

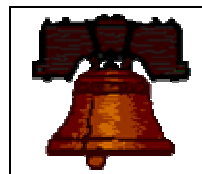


THE VALLEY FORGE FIFER

FIFER GEORGE WEISSENFELS SOCIETY
Children of the American Revolution
Palm Beach County, Florida

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Mark Your Calendar

- ☑ Friday-Sunday, January 13-15, 2006, State Project Seminar in Homosassa Wildlife State Park. (Please see the Orange Blossom website for registration forms).
- ☑ Sunday, February 5, 2005, 1:00 p.m. meet at FPL power plant in Lake Park to view the manatees. We have invited special political guests, but even if their schedules do not permit, we will enjoy our meeting and celebrate an early President's Day with cake and our manatee friends.
- ☑ Friday-Sunday, March 31-April 2, 2006, State Conference in Orlando area at Altamont Springs. August 19, 2005. (Please see the Orange Blossom website for registration forms). Hotel reservations: 1-800-226-4544.

A word from our president



Dear Fellow Society Members,

I hope everyone has been doing well since our last update and that you are all safe after Wilma. I have a lot of news to cover, so here we go!

I'd like to start off by telling you what I've been up to this past October. I had the honor of attending the Constitution Luncheon of Garcilaso de la Vega. I happily relayed greetings on

behalf of Fifer George and we had a very good time. I also attended Spirit of Liberty's first meeting of the year. It was filled with plenty of interesting information and great food. The guest speaker of the day was Jacqueline Whitmore, Director of The Protocol School of Palm Beach. She spoke to us about some common mistakes of etiquette and also provided us with some useful tips about every day encounters. We set up a table at both meetings to sell our state pins and various other items. Mrs. Pike made a very informative poster board outlining our events and mission. Thank you Mrs. Pike, for all the hard work you do for us.

In November we were all to ourselves. Since Wilma forced us back in our classrooms, attendance on our own for

Veterans Day was a challenge. If your school had recognition for the day, please let us know. For example, gathering around the flag for a moment of silence, etc. Also, if you participated in any Veteran Day activities or visited a historical area, Fifer George can get credit for doing or being at that place, so please report back to us. We appreciate the efforts of our busy members and don't want to miss a thing!

I will be representing Fifer George at British Night Watch in St. Augustine in December. I will bring good wishes from you all and come back with a full report on the events from the State Society.

In January, some members and I will be attending the State Seminar at Homosassa Springs State Park. Along with attending the seminar, we will also be swimming with the amazing manatees that roam the surrounding waters. Anyone is welcome to "Come Swim With Us". I would also like to let you all know that if you go to savethemanatee.org, you are able to send out a maximum of five

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manatee e-mail postcards to whomever you please! We also have a new addition to our manatee family! Courtney Carhart has adopted Ariel based in Homosassa Springs.

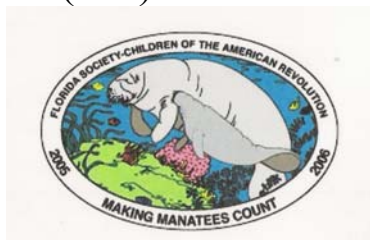
A bit of manatee trivia...Christopher Columbus gets credit for the first written record of the manatee. The scientific name for the aquatic mammal is *Sirenia*, which comes from the mythological sea nymph, the siren. Lovesick sailors were said to have mistaken them for mermaids and were sent to their watery graves in their pursuit.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your president. It has been a whirlwind of activity!

Fifer George Weissenfels Society, President 2005-2006

Nikki Chimato

***Only a few remain!
Call for your project
pin today!
(561) 792-7861***



HONORING THE DEFENDERS OF OUR FREEDOM & SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS!

Kristen McKenna, 8; Joe McKenna, 10; and Courtney Carhart, 9, display three of eight patriotic quilts sewn by their grandmother, Virginia Davis.

