Liberty Tree" or "Pine Tree" flag. The motto on the flag said "Appeal to Heaven".

The Gadsden flag is traditionally regarded as the first flag of the U.S. Navy, and was succeeded by the Stars and Stripes Old Glory. Today, the oldest US Navy ship in the fleet displays the First Navy Jack flag, which appears as a combination of the Gadsden Flag and Old Glory. That ship today is the USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19).

However, the Gadsden flag and rattlesnake symbol have represented, over the years American patriotism, a symbol of disagreement with government, and a symbol of support for civil liberties. The flag frequently appears at Tea Party events and sometimes as a libertarian symbol. The US Army Drill Sergeant's ID badge displays a rattlesnake. The variation, Snake on Stripes flag, became the Navy's symbol for the Global War on Terrorism.



John Auld

Committee Reports



Program Committee Report—No report

Membership Committee Report—Our Chapter has 65 current members, including 2 life members and 7 junior members. There are 7 prospective members whose applications are being compiled.

Eagle Scout Committee Report—No activity to report

Habitat for Humanity Committee Report—No homes were completed in Martin or St. Lucie Counties this month, no activity to report.

History Fair Committee Report—See article "St. Lucie County History Fair"

JROTC Committee Report—One high school has been completed on 01/16/15. Two high schools have not replied to my request for info, so I have estimated the date (of award) and location based on last year. The remaining 6 high schools have replied, all confirming the date and location, but 3 have not yet named the cadet to receive the award. This is not unusual and I feel that this program is on track.

Liberty Tree Committee Report—See article "St. Lucie County Liberty Tree"

Veteran's Affairs Committee Report—See article "Winter 2015 BOM Meeting" for recent awards

Minutes

February 14, 2015

Call to order: 12:03 PM

Invocation (Audience stands) by: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience stands): Chuck Berger (guest)

Pledge to the SAR (Audience stands): John Auld

Minutes of previous meeting approved: in WHIG January 2015

Motion by: Chuck McKinley Second by: Bud Rockhill

Motion carried.

Members present: Carl Wade, Chris Wade, Chuck McKinley, Joe Regan, John Sheppard, John Auld, Tom Barnhart, Bruce Herchenroder, Jack Irvin, Bud Rockhill, Jay Wise, Phil Carr, Walter Sawyer, Stephen Pinney, John Martin

Guests: Chuck Berger, Fred Siddons, Lloyd Lasenby, Ann Mallardi

Spouses: Sheila Carr, Alice Rockhill, Susan Auld, Marie Wade, Janet Barnhart, Kim Herchenroder, Teri Pinney, Judy Martin

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopen meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Award Presentations and new members inductions:

Walter Vayle Sawyer (pinned by friend Ann Mallardi)

Stephen Gifford Pinney (pinned by wife Teri Pinney)

John Sidney Martin (pinned by wife Judy Martin)

Correspondence: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business : First reading of revised Constitution and By Laws. Motion to waive reading by Bud Rockhill, second by Joe Regan, no discussion, motion passed unanimously. First reading completed.

Committee Reports: All are published in WHIG.

Officer reports: Treasurer reports \$1557.85 in checking account and \$6174.83 in money market account.

President Auld called up Carl Wade and Jack Irvin. These members were wearing their war service medals (Vietnam) which was presented to them by President General Lindsey Brock on February 14 at the State BOM. It is a "big deal" and we are proud of Carl and Jack.

Program:

Chuck McKinley introduced guest Lloyd Lasenby of the Purple Heart Cane Project of the Indian River Woodcarvers Association. Lloyd explained the purpose of the project and displayed several canes.

John Auld made a brief presentation on the Gadsden Flag (DONT TREAD ON ME) and the First Navy Jack. The Gadsden Flag flew on the masthead of Commodore Hopkins' ship, the first American naval vessel. The Navy Jack, of thirteen red and white stripes with the rattlesnake and "Dont Tread on Me," still flies today by order of the Secretary of the Navy for the duration of the War on Terrorism.

50/50 drawing winner: Sheila Carr donated the \$18 to the general fund.

Guy's Duck amount: \$25. Guest Chuck Berger was the quacker.

Next meeting date and program: March 14, 2015. The Honorable Judge Mark Klingensmith will be the speaker on Constitutional Rights today.

