



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, December 6, 2025
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Attendance:

Members (18): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Bruce Angier; Robert Calamia; Jim Clark ^{ca}; Dr. Robert Easton Jr; Samuel Frankel Jr; Herb Gardner ^{ca}; Dan McMurtrie; Jason Milgram ^{ca}; Brad Mueller; David Pinney; Trent Prock; Dr. Robert Reeder; Gerry Reeder; and John Sauerwald.
Prospective Members / Guests (8): Patrick Reeder; Ronna Adams; Natalia Frankel; Christina Prock; Linda McMurtrie; Chris Lapresti; Malcomb Flavell; and Omer Warshavsky. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots and guests attending in colonial attire.

Call to Order and Introductions: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 11:50 p.m.

Chuck Adams stated that there would be a special presentation and asked Compatriot Jason Milgram to make the announcement. Jason Milgram said that one of his new ventures is a record recording company called Settle Down Productions LLC. He introduced general manager Omer Warshavsky and musical director Malcolm Flavell, who then presented the Chapter with a check for \$1,000 to be used in the funding of Chapter programs. Chuck Adams thanked them and accepted the check on behalf of the Chapter.

Color Guard Presentation of Colors, and Opening Ceremonies: The Color Guard performed the **Posting of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by David Pinney. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**. He then led the participants in reciting the **SAR Mission Statement and SAR Pledge**. Herb Gardner gave this month's **250 Minute** on *The Continental Congress Response to the British Proclamation of Rebellion – December 6, 1775*.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of October 11, 2025, and was seconded by Dan McMurtrie. Unanimously approved.

Officer's, Committee's Reports, Election of 2026 Officer, and America 250 Presentation:

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest applicant, Patrick Reeder. He then welcomed our newest members to be inducted later today: Samuel Solomon Frankel Jr, who is here with his wife Natallia, Trent Dustin Prock, who is here with his wife Christina, Dr. Robert Morrell Easton Jr, and Robert Allen Calamia. He said that Robert Calamia's son, Nathan, and father, Joseph, are both out-of-state and will be inducted at a future date through Zoom. Also among our newest members are Brad Mueller and David Pinney who will be inducted at our next meeting in January 2026. Chuck stated that we started this year with 80 members. We are now at 91 and there are two additional applications anticipated for approval by December 31st which would bring us to 93.

Election of 2026 Chapter officers

Chuck Adams said that the Executive Committee conducted a Zoom meeting on September 28, 2025. In accordance with our Bylaws, the ExCom members acting as the Nominations Committee approved the Proposed Slate of 2026 Chapter Elected Officers. He said that the proposed slate was announced at the Chapter meeting held October 22, 2025, and advertised in the October and November 2025 Newsletters. He asked Secretary, Mark Snider to read the names and positions of the proposed slate of 2026 Chapter officers. Mark Snider then announced the names and positions.

- Chuck Adams President, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist
- Steve DePaul Vice-President
- Mark Snider Secretary
- Kevin Shurte Historian
- Tom Carpenter Jr. Chaplin
- Paul Moore Chancellor

Chuck Adams asked whether there were any additional nominations to be made for the floor. Hearing none, he closed nominations. Chuck Adams asked for a maker and second of the **Motion**: to approve the slate of 2026 officers as recommended by the Executive Committee on November 19, 2025. Chuck Adams recognized Jim Clark as the maker of the motion, seconded by Bruce Angier. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that as of November 30, 2025, the rounded balance in the checking account was \$2,966, and the balance was \$15,954 in the savings account. U.S. T-bill investments of \$3,500 from savings and \$6,100 in Trust Fund assets were both redeemed and are included in the savings account balance pending reinvestment. He said that Trust Fund U.S. I-bonds amount to \$10,192 which includes \$192 of accrued interest. Also, part of the savings account balance is \$1,580 in 2026 dues and \$4,173 in donations totaling \$5,753 that will be transferred back into the checking account at the beginning of the new year.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the November 2025 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Trent D. Prock.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that the November 2025 Newsletter lists all currently known remaining events of Chapter interest for 2025 and the first quarter of 2026. Chuck stated that the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard will perform opening ceremonies at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony held next Saturday on December 13, 2025, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach. He said that the Chapter will host the FLSSAR S.E. Regional meeting here on Saturday, January 10, 2026. He also said that the Fort Lauderdale Chapter is the sponsor for the Liberty Tree Dedication at Veteran's Park in Tamarac on Saturday, January 31, 2026. For all of these events we need a strong showing from Chapter membership.

