



## 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 29, 2023**

**Outback Steakhouse**

**2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

#### **Attendance:**

**Members (15):** Chuck Adams,<sup>ca</sup> President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul,<sup>ca</sup> Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider,<sup>ca</sup> Secretary; Kevin Shurte,<sup>ca</sup> Historian; Tim McLane,<sup>ca</sup> Chaplain; Jim Clark; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; Jim Lohmeyer; Scott Moore; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (9):** Lincoln Pero, Prospect; Ronna Adams; Amanda Barnes; Maria Conrado; Shelley Gardner; Ellen Higginbotham; Lynne Moore; Kathy Shurte; and Braden Shurte. The subscript <sup>ca</sup> records compatriots attending in colonial attire.

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. He instructed the Color Guard to Advance the Colors.

**Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies:** The **Presentation of Colors** was performed by the Color Guard. 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** made by Mark Snider and seconded by Tim McLane to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2023. Unanimously approved.

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

##### **President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:**

**Genealogy & Membership:** Chuck Adams recognized the presence of our most recent applicant, Lincoln Pero. During July 2023, his application as well as applications for Peter DeWick and Jim McHugh were submitted and are in process at SAR. Chuck expects to complete and submit some additional applications over the summer recess, including our newest prospect, Blair Collins. Chuck stated that previously submitted supplemental applications pending approval include: Martin Hollick, Kevin Shurte, and his 9<sup>th</sup>. He said that year-to-date, our membership has increased from 59 to net 72. He recognized our recently approved life members: Chuck Adams, Paul DeBold, Steve De Paul, Ted Duay, Barry Moss, Mark Parker, Kevin Shurte, Mark Snider, and Ed Sisson.

**2023 Revised Calendar:** Chuck Adams reported that the 2023 Calendar for the lunch meetings has been changed to the second Saturday of the month for September (9<sup>th</sup>), October (14<sup>th</sup>) and November (11<sup>th</sup>). This is being done to avoid conflicts with other upcoming meetings and for consistency.

**Upcoming Events:** Chuck Adams stated that hotel reservations are now open for those planning to attend:

- Fall Leadership - Sep 21 – 23, 2023 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY.
- Fall BOM – Oct 20 – 21, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, FL.

**Vice President – Steve De Paul:** Steve De Paul stated that he had nothing to report.

**Secretary – Mark Snider:** Mark Snider.

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee did not meet during July 2023.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee Report: Mark stated that 1,870 points have been accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program. He reported on the Donut Saturday event sponsored by the Chapter on June 24, 2023 for veterans residing at the Nininger Nursing Home. He stated that he, along with Steve De Paul, and John & Dee Sauerwald were in attendance and presented the Chapter's donation of equipment including an air fryer, mobile popcorn cart and mobile dry erase board. Ms. Rutenburg, Nininger activity director, asked to convey the gratitude of all their veteran residents for our donations and time taken to visit with the residents

CDCE/VAVS. Mark Snider reported that he and Chuck Adams attended the Zoom meeting of the CDCE/VAVS held on July 25, 2023. Various reports and updates were given on activities and services involving both the Miami and Broward area. It was decided that in person meetings would resume but that video conferencing would also be made available. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023.

Honor Flights of South Florida. Ellen Higginbotham reported that the remaining flights for this year are scheduled for September 23, 2023 and October 28, 2023, and that both will depart from and return to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. It was pointed out that the Color Guard could participate in the welcome home as a national event.

Vietnam Commemorative Partnership Program. Mark Snider stated that there are no new activities to report.

**Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams:** In the absence of Joe Motes, Chuck Adams reported that all year-to-date transactions are recorded on the provided Status of Fund Report. As of June 30, 2023, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$4,788, and the balance is \$1,348 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,730. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$16,417.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the July 2023 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Jim Lohmeyer focusing on his contributions to the Chapter for which he was awarded the Bronze Meritorious Service Award at our last meeting held on June 17, 2023. He stated that the approved name of the Chapter Color Guard is the Major Samuel Nicholas Camp #23. Samuel Nicholas is recognized as the first commandant of the Marine Corps, and there is an article on him and our Color Guard in the newsletter.

Youth Programs. Chuck reported that the 2023 awards program for JROTC and Sea Cadets has been completed. He stated that 32 JROTC Medals and Certificates were awarded. For the sea cadets, 8 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates were awarded. He reported that Joe Motes has agreed to continue the administration of the program remotely. Chapter members will need to volunteer to attend the local ceremonies to present the awards generally held between April and June.

### **Historian – Kevin Shurte:**

250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report. Kevin Shurte presented his report on *The Olive Branch Petition of July 5, 1775*, which is also published in the July 2023 Newsletter.