Announcements : Chuck McKinley advised of the Liberty Tree progress.

Benediction (audience stands): Phil Carr

SAR Recessional (audience stands):

Adjournment: 2:02 PM

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary

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St. Lucie River Chapter

Constitution



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ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER

THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION

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by votes taken at either the March 13, 2010 or November 8, 2014 Regular meeting.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - JURISDICTION

The St. Lucie River Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has jurisdiction in St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the St. Lucie River Chapter are:

1. To perpetuate the memory of those who strove for American Independence and whose military or civil acts and sacrifices during the American Revolution contributed to the achievement of that independence.
2. To unite and promote good fellowship among those whose ancestors participated in the American Revolution.
3. To promote the general dissemination of knowledge concerning our nation and its government in every way possible; to develop and enlighten public opinion on all such matters and thus help old and young alike to acquire a larger capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.
4. To foster Patriotism and to maintain and expand the institution of American Freedom.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any male person of good character who has attained the age of 18 years, whose forefathers aided in the establishment of American Independence shall be eligible for **full** membership. An application for membership in the St. Lucie River Chapter shall be endorsed by **the Registrar and two one additional** members of the Chapter and then forwarded to the State Registrar for processing together with the required fees. The State Secretary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall notify the Chapter of the acceptance of the applicant.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall be president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and two members at large, who usually are past presidents. All of the above shall be elected at the ~~biennial annual~~ election of officers for a term of two years. The chaplain, registrar, flag custodian and such other officers as deemed advisable shall be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the ~~elective~~ **d** officers, the ~~two~~ immediate past-presidents, and ~~the two~~ **one** members elected from the membership at large. The ~~two~~ elected members shall ~~each~~ serve a term of two years and may succeed ~~themselves~~ **himself**, and if absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board, without acceptable excuse from the Board, ~~shall~~ **may** be automatically dropped from the Board and the Board shall replace ~~them~~ **him**.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held monthly, with the possible exception of the summer months, at a time and place selected by the membership on recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Nomination of officers shall be made at the March meeting. Officers shall be elected at the April meeting and installed at the May meeting **in even numbered years**.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors and Chapter may be called by the President. At all Chapter meetings nine members, at least three of which shall be Chapter officers, shall constitute a quorum. A decision may be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting. A member in arrears for dues will have no vote.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended, altered and/or repealed, provided written resolutions are presented **in writing to each member either by email or U.S. Mail sent to the last known address of the member, no less than seven (7) days before the first meeting at which the Constitution amendment, alteration, or repeal is to be considered.** Said resolution **shall be** ~~and~~ read to the membership at two consecutive meetings prior to being voted on for approval. Such approval shall be by a simple majority of members present and voting.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases to which **they are** applicable and not inconsistent with the **Constitution and** By-Laws of the Chapter or those of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

St. Lucie River Chapter

By-Laws



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ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I - ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

After approval by the National **and Florida State** Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, **the applicant shall be sworn in as a member of the St. Lucie River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution** ~~membership in the Saint Lucie River Chapter is by approval of the Membership.~~

ARTICLE II - FEES AND DUES

Membership fees for new members, transfers from other Societies or Chapters and reinstatement of dropped members shall be the total of fees required by the National Society, the Florida Society and the St. Lucie River Chapter.

Annual dues for the subsequent year shall be due and payable on **or before** December ~~1st~~ **31*** and shall be the total of dues required by the National Society, the Florida Society and the St. Lucie River Chapter. **Members who are in arrears may be reinstated by complying with National Society Sons of the American Revolution bylaws relating thereto.** The dues are to be collected by the Treasurer. ~~Members who are two months in arrears are to be notified that non-payment of annual dues by February 15th terminates their membership. Any membership so terminated may be reinstated in the calendar year by payment of the current dues. When the lapse of dues extends beyond the following January 1st, the member shall pay a reinstatement fee as provided, plus the dues for the current year, but shall be exempt from payment of arrears from inactive years. (See Page 11, National Society By-Laws.)~~

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed as stated in ARTICLE VI of the CONSTITUTION. They shall have control and management of the affairs, funds and other property of the Chapter. They shall have the power to accept resignations from Officers and ~~from membership~~; to fill vacancies, except that of President; direct the President to call a meeting of the Chapter; and to authorize special meetings.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the Officers and Committee Chairmen shall be those that usually pertain to their offices and such other duties as herein stated.

