



Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR

Meeting on March 9, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Hohman at 10:30 AM. James Armitage gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and SAR pledge was recited by all.

Richard Lamothe and Thomas Barnum were inducted into our Chapter.

A George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) pinning ceremony was conducted by President Hohman. The President pinned 7 new donors during the meeting. The President announced that our chapter is now at 24 members which is the most GWEF fellows in the country compared to other states and chapters. President Hohman conducted the pinning ceremony with the three generational family of Ralph Bell, Blake Bell and Dawson Mazourek. Additionally Riley Hohman, James Peyton, Steve Hitchcock and Blake Lamothe were pinned as GWEF fellows.

Minutes of our last meeting on February 10, 2024, were approved as presented. Richard Bailey gave a verbal Treasurer's report with about \$600 in income and about \$600 in expenses. Full report to be emailed later by the President.

March birthdays of Ed Lee and Norm Freyer were announced.

A discussion of ROTC medals or donations was entertained by the President. At the last meeting the membership had agreed to donate cash awards of \$600. Richard Bailey, our treasurer advised that if we award medals that the Chapter will be reimbursed by the state for 75% of the costs of the medals thereby saving the Chapter substantial funds. Motion was made by Richard Bailey to award medals instead of cash award. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: President Hohman brought up for discussion our pocket constitutions. We received 500 for free from Hillsdale College but they don't have our brand on them. We can also purchase them for \$0.43 per 1000 copies. The President contacted National, and we can purchase them from them at 50 cents per copy with the SAR logo on them. Discussion was held on all options.



Motion was made to purchase 1000 pocket constitutions from National for 50 cents per item. The President asked for three pledges and three members pledged \$100 per member to assist with the cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Bailey reminded the members that the finance committee needs to meet to review finances. The finance committee will meet at Treasurer Bailey's direction.

The President asked for sponsors of \$150 for chapter meeting meals and received several volunteers.

The President brought up committees and there will be four parent committees: **Education and Youth outreach** which will handle Scholarships, Posters, and other contests. **Veterans and Military** which will handle ROTC Stark report, Flag Programs etc. **Chapter Outreach** which will handle DAR etc. **National Program Support** which will handle GWEF, competitions etc. The President then discussed "What is the measure of success?" and introduced the Americanism scoresheet. The scoresheet determines who wins awards such as The Americanism Award and the Presidents General Streamer which maximizes who wins the President General's Cup. The President strongly emphasized that he would love to see this chapter win the Cup. He would like to see 8 to 10 committee members on each committee. The President emphasized our goal on these committees will be the next school year.

The President then introduced our speaker Dr. James Armitage a military vet, former president of at SAR chapter in Plant City and has many other orders and distinctions. He gave a very entertaining and historical speech using his own family history, their emigration as Huguenots from France in the 1700s and their participation in the American Revolution.

Treasurer Bailey then conducted Happy Dollars.

President Hohman had a short discussion on EBM meetings with some in person and some by Zoom. Next Chapter meeting will be on April 13, 2024. The President then presented a replica Revolutionary war musket to Dawson Mazourek II as encouragement for him to march in parades.

The President announced that he would be attending the BOM Florida State meeting in May and encouraged other members to attend. He also discussed his attendance at one state society and national leadership conferences and his memberships on several national committees. He also encouraged members to attend the next Congress in Lancaster, Pa.



Registrar's Report (not given during the meeting)

Regular Applications: Approved 0, At NSSAR 3, At FLSSAR 1, Working 7, Awaiting Data 6,
New Applicants 6

Supplemental Application: At NSSAR 1, At FLSSAR 0

Memorial Applications: Complete 1, At FLSSAR 1, At NSSAR 0

The Recessional was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Secretary Thomas Bowen.

Members Attending: President Stephen Hohman, 1st Vice President Mark Johnson, 2nd Vice President Nelson Peters, Secretary Thomas Bowen, Treasurer Richard Bailey, James Armitage, Kristin Armitage, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Barnette, Tom Barnum, Marsha Barnum, Gene Bell, Blake Bell, Dawson Mazourek, Stephen Burke, John Carey, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Greg Gregory, Burt Harres, Jr., Ed Lee, John Longacre, Charlie Lukas, James Peyton, Karen Peyton, David Steitz, Bill Stone, Franny Stone, Robert Thomas, William Vette, John Wilder, Chuck Wilson