



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, February 17, 2024** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (17): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul ^{ca}, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr ^{ca}; Jim Clark; Ted Duay; Martin Hollick; James Lohmeyer; Dave Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; Ed Sisson; Ken Williams; and Konnor Williams. **Prospective Members / Guests (3):** Bob Walsh, New Hampshire Society (NHS) SAR, Ellen Higginbotham; and Sharon Hollick. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

Call to Order and Introductions: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. 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. He conveyed condolences to the family of recently deceased Librarian General, Fred Olive. He also conveyed get well wishes to Tom Shepherd. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** made by Mark Snider and seconded by Ted Duay to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Officer's, Committee's, and 250 Anniversary Recognition Reports:

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams recognized the presence of our newest approved members, Ken and Konnor Williams and Paul Moore. He also welcomed to the meeting our SAR compatriot visitor from the New Hampshire Society, Bob Walsh. Currently, we only have the second supplemental application submitted by Kevin Shurte pending SAR approval. He said that he just received notice that our reinstatement, David Scott, has just been approved by SAR which brings our year-to-date membership from 75 to 79.

Officer and Committee Chairmen Appointments. Chuck Adams summarized the Chapter Bylaws as related to appointed officers and ad hoc committees, and he announced the following appointments:

- Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve DePaul
- Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Ken Williams
- 250 Recognition Program - Chuck Adams & Kevin Shurte, Co-Chairmen
- Liberty Tree Dedication Program - Steve DePaul, Chairman
- Veterans Support & US Stark Awards Program - Mark Snider, Chairman
- JROTC / Sea Cadets Awards Program - Joe Motes & Mark Snider, Co-Chairmen
- Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scout Recognition Program - Chuck Adams, Chairman
- Youth Program Education Contests & Awards Program - Kevin Shurte, Chairman
- First Responder and Law Enforcement Awards Program – Ken Williams, Chairman
- C.A.R. & DAR Relations - Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Joe Motes & Kevin Shurte, no chair.

Chuck Adams stated that he had recently circulated the 2023 Stark Award Program Report and the Americanism Report. He said that a review of the scoring criteria in each report will give members a crash overview of the main programs and activities promoted by SAR. He said that the Chapter's scores in both reports were the highest documented since he first got involved in 2018. He stated that a reporting area where we could easily participate is in the submission of a Patriot Ancestor Biography, and he encouraged members to consider preparing and submitting a biography of their patriot ancestor.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that now is the time to place your hotel registration and submit your FLSSAR registration form for those planning to attend the Spring BOM to be held May 17-18, 2024, at Kissimmee, FL. Chuck Adams stated that page 6 of the February 2024 Newsletter lists all 2024 Chapter, State and National events currently known for this year.

Vice President – Steve De Paul: Steve De Paul reported on the status of the Liberty Tree Dedication Project. Currently, plans are being finalized for a 2024 dedication in the City of Dania Beach, and for a 2025 dedication in the City of Pompano Beach. Discussions are planned to start for a future dedication in the City of Tamarac.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on February 11, 2024, with a quorum present. As provided by the Chapter Bylaws, it adopted the 2024 Chapter budget.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee Report: Mark stated that in 2023 we documented 6,109 points. He said that our Chapter had a strong showing at Wreaths Across America. We had 12 members attending Forest Lawn and other venues, and the Chapter Color Guard performed the presentation of colors at Forest Lawn. Mark stated that he was working on ideas for the 2024 program, including the wounded warrior medal. Tom Carpenter Jr said that he could help on possible candidates. Mark said that due to a last-minute change in the meeting date, he was unable to attend the CDCE/VAVC Zoom meeting held on January 31, 2024. He reported that he Vietnam Vet Commemorative Committee has designated March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day (NVWVD).

Mark asked Ellen Higginbotham to provide an update on the Honor Flights South Florida. Ellen Higginbotham said that the next two flights from Fort Lauderdale are scheduled for April 13 and June 1, 2024. She discussed ways that those interested can volunteer, whether to accompany veterans on the flight or in other ways. She also identified a few upcoming special events supporting the Honor Flight Program:

- Fund raising raffle for a luxury 10-day trip for 2 to Ireland valued at over \$10,000. Tickets are \$10 and limited to 2500 tickets to be sold. Drawing on Sunday, March 10th at the Jupiter Irish Fest.
- Spring 2024 patriotic concert - An American Celebration with the Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds. The concert will be held at the Kings Point (Tamarac) Palace Theater on May 19, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Tickets are free, and donations will be welcomed onsite to support our Mission. Tickets can be obtained directly through the Kings Point office.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that the recently adopted 2024 budget is shown on the distributed Status of Fund Report. As of January 31, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$5,171, and the balance is \$1,351 in the savings account. The report also shows all 2023 transactions and balances carried over to 2024. 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.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the February 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profiles for Ken and Konnor Williams.

