



## 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, October 14, 2023**

**Outback Steakhouse**

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

#### **Attendance:**

**Members (15):** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul, 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; Paul DeBold; Ronald Goodale; James Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (4):** Gary Van Sciver, Prospect; Kenneth Williams, Prospect; Konnor Williams, Prospect; and Nena McHugh. The subscript <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. 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 De Paul to approve the meeting minutes of September 16, 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 newest member R James McHugh and his wife Nena. He also welcomed to the meeting our newest applicants, Kenneth Williams and his son Konnor. Also present is prospect Gary Van Sciver. Applications submitted and under SAR review are from brothers, Blair and Newton Collins, and Eric Knott. Chuck stated that previously submitted supplemental applications pending approval include: Martin Hollick, his 9<sup>th</sup>, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> recently submitted by Kevin Shurte. He said that year-to-date, our membership has increased from 59 to 76 with four or five more anticipated to be approved before mid-December 2023. Of the 76 members, there are only 6 left to pay next year's dues.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that he along with Steve DePaul and Kevin Shurte will attend the Fall BOM to be held October 20 – 21, 2023 at Kissimmee, FL.

**Vice President – Steve DePaul:** Steve DePaul reported on the Liberty Tree Dedication Project. He stated that he has met with Dania Beach officials and they are eager to have us dedicate a tree at a site in their City Hall parking area that is being converted to green space. Additional meetings with Dania Beach officials are being scheduled, and the dedication could be made as part of their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration being planned for later in 2024. He also has discussed the program with Barry Moss who is the Vice Mayor of Pompano Beach. Barry Moss stated that he has had several positive discussions on this with other Pompano Beach officials. Mark Snider reported on his efforts to have the site of the Chapter's 2012 Liberty Tree, dedicated at the Rae Carole Armstrong Park in

Plantation, recognized on the National War Memorial Registry operated by The Memorial Day Foundation, Inc.

**Secretary – Mark Snider:**

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on October 9, 2023. It adopted the amended budget as of September 30, 2023, which includes \$1,000 for the Liberty Tree Project and up to \$720 in additional expenses for donations to the C.A.R., Florida Society C.A.R., and South Florida Boy Scout Troop support. The 2024 slate of 2024 Officers were approved for consideration by the General Membership with the election to be held on November 11, 2023. The recommended slate: Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Joe Motes, Editor; & Tim McLane, Chaplain.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee Report: Mark stated that 3,340 points have been accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program. He stated that the last 2023 Honor Flights of South Florida trip will be on October 28, 2023. It will depart from and return to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and he provided more details for those planning to participate at the Welcome Home. As part of the Vietnam Commemorative Partnership Program, Mark stated that our meeting of November 11<sup>th</sup> occurs on Veterans Day and that our Vietnam War Veterans as well as all other Chapter veterans will be recognized at that meeting. He also reminded all that the Wreaths Across America Program for Broward County will be held on December 16, 2023.

**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 September 30, 2023, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$13,934, and the balance is \$1,349 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,800.20. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$16,707.32.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the October 2023 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of H. Lincoln Pero.

Youth Programs. Chuck Adams reported that the first meeting for Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. for the 2023-24 program was held October 8, 2023. He and Kevin Shurte attended as senior advisors. The C.A.R. accepted our additional donation of \$250 to be match by \$250 from the Chapter. The total of \$500 will be donated to Tomorrow's Rainbow of Broward County which provides grief or trauma counseling to children.

**Historian – Kevin Shurte:** Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report on *Nathaniel Greene, Commander of the Southern Continental Army*, which is also published in the October 2023 Newsletter.

**Induction of New Member Compatriots.** Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot R. James McHugh and presented his membership certificates. Steve DePaul presented him the Rosette recognition lapel pin, and a brief explanation on its history was given.

**Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 11/11/2023).** None.

**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 1:20 p.m.



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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 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED	9/30/2023 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	595	350
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,380	1,200
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	4,371	3,921
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	3,834	3,764
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	3,750	3,750
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,496	1,496
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Income</b>	<u>28,550</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>16,426</u>	<u>14,481</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>22,895</u>	<u>20,950</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Organizational Expense</b>				
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	3,695	4,536	165
Florida Annual Report	123	123	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73
<b>Programs, Contributions &amp; Charitable Giving</b>				
Swamp Fox C.A.R., Meals	1,200	700	1,708	458
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scouts	100	100	100	-
Middle School Brochure Contest	-	-	-	-
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	170	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	-	551	551
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	-	650	250
Other Veterans & Stark Program Expense	-	-	-	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	-	1,000	-
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	53
<b>Operating Expense &amp; Supplies</b>				
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,000	1,065	1,058
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30
Postage & Delivery and Operating Supplies	36	150	150	105
Lunch Program, Donor Recognition, Meals	94	125	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	-	20	20
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<u>9,121</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>14,515</u>	<u>5,016</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>16,515</u>	<u>7,016</u>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>5,434</u>	<u>6,380</u>	<u>13,934</u>
<b>Savings account opening balances</b>				
	20,250	10,346	10,346	10,346
Deposits & Interest	3	1	3	3
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>1,349</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: \$300.20				
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,800.20				
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$607.32				
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16,707.32				