



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

At the close of our last meeting, Scott Moore signed and mailed in his application. Shortly thereafter I assisted Kevin Shurte in preparing and submitting his first supplemental application. Both applications were received at NSSAR on March 6, 2023. Already in the NSSAR pipeline, we await approval on applications previously submitted by Paul DeBold, Ed E. Sisson, and his sons, John B. Sisson and Mathew C. Sisson.

As to Chapter initiatives, a lot has been going on over the last month. First, with Joe Motes' help, Mark Snider has been appointed the Chapter Representative and I have been appointed the Chapter Deputy Representative to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Support (VAVS) Committee. This enables Mark (with me as an alternate) to participate in the VAVS Zoom meetings after which the Chapter contributes \$50.00 each meeting to support VAVS activities. Our annual contribution is budgeted at \$200.00. Second, Steve De Paul has currently raised \$2,500 in private donations to support Chapter initiatives. As Chairman of the Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee, he and members, Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte, are working on recommending 3 to 5 local charities serving Broward County that we will consider supporting with a Chapter donation. Third, last month I announced that the Chapter would donate \$1,000 received from the Compatriot John Copanos Estate to the SAR Education Center and Museum Project. Subsequently, I realized that SAR was stepping up its efforts to promote its 1776 Campaign. While this campaign has several tiers of contribution levels - \$1,776 is an appropriately symbolic number. I am pleased to report that our Chapter membership answered my request to raise the additional \$776.00 needed. Our donation of \$1,776 will be mailed on March 11, 2023, to the SAR Foundation. It is being sent in on behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter and Compatriot John Copanos (1970-2022) Estate.

Finally, after the last meeting, three of our newest members (Tom Carpenter Jr., Kevin Shurte, and Jim Clark) approached me about the possibility of forming a Chapter Color Guard. The Fort Lauderdale Chapter has never participated in this State and National Program. The Color Guard Committee includes the three members first mentioned along with Steve De Paul and Mark Snider. I am facilitating until we get to a decision point. I urge any member that has an interest to let me know. Ideally, we need five although we can do it with a bare minimum of three.

The SAR's mission is advanced through core programs and activities falling in the category of Patriotic, Historic, and Educational. You can go to the national website and start by reading "Our Mission" to get a basic understanding. There are a lot of things that SAR Chapters do in furtherance of these goals in offering SAR core programs that our Chapter does not do. Alas, there is only so much a few of us can do. So if you are looking at the list and think this would be a good Chapter activity - please volunteer to take it on and make it yours. I will empower you - I just need to know that you will coordinate and manage it.

For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at [www.fortlauderdale.sar.org](http://www.fortlauderdale.sar.org).

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams  
President and Registrar/Genealogist  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



Chapter President Chuck Adams was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal by Past President Tom Shepherd.

### NEXT MEETING - March 18, 2023

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

#### Future Dates:

- Saturday, 04/15/2023
- Saturday, 05/13/2023
- Saturday, 06/17/2023
- Saturday, 07/29/2023
- Saturday, 09/16/2023
- Saturday, 10/21/2023
- Saturday, 11/18/2023

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

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**SAR MEMBER PROFILE-  
ROBERT COLLIER BOWLING SR &  
ROBERT COLLIER BOWLING, JR**  
Interviewed by Chuck Adams



Today, I am interviewing Robert Bowling and his son Collier Bowling. Both were approved by NSSAR for membership on January 27, 2023.

Q. Starting with Robert, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in 1964 in Hollywood, Florida. I attended Pinecrest and Key Biscayne Elementary Schools, St. Agnes Junior High, and Christopher Columbus High School. I spent most of my summers working in the Florida Keys and Montana. I graduated from Stetson University in 1987 with a B.B.A, with an emphasis in finance. I then attended the University of Miami School of Law where I received my Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1990.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a managing partner of Vernis & Bowling. The firm was organized in Miami in 1970, and it has grown into seventeen offices located throughout Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina. My areas of practice include commercial and corporate litigation; commercial ground transportation litigation; employment law; and personal injury defense.

