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Presidents Message

Compatriots and Friends,

I will start off by welcoming into the Chapter our recent in-state transferees Earl Higginbotham and Daniel Kvarnberg. Both were also at our September 17th lunch meeting for those other lunch attendees that had an opportunity to meet them.

The FLSSAR semi-annual Board of Management meeting will be held at Lake Buena Vista South – Kissimmee, Florida from October 7 – 9, 2022. I am pleased to announce that Steven DePaul will be attending for the Chapter. We can look forward to his report at our October 15th lunch meeting.

In the September 2022 Newsletter as well as at that month's lunch meeting, I continued to encourage older members and all current officers and executive board members to complete a Member Profile for publication in an upcoming newsletter. I am pleased that Joe Motes has recently shared his profile which is featured in this month's newsletter. The Member Profile is a way for each of us to get to know our fellow compatriots a little better. Please consider contributing if you have not already.

This is the time of the year when we seek out any of you who may want to be considered for one of our 2023 elected officer positions. The Chapter's elected positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist and Historian/Editor. Anyone interested in being considered must notify me no later than by Friday, October 7, 2022. The Executive Committee will meet on or about Sunday, October 9, 2022, to finalize the proposed slate of officers for 2023. The proposed slate will be announced at our lunch meeting on October 15th as well as by e-mail to the 2022 active membership. The election will be held at our November 19th lunch meeting.

ERRATUS: The September 2022 Newsletter, I apologize for having grossly misstated the wrong month for the dates of the 2023 NSSAR 133rd Annual Congress being held in Orlando, Florida. The dates with early arrival are from July 13 – July 20, 2023. The kickoff Host Reception is Saturday, July 15, 2023, which is the day most attendees will arrive. NSSAR now has a special page with the link for making hotel reservations posted on its site under the events tab. You can go there or access it through the Chapter website by scrolling to the bottom of our "Events" page.

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For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter Sons of The American Revolution attended the September meeting of the Swamp Fox C.A.R. and presented a check from the chapter for \$350 and Joe Motes presented a personal check for \$50.

NEXT MEETING - October 15, 2022

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

Future Dates:

Saturday, 11/19/2022
Saturday, 12/10/2022 Wreaths Across America
Saturday, 01/21/2023
Saturday, 02/18/2023
Saturday, 03/18/2023
Saturday, 04/15/2023

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY - SEPT 17, 2022

At our September 17, 2022, meeting we had eleven members and thirteen guests present. **Members:** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steven DePaul; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; Allen Manning; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Jeffrey Watts. **Guests:** Earl Higginbotham (Miami Chapter); Daniel Kvarnberg (Central Florida Chapter); Tim McLane; Barry Moss; Kevin Shurte; Michael Spear; Ronna Adams; Maria Comarado; Shelley Garner; Ellen Higginbotham; Emery Kvarnberg; Detective John Curcio (BSO) and Captain Virginio Gallardo (BSO).

Officer and Committee Reports were given by Chuck Adams, and Joe Motes. Chuck discussed the status of new prospects and applications to NSSAR that are under review. New applicants or prospects present at this meeting; Barry Moss, Kevin Shurte, Michael Spear and Tim McLane. He acknowledged the presence of Earl Higginbotham and Daniel Kvarnberg, both members of other Florida chapters, who will transfer into our Chapter. Chuck announced several upcoming events including the October 7-9 BOM meeting that will be attended by Steven DePaul. He encouraged all members to consider attending the 133rd National Annual Congress that will be held from July 13 - 20, 2023 in Orlando. Joe Motes gave the update on the Chapter's current status of funds. He will be attending the September 18, 2022 CAR meeting and present our semi-annual contribution.

Chuck Adams discussed the process for the 2023 Election of Chapter Officers. All elected positions are open for consideration and anyone interested should notify Chuck. The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist, Historian/Editor, and Chaplain. The Executive Committee will meet and announce the recommended slate at the meeting of October 15, 2022. The election shall be held at the meeting of November 19, 2022.

At this meeting, Compatriot Jeffrey Watts was inducted by Chuck Adams who was assisted by Ted Duay. It was acknowledged that Jeffrey's son, Joshua Watts, resides out-of-state and was also approved into membership by SAR. Ted Duay presented Supplemental Ancestor Certificates to Chuck Adams and Martin Hollick. Chuck Adams presented the Chapter's 2022 Public Safety Commendations and Medals. BSO Detective John Curcio received the Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal, and BSO Captain Virginio Gallardo received the Fire Safety Commendation and Medal.

During Old/New Business, Ellen Higginbotham announced that there will be a South Florida Honor Flight "WELCOME HOME" this evening at 8 p.m. at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport for our Veterans who were on Mission XXV.

To read the complete set of minutes of the July 16, 2022 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.forlauderdalelessar.org.

