



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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### Presidents Message

Compatriots,

As previously reported, our newest member is Seth MacCutchcon. Seth is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marines and is currently on special assignment out of the country. Our planned Zoom induction ceremony to welcome him into the Chapter is on hold until June 2022 when he will assume new duties in California. We also await NSSAR approval of the application by new prospective member, Rick Kidder Jr. I expect to have this shortly so that we can induct Rick at our meeting of June 18, 2022. In addition, the applications of new prospective members, Jeffrey Watts and his son, Joshua, have been mailed to NSSAR with their induction anticipated in September 2022.

At our meeting held on April 16, 2022, a detailed report was given on the status of Chapter funds held in our recently opened savings account. This was also reported in the April 2022 Newsletter. Based on Executive Committee approval, \$3,000 of Chapter savings was placed in a 5-year U.S. Treasury I-Bond. The I-Bond is inflation adjusted and currently pays over 7% annually. The balance in the savings account is approximately \$17,250 of which \$1,169 is Chapter savings, and the remainder (\$16,081) are restricted trust estate funds. The newly elected trustees of the trust estate (Chuck Adams, Pete Stevenson and Steve DePaul) met via Zoom on May 11, 2022, to discuss investment options. With the current volatility of the market, the trustees agreed that staying in cash for the near term is the prudent course of action (30-60 days) while we continue to research the investment strategy that ultimately will be employed.

As required by our new bylaws, I have been working on a program budget. While a little late in the year, when finalized it will provide a simple template to be used in future years. Over the next 30 days, I will meet with Treasurer, Joe Motes to get his input before finalizing the numbers and then I will seek the approval of the Executive Committee. The budget, when circulated to the membership will provide a generalized snapshot of the Chapter's typical annual program and the financial resources available to carry them out.

Finally, we are also addressing the need for the Chapter to be more visible and accessible on the internet. Currently, we maintain a pictorial history of Chapter events and activities on Facebook, and Chapter newsletters are archived on a site maintained by Joe Motes. Neither of these sites can be found by a prospective member who is searching on the internet and trying to find out more about SAR in Broward County.

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President Chuck Adams presented a supplemental certificate to Mark Snider.



CAR Members Mary Margaret & Colleen Langton were our guest speakers for our April meeting.

### NEXT MEETING - May 21, 2022

**Davie Outback Steak House**  
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

#### Future Dates:

Saturday, 06/18/2022

Saturday, 07/16/2022

August no meeting

Saturday, 09/17/2022

Saturday, 10/15/2022

Saturday, 11/19/2022

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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## C.A.R Report

Each year our Chapter contributes \$700 to support the activities of the local Swamp Fox Society of the Children of the American Revolution. While this contribution is fully reimbursed to us by FLSSAR, as an advance of funds it is a significant commitment of our financial resources. Those of us who attended the lunch meeting held on April 16, 2022 thoroughly enjoyed the presentation given by Colleen Langton, the current President of the Swamp Fox Chapter. A slightly condensed version of her report follows:

In 2021-2022, Swamp Fox

\* Partnered with Estahakee D.A.R. and donated s filled boxes to the Boca

\* Helping Hands Thanksgiving Box Brigade for low income families.

\* Participated in Wreaths Across America with the Lighthouse Point Chapter of D.A.R. by donating 5 wreaths and attending the wreath laying ceremony.

\* Created a Junior American Citizens club, so friends who do not have a Revolutionary War Patriot can be involved with us during our meetings.

\* Donated money to Bacone College in Oklahoma and Chemawa Indian School in Oregon to support low income American Indian children with their education.

\* Donated money to Crossnore School and Children's Home for school supplies and Christmas gifts for children in the foster care system.

\* Donated money to the Oscar Mike Foundation to help fund adaptive sports for paralyzed veterans.

\* Celebrated Swamp Fox's 20th birthday.

\* Created a membership yearbook and published Swamp Fox Society newsletters.

\* Donated money to the Florida Veterans Foundation.

\* Collected toiletries to donate to homeless veterans. Studied currency from 1812.

\* Sent thank you notes to S.A.R. and D.A.R. chapters who generously sent us contributions.

\* Contributed money to each of the 17 National C.A.R. Funds.

\* Created birthday cards for a 97-year-old veteran, and sent thank you cards to active duty servicemen and veterans and Joe Motes. Those cards were posted by Joe on the wall at the Fort Lauderdale Veterans Hospital for all to see.

\* Some members attended the Florida State Conference in Melbourne, where we won 4 first place trophies. Kyle Peterson was elected State C.A.R. Treasurer for next year and I was appointed by the incoming State President to be the American History Committee Chairman.

We generally meet once a month from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during the school year. Local D.A.R. and S.A.R. members are invited to our meetings. We invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to Swamp Fox meetings. Next year we will have only three active members in Swamp Fox. We invite you, your children and grandchildren to join us. And, if your chapter has an activity that we can participate in, please invite us.

Thank you.

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We therefore are in the process of finalizing a more typically structured website that has information about our Chapter and SAR, has information on how to join, has an inquiry form that can be e-mailed to us, and has links to other relevant Chapter or SAR information and documents. When finished in the next few days, the free version of the site will not be searchable and only available to members or persons that are given the site address. However, on May 15, 2022, the Executive Committee authorized the appropriation of funds from Chapter savings in an amount sufficient to purchase a 3-year license and domain when it is offered at a discount in an upcoming sale by the host company. When that occurs (30 – 90 days), the site will be searchable on Google and other search engines so that anyone interested in the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR can find us and make contact.

