



# The Whig



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

May-July 2015

## President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

The new year starts off with a bang.

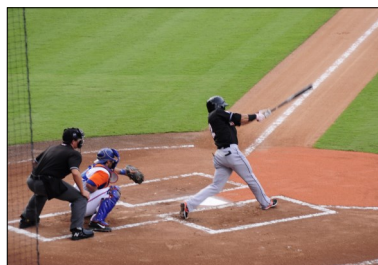
Our membership numbers are way up. Chuck McKinley and John Sheppard have been busy recruiting new members and perfecting applications. We could be at 90 members total by the end of 2015. That is a big jump from 45 a few years ago.

CONSTITUTION DAY Lunch. Please sign up for this annual joint event with the DAR at Monarch Country Club in Palm City. Our State President and State Secretary will be there, and we have a dynamic speaker, Stephanie Neff, a Martin County middle school civics teacher. Mayor Oravec from the City of Port St. Lucie will present a

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## Color Guard at Tradition Field

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR provided the Color Guard for the St. Lucie Mets game at Tradition Field on the 3rd of July. The Color Guard was led by Compatriot Hall Riediger carrying the USA Colors, John Auld with the SAR flag, and Jack Irvin and Chuck McKinley were the Musketeers. Also in attendance were Compatriots Bill Hammond and his daughter Catherine, Joe Regan and his visiting granddaughter, and the spouses of Chuck McKinley, Jack Irvin and John Auld. Hall had several members of his family in attendance, including an uncle, a daughter, and several grandchildren. The Color Guard marched onto the field and was stationed at the tip of the pitcher's mound for the ceremony. The organization's name was proudly hailed on the big electronic scoreboard during the ceremony, and we were welcomed by our exit from the field by a big round of applause. All enjoyed the game which, was won by the Mets 6-5, and soon followed by the annual fireworks display. It is great to be a part of a local civic event and have the opportunity to distinguished our great organization!



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proclamation. This is a good event to start off the year, and we look forward to each member joining us.

On a personal note, Susan and I took a cross country trip this year and stopped in at national headquarters in Louisville. Great library, and they are working slowly to fit out all the space. And, for you baseball fans, HQ are directly across the street from the Louisville Slugger factory and showroom.

Sincerely,

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## 2015 Memorial Day Events

Members of the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR participated in Memorial Day activities in both Martin and St. Lucie Counties. Hall Riediger and Seth Fields carried the chapter and national flags in Stuart with the support of Adam Whiting and his son, Christian. Our Chapter's presence in Pt. Saint Lucie was significant as Compatriot Jack Irvin was the Master of Ceremonies for the event as well as coordinating all veterans groups' participation in the event. Compatriot Carl Wade coordinated the JROTC groups which carried our national and chapter colors. Compatriots Joe Regan and Jay Wise attended, and Compatriot Wise was called to the podium to address the loss of our Past President Bob Donahoo in 2014. Chapter President John Auld participated in a ceremony in Eureka, California where he remembered his classmate who was lost in Vietnam.



*Compatriots Seth Fields with Hall Riediger and family members*



*Compatriot Jay Wise*

Our Chapter's participation in these events is appropriate as our patriot ancestors were the nation's first group of veterans and fought to establish this great country.



*Chapter President John Auld in Eureka, California*

## Veterans Information Day at Jetson's

Chapter members Jay Wise, Jack Irvin, Chuck McKinley, and Joe Regan attended a Veterans Information Day on May 12th at the Jetson's Appliance store in Pt. Saint Lucie, with several Chapter members in Revolution Period attire. The Jetson family is very Veterans oriented and opened their facility without any sales personnel for the day to provide information to all area veterans and had representatives from different groups in the city. Veterans had the opportunity to see new vans that were purchased from various fund raisers to transport area veterans to VA facilities locally and in Palm Beach. Different veterans groups such as the American Legion, VFW, Wreaths across America, a civil war group, and the Indian River Carvers were there. Our chapter maintains membership and relations with many of these groups. A Blood Donor group was also in attendance to gather donors for a 9-11 Committee and also had a raffle of a big flat screen television, which was won by Compatriot Chuck McKinley. It was presented by R. Michael Cray, an attorney in Stuart who sponsors local civic fund raisers. Chuck was happy to receive the prize and met with the committee to receive it and take some pictures in uniform. It helps our organization to participate in all veterans and civic events in our area to facilitate the growth of our chapter and meet our SAR goals. We encourage our members to join us at such events in the future. We thank Susan Harris of Jetson's for the invitation to attend.



