



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, September 21, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (14): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Ted Duay; James Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; John Sauerwald; Braeden Shurte ^{ca}; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (4):** Jason Milgram; Ronna Adams; Kathy Shurte ^{ca}; and Ceta McDonald. 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 12:05 p.m.

Color Guard Presentation of Colors, and Opening Ceremonies: The Color Guard performed the **Presentation and Posting of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. He expressed well wishes for Tom Carpenter Jr as he continues with his chemotherapy treatments. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Paul Moore gave this month's **250 Minute** which summarizes the Battle of Kip's Bay, fought on September 15, 1776. Tim McLane led the Chapter in the **POW – MIA Missing Man Table Ceremony**. Mark Snider conducted the **Memorial Roll Call**, reading a list of deceased Chapter members.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of July 27, 2024, and was seconded by Tim McLane. Unanimously approved.

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

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams reported that since the last meeting, he completed and submitted the application for Chris Wadsworth. His, along with, the previous submissions of the Jason Milgram and Michael Ingram make 3 that are pending approval at NSSAR. He stated that by October 2024, he will complete and submit the application of Al Evans. Also, in NSSAR for approval, are the previously submitted supplementals from Kevin Shurte and Martin Hollick. In addition, during August 2024, a memorial application for Robert D. Snider, the grandfather of Mark Snider, was submitted. Most recently the transfer and reinstatement of Compatriot David E. Bricker has been sent into NSSAR. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we are currently at 83. This count includes our new reinstatement, two dual members, and three junior members.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that as of August 30, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account was \$4,635, and the balance was \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$3,959.68. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$17,467.56 of which \$1,367.56 was interest that can be made available to the Chapter. The Financial Status of Funds included with the agenda provides details and breakdowns of transactions compared to the 2024 operating budget.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the September 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Braeden R. Shurte. It also includes the “In Memoriam” of Thomas C. Shepherd. He acknowledged the Compatriots who attended Tom’s Celebration of Life held on September 14, 2024: Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Steve DePaul, Martin Hollick, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that tonight, September 21, 2024, the Color Guard and all interested members will attend the homecoming at the West Palm Beach Airport sponsored by Southeast Florida Honor Flight. The flight is on American Airlines and will arrive around 8:20 p.m. He then reported that on October 26, 2024, the Color Guard and all interested members will attend the homecoming for Flight #33 at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport sponsored by Honor Flight South Florida. He concluded by saying that on November 11, 2024, which is Veterans Day, the Color Guard and all interested members will participate in the parade held on the grounds of the Nininger Nursing Home. The parade will start around 10:00 a.m. with further details to be announced by Mark Snider.

Vice President – Steve DePaul: Steve DePaul stated that the date for the Liberty Tree Dedication at Dania Beach is still undetermined. The idea of combining this event with one of the City’s monthly community events has been dropped. The City will give us shortly a list of open Saturdays for next year from which we will be able to lock down a date. Steve stated that, as the Chairman of the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial Committee, work with Pompano Beach officials continues to progress for the construction of a monument commemorating the 1776 first naval amphibious assault at Nassau. A Pompano Beach City Commission meeting to be held on September 23, 2024, is expected to approve the location at the City’s park along the beach near the Fisher Family Pier.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met via Zoom on August 25, 2024. A change to the 2024 Annual Calendar was approved which moves the meeting in November 2024 to November 23rd.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that our total to date is 7,916 points for the Stark Award and is about 2,000 points above last year’s total of 6109 with about 3 months to go.

CDCE / VAVS. Centenarian Recognition Award – Mark noted stated that Isabel Diamond, a Navy Veteran Resident at Nininger was approved for the VA Centenarian Recognition Award and it is planned to present the award at Nininger’s Veterans’ Day ceremony, scheduled for Nov. 11th. Mark noted that their plans include a short parade for the residents and they would like us to provide a color guard. All are welcome to attend.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee: The following notices were posted:

- Sept 18th was the US Air Force’s Birthday
- Sept 29th commemorates Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day
- Oct 13th will be the US Navy’s Birthday

Mark stated that at the Oct 11 & 12 Florida Society Board of Management (BOM) Fall Meeting, the SAR President General will be in attendance and will present pins and fact sheets to all Vietnam War Veterans in attendance that qualify and have not already received a pin.

