

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
September 17, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

Members: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; 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 Virgilio Gallardo (BSO).

Call to Order: Chuck Adams gaveled the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. **Introductions:** Chuck welcomed everyone and asked members and participants to introduce themselves. Joe Motes pointed-out that today is Constitution Day.

Opening Ceremonies: Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Ted Duay read the **Invocation** prepared by Jim Lohmeyer.

Approval of Minutes: Chuck Adams asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Motion by Ted Duay and seconded by John Sauerwald to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams welcomed three of the four of prospective members with applications submitted to SAR -- Barry Moss, Kevin Shurte and Michael Spear. He said that the other applicant, John Wynkoop, is currently out-of-town. He also recognized the presence of Tim McLane who has just started an application. He also recognized the presence of Earl Higginbotham, currently with the Miami Chapter, and newly SAR approved Daniel Kvarnberg, with the Central Florida Chapter. Chuck advised that both compatriots will transfer into our Chapter.
- **President:** Chuck announced several upcoming events:
 - October 7-8, 2022. The BOM semi-annual meeting is being held at Lake Buena Vista, Kissimmee. Chuck stated that Steve DePaul is attending and he, therefore, is appointing him a Chapter voting delegate based on chapter size.
 - January 14, 2023. The Chapter will host the SE Regional meeting in lieu of its regularly scheduled meeting. The change to the second Saturday in January is done to accommodate the attendance of the FLSSAR President General.
 - May 7 & 8 2023 is the celebration of the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration & Galvez Day hosted by the Pensacola Chapter. Registration information can be found on page 16 of the summer issue of the Florida Patriot.
 - July 13 – 20, 2023 is the 133rd National Congress being held in Orlando. Florida will be the host society, and this will be a great opportunity for our members to attend a national event. FLSSAR is looking for volunteers from each Chapter to work at registration booths and other jobs. Chuck Adams and Steve DePaul tentatively agreed to volunteer, and Chuck said he would notify the FLSSAR contact.
 - October 3 – November 7, 2022. The NSSAR Genealogist General will host weekly Zoom training for State and Chapter Registrars and Genealogist. Anyone else who is interested may participate. He went on to explain the increased emphasis on minimizing common mistakes on application submission and reducing staff review time.

Chuck stated that all have received the September 2022 issue of the Chapter Newsletter. He pointed out that it includes "member profiles" on July 2022 inductee Jim Harn; July 2022 applicant, Barry Morse, and our September 2022 inductee, Jeffrey Watts.

Chuck outlined the procedures for the 2023 Election of Officers as provided in Article 9 of the Chapter Bylaws. The election of officers shall be held at the regular monthly Chapter meeting in November. Anyone interested should let Chuck know if you are interested in any of the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist, Historian/Editor, and Chaplain. The Executive Committee will meet – probably October 2 or 9 - to propose the 2023 slate of officers. The slate will be announced at the October 15, 2022, meeting and published in the minutes of that meeting. It may also be published in the November Newsletter. The election shall be held at the November 19 2022 meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made prior to the vote.

- **Secretary:** Chuck stated that Pete Stevenson is currently out-of-state. Chuck reported that Pete, in his capacity of Corresponding Secretary, wanted to point out that the Chapter News has been published in both the summer issues of the SAR Magazine (on page 31) and the Florida Patriot (on page 10).
- **Treasurer & Historian/Editor:** Joe Motes stated that the checking account balance as of August 31, 2022, was \$1,523.13 The savings account balance was \$16,925.12 with \$844.12 representing Chapter funds and the remainder of \$16,081 belonging to the trust fund. Joe stated that, tomorrow, he will be attending the September 18, 2022, CAR meeting, and that he will present our semi-annual contribution of \$350.00 The annual meeting of the five Broward DAR Chapters will be held on September 17, 2022, and Joe will attend and represent the Chapter. Chuck discussed the 2023 annual dues and that those who wanted to pay today can see Joe at the end of the meeting. He pointed out that any additional Chapter contribution will go into the Chapters account and not to the trust fund.

Induction of New Member Compatriots: Jeffrey Watts was inducted by Chuck Adams who was assisted by past chapter president Ted Duay. Ted explained the significance of the SAR Rosette lapel pin. Chuck acknowledged that Jeffrey's son, Joshua Watts, resides out-of-state but has also been approved by SAR and is a new member of our Chapter.

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates: Ted Duay presented Supplemental Ancestor Certificates to Chuck Adams for his seventh and to Martin Hollick for his first.

Presentation of Public Service Commendations and Medals:

- Chuck Adams recognized BSO Detective John Curcio as the 2022 Chapter recipient of the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal and presented him his certificate and medal.
- Chuck Adams recognized BSO Captain Virginio Gallardo as the 2022 Chapter recipient of the SAR Firer Safety Commendation and Medal and presented him his certificate and medal.

Both Detective Curcio and Captain Gallardo similarly stated that they have recently become aware of the purposes of SAR, share in its goals, and thanked the Chapter for the commendation and award.

Old Business/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. All welcome to attend. Chuck Adams stated that our next lunch meeting will be held on October 15, 2022.

Closing Ceremonies and Adjournment: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. Chuck closed the meeting at around 1:29 pm.

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11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, September 17, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 So. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328**

Call to Order and Introductions

Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 07/16/2022

Officer's and Committee Reports

Induction of New Member Compatriot(s) – Jeffrey Watts Jr.

Presentation of Supplemental Ancestors Certificates – Chuck Adams & Martin Hollick

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates

- Law Enforcement Commendation – Detective John Curcio
- Fire Safety Commendation – Captain Virginio Gallardo

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 10/15/2022)

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.