



## 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, March 16, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

#### **Attendance:**

**Members (15):** Chuck Adams <sup>ca</sup>, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul <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 Blakeslee; Tom Carpenter Jr <sup>ca</sup>; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Herb Gardner; Paul Moore <sup>ca</sup>; John Sauerwald; Ed Sisson; Pete Stevenson; and Ken Williams. **Prospective Members / Guests (5):** Bob Walsh, New Hampshire Society (NHS) SAR, Ronna Adams; Joyce Blakeslee; Liana Carpenter; and Shelley Gardner. The superscript <sup>ca</sup> records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Chuck Adams 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. He conveyed condolences to the family of recently deceased Librarian General, Fred Olive. He also conveyed well wishes to Tom Shepherd. 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 Steve DePaul to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2024. Unanimously approved.

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

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

**Genealogy & Membership:** Chuck Adams welcomed to the meeting our newest member, Jim Blakeslee. Jim is here with his wife Joyce. Jim's primary affiliation is with the Delaware Society SAR, Ceasar Rodney Chapter where he serves as Treasurer. He is also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Chuck also welcomed to the meeting our SAR compatriot visitor from the New Hampshire Society, Bob Walsh who serves as Chancellor for the NHS Society. Currently, we have the second supplemental application submitted by Kevin Shurte pending SAR approval, and the junior member application for Matthew D. Scott. Shortly we will submit the junior application for Braeden Shurte, and we will soon have the 2<sup>nd</sup> supplemental for Martin Hollick ready for submission. He said that we began 2024 with 75 members. We are now at 80 having added three new member approvals, one reinstatement, and one dual member approval.

**Upcoming Events:** Chuck Adams reminded all that are planning to attend the spring BOM to get their registration finalized for the meeting being held May 17-18, 2024, at Kissimmee, FL. He stated that there are several Color Guard events coming out with dates published in the "Upcoming Events" column of the March 2024 Newsletter. He said that he just received information on a more local event near Fort Pierce being held on April 13, 2024, and that he would forward that information on to the Color Guard and anyone else that may be interested.

**Vice President – Steve De Paul:** Steve DePaul reported that verbiage for the dedication plaque was being finalized, and he would then get pricing and start setting dates.

**Secretary – Mark Snider:**

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee did not meet this month.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that we are documenting activities for 2024 and our total to date is 386 points. If you are performing or participating in events to support Veterans please contact Mark Snider. Support and recognition of Veterans is a priority for the SAR and the Stark Award is how they measure SAR's efforts.

He said that the Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee has designated March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day (NVWVD). On March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, a Vietnam Veterans' Commemoration Day Event will be held at the Miami Vet Center - <https://www.va.gov/miami-vet-center/> with a speaker. POC is Israel Montanez - 786-647-5878. Also March 29<sup>th</sup> at West Palm Beach, the Quilts of Valor Group 59635 will be recognizing Vietnam War Veterans residing at the West Palm Beach VAMC's Community Living Center & Hospice Unit. QOVF.org or contact Theresa K. Anderson at 561-626-6671.

Honor Flight South Florida Program: The next two flights from Fort Lauderdale are scheduled for April 13 and June 1, 2024. Volunteers are welcome to accompany veterans on the flight or in other ways. The Chapter Color Guard plans to attend the welcome home. Other members are welcome to attend, and further details will be forthcoming. Mark said that an upcoming special event in support of the Honor Flight South Florida Program is a patriotic concert, "An American Celebration," performed by the Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds. The concert will be held at 3:00pm on May 19, 2024, at the Kings Point (Tamarac) Palace Theater. Tickets are free, and donations will be welcomed onsite to support the Mission. Tickets can be obtained directly through the Kings Point office. Kevin Shurte said that he attended the March 12, 2024, volunteers meeting. He had brochures on this event which he will give to all that wish one.

JROTC / Sea Cadets: Mark stated that our Chapter annually supports and recognizes the top JROTC and Sea Cadet at each local High Schools. We have four upcoming award presentations in April 2024: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Western High; April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at NOVA; and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm at Hollywood Hills High Academy; and April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at Hollywood Hills High. Mark stated that we really need someone to represent us at the April 8th meeting as he will be out of the country. The duties consist of presenting the certificate / award, congratulating the cadet, and having a photo taken. Chuck Adams stated that, with the relocation of Joe Motes to the Jacksonville area, for us to continue this program, members must step up to represent the chapter at these 31-32 different award ceremonies. Steve DePaul commented that some of the ceremonies are dinner events.

**Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams:** As of February 29,2024, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$6,800, 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: Chuck Adams stated that the March 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile for Paul R. Moore. It includes a report from Kevin Shurte on his attendance at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida C.A.R. where he and his grandson, Braedon, participated in the presentation of colors led by the Florida Sons of Liberty. It also has our first article on a Patriot Biography prepared by Martin Hollick that will be submitted to SAR for publication on the Patriot Research System. Chuck encouraged other members to draft a biography of their patriot and he would help with the documentations.

Youth Programs. Chuck Adams started to discuss the next local C.A.R. meeting. Kevin Shurte said he had more current information. A tour of a facility that trains service dogs for veterans is being coordinated tentatively for April 21, 2024.

**Historian – 250 Anniversary Recognition Report:** In the absence of Kevin Shurte, Ed Sisson gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report on the *Boston Massacre – March 5, 1770*, which is also published in the March 2024 Newsletter.

Middle School Brochure Contest. Kevin said that the middle schoolers at Ramblewood Elementary were given a list of founding documents and some unique events for them to choose a topic. There were 349 entries submitted from five classes. From the top 25, he then ranked the top 10 for the Chapter's consideration. Chuck Adams said that the judging will be conducted by the available Executive Committee members that are present to look at the original submissions that Kevin has brought to this meeting. He asked whether there were any other members that wanted to participate. Paul Moore and Ed Sisson volunteered. Chuck said that he will send the pdf of the 10 submissions out later today and ask that all participating judges get back to him tomorrow with their ranking of the top three. A final decision will be made by April 18, 2024.

**New Member Inductions.** Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot Paul R. Moore and presented him with his membership certificates. Steve DePaul presented his Rosette recognition lapel pin.

**Medals, Certificates & Awards:**

250 Anniversary Recognition Program – Silver Medal & Certificate. Chuck Adams and Steve DePaul presented the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program Silver Medal & Certificate to Tim McLane.

**Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 04/20/24).**

Prior year officer's Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to those members that were not present last month: Steve DePaul, Kevin Shurte and Pete Stevenson.

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

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



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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		2/29/2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Year Beginning Checking Balance</b>	5,985	5,469	6,891	6,891	6,891
<b>REVENUE</b>					
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	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Revenue</b>	<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	-
<b>Total Sources</b>	<u>34,860</u>	<u>23,339</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>7,028</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>Organizational Expense</b>					
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	-
<b>Non-Member Programs &amp; Contributions</b>					
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	-
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	551	667	667	-
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	-
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	-
<b>Operating Expense &amp; Supplies</b>					
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	326	800	800	167
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	-
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	-
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<u>9,121</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>228</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Uses</b>	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>228</u>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>6,800</u>
<b>Savings account opening balances</b>	<u>20,250</u>	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Deposits & Interest	3	3	2	0	-
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(10,000)	-	-	-
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	1,000	-	-	-
<b>Year Ending Savings Balance</b>	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>
<b>Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds</b>					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$392.40					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: <b>\$3,892.40</b>					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$980.32					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: <b>\$17,080.32</b>					

Adopted 2/11/24