



## 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, June 15, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

#### **Attendance:**

**Members (10):** Chuck Adams <sup>ca</sup>, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider <sup>ca</sup>, Secretary; Kevin Shurte <sup>ca</sup>, Historian; Jim Clark <sup>ca</sup>; Tom Carpenter; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Barry Moss; and John Sauerwald. **Prospective Members / Guests (6):** Michael Ingram; Jason Milgram; Ronna Adams; Liana Carpenter; Shelley Gardner; and Ellen Higginbotham. The superscript <sup>ca</sup> records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

**Call to Order, Introductions and 250 Minute:** Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mark Snider gave this month's 250 Minute which reported on the May 20, 1774 passage of the Massachusetts Government Act and the Administration of Justice Act. The Acts were seen by those in America as a final sign that there would be no further negotiations with the British government in London. Chuck Adams instructed the Color Guard to Advance the Colors.

**Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies:** The Color Guard performed the **Presentation and Posting of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by Tom Carpenter who began by conveying well wishes to Chaplain, 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 to approve the meeting minutes of May 25, 2024, and was seconded by Steve DePaul. Unanimously approved.

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

##### **President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:**

**Genealogy & Membership:** Chuck Adams welcomed our newest prospective member, Michael Ingram. He also welcomed our newest applicant, Jason Milgram. Chuck stated that our newly approved dual member, Bob Walsh, is still in New Hampshire but expects to be back for our next meeting. The application of our newest junior member, Braeden R. Shurte, still has not been approved, but that should occur soon. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we are currently at 82 with two of those being dual members.

**Upcoming Events:** Chuck Adams stated that the Color Guard has been invited by the Miami Chapter Color Guard to participate with them at the Coral Gables July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration that will be held at the Biltmore Hotel. The Color Guard will also attend the homecoming for the veteran passengers and volunteers going on September 7, 2024, Honor Flight South Florida. Chuck Adams stated that all other scheduled events are posted in the June 2024 Newsletter, including the upcoming 134<sup>th</sup> Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania being held July 10-16, 2024.

**Vice President – Steve DePaul:** Steve DePaul stated that he had nothing to report.

**Secretary – Mark Snider:**

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on June 11, 2024. Chuck Adams distributed and reviewed the status of funds and source and use schedule which showed that nearly all available funds for this year have been spent or committed for projects that are subject to full or partial grant reimbursement from FLSSAR. Chuck also noted that some of the remaining budgeted items depend largely on our individual member donations. He summarized that new sources of funding will be needed if we want to expand our efforts. Chuck also initiated an outreach effort to contact 20 members who were identified as possible 2025 non-renewals in order to encourage them to renew and attend Chapter meetings. The list was divided up by the Executive Committee to contact these members.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that our total to date is 3,403 points for the Stark Award. He asked those who attended any Memorial Day events with Veteran organizations, separate from the Pompano parade event, to let him know. Compatriot Tom Carpenter has identified two candidates to present the SAR Wounded Warrior. This will be scheduled for our July meeting. Mark also stated that he is planning to take the items the Chapter is donating to Nininger this Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, which consists of a 40" smart TV and rolling stand, that they requested for their Karaoke events. For the future, if any of you have magazines you want to get rid of, particularly on topics of history and military bring them to the meeting and Mark will get them out to Nininger.

CDCE / VAVS. Centenarian Recognition Award – We have submitted one candidate, Isabel Diamond, a 101 year young Navy Veteran Resident at Nininger for the VA Centenarian Recognition Award.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee. Mark stated a Veterans Expo and Advisory Council event is scheduled for Fort Lauderdale on June 28, 2024. They will have Reps from different organizations and companies to assist Veterans with benefits and employment. Location: 2855 W. Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33309 / Contact: Frank Dotzler / frankdotzler72@gmail.com / (571)309-4849

**Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams:** Chuck Adams reported that as of April 30, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$3,943, and the balance is \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,936.20. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$17,288.72 of which \$1,188.72 is 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 June 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Compatriot Robert M. Walsh and his Patriot Biography on Ebenezer R. Spencer. He encouraged members to consider writing a biography of their ancestor(s) for publication in the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS).

