



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
September 14th, 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 Chauncey Reich.

Introduction of Guests – 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock

Vice President Hitchcock introduced our guests.

- Richard Bailey – new member
- Clarence Anstine – new member
- Burton Harres – prospective member

Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson

President Johnson provided Opening comments:

- Arthur Burt stepped down from the Vice Presidents position
- Dave Hitchcock has become the 1st Vice President
- Ron Powell has become the 2nd Vice President filling the place vacated by Ric Howard
- President Johnson indicated that due to family health issues he would be turning over responsibilities for the Chapter. Chapter 1st V.P. Dave Hitchcock will assume responsibilities in the interim.

Induction of new Compatriots

Richard Bailey and Clarence Anstine were inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR by President Johnson

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report – Dale Hash**

A general overview of the status of the Treasury was provided by Mr. Dale Hash. Mr. Hash indicated that the Chapter had \$2500 in income and \$1800 in expenses. A report with specific details would be available for Compatriots to review.

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

Mr. Lancaster stated there were no action from the previous meeting. He went on to state that the Chapter Roster was up to date and consistent with the Chapter registry in the State database. He went on to provide an update of information supplied for the Chapter Challenge indicating that we had participated in twenty-seven events (2) and had contact with approximately six thousand four hundred people.

- **Poster Contest – Larry Sturgeon/Norm Freyer**

Mr. Sturgeon gave a report on the status of the Poster Contest. Mr. Sturgeon is the Chairman of the Poster contest for the State organization stating that the contest was open since the beginning of the school year. Mr. Sturgeon went on to discuss both the poster contest (3-6th grades) and the brochure contest (6-8th grades). The theme for the poster contest alternates each year from person to event. This year's theme is "The Battle of Thomas Creek".

- **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 and summarized by participating in twenty one events over Summer.

- **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-seven. The details of the Registrar's Report are included as an attachment to the MoM.

- **Guest Speaker – Vicki Brown**

MS. Brown provided an overview of the compatriot history of Stephen Brown tracing back to Roxboro Pennsylvania in the areas outside of Philadelphia. Ms. Brown provided detail of the lineage as well as the land ownership original allotted by William Penn.

All compatriots were encouraged to present their own family lineage to their ancestor.

- **Award Presentations**

President Johnson presented a certificate and the Past Presidents pin to Larry Sturgeon for his service to the Chapter for two years.

- **Publicity – Norm Freyer**

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter has submitted thirty three (33) articles for publication. Among those, three have been submitted to the Florida Patriot. He went on to state that the website is up to date.

- **Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day**

Mr. Day did not attend the meeting and will be returning in October.

- **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. Mr. Dunn was unable to attend. Mr. Sturgeon indicated that Mr. Dunn is the webmaster and oversees the Newsletter. Mr. Sturgeon is the backup for Mr. Dunn.

- **Veterans-Bill Teater**

Mr. Teater provided an update of Veteran’s Committee activities.

- Recent visit to the Veterans Home in August
- Date for the Christmas at the Veterans home not set as of yet
- Veterans Christmas “sign-up” will begin at the October meeting

Mr. Teater went on to say that Larry Sturgeon and Arthur Burt would assume oversight of the Veterans Committee for Bill Teater. Ron Powell will oversee the Veterans Home activities.

President Johnson discussed membership into the Veteran’s Battalion (State) and the Veterans Corp (National) organizations. Those interested need only to supply President Johnson with a copy of veterans DD_214.

- **Old Business – Clyde Johnson**

There was no Old Business.

- **New Business – Clyde Johnson**

- **Happy Dollars – Dale Hash**

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash.

- **SAR Recessional**

There was no SAR Recessional presented. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28.

