



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER  
Sons of the American Revolution  
February 10,, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:04 by President Larry Sturgeon.

Dr. Hartzell led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Dale Hash.

The Invocation of a George Washington Prayer was led by Norm Freyer.

The following guests were introduced by Dan Hans:

- CEO Richard Massa, Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County
- Caleb Sheppard
- Rachel Sheppard
- Troy Sheppard
- Sarah Sheppard

Caleb Sheppard read his winning essay "Light Horse Harry": Legendary Tactician. Caleb's essay was chosen as our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Knight Essay Contest for 2017/2018. Caleb was presented with a Chapter Essay Medal and certificate and medal as well as a check for \$200.00 for his prize winning entry.

The President also made mention that Past President Ed Gingrich was in attendance. He also mentioned that Clyde Johnson has had surgery and is in rehab.

Guest Speaker: Richard Massa, CEO, Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County

Mr. Massa spoke on the Origin of Habitat for Humanity and its Vision and Mission statements. He also provided area information and insight on the inner-workings of the Program. Mr. Massa was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chapter.

## Medal Presentation

The President along with Past SAR Presidents presented Treasurer Jack Townsend the Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate for his service dedication and commitment to the Chapter and to the SAR.

## Chapter Reports:

- *Treasurer*

Jack Townsend read the Chapters' Treasury status year-to-date.

- *Registrar*

The Registrar's Report was read by the President in the absence of Vicki Brown.

- Total Members 68
- Transfer in Arthur Burt
- New and Prospective Members
  - One New Member--Michael Houle genealogy approved 2-7-2018
  - One waiting for approval at National - John Richard Elley
  - Two at State for approval - Matthew Mills, John Smith Venard
  - Three applications in process –documented and ready for completion:
    - Clarence Anstine
    - Ken Custer
    - Joseph Bebout
- Prospective members in various stages
  - John Randall—completed, but he is traveling
  - Troy Gandy
  - Thomas Barnette
  - Jeff Young
  - Eric Hannel
  - Mark Terry - these last three have been contacted but not responded

- *Americanism Poster Contest*

Chairman Norm Freyer updated the members on the 2017/2018 Americanism Poster Contest for Elementary School Students in Citrus and Hernando Counties. This year's theme being the Battle of Pensacola has already drawn 315 entries with the deadline being March 31<sup>st</sup>. Norm also discussed a program at the Hernando Primary School highlighting history, the poster contest and uniforms of the revolution. Norm also updated the Members on current Chapter publicity in the Citrus County Chronicle and the Tampa Bay Times.

## **LUNCH WAS SURVED**

- *Chapter Chaplain*

It was announced that effective February 11, 2018, Richard Trout Jr. Would be appointed Chapter to replace Norm Freyer.

- *Color Guard*

Russell Gibson, Commander, highlighted the Color Guard events including the Certificate presentation to the Citrus memorial Health Foundation. The Commander also made reference to the Color Guard participating in the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade in Brooksville at Clover Leaf Farms.

Commander Gibson stated that a flag to the CMH Foundation. Word was also made mention of the need for an American Flag at the YMCA. A discussion on the topic followed when the Ladies Auxiliary (Dot Day) stepped up and said that they would sponsor the flag and the accessories to be presented to the YMCA.

- *Web Page*

No Report

- *Veterans*

No Report

- *Old or Unfinished Business*

*None presented*

- *New Business*

None presented

Happy Dollars – Jack Townsend

The meeting concluded with the following announcements:

The next Executive Board Meeting                      March 1, 2018                      @ 1:00

The next General Meeting                                      March 10, 2018                      @11:00

LNB – Charlie Day, Russell Gibson, Bob Folk, State President

Liberty Tree Dedication – Jack Townsend, Bill Ferguson

The SAR Recessional was given by George Edge

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00