



## Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter

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### **General Membership Meeting Minutes** **11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.** **Saturday, May 25, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

#### **Attendance:**

**Members (17):** Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul <sup>ca</sup>, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider <sup>ca</sup>, Secretary; Kevin Shurte <sup>ca</sup>, Historian; Tim McLane <sup>ca</sup>, Chaplain; Jim Clark <sup>ca</sup>; Paul DeBold; Herb Gardner; Ronald Goodale; Martin Hollick; Jim Lohmeyer; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; John Sauerwald; David Scott; Matthew Scott; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (11):** Jason Milgram; Braeden Shurte; Ronna Adams; Ari Alvarez; Emanuel Chevere; Shelley Gardner; Ellen Higginbotham; Lois King; Katy Peterson; Kathy Shurte; and home aide, Ceta. 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. He stated that based on an idea discussed at the 2024 Spring BOM that he was adding the 250 Minute to the agenda and will give all members the opportunity to present at future meetings. Steve DePaul gave this month's 250 Minute which reported on the May 1776 meetings with representatives from the Six Nations of the Iroquois Tribe with the Continental Congress where Congress hoped, unsuccessfully, to secure an alliance with the Iroquois to fight against the British. Chuck Adams instructed the Color Guard to Advance the Colors.

**Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies:** The Color Guard performed the **Presentation of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by 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 March 16, 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 welcomed our newest junior member, Matthew David Scott, his father, Compatriot David Scott, mother Ari Alvarez, and stepbrother Emanuel Chevere. He also welcomed our newest applicant, Jason Milgram. Chuck stated that he also just submitted the dual member application for Bob Walsh who currently is in New Hampshire but should be back for our next meeting. By our next meeting, Chuck believes that the junior member application from Braeden R. Shurte will have been approved. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we are currently at 81. Chuck stated that Jim Clark was dressed in militia attire and is our newest member to join our Color Guard.

**Upcoming Events:** Chuck Adams stated that the Color Guard will participate on May 27, 2024, in the Pompano Beach Memorial Day Parade. The Color Guard will also attend the welcome home for the veteran passengers and volunteers going on the June 1, 2024, Honor Flight South Florida. Chuck Adams stated that registration is now open for those attending the 134<sup>th</sup> Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania being held July 10-16, 2024.

**Vice President – Steve DePaul:** Steve DePaul reported that the date for the dedication of the Liberty Tree at the City of Dania Beach has been approved for 4:00 pm on September 17, 2024, which is National Constitution Day. Steve said that he was the FLSSAR Chair of the newly created First Amphibious Assault Memorial Committee and would have more to report on that project at future meetings.

**Secretary – Mark Snider:**

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee did not meet this month.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that our total to date is 1871 points for the 2024 Stark Report. He asked that those attending or participating in any Memorial Day events with Veteran organizations to send an update to him with location, time spent and miles travelled. Mark's email is msnider4SAR@gmail.com. Mark reported that he received feedback concerning last year's Stark Award competition from Doug Gibbons, FLSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman. He said that 13 chapters in Florida submitted a 2023 Stark Report. Doug Gibbons told him that our chapter did very well and that we had the fourth highest number of points of the chapters that reported from Florida. We were behind only the Withlacoochee, Brevard, and Naples chapters. We exceeded chapters such as Miami, Pensacola, and St. Augustine, all of which have done well in the past. Mark stated that comparing to last year, we had the same number of points at the end of July as we do now, so we are on track to improve on last year's performance in Veteran's support and recognition.

CDCE / VAVS. Mark Snider and Chuck Adams attended the VAVS Committee on April 30<sup>th</sup> via Teams. Mark summarized the highlights.

- The National Veterans Golden Age Games will take place August 25-29<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah for Veterans 55 years and older. This consists of track and field events as well as events such as pickleball, golf, and bowling. If anyone is interested in participating, sponsoring, or volunteering see Mark for additional information, or you can go online on the VA website.
- They are looking for volunteers to drive vans to transport Vets to medical appointments.
- Centenarian Recognition Award – if you know of any Veteran who is over 100 years of age they can be submitted for this award. When Mark was speaking to the Nininger Rep, there is currently one resident who is a 101 year old WW2 Vet. Mark is working on submitting her for the award. This could also be an opportunity for color guard participation. Mark also stated that he has been in touch with the activity coordinator at Nininger and is working on a list of items they are in need of.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee. Mark stated there were no local scheduled events in the next month aside from Memorial Day events. He noted that May is Military Appreciation Month.

