



**SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
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**WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
April 13th, 2019

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:38 by President – Clyde Johnson.

***Invocation – Richard Trout, Jr.***

The Invocation was given by Richard Trout Jr.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The Pledge of Allegiance was administered by Commander Russ Gibson.

***SAR Pledge – Brian Barrett***

Dan Han led the Chapter in the SAR Pledge.

***Introduction of Guests – Clyde Johnson***

Clyde Johnson introduced our guests, Charles and Christine Donley and prospective new member Richard Bailey to the meeting.

***Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson***

President Johnson provided Opening comments:

- President Johnson thanked Judge Howard for his service as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President announcing that due to new responsibilities in his new position he will be unable to continue in that position and must resign. The President went on to ask if there was anyone interested in filling the position to contact him.
- President Johnson was also informed that Ellie Folk has resigned her position as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. He went on to announce that Dot Day would be filling in until a new a new President can be named.

***Committee Reports***

• ***Treasurer's Report – Dale Hash***

A general overview of the status of the Treasury was provided by Dale Hash. Mr. Hash also indicated that details of transactions are always available to members. Mr. Has also indicated that a donation (\$50.00) was received from Clover Leaf Farms for the Color Guard participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a vote taken by those in attendance. The motion carried without exception.

- **Secretary's Report – Ken Lancaster**

Mr. Lancaster summarized the results of the previous meeting. There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. There was a vote taken by those in attendance. The motion carried without exception. The Secretary went on to say that copies of the minutes of the General meetings are being posted on the web site.

- Kathy Echlin of the Fort Cooper Chapter of the DAR asking the Withlacoochee Chapter to join them in the flag placing event at the National Cemetery in Bushnell on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 9:00 with the "pick up" taking place at 9:00 on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Poster Contest - Norm Freyer**

Mr. Freyer gave a report on the status of the Poster Contest. Mr. Freyer announced the winner of the Poster Contest has been named. The winner will receive a cash award on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Freyer also stated the Chapter is need of someone to take over the responsibility for implementing the Poster Contest in Citrus County.

- **JROTC/Sea Cadets/Color Guard – Russell Gibson**

Commander Gibson reported on the topics under his responsibility. The update is included as an attachment to the MoM.

- **Registrar's Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown**

Ms Vicki Brown provided the Registrar's Report. Ms. Brown indicated that the total membership has grown to seventy-five. The details of the Registrar's Report are included as an attachment to the MoM. Registrar Stephen Brown was awarded his five (5) year medal for service to the SAR. The Registrar's Report is included as an attachment to these MoM.

- **State /National Officers – Bob Folk**

Mr. Folk reminded those who are planning to attend the BOM meeting to register. Mr. Folk followed with a discussion of the Chapters level of involvement and participation in SAR activities. He noted there were forty-nine (49) streamers on our flag highlighting the events and activities we've been part of.

### **Award Presentations**

Commander Russ Gibson presented Lenny Crawford with the Bronze Color Guard Set for his years of service to the SAR and the Color Guard.

Bill Teater presented Charles Day, Robert Folk, Ed Gingrich (absent), and Clyde Johnson with the Bronze Roger Sherman set for service to the SAR.

Ronald Dunwoody was honored for his 10 years of service to the SAR.

- **Special Guest Speaker – Charles Donley**

President Clyde Johnson introduced Mr. Charles Donley as our guest speaker. Mr. Donley spoke to his personal experience with “Regional Rehab” following his stroke noting his faith and support system.

- **Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day**

Mr. Day announced that the Chapter winner of the essay contest has also been recognized as the winner at the State level.

- **Publicity – Norm Freyer**

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter continues to be successful with print media. There have been seventeen (17) items about the Chapter published to date. Mr. Freyer went on to say that the Hernando Hometown News has been added as a media outlet for Chapter activities. He also indicated that the website for Hernando activities has been updated.

- **Web Page /Newsletter– Ken Dunn**

No report on the Web Page/Newsletter activities

- **Veterans**

Mr. Teater reported that the Veteran’s Home Meeting date is to be determined. Mr. Teater went on to say that he would obtain the balance of the \$300 in quarters he needs for the Veteran’s Bingo. He also stated that he was in possession of SAR license plate holders and would bring them to the May meeting. Books for the Veterans as well will be collected at the May meeting. Mr. Teater concluded indicating the last cache of Viet Nam era paraphernalia would be brought to the May meeting.

- **SAR Auxiliary – Ellie Folk**

Ellie Folk has resigned her position as President. See opening remarks by President Clyde Johnson.

- **Old Business – Clyde Johnson**

There was no Old Business.

- **New Business – Clyde Johnson**

President Johnson mentioned that due to rising costs, the cost of our luncheon meals are likely to increase (to \$20.00) upon our return in the Fall.

Vicki Brown solicited support to help with identification of military units as a result of new requirements for verification of military service for family lineage.

Richard Sumner asked that members reallocate their SAR Magazine to Dr.’s office to spread the word about the Chapter and the SAR organization.

- **Happy Dollars – Dale Hash**

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash.

- ***SAR Recessional***

The SAR Recessional was given and the meeting was adjourned at 1:06.

***Upcoming Events***

***B.O.M Meeting May 9-11, Orlando***

***Chapter EBM, May 2nd***

***General Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> @10:30 A.M.***

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Clyde Johnson, President

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Ken Lancaster, Secretary

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

April, 2019

TOTAL MEMBERS 75

TRANSFERRED IN 1 in process  
TRANSFERRED OUT

## NEW APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

*Completed for Signature* Richard Bailey

*Still Researching* Dennis Reich

*New Applicants* Scott Brane

## SUPPLEMENTALS IN PROCESS

Ken Lancaster

Report of the Color Guard Commander – April 13, 2019

9 March – Participated in the LNB ceremony at Merritt Island

Supported by Charlie Day and Bill Teater

15 March – Participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Clover Leaf Farms

In Brooksville. Supported by Bill Ferguson, Charlie Day,  
Bob Folk, Doug Brock, Jack Townsend, Dave Hitchcock

30 March – Participated in the Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony in

Jacksonville. Supported by Charlie Day and Bill Ferguson.

Upcoming events include –

26 April – AFJROTC ceremony at Citrus HS. Jim Echlin to present medal.

2 May - NJROTC ceremony at Central HS Brooksville. Dave Hitchcock  
To present medal.

3 May - NJROTC ceremony at Crystal River HS. Gibson to present  
Gibson to present medal.

8 May - AJROTC ceremony at Lecanto HS. Dan Hans to present  
Medal.

26 May - “Flags In” for Fallen Veterans at Bushnell Cemetery

27 May - Memorial Day ceremony in Floral City

1 June - “Flags Out” at Bushnell Cemetery