



Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter

organized December 8, 1966



General Membership Meeting
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Attendance:

Members (16): Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Thomas Carpenter Jr; Jim Clark; Earl Higginbotham; Martin Hollick; Rick Kidder; Dave Lohmeyer; Barry Moss; Austin Primiano; Mason Primiano; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Kevin Shurte; **Visiting Members (1):** Bill Bollinger, NE Ohio Chapter; **Prospective Members & Guests (8):** Paul DeBold, Applicant; Scott Moore, Applicant, Ed Sisson, Applicant; Liana Carpenter; Serena Carpenter; Ellen Higginbotham; Sharon Hollick; Angela Primiano.

Call to Order and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mark Snider and seconded by Rick Kidder to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams

- Genealogy & Membership: Our newest applicant present is Scott Moore. Recent transfers into our Chapter include Tom Carpenter Sr, Tom Carpenter Jr, Austin and Mason Primiano, Jim and Jason Clark. New applications pending approval are Paul DeBold, Ed Sisson and his sons, John and Mathew Sisson. Chapter reinstatements, just approved, are Dave Meseroll and Howard Shannon. Recently approved applications with inductions scheduled next month are: Tim McLane, Robert Bowling and Collier Bowling.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - May 5, 6 & 7 the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall be on display at the Coral Springs sportsplex.
 - May 19 & 20, 2023 is the Spring FLSSAR BOM which will be held at the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South at Kissimmee.
 - July 13/15 – 20, 2023 is the 133rd SAR National Congress which will be held at the Rosen Plaza, International Drive at Orlando. If you are going you need to reserve your hotel room now.
- Newsletter & Member Profile: The February Newsletter has been circulated and posted. My message urges members to consider volunteering to help in taking on some of the duties necessary to operate the Chapter and carry out our annual programs.

Secretary - Mark Snider

Mark Snider summarized the Executive Committee zoom meeting held on February 12, 2023:

- The 2023 Chapter Calendar was revised to change the May meeting to May 13 and the July meeting to July 29th. The changes were made to avoid conflict with the FLSSAR May BOM meeting and the July SAR National Congress.
- Joe Motes provided an update on Chapter appointments to Veterans Administration Voluntary Support (VAVS) Committee.
- Steve De Paul provided an update on fundraising and charitable giving.
- Mark Snider discussed the Honor Flight program and an upcoming event for volunteers to meet returning flights. He also discussed the SAR 250th Anniversary Pins that he bought and is donating the proceeds from the sale of the pins to the Chapter.
- The Chapter's 2023 Annual Budget was adopted after being presented by Chuck Adams.

Mark Snider asked Ellen Higginbotham to provide an update on Honor Flights. She said that the next scheduled flight is on April 1, 2023, departing and returning through Fort Lauderdale Airport. It is scheduled to return about 8:22pm on Spirit Airlines in Terminal 4. Those interested in greeting the returning flight are welcome to join. More details will be given at the March 2023 meeting.

Vice President - Steve De Paul

- Steve De Paul reported that \$2,000 was received from Danto Builders and \$500 just received from T&R Painting Specialist. The Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee will meet shortly to review potential Broward County charitable recipients providing services to children and potentially veterans.

Treasurer & Historian/Editor: Due to absence of Joe Motes, Chuck Adams gave the report. The balance in the checking account was \$3,251.57 as of 1/31/23. The savings account balance was \$12,347.57 but on 2/1/23, \$9,500 was disbursed to buy Trust Estate I-Bonds leaving a balance of \$2,847.57 as of 2/1/23.

Chuck Adams reported that the 2023 Budget was adopted at the February 12, 2023, Executive Committee meeting:

- Continues Chapter annual funding to CAR, VA and Wreaths Across America
- Provides a \$1,000 allowance for purchase of SAR Awards, Certificates and Supplies – mostly as inventory for the 2024 year.
- As new initiatives: allocates to the FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary \$100 (\$50 for the 2 BOM Meetings) as a contribution to their raffle in lieu of providing a Chapter basket; allocates the \$1,000 received from the John Copanos estate to the SAR Foundation as a Chapter donation to the SAR museum project; and allocates \$2,000 for additional charitable giving to local "Broward" organizations serving children and veterans. The actual beneficiaries and amounts to be determined in the next 60 days based on recommendations received from the Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee.

Chuck stated that the budget also provides for the purchase of an additional \$500 I-Bond from Chapter savings which will cap us at our \$10,000 maximum annual purchase limit. After April 2023, he will redeem one of the \$500 bonds purchased in 2022.

Induction of New Member: Tom Carpenter Jr. was inducted by Chuck Adams.

Presentation of 2022 Chapter Service Certificates: Chuck Adams presented Jim Lohmeyer his 2022 Certificate recognizing both his prior year service as Chaplin and listing the various offices, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar/Genealogist, that he has held since becoming a member 2004.

Presentation of Chapter Distinguished Service Award: Tom Shepherd presented Chuck Adams the Chapter's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the growth of the Chapter during his tenure as Chapter President throughout 2021.

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 03/18/2023):

- Chuck Adams stated that he would be making a Chapter supply order shortly. Anyone interested in ordering challenge coins and other small merchandise should contact him.
- Chuck Adams discussed the possibility of conducting a Zoom meeting to review documentation requirements needed to submit a supplemental application for interested members.

Closing Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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Presentation of 2022 Chapter Service Certificates

Presentation by Immediate Past President of Chapter Distinguished Service Award

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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.