I will close with the reminder that Memorial Day is celebrated on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Our lunch meeting of July 16<sup>th</sup> will recognize the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our independence. I am asking anyone in the membership who can help in securing a guest speaker or has ideas on something special that we can do at that meeting to let me know.

Chuck Adams  
President and Registrar/Genealogist  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



General Membership Meeting Summation

In attendance at our meeting of April 16th were Chuck Addams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steven DePaul; Tom Shepherd; Mar Snider; Guests: Rick Kidder Jr.; Colleen Langton; and Mary Margaret Langton.

Registrar/Genealogist Report: Chuck Adams reported on chapter registration activities: Seth MacCutcheon was approved and his induction via Zoom is being scheduled. Rick Kidder’s application is expected to be approved soon and his induction should occur by June 2022. In addition, the applications of new prospective members, Jeffrey Watts and his son, Joshua have been mailed to NSSAR with their induction anticipated in September 2022. Mark Snider received approval of his first supplemental application and approval of Martin Hollick’s supplemental is expected soon.

Treasurer’s Report: Joe Motes updated the members on the current checking account balance. He will present a \$ 350 check to the CAR Swamp Fox Society. He and Steve DePaul presented certificates to Navy JROTC cadets on April 13. Joe also presented certificates and awards to Army JROTC cadets on April 14th.

President’s Report: , Chuck spoke about the status of Chapter funds and the investment made in a 5-year U.S. Treasury I-Bond plus an update on the newly elected trustees of the trust estate. Chuck also talked about the upcoming Florida State SAR elections (May 15th) and the two competing candidate slates. He also briefly reported on the Program Review and Expansion Committee which will present at the May meeting. Efforts are being made to schedule outside speakers and/or video presentations. Mark Snider discussed a possible speaker he came across as well as a resource where American Revolution themed videos can be streamed.

Presentation on Children of the American Revolution Activities. Colleen Langton introduced herself as the current President of the Swamp Fox C.A.R. She listed fourteen notable 2021-2022 activities and achievements of the Society. Many of the activities included donations to numerous children’s and veteran organizations, and joint charitable projects with the Light-house Point DAR chapter as well as participation at the Wreaths Across America event.

She thanked our Chapter for its continuing financial support and the mentoring provided by Joe Motes. Mary Margaret Colleen offered additional remarks and stated that current Society membership is 18 – 20 and that there is no age limit to join.

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates. Chuck Adams presented Mark Snider his SAR certificate for his first supplement recognizing his lineage to patriot George Line. He encouraged members to prepare a biography on approved patriots and submit them to the Patriot Research Committee for NSSAR publication.

Old Business/New Business. Chuck Adams stated the April Newsletter was sent by Joe Motes earlier in the week and he resent it yesterday. He pointed out that this month’s issue featured the Member Profile for Steve De Paul and the March issue featured Peter Stevenson. The goal is to published a profile each month focused first on the regular luncheon meeting attendees. He had sent the template out a week or so ago asking for replies and has already received and finalized the submission from Rick Kidder which will appear in the June issue corresponding with his induction. He asked all in attendance to get their profiles with a photo submitted.

The next chapter meeting will be May 21st at 11:30 am at the Outback Steakhouse in Davie.



Western High School JROTC presented our Chapter a Certificate of Appreciation for our support of their program.



Our 2021 recipient from Hollywood Hills High.



Chapter member Steve DePaul presented the Good Citizenship certificates to 13 cadets from NOVA High School.



Our Chapter present the JROTC medal to a cadet from Hollywood Highs High School.



Steve DePaul presented the JROTC medal to a cadet from NOVA High School.



Coconut Creek High School



Our 2021 recipient from NOVA High School.



Hollywood Hills High School



Cooper City High School



McArthur High School



Charles Flanagan High School



NOVA High School



Charles Flanagan High School SAR certificates



Western High School



Hallandale High School



Everglades High School



Miramar High School

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Our Chapter donated \$350 to the Swamp Fox Children of the American Revolution, Joe Motes made a personal donation.



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### SAR MEMBER PROFILE - JOHN SAUERWALD



Q. Ok John, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 9, 1938. I went to school in Lansdale, PA. After high school, I joined the Navy in 1955. I served aboard the USS Pickaway (APA/LPA-222) troop transport vessel. I traveled all over the Pacific, carried 1800 Marines, and was discharged in 1961.

Q. Tell us a little bit about your line of work and some of your interests?

A. Before I retired, I worked as a Quality Assurance Manager for Brooks Instruments which makes flow meters for nuclear power plants. I am a member of the Sunrise American Legion, a member of the fraternal order of the Elks, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and a past President of a Lions Club. I also have coached soccer.

Q. How about your family?

A. My wife's name is Dolores, and we will have been married 50 years in October. We have four children: Brian who lives in Arizona and works with storm damage insurance; Matthew, a CEO of a law firm in Ft Lauderdale, FL; Erika, a manager of a construction company in Pennsylvania; and David, a waiter who resides in Los Angeles, CA. We currently have three grandchildren.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Reed. He was an officer in the Philadelphia County Militia and served his country actively during the whole war. He participated in the Battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, Valley Forge, and others. He was born in Salford Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA on July 6, 1730, and died on November 2, 1820. His wife, Magdalena (Leidy) Reed, was born in Franconia Twp. Philadelphia Co., PA on January 6, 1736, and died on August 5, 1804. Both are buried at Leidy's Union Church, Hatfield, PA.

Q. Do you have some favorite Chapter events or SAR programs?

A. I enjoy participating annually in Wreaths Across America.

Thanks, John, for sharing.