



The St. Lucie River "Whig"



December 2018



President's Salvo

Gentlemen,

The year of 2018 is now over, we have had many setbacks over the last year and have managed to overcome, the losses of key officers, and committee chairs because of illnesses and moving out of the area. Several of these positions were filled quickly by members, who willingly stepped up, other positions are still looking for members to fill the openings.

This coming year we will need some willing, dedicated people to fill these remaining openings. Most of the spots are easy to do and do not require a lot of personal time.

Some of the committees we need help with are Medals and Awards, Asst. Publicity Chair, Asst. Color Guard Commander, and Sgt. At Arms. If you would volunteer for any of these positions or have other abilities you would like to offer just call or contact any of our officers.

There will always be someone to help you with any problems you may have and give a pat on the back.

Thank all of you for your help and cooperation making 2019 a very successful year.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

Chuck Berger

President, St. Lucie River Chapter FLS-SAR



Compatriot Bill Sander takes oath of office for 2nd Vice President, oath administered by Chuck Berger, Bill is also the new Registrar

Items of Particular Importance



National Society Sons of the American Revolution

www.sar.org

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

www.flssar.org

St. Lucie River Chapter FLSSAR

www.slrc-sar.org/

There are still a few members, who have not paid their 2019 dues if you are one of those please get them in, Mail to James Linn, 1171 NW Lombardy Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 30986

St. Lucie River Chapter—Sons of the American Revolution

November 3, 2018 Meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Berger, 11:10 AM. The meeting was held at the Pig and Cattle in Stuart, FL; our second meeting at this location. The meeting opened with the Invocation, the SAR Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for our recently deceased compatriot, Phil Carr.

Minutes of the last meeting were discussed and accepted by voice vote.

New Business: Members were reminded that the annual food drive will be at our next meeting on December 1st.

There were no committee reports:

(Registrar Steve Laster was unable to attend)

Treasurer James Linn gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$3,513.64 in the General Fund and \$7,391.86 in the Money market: Total funds is \$10,905.50. This report was accepted by the members present..

Presentation of the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Awards was made by Vice President Robert Beasley, Sr. ; To one officer each from Sewall's Point Police Department and the Stuart Police Department. MSCD did not participate.

The Sewall's Point LEO Award was presented to Sgt. Kitrick Downham, A representative from the Sewall's Point Police Department read a letter from Tima Ciechanowski detailing why Sgt. Downham was selected: she was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

The Stuart LEO Award was presented to Officer Zack Pecci. Acting Stuart Police Chief Joseph Tumminelli read a letter indicating why Officer Pecci was selected..

President Chuck Berger gave a brief and informative presentation on his Patriot Ancestor

Compatriot Hall Riediger gave a brief presentation on one of his patriot ancestors and volunteered to give an additional presentation at the December Meeting.

Meeting Attendance 12 members, Robert Eisenhardt, Hall Riediger, Robert Beasley, Sr. Charles Berger, George Bartley, Bill Sander, Jack Irvin, Carl Wase, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Stephen Trinkle, Mike Linn, James Linn.

Guests were: Kitrick Downham, Ross Wade, Zack Pecci, Kristen Pecci, Joseph Tumminelli, Matt Cernuto, Michael Gerwin , Andy Studhoff.

50/50 drawing, \$18.00 won by George Bartley

Guy's Duck \$41.00

SAR color Guard will attend Veterans Day at Post SS. Lucie Veterans Park, Next meeting December 1. 2018

Steve Trinkle lead the Recessional

Submitted by: Robert Beasley, Sr.



Clockwise from upper left, new member induction for Sean McGraw, Robert Harris, Stuart P.D. contingent, Martin Vo Fire safety award recipient, Sgt. Kitrick Downham Sewall's Point P.D., Deputy Martin Co. S.O , Officer Zack Pecci, Stuart P.D.

ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DECEMBER 1, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM by President Charles Berger at Southern Pig & Cattle Company, US One, Stuart, Florida.

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Steve Trinkle led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAR members present were: George Bartley, Robert Beasley, Chuck Berger, Jack Irwin, John Auld, Hall Riediger, Steve Trinkle, Sean McGraw, James Linn, Tom Barnhardt, Robert Hess, Bill Sanders.

Guests: Martin County Sheriff Dept.: Sgt. Joe Kukuvtva, Deputy Sheriff Erick Day, Capt. Randy Spiegelhalter, spouse Bonnie Spiegelhalter; Chris Stabil, Martin County Fire Dept.; Shylene Jones, Evie Eskin, Melissa McGran, David LaSalle.

