



Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Meeting held on March 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM by President David Hitchcock.

The Invocation was given by Chaplin Richard Trout Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The SAR pledge was recited by all.

The President introduced guests: Michael Tomme Sr., Stephen Burk and his wife Debbie.

March birthdays for Robert Folk, Norman Freyer and Jack Townsend were recognized.

The President asked for silent prayer for all members and family who are sick or need prayer.

Robert Thomas - Color Guard Commander gave a report that we participated in two events. Two upcoming events - One at Clover Leaf Farms is a golf cart parade and the Naval battle at Merritt Island. The Color guard also participated in Wreaths across American in December.

Richard Bailey - Treasurers Report. Income as \$1132 and expenses were \$2039. Largest output was medals for ROTC. The financial review committee met last week, reviewed the financial records and everything was satisfactory. In the report the committee advised that "Richard Bailey continues to do an excellent job as the Withlacoochee Chapter Treasurer." Motion to approve Treasurer's report and was passed unanimously.



Tom Bowen - Secretary's report. Two corrections were made on spelling of two members last names. Motion made to approve the Secretary's report with two corrections noted. Passed unanimously.

Tom Hellem - Registrar's report. Reported 18 applications with 12 applications outstanding. Vicki added some additional information applications.

President Hitchcock announced that at future meetings that committees are to sit together at the same tables so information can be exchanged. He also wants more people to be involved. He also wants to complete meetings in 90 minutes.

Stephen Hohman reported on the Education and Scholarship Committee has met and is meeting again on Monday. He discussed fundraisers and updating programs.

President Hitchcock brought up there are educational programs available for a fee. Tom Hellem made a motion that the Chapter approve \$250 for this program. Motion passed unanimously. Richard Bailey - Webmaster will handle the details. These education programs on the Revolutionary War will allow this chapter to get into school systems. Stephen Hohman brought up other modern media such as Facebook for education in our SAR chapter and the Revolutionary War.

Jimmie Barnes gave a short speech on Hernando County cemeteries and the three Revolutionary soldiers that were buried in Florida.

Bill Ferguson - Scouting. He went to two Eagle Scout ceremonies and awarded two SAR certificates. There are ten total Boy Scout troops in Citrus and Hernando Counties.

President Hitchcock introduced J. Michael Tomme Sr. as the featured speaker. Mike has had a sterling career in many Revolutionary War societies. He is a



member of 14 Historical and Revolutionary War Societies. He has also served the SAR in many different national offices and a recipient of the Minuteman medal which is the highest award in the SAR. He is also the holder of numerous other medals in the SAR. See March 11, 2023, Withlacoochee SAR Chapter agenda for full details. Mr. Tomme is an expert on SAR Color Guards.

Mr. Tomme gave a highly informative speech on how the Color Guard is the face of our Society. He discussed the need to wear historically accurate uniforms. They can be Continental Army, Navy, Marines or Militia and described the correct parts of a Continental Army uniform. He also discussed the proper salute, using a Safety officer for any discharge of muskets, edged weapons and various flags that you can carry. His speech was detailed and well done and was received well.

Tom Bowen - Publicity report. Reported that we made the National Magazine of the SAR with a report and pictures of Military Medal Awards.

President Hitchcock reiterated his desire to conclude meetings in 90 minutes and to keep reports short.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

President announced the next meeting on April 15 and the next EBM is on March 25 at Beef O' Brady's in Brooksville.

Richard Bailey conducted Happy Dollars.

The SAR Recessional was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.



Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Tom Bowen- Secretary

Meeting Attendees

Jeffery Amundsen, John Attanasio, Nancy Verril, Richard Bailey, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Bowen, Douglas Brock, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Stephen Burke, Debbie Burke, Arthur Burt, John Carey, Bill Ferguson, Robert Folk, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Stephen Hohman, David Jordon, John Longacre, Charlie Lukas, William Moorehead, Nelson Peters, Chauncey Reich, Bill Scheiterle, John Seddon, Bill Stone, David Stoughton, Robert Thomas, Mike Tomme, Jack Townsend, Richard Trout, John Wilder