



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, September 16, 2023** **Outback Steakhouse** **2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328**

Attendance:

Members (17): Chuck Adams,^{ca} President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider,^{ca} Secretary; Kevin Shurte,^{ca} Historian; Tim McLane,^{ca} Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Peter DeWick; Ted Duay; Ron Goodale; Daniel Kvarnberg; Martin Hollick; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; John Sauerwald; Michael Spear; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (2):** Kenneth Williams, Prospect; and Ronna Adams. The subscript ^{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 12:10 p.m. Mark Snider announced that September 16 marks the anniversary of the departure of the Mayflower in 1620 from Plymouth, England. Chuck Adams instructed the Color Guard to Advance the Colors.

Color Guard Presentation of Colors and Opening Ceremonies: The **Presentation of Colors** was performed by the Color Guard. The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Tim McLane conducted the **POW – MIA “Missing Man” Table Ceremony**.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** made by Mark Snider and seconded by Steve De Paul to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 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 members Peter H. DeWick and H. Lincoln Pero. He also welcomed to the meeting our newest prospect, Kenneth Williams. He said that he is also working with a few other prospects. Applications submitted and under SAR review are from brothers, Blair and Newton Collins, and Eric Knott. Chuck stated that previously submitted supplemental applications pending approval include: Martin Hollick, his 9th and a 2nd recently submitted by Kevin Shurte. Chuck said that year-to-date, our membership has increased from 59 to net 76 with four or five more anticipated to be approved before mid-December 2023.

2024 Membership Renewal. Chuck Adams reported that out of 76 members, there are only 18 left to pay next year’s dues. Additional donations to the Chapter are currently in excess of \$1,500, and there should be no problem in making our contribution in January 2024 of \$1,776 to the SAR Education Center and Museum Project.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that the Fall BOM will be held October 20 – 21, 2023 at Kissimmee, FL. He along with Steve De Paul and Kevin Shurte will attend.

Liberty Tree Dedication Committee. Chuck Adams said that, based on interest proposed by Mark Snider and discussed at the September 12th Executive Committee, he is forming a Liberty Tree Dedication Committee to explore options for a 2024 dedication estimated to cost \$1,500. Chuck stated that Mark Snider and Steve De Paul will co-chair the committee and Ted Duay will participate to provide historical background. Ted Duay summarized what the Chapter did in 2012 with the City of Plantation.

2024 Election of Officers. Chuck Adams stated that our by-laws provide that in September we start the process for nomination of proposed 2024 Chapter officers with elections to be conducted at our meeting of November 11, 2023. After naming the elected positions, he asked that any member interested in being considered for one of these positions, to let him know by September 30, 2023. The Executive Committee will then meet to discuss and recommend the proposed slate of 2024 Chapter officers which will be announced at the Chapter lunch meeting scheduled for October 14, 2023.

Vice President – Steve De Paul: Steve De Paul stated that he had distributed three pamphlets: the SAR information pamphlet which summaries what we do and how to join; a pamphlet on “Old Glory”, and one on how to honor and display the American Flag.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee. Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on September 12, 2023. It adopted the amended budget as of August 31, 2023, which includes new donations totaling \$400.00 to assist in funding the September 23 and October 28, 2023, Honor Flight South Florida. The 2023 Revised Calendar for the remaining year was also approved with the meetings for the remaining year scheduled for October 14 and November 11, 2023.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee Report: Mark stated that 2851 points have been accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program. He and Chuck Adams attended the celebration of life for Compatriot Earl Higginbotham held on September 9, 2023. On September 13, 2023, he along with Steve De Paul and Tim McLane attended the reburial ceremony for WW II soldier, U.S. Army Pfc Roy J. Searle, held at the South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.

Honor Flights South Florida. Mark Snider stated that the remaining flights for this year will be on September 23, 2023, and October 28, 2023, and that both will depart from and return to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Chapter Color Guardsmen will participate at the welcome home, and all Compatriots are also invited to attend.

Vietnam Commemorative Partnership Program. Mark Snider stated that our meeting of November 11th occurs on Veterans Day and that our Vietnam War Veterans as well as all other Chapter veterans will be recognized at that meeting.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: In the absence of Joe Motes, Chuck Adams reported that all year-to-date transactions are recorded on the provided Status of Fund Report. As of August 31, 2023, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$11,674, and the balance is \$1,349 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,800.20. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$16,707.32.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the September 2023 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profiles of Peter H. DeWick and R. James McHugh. It also has an article on the special farewell lunch held for Joe Motes

focusing on his contributions to the Chapter for which he was awarded the Bronze Meritorious Service Award on July 27, 2023.

Youth Programs. Chuck reported that the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. will be starting their 2023-24 program. They will meet once every month from October to January, participate in the State Conference held in February, and resume meetings held in March and April. He and Kevin Shurte will attend as senior advisors.