*Compatriots Chuck McKinley and Jay Wise*



## Habitat for Humanity



On May 23rd and May 27th, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR had the pleasure to participate in dedication ceremonies for Habitat for Humanity in Indiantown and Hobe Sound. Compatriots Jay Wise and Joe Regan attended the ceremonies and presented new United States Flags, flagpole brackets, booklets on displaying the flag properly, and copies of the United States Constitution to the new homeowners. The houses were built on lots donated by a local bank and were constructed by a local building contractor with the help of Habitat staff and volunteers. The lots previously had buildings of some type on them that were razed and cleared to build the new homes.



## Last Naval Battle Wreath Laying Ceremony



Compatriots Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Chuck McKinley attended a wreath laying ceremony at the site of the Memorial for the Last Revolution Naval Battle of March 10, 1783 at the Merritt Island Veterans Park on May 17th. SAR President General Lindsey Brock, his family, and many past President Generals and current officers of the SAR organization were bussed from a ship in Port Canaveral for the ceremony. The Brevard SAR Chapter under the leadership of Past President Steve Williams and Chairman Ben Dubose coordinated with local DAR chapters and the American Legion color guard to highlight the activities. FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Charles Day was in attendance and organized the compatriots in uniform to assemble in a formation with the National tour members who had on our Blue Blazers with patches in a formation for pictures. Their spouses on the tour stood in the general audience. A wonderful display of mostly Revolutionary period flags provided the background around the marker and cannon. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR were given, the laying of the wreath was accomplished, followed by remarks by President Brock thanking us for our attendance, and then a history of the Naval battle was given by his son Lindsey Brock III. The ceremony closed with the Legion Color guard firing a salute to end the program. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the travelers boarded their bus back to the ship to start the next leg of their journey to Nassau in the Bahamas to have a similar ceremony at Fort Montagu, where the Ministry of Tourism would host a brief reenactment of the Battle of Nassau, and to lay a wreath and present medals to Bahamian Officials. For your information, the Battle of Nassau took place on March 3-4, 1776 at Fort Montagu.



*National, State, and local members of the SAR including President General Lindsey Brock*

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## Flag Day Celebration



The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR received an invitation from the Fort Pierce Elks Lodge #1520 to participate in their annual Flag Day ceremony. This was achieved by one of our chapter members, Compatriot Jack Irvin, who is also a past Exalted ruler of the Elks Chapter. We were greeted and welcomed by the current Exalted Ruler Donna Galbraith and state representative Lenny Smallacombe. Representing the St. Lucie River Chapter were Compatriots Jay Wise, Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, Carl Wade, Jack Irvin, Joe Regan, and William Hammond, all but the latter dressed in colonial attire.



*Compatriots Jay Wise, Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, Carl Wade, Jack Irvin, and William Hammond*

A history of the American Flag was given by Lenny Smallacombe and both Elk Members and SAR chapter members were a part of the parade of flags from the first flag to the current 50 Star Flag. Of particular note was the response given by Lecturing Knight/Board of Directors David Bell, whose eloquent, thoughtful, and stirring lecture was greeted with standing applause. A reading of "I Am the Flag" by Ruth Apperson Rous was given by Chapter Compatriots, followed by Jack Irvin who gave a short talk about the SAR being a heritage organization and who described the patriots of individual chapter attendees, including their State and type of service rendered.

Additionally, Jack related the history of our George Washington's Blue flag with the white stars, a replica of which was provided by the St. Lucie River Chapter and displayed with Elks Lodge cooperation on the podium. The flag is usually displayed at all chapter meetings.

Spousal attendees included Lindy Wise, Betty McKinley, Judy Wade, and Sandy Irvin. Also in attendance were four ladies from the St. Lucie River Chapter, DAR. They were Trude Firestine, Historian, Laura Hayes, Joan Sells, and Cheryl Zeak. We appreciate their attendance to share common local civic ceremonies such as this. We also invited Edna Schlomberg, whose late husband Glenn was a chapter member. The ceremony was concluded with a presentation by Hall Riediger of a flag certificate from the FLSSAR, awarded to individuals and organizations who properly display the American Flag. After the ceremony, a meal was graciously provided to all who attended the ceremony.

