



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
April 14th, 2018
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:00 by President Larry Sturgeon.

The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Richard Trout, Jr.

Richard Sumner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Dan Hans.

The following guest was introduced to the Chapter:

- Natalie Day (Compatriot Charlie Day's granddaughter)

Award Presentations were made to the following Compatriots:

- Jack Townsend for his twenty (20) years of service to the S.A.R.
- Richard Sumner for his fifteen (15) years of service to the S.A.R.
- Russ Gibson for Outstanding Citizenship
- Vicki Brown received the Martha Washington Award for her service to the Chapter.

Chapter Reports:

- *Treasurer*
Jack Townsend reported that \$3331.13 has been spent to date to meet financial obligations and that that amount was on track for the fiscal year plan. He also reported that additional expenses would be incurred to provide for the awards to the winning students of the poster contest.
- *Registrar*
The Registrar's Report was provided by Vicki Brown. Mrs. Brown provided the Registrar's Report highlighted as follows:

Total Members: 71

- New members Applications were approved for:
Richard Elley
Matt Mills
Induction is planned for the May General Meeting.
- Applications under review at National:
Thomas Smith Venard
Joe BeBout
- Applications completed for signature:
Ken Custer
Clarence "Bob" Anstine
Jeff Young
- Prospective Members:
Mark Meadows - ready for signature
Chris Garren - ready for signature
Don Woodward
Thomas Barnette
John Randall
Troy Gandy
- Supplemental Approved:
Ed Gingrich

The President also stated that re-instatement was in progress for Jimmie Barnes.

- *Veterans*
Chairman Bill Teater discussed the upcoming trip to the Veterans Home on Tuesday August 14th, 2018. He mentioned the need to supplement the \$146.00 amount of quarters from the Treasury for the visit. The amount needed was proposed at \$154.00.

A motion was made to that proposal to provide the additional funding by Bill Teater and a Second received by Clyde Johnson. A vote of the members was taken and the motion passed without exception.

Bill also reported on requirements for Honor Flight Eligibility. He stated that the Program would be ongoing and would extend in turn beyond WWII Veterans to Korean, and Viet Nam War Veterans.

- *Americanism Poster Contest*
Chairman Norm Freyer provided an update on the poster contest highlighting the theme of the contest this year. The winners of the awards would be presented at the May General Meeting. The winning posters were available for review at the meeting.
- *Publicity*
Chairman Mr. Freyer indicated that the Chapter indicated that our primary sources for publicity come from The Citrus County Chronicle and the Tampa Bay Times. He also stated that as of the fifteenth (15th) week, the Chapter has received twenty-five (25) published releases.

- *JROTC*
Commander Russ Gibson discussed the awards to be presented for JROTC and Sea Cadets. A schedule of awards and the names of those Compatriots to make the awards is provided as an attachment the Minutes.
- *Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island*
The Chapter was represented at the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island by Charlie Day, Russell Gibson, and Bob Folk (State President).
- *Liberty Tree Dedication, The Villages*
The Chapter was represented at the Liberty Tree Dedication at the Villages by Jack Townsend and Bill Ferguson. Compatriot Jack Townsend reported that there were 7-8 uniformed and approximately forty (40) overall in attendance.
- *The Battle of Thomas Creek*
The Chapter was represented by Compatriots Charlie Day and Russell Gibson. Commander Gibson reported that the event was well attended and included a musket firing exhibition.

There was a “thank you” offered from the President to all who represented the Chapter during these events.

- *Upcoming Events*
 - The April 17th WYKE event has been cancelled.
 - Past President Clyde Johnson reported on an upcoming event (dinner) to be held at the Margarita Grill on Friday May 4th. The event is intended to award the Owner for his commitment to patriotism and past support of the Chapter. Those planning to attend should “sign up” to provide a count to set aside seating. Those planning to attend should be present between 6:00-6:30.
 - The President indicated that the 30th Anniversary of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the S.A.R. would be occurring in November. He also indicated that we would be celebrating the event and a committee would be establish to plan the activities. The first of the event planning would begin at the May EBM Meeting. There were discussion of persons to be invited to attend, possible proclamations to be developed and potential guest speakers. Roger Smith was mentioned as a possibility to discuss Florida’s role in the Revolution.
 - Commander Russ Gibson reported on the Color Guard activities which included the WYKE interview and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the event at Thomas Creek.
 - The President reported on the streamers for our flag from Thomas Creek and the Last Naval Battle. Those streamers would roll up to nine (9) streamers.
 - The President also spoke of the ceremony to award the Citizenship Award to Richard Massa, Habitat for Humanity on the 27th of March. He also addressed certificates received for and Award of Merit for participation in the Inverness Veterans Day Parade as well as

attendance at the Last Naval Battle.

- There was an announcement of an upcoming Pig Roast and Bar B-Q to be held May 5th to benefit the Injured Warriors of Florida Program. The event is to be held in Hernando at the VFW facility on North 200.

- *Old or Unfinished Business*

There was an announcement by Compatriot Richard Sumner of a donation of \$50.00 received from the Clover Leaf Farms Presidents Club for participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- *New Business*

Compatriot Ken Lancaster reported on the actions taken at the recent EBM Meeting. There were three (3) motions reported involving:

1. The protocol for adding prospective members to the General Meeting Call List and the responsibilities of the individuals and the Chapter for payment for meals.
2. The start time for the General Meeting to change to begin at 10:30. The new meeting schedule will begin in September.
3. Awards to be provided to the Owner/Proprietor of the Margarita Grill for his commitment to the Chapter and his display of Patriotism

Details of these motions are contained in the EBM Minutes of Meeting.

- *Happy Dollars*

Happy Dollars were collected by Treasurer Jack Townsend.

The meeting concluded with the following announcements:

The 2018 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting will be held May 18-19 and hosted by the NC Region.

The next Executive Board Meeting	May 3rd, 2018	@ 1:00
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The next General Meeting	May 12 th , 2018	@11:00
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The SAR Recessional was given by Jack Townsend.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:45.

April 14th General Meeting Addendum

Subsequent to the meeting a Chapter action was initiated. The purpose of this addendum is to document that action.

A Motion was made via email by Clyde Johnson to purchase an SAR Chapter Flag (3'X5' indoor) for \$115.00 for the Margarita Grill event. A Second was received via email from Russell Gibson. A vote, also via email, of the members of the Executive Board was taken which included Ken Lancaster, Norman Freyer, Clyde Johnson, Richard Sumner, Russell Gibson, Dan Hans, and Larry Sturgeon. The motion was passed without exception.