



**Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR**  
**November 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by President David Hitchcock.

The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.

The SAR Pledge and the American Creed was recited by all.

David Hitchcock introduced the following guests: Debbie Burke, Marge Riedeman, Jan Radziejewski, David Jordon and Carolyn Jordon.

President Hitchcock asked for a prayer for all members and family who are sick or need prayer. President Hitchcock then gave his prayer.

Steven Burke was then inducted into the Chapter and gave a short speech.

C. Bruce Pickette the Past NSSAR President General then presented the Sam Adams Congress Appreciation Award to Secretary Thomas Bowen and for his help at the recent Congress in Orlando. He also gave a short speech on how well the Florida SAR is doing and discussed the minimal national dues increase. He reported that membership is up, and the SAR is continuing to look for large donations from members to continue the good works of the SAR. He also answered several questions from members.

Nelson Peters gave a short but thorough presentation on Peyton Randolph, the first president of the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress.

President Hitchcock then introduced Dr. Fred Olive the Librarian General who gave an informative and entertaining speech by Zoom from the National headquarters of the SAR. He discussed that there are around 12,000 electronic books available



from the SAR library. He discussed document preservation and especially minutes preservation from early meetings of the SAR in the late 1800s.

**Treasurer's Report by Richard Bailey:** Richard Bailey reported \$3244.65 in income and \$1853.36 in expenses with an overall total of \$1391.29. A large portion of the income was from dues. There are currently 12 members not paid yet. Motion was made to approve the Treasurers' Report and passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report by Thomas Bowen:** Minutes of the October 14, 2023, meeting had been distributed to each table and was also posted on our website. Motion was made to approve the minutes and passed unanimously.

**Publicity Report by Thomas Bowen:** Our chapter made the latest edition of *The Florida Patriot* with a nice photo of our president giving Fawn McGee our local DAR Chapter Regent a Certificate of Appreciation for the flag she presented to us previously. He reported that *The Florida Patriot* is easily findable in several different locations on our website and is only available electronically. Richard Bailey gave specific directions on how to find this magazine on the website.

**Registrar's report by Tom Hellem:** Tom Hellem reported a list of 26 potential new members with 12 active apps and 3 at national.

Past NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette then presented President Hitchcock with the Sam Adams Congress Appreciation Award for his help at the recent Congress.

**Veterans Committee by Bill Teater:** Bill reported that we had a good turnout at the Inverness Veteran's Parade and 500 handouts were distributed. We had 18 members and wives participating. He also discussed the Xmas visit to the Veteran's home on December 14.



Richard Bailey conducted Happy Dollars, the recessional was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by:

Secretary Thomas Bowen.

Meeting Attendees: Past NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette, James Armitage, Jimmie Barnes, Tom Bowen, Stephen Burke, Debbie Burke, Marge Riedeman, Jan Radziejewski, Bill Ferguson, Robert Folk, Ellie Folk, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Millard Hodges, Jena Hohman, Mark Johnson, David Jordon, Carolyn Jordon, Ed Lee, Charlie Lukas, Joann Lukas, Tim Miller, William Moorehead, Nelson Peters, David Steitz, Bill Stone, Franny Stone, William Teater, Robert Thomas, Jack Townsend, Chuck Wilson