



Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR
December 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

The Invocation was given by John Longacre

The Pledge of Allegiance, SAR Pledge and American Creed was said by all.

The President said a prayer and asked for a silent prayer for those in harm's way.

The President introduced DAR guests Mary Stimson, Roz Simpson and Connie Bornemann.

The President recognized a December birthday for Chuck Wilson.

The President inducted Blake Lamothe via Zoom who gave a short speech.

President Hitchcock presented the following awards:

Stephen Brown – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster.

John Carey -Distinguished Service medal.

James Payton – Sam Adams Appreciation Award.

Paul Belter - Certificate of Appreciation for assisting the Chapter Registrar.

Jena Hohman – Certificate of Appreciation for providing lunch on November 18, 2023

The President presented a SAR tie to our incoming new president Steve Hohman.

Mary Stimson DAR Chapter Regent presented a DAR America 250 Commendation and read a proclamation thanking our chapter for their activities in promoting this anniversary.

Treasurer's Report by Richard Bailey: Richard Bailey reported \$1985.58 in income, expenses of \$1,164.02 for an overall total of \$821.56. He reported most of the income was from dues with only 4 members left unpaid. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and was passed unanimously.



Secretary's Report by Thomas Bowen: Minutes of the November 18, 2023, meeting minutes were distributed to every table and also available on our website. Motion was made to approve the minutes and passed unanimously. Publicity report also given that he has two deadlines coming up and will have submission for both the state and national magazines.

Elections: President Hitchcock of the Nomination committee presented the slate of candidates and recommended all these candidates highly.

President - Stephen Hohman

1st VP – Mark Johnson

2nd VP – Nelson Peters

Secretary – Thomas Bowen

Treasurer – Richard Bailey

President Hitchcock asked for any further nominations from the Floor and hearing none asked for the slated of candidates be elected as proposed. Motion was made and passed unanimously that the above candidates be elected.

President Hitchcock then thanked the members for their work and support. He specifically discussed how many of our members have stepped up to the plate and become George Washington Fellows, probably the highest representation of any chapter in the country.

New President Steve Hohman then spoke at greater length on the importance of the GWF and joining same.

President Hitchcock then introduced Stephen Brown who additionally thanked David Hitchcock for his work and efforts on our Chapters behalf and then gave an informative speech on Henry Middleton one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Veterans Committee by Bill Teater: Bill reported on the upcoming visit to the Veterans Home and the Inverness Veterans parade in Inverness in November. Volunteer opportunities for visitation were then discussed along with some additional social service opportunities. Bill then discussed the Stark report with what is done by Veteran's Chairs across the country. He reminded members that if we do anything that is Veteran's connected to advise him so he can include it in on the Stark report. He gave several examples of these veteran's activities.



Color Guard by Bob Thomas: Bob advised of the upcoming Brooksville Parade and the Wreaths Across America at Bushnell. Steve Holman then gave an extensive briefing on the Brooksville Parade.

President Hitchcock then presented a SAR Podcast on Revolutionary War Trivia/Rarities.

Happy Dollars was then conducted by Richard Bailey.

The SAR recessional was recited by all, and the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by:

Secretary Thomas Bowen

Members Attending: Richard Bailey, Paul Belter, Thomas Bowen, Stephen Brown, Stephen Burke, John Carey, Kenneth Dunn, Norm Freyer, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Millard Hodges, Stephen Hohman, Jena Hohman, Mark Johnson, John Longacre, Derek Vorobak, Charlie, Lukas, Tim Miller, William Moorehead, James Peyton, Ronald Powell, David Steitz, Bill Stone, David Stoughton, William Teater, Robert Thomas, John Wilder, Chuck Wilson

Rainbow River DAR

Mary Stimson - Regent

Roz Simson - Recording Secretary

Priscilla Brandlehner - Historian

Peggy Taylor

Connie Bornemann - Chaplain

Barbra Belter - Past Regent

Vicki Brown - Registrar