



Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter

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General Membership Meeting Minutes
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 19, 2024
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Attendance:

Members (19): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr ^{ca}; Jim Clark ^{ca}; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; James Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; Allen Manning; Jim McHugh; Jason Milgram; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; Pete Stevenson; and Bob Walsh. **Prospective Members / Guests (7):** Al Evans; Ronna Adams; Liana Carpenter; Debbie Duay; Shelley Gardner; Ellen Higginbotham; and Michele Manning. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire.

Call to Order and Introductions: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Color Guard Presentation of Colors, and Opening Ceremonies: The Color Guard performed the **Presentation and Posting of Colors**. The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Mark Snider gave this month's **250 Minute** which summarized the battle of Saratoga, New York fought on October 17, 1777.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2024, and was seconded by Ted Duay. Unanimously approved.

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

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams:

Genealogy & Membership: Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest member, Jason Milgram, who will be inducted today; and, our newest applicant, Al Evans, who will sign and mail his application later today. He, along with the previous submissions of Michael Ingram and Chris Wadsworth, make 3 that are pending approval at NSSAR. Also, in NSSAR for approval, are the previously submitted supplementals from Kevin Shurte and Martin Hollick, and a memorial application submitted by Mark Snider for his grandfather, Robert D. Snider. As we continue with collections for 2025 membership renewal, we currently have 72 renewals, one death, and one non-renewal with 10 that still to renew. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75. It is likely that we will exceed that number when the remaining 10 respond, but it is not clear at this time what the final membership count will be by December 31, 2024.

Treasurer & Editor – Chuck Adams: Chuck Adams reported that as of September 30th, 2024, the rounded balance in the checking account was \$8,754, and the balance was \$1,350 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$3,959.68. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, was \$17,467.56 of which \$1,367.56 was interest that can be made available to the Chapter. The Financial Status of Funds included with the agenda provides details and breakdowns of transactions compared to the 2024 operating budget.

Newsletter & Member Profile: Chuck Adams stated that the October 2024 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the "In Memoriam" of Compatriot Brien Stephan Sullivan who passed away on December 3, 2023, and was a former U.S. Marine injured in Vietnam.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that scheduled and rescheduled events to be aware of are:

- Oct 26, 2024 Honor Flight South Florida, FLL International Airport.
- Nov 11, 2024 Nininger Veterans Home Parade, Pembroke Pines, FL.
- Nov 12, 2024 DAR-SAR-C.A.R. Panthers (Re-scheduled) Military Appreciation Night.
- Dec 05, 2024 Pompano Beach Yuletide on Atlantic Parade.
- Dec 06 - 07, 2024 Fall BOM (Re-scheduled), Kissimmee, FL.

Vice President – Steve DePaul: In the absence of Steve DePaul, Chuck Adams reported that the Florida SAR's First Marine Amphibious Landing Monument proposal was brought before the Pompano Beach City Commission on September 24, 2024. The proposal is to erect an obelisk-type monument on property owned by Pompano Beach in order to commemorate the Revolutionary War naval battle and assault on Nassau occurring off the Florida shores in 1776. The action, which was unanimously approved by the City Commission, authorizes the City Manager to work with the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on an Obelisk to be installed at the Fisher Family Pier. In attendance were members of the Economic Development Council, Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, the city's engineer & communications director as well as some friends of our organization. The proposal was summarized and endorsed by the City Engineer. It was then supported and endorsed by Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher. Our compatriot, Pompano Beach City Commissioner Barry Moss, also spoke passionately in support of the proposal.

Secretary – Mark Snider:

Executive Committee: Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met via Zoom on October 6, 2024. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed slate of 2025 elected officers: Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Joe Motes, Editor; and Tim McLane, Chaplain.

Veterans Support and US Stark Memorial Award Committee: Mark stated that our total points to date is 9,395. Mark recognized the Shurte's, who accounted for about 60% of the total and noted that we are well above last year's total of 6,109.

CDCE / VAVS: Mark stated that it is planned to present the VA Centenarian Award to Isabel Diamond at Nininger's Veterans Day ceremony, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11th. Mark also stated that we are working on identifying two candidates there to present the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. Mark noted that their plans include a short parade for the residents in which our Color Guard will participate. All members are welcome to attend.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Committee: Mark stated that the following notices were posted:

- Oct. 30 to Nov. 3rd -- Vietnam Tribute Wall at Sun City Florida.
- Nov. 3rd - The Palm Beach County Veterans Day Parade - <https://www.pbaoa.org/>.
- Nov. 11th – Tamarac Veterans Day Event - Marine Corps League - www.tamaracmcl.us.

Historian – Kevin Shurte:

Youth Education Programs: Kevin Shurte reported that students had completed 72 "mail call" cards for the veterans going on the next Honor Flight. He also reported that he will kick-off the Middle School Brochure Contest in December 2024. He hopes to expand participation in the program to include home schooled students and members of the C.A.R. He stated that the Ramblewood Middle School Principal will also help by promoting the contest to other middle schools in his area. Chuck Adams reported that during the 2024-25 school year, the Chapter will sponsor three youth contests. In addition to the Middle School Brochure Contest, we will offer the Eagle Scout Essay Contest, and JROTC Enhanced Program & Essay Contest. The Chapter website new pages with contest information and links on how eligible

participants may apply.

Kevin Shurte also reported that he has been working with representatives of the Scottish American Society of South Florida. Their Annual Festival will be held on March 1, 2025 at Plantation Heritage Park. They plan to have a booth on genealogy and lineage memberships and want to partner with SAR and DAR. Kevin will have more information at upcoming meetings on how we may help by having representatives at the booth.

250 Anniversary Recognition Report: Barry Moss gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *The 250th Anniversary of the Taunton Massachusetts Flag*, which is also published in the October 2024 Newsletter.

Induction of New Member: Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot Jason Samuel Milgram and presented him with his membership certificate. Ted Duay presented his Rosette recognition lapel pin.

Medals, Certificates & Awards

250 Anniversary Bronze Medal Certificate Award: Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriots Ted Duay and Peter Stevenson. He stated that non-member, Kathy Shurte, has also qualified, and will be presented with her certificate at the next meeting.

He announced that Paul Moore and Barry Moss as well as Kathy Shurte have qualified to apply for their 250 Anniversary Silver Medal Award.

Milestone Anniversary Membership Awards: Chuck Adams, assisted by Ted Duay, presented the Thirty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin to Martin Hollick.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 11/23/24):

Mark Snider asked that members who attend any Veterans Day event to report the specifics to him for inclusion in the Stark Report. Jim Clark announced that November 10, 2024, is the 249th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

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

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