



St Lucie River Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



“WHIG” November 2019



Presidents Salvo

- This month we said farewell to our Registrar, Steve Laster. Steve was sick for a long time but was dedicated to our chapter and worked hard on our new member's applications to the end.
- Bill Cassada will be working with Bill Sander learning how to help new applicants fill out their applications and submit them to the National SAR. When you see Bill Cassada thank him for stepping up to help our chapter.
- We are still looking for a new restaurant for our monthly meetings. Any member who has a recommendation for a more central location feel free to contact any officer with your information.

Quote:

Someone once said, " You never know what is enough until we know what is too much."

Billie Holiday

Committee Reports:

Habitat for Humanity----Our Chapter presented an American Flag and a copy of the Constitution at the Rodgers-Woods Family Home Dedication.

*****Reminder*****

The December meeting is on the 14th due to Pearl Harbor Day falling on the first Saturday of the month.



President Chuck Berger presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Professor Walter Judd in recognition of his outstanding support of the St Lucie River Chapter—Sons of the American Revolution.

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November 2, 2019 Minutes

Members present: John Auld, Chuck Berger, Bill Cassada, Bob Hess, Jim Linn, Michael McMahon, Bill Sander, Steve Trimble, Marvin and Joanne Riddle (SAR & DAR). Guest presenter: Professor Walter and Cynthia Judd.

TREASURER’S REPORT as of October 31, 2019 was presented and accepted.

50/50: Jim Linn won and donated the funds back to checking account.

Guy’s Duck \$20.

John Auld introduced guest speaker Professor Walter Judd who discussed Franklin, Jay, and Adams at Paris in 1783 negotiating the peace agreement with England and the United States. Key was the involvement of Spain, France and Holland, and the impact of the WHIG PARTY taking control of the English House of Parliament. Clearly England had no further interest in a distant war that it could not win, in the cost of this losing effort, and potential



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conflicts with Holland, France and Spain. Despite his age, Franklin was a sharp negotiator, Jay became the first supreme court judge, and Adams became the second president of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

John Auld, Chapter Secretary

Steve Laster’s Memorial Service

St Lucie River Chapter President Chuck Berger and Registrar and Second Vice President Bill Sander attended Steve Laster’s Memorial Service on Saturday, October 26th at Steve’s home. While at the memorial they swore in Steve’s grandson, Blaine White, as the newest member of our Chapter. Blaine was approved the day Steve died. Diane, Steve’s wife donated Steve’s Rosette which was pinned on Blaine by his mother Patricia.

There were about one hundred people and it was a great tribute.



Diane Laster(Steve's wife) Patricia Laster ; mother of Blaine White, Blaine White, Bill Sander, Chuck Berger



Patricia Laster pins Steve’s Rosette on his grandson Blaine.





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Upcoming Events

December 14, 2019—Monthly Meeting—First Responder Recognition Day also a brief presentation by Compatriot Hall Riediger.

January 4, 2020— Monthly Meeting—Compatriot John Auld will give a presentation on one of his ancestors and his participation in the march to Québec.

February 1, 2020—Monthly Meeting—Compatriot and Judge Mike Linn will give a presentation on the Pros and Cons of the Second Amendment.

March 7, 2010—Monthly Meeting - Compatriot Robert Beasley will give a presentation on the Battle of Moores Creek, NC in which his ancestors participated. Nomination for Officers for 2020 –2022

April 4, 2020— Monthly meeting— Election of Officers for 2020—2022—Speaker to be determined

May 2, 2020—Swearing in of newly elected officers—Last meeting before the Summer—Speaker to be determined.

If you would like to volunteer to give short presentation on your ancestor or any part of the events that transpired in the United States during the Revolutionary War period or the events leading to the Rebellion or it's aftermath please contact me at rb4348@att.net.

Volunteers are also need to be Committee Chairman, see President Chuck Berger for details or contact him at opastuart2004@yahoo.com

War for Independence—Those Who Fought

America's revolution was both a civil war within British North America and, by 1778, part of a world war involving European powers. The British fought the war with an army of professional soldiers, lifetime recruits who were subject to strict military discipline. They also employed soldiers from German states and a large number of loyalists, American supporters of British rule who formed their own military units and fought against patriot forces.

The patriots, those who favored independence, developed their own Continental Army, which consisted initially of New England militiamen besieging the British in Boston and then of soldiers supplied by various colonies. They also relied on local militia units, whose members served for short terms, and partisan forces, especially in the South. The Marquis de Lafayette, Baron Friedrich W. A. von Steuben, and other European officers made significant contributions to the patriot cause. So, too, after 1778, did French soldiers and sailors, especially in the 1779 siege of British-held Savannah and in helping Washington's army trap Lord Cornwallis's large British force at Yorktown in 1781.

With an overall goal of slowing the advance of white settlement, American Indians were divided in their loyalties. Depending on local conditions, they joined the side they thought would favor their interests. Although Southerners opposed their use, some 5,000 African Americans fought side by side with whites for the patriot cause and their own freedom; tens of thousands more enslaved African Americans sought freedom with the British forces.

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