



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, November 11, 2023

Outback Steakhouse

2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Attendance:

Members (14): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul ^{ca}, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Herb Gardener, Martin Hollick, James Lohmeyer; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero, and Tom Shepherd. **Prospective Members / Guests (3):** Kenneth Williams, Prospect; Paul Moore, Prospect; and Claudia Perry, Wreaths Across America Rep. The superscript ^{ca} 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 **Presentation of Colors** was performed by the Chapter Color Guard. 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** was made by Mark Snider and seconded by Steve De Paul to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 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 applicant, Paul R Moore. He said that we will close year with the submission of his application and those of Kenneth Williams and his son Konnor pending SAR approval. He stated that SAR recently approved the applications from brothers, Blair and Newton Collins, as well as the application from Eric P. Knott. Chuck stated that previously submitted supplemental applications from Martin Hollick and his 9th were also approved, leaving only the 2nd recently submitted by Kevin Shurte as pending approval. He concluded by stating that year-to-date, our membership has increased from 59 to 75 with three new member applications pending SAR approval.

Vice President – Steve DePaul: Steve DePaul reported on the Liberty Tree Dedication Projects. He stated that he has had additional meetings with Dania Beach officials and it looks like they could be looking at holding a dedication sometime next spring. He also reported that, thanks to Barry Moss, he met with several officials from Pompano Beach, and they expressed a desire to dedicate a Liberty Tree at their City Hall. He stated that the Pompano Beach City Manager has tentatively invited him to present the program at an upcoming meeting of the Broward City Managers Association. Steve reported that he would be in touch with the mayor of Taramac who has expressed an interest in dedicating a Liberty Tree, thanks to Jim Clark's introduction. Steve also advised that as we progress and we begin to place dates on the event calendars that we will be contacting state & national SAR chapters and color guardsmen, DAR chapters, the CAR, scouts, veterans' groups, etc. to participate.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee did not meet in November. By email the Executive Committee approved the amended budget as of October 31, 2023, which included \$408 in additional funds allocated to Wreaths Across America.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee Report: Mark stated that 4,035 points have been accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program. He stated that there were no further Honor Flights planned for 2023 from South Florida. Jim Clark shared his experience travelling on the October 2023 Honor Flight. He said it was a very moving experience, and that he highly recommends anyone that is interested to volunteer.

Mark outlined the “Partners in Patriotism” Award Certificate which is awarded through the Stark Program documentation under section #8 – “Activities Supporting Veterans in Cooperation with other Organizations”. Mark passed out a list of approved organizations for this award. If you supported or attended activities sponsored by any of the organizations listed, please report them with the date, event, location, if you were in colonial or business attire, and miles driven.

He concluded by stating that he and Chuck attended, via Zoom, the VAVS Committee Meeting on October 24, 2023.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that all year-to-date transactions are recorded on the provided Status of Fund Report. As of October 31, 2023, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$13,019, and the balance is \$1,349 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,850.80. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$16,881.44.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the November 2023 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Eric P. Knott.

Youth Programs. Chuck Adams reported that he and Kevin Shurte attended the November 5, 2023, Swamp Fox Society CAR meeting which was held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton.

Historian – Kevin Shurte: Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report on *the Patriots Capture of Montreal*.

2023 Wreaths Across America: Claudia Perry gave an update on Wreaths Across America. She expressed her appreciation to the Fort Lauderdale SAR for their continuing support and reviewed other fundraising activities. The Fort Lauderdale SAR Color Guard has been invited to participate in this year’s ceremony scheduled for December 16, 2023, at Forest Lawn North Memorial Gardens. All are welcome and encouraged to volunteer to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. It is recommended to arrive by 9am. Chuck Adams presented Claudia Perry the Chapter check for \$408 noting that 50% of that amount was contributed by the H.S. White Corporation of Pompano Beach. Other personal checks and cash were contributed by members present.