Vice President – Steve DePaul:

Steve DePaul provided an update on the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial (FAAM) Project. He said that they recently received their permits and the project is on schedule for completion in time for the dedication on Saturday, March 14 2026 at Fisher Family Pier in Pompano Beach. He said that in-kind contributions and funds collected to date amount to over \$207,943 of the \$225,000 fundraising goal. Of just under \$148,000 of cash needed, they are almost there and are ready to place the order for the fabrication of the monument.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee: Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met via Zoom on November 30, 2025. The Amended Budget as of November 30, 2025 was approved authorizing miscellaneous balancing adjustments and a new \$250 donation to the FLSCAR President's Project. The transfer of

\$100.45 from the savings account to the checking account was approved which comprises \$63.91 in T-Bill earnings from the Trust Fund and \$36.54 in T-bill earnings from invested savings.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that we currently have 16,942 points toward the US Stark Memorial Award. Mark then announced that since the last meeting, the Chapter has participated in the following events:

- October 25: Honor Flight Welcome Home.
- November 8-12: The Color Guard presented colors at the Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by the Sample McDougal House in Pompano Beach. The Color Guard also participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony conducted by the Nininger Nursing Home at which the Chapter presented two residents with SAR Wounded Warrior recognition certificates and coins. The Color Guard then participated in the Hollywood Civic Association's Veteran Salute Ceremony.

CDCE / VAVS: Mark reported that the VAVS held a Zoom meeting on November 4, 2025. The committee continues to seek volunteers to serve at the VA Centers and has begun preparations for the Veteran Olympics scheduled for next summer. He said that Jim Clark has joined the VAVS Committee representing the Marine Corp League. Mark said that we are still awaiting word from the VA on approval of the Centenarian Award for Mr. Frank Orilio of Hollywood.

Historian – Kevin Shurte

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *The First Battle of Ninety-Six, South Carolina - November 19-21, 1775*, which is also published in the November 2025 Newsletter.

Youth Education Programs: Kevin Shurte showed a slide of the eight youth education contests promoted by SAR showing the current status for next year's program:

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| 1. American History Teacher Contest: | Complete |
| 2. Elementary School Poster Contest: | Sagemont Lower Prep to offer |
| 3. Middle School Brochure Contest: | Ramblewood & Sawgrass Middle Schools to offer |
| 4. Middle & High School Video Contest: | Ramblewood middle School to offer |
| 5. High School Essay Contest: | Complete |
| 6. High School Oration Contest: | Pending – seeking a candidate |
| 7. Eagle Scout Essay Contest: | Underway |
| 8. JROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest: | To Be Offered to All Broward JROTC Programs |

Kevin summarized the criteria of the SAR American History Teacher Award Contest. He then introduced Christopher Lopresti from Ramblewood Middle School as the Chapter's 2025-2026 winner.

Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award: Christopher Lopresti read his essay submitted as part of his application. Chuck Adams presented Christopher Lopresti with a check for \$100 and his SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate recognizing him as the Broward County, FL first-place winner of the 2025-2026 SAR contest. Kevin Shurte then presented him with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

New Member Induction: Chuck Adams inducted new member Compatriots Samuel Solomon Frankel Jr, Trent Dustin Prock, Robert Morrell Easton Jr, and Robert Allen Calamia, and he then presented each of them with their membership certificate. Steve DePaul, assisted by Natalia Frankel and Christina Prock, presented each with their SAR Rosette recognition lapel pin.

Medals, Certificates & Awards:

Chuck Adams stated that there are no 250 Anniversary Medal Certificates to award this month. However, he said that both Jim Clark and Jason Milgram have qualified for the 250 Gold Medal.

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership Recognition Certificates: Chuck Adams said that last month we presented certificates to three of the five recently approved members of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Mark Snider then presented the FLSSAR Certificate of Membership to John Sauerwald.

Service to SAR Awards: Chuck Adams said that the November 2025 Newsletter published the names of 17 Compatriots achieving milestone anniversaries – 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 years - for membership in SAR. Chuck Adams asked John Sauerwald to come forward to receive his SAR 5-Year Certificate Award.