Youth Programs. Chuck Adams stated that Kevin Shurte is representing the Chapter at the Florida C.A.R. Annual Conference. He stated that Kevin has been instrumental in organizing the SAR Middle School Brochure Contest. Kevin believes that over 200 entries will be submitted and that he will receive by March 1st the best submissions from the five teachers participating in the program at Ramblewood Middle School in Coral Springs. Kevin will take these submission and narrow the final entries to the top 25 or less. Cash awards will be made: first place - \$150, second place - \$100; and third place - \$50; certificates of appreciation will be given to the top 25 entries and \$10 gift cards to the five teachers. The Executive Committee and all lunch attendees that wish to participate will select the top three finalists. He went on to explain further details about the selection process and asked those non-executive committee members present whether they wished to participate. There were no other members present that wished to participate.

Historian – 250 Anniversary Recognition Report: In the absence of Kevin Shurte, Ed Sisson gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report on *The Franco-America Alliance – February 6, 1778*, which is also published in the February 2024 Newsletter.

New Member Inductions. Chuck Adams inducted Compatriots Kenneth G. Williams II and Konnor Williams and presented them their membership certificates. Ted Duay presented their Rosette recognition lapel pin.

Medals, Certificates & Awards:

Supplemental Application Certificates. Ted Duay presented recently approved supplemental ancestor certificates to Martin Hollick for his 2nd and Chuck Adams for his 9th SAR approval.

250 Anniversary Recognition Program - Bronze Certificates. Chuck Adams presented 250 Anniversary Program Recognition Bronze Certificates to Tim McLane and Paul Moore. He stated that Tim McLane also qualifies for the Silver Medal Award, and that his application will be submitted shortly to FLSSAR.

2023 Chapter Officers Certificates of Appreciation. Chuck Adams stated that it has been the Chapter's practice to recognize its prior year officers with a Certificate of Appreciation. As stated on the agenda, 2023 Chapter officers and/or members of the Executive Committee being recognized are: Chuck Adams, President, Genealogist/Registrar; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Joe Motes, Treasurer & Editor; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; and Tim McLane, Chaplain. Additional Executive Committee members recognized are: Tom Shepherd, Past President; and Pete Stevenson, Member-at-Large. Chuck Adams presented Certificates of Appreciation to those named officers present: Chuck Adams, Jim Lohmeyer, Tim McLane, and Mark Snider.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 03/16/24). None.

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

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



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Approval of Minutes: 11/11/2023

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Medals, Certificates & Awards

- Supplemental Application Certificates: Martin Hollick and Chuck Adams
- 250 Anniversary Recognition Bronze Certificates: Tim McLane and Paul Moore
- 2023 Chapter Officers Certificates of Appreciations: Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte, Joe Motes Jim Lohmeyer, Tim McLane, Pete Stevenson & Tom Shepherd.

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- Benediction
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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		1/31/2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	6,891	6,891	6,891
REVENUE					
New Applicant Dues, Fees & Reinstatements	525	455	335	335	-
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	-
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,496	2,500	2,500	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Revenue	<u>28,550</u>	<u>16,870</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>12,605</u>	<u>117</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Total Sources	<u>34,860</u>	<u>23,339</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>7,008</u>
USES OF FUNDS					
EXPENSE					
Organizational Expense					
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	-
Non-Member Programs & Contributions					
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	350	-
JROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	785	940	940	-
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	128	200	200	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	551	667	667	-
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	650	1,000	1,000	-
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
Operating Expense & Supplies					
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	326	800	800	-
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,802	1,500	1,500	-
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30	-
Postage and Other Operating Supplies	36	217	150	150	-
Compensated Meals, General	94	-	-	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	20	20	20	-
Subtotal Expense	<u>9,121</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>1,837</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	-	-	-
Total Uses	<u>29,390</u>	<u>16,449</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>14,677</u>	<u>1,837</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>5,469</u>	<u>6,890</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>5,171</u>
Savings account opening balances					
Deposits & Interest	3	3	2	2	-
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(10,000)	-	-	-
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	1,000	-	-	-
Year Ending Savings Balance	<u>10,346</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,351</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds					
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	-	-	-
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$392.40					
Chapter Cumulative Balance: \$3,892.40					
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	-	-	-
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$980.32					
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$17,080.32					