Q. Can you tell us about some of your recreational interests or hobbies?

A. I enjoy most outdoor activities. I grew up spending my time on the beaches and waters of South Florida and in the Rocky Mountains. Boating, hiking, skiing, and fishing are all favorites. When time permits, we spend a lot of time in the west, mostly in California and Montana. I am a science and technology buff, and I like to follow shows and historical documentaries. I am a lifelong fan of the Miami Dolphins and also follow the Heat and Panthers.

Q. How about your family?

A. I have been married to my wife, Desma Lankford, since 1991. In addition to my son, Collier, we have two daughters. Alexandra is completing her Ph.D. in psychology at Marquette University. Gabriella is completing her law degree at Tulane University.

Thanks Robert. Let's switch to Collier.



Q. Collier, how about telling us a little bit about yourself.

A. I was born in 1994 in Miami, Florida. I graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.S. degree in business consulting and then I earned my law degree from the New York University School of Law. I am presently unmarried.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am an attorney with Vernis & Bowling PA, working out of the Miami office. Prior to joining the firm in 2022, I work for a law firm in New York City and another firm in Florida. My areas of practice include business and commercial law, general insurance defense law, general liability defense law, and insurance coverage law.

Q. Can you tell us about some of your recreational interests or hobbies?

A. I exercise and I enjoy traveling. I am a fan of the Miami Dolphins and the Miami Heat.

Thanks Collier.

Q. So, obviously, both of you descend from the same Patriot Ancestor.

A. Yes, our Patriot ancestor is Jesse Bowling or Boling. He served from 1780 to 1781 with North Carolina troops and was a Sergeant at the time of his discharge. He resided in Wilkes County, NC. He first served with a company for three months when he was discharged. In the spring of 1781, he served in another campaign for three months. In July or August 1781, he was in Grayson County, VA where he volunteered for two months serving in a light horse unit. He was a Sergeant at the time of his discharge.

Thanks, guys, for sharing.







Our Chapter held our February meeting on the 18th, Chapter President Chuck Adams inducted our latest new member Thomas Carpenter Jr. 25 members and friends were present.

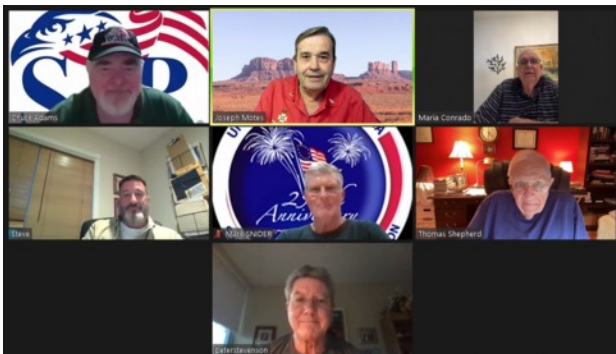


### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

The Executive Committee met on February 12, 2023. **Members Present:** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer and Editor/Historian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Thomas Shepherd, Immediate Past President; and Pete Stevenson, Member-at-Large. **Absent:** None.

At this meeting:

- The 2023 Chapter Calendar was revised to change the May meeting to May 13 and the July meeting to July 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 250<sup>th</sup> 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. The budget document, subsequently amended, is printed on page 5.



**Our chapter held an Executive Board zoom meeting on Wednesday March 8th to discuss our budget and other matters of business.**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY— FEBRUARY 18, 2023

At our February 18, 2023, meeting we had 16 members and 9 guests, including an out-of-state visiting member of SAR. **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.

Chuck Adams gave the report on membership and upcoming events. Mark Snider provided a summary of the February 12, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. He also talked about the April 1, 2023, Honor Flights event, and Ellen Higginbotham provided additional information. Steve De Paul gave an update on the Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee. To date, \$2,500 has been received from private corporate donations, and the committee will have its first meeting shortly to look at local charities serving Broward County who are being considered. Chuck Adams gave the financial status update. He also presented the 2023 Annual Budget recently approved by the Executive Committee.

Later in the meeting, Chuck Adams inducted Tom Carpenter Jr, welcoming him into the Chapter. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Jim Lohmeyer for his 2022 service as Chaplain and for all of his many contributions as Chapter officer provided since 2004. As Past President, Tom Shepherd presented to Chuck Adams the Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal for his contribution to the growth of the Chapter while Tom served as President throughout 2021.

Mark Snider had purchased 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins which he sold at cost to members present and donated the \$50 raised to the Chapter.

