



## **WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER**

### **Sons of the American Revolution**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on November 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President David Hitchcock at 10:33 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The SAR Pledge was recited.

The American Creed was recited.

Two prayers were said.

President Dave introduced honored guests Compatriot Matt Mathews FLSSAR President and his wife Joni, Compatriot Richard Young FLSSAR Treasurer and his wife Lisette, Compatriot David Thomas NC Regional VP, Stephen Hohman and his son Riley, and Charles Wayne Wilson.

The President recognized birthdays for November Ken Dunn 11-25-1930 and Larry Sturgeon 11-30-1955.

The President inducted Charles Wayne Wilson and he gave a short speech.

President Dave awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Robert Folk and The Martha Washington Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to Ellie Folk and thanked them both for their service to the SAR. Ellie gave a short speech on behalf of her and her husband thanking the chapter for the medals.

The President then called State President Matt Mathews to the podium to award SAR military Medals. President Mathews gave a short preliminary speech lauding our attendance as one of the largest he has seen. President Mathews gave a tutorial on the upcoming 2023 Congress in Orlando and the numerous volunteer opportunities. He also gave a presentation on the fact that financing is needed and there are several drawings for a Pennsylvania Long Rifle and a Bronze Statue which is 1 in 50. He went over the long tour to the Space Center and the short tour to the Last Naval Battle. President Mathews gave extensive details on volunteering for the Congress and showed the State SAR website and how to go about volunteering. President Mathews encouraged all members to attend.

Richard Young FLSSAR State Treasurer gave additional details on donations and the cost to have a Congress.

The Awards ceremony began with the President Mathews awarding the Silver Medal to Larry Sturgeon for outstanding service to the FLSSAR. Russ Gibson was then awarded the Silver Medal for outstanding service to the FLSSAR.

Bill Teater – Chair of our Veteran’s Committee stepped to the Podium to host the presentation military service medals. He called John Attanasio, Robert A Brown, John E Carey, William Moorhead, David L Stoughton, Robert C Thomas and John Wilder to the front to receive the Vietnam Service Medal. Each veteran was then presented his medal by President Mathews and thanked for their service.

Bill Teater announced the Southwest Asian Medal recipients: Robert A Brown, Nelson R Peters and Andrew J Wright. President Mathews awarded the medals and thanked them for their service.

Bill Teater announced the Afghan Veteran’s Medal winners: Nelson R Peters and Andrew J Wright. President Mathews awarded the medals and thanked them for their service.

Bill Teater announced the Global War on Terrorism Medal recipients, Nelson R Peters and Andrew J Wright. President Mathews awarded the medals and thanked them for their service.

Bill Teater announced the Disabled American Veteran’s Wounded War Coins and Certificates; James Armitage, Robert A Brown, Nelson Peters and William M Scheiterle. President Mathews awarded the coins and certificates

Stephen Brown Withlacoochee Chapter member then gave a very entertaining and humorous speech of his life adventures as a blind man. His book is titled **“Visions in my Mind, Recollections of Life from a Blind Man Living in a Sighted World.”**

After the ceremonies were concluded Bill Teater reminded everyone about Xmas presents for our veterans at the Land O’ Lakes Veteran’s home and how this chapter adopted this Veteran’s home many years ago. The date that we visit the home is still pending.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 PM

Russ Gibson gave his color guard report on their Color Guard appearance at Seven Rivers’ Church with about 900 members attending. Next event is Wreaths Across America

Matt Mathews gave a very thorough explanation about the website on volunteering for the Congress showing the website. He explained many of the events and an excellent explanation of the different areas that need volunteers. Compatriot Dave Thomas and Matt Mathews gave an extensive tutorial on their Compatriot and Patriot grave marking activities and the chance to earn a medal for same.

Treasurer Richard Bailey gave his Treasurer’s report of \$3095 Income and \$2766 expenses. Motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurers report.

Secretary Tom Bowen prior to the meeting placed the minutes from the October meeting on every table for member’s review. He asked for additions or corrections and hearing none asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion made and passed unanimously.

Motion made to approve a \$500 donation to Young Marines organization in Crystal River for their trip to Hawai’i for the Pearl Harbor ceremony. Passed unanimously.

Tom Bowen gave the publicity report on the Massing of the Colors at Seven Rivers Church and what a great job was done by our color guard.

Happy Dollars was conducted by Richard Bailey Treasurer. Recessional was recited by all.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Tom Bowen – Secretary.

Addition to Minutes: Tom Hellum Assistant Registrar turned in a report updated from last month.

12 new and supplemental applications. 4 new member applications are at NSSAR, 6 new member applications in process, and 2 supplemental applications.

Meeting Attendees: Matt Matthew (FLSSAR President), Joni Matthew, Dick Young (FLSSAR Treasurer), Lisette Young, Dave Thomas (FLSSAR Regional VP), James Armitage, John Attanasio, Nancy Verril, Richard Bailey, Jimmie Barnes, Gene Bell, Blake Bell, Thomas Bowen, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Robert Brown, Vernon Campbell, Barbara Campbell, John Carey, Kenneth Dunn, Bill Ferguson, Robert Folk, Ellie Folk, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Rebecca Gibson, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Millard Hodges, Stephen Hohman, Riley Hohman, Clyde Johnson, Eric Linthicum, John Longacre, Tim Miller, William Moorehead, Nelson Peters, William Scheiterle, David Steitz, David Stoughton, Larry Sturgeon, William Teater, Robert Thomas, Jack Townsend, Thomas Venard, John Wilder, Bonnie Wilder, Chuck Wilson, Andrew Wright, Bill Wright