New members Chuck Berger and his brother John, as well as Tom Rearick and his wife Linda, were asked to attend, and after the ceremony was over, they were given their SAR rosettes and membership packets to have now rather than later in the fall.

Our appreciation is given to the Elks Lodge 1520 for the invitation to participate in their wonderful ceremony and their presentation of an honorarium bestowed upon the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR.

*From left to right: Cheryl Zeak, Laura Hayes, and Trude Firestine, St. Lucie River DAR*

*Jack Irvin addresses the crowd*





## May 2015 Meeting Highlights

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was proud to present Compatriot William Hammond with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and certificate at the May meeting. The medal is intended to recognize SAR members who have rendered faithful service to their chapter, state, or national society over multiple years. Compatriot Hammond was also presented a certificate for first place in the Richard Q. Fowler Newsletter Award announced at the recent Spring 2015 BOM Meeting.



*Hall Riediger with William Hammond*

Additional announcements from the recent BOM Meeting include the swearing in of Chapter members Hall Riediger as State Secretary and Chuck McKinley as Recording Secretary. Jay Wise was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal. The chapter was presented the newsletter award with a check for \$250. The chapter placed 4th in the Chapter Challenge and received a certificate, check, and streamer. Chuck McKinley was given a Certificate of appreciation.

The program was presented by Compatriot Jay Wise, who gave the history of our St. Lucie River Chapter from beginning to the current time.

*Compatriot Jay Wise*



## Final 2015 JROTC Awards



The St. Lucie Chapter, SAR was proud to attend the JROTC Awards Ceremonies for the following High Schools. Compatriot Carl Wade, Chapter JROTC Committee Chairman, with Compatriot Jack Irvin in attendance, presented outstanding cadets the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate. Recipients are selected for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC unit.



On May 1, 2015, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was proud to attend the Martin County High School JROTC Awards ceremony hosted by LTC Eric Mosby, USAF Ret. The SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate were awarded to Cadet SSGT Leisly Orozco.

On May 5, 2015, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was proud to attend the St. Lucie West Centennial High School JROTC Awards ceremony hosted by CDR David R. Swathwood, USN Ret. The SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate were awarded to Cadet CPO Mackenzie Maffiore.

On May 6, 2015, the St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was proud to attend the Treasure Coast High School JROTC Awards ceremony hosted by LTC Joe Cavallaro, USAF Ret. and SMSgt Simmons, USAF Ret. The SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate were awarded to Cadet SRA Christopher L. Roesch.



*Compatriot Carl Wade with SLW Centennial HS Cadet CPO Mackenzie Maffiore*

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## SAR News and Notes

-The 2015 Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Winner is Chosen. View the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place brochures at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or click [here](#).

-The 2015 Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Winner is Chosen. See the top three winners at the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-Final Results for the 2015 Americanism Contests. Visit [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) to see the full listing of final results for the 2015 Americanism and President General's contests or click [here](#).

-SAR Congress Badges Now on Exhibit. The SAR Genealogical Research Library is pleased to exhibit a showcase of SAR Congress delegate name badges spanning from 1889 to 1952. Find out more [here](#).

-Genealogist Wins National Book Awards. Read about

genealogist, first-time author, and Georgia Society member Michael Nolden Henderson on the NSSAR website or click [here](#).

-This year's annual SAR Congress offered the first Outreach Education Open House. Learn about it and the expectations for future events at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or by clicking [here](#).

-Joseph C. Breckinridge, Sr., President General 1900-1901. Learn about former NSSAR President General by visiting the website of the NSSAR or by clicking [here](#).

-SAR Announces the 2015 Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Winner. Visit [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) or click [here](#) to learn about Mr. Derrick Lindow, a U.S. history and social studies teacher at Daviess County Middle School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

## Events Calendar

September 12: Annual Constitution Week Luncheon with the Treasure Coast DAR Chapters at the Monarch Country Club. The Guest Speaker will be Stephanie Neff, Civics teacher at Hidden Oaks Middle School. Monarch Country Club is a short six minute drive from our usual meeting place of Manero's in Palm City.

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

October 10: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

October 23-25: Fall BOM Meeting, FLSSAR, Orlando, Host Region is TBD.