The children donated the Quilts to the local veterans groups as lap quilts is just one project the Fifer George society has been supporting. See the lists on page 11 which shows what has been collected for the ***Forgotten Soldier Outreach*** project by our members.

Please go to <http://www.forgottensoldiers.org/> to view a list of requested donation items.



Fifer George Marks September 11 with Memorial Service at the Juno Beach

The Fifer George members held a solemn candlelight and flag ceremony which contained many parts of the actual 9/11 ceremony in 2002 at the site of the World Trade Center, New York City. We also remembered the victims of the Gulf Coast Hurricane Katrina in our ceremony.

Our members read the children's names of those who died in the terrorist attacks, They are: David Reed Gamboa Brandhorst, 3, Los Angeles, CA, Flight 175; Asia Cottom, 11, Washington D.C., Flight 77; Rodney Dickens, 11, Washington D.C., Flight 77; Zoe Falkenberg, 8, University Park, MD, Flight 77; Dana Falkenberg, 3, University Park, MD, Flight 77; Christine Lee Hanson, 2, Groton, MA; Flight 175; Juliana Valentine McCourt, 4, New London, CT, Flight 175; and all the children who are suffering and have died due to Hurricane Katrina.



Veteran's Day Drop by *Patriotic Pam Mora*

Pam Mora couldn't let Hurricane Wilma keep her from remembering the veterans who served. While most of our members were not given the day off to attend parades and patriotic events due to the Hurricane Make Up Day, Pam Mora, 11, didn't let that stop her from visiting the local Veterans Hospital with a trunk full of magazines and gifts she had collected.

Great Going, Pam!

Way to go, Pam! You made us all proud by Honoring the Defenders of Freedom!

If you have a photo of yourself doing a good deed for our men and women in the armed forces, in a parade or holiday event representing the C.A.R., please email the photo as an attachment and don't be surprised to see yourself in the next newsletter!

Send it to: Hiptub2@aol.com



FIFER GEORGE DONATES TO “BACK TO BASICS”

A LOCAL CHILDREN’S CHARITY

The Fifer George society donated more than \$75 worth of shoes, socks, underwear, and small gifts to two small boys in the Palm Beach community identified by the area service centers as *in need*. “Back to Basics” program director, Bev Perham, accepts a package for a child from past president, Kaylee Legan.

DECEMBER

Alexandra Caroline Arnold – 12/1/89
Christina Noel Arnold - 12/1/89
Alicia Lauren Swift – 12/1/86
Danielle Stefanelli – 12/5/90
Jessica Mae Linus – 12/8/87
Jennifer Grace Ann Fraenkel – 12/11/84
Kaitylyn Cunningham – 12/13/01
Elizabeth Page Doane – 12/15/90
Nathaniel Truman Hallmark – 12/16/84
Hunter Lee Smith – 12/16/98
Andrew Everett Franz – 12/31/83

JANUARY

Samuel John Smith – 1/6/94
Delaney Harrison – 1/6/99
Jane Zeri Horth – 1/10/89
Nicholas Smith – 1/10/96
Paige Elizabeth Zahn – 1/12/90
Bradley Stauffer Napier – 1/13/92
Angela Marie Frammolino – 1/15/91
Benjamin Carhart – 1/21/90
Lauren Taylor Broyles Glazer – 1/22/92
Evan Daniel Snyder – 1/25/99
James Thomas Linus – 1/28/92
Charisse White – 1/30/86

FEBRUARY

Brandyn Emsweiler – 2/7/92
Samantha Mouring – 2/8/97
Charles Curry Isiminger – 2/14/92
Alexandria Harrison – 2/19/01
Rachel Howell – 2/19/97
Marcus Migut – 2/20/98
Katherine Louise Warwick – 2/27/90
Peyton Elizabeth Reeves – 2/27/98

