

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
November 19, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

Members: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Pete Stevenson, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steve De Paul; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Earl Higginbotham; Martin Hollick; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Mark Snider. **Guests:** William "Bill" Wicks, FLSSAR Vice President, Southeast (SE) Region; Paul DeBold; Michael Spear; Kevin Shurte; Shelley Gardner; and Ronna Adams.

Call to Order: Chuck Adams gave the meeting to order around 12 noon. **Introductions:** Chuck welcomed everyone and asked members and participants to introduce themselves. In honor of Veterans Day (Nov. 11th), Chuck recognized all the veterans present: Earl Higginbotham, Jim Lohmeyer, Joe Motes, John Sauerwald, Michael Spear, and Paul DeBold. Chuck also recognized William "Bill" Wicks who is the FLSSAR Vice President for the Southeast Region.

Opening Ceremonies: Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Jim Lohmeyer gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: Chuck Adams asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes of September 17, 2022. Motion by Pete Stevenson and seconded by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes. Unanimously approved by the members present.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams welcomed the new applicants present including Paul DeBold, Michael Spear and Kevin Shurte. Chuck noted that since the last meeting we have had four new transfer-ins: CAR member, Mason Primiano (age 12), his father, Austin Primiano, his maternal grandfather, Thomas Carpenter Jr. and great grandfather, Thomas Carpenter Sr. They plan to attend the January 14, 2023 meeting.
- **President:** Chuck said that announcements of upcoming events will be discussed later in the meeting. He stated that all members have received the November 2022 issue of the Chapter Newsletter which includes his member profile. All members are encouraged to submit their profile for future publication. The November Newsletter includes a listing of SAR recognition items that new members may wish to purchase. Chuck stated that he has submitted the November Newsletter for the Florida FLSSAR newsletter contest and will also submit it for the NASSAR newsletter contest.
- **Treasurer & Historian/Editor:** Joe Motes stated that the checking account balance was \$6,607. Joe gave an update on the upcoming Wreaths Across America Program that will be observed on December 17, 2022. He stated that the Chapter annually buys ten wreaths at a current cost of \$150.00. The event is observed nationwide and is organized in Broward County by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Broward DAR conducts the ceremony at the Forest Lawn North Memorial Gardens, 200 W. Copans Road in Pompano Beach, where 2100 wreaths are placed on veteran's graves. Due to limited parking, he suggested that members who wish to participate arrive by 9:00 a.m. at the cemetery. Joe provided background on the Chapter's quarterly participation in supporting the Veterans Administration's Volunteer Service (VAVS) Committee. Pre-Covid, the Chapter attended quarterly meetings and contributed \$50 per quarter. Currently, meetings are still being held by Zoom starting at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct). He asked for a volunteer who can represent the Chapter to replace Jim Lohmeyer. Chuck Adams said

he would send an e-mail to determine who will serve and if there may be others that could serve as a deputy or alternative.

- **Southeast Regional Vice President.** Chuck recognized William “Bill” Wicks and asked him to give the update pertinent to the region. Bill conveyed greetings from FLSSAR President, Earl F. Mathews and his wife, Joni. He explained that the Southeast Region is made up of the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach Chapters. He encouraged members that wish to get more involved in State and National affairs to consider attending the May 2023 Florida Board of Management Meeting (May 19-May 20, 2023). He particularly encouraged everyone to consider the unique opportunity available to Floridians by attending the July 2023 133rd National Congress (July 15-July 20, 2023).

Induction of New Member Compatriot: Barry L. Moss was inducted by Chuck Adams and his Rosset was presented by Ted Day. Compatriot Moss was congratulated by all members present.

2023 Election of Officers: Chuck Adams reviewed the procedures for the 2023 Election of Officers as provided in Article 9 of the Chapter Bylaws. The candidate slate, recommended by the Executive Committee, is as follows: Chuck Adams, President and Registrar/Genealogist; Steven De Paul, Vice President; Mark Snider Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer and Historian/Editor; and Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin. Chuck asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion to approve the slate was made by Pete Stevenson and seconded by John Sauerwald. The motion passed unanimously. Chuck stated the elected officers are all members of the Executive Committee which in accord with our bylaws also includes the immediate past president (currently Tom Shepherd) and at least one member-at-large appointed by the President. He stated that he would make the member-at-large appointment at a later date. He stated that the Sergeant-at-Arms position is also an appointed position, and that he is appointing Joe Motes to fill that position. The newly elected officers were sworn in and inducted by William Wicks, FLSSAR SE Regional Vice President.

Old Business/New Business:

Chuck Adams reminded the membership that the next lunch meeting is the Southeast Regional meeting and will be held at this location on January 14, 2023. Bill Wicks mentioned estate planning and that some members in other Chapters make a bequeath to SAR or their Chapters in their wills. Chuck Adams pointed out that the estate of recently deceased member, John Copanos, donated \$1,000 to the Chapter.

Closing Ceremonies and Adjournment: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. Chuck closed the meeting at around 1:25 p.m.

**Meeting
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, November 19, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 So. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328**

Call to Order and Introductions

Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 10/15/22

Officer's and Committee Reports

Induction of New Member Compatriot – Barry L. Moss

Election of 2023 Chapter Officers

- Nominations and Election of Chapter Officers
- Induction of 2023 Chapter Officers

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (SE Regional Meeting 01/14/2023)

Closing Ceremonies

- Benediction
- SAR Recessional

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.