



Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter

Organized December 8, 1966



General Membership Meeting Minutes **11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.** **Saturday, April 20, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (17): Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr; Jim Clark; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Ronald Goodale; Martin Hollick; Jim Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; and John Sauerwald. **Prospective Members / Guests (2):** Liana Carpenter; and Shelley Gardner. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

Call to Order and Introductions: In the absence of Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. Steve DePaul instructed the Color Guard to Advance the Colors

Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies: The Color Guard performed the **Presentation of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. Steve DePaul led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2024, and was seconded by Ted Duay. Unanimously approved.

Officer's, Committee's, and 250 Anniversary Recognition Reports:

President & Registrar/Genealogist Report - Steve DePaul:

Genealogy & Membership: Steve DePaul said that Bob Walsh is working with Chuck Adams to apply for dual membership, maintaining the New Hampshire Society as his primary affiliation. He said that Chuck is close to submitting a family application for Jason Milgram and his son Benjamin, and a 2nd supplemental application for Martin Hollick. Currently, we have the second supplemental application submitted by Kevin Shurte pending SAR approval, and the junior member application for Matthew D. Scott and Kevin's grandson, Braeden R. Shurte. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we currently remain at 80.

Upcoming Events: Steve DePaul reminded all that the spring BOM will be held May 17-18, 2024, at Kissimmee, FL. He congratulated Chuck Adams for his nomination to become the new SE Regional Vice President. Steve stated that there are several Color Guard events coming up throughout the year that are published in the "Upcoming Events" column of the April 2024 Newsletter.

Vice President – Steve DePaul: Steve DePaul reported that verbiage for the dedication plaque has been finalized. We will get pricing for a 12" x 12" bronze plaque and start setting dates.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met via zoom with a quorum present on April 15, 2024. He said that Chuck Adams announced that Ken Williams had resigned for family health reasons and that he had appointed Paul Moore to replace him as the member-at-large. The following actions were approved by unanimous consent of the members present: 1) the 2024 calendar was amended to change the July meeting date to July 27, 2024; and 2) for expiring terms of trustees on

the Board of Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale Trust Fund: 1) Steve DePaul to succeed retiring Pete Stevenson for the two-year term, and 2) Paul Moore to replace Steve DePaul for the one-year term.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that we are documenting activities for 2024 and our total to date is 1391 points. If you are performing or participating in events, or making donations to support Veterans please contact Mark Snider. The Nininger Nursing Home was planning to hold a volunteer appreciation event yesterday; however, it was cancelled due to Covid. Mark will be getting in touch with them about support needs and opportunities.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Melbourne, FL between May 6-13th.

Honor Flight South Florida Program: Mark reminded members of the special support event for the Honor Flight South Florida Program at 3pm, May 19, 2024, at the Kings Point (Tamarac) Palace Theater which is a patriotic concert, "An American Celebration," performed by the Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds. Tickets are free, and donations will be welcomed onsite to support the Honor Flight Mission. Tickets can be obtained directly through the Kings Point office.

JROTC / Sea Cadets: Mark stated that to date we have made presentations at 2 high schools and have close to 30 more coming up. He noted that Chuck and Joe have put a lot of time and effort into contacting and organizing representation at all upcoming high school ceremonies. Any members interested in representing the Chapter should let us know. There are opportunities to participate all across Broward.

Treasurer & Editor – Steve DePaul: Steve DePaul summarized the treasurer's report submitted by Chuck Adams. As of March 31, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$4,652, and the balance is \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,892.40. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$17,080.33.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Steve DePaul stated that the April 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of our new dual member, James K. Blakeslee. It also includes the Patriot Biography that Jim had previously submitted to SAR as an example of how one can submit a very simple write-up to memorialize a patriot ancestor.

Historian – Kevin Shurte

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report on *The Midnight Ride of William Dawes - April 18, 1775*, which is also published in the April 2024 Newsletter.

Middle School Brochure Contest. Kevin said that on March 18, 2024, the Chapter judging committee selected the three Ramblewood Middle School brochure contest winners: Giana Mann, 1st Place; Alicia York, 2nd Place; and Kailani Quintana, 3rd Place. There were 359 entries and the winners were selected from the top ten entries given to the judging committee after review by Kevin and the teachers at Ramblewood Middle School. The entry for the first-place winner, Giana Mann, will be submitted at the May 2024 BOM for the State contest whose winner will be selected at that event. The winner of the State contest will be submitted for judging at the 134th National Congress being held in July 2024 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Other Youth Programs. Kevin Shurte stated that the next C.A.R. meeting will be held on April 21, 2024, from 2-4pm and will be a tour of "Paws for Liberty" located in Lake Worth which trains service dogs for veterans. He stated that representatives of the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. will attend our meeting on May 25, 2024, to give their prior year report.