MARCH

Douglas Robert Ferrell – 3/2/91
Rebecca Lee Marlowe – 3/3/85
Kylie Elizabeth Starling Smith – 3/6/97
Meredith Baker Schott – 3/7/98
Amanda Bogart – 3/13/92
Sebastian Rhane Taylor – 3/15/00
Lee Richard Rodriguez – 3/17/89
Courtney Lavon Carhart – 3/21/96
Pamela Fitch Mora – 3/22/99
Kelly Yarbrough – 3/25/84
Connor Elkin – 3/29/96
Alexander Philip Ciffo – 3/30/87
Fredrick James Smith – 3/31/89

If your name has been mistakenly omitted, please contact Mrs. Pike at: hiptub2@aol.com

A Soldier's Silent Night

'Twas The Night Before Christmas,
He Lived All Alone,
In A One Bedroom House
Made Of Plaster And Stone.
I Had Come Down The Chimney
With Presents To Give,
To See Just Who
In This Dwelling Did Live.
I Looked All Around
A Strange Sight To See,
No Tinsel, No Presents,
Not Even A Tree.
No Stocking From The Mantle,
Just Boots Filled With Sand,
On The Wall Hung Pictures
Of Far Distant Lands.
With Medals And Badges,
Awards Of Every Kind,
A Sobering Thought Came Alive In My Mind--
This House Was Different,
It Was Dark, It Was Dreary,
I Have Found The Home Of A Soldier,
I Can See That Most Clearly.
The Soldier Lay Sleeping,
Silent, Alone
Curled Up On The Floor
In This One Bedroom Home.
His Face Was So Gentle,
The Room In Such Disorder,
Not At All How I Pictured
A United States Soldier.
Was This The Hero
Of Whom I'd Just Read?
Curled Up On A Poncho,
The Floor For A Bed?
Then I Realized The Other Families
That I Saw This Night,
Owned Their Lives To Soldiers
Who Were Willing To Fight.
From The Morning Round The World,
The Children Would Play,
Grownups Would Celebrate
A Bright Christmas Day.
But They All Enjoyed Freedom
Each Month Of The Year,
Because Of Soldiers,
Like The One Lying Here.
But I Couldn't Help But Wonder
How Many Lay Alone,
On A Cold Christmas Eve
In Lands Far From Home.
The Very Thought
Brought A Tear To My Eye,

I Dropped To My Knees
And Started To Cry.
The Soldier Awakened
I Heard His Rough Voice,
"Santa Don't Cry,
This Life Is My Choice;
I Fight For Freedom,
I Don't Ask For More,
My Life Is My God,
My Country, My Corps."
The Soldier Rolled Over
And Drifted To Sleep,
But I Couldn't Control It,
And I Continued To Weep.
Kept Watch For Hours,
So Silent And Still
As Both Of Us Shivered
From The Cold Night's Chill.
I Didn't Want To Leave Him
On That Cold, Dark, Night,
This Guardian Of Honor
So Willing To Fight.
Then The Soldier Rolled Over,
In A Voice Soft And Pure,
He Whispered, "Carry On Santa,
It's Christmas Day, All Is Secure."
One Look At My Watch,
I Knew He Was Right.
"Merry Christmas My Friend,
May God Bless You This Night."

--Author Unknown

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HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE YET?

Link to:

<http://www.wjzi.com/soldiersnight.asp>

<http://www.kool1055.com/main.html> and hear this wonderful new song and Support Our Troops!

"Father Ted Berndt was a priest at Bread of Life Charismatic Episcopal Church in Dousman, a proud Marine and WWII Purple Heart recipient and my Dad. We recorded "A Soldier's Silent Night" two years ago in one take, since Dad was a former radio guy in the '40s. Our project received a national A.I.R. (Achievement in Radio) award from the March of Dimes and was played in radio stations across the country.

My father passed away March 19th, 2004, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. All he ever wanted to do was touch lives...to make a difference. We are blessed to share "A Soldier's Silent Night" again with you this Christmas.