To read the complete set of minutes of the February 18, 2023, members meeting, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archives subpage for minutes and agendas maintained at the Chapter website: [www.fortlauderdale.sar.org](http://www.fortlauderdale.sar.org).





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**UPCOMING STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS**

This is a friendly reminder that if you are planning to -- or even thinking about -- attending the May FLSSAR Board of Management (BOM) Meeting, or the July SAR National Congress do not wait any longer to reserve your hotel room while they are still available at the discounted rate.

**FLSSAR BOM**

- May 19 & 20, 2023 is the Spring FLSSAR BOM which will be held at the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South at Kissimmee. Not only can you reserve your room, but registration is now open. To reserve your room, call the hotel at 407-597-4000.

You must register for the event by May 1<sup>st</sup>. To get the fillable .pdf registration form, go to the "BOM" page at the Society's website: [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org).

This is a semi-annual event and a great opportunity for new members (and applicants) to see the inner workings of the Florida Society. You will meet and dine with other Compatriots actively involved at the State and various local levels who are dedicated and committed to carrying out the programs and mission of the SAR. This is only a two day event so it is very affordable.

**SAR NATIONAL CONGRESS**

- July 13/15 – 20, 2023 is the 133<sup>rd</sup> SAR National Congress which will be held at the Rosen Plaza, International Drive at Orlando. If you are planning to attend, you need to reserve your hotel room now.

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This is a unique opportunity for Florida members to be able to attend a National Congress in our own backyard. It probably will be a decade or more before the congress returns to Florida.

There is a link clearly visible at the Society's webpage that provides information on the preliminary agenda, tours, and hotel accommodations. Call the Rosen Plaza at 1-800-627-8258 or direct at 407-996-9700 and mention group #NSSAR2023. Registration for the event will not actually open until sometime in May. If you want to know what SAR is really about and how it functions -- come to this event. The welcoming host reception is late afternoon/early evening on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BUDGET COMPARISON January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023			
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	5,469
<b>INCOME</b>			
New Applicant Dues & Fees	525	175	175
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,300
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	3,850
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	1,856
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	2,500
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,250
Other Reimbursements	-	-	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	-	-	-
	<u>19,730</u>		
<b>Subtotal - Income</b>	<u>28,550</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>11,931</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,500	1,500
<b>Total Sources</b>	<u>34,860</u>	<u>16,979</u>	<u>18,900</u>
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
<b>Organizational Expense</b>			
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	3,695	3,695
Florida Annual Report	123	123	123
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73
<b>Contributions &amp; Charitable Giving</b>			
Swamp Fox C.A.R.	1,200	700	700
Boy Scout Council & Troop Support	100	100	500
JRROTC High School Award Contribution	100	100	100
VAVS Contributions & Stark Program Expense	-	200	200
FLSSAR Lady Auxillary	-	100	100
SAR Foundation - Museum	-	1,000	1,776
Other Charitable Contributions	-	2,000	2,500
<b>Operating Expense &amp; Supplies</b>			
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies	1,591	1,000	1,350
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30
Postage & Delivery	36	50	50
Other Operating & Office Supplies	-	100	100
Lunch Program Compensated Meals	94	125	125
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	-	-
Wreaths Across America	150	150	150
	<u>9,121</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>11,572</u>
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<u>9,121</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>11,572</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Uses</b>	<u>29,390</u>	<u>11,546</u>	<u>13,572</u>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<u>5,469</u>	<u>5,434</u>	<u>5,329</u>
<b>Savings account opening balances</b>			
Deposits & Interest	3	1	3
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(9,500)	(10,000)
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	2,000	500
<b>Year Ending Savings Balance</b>	<u>10,346</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>849</u>
<b>Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds</b>			
Chapter I-Bonds Principle & Accrued Interest	3,107	500	500
Chapter Cumulative Balance: \$3,107			
Trust Estate I-Bonds Principle & Accrued Interest	6,600	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16,600			

Amended 03/08/2023

On February 12, 2023, the Chapter's Executive Committee adopted the 2023 Annual Budget which was then presented to the General Membership at the lunch meeting held on February 18, 2023. At the meeting held on March 8, 2023, the Executive Committee amended the budget to make technical corrections to the original budget and to update annual estimates of income and expenses.