November 11: Veteran's Day

November 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

November 26: Thanksgiving

December 12: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

December 25: Christmas

January 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

February 13: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

March 12: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

April 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

May 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City\*

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

### Editor's Note

The Editor is thankful for the number of articles that were submitted for this edition of *The Whig*. Please note that some articles have been withheld for inclusion in future editions as space permits. WKH

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**Minutes**

May 9, 2015

Call to order: 12: 00 PM

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Pledge to the SAR: All

Minutes of previous meeting: in the Whig, April

Motion to approve: Jay Wise Seconded: Chris Wade

Motion carried

Members Present: Hall Riediger, Jay Wise, Phil Carr, Chris Wade, Carl Wade, Bill Hammond, Chuck McKinley, Joe Regan.

GUESTS: Lindy Wise, Sheila Carr, Charles Berger.

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopened meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Award Presentations: Hall gave the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to Bill Hammond and gave the following:

BOM Report: Attended by Hall Riediger, Chuck McKinley, John &amp; Susan Auld, Jay &amp; Lindy Wise

Sworn In---Hall Riediger as state Secretary, Chuck McKinley as state Recording Secretary

Awards----1st place for Newsletter with cert and check, Chapter Challenge Cert for 4th place and Check, Banner Streamer, Jay Wise

Roger Sherman Silver medal Award, Chuck McKinley Cert of Appreciation,

Liberty Tree Program approved for submittal to NSSAR for implementation Proposal

Correspondence: none

New Business: We prepared a Flag Certificate for presentation to the Fort Pierce Women's Club in accordance with FLSSAR instructions. A new flag and standard was installed during the Liberty Tree Ceremony in March and is displayed on the front of their building.

Committee Reports: Color Guard---Hall

Veterans---Carl talked about the Florida Medal on a ribbon neck drape from the Governor's Veterans Medal ceremony which is reported in the current edition of the Whig. Veterans Information Day is being held at Jetsons Appliance store at 10350 S. US Hwy 1 in PSL on Tuesday May 12th, where he has requested our attendance. Stop by for a free hot dog and see the new county vans for transporting vets to and from VA hospital appointments. He has also requested our flags for the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25th in Port Saint Lucie. Carl gave us the Tee Sign with our SAR name and web site from the recent United Veterans Annual Golf Classic tournament to raise money for the new vans mentioned previously. These tee signs are useful on our recruiting booth. Reports are as is published in the WHIG.

Officer Reports: Treasurer Report. Chris Wade reported there is \$2177.55 in the checking account and a balance of \$6241.19 in the money market account.

Program: Jay Wise presented the Chapter History from the beginning down to the current time, explained the Charter is the original as hanging on the podium; the gavel is the original also, he shared pictures with the audience of the original meetings, and the of the original Guys Duck which is in use today, and the purpose of the monies obtained from it. It was very well received and should be published on the web page and given at another meeting as well to a larger audience.

50/50 drawing winner: Chuck McKinley \$10.00

Guy's Duck amount: \$12.00

Next meeting date: Constitution Day celebration in Stuart, an email will be sent with particulars and reservations before the ceremony with the particular information.

Announcements: Veterans at Jetsons---Jack Irvin &amp; Carl Wade, POCs for the 12th of May.

Memorial Day Activities Port Saint Lucie and Stuart may 25th. Hall will arrange for Stuart Parade, and Carl Wade for Port Saint Lucie Activity, Jack Irvin is the MC for that event. They have arranged for an ROTC group to carry our colors.

Color guard 17th of May at Merritt Island Veterans Park for Wreath Laying for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Memorial by the PG and others. Hall Riediger is POC. Please coordinate with him as we will be getting a car pool together.

Farmers Market Recruiting and possibly the swearing in of new members on 13th of June.

Flag Day 14th of June---Jack Irvin still is working on firming up with Elks Club.

4th of July Hall Riediger requested attendance for Ball game at Mets Stadium in uniform or blazers if possible, Please contact him, so he can obtain tickets for the attendees

Benediction: Phil Carr

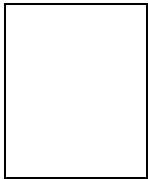
SAR Recessional:

Adjourned 14:00 PM

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary



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## President's Brigade

### Gold Medal

Oscar Kraehenbuehl

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### Silver Medal

Hall Riediger

### Bronze Medal

*Sheila Carr*