



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, July 27, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (15): Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane, Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Ronald Goodale; Martin Hollick; James Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; John Sauerwald; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (3):** Jason Milgram; Ellen Higginbotham; and Ceta McDonald. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

Call to Order, Introductions and 250 Minute: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. He announced that the agenda is amended to eliminate today's Color Guard Presentation of Colors. Tim McLane gave this month's 250 Minute which reported on the Purple Heart, which was established by George Washington on August 7, 1782, and is the oldest award still presented by the US Military.

Opening Ceremonies: The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. Chuck Adams 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 June 15, 2024, and was seconded by Tim McLane. Unanimously approved.

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

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams reported that the applications for Jason Milgram and Michael Ingram have been sent to NSSAR. Due to the staffing difficulties at National, an approval date for each cannot be estimated. He stated that the junior application for Braeden R. Shurte was approved on July 26th, so his induction will be planned for September 21, 2024. Chuck stated that he has just finished two supplemental applications for submission. These will be the third supplementals for both Martin Hollick and for Kevin Shurte. He has also been working on a new application for John R. Trainer, but this may take some time to finish. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we are currently at 83. This count includes two dual members and three junior members. Chuck stated that members of the Executive Committee had undertaken to reach out to about 20 members approved over the last three years to encourage them to attend meetings and continue their membership.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that as of May 31, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account was \$3,574, and the balance was \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$3,936.20. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$17,288.72 of which \$1,188.72 was interest that can be made available to the Chapter. The Financial Status of Funds included with the agenda provides details and breakdowns of transactions compared to the 2024 operating budget.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the July 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Jason S. Milgram.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that although we do not meet in August there will be a fundraising event for Honor Flight South Florida at MclIsland in Pompano Beach on August 31, 2024. An e-mail has been sent providing registration information and the link to RSVP, and he will send this out again. He said that the Color Guard will attend the September 7, 2024, homecoming at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport for the veteran passengers and volunteers on Honor Flight South Florida #32. All members are welcome to attend with us. Chuck reported that we have eleven members registered to go to the January 18, 2025, Panthers vs Anaheim Ducks game with other participating DAR and CAR groups. There are over 170 registered for this 250 Event. Chuck Adams stated that all other scheduled events are posted in the July 2024 Newsletter.

Vice President – Steve DePaul: In absence of Steve DePaul, Chuck Adams stated that the Liberty Tree Dedication at Dania Beach is planned for February 8, 2025, starting around 5:00 p.m. The Color Guard and as many members as possible will be present along with members of the DAR who will attend in period attire. Chuck also stated that Steve, as the Chairman of the FLSSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial Committee, continues to work with Pompano Beach officials to construct a monument commemorating the 1776 first naval amphibious assault at Nassau.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee did not meet in July 2024.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that our total to date is 3,645 points for the Stark Award. He reminded members that if anyone donates to the USO, Wounded Warriors, or other Organizations which support Veterans, please let him know. As reported in the July Newsletter, Mark and his wife, Carmen, delivered the items donated by the Chapter to the Ninger State Veterans' Nursing Home on June 19th. The items donated included a 40-inch smart TV and a Rolling TV stand, which they requested for their karaoke nights, and a resupply of Hershey chocolate bars.

CDCE / VAVS. Mark stated that at the last meeting, he reported that we have submitted one candidate, Isabel Diamond, who is a 101 year young Navy Veteran that resides at the Ninger Home for the VA's Centenarian Recognition Award. Since then, he understands that her application passed the first round of reviews. When approved, he will find out the date and time for the presentation so we can arrange to have interested members attend.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee. No new events are scheduled for South Florida.

Mark stated that he is a dual member of the Cincinnati Chapter and reported that the Ohio Society is beginning to prepare for the 2028 National SAR Congress to be held in Cincinnati. Mark distributed a flyer showing Congress medal sets, a raffle for Boston Tea Party Commemorative Henry rifle, and future raffle of a replica of George Washington's cuttue. More information is available on the Ohio Society website at <https://www.ohssar.org>. He added that the upcoming Congresses are: 2025 – Uncasville, Connecticut, 2026 - Greensboro, NC, 2027 - New Orleans, LA and 2028 – Cincinnati, OH.

Historian – Kevin Shurte: Kevin Shurte provided an update on the 134th Congress which was held in Lancaster, PA from July 10-16, 2024. He said that he and Steve DePaul attended for the Chapter. He said that our winning brochure contest submission from Giana Mann, that also had won at State, was not selected for a National Award. Kevin noted that Florida was one of only 6 states that participated in all seven Education Outreach Programs. He discussed the election of General Officers and stated that unfortunately our Florida candidate for Treasurer General, Lee Popham, did not win. He reported on the approved National fee increase for new and supplemental applications from \$100 to \$150 effective September 1, 2024.

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Jason Milgram gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled *The Signing of the Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776*, which is also published in the July 2024 Newsletter. Barry Moss volunteered to present the 250 report for the October meeting.

Medals, Certificates & Awards

250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate Award: Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriots Martin Hollick and James Lohmeyer as well as to prospective member Jason Milgram.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 09/21/24):

2024 JROTC & Sea Cadet Awards Program: Chuck Adams stated that at our May 25, 2024, meeting he had recognized the nine Compatriots who coordinated or represented the Chapter at the 2024 JROTC & Sea Cadet Awards ceremonies held between late April and early June 2024. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jim McHugh and Paul Moore, who had not been in attendance for the last couple of months.

Chuck Adams said that our currently scheduled meeting for November conflicts with the 75th Anniversary of the Mayflower Society's John Alden Colony. This affects four of our members so he will ask the Executive Committee to move this meeting to November 23, 2024.

Closing Ceremonies: Chuck Adams asked Kevin Shurte to lead the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. The **Benediction** was given by Tim McLane.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.



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- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 06/15/2024

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- Benediction

Adjournment

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		6/30/2024
	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	55
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	157
Corporate & Other Donations	-	3,954	1,500	1,500	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>712</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>7,603</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	370	370
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	785	940	940	100
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	103
Nininger Nursing Home & Other Veteran Support	-	551	667	667	251
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	318
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	330
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	594
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	126
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>14,697</u>	<u>4,029</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
Total Uses	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,697</u>	<u>4,029</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,799</u>	<u>3,574</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: \$436.20					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: \$3,936.20					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$1,188.72					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$17,288.72					

Adopted 2/11/24