Treasurer: Checking account: \$4043.52; Money Market: \$7391.86. 50/50 won \$21 by Robert Beasley and gifted to SAR Chapter. Guy's Duck \$18.

Minutes of November meeting will appear in December WHIG.

Registrar: Steve Laster has resigned as Registrar. President Berger appointed Bill Sanders as Registrar.

2nd Vice President: Steve Laster has resigned as 2nd Vice President. It was moved by Riediger, seconded by Auld, to elect Bill Sanders as 2nd Vice President to serve until the next elections in May 2020. The motion carried, and Bill is elected as 2nd VP.

New Members Sworn in:

Sean McGraw and Robert Harris were duly inducted as SAR members by Bill Sanders.

Guest: David LaSalle was introduced as a prospective member,

Awards: President Berger presented medals to the Fire Rescue and Sheriff honorees.

Presentation: Hall Riediger gave a talk regarding his ancestor's service in multiple Revolutionary War battles.

Business Actions:

It was moved by Auld and seconded by Riediger to contribute \$50 and \$20 to St. Lucie Vets organizations. The motions passed.

Moved by Riediger and seconded Jack Irwin to contribute \$100 for Wreaths Across America.

Hall and Linn discussed moving Money Market funds into 3-year CDs that would earn more dollars than current bank. A motion passed for a committee to investigate finance options ASAP.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM by President Berger who led us in the recessional.

Notes:

All SAR members are encouraged to have a brief story, or speech, or ancestor story, ready to go at any time and any place. **10 MINUTES.** Our duty is to remember the Revolutionary War, our ancestors, and pass this on.

Next meeting is January 5 at 11:00 AM, Pig & Cattle.

PLEASE NOTE: ARRIVE BY 11:00 AM. MEETINGS START THEN. WAITRESSES WILL TAKE ORDERS WHILE MEETING CONTINUES. APPROXIMATELY 12:00 pm FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR SEAT. PLEASE PAY \$20 UPON ARRIVAL. Cash is greatly preferred.

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2019 SAR DUES. DUES ARE DO DECEMBER 1, 2018.

Officers for 2018 – 2020: by Bill Sanders: each attendee shall pay \$20 for his lunch. Select from the menu including drinks. TIP IS INCLUDED. Motion carried.

Regarding meeting lunch at Pig & Cattle, with the approval of the restaurant, it was moved by Jim Linn and seconded

President: Charles Berger
First VP: Robert Beasley SR.
Second VP: Bill Sanders
Treasurer: James Linn
Secretary: John Auld
Register: Bill Sanders
Member at large: Hall Riediger
Member at large: Robert Bonvie

John Auld, Secretary

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

January 5 first meeting of 2019 St. Lucie River Chapter Regular Meeting
Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant 2583S. US 1 , Stuart, FL 11:00
AM.

February 1-3 FLSSAAR Board of Management meeting Kissimmee,
FL Embassy Suites , 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL

February 2 regular meeting at the Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant, US 1, Stuart , FL
11:00 AM

February 26 St. Lucie County History Fair, Tuesday, Held this year in the Kight Center, Indi-
an River State College, Ft. Pierce.

March 2 Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution (**National Event**) 10:00AM Merritt
island,,if you want to go let me know and we will set up a caravan , dress is colonial, or uni-
form.

March 9 regular meeting at the Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant, US 1 Stuart, FL,
11:00AM

April 6 regular meeting Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant, US 1 Stuart, FL 11:00AM

May 4 regular meeting Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant, US 1 Stuart, FL 11:00AM

May 10-12 Spring BOM and Florida Annual Meeting, Kissimmee, FL Embassy Suites, 4955
Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL



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President's Brigade

The President's Brigade is the part of this organization that is for those , who give just a little more then the other members. All extra money collected over our regular dues goes to help the kids in the form of better scholarships, to Veteran's in the form of awards and to others that are in our mandate. The Brigade works like this, if you give an extra donation \$50 or more you will be placed in the Gold Medal Division, If you give between \$25 and \$49 dollars you are in the Silver Medal Division, and if you give something up to \$24 dollars you are in the Bronze Medal Division. This over and above the regular dues , of our dues money we support the National Society, the State Society and our Chapter. In our chapter's case we generate about \$1500 annually, from this amount if we wish to participate in Wreaths across America , 20 Wreaths that is \$300, I we give a Scholarship to a Knight Essay winner \$150, if we give medals to our members, if we donate to a Veteran's cause, if we want to do something for the Boy Scouts, It doesn't take long to use up \$1500 so if you can afford it, please join the President's Brigade and do a little more good.

