



The St. Lucie River "Whig"



November 2017



President's Salvo

We are all happy that we will have over 100 members thanks to the fine work by Steve Laster. Now we need some help with the various committees that need some help. Steve Laster needs some help and would like to share the application process with all

. Our chair for Habitat for Humanity needs a new chair and some helpers that can participate in the dedications as our current members doing this have issues with getting around. Time and desire is great, but help is very good item so now I am calling on you to think about working on the various committee, The same is true for the Veterans committee, and we need some help there in being able to attend meetings, Same thing applies for the JROTC program. A public/affairs/publicity help or leader would be desired.

It makes us very happy to see the attendance at meetings and we wish to have more input on what you would like to suggest to us to give to all. We do planning for months ahead for our programs as well in our exposure to various civic activities, like the upcoming History in February and other veteran's activities, which also will be enhanced when the local Veterans Hospital gets built. It is not necessary to be a veteran to do all of these things, just care for what our patriots started a belief in Liberty for all and is symbolized by our Flag, which is why we have a drive to give our neighbors a Flag Certificate to thank them for their Public Patriotism.

The last items I would like to raise is if anyone needs a handbook, please contact us, but in some cases you will have to print it out. The important item is we need a volunteer to be in Charge of the Color Guard. When the general Public sees us in a colonial uniform, it makes people very happy and also creates interest in what our organization is all about. That does not mean that we have to have colonial attire but perhaps a Blazer for some activities as well, but show up and walk or participate in a public event. The final item, we hope that you may also want to be an officer and we will approach that after the first of the year. Our current officers' term expires when we swear in the new officers in May for a 2 year term. The committee will be talking to people off line so it may not be common knowledge that people may have been chosen when it comes time for the nominations and voting procedure in April 2018.



Under the close eye of Steve Laster, Compatriot William Roberts was sworn in as a member of the SAR, by FLSSAR Secretary Hall Riediger. Mrs. Maureen Roberts did the honors, pinning Bill's rosette firmly in place.

The Chapter is extremely proud of all of our new members that have joined us this year, Bill being the last of the 31 that we have brought into the Chapter.

Congratulations Bill

St. Lucie River Chapter FLSSAR



St. Lucie River Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes: November 18, 2017

Call to order: 12:00 PM: The meeting was chaired by President McKinley.

Invocation: Phil Carr

Pledge of Allegiance: Chuck McKinley

Pledge to the SAR: Chuck Berger

Minutes of previous meeting: **Steve Laster**, moved to amend the October, 2017, minutes as follows: New junior member, Walden Berg Sander of Buena Vista, Colorado, is the son of St Lucie River Chapter member William Herbert Sander, Buena Vista, Colorado, and the grandson of our member William Lowrie "Bill" Sander of Port St Lucie. The amendment was seconded by Auld and approved by voice vote. The October minutes as amended were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members present: Chris Wade, Chuck Berger, Chuck McKinley, John Auld, Steve Laster, George Bartley, Oscar Krakenbuehl, Tom Barnhardt, Bob Eisenhardt, Dale Hoffa, Steve Trinkle, Phil Carr, Conner Bonvie, Robert Bonvie, Carl Wade, Bill Roberts, Bob Donnahoo, Robert Finks, Tom Gilmore, Bill Sander, Robert Beasley, Dick Gillepsie, Scott Carson.

Guests: Sheila Carr, Bob Hess, Joe Acinapura (speaker), Maureen Roberts, Diane Laster, Penny Donnahoo, Jackie Gillepsie.

Presentation of Medals: Chuck McKinley presented the War Service Medals to Scott Carson, and the Military Service Medal to Bill Sander. Hall Riediger presented the Roger Sherman medal to Chuck Berger.

New Member: Bill Roberts was sworn into the SAR by Hall Riediger, and Mrs. Maureen Roberts presented the SAR pin.