Honor Flight South Florida. Chuck Adams asked Ellen Higginbotham if she had anything to add on the Honor Flight Program. Ellen Higginbotham provided additional logistics on the scheduled flight for June 1, 2024. She stressed the need for additional volunteers and explained how one can volunteer to assist as a guardian or on the ground crew. Kevin Shurte stated that he was a ground crew volunteer. He reported that the Chapter had bought a supply of veteran thank-you cards. With the help of students at Ramblewood Middle School, he has delivered 70 completed cards for use in the upcoming flight and will continue doing this for future flights. Kevin stated that he has also recently delivered to the Nininger Nursing Home snacks and puzzles that he brought back from the Spring BOM.

**Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams:** Chuck Adams reported that as of April 30,2024, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$4,523, and the balance is \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,892.40. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$17,080.33. 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 May 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of Compatriot Thomas R. Carpenter Jr. He stated that the

newsletter has a report of pertinent events occurring at the May 2024 Board of Management (BOM) Meeting. The Chapter won first place in the 2023 Americanism Chapter Challenge. He explained the various categories that we typically report on. He stated that the points we earned in the 2023 Stark Report which carry over to the Americanism Report is perhaps what took us to the first place win.

### **Historian – Kevin Shurte**

**250 Anniversary Recognition Report:** Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report on *Capture of Fort Ticonderoga – May 10, 1775*, which is also published in the May 2024 Newsletter.

SAR Youth Education Programs. Kevin Shurte announced that our first place brochure contest entry from Giana Mann on the Bill of Rights won first place at the May BOM. Her entry will now be submitted to national and be judged at the upcoming 134<sup>th</sup> Congress. Kevin Shurte named and discussed the purpose of the seven SAR youth education programs, the: Elementary School Poster Contest; Middle School Brochure Contest; High School Essay Contest; High School Oration Contest; ROTC/JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest; and the Eagle Scout Essay Contest. He also discussed the American History Award Contest. He said that he is the FLSSAR Committee Chair for both the Education Outreach Committee and the American History Teachers Awards Committee. Statewide, it is the goal of the committees to increase chapter participation in one or more of these programs. Chuck Adams stated that we now know how to get this information to the JROTC Broward Schools senior instructors and to the South Florida Council BSA so next year we can do that as well as look to Kevin for his thoughts on the other contests.

### **C.A.R. 2023-2024 Report – Katy Peterson and Braeden Shurte.**

Braeden Shurte said that he was the current Treasurer of the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. and a junior member applicant to join SAR. He said that because of the Chapter's support, the C.A.R. has been able to help with many state and national C.A.R. projects. Your donations have contributed to projects such as the: U.S.O. Lounge at the Orlando International Airport; Florida Veteran's Foundation; Oscar Mike Foundation; and The Gary Sinise Foundation. You've also helped kids with cancer, the historic Halie House in Gainesville, Florida, the Endangered Florida Panthers and Big Cat Society, and the Endangered Right Whales. All of these are Florida Society C.A.R. projects supported by funds it has raised. At the State Conference, the organization working to protect the endangered Right Whale was presented a check for approximately \$5000 which was the 2023-2024 President's Project. Braeden thanked the Chapter for its support of this project, and for the Chapter's donations to the Swamp Fox Society. Braeden reported that for 2024-25, the Florida State President's Project will be raising donations for Wolfhounds Legacy, operating in Cape Coral, Florida, whose mission is to rescue dogs from high-risk shelters, train them, and pair them with veterans suffering from PTSD. Braeden said that their last meeting was held at Paws for Liberty in Lake Worth, Florida, and that they contributed \$100 to that organization's program in training support dogs for veterans. The Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. will resume meetings in October 2024.

Katy Peterson said that she distributed copies of their 2023-2024 annual report presented at the Florida Society C.A.R. State Conference in February 2024. Chuck Adams said that it would be published in the Chapter's June 2024 Newsletter. Chuck Adams presented Braeden Shurte with the Chapter's donation of \$350.00. He said that the Chapter will also make a donation later in the year at the commencement of the 2024-2025 program.

**New Member Induction:** Chuck Adams inducted new junior member Compatriot Matthew David Scott and presented his membership certificate. Steve DePaul presented the Rosette recognition lapel pin.

### **Medals, Certificates & Awards:**

**2023-2024 Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest:** Chuck Adams assisted by Kevin Shurte presented Braeden Shurte with a Certificate of Appreciation for his entry as a member of the C.A.R. in the Middle School Brochure Contest. Braeden's brochure was on the Boston Tea Party and Chuck Adams also presented him a SAR Boston Tea Party commemorative pin.

