



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
October 13, 2018
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:37 by President Larry Sturgeon.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Trout, Jr.

Mark meadows led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Tom Venard.

The following candidates were inducted into the SAR:

- Tom Venard along with his wife Karen
 - Mark Meadows
- *Mark was inducted "officially" with accompanying documentation from NSSAR.

Registrar's Report

Vicki Brown provided her Registrar's Report for the Chapter for October. There were no newly approved applications at National during this report period. Two applications, James Peyton and Michael Wilson were approved at the State level.

Total Members - 78

A package for Thomas Barnette has been completed for signature.

Packages are being developed for new applicants:

- John Seddon
- Millard Hodges
- Jeffery Wells

Awards

Chapter Reports:

- *Awards*

The Liberty Medal commemorating the restoration of the Statue of Liberty was presented to Stephan Brown for his recruiting effort in the Chapter. Stephan was recognized at the National Congress in July having been given a credit of 21 new members.
- *30th Anniversary Celebration*

Bill Teater reviewed the status of the 30th Anniversary Celebration effort. Bill discussed the budget, the need for volunteers to support the effort, and that tickets for the event are available for purchase. President Larry Sturgeon announced the ticket prices \$22.50 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.
- *Veterans*

Bill Teater discussed the status of the Veteran's Without Families Project. Bill indicated that the veterans list is "complete" and gifts for the veterans are beginning to come in. Rolls of Quarters (\$.25) are also being solicited to support the veterans. The trip to the Veterans Home will be December 6th.
- *2019 Chapter Nominations*

Bill Teater updated the status of the Nominating Committee efforts. He indicated that all of the positions have been filled. He went on to ask those in attendance if there were and additional nominations "from the floor". Ken Lancaster was nominated for Chapter Secretary and Dale Hash to be Chapter Treasurer. Clyde Johnson stepped up to indicate he would be willing to be chapter President for a period of one year until someone would step forward willing to take on the position.
- *Treasurer*

Jack Townsend presented the Treasurer's Report giving an overview of the status of the Chapter financial situation. Jack mentioned that donations (approx. \$800.00) A copy of the details of the financial report was available to review.
- *Americanism Poster Contest*

Norm Freyer gave a report indicating that approximately one-hundred fifty students are participating in the Poster Contest thus far. Norm also mentioned that the Patriotism Certificate presented to people exhibiting patriotic activities has no restrictions.
- *Publicity*

Norm Freyer gave a report on Chapter publicity indicating that there have been forty-six (46) print media events for the Chapter year to date. Norm also asked that if anyone has any pictures of Chapter events, to please forward them to Norm. Examples of Chapter publicity releases were made available for those in attendance.

- *Color Guard*

Russell Gibson gave a report on the status of the Color Guard. He provided a schedule of upcoming events and made an appeal to get new recruits to supplement the current Guard.

- *Liberty Tree Celebration*
- *Massing of the Colors*
- *Veteran's Day Parade*
- *30th Anniversary Celebration*
- *Wreaths Across America*

Mr. Gibson also noted that Mr. Hitchcock has made his intentions known to join the Color Guard.

LUNCH WAS SERVED

- *Old or Unfinished Business*

Larry Sturgeon mentioned the possibility of purchasing a SAR Banner to be used at Chapter events was discussed at the Executive Board Meeting (EBM). Larry indicated that the measure was tabled until next year.

Attire for the 30th Anniversary Celebration was discussed. Uniforms would be the preference at the celebration: Blazers, Militia, or Military.

Bill Teater, mentioned that there were packages of 50th Viet Nam anniversary paraphernalia made available for members in attendance.

President Larry Sturgeon mentioned the health of two compatriots. Richard Trout has been ill and Dale Hash is planning surgery.

New Business

Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars were collected by Treasurer Jack Townsend.

The meeting concluded with the following meeting announcements:

Executive Board Meeting would be November 3rd at 13:00.

General Meeting would be on November 10th beginning at the new start time of 10:30.

Liberty Tree Dedication

November 3rd, 2018

Lake Sumter Chapter

Fruitland Park

Veterans Day Parade

Citrus High School

600 W. Highland Blvd. Parking Lot

Inverness, FL

8:00 A.M.

The SAR Recessional was given by Bill Teater.

The meeting adjourned at 13:20.