



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

Our most recently approved new member is Paul DeBold. You can learn more about Paul in the Member Profile published in this month's Newsletter. Our most recent new applicant is Cliff Dickinson. Also in the NSSAR application pipeline are submissions from: Ed E. Sisson, his sons, John B. Sisson and Mathew C. Sisson, and more recently, Scott Moore. At the end of 2022, we had 59 active members. As of this writing, we have 67- a 13% increase - with another 5 applicants anticipated to join our ranks over the next several months.

There are several positive things going on showing a growing interest among the very active membership to explore new ways to promote the goals of the SAR. Three committees are spearheading these initiatives.

Color Guard Committee. Chaired by myself, the current members include Steve De Paul, Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte, Tom Carpenter Jr, Jim Clark, Allen Manning and Tim McLane. The committee is reviewing the requirements and costs associated with forming a FLSSAR recognized Chapter Color Guard. Information is also being developed so that any member interested in purchasing a period authentic continental uniform or militia attire may consider that option whether or not they want to be part of a 3 - 5+ person Color Guard.

Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee. Chaired by Steve De Paul, the committee currently includes Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte. It is looking at 4 - 5 local non-profit organizations providing essential community services to residents in Broward County that the Chapter may wish to help support with a charitable donation. Last month, the first donation of \$210.00 was presented to the Broward Outreach Centers.

Veterans Administration Voluntary Support (VAVS) and Stark Awards Program Committee. Chaired by Mark Snider, the committee currently includes Tom Carpenter Jr and John Sauerwald. Mark has written a comprehensive article appearing in this Newsletter which outlines the SAR Stark Awards Program and other Veteran's support activities which the committee is reviewing to determine how the Chapter or Chapter members can participate in an organized manner.

As the work of the various committees progresses, we will continue to assess how the forthcoming recommendations support the SAR's mission and core programs falling within the categories of Patriotic, Historic, and Educational.

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

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams  
President and Registrar/Genealogist  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

### SAR 1776 CAMPAIGN

On March 11, 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter presented a check in the amount of \$1,776.00 to Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, a Member of the SAR Foundation Board. This donation is the Chapter's 2023 contribution to the SAR 1776 Campaign for the completion of the SAR Education Center and Museum. The donation was made in the name of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter and the Compatriot John Copanos (1970 - 2022) Estate. It was made possible by a generous donation made by the John Copanos Estate and fifteen (15) contributing Compatriot Chapter Members.



SAR Foundation Board Member Lee Popham presented check for \$1,776 from Chapter President Chuck Adams. Other Chapter Members present from left in front row: Kevin Shurte and Joe Motes; and from left on back row: Steve De Paul, Rick Kidder Jr, Tom Carpenter Jr and Jim Lohmeyer.

### NEXT MEETING - APRIL 15, 2023

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

#### Future Dates:

- 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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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY  
MARCH 18, 2023**

At our March 18, 2023, meeting we had 18 members and 7 guests. **Members (18):** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President; Joe Motes, Treasurer & Historian/Editor; Mark Snider, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Thomas Carpenter Jr; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; Dave Lohmeyer; Allen Manning; Tim McLane, Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Kevin Shurte; and Michael Spear. **Prospective Members & Guests (7):** Ronald Goodale, inactive member; Lincoln Pero, prospect; Ed Sisson, applicant; Linda DeBold; Shelly Gardner; Dr. Bernard Hecht; and Lian Navarro, Broward Outreach Centers.

After introduction and opening remarks, Chuck Adams summarized the efforts to date of the Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee which is looking into several local organizations that the Chapter may support. The first to be approved by the Executive Committee is for a \$210 donation to the Broward Outreach Centers which will fund 100 meals for the homeless at its Easter Dinner Event. Lian Navarro, representing the Broward Outreach Centers, explained the mission and the many programs offered by the organization. The Chapter's check along with a certificate of appreciation was presented by Chuck Adams along with committee members Steve De Paul, Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte.

Chuck Adams gave the report on membership and upcoming events. He announced the appointment of Steve De Paul as Sergeant-at-Arms. Steve De Paul gave an update on the Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee. Mark Snider provided a summary of the March 8, 2023, Executive Committee meeting which had approved and amendment to the 2023 Annual Budget. He gave an extensive report on the SAR Stark Award and Veteran Assistance Programs that the Chapter can participate in, including the Honor Flights welcome home event being held on April 1, 2023. Chuck Adams gave an update on the recently amended 2023 Annual Budget. Joe Motes reported on the status of funds in Chapter accounts. He also provided an update on certificates of recognition issued to Eagle Scouts, and on actual and scheduled Bronze Medals and Certificates being awarded to JRROTC candidates.

Later in the meeting, Chuck Adams inducted Tim McLane, welcoming him into the Chapter. He also presented Allen Manning and Joe Motes with their Certificate of Appreciation for service as 2022 Chapter Officer. Allen served as Vice-President, and Joe served as Treasurer, Historian/ Editor and Sergeant-at-Arms.

There were several items discussed as part of old and new business. Thanks were conveyed to the fifteen members who contributed to the Chapter's donation of \$1,776 to the SAR Foundation to assist in the funding of the SAR Education Center and Museum Project. There was an update on the efforts to form a Chapter Color Guard. It was also announced that eight Chapter Compatriots will be recognized for their military or war time service at the April 15, 2023 meeting.

To read the complete set of minutes of the March 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).

**VAVS / USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD COMMITTEE –  
MARK SNIDER:**

The VAVS / USS Stark Memorial Award Committee was formed with Mark Snider as Chair and Committee members Tom Carpenter and John Sauerwald. Our objective is to identify and record activities that the Chapter performs in the support and recognition of Veterans. The award is promoted by the National SAR and the award is grouped by Chapter size, so we are competing with Chapters having a similar size membership as ours.