Officer Reports: Steve Laster reported we have 110 members, with 5 pending at National and more in the process. St. Lucie River Chapter is 6th largest in Florida.

New Business: President McKinley stated that the Wreaths Across America event would take place December 16. Riediger moved and Auld seconded the motion to gift \$300 to the Wreaths Across America, with \$100 each going to Martin, Port St. Lucie, and Fort Pierce events. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to stay at Manero's Restaurant: President McKinley discussed the increase costs in the SAR lunch. The cost has increased to \$22 per person which includes tip. It is difficult to find a Saturday lunch facility with a private meeting room. It was moved by Tom Gilmore and seconded by Dale Hoffa to have our monthly meetings at Manero's and pay \$22 per attendee. Motion approved by voice vote.

President McKinley requested that members pay their dues NOW.

President McKinley requested members to bring nonperishable food for donations at next meeting.

Connor Bonvie quacked the duck and got \$36.

John Auld got \$23 in the 50-50 and donated the money to the Thanksgiving food drive.

The meeting closed at 1:50 PM with a closing prayer and the SAR recessional.



Congratulations to the above four gentlemen, who received SAR Military Awards for their service to us the Public on Veteran's Day, Paul Carson, Bill Sander, Bob Beasley and Ron Finks. On Behalf of the SAR thank you for your service.



On behalf of the National Society and the FLSSAR a Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Charles Berger for two years of service as Vice President of the St. Lucie River Chapter by Hall Riediger. The Roger Sherman comes in three levels bronze, silver and gold, bronze is for Chapters, silver is for State and gold is for National. The medal is awarded for two years of service as an officer at any of these levels, and/or 3 years of service as a committee chairman at any of these levels, after the medal is awarded then each additional period of service is shown with an oak leaf cluster. I personally would like to be able to award more of these medals to our members.

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Sons of the American Revolution



Dues Notice Form

If you will be so kind as to write and mail your check today, you will save your officers the time, trouble, and concern of mailing second notices or calling you to make sure you aren't dropped by National for not remitting by the December 10th deadline.

The national, state, and chapter dues are shown below.

Please make your check payable to ST. LUCIE RIVER Chapter, SAR and mail to:

CHRIS WADE
628 BENT PADDLE CANE
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34953

with the following form to be sure that your dues are credited properly. Please make any needed corrections to the information shown on your address label.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Enclosed are my annual dues for the Sons of the American Revolution that are due by December 31st.

Chapter Dues:	\$ 15
State Dues:	\$ 20
National Dues:	\$ 35
Optional contribution to FLSSAR for unfunded projects. Example: CAR, Endowment Trust Fund Please state	\$
Total Remittance	\$ 70.00

Name: _____

National # _____ State # _____

A couple of notes about dues : First Junior dues are \$5 this is for National only, FLSSAR and the St. Lucie River Chapter waiver any dues for Juniors until they reach the age of 18. Standard dues are \$70 this is broken down as follows, \$35 to National, \$20 the FLSSAR and \$15 to the Chapter all of this money goes in one way or another to operate the SAR. There are 2 areas where dues are reduced, if you are a serving active duty military your dues are \$35 FLSSAR and the Chapter waive these dues and if you are having financial difficulty there is an Emeritus III status available which will also reduce a members dues , this waives FLSSAR and Chapter dues and helps in these situations . Emeritus status is completely confidential, and is granted by the FLSSAR Executive Committee .

Upcoming Events

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day event in Port St. Lucie
7:AM

December 9, Chapter Meeting at Manero's in Palm City,
Social begins at 11:30AM Lunch and Meeting at 12 noon.
Bring non perishable food for our annual food drive.

December 16 Wreath's Across America the Chapter will
help with events in White City, Stuart, and Port St. Lucie.

December 24/25 Merry Christmas to all

December 31/ January 1 Happy New Year

January 12 chapter Meeting at Manero's in Palm City,
Social at 11:30 AM with Lunch and Meeting at 12 noon.

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