**250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate.** Chuck Adams presented Bronze Medal Certificates to Compatriots Jim Clark and Barry Moss.

**2024 JROTC & Sea Cadet Awards Program.** Chuck Adams presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Compatriots that served as Chapter Representatives or Coordinators at the various Broward schools for this year's award ceremonies. Out of the 31 schools in the Broward school district, the Chapter had a representative at 22 schools. In total we have awarded 28 ROTC and 6 Good Citizenship medals to JROTC cadets. We also awarded 1 Good Citizenship medal to a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, and Steve DePaul will award Good Citizenship medals to 2 Sea Cadets at their ceremony held on June 2, 2024. The following Compatriots were recognized: Chuck Adams; Jim Blakeslee; Tom Carpenter; Jim Clark, Steve DePaul, Jim McHugh, Paul Moore, Barry Moss, Joe Motes, Kevin Shurte, & Mark Snider.

### **Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 06/15/24).**

The Outback wait staff presented birthday cakes for Compatriot Jim Lohmeyer's 94<sup>th</sup> and for Shelley Gardner followed by best wishes conveyed by all attendees.

Memorial Day Parade. Chuck Adams said that the route is 2/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from the parking lot at the S.E. 2400 block off of Atlantic Boulevard to the cemetery entrance. He said that color guardsmen should be there by 8:15 a.m. Barry Moss clarified that the ceremony will be held in the portion of the cemetery on the northside of S.E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and that all are welcome to attend.

JROTC & Sea Cadet Awards Program. Chuck Adams said that the reason we were able to have representation of 70%+ at the school ceremonies was because of our volunteer representatives. He said that if other members would participate next year and just cover a school close to where they live, we could increase our coverage and perhaps get closer to 100%. Barry Moss commented on his experience and found it rewarding and encouraging.

Wounded Warriors Awards. Chuck Adams stated that it has been planned that wounded warrior certificates and challenge coins would be awarded at either the June or July meeting. Currently, we are awaiting nominees from Thomas Carpenter who is a volunteer at Dive4Vets where he works with many qualifying veterans.

Eagle Scout Award Recognition. Chuck Adams stated that he obtained a list of 145 recipients of the Eagle Scout earned over the last year from the South Florida Council BSA. He prepared 63 Certificates of Recognition for the Broward scouts and worked with Lee Popham who prepared the certificates for Miami-Dade scouts all of which were presented at the recognition dinner held on May 19, 2024.

Club Express. Chuck Adams stated that FLSSAR in cooperation with national will be implementing an online billing program for upcoming annual dues using Club Express. He said that for those members that prefer to pay by check, they can immediately opt out when they receive their first e-mail from Club Express. For those that wish to pay online, there will be an additional service charge of 3%. In addition to annual dues, the system will allow for payment of donations.

Other Announcements. Mark Snider announced that June 14<sup>th</sup> is National Flag Day, and it is also the birthdate of the U.S. Army. He also announced the promotion of Compatriot Zachary Snider to the rank of Major, USAF.

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

**Adjournment:** Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



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Call to Order and Introductions

Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 04/20/2024

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Medals, Certificates & Awards

- 2024 Middle School Brochure Contest C.A.R. Participant Certificate: Braeden Shurte
- 250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate: Tom Carpenter Jr, Jim Clark & Barry Moss
- 2024 JROTC & Sea Cadets Awards Committee Recognition: Chuck Adams, Jim Blakeslee, Tom Carpenter, Jim Clark, Steve DePaul, Jim McHugh, Paul Moore, Barry Moss, Joe Motes, Kevin Shurte, & Mark Snider

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Closing Ceremonies

- Benediction
- SAR Recessional

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	2023	2024 BUDGET		4/30/2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
Year Beginning Checking Balance	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>	<b>28,550</b>	<b>16,870</b>	<b>12,605</b>	<b>12,605</b>	<b>637</b>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>34,860</b>	<b>23,339</b>	<b>20,496</b>	<b>20,496</b>	<b>7,528</b>
<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	95
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	83
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	551	667	667	-
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	298
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	97
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	6
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<b>9,121</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>3,005</b>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>3,005</b>
<b>Year Ending Checking Balance</b>	<b>5,469</b>	<b>6,890</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>4,523</b>
<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>	<b>10,346</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>
<b>Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds</b>					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$392.40					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: <b>\$3,892.40</b>					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$980.32					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: <b>\$17,080.32</b>					