The types of support recognized by the Stark Award Program include:

1. Time served volunteering in Veterans Hospitals of visiting Veterans in the Hospital, Nursing Homes, or Private Residences, or taking them on outings. This can include Veterans you already may know and interact with.
2. Gifts donated to Veterans in Hospitals or Nursing Homes, such as personal items, toiletries, toothpaste, nail care items, playing cards, puzzles and non-perishable food items. Cash, gift cards, or clothing.
3. Publications, books, or magazines. A recommendation was generally large print, with pictures and history topics.
4. Participation in the SAR Wounded Warrior Program.
5. Activities recognizing or supporting Veterans in cooperation with other organizations. This can include attendance at Independence Day, Memorial Day, or Veteran's Day ceremonies.
6. Decoration of Veteran's graves with flags, wreaths, Veteran's markers. Attendance or participating in a Veteran's Funeral.
7. Donations of working electronic items such as computers, TVs, etc., to Veteran's Hospitals or Nursing Homes.

We will be working directly with the Nininger State Veteran's Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines to identify ways by which we can make an impact as a Chapter, but individual members are encouraged to contribute in any way that you can.

There are several upcoming activities to be aware of:

First, on the Honor Flights Program – there will be opportunities for anyone interested to join in welcoming the returning flights at the Fort Lauderdale International Airport. The next flight is scheduled to return on May 6th. More information is available at <https://www.honorflightsouthflorida.org/> and we will have updates at future Chapter meetings.

Second - we have applied to be a Partner to the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration which is taking place with various events throughout the Country through 2025. We will have updates on this as events are scheduled. "The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families." For more information: [50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration | Vietnam War Commemoration \(vietnamwar50th.com\)](https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/).

Final word: All members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these programs independently or with the group. If you are already involved with any Veterans, you are encouraged to continue. Record your time, miles driven, and keep any receipts for donations so our chapter can receive credit for your efforts. If you have any questions, you can reach out to me at our meetings, or email me at [msnider4sar@gmail.com](mailto:msnider4sar@gmail.com).



Broward Outreach Centers representative Lian Navarro presented a check for \$210 from Chapter President Chuck Adams. Also shown from left are FRCG committee members Steve De Paul, Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte.



Allen Manning received a Certificate of Appreciation for his service in 2022.



Joe Motes received a Certificate of Appreciation for his service in 2022.



New member Timothy McLane was inducted by Chapter President Chuck Adams and his rosette pinned on by Past State and Chapter President Ted Duay.

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**John "Buck" Arnold (1996 – 2023)**  
*A complete copy of Buck's obituary, originally published on March 17, 2023 in the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, can be read in its entirety at Legacy.com, [John Arnold Obituary \(1996 - 2023\) - Fort Lauderdale, FL - Sun-Sentinel \(legacy.com\)](#). The following is a condensed abstract and summary.*

"John Buchanan "Buck" Avery Arnold died in Seattle, WA on March 2, 2023. He was attending the Divers Institute of Technology at the time of his death. Buck, 26 years old, was born in Lexington, KY on June 2, 1996. Buck spent most of his life in Fort Lauderdale. He graduated from St. Mark's Episcopal School in 2011 and Cardinal Gibbons High School in 2015. He was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Florida Atlantic University (FAU).

Buck is survived by his parents, Dr. Patrick and Lisa Arnold, his brother, Hart Arnold and countless family and friends.

Buck lived his life to the fullest, and always did so with a smile on his face. He was most at home on a surfboard and in the middle of nature. He was a talented musician and a natural front man, always seemingly running for mayor wherever he was. His charisma was unmatched and his laugh filled up every room. Buck's immense love and infectious energy will be remembered always.

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Buck was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

A memorial service was held on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL."

Editor's Note: Buck's primary application was approved by SAR on July 24, 2020. He was inducted by the Fort Lauderdale Chapter during a Zoom meeting held on September 27, 2020, along with his father, Patrick, and younger brother, Hart. Buck was a fine young man. On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR, we wish to convey our sincere condolences to Patrick, Lisa, and Hart. We are sorry for your loss, and the loss of Buck to all who knew him.

Chuck Adams, President, Fort Lauderdale SAR

**SAR MEMBER PROFILE - PAUL DeBOLD**  
**Interviewed by: Chuck Adams**



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

A. I was born in Yonkers, NY in 1946, and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1956. I graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School, and I attended Broward College (formerly Broward Community College). I am a graduate of the Broward County Police Academy.

Q. Did you serve in the military?

A. I served with the US Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary from 1963 to 2006 which included both active duty and reserve service. My duties included service aboard several US Coast Guard Cutters as a Deck Watch Officer. I retired in 2006 as a Master Chief Boatswains mate.

Q. What is or was your occupation, and tell us about some of your recreational interests?

A. In 1967 I started as a Police Officer with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, and in 1980 I took an early retirement from the FLPD. I then formed a company, offering marine surveyor services until 2019 when I fully retired.

I love the water, and am active in boating, scuba and skin diving. I enjoy sailing to the Bahamas with our children on our sailboat. I also enjoy doing local and offshore yacht deliveries using celestial (before GPS) navigation.

Q. How about your family?

A. I married my wife Linda in 1968. We have two daughters and one son. They have provided us with six grandchildren (4 boys & two girls). Two of the grandchildren, thus far, have provided us with two great-grandsons.

Q. Who is your primary Patriot ancestor?

A. James Miller of Berkshire County, VA, who provided patriotic service to the Virginia Troops.

Q. How do you hope to contribute to Chapter development?

A. I plan to attend chapter meetings and participate in SAR programs.

Thanks, Paul, for sharing.