



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
January 11, 2020

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:37 by
President Clyde Johnson

The President thanked friends, family and Compatriots for the payers and good wishes during his past absence as they were a blessing.

Induction of new officers for 2020; by Robert Folk: Robert recited the Oath of office; all new members said that they would up-hold the Oath.

New officers for 2020:

President; David Hitchcock was presented the ceremonial gavel.

Vice President; Jim Booth

2nd Vice President; Ron Powel

Secretary; Tom Hellem

Treasurer; Richard Bailey

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was resumed to order by President David Hitchcock.

President Dave Hitchcock call the Immediate Past President Clyde Johnson to the present awards to
1, President Dave Hitchcock The chapter Distinguished Service Medal
2. Registrar Stephen Brown The chapter Distinguished Service Medal

Invocation – Norm Freyer.

The Invocation was given by Norm Freyer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was administered by David Hitchcock

SAR Pledge

The SAR Pledge was led by Dave Hitchcock

The American Creed

The American Creed was led by

Induction of new members

MR. Tom Barnett was inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution as the first new member of 2020 by Compatriot Steve Brown and Mrs. Brown.

Eagle Scout awards

President Dave Hitchcock called up Charlie Day and Judge Richard Howard and presented Tom Barnett and Michael Houle with the SAR Eagle Scout award. The Citrus County Sherriff, Mike Prendergast was presented the SAR Law Enforcement medal for outstanding performance in community policing.

Introduction of Guests – 2nd Vice President Ron Powell

2nd Vice Ron Powell introduced our guests.

- Edward J. Penfield – Prospective member
- James Wilder Guest
- John Carey Guest
- Robert Brown Guest

Introduction of guest speaker

Judge Richard Howard introduced the guest speaker; Citrus County Sherriff, Mike Prendergast. The Sherriff presented a short Bio., the Sherriff's county organization and his departments involvement immediately after the 2018 elementary school shooting in Parkland Florida.

Committee Reports

Veterans Committee Activity – Bill Teater

Mr. Teater discussed the following Veterans Committee activities:

Veterans Without Families –The trip to the Florida Veterans Home scheduled for January 15th is set to arrive at 1:30pm to unload and to make presentations at 2:00pm. All the gifts to be provided by the chapter have been covered. Those persons desiring reimbursement for their cost can present the receipt to the Treasurer before January 13.

Mr. Teater presented the SAR Challenge Coin to Compatriot Jack Townsend. Any persons deserving a SAR Medal or a Florida Service medal and certificates should contact Bill. The awards will be presented upon request to qualified individuals.

- ***Treasurer's Report – Richard Bailey***

A general overview of the status of the Treasury year to date was provided by Mr. Bailey and that we were on track with the budget year to date. A report with specific details would be available for Compatriots to review.

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

Mr. Lancaster reported for the December meeting. Those members that are delinquent after the 28 of December need to be reinstated when renewing their membership.

- ***Poster Contest – Norm Freyer***

Norm Freyer stated that Hernando County had 78 participates in the program.

Registrar's Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown

Ms. Vicki Brown provided the Registrar's Report. Ms. Brown indicated that the total membership has is

eighty 78 (10 unpaid). Ms. Brown also stated that there were no new memberships approved in December 2019. There are 3 applications completed for signatures, 2 applications are in process and 2 new membership applications and 3 member Supplements in progress.

Ms. Brown shared information about the DNA feature on ancestry; using this feature can help identify lineage; also said that the SAR national is now using DNA as a secondary source.

- **Publicity – Norm Freyer**

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter has submitted a number of articles for publication.

- **Web Page**

- Mr. Richard Bailey has recently up-dated the web site.

- **Newsletter– Ken Dunn**

No report

- **Old Business – David Hitchcock**

There was no Old Business.

- **New Business – Dave Hitchcock**

There was no New business

- **Happy Dollars – Dale Hash**

Happy Dollars were collected by Treasurer Richard Bailey.

- **SAR Recessional**

The SAR Recessional was read and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

Upcoming Events

Chapter EBM Thursday

1/31/2020 @ 1:00pm

General Meeting Saturday

2/08/2020 @ 10:am



Dave Hitchcock, President



Tom Hellem, Secretary