Color Guard Report: Kevin Shurte stated that the Color Guard attended the April 13, 2024, Honor Flight originating from and returning to Fort Lauderdale. Compatriot John Sauerwald went on that trip. Steve DePaul asked John for any comments he wished to share. John Sauerwald said that it had been a tremendous experience.

The next two flights from Fort Lauderdale are scheduled for June 1 and Sept 7, 2024, and the Chapter Color Guard is planning to attend the welcome home. All members are encouraged to attend. Kevin Shurte has been provided a supply of Thank-You Cards to Veterans and will have Ramblewood Middle Schoolers fill-out up to 70 cards per event for mail call. Kevin added that the SF Honor Flight organization is sponsoring a car show on May 21, 2024, at the Brandsmart in Deerfield.

Steve DePaul stated that the Color Guard represented by Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Tim McLane and Paul Moore attended the second day of the Patriots Day Celebration on April 14, 2024, at the Pearce Homestead located in Fort Bassinger, FL. Our Color Guard joined the Okeechobee Chapter and Highland Chapter guardsmen in the presentation of colors.

Medals, Certificates & Awards:

2023-2024 Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest: Steve DePaul recognized Kevin Shurte for his initiative and leadership in reintroducing this program for Chapter participation starting with the Ramblewood Middle School and the C.A.R. Swamp Fox Society. Steve DePaul presented Kevin Shurte a Certificate of Appreciation and SAR Education Challenge Coin. Kevin Shurte recognized the six Compatriots that served as committee judges in selecting the three winners from the ten finalists. He presented Certificates of Appreciation and SAR Education Challenge Coins to: Steve DePaul, Mark Snider, Tim McLane, and Paul Moore acknowledging that Chuck Adams and Ed Sisson also served as judges but could not attend this meeting.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 05/25/24). None.

Closing Ceremonies: The **Benediction** was given by Tim McLane. Steve DePaul led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment: Steve DePaul adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.



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- 2023-2024 Sgt Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest Education Committee Certificate & Challenge Coin: Kevin Shurte, Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Tim McLane, Paul Moore, Mark Snider & Ed Sisson.

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PLEDGE OF THE SAR

We descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

RECESSIONAL OF THE SAR

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and education and inspiring future generation about the founding principles of our Country.

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BUDGET COMPARISON**

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

	2022	2023	2024 BUDGET		3/30/2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	6,891	6,891	6,891
REVENUE					
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	525	455	335	335	20
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,360	1,560	1,560	-
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	4,411	4,410	4,410	-
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	4,194	2,300	2,300	117
Corporate & Other Donations	-	3,954	1,500	1,500	-
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,496	2,500	2,500	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Revenue	<u>28,550</u>	<u>16,870</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>137</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Total Sources	<u>34,860</u>	<u>23,339</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>7,028</u>
USES OF FUNDS					
EXPENSE					
Organizational Expense					
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	4,466	4,410	4,410	-
Florida Annual Report	123	61	61	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73	-
Non-Member Programs & Contributions					
Swamp Fox C.A.R. & Compensated Meals	1,200	1,458	750	750	-
Kids-Helping-Kids Organization (C.A.R. Match)	-	250	250	250	-
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scouts	100	100	100	100	-
Middle School Brochure Contest	-	-	350	350	-
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	785	940	940	95
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	551	667	667	-
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	250
Wreaths Across America	150	938	500	500	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	535	1,000	1,000	-
Public Service Awards & Compensated Meals	-	73	100	100	-
Community Service Organizations Support	-	210	-	-	-
SAR Foundation - Eductaion Center & Museum	-	1,776	1,776	1,776	1,776
Operating Expense & Supplies					
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	326	800	800	183
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	7
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	4
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
Subtotal Expense	<u>9,121</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>2,376</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
Total Uses	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>2,376</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>4,652</u>
Savings account opening balances					
	20,250	10,346	1,349	1,350	1,350
Deposits & Interest	3	3	2	0	-
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(10,000)	-	-	-
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	1,000	-	-	-
Year Ending Savings Balance	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$392.40					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: \$3,892.40					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$980.32					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$17,080.32					