



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER  
Sons of the American Revolution  
May 12th, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:06 by President Larry Sturgeon.

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

Ken Custer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Bill Teater.

The following guests were introduced to the Chapter by Compatriot Norm Freyer:

- John Elley (Richard Elley's grandson)
- Sylvia Underwood (Americanism Poster Contest Winner)
- Heather Underwood (Sylvia's Mother)
- Holli Herndon (Sylvia's Teacher)
- Chase Herndon (Guest)
- Mark Meadows (Associate)
- William Moorehead (Marion County Xfr.)

Mr. Richard Elley was inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter of the S.A.R. Mr. Elley was accompanied by his grandson John during the ceremony.

Past President Ed Gingrich will be receiving the NSSAR Supplemental Certificate.

Awards for this year's Americanism Poster Contest were given to winner Sylvia Underwood. Mr. Freyer provided a brief overview of the Poster Contest Theme and history of the Program. Mr. Freyer also stated that we have received over 315 entries and over 2000 entries over the eight years since its inception.

An Award Presentation was made to Norm Freyer receiving the Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in Poster Contest Development. State President Bob Folk also stated that Mr. Freyer would be receiving the State Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his years of service with the Poster Contest.

Jack Townsend provided an overview of the Chapter event at the Margarita Grill. The event was well attended. Several items (U.S. flag flown over the Capitol Building, copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, the SAR Flag, as well as an award for Good Citizenship) were presented to the owner Tommy Piliouras to replace items that were lost in the structure fire.

#### Chapter Reports:

- *Treasurer*

Jack Townsend provided an overall summary of the Chapter financial status. Mr. Townsend indicated that the expenses were for medals, awards, and contest winner prizes. He stated that we were on target to meet the budget for this year and that we were receiving income from the increasing number of New Member fees. Mr. Townsend also reported that we had also received a fifty dollar (\$50.00) donation from Clover Leaf Farms. Overall, we should meet our budget target with carryover for next year's budget year.

- *Registrar*

The Registrar's Report was provided by Vicki Brown. Mrs. Brown provided the Registrar's Report highlighted as follows:

Total Members: 72

- New members Applications were approved for:  
Joseph BeBout
- New Member Transfer:  
William F. Moorehead
- Under Review at National:  
Ken Custer  
Tom Venard  
Jeff Young
- Applications completed for signature:  
Mark Meadows  
Clarence "Bob" Anstine
- Prospective Members:  
John Seddon

- *Veterans*

Chairman Bill Teater discussed the upcoming trip to the Veterans Home on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He mentioned the effort to supplement the current contributions (Quarters) for Veterans Bingo. A motion to that effect was presented and voted upon during the April meeting. The vote passed to supplement the amount to total \$300.00.

Bill also mentioned the need for a planning session for the Christmas Veteran's Program during the Summer visit.

- *Publicity*

Chairman Mr. Freyer indicated that the Chapter through week #19 has received greater than thirty (30) published releases. Mr. Freyer also indicated that the Hernando website was up-to-date. He stated as well that the Hernando School would be receiving a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

There are also sessions planned for WYKE this week. President Larry Sturgeon and Norm Freyer would be at the session presenting details of the Poster Contest and our Chapter Veterans Programs. Two sessions at WYKE are planned for October.

- *ROTC*

Commander Russ Gibson provided a status of certificates presented to nine (9) schools in Hernando and Citrus Counties. He also highlighted upcoming events including:

1. Flag placing with the DAR in Bushnell
2. Duval House in Floral City – June 12<sup>th</sup>
3. Flag Day Ceremony in Floral City – June 14<sup>th</sup>
4. Valerie Theater Event – June 14<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Gibson also stated that Bill Bristol would be resigning and has offered a Tricorn Hat and a Revolutionary period rifle for Chapter use.

- *Event at Eastside Elementary School on May 29<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM*

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

- *Upcoming Events*

- The April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 established to plan the activities. Bill Teater stood to speak to his experience of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning. He provided a list of potential invitees including:

Governor	Representatives/Senators	Superintendents of Schools
County Commissioners	SAR State President	State Congressional Members
SAR Regional Rep.	SAR President General	

The discussion also included the need for a Chairman and a Committee of 2-4 members. Compatriots interested should email the President with their intentions. A collection of tasks include but not limited to:

Program Theme	Decorations	Available Dates to be checked
Menu	Proclamations	

- *Old or Unfinished Business*  
George Edge would be presenting a Good Citizenship Certificate @ Rock Crusher Elementary School.
- *New Business*  
New member Matt Scott was seeking to become an SAR Life Member. President Bob Folk stated that he would take the application for submittal to the State at the BOM.
- *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 would be August 9<sup>th</sup> at 13:00.

The next General Meeting would be on September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at the new start time of 10:30.

The SAR Recessional was given and the meeting adjourned at 13:47.