Chuck Adams summarized the criteria for the Chapter President's annual award for the SAR Bronze Distinguished Service Award. He asked last year's recipient, Kevin Shurte, to come forward to help him present this year's award to Steve DePaul. He said that Steve has brought the Fort Lauderdale Chapter to the forefront of name recognition at the local, state and national level for his work in organizing, funding and constructing the FAAM Memorial Project, and he is therefore this year's recipient.

Chuck presented the 250 FAAM Fellow Certificate of Appreciation to Samuel Frankel Jr. for his donation to the First Amphibious Assault Memorial Project.

Chuck Adams presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Jason Milgram for the \$1,000 donation made to the Chapter by his new recording venture, Settle Down Productions LLC.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 01/10/2026): None.

Closing Ceremonies: Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. The **Benediction** was given by David Pinney.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.



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- America 250 Minute

Approval of Minutes: 10/11/2025

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America 250 Presentation

American History Teacher Award - Christopher Lopresti

Induction of New Members: Samuel S. Frankel Jr, Trent D. Prock, Robert M. Easton Jr,
and Robert A. Calamia

Medals & Awards

- FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership Recognition Certificates
- Corporate Donor Recognition - Settle Down Productions, LLC
- Member Service to SAR Awards

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- Benediction

Adjournment

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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.

Attachment: Status of Funds Report

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BUDGET COMPARISON
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED	11/30/2025 ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Year Beginning Checking Balance (Adjusted for Uncleared Transactions)	6,890	5,557	5,557	5,557
REVENUE				
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	175	215	665	665
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,520	1,640	1,580	1,580
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	4,697	5,047	4,935	4,935
Chapter Member Donations	2,781	2,800	5,319	5,319
First Amphibious Landing Monument Donations	-	2,000	7,825	7,825
Corporate & Other Donations	500	-	500	500
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	2,567	3,500	3,465	3,465
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Revenue	<u>12,240</u>	<u>15,202</u>	<u>24,289</u>	<u>24,289</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	-	2,654	3,293	3,192
Total Sources	<u>19,130</u>	<u>23,413</u>	<u>33,138</u>	<u>33,038</u>
USES OF FUNDS				
EXPENSE				
Organizational Expense				
State & National Dues & Fees	4,697	5,047	4,935	4,935
Florida Annual Report	61	61	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	-	73	73	-
Non-Member Programs & Contributions				
Swamp Fox & Florida Society C.A.R., Compensated Meals	1,050	500	750	500
Kids-Helping-Kids Organization (C.A.R. Match)	-	-	-	-
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scout Certificates	120	133	116	116
Eagle Scouts Essay Contest	-	275	281	281
Middle School Brochure Contest	370	325	457	457
Oration Contest	-	-	252	252
Middle School Video Contest	-	325	329	296
American History Teachers Award	163	-	190	-
JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest	-	575	655	655
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	801	831	717	717
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	179	200	176	176
Nininger Nursing Home & Other Veteran Support	226	274	-	-
Honor Flights of South Florida	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Wreaths Across America	510	170	510	510
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	-	835	835
Public Service Awards & Compensated Meals	-	169	143	143
Community Service Organizations Support	-	-	-	-
SAR Foundation - Education Center & Museum	1,776	1,776	1,776	1,776
First Amphibious Landing Monument	-	5,000	10,825	10,825
Operating Expense & Supplies				
Color Guard Equipment & Support	456	-	-	-
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	866	960	518	307
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	42	42
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	211	100	110	110
Compensated Meals, General	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	20	20	325	325
Subtotal Expense	<u>12,507</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>25,077</u>	<u>24,319</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	67	-	6,045	5,753
Total Uses	<u>12,574</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>31,122</u>	<u>30,072</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>6,556</u>	<u>5,570</u>	<u>2,016</u>	<u>2,966</u>
Savings account opening balances				
Deposits, Bond Redemptions & Interest	1,350	12,332	12,332	12,332
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	10,915	10,772	33,473	33,473
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(10,000)	(19,435)	(42,012)	(32,412)
Year Ending Savings Balance	67	(2,654)	2,752	2,561
	<u>2,332</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>6,545</u>	<u>15,954</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury Securities				
Chapter Estimated Total (Less actual cash in savings \$0)		3,537.11	3,500.00	3,500.00
Trust Estimated Total (Less actual cash in savings \$0)		16,627.67	16,292.00	16,292.00

Amended 11/30/25