



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER

Minutes of Meeting held on September 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President David Hitchcock.

Invocation by Pastor Linthicum.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

The SAR Pledge and American Creed was stated by all.

The President introduced the following guests: Bill Stone and wife Franny, Mark Barie and wife Cristine, Teri Dioquino, Blake and Gene Bell, Stephen Hohman, and Mark Johnson. There are no inductions today. The President announced that James Peyton is receiving his supplemental and introduced him. James then recited an entertaining recital of his supplemental.

The President then introduced Teri Dioquino Regent of the Annuttaliga Chapter of the NSDAR. She gave a short speech on the history of her family as well as the closeness of the local DAR and SAR chapters. She talked about the annual Continental Congress of the DAR in Washington DC every year. She then presented a flag to our SAR that was flown above the DAR national headquarters in Washington DC. She read a proclamation that the flag was flown at their headquarters on Flag Day June 14, 2022. The proclamation was signed by their national chair. President Dave thanked her for the flag and proclamation and emphasized the importance of the cooperation between local chapters of the SAR and DAR.

Treasurer's Report by Richard Bailey - Richard advised that the income and expenses from June 1 to September 10, 2022, was \$298 and \$323.09 respectively. Richard advised that dues are starting to be collected and reminded members of veteran's donations. Richard also advised that instead of calling members for the monthly luncheon meeting that he is emailing every member and asking for an RSVP for lunch. It seems to be working well. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers' report and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report by Tom Hellem – Tom reminded members that meetings are available on Zoom. We had three new members in May. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary's report be accepted and passed unanimously.

Color Guard Report by Russ Gibson – Russ reported presenting 18 Young Patriots certificates to 5th grades at three different elementary schools. The Color Guard participated in three different events and presented colors at the Welcome Back program for the Citrus County Schools with 1400 teachers attending. He reminded the members of events coming up in September, November and December and introduced Robert Thomas who will be the Vice-Commander of the Color Guard. President David emphasized the importance of members attending these events.

President David introduced the speaker a Mark Barrie an award-winning author that writes historical fiction on various American wars including the Revolutionary War. He gave a very entertaining speech on the trivia, tidbits and little-known facts of the Revolutionary War. Mark's speech was well received by the Chapter. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:58 PM.

Registrar's report: Vicky report that there are 8 new applicants with three applicants approved since May.

New chaplain appointed to the Chapter is Eric Linthicum as our other chaplain had to resign due to work responsibilities

Publicity/Newsletter report by Tom Bowen: We have had several articles published in the Hernando Sun Times, the Citrus Chronicle, The State SAR magazine and the National Magazine We have had three significant news events this year, the first being our long-time member Harley Nelson – winner of the Bronze Star during WWII passing, the Poster Winner Isabella Evans and Stephen and Vicky's attendance at the George Rogers Clark for a joint SAR/DAR wreath laying ceremony.

President Dave announced that Isabella Evans one the State Poster Contest and \$250.

Veteran's Report Bill Teater: Announced he is currently working on eligibility on the military award for the Global War on Terrorism plus National is out of bars for Vietnam. Russ is attempting to get all the medals so they can be awarded in the November Meeting. He also inquired if there are any wives of SAR members that served.

New Business: President David announced that he has found a reputable place in North Carolina where the clothing is manufactured overseas but embroidered here in America. The shirts would be purchased through a storefront on our website, and he proposed that we add \$5 to the shirt order and the shirt embroidery place would send that \$5 back to the Chapter. Our president recommends this, and it was also approved at the EBM meeting. Motion made and seconded to buy these shirts from the embroidery place. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made and seconded to add \$5 to the cost of the shirt which would be returned as a donation to the Chapter. Motion passed unanimously. A third motion was made and seconded to use \$150 of chapter funds to fund the establishment of a storefront on our website to facilitate this process and all the donations up to \$150 will go to repay our original cost to establish the storefront. After that donations will go back to the Chapter. Motion passed unanimously.

Old business: Two upcoming events in Hernando County and Citrus County discussed starting at 4:00 PM in both counties. Participation by members would be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on the third Saturday in October and that would be October 15 because of a conflict with a BOM meeting. The next EBM meeting will be on Oct 1 at 11:00 AM at Beef O, Brady's on Horse Lake Rd in Brooksville.

Happy Dollars was conducted by Treasurer Richard Bailey.

Recessional recited.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom Bowen - Secretary

Meeting Attendants:

Bob Folk, Ellie Folk, Charlie Lukas, Chauncey Reich, David Steitz, Richard Bailey, John Carey, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Millard Hodges, Clyde Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Bill Stone, Franny Stone, Mark Barie, Christine Barie, Teri Dioquino, Gene Bell, Blake Bell, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Bill Ferguson, David Hitchcock, Jim Mullens, James Peyton, Karen Peyton, Bill Scheiterle, David Stoughton, Bill Teater, Robert Thomas, Jack Townsend, Chuck Wilson, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Bowen, John Elley, Tom Hellem, William Moorehead and Charlie Day (by Zoom)