



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, October 11, 2025** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (10): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tom Carpenter Jr ^{ca}, Chaplain; Jim Clark ^{ca}; Greg Elder; Herb Gardner; Dan McMurtrie; Jason Milgram ^{ca}; and Scott Moore. **Prospective Members / Guests (10):** Robert Calamia; Jeffrey Carswell; Robert Easton Jr; David Pinney; Jason Ramsey; Ronna Adams; Chelsea Adams; Linda McMurtrie; and Lynne Moore. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots and guests attending in colonial attire.

Call to Order and Introductions: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Color Guard Presentation of Colors, and Opening Ceremonies: The Color Guard performed the **Posting of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by Tom Carpenter Jr. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**. He then led the participants in reciting the **SAR Mission Statement and SAR Pledge**. Jason Milgram gave this month's **250 Minute** on The Day the Revolution Was Won: The Surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2025, and was seconded by Steve DePaul. Unanimously approved.

Officer's, Committee's Reports, and America 250 Presentation:

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest member David Pinney. He then welcomed our newest applicant Jeffrey Carswell. Also present for the first time is Robert Calamia who applied along with his son Nathan and father Joseph. He said that other applicants that are here today in order of anticipated approval are: Robert Easton Jr., and Jason Ramsey. Those not here are Bradley Mueller, Samuel Frankel Jr, Trent Prock, Kevin Terry, and Patrick Reeder.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that as of September 30, 2025, the rounded balance in the checking account was \$13,281, and the balance was \$601 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. T-bills is \$3,463 with an additional \$37 of uninvested funds in savings. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds or T-bills is \$16,195 which includes \$95 in accrued interest, there is an additional \$64 of uninvested funds in savings.

Chuck reported on the status of collections for 2026 annual dues and donations which started on September 1st and will be completed by December 1st. Of the 87 members subject to renewal, 80 are marked as paid, four have resigned, and three have not yet replied. There also are eight applicants expected to be approved by the end of this year, with the first just approved. Assuming all of these are approved, our year end membership is minimally estimated at 88.

On donations, from 40 contributors, we have \$3,450 to date. We had estimated that we needed \$3,800 to fully fund next year's programs. A few more donations are expected and we will be close enough to move forward with our 2026 community outreach funding plan.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the October 2025 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of David E. Pinney.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that the October 2025 Newsletter lists all currently known remaining events of Chapter interest for 2025. He said that the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard and all other interested members will be at the Honor Flight South Florida welcome home for flight #37 on Saturday, October 25, 2025. He also has provided some key dates for early 2026 including the Liberty Tree Dedication at Tamarac on January 31, 2026 and the FAAM Monument Dedication on March 14, 2026.

Vice President – Steve DePaul:

Steve DePaul provided an update on the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial (FAAM) Project. For the benefit of the new members and applicants, he outlined the history and background leading to the first amphibious assault of the Continental Navy and Marines on New Providence Island in early March 1776. He then discussed the planned FAAM monument scheduled to be constructed and dedicated on March 14 2026 at Fisher Family Pier in Pompano Beach. He said that in-kind contributions and funds collected to date amount to approximately \$186,039, which is about 83% of the \$225,000 fundraising goal. Of just under \$148,000 of cash needed, collections are now recorded at \$103,802. Permitting is nearly complete with some remaining documentations being provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee: Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met via Zoom on September 28, 2025. The 2025 calendar was amended to change the November meeting date to November 22nd. The temporary transfer of 2026 membership fees and donations from checking to saving was approved, which will then be moved back to checking after the beginning of the new year.

The Executive Committee acting as the Nominating Committee then unanimously approved the proposed slate of elected officers for 2026:

- Chuck Adams President, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist
- Steve DePaul Vice-President
- Mark Snider Secretary
- Kevin Shurte Historian
- Tom Carpenter Jr. Chaplin
- Paul Moore Chancellor

Chuck Adams stated that if there is any other member that wishes to be considered for one of these positions, now would be the time to express interest.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that we currently have 12,022 points toward the US Stark Memorial Award. Mark then announced that October 13th is the 250th Anniversary of the Continental / U.S. Navy.

CDCE / VAVS: Mark stated that the VAVS is not scheduled to meet until later in October and that there is nothing new to report.

Historian – Kevin Shurte

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *Battle of Hampton, Virginia - October 26-27, 1775*, which is also published in the October 2025 Newsletter.

Youth Education Programs: Kevin Shurte showed a slide of the eight youth education contests promoted by SAR. It showed the deadline dates for submission to FLSSAR and the cash awards offered by the Florida Society. He said that Chapter judging and selection needs to be scheduled two to four weeks in advance of the State submission date.

SAR Youth Education Contests	FLSSAR Deadlines	FLSSAR Cash Awards
1. High School Essay Contest:	Dec 31, 2026	\$1,000, \$500, \$250
2. American History Teacher Contest:	Jan 10, 2026	\$750, \$750
3. Eagle Scout Essay Contest:	Jan 15, 2026	\$1,000, \$500, \$250
4. Middle & High School Video Contest:	Feb 01, 2026	\$500, \$300, \$200
5. High School Oration Contest:	Mar 31, 2026	\$1,000, \$500, \$250
6. JROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest:	Mar 31, 2026	\$1,000, \$500, \$250
7. Elementary School Poster Contest:	May 01, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50
8. Middle School Brochure Contest:	May 01, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50

Kevin said that at last month's meeting he announced that he was working for participation, under the various contests, from Ramblewood & Sawgrass Middle Schools, and McFatter Technical & Taravella High Schools. He now has brought in Nativity Catholic School and Sagemont Preparatory School for participation in the poster contest.