Listen to "A Soldier's Silent Night" "

Merry Christmas!
~ Ellen

Find the lyrics on page 6



FELICITY MERRIMAN AMERICAN GIRL PARTY

It was "Girls Night In" during the month of November. Girls, moms, grandmas, and a curious brother and dad all got to see just how a young lady would have lived in colonial times.

C.A.R. members and friends made Bilbo catchers, decorated *olde fashioned* cookies, learned the minuet, signed cards for the *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach*, ate cookies, with hot chocolate, and had a wonderful evening watching the WB Felicity movie.

Lantana Winterfest Parade

Thanks to Kaitlyn, Ariana, and Samantha Mouring and mom, Annelies, for promoting the C.A.R. by marching in the holiday parade!



K U D O S

♦ Nikki Chimato, is a new member of the Key Club at Dwyer High School. President Chimato has also been busy on behalf of Fifer George! She has written dozens of birthday and Christmas cards for the society, she has been busy the last couple of months giving her time and donations on behalf of Fifer George. She has donated to The **Jupiter Medical Center Thrift Shop** where she met a DAR member from Seminole. Helped with the **Wellington Walk-Run for Hospice**, given at the Dollar Tree store to **Toys for Tots** and at the U.S. Marine Corp. Recruitment Center. She has made gift baskets on behalf of Fifer George for the annual Nite Lite Golf Tournament which earns money for the **Vanessa Kite Scholarship Fund**, donated money to the **Indian Coat Drive**, and she was able to help her Marine Biology **class adopt a manatee** named Lorelie and we are hoping to see her at Homassasa.

♦ Keilly and Zachary Pike donated funds for manatee feeding to the **Miami Sea Aquarium** and donated Dancing with the Manatees by Faith McNulty to the **Wellington Library Branch**.



Where in the world is Pam Mora and Pamela Fitch Mora?

So, will it take Carmen san Diego to figure out this mystery?

Email Mrs. Pike, Sr. President at:
Hiptub2@aol.com with your guess!

You may also contact her at:

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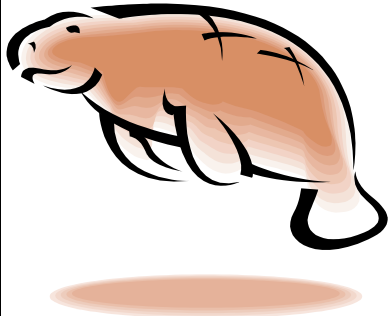
An Artifact Lesson in Southwestern Hopi and Navaho Kachina Dolls

Doll collector Bev Perham has one of the premier collections of Kachina dolls in South Florida. DAR member and State Indian Chairman Gayle Bishop has another great collection in North Florida. Nikki Chimato, Kaylee Legan, and Keilly Pike, were on hand to see samples of both collections. Mrs. Perham will soon be discussing the intricately carved wood sculptures during her guest lecturer at the United Federation of Doll Collectors. Mrs. Bishop, well, she talks all around the state and brings the story of the Native American to life through her experiences growing up on a reservation, with wonderful artifacts, such as the Kachina. A Kachina is a spirit doll and embodies the hopes or attributes of the carver.

The C.A.R. girls had the chance to view the dolls, find out a lot about the DAR Indian School program, and discover what children do on a reservation. It was a great opportunity to learn from two women who love and respect the Native American and their crafts. C.A.R. members, along with other DAR attendees, raised more than \$200 for a reservation winter coat fund.



Our society's adopted manatee, Brutus, is the "manatee of the month" for December.



RECRUIT, Recruit, Recruit!

Needed—New Members who love to wear patriotic colors or look good in red, white, or blue.

Must enjoy fireworks and the Forth of July.

Should know something about George Washington or be willing to learn.

Must enjoy one of the following:

American History, Conservation, American Indians, American Heritage, Government Studies, Helping other Kids, Helping Schools, Reading magazines and newsletters, marching in parades, carrying flags and banners, supporting our soldiers, or swimming with manatees!