Mark mentioned one other upcoming event to be held on Oct 5th - “Rails to Victory” – which is a Historical Festival celebrating the role Miami played in helping train several million American and Allied servicemen and servicewomen during WWII. There will be reenactors, antique vehicles, and a chance to ride the rails that helped secure our victory.

Historian – Kevin Shurte:

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled *Battle of Brooklyn - August 27, 1776*, which is also published in the September 2024 Newsletter.

Induction of New Junior Member: Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot Braeden Ray Shurte and presented him with his membership certificate. Ted Duay presented his Rosette recognition lapel pin, and Kevin Shurte presented his SAR Insignia lapel pin.

Medals, Certificates & Awards

250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate Award: Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriots Lincoln Pero, John Sauerwald and Braeden Shurte.

Color Guard New Member Certificate of Recognition: Chuck Adams presented Compatriots Paul Moore and Braeden Shurte with their membership certificate to the Samuel Nicholas Camp # 23 Color Guard. He noted that both have participated in color guard events before their date of SAR registration.

Milestone Anniversary Membership Awards: Chuck Adams presented Five Year Membership Certificates to himself and Mark Snider. He then presented the Twenty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin to Jim Lohmeyer. He reported that Joe Motes has been sent his Thirty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 10/19/24):

Chuck Adams gave an update on the collection of 2025 annual dues. At the beginning of the meeting he distributed membership renewal cards to all members present. He said that the online payment option with Club Express will soon be e-mailed to all Florida Society members whose Chapters have opted in to the program. He encouraged members to just mail him a check as soon as possible and save the service charge fee.

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

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.



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Approval of Minutes: 07/27/2024

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- Benediction

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, 2024 - December 31, 2024**

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET		8/30/2024 ACTUAL
			ORIGINAL	AMENDED	
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Year Beginning Checking Balance (Adjusted for Uncleared Checks)	5,985	5,469	6,890	6,890	6,890
REVENUE					
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	525	455	335	200	145
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,360	1,560	1,580	-
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	4,411	4,410	4,885	-
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	4,194	2,300	2,300	157
Corporate & Other Donations	-	3,954	1,500	500	500
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,496	2,500	2,500	1,500
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Revenue	<u>28,550</u>	<u>16,870</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>11,965</u>	<u>2,302</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,000	1,000	-	-
Total Sources	<u>34,860</u>	<u>23,339</u>	<u>20,495</u>	<u>18,855</u>	<u>9,192</u>
USES OF FUNDS					
EXPENSE					
Organizational Expense					
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	4,466	4,410	4,885	-
Florida Annual Report	123	61	61	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73	-
Non-Member Programs & Contributions					
Swamp Fox & Florida Society 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	370	370
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	785	940	940	100
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	180	131
Nininger Nursing Home & Other Veteran Support	-	551	667	667	226
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	750
Wreaths Across America	150	938	500	500	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	535	1,000	500	-
Public Service Awards & Compensated Meals	-	73	100	100	-
Community Service Organizations Support	-	210	-	-	-
SAR Foundation - Education Center & Museum	-	1,776	1,776	1,776	1,776
Operating Expense & Supplies					
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	326	800	450	330
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	612
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	201
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
Subtotal Expense	<u>9,121</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,302</u>	<u>4,557</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	1,000	-
Total Uses	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>15,302</u>	<u>4,557</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,818</u>	<u>3,553</u>	<u>4,635</u>
Savings account opening balances					
Deposits & Interest	3	3	2	0	-
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(10,000)	-	-	-
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	1,000	-	-	-
Year Ending Savings Balance	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>2,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$459.68					
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,959.68					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$1,367.56					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$17,467.56					