Upcoming Events

Bells Across America 9/17/2019

Chapter EBM 10/3/2019

General Meeting 10/12/2019

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

September 2019

TOTAL MEMBERS 77

NEWLY APPROVED MEMBERS

Richard Bailey July

Thomas Barnette August

NEW APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

Under Review at State

Millard Hodges

Burton Harres

Completed for Signature

Mark DeRosa

John Attanasio

New Applicants

Paul Rudio

Sean Lund

Christopher Reich

Robert Brown

SUPPLEMENTALS IN PROCESS

Ken Lancaster -Lancaster

Subject: **Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard Activity**

Date: 9/7/2019 10:15:08 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: rghooah@aol.com

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Withlacoochee Chapter
Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson
Thomas Jefferson Camp #11
May - Sept 2019

- a) On May 2nd CG Commander Russell Gibson met with Kemper Willcut, owner of the Cove, to discuss award of certificate and bronze medal.
- b) On May 2nd CG member Dave Hitchcock presented a bronze medal at NJROTC, Brooksville HS
- c) On May 3rd CG Commander Gibson presented bronze medal at NJROTC Crystal River HS
- d) On May 7th CG Cdr Gibson presented two GCC at Crystal River MS
- e) On May 10th CG Cdr presented bronze medal and certificate to The Cove in Inverness
- f) On May 11th CG Cdr had the colors posted at the general membership meeting
- g) On May 18th CG CDr Gibson and member Dave Hitchcock gave a history of the flag presentation at Brooksville Healthcare to 23 residents
- h) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented eleven GCC at Central Ridge Elementary
- i) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented twelve GCC at Homosassa Elementary
- j) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented three GCC at Floral City Elementary
- k) On May 23rd CG Cdr Gibson presented six GCC at Lecanto Primary
- l) On May 23rd CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Inverness Primary
- m) On May 26th CG Cdr Gibson along with members Echlin, Brock, and Hellem participated in "Flags In" at Bushnell National Cemetery
- n) On 27 May CG Cdr Gibson along with members Sturgeon, Brock, Crawford, Hitchcock and Ferguson participated in Memorial Day Ceremony in Floral City
- o) On May 27th CG Cdr gave keynote speech at Arbor Lakes Community in Hernando
- p) On May 28th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Rock Crusher Elementary
- q) On May 29th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Forest Ridge Elementary
- r) On May 30th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Crystal River Primary
- s) On June 1st CG Cdr Gibson along with member Brock participated in "Flags Out" at Bushnell Cemetery
- t) On June 9th CG Cdr Gibson participated in a Flag Day ceremony at Inverness Elks
- u) On June 19th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the Ad-Hoc committee planning the Veterans Week in Citrus County in November
- v) On June 29th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the NCCB concert at the Citrus Springs Community Center, leading the Pledge of Allegiance for 350 people
- w) On June 30th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the NCCB concert at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, leading the Pledge of Allegiance for 675 people
- x) On August 2nd CG Cdr and member Dave Hitchcock participated in the "Welcome Back" program for the Citrus County district teachers by presenting the colors to approx 1300 people
- y) On August 21st CG Cdr Gibson attended the Ad-Hoc planning comm meeting
- z) On August 23rd CG Cdr Gibson gave a flag etiquette presentation to two 8th grade classes at Lecanto MS to a total of 48 students

Income/Expense Comparison by Category - Year to Date
1/1/2018 through 9/13/2019

9/13/2019

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Category	1/1/2018- 9/13/2018	1/1/2019- 9/13/2019	Amount Difference
INCOME			
101 Meeting Registration Fee	4,010.00	2,771.25	-1,238.75
102 Happy Dollars	517.00	247.00	-270.00
103 FLSSAR Trust Fund	0.00	93.50	93.50
104 Dues Collected from Members	234.00	440.00	206.00
106 Misc Income	50.00	0.00	-50.00
107 30th Anniversary Income	150.00	0.00	-150.00
107 Misc Income	1,236.18	50.00	-1,186.18
TOTAL INCOME	6,197.18	3,601.75	-2,595.43
EXPENSES			
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 Veterans Program Expense	130.00	210.00	-80.00
201 Meal Expense Paid Out	3,997.54	2,730.37	1,267.17
202 Color Guard & Registrar Expense	637.80	219.72	418.08
203 Merchandise, Awards, Scholarship	1,124.11	956.86	167.25
204 Dues Paid to FLSSAR	0.00	227.00	-227.00
205 Office Supples & Misc	854.20	273.53	580.67
207 Misc Expense	0.00	255.00	-255.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,743.65	4,872.48	1,871.17
OVERALL TOTAL	-546.47	-1,270.73	-724.26