2022 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

By Chuck Adams

At our September 17, 2022 lunch meeting, we conducted our 2022 Public Service Awards Program. Both the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award and the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award are presented to individuals for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in their respective area. Nominations were solicited from the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) by Vice-President, Allen Manning. President Chuck Adams made the presentations to this year's recipients as follows:

"The Broward Sheriff's Office has recommended and the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR concurs that the Chapter's 2022 recipient of the Law Enforcement Commendation Award is Detective John Curcio and that the Chapter's 2022 recipient of the Fire Safety Commendation Award is Captain Virginio Gallardo.

Detective Curcio is a highly regarded member of BSO's homicide unit. He has served in law enforcement for 40 years, and as a homicide investigator for the last 24 years. His meticulous skills are recognized and valued by his superiors at BSO who believe him to be one of the best homicide investigators in the county.

Captain Gallardo has been in the fire rescue field since 2004 and with BSO as part of the county-wide consolidation of services since 2007. He has risen through the ranks and is currently Captain of the Hazardous Materials Team. Besides overseeing those duties to keep our residents safe, he is particularly being recognized for his administrative-organizational and team building skills."

This is the first time in nearly five years that the Chapter has made a meritorious public service award. The Chapter now has a Public Safety Awards Committee set up to canvass Broward public safety offices in order to obtain nominations and make awards at least annually if not more often.



President Chuck Adams presented the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Captain Virginio Gallardo of Broward County and also presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective John Curcio.



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter held their September 17th meeting which was attended by 20 members and guests, President Chuck Adams swore in new member Jeffrey Watts and past State President Ted Duay pinned the rosette on Jeffrey. Ted Duay present Supplemental Certificates to President Chuck Adams and Martin Hollick.



SAR MEMBER PROFILE JOSEPH M. MOTES

Interviewed By: Chuck Adams

Q. Ok Joe, you have been a member of SAR since September 1994, and have been actively involved with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter most of that time. Tell us a little bit about your involvement with the Chapter.

A. I am currently the Chapter's Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sgt-at-Arms. I have served the Chapter holding the following positions: President 5 varying years; Vice President 6 varying years; Treasurer 16 consecutive years-to-date, Editor 26 consecutive years-to-date, JROTC Chairman 26 consecutive years-to-date, Sgt-at-Arms 16 consecutive years-to-date, Eagle Scout Chairman 16 consecutive years-to-date. Over my years of service, I have also been recognized by the Florida Society as follows: the Roger Sherman Medal Award (2022); the Meritorious Service Medal Award (2021), the Patriot Medal (2015); the Distinguished Service Medal (2014); the War Service Medal (1999); and the Service to Veterans Medal (2004).

Q. How about your family?

A. My ex-wife, Shirley Jean (Kemarly) Motes, and I were married 8 years during the 1990's. We have a 31-year-old daughter, Ashley Lynn Motes, who lives in Saint Peters, MO.

Q. I understand that you are a veteran and are involved with veteran organizations?

A. I served in the U.S. Marine Corps for seven years with 13 months in Vietnam. I am a member and very active with the American Legion, Post 385; Marine Corps League Tamarac Detachment 755; and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 29. I also am a volunteer at the local V.A., assisting there since 2008.

Q. Are you still working or have you retired?

A. I retired in 2007. I worked for Eastern Airlines for fifteen years and then fifteen years for Norwegian Cruise Lines. For thirty years, I was also President/Promoter/Owner of Vulkan Entertainment through which I produced 200 plus Star Trek Conventions nationwide and 12 Star Trek / Sci-Fi cruises. I love cruising and, so far, have been on 37 cruises.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My qualifying ancestor was Jonathan Motes who served in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment. enlisting March 8, 1777, as a Revolutionary Soldier. An additional ancestor was William Dendy, also of South Carolina, who performed civil service and patriotic services during the war.

Thanks, Joe, for sharing.

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**City of Plantation Rae Carole Armstrong Liberty Tree Park
Submitted by: Ted Duay**



George Washington crossing the Delaware.



Elizabeth "Betsy" Ross sewed the first American Flag at the request of Gen. George Washington



From left to right - Bill Milam, David Kramer, Rob Joynt, Ted Duay, Bob Dooley, Don Green, Jim Lohmeyer, Bill Platt, Lance Pfeifer, and Joe Motes.

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At its March 2012 meeting, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR dedicated a Liberty Tree with a commemorative plaque at the Rae Carole Armstrong Liberty Tree Park in Plantation. The history of the first Liberty Tree planted in Boston Commons in protest of the British Stamp Tax was discussed. The dedication of the Chapter's Liberty Tree coincided with the anniversary of the British evacuation of occupied Boston in March 1776 under threat of cannon fire by George Washington and his army on Dorchester Heights.

On September 19, 2022, I visited the Chapter's Liberty Tree to see how it was doing. What was once a small sapling under the shade of a larger tree has grown over the years into an impressive tree which I was pleased to see.