Medals, Certificates & Awards:

Chuck Adams stated that there are no 250 Anniversary Medal Certificates to award this month. However, he said that both Jim Clark and Jason Milgram should qualify for the 250 Gold Medal by November.

Henry Knox Bronze Medal Awards. Chuck Adams presented the Henry Knox Bronze Medal to Greg Elder for having represented the Chapter or delivered an awards package at three high schools for the 2025 JROTC /Sea Cadet Medal Awards Program. He said that Greg was the last of the awardees to receive his medal.

First Amphibious Assault Memorial Certificates. Chuck Adams said that the nationwide fundraising campaign for the First Amphibious Assault Memorial kicked off earlier this year. Those that contributed \$250 or more have or will receive a FAAM Challenge Coin. All 29 of our Chapter contributors will receive a Florida Society Certificate of Appreciation. To date, donations from Chapter membership total \$8,943 which is in addition to the Chapter's contribution of \$3,000. At the September meeting we presented 12 certificates. Steve DePaul then presented certificates to other contributing chapter members who were present: Jim Clark, Greg Elder, and Scott Moore.

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership Recognition Certificates. Chuck Adams said that in 2023 we recognized eight of our most active members who were veterans and had military or war time service. We recently have been made aware of the FLSSAR and NSSAR recognition programs. At this time, five of our veterans have been approved as members of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Mark Snider then presented FLSSAR Certificates of Recognition to: Thomas Carpenter Jr., and Jim Clark. He also had a certificate for his son Zachery Snider which he accepted on his behalf. Also to be recognized at a future meeting are Jim Lohmeyer and John Sauerwald.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 11/22/2025): None.

Closing Ceremonies: Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. The **Benediction** was given by Tom Carpenter Jr.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.



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- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Mission Statement & SAR Pledge
- America 250 Minute

Approval of Minutes: 09/20/2025

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Medals & Awards

- 2025 JROTC / Sea Cadet Medal Awards Program Recognition
- First Amphibious Assault Memorial Certificates – Donor Recognition
- FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership Recognition Certificates

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- SAR Recessional
- Benediction

Adjournment

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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.

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BUDGET COMPARISON
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED	9/30/2025 ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Year Beginning Checking Balance (Adjusted for Uncleared Transactions)	6,890	5,557	5,557	5,557
REVENUE				
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	175	215	595	595
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,520	1,640	1,640	1,300
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	4,697	5,047	5,047	4,560
Chapter Member Donations	2,781	2,800	4,213	4,213
First Amphibious Landing Monument Donations	-	2,000	7,825	7,825
Corporate & Other Donations	500	-	500	500
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	2,567	3,500	3,465	3,465
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Revenue	<u>12,240</u>	<u>15,202</u>	<u>23,285</u>	<u>22,458</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	-	2,654	3,192	3,192
Total Sources	<u>19,130</u>	<u>23,413</u>	<u>32,034</u>	<u>31,207</u>
USES OF FUNDS				
EXPENSE				
Organizational Expense				
State & National Dues & Fees	4,697	5,047	5,047	
Florida Annual Report	61	61	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	-	73	73	-
Non-Member Programs & Contributions				
Swamp Fox & Florida Society C.A.R., Compensated Meals	1,050	500	500	250
Kids-Helping-Kids Organization (C.A.R. Match)	-	-	-	-
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scout Certificates	120	133	133	-
Eagle Scouts Essay Contest		275	275	250
Middle School Brochure Contest	370	325	400	400
Oration Contest	-	-	250	250
Middle School Video Contest	-	325	325	277
American History Teachers Award	163	-	175	-
JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest		575	575	500
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	801	831	831	-
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	179	200	176	176
Nininger Nursing Home & Other Veteran Support	226	274	274	-
Honor Flights of South Florida	1,000	1,000	1,000	750
Wreaths Across America	510	170	170	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	-	835	835
Public Service Awards & Compensated Meals	-	169	139	109
Community Service Organizations Support	-	-	-	-
SAR Foundation - Education Center & Museum	1,776	1,776	1,776	1,776
First Amphibious Landing Monument	-	5,000	10,825	10,825
Operating Expense & Supplies				
Color Guard Equipment & Support	456	-	-	-
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	866	960	929	894
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	42	42
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	211	100	210	205
Compensated Meals, General	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	20	20	345	325
Subtotal Expense	<u>12,507</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>25,365</u>	<u>17,924</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	67	-	-	-
Total Uses	<u>12,574</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>25,365</u>	<u>17,924</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>6,556</u>	<u>5,570</u>	<u>6,668</u>	<u>13,283</u>
Savings account opening balances				
	1,350	12,332	12,332	12,332
Deposits, Bond Redemptions & Interest	10,915	10,772	23,872	23,872
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(10,000)	(19,435)	(32,412)	(32,412)
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	67	(2,654)	(3,192)	(3,192)
Year Ending Savings Balance	<u>2,332</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>601</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury Securities				
Chapter Estimated Total (Less actual cash in savings \$36.54)		3,537.11	3,463.46	3,463.46
Trust Estimated Total (Less actual cash in savings \$63.91)		16,627.67	16,270.00	16,195.00

Amended 8/14/25