The retiring Officers shall, within one week of retirement, deliver to their successors all papers, funds, records and any other property belonging to the Chapter.

ARTICLE V - PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He shall call special meetings when requested to do so in writing by two or more members in good standing. He shall be responsible to appoint all committees, except the Nominating Committee. Committees so appointed shall elect their own Chairman, **unless provided otherwise herein**. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. **The President shall hold only the Office of President. The President shall report to the BOM Regional Vice President the Chapter's activities before each State BOM.**

ARTICLE VI - ~~FIRST~~ THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, ~~they~~ **he** shall take over the duties of the President and shall continue to do so as long as the President is unavailable. In addition, the 1st Vice-President shall be responsible for the programs of the regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII - ~~SECOND~~ THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, he shall assist the Vice President with the duties of the President and shall continue to do so as long as the President is unavailable. The 2nd Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee, **and will maintain Member Database lists of current and past members and assist the Registrar in the preparation of new applications. He shall keep a list of current applicants with their names, contact information and status. He shall be responsible for coordinating recruiting activities.**

ARTICLE VIII - SECRETARY — ~~TREASURER~~

The Secretary shall keep a record of all members attending meetings and a full record of all proceedings of the meetings.

He shall **be responsible that** give due notice of all meetings **is given**. ~~He shall notify applicants of their admission or rejection to membership.~~ He shall attend to all correspondence of the Chapter, except in those cases where it is advisable for the individual Officer to answer, in which case, a copy should be made for the Chapter files.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ IX - TREASURER

The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in such bank or banks that are designated depositories for the Chapter. He shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements.

The Treasurer shall make a report of the financial status of the Chapter **at regular monthly meetings and** whenever called upon to do so.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ X - REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall ~~keep a~~ **ensure** complete files and records of all memberships **application documents are properly stored and maintained** and shall be custodian of all papers pertaining to the ~~applications for membership.~~

ARTICLE ~~IX~~ **XI** - CUSTODIAN OF THE FLAGS

By direction of the Board of Directors or the President, the custodian of the flags shall be in charge of posting and retiring of the Colors and the safe storage of the Flags at all times.

ARTICLE ~~X~~ **XII** - COMMITTEES

1. The Program Committee, of which the 1st Vice-President is Chairman, shall have charge of all programs and entertainment, seeing to it that proper arrangements are made for all meetings.
2. The Membership Committee, of which the 2nd Vice-President is Chairman, shall be charged with the duty of acquiring new members.
3. The Americanism Committee shall assist, where feasible, at Nationalization Ceremonies and otherwise help to promote Americanism.
4. Special Committees shall have duties as are assigned to them.

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ **XIII** - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

For sufficient cause, the Chapter may remove any Officer from office by a two thirds majority vote of members present and voting, provided that at least fifteen days' notice of such action is mailed to such person at his last known address.

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ **XIV** - NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee shall be composed as follows: The most immediate Past President, who shall act as Chairman, and two other members who shall be elected **every odd numbered year** after nominations from the floor, provided that no one shall be elected to succeed himself. They shall be elected at the April meeting in the year following the installation of officers. This Committee shall serve for one year and present a suggested slate of officers at the **next** March meeting.

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ **XV** - ELECTIONS

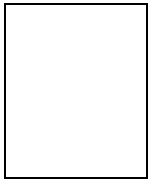
Election of officers shall take place **every two years** at the April meeting. When the presiding officer proceeds with the election, it shall be his duty to ask if there are any nominations from the floor before declaring the nominations closed. All Officers are to be elected for a term of **two** ~~one~~ years. **Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members present.**

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ **XVI** - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered and/or repealed, provided written resolutions are presented **in writing to each member either by email or U.S. Mail sent to the last known address of the member no less than seven (7) days before the first meeting at which the Bylaw amendment, alteration, or repeal is to be considered. Said resolutions shall be** ~~and~~ read to the membership at two consecutive meetings prior to being voted on for approval. Such approval shall be by a simple majority of members present and voting.



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