Veteran’s Recognition: Mark Snider stated that the Chapter, as a member of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program, periodically recognizes Vietnam War era veterans. In the Chapter, he recognized Jim Clark and Paul DeBold for their military service during the period of 1954 – 1975. Chuck Adams stated that in commemoration of Veteran’s Day that he had SAR Veteran’s Committee Challenge Coins for all of our Chapter veterans. He and Mark distributed coins to the veteran members present: Jim Clark, Paul DeBold, Jim Lohmeyer, and Tim McLane.

Medals and Awards:

Samuel Nicholas Camp # 23 Color Guard: Chuck Adams presented SAR Color Guard Challenge Coins and Chapter Certificates to the founding members of the Fort Lauderdale SAR Color Guard: Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Tom Carpenter Jr (not present), Tim McLane, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider.

Membership Service. Chuck Adams presented Tom Shepherd with his 5-Year Membership Award.

250 Anniversary Recognition Awards. Chuck Adams presented: the Bronze Certificate to Tom Shepherd; the Silver Certificate & Medal to: Steve DePaul, Mark Snider, and Chuck Adams; and the Gold Certificate & Medal to Kevin Shurte.

Henry Knox Achievement Award. Chuck Adams explained that the purpose of this award is to recognize a Chapter member for a specific or for multiple contributions advancing the Chapter's mission. As Chapter President, he is presenting this award to: 1) Thomas Shepherd for his idea and funding of the 2022 Fourth of July full page announcement entitled "Happy Independence Day America!" published on July 3, 2022 in the Fort Lauderdale News - Sun Sentinel; 2) Steve DePaul for raising \$3,000 in 2023 private contributions to help fund and expand Chapter programs and activities carried out in support of our mission; 3) Kevin Shurte for raising \$908 in private contributions supporting our 2023 mission as well as reinstating the SAR Flag Recognition Display Program, and contributing monthly to the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program; and 4) Mark Snider for expanding, coordinating and documenting the Chapter's contribution to activities qualifying under the SAR U.S. Stark Awards Program.

2024 Election of Officers: Chuck Adams presented the slate of officers recommended by the Executive Committee at their meeting of October 9, 2023, and asked if there were any additional nominations to be made from the floor. No additional nominations were put forward. Chuck Adams asked that the members present approve the recommended slate of 2024 Chapter officers which were then unanimously approved as follows: President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams; Vice President - Steve DePaul; Secretary - Mark Snider; Editor - Joe Motes; Historian - Kevin Shurte; and Chaplin - Tim McLane.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 01/20/2024). 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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2023 Wreath Across America – Claudia Perry

Veteran's Recognition

Medals & Awards

Election of 2024 Officers

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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.

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, 2023 - December 31, 2023

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED	10/31/2023 ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	5,469	5,469
INCOME				
New Applicant Dues & Fees, Reinstmt's & Transfers	525	175	595	420
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,360	1,340
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	4,411	4,341
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	3,834	3,834
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	3,954	3,954
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,496	1,496
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-
Subtotal - Income	28,550	10,010	16,650	15,385
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,500	1,000	1,000
Total Sources	34,860	16,979	23,119	21,854
USES OF FUNDS				
EXPENSE				
Organizational Expense				
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
Programs, Contributions & Charitable Giving				
Swamp Fox C.A.R., Meals	1,200	700	1,458	1,458
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	128	128
CDCE/VAVS Contributions	-	200	-	-
Wreaths Across America	150	150	578	170
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	-	551	551
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	-	650	450
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
Operating Expense & Supplies				
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,000	2,000	1,462
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
Subtotal Expense	9,121	9,546	15,416	6,835
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Uses	29,390	11,546	17,416	8,835
Year Ending Checking Balance	5,469	5,434	5,703	13,019
Savings account opening balances				
	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
Year Ending Savings Balance	10,346	2,847	1,349	1,349
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds				
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	500	500
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$350.80				
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,850.80				
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$781.44				
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16,881.44				