

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
March 19, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

Members: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Peter Stevenson, Secretary/Parliamentarian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; Steven DePaul; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; Dave Lohmeyer; Peter Moore; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider; **Guests:** Shelley Gardner.

Call to Order: Chuck Adams gaveled the meeting to order at about 12 noon. **Introductions:** The members and participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Tom Shepherd gave the **Invocation**. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: Chuck Adams asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Motion by Pete Stevenson and seconded by Herb Gardner to approve the meeting minutes of February 19th, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Other Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **President & Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams reported on chapter **registration** activities: prospect Seth MacCutcheon was approved by NSSAR, and he will be inducted via Zoom since he is based in Hawaii in military service; prospect Rick Kidder approval is pending and is expected in June. Supplemental applications for Mark Snider and Martin Hollick are pending at NSSAR. Chuck gave an update on some proposed changes to the **Florida State SAR bylaws** and called on Ted Duay to provide additional context to members. Chuck reminded members about some **upcoming events** including the 2022 Annual National Congress in Savannah 7/10-7/15/22 and the 2023 Annual Meeting 7/9-7/14/23 in Orlando. Other upcoming meetings include: 2022 FLSSAR BOM and Annual Meeting at Orlando May 13-14, 2022.
- **Treasurer/Historian & Sargent at Arms:** Joe Motes reported the checking account balance was \$2,364.32 and the CD balance on 2/3/22 was \$19,730.02. Joe will present a check for \$350 to the local CAR chapter on April 24th. Joe invited members to join him as he presents SAR awards to local high school ROTC cadets. He will visit the following high schools in April: Coconut Creek, Cooper City, Davie and Pembroke Pines.
- **Secretary/Parliamentarian:** Pete Stevenson summarized the executive committee meeting minutes from March 6th. Key points: 1) Executive committee approved the proposed by-laws; 2) there was preliminary discussion on the terms and restrictions of the Trust Fund and how capital funds might be accounted for going forward; 3) there was consensus that new applicants in 2022 will be charged a cost recovery fee of \$15, and the fee will be increased in 2023 to \$20 consistent with the fee charged by FLSSAR. Pete also reported that Steve DePaul and Herb Gardner had joined the ad hoc committee to recommend new or expanded programs. The committee plans to give an update at the April chapter meeting.

Presentation—Francis Scott Keys: Chuck Adams stated that Jim Lohmeyer has often recommended that members should take turns at presenting a patriotic subject of historical interests as an alternative to finding outside speakers. He has provided a CD on Francis Scott Key who is credited for writing the lyrics to our national anthem, The Star Spangle Banner. Before playing the CD, he outlined some pertinent facts about the War of 1812, the making of the flag, and the Battle of Baltimore. He concluded by outlining how the poem written by Key's was later put to

music and named The Star Spangle Banner. The song was officially recognized as the national anthem by Executive Order in 1916 which was enacted into law in March 1931.

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates: Chuck Adams presented Joe Motes a certificate for his 2021 service as Treasurer/Historian & Editor and outlined his multiple years of service to the Chapter in various positions held over the last 26 years. Chuck Adams presented Pete Stevenson his SAR certificate for his first supplement recognizing his lineage to patriot Jesse Marsh. Pete's son, Michael Stevenson, was also approved and will be mailed his SAR certificate.

Old Business/New Business: Chuck offered members a Zoom workshop on navigating NSSAR and FLSSAR chapter websites. Chuck Adams stated that the Executive Committee meet and approved the new bylaw on March 6, 2022. The bylaws have been circulated to active chapter members. He introduced a motion: to repeal the July 2014 chapter bylaws and adopt the new chapter bylaws dated and made effective March 19, 2022. The motion was made by Steve DePaul and seconded by Herb Gardner, and it passed unanimously by the members present. Chuck appointed Joe Motes as chapter sergeant-at-arms to serve concurrent with his elected term of Treasurer & Historian/Editor. He also appointed Pete Stevenson as parliamentarian. The chapter's next meeting will be April 16th at 11:30 am at the Outback Steak House in Davie. The next Executive Committee meeting will be April 3rd at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Chuck asked the Recording Secretary (Pete Stevenson) to ensure the NSSAR magazine has the correct listing of our chapter meeting dates and to send an article and pictures of our February induction ceremony to the FLSSAR magazine.

Closing Ceremonies: Tom Shepherd gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at about 2 pm.

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11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 19, 2022
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2725 So. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328**

Call to Order and Introductions

Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 02/19/2022

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Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 04/16/2022)

- Navigating NSSAR; FLSSAR and chapter websites - proposed Zoom workshop
- Repeal of July 2014 Bylaws and Adoption of Proposed Bylaws Effective 03/19/22
- Officer Appointments & Member Profile Template
- Next Executive Committee Meeting (04/03/2022) & Key Discussion Items

Closing Ceremonies

- Benediction
- SAR Recessional

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.