**133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress Report:** Chuck Adams stated that he along with Steve De Paul and Kevin Shurte attended the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress held in Orlando from July 15 – 20, 2023. Mark Snider also attended for the first couple of days. All of us participated in the National Color Guard for the July 16<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service. Steve, Kevin and Chuck participated in the separate Last Naval Battle bench dedication held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Chuck said that he was happy that he attended but was disappointed that there were not any programs or sessions designed to help new members understand how SAR really works. He said that the Chapter received the Silver Level 1776 Society Certificate for its 2023 contribution to the SAR Education Center and Museum. Among the business items, the Congress did approve the dues increase for regular members going from \$35 to \$50 effective September 1, 2023. Kevin Shurte reported on his attendance at the Youth Awards Breakfast and explained some of the things done by the young people that were recognized. Chuck Adams spoke on the Friends of the Library Program to which he has contributed. He said that a lot of SAR programs, including the youth programs, are funded in part through contributions made from the George Washington Endowment Fund Program which Steve De Paul joined.

### **Donor Recognition – Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation: H.S. White Corporation:**

Chuck Adams stated that prior to June we had three corporate donors contribute to the Chapter to help in carrying out our mission: Danto Builders, LLC; Arrow Asphalt & Engineering, Inc; and T. R. Painting Specialist, Inc. All have been issued Certificates of Appreciation and invited to attend a future Chapter meeting.

Chuck Adams said that on June 30, 2023, the H.S. White Corporation was presented a Flag Display Recognition Certificate. Kevin Shurte made the presentation on behalf of the Chapter to company representative Amanda J. Barnes, Vice President of Marketing. We were surprised by and delighted to receive a donation of \$750.00 from the H.S. White Corporation. Chuck Adams, assisted by Kevin Shurte, presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to H.S. White Corporation. In accepting this award, Amanda J. Barnes expressed her appreciation to the Chapter and for the work we do in the community.

**Bronze Meritorious Medal and Certificate – Joseph M. Motes:** Chuck Adams reported that he, accompanied by Steve De Paul, presented the Chapter's Bronze Meritorious Service Medal to Joe Motes on July 27, 2023. There was discussion initiated by Jim Lohmeyer on doing another lunch for Joe Motes before he leaves for Jacksonville. Chuck Adams agreed to organize it.

### **Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting TBA).**

Chuck Adams stated that he had 2024 Membership Renewal cards and would be distributing to those present. Chuck urged everyone to send their payment to him as soon as possible. Ellen Higginbotham announced that a Celebration of Life for Earl Higginbotham will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. and that all are invited to attend.

**Closing Ceremonies:** The **Benediction** was given by Tim McLane. Chuck Adams asked Steve De Paul to led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

**Adjournment:** Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.



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**Approval of Minutes: 06/17/23**

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**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.*

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
BUDGET COMPARISON  
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

	2022	2023 BUDGET		6/30/2023
	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Year Beginning Checking Balance</b>	5,985	5,469	5,469	5,469
<b>INCOME</b>				
New Applicant Dues & Fees, Reinstmt's & Transfers	525	175	275	210
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,500	
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	4,235	110
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	2,000	1,500
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	3,000	3,000
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,500	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Income</b>	<u>28,550</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>13,510</u>	<u>4,820</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,500	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Sources</b>	<u>34,860</u>	<u>16,979</u>	<u>19,979</u>	<u>11,289</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Organizational Expense</b>				
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	3,695	4,290	165
Florida Annual Report	123	123	123	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73
<b>Programs, Contributions &amp; Charitable Giving</b>				
Swamp Fox C.A.R., Meals	1,200	700	1,208	458
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scouts	100	100	220	-
JRROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	100	985	50
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	100	120	83
CDCE/VAVS Contributions	-	200	200	-
Wreaths Across America	150	150	150	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	-	550	551
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	-	250	-
Other Veterans & Stark Program Expense	-	-	100	-
Public Service Awards, Meals	-	-	110	73
Community Service Organizations Support	-	2,000	210	210
SAR Foundation - Eductaion Center & Museum	-	1,000	1,776	1,776
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	-	1,000	-
<b>Operating Expense &amp; Supplies</b>				
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,000	1,065	919
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30
Postage & Delivery and Operating Supplies	36	150	150	52
Lunch Program, Donor Recognition, Meals	94	125	270	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<u>9,121</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>12,880</u>	<u>4,501</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Uses</b>	<u>29,390</u>	<u>11,546</u>	<u>14,880</u>	<u>6,501</u>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>5,434</u>	<u>5,100</u>	<u>4,788</u>
<b>Savings account opening balances</b>				
Deposits & Interest	3	1	3	2
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(9,500)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	2,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Year Ending Savings Balance</b>	<u>10,346</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,348</u>
<b>Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds</b>				
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	500	500
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$230.40				
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,730.40				
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,000	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$417.20				
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16,417.20				