Historian – Kevin Shurte: Chuck Adams congratulated Kevin Shurte on his recent appointment as Chairman of the FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee.

250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report. Kevin Shurte presented his report on *First Continental Congress – September 5, 1774*, which is also published in the September 2023 Newsletter.

Middle School Brochure Contest. Kevin Shurte reported that he has received permission to offer the SAR Middle School Brochure Contest at Ramblewood Middle School, Coral Springs, FL. There are potentially 600 students that will participate with the Chapter to get the final 24 best submission to judge early in 2024. Three cash awards totaling between \$300 - \$500 will be given to the first, second and third place winners.

Youth Education Award Program. Kevin Shurte explained that any approved Compatriot giving 15 educational presentations to school age children can qualify for this SAR Program. In celebration of Constitution Day, on September 15, 2023, he gave 5 presentations at the Ramblewood Middle School located in Coral Springs, FL.

Induction of New Member Compatriots. Chuck Adams inducted Compatriots Peter H. DeWick and H. Lincoln Pero, and he presented both their membership certificates. Ted Duay presented the Rosette recognition lapel pin to both Compatriots.

Presentation of Supplemental Ancestor Certificates. Chuck Adams presented the SAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to Kevin Shurte recognizing his lineage to Patriot Ezekiel Baldwin.

Recognition of 250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Recipients. Chuck Adams explained the medal criteria for recognition under the SAR 250 Anniversary Program. Those who have qualified for the Bronze Medal are: Tom Shepherd, Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte, Steve De Paul, and himself. He stated that the bronze medal and certificate are on back order, but that Kevin Shurte was able to get his. Chuck Adams presented Kevin Shurte with the SAR 250 Anniversary Program Bronze Medal. He stated that he along with Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte, Steve De Paul have also qualified for the Silver Medal and applications have been submitted to the Florida Society for award later this year.

Unfinished Business / New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 10/14/23).

Kevin Shurte reported on his participation on September 9, 2023, in the FLSSAR Color Guard which performed opening ceremonies for the FLSDAR Fall Forum held between September 7 -10, 2023 In Orlando, Florida.

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 1:45 p.m.



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Approval of Minutes: 07/29/23

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Presentation of Supplemental Ancestor Certificate – Kevin R. Shurte

Recognition of 250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Recipients – Chuck Adams, Steve De Paul, Tom Shepherd, Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte

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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.

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BUDGET COMPARISON**

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET ORIGINAL	AMENDED	8/31/2023 ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	5,469	5,469
INCOME				
New Applicant Dues & Fees, Reinstmt's & Transfers	525	175	420	350
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,440	840
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	4,725	2,696
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	3,250	3,034
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	3,750	3,750
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,500	1,496
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-
Subtotal - Income	<u>28,550</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>16,085</u>	<u>12,166</u>
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,500	1,000	1,000
Total Sources	<u>34,860</u>	<u>16,979</u>	<u>22,554</u>	<u>18,635</u>
USES OF FUNDS				
EXPENSE				
Organizational Expense				
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	3,695	4,780	165
Florida Annual Report	123	123	61	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73
Programs, Contributions & Charitable Giving				
Swamp Fox C.A.R., Meals	1,200	700	1,208	458
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scouts	100	100	250	-
Middle School Brochure Contest	-	-	-	-
JRROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	100	985	50
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	100	120	83
CDCE/VAVS Contributions	-	200	200	-
Wreaths Across America	150	150	150	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	-	551	551
Honor Flights of South Florida	-	-	650	250
Other Veterans & Stark Program Expense	-	-	-	-
Liberty Tree Dedication Program	-	-	500	-
Public Service Awards, Meals	-	-	110	73
Community Service Organizations Support	-	2,000	210	210
SAR Foundation - Eductaion Center & Museum	-	1,000	1,776	1,776
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	-	1,000	53
Operating Expense & Supplies				
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,000	1,065	1,003
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30
Postage & Delivery and Operating Supplies	36	150	150	105
Lunch Program, Donor Recognition, Meals	94	125	-	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	-	20	20
Subtotal Expense	<u>9,121</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>13,889</u>	<u>4,961</u>
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Uses	<u>29,390</u>	<u>11,546</u>	<u>15,889</u>	<u>6,961</u>
Year Ending Checking Balance	<u>5,469</u>	<u>5,434</u>	<u>6,665</u>	<u>11,674</u>
Savings account opening balances				
	20,250	10,346	10,346	10,346
Deposits & Interest	3	1	3	3
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(9,500)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	2,000	1,000	1,000
Year Ending Savings Balance	<u>10,346</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,349</u>
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds				
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	500	500
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$300.20				
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,800.20				
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,100	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$607.32				
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16,707.32				