

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
May 16th, 2021; 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Chuck Adams, Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Martin Hollick; Jesse Lohmeyer; Jordan Lohmeyer; Richard Lorber; Jason Martin; Mark Snider; and William Zimmer. **Guests:** William Wicks, FSSAR SE Regional VP.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gavelled the meeting to order at about 1:30 p.m. **Introductions:** The members and participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Invocation**. Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: Thomas Shepherd asked for approval of the previous meetings minutes. Motion: made by Chuck Adams and seconded by Pete Stevenson to approve the meeting minutes of 3/28/2021. Unanimously approved.

Officer's and Committee Reports: Thomas Shepherd asked for reports from the other Chapter Officers.

- **Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams reported that the application for Dennis Grubbs, which was submitted earlier in the year is expected to be approved around July 2021. Chuck also made contact with Hall Riediger, FSSAR Executive Administrator, to determine why we haven't been receiving new prospect referrals since January 2021. In an e-mail, Hall Riediger advised that the assigned person has been replaced and that Hall he would again be in charge of sending referrals from State to local chapter registrars.
- **Treasurer/Historian and Program Committee Chairman:** Joe Motes reported that the chapter's bank account has a balance of \$306.81. He is expecting a reimbursement of \$525 from FLSSAR. The Chapter's certificate of deposit balance is \$19,728. He proposed a \$100 donation be given to an eagle scout candidate to support his project of sending packages to solders overseas. The proposal was unanimously approved by the members present. Tom Shepard congratulated Joe Motes for receiving the Florida SAR Meritorious Service Award at the recent Board of Management (BOM) meeting in Orlando. Tom also recognized Joe for receiving the Chapter Challenge Award for our Chapter's community service activities.

Old Business/New Business/Announcements: Tom Shepherd led a discussion on upcoming Chapter meetings and when we could return to "in person" meetings. William Wicks commented that the Miami Chapter has restarted face to face lunch meetings with social distancing coupled with a video option via GoTo Meeting. It was decided that the June meeting (June 20th at 1:30 pm) will be a Zoom meeting. Chuck Adams stated that if Dennis Grubbs gets his NSSAR approval by mid-July, then the induction ceremony could be done in person at the July 18th meeting coupled with a Zoom video participation option. There was discussion on whether the newly remodeled restaurant and club facilities at the Colony West Golf Club may be a suitable option for future luncheons in addition to the current Outback Steakhouse located on North University Drive. Joe Motes volunteered to investigate its suitability and availability.

Closing Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.