If this sounds like something you like to do, then contact:

Brenda J. Pike

Sr. President

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MANATEE MADNESS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

A day at Mote Marine Laboratory
(Donations made for manatee feeding)



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Pee Wee Patriot Page

Make a manatee puppet



1. Take a manatee part sheet and color the manatees head, lower lip, left flipper, right flipper and tail.
2. When you are finished coloring the body parts cut the out.
3. Take a folded paper lunch bag and place it in front of you with the fold facing up and the bottom of the bag farthest from you.
4. Tape the manatee head to the bottom of the bag.
5. Tape the lower lip right underneath the fold.
6. Just below the lower lip tape the flippers to each side of the bag.
7. Tape the tail on so that it reaches past the opening of the bag.
8. Draw the body by drawing a line from the tail to the flipper and up to the lower lip on each side of the manatee.
9. Color the parts inside the lines to look like a manatee.
10. Color the parts outside the lines to look like the manatees habitat.
11. Enjoy your manatee puppet.

http://www.floridaoceanographic.org/teacher/manatee_puppet.pdf

Forgotten Soldier Outreach Program ~ Fifer George Collection.

We support our Troops—Defenders of Freedom!

Name of item or description	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Band-aids	1			
Body wash	2			3
Candy (bags and boxes)	5		1	
Chocolate			2	
Coffee and tea kits	2		13	
Condiment kit	30		4	
Cotton swabs, balls	2			4
Dental floss	4			
Deodorant	2			
Foot cream	2			
Foot Pumice	2			
Gum (bags, mints)	10	1	3	
Hand sanitizer	1			
Insect repellant wipes	6			
Kleenex	1			
Laundry soap	1			
Lip balm (Chapstick)	2		3	
Mailing tape		2		
Moisturizer and Lotions	7		15	
Mouthwash	7			3
Nail kit	1			
Nasal treatments (Afrin)			1	
On the Go boxes (Crystal Light, Lipton, Kool-aid, Laura Lynn brands)	3	2	6	1
Pencils (#2)			50	
Plastic container with candy	1			
Postcards (stamped)	26	8	3	4
Powder	3			
Razors (Schick, Bic, Gillette)			1	3
Sewing kit	1			1
Shampoo and conditioner	15		1	13
Shaving cream	2			1
Shower caps	5			1
Snack foods (nuts, Slim Jims, granola, raisins...)	3		3	
Soap (bar)	14			8
Socks	1			
Soda can wraps/coolers			2	
Special gift collections (filled totes, filled holiday mugs, manicure sets)	4		2	1
Stationery set		1		
Teas (assorted flavors or collections)			2	
Tooth Brush	4	4		2
Toothpaste	4			
Toys and Games (Nerfs, Frisbees, hacky sack, chess, checkers, cards...)	7	20	1	3
Trash bag (Glad brand or others)	2		1	
Various sample packs (Tylenol, Shaklee vitamins and skin creams)	4		4	
Wipes (Wet Ones)			12	

40 Christmas cards were signed by more than 40 members of the C.A.R. and DAR during the months of November and December and sent out with our December collection to the forgotten soldier in Iraq.



MAKING MANATEES COUNT

A program on manatees presented to local children at the Wellington Library Branch in October.

Keilly Pike, Corresponding Secretary, and

her mother, brought C.A.R. posters and manatee banners and stuffed manatees and manatee books for story time in the children's reading room.

Keilly Pike, pictured above, is reading one of three books read to the children: **A Manatee Morning**, by Jim Arnosky. There were



15 parents and children who participated in the story time or craft time activity. After the stories, Keilly showed a basket filled with things that cause injury to a manatee, including plastic mesh, garbage, and propellers (which she demonstrated using a common egg beater).

Keilly's last event for the presentation was making manatee puppets. At tables in the rear of the room a craft area was set up with manatee puzzles, games, and brochures to color and take home. The children colored beautiful manatee puppets and glued their parts to a brown paper bag (see page 10 for this craft).

The children found out about the C.A.R. and the DAR and why the manatee is our state project this year.