**Historian – Kevin Shurte**

**250 Anniversary Recognition Report:** Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled *Washington Appointed Commander of the Continental Army - June 15, 1775*, which is also published in the June 2024 Newsletter.

SAR Youth Education Programs: The Bill of Rights brochure by Giana Mann, which won first place at Chapter and at State, has been entered into the national contest to be judged at the 134<sup>th</sup> Congress in mid-July 2024.

## **Medals, Certificates & Awards**

**250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate Award:** Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriot Thomas Carpenter Jr.

**Color Guard New Member Certificate of Recognition:** Chuck Adams presented Compatriot Jim Clark with his membership certificate to the Samuel Nicholas Camp # 23 Color Guard having joined on May 25, 2024.

**Corporate Donor Recognition: EF5 Builder & Consulting LLC:** Chuck Adams presented Compatriot Steve DePaul a Certificate of Appreciation in his capacity as Managing Director of EF5 Builder & Consulting LLC for his company's 2024 donation of \$500 made earlier this year. He noted that Steve has been instrumental in the past with bringing in non-member corporate donations, and he thanked Steve for all of his fundraising efforts. Steve DePaul asked the membership to consider making donations to the Chapter to help support the various programs and new initiatives that we are carrying out. Chuck Adams stated that Wreaths Across America is an example of a recurring Chapter funded project where last year members made significant contributions over the Chapter's allocation. The opportunity for members to make similar contributions to this event will be coming up after the summer recess.

## **Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 07/27/24).**

Chuck Adams stated that at our May 25, 2024, meeting he had recognized the nine Compatriots who coordinated or represented the Chapter at the 2024 JROTC & Sea Cadet Awards ceremonies held between late April and early June 2024. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Carpenter, who was not in attendance last month.

Chuck Adams said that Ellen Higginbotham has brought some Honor Flight challenge coins which are available for \$10 as a fundraiser for Honor Flight South Florida. Ellen Higginbotham said that members could see her after the meeting to purchase a coin. Ellen stated that as a fundraiser for Honor Flight of South Florida that for \$25 per person they are sponsoring a buffet dinner – open bar at the MclIsland in Pompano Beach on August 31, 2024. Barry Moss commented that this is a great venue and you cannot beat the price. Ellen also reported that for possible claims from those who were at Marine Corps' Camp LeJeune, the deadline for documenting a possible claim is coming up in August 2024, and it would be best to contact a law firm on how to establish a record.

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

**Adjournment:** Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.



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- Benediction

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### 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	2023	2024 BUDGET		5/31/2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Year Beginning Checking Balance</b>	5,985	5,469	6,891	6,891	6,891
<b>REVENUE</b>					
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	525	455	335	335	20
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,360	1,560	1,560	-
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	4,411	4,410	4,410	-
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	4,194	2,300	2,300	117
Corporate & Other Donations	-	3,954	1,500	1,500	500
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,496	2,500	2,500	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Revenue</b>	<u>28,550</u>	<u>16,870</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>637</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Total Sources</b>	<u>34,860</u>	<u>23,339</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>7,528</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>Organizational Expense</b>					
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	4,466	4,410	4,410	-
Florida Annual Report	123	61	61	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73	-
<b>Non-Member Programs &amp; Contributions</b>					
Swamp Fox 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	270
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	785	940	940	100
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	103
Nininger Nursing Home & Other Veteran Support	-	551	667	667	25
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	318
Wreaths Across America	150	938	500	500	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	535	1,000	1,000	-
Public Service Awards & Compensated Meals	-	73	100	100	-
Community Service Organizations Support	-	210	-	-	-
SAR Foundation - Eductaion Center & Museum	-	1,776	1,776	1,776	1,776
<b>Operating Expense &amp; Supplies</b>					
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	326	800	800	330
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	594
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	8
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<u>9,121</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,697</u>	<u>3,585</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Uses</b>	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,697</u>	<u>3,585</u>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,799</u>	<u>3,943</u>
<b>Savings account opening balances</b>					
Deposits & Interest	3	3	2	0	-
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(10,000)	-	-	-
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	1,000	-	-	-
<b>Year Ending Savings Balance</b>	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>
<b>Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds</b>					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$436.20					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: \$3,936.20					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$1,188.72					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$17,288.72					