



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
February 9th, 2019

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:30 by President – Clyde Johnson.

Invocation – Richard Trout, Jr.

The Invocation was given by Norm Freyer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Gingrich

Chauncey Reich led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAR Pledge – Jimmie Barnes

Ben Warren led the Chapter in the SAR Pledge.

Introduction of Guests – Ric Howard

Ric Howard introduced our guests to the meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sheppard, Caleb (son) and Sarah (daughter) Sheppard; Mr. and Mrs. Dravin Dixon and Lathan (son) Dixon. Mr. Howard also introduced Bob and Jennifer Seet as well as Dennis Reich. Farman Bockhorst, a former member, was also in attendance at the meeting as a guest.

Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson

President Johnson provided Opening comments:

- Immediate Past President Larry Sturgeon has transferred to the Lake-Sumter Chapter. Mr. Johnson addresses the in attendance indicating that he was a big part of the Chapter and will be missed. He went on to ask for volunteers to help fill the many of the tasks Larry was responsible for i.e. Veterans Committee; Newsletter Assistant; Good Citizen Awards and ROTC Awards.
- Mr. Johnson also solicited volunteers to replace Norm Freyer who has been the long standing chairman of the Poster Contest.

Committee Reports

• ***Treasurer's Report – Dale Hash***

A general overview of the status of the Treasury was provided. By Dale Hash. Mr. Hash also indicated that details of transactions are always available to members.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a vote taken by those in attendance. The motion carried without exception.

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

Mr. Lancaster summarized the previous meeting noting the motions to accept Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. He also went on to say that copies of the minutes of the General meetings are being posted on the web site.

- ***Poster Contest - Norm Freyer***

Mr. Freyer gave a report on the status of the Poster Contest. Mr. Freyer indicated that approximately one hundred fifty (150) students have participated in the contest to date. He provided an overview of the contest indicating that the contest is open to students in both Citrus and Hernando Elementary Schools.

- ***JROTC/Sea Cadets – Russell Gibson***

Mr. Gibson provided his report on the subject indicating that he would be contacting via email high schools to begin the program. Mr. Gibson went on to say that he would be visiting the schools: Citrus High School – April 16th, Crystal River high School-May 3rd, and Lecanto High School-May 7th/8th. Dates for Sea Cadets would be set at a later time.

- ***Registrar's Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown***

There was no Registrar's Report offered at the meeting.

- ***State /National Officers – Bob Folk***

Mr. Folk reported that the State SAR was developing a plan to procure their own audio system. The purchase is expected to be a considerable expense in upcoming and recurring meetings. Mr. Folk also discussed Chapter voting protocols for state BOM Meetings. Mr. Folk indicated that the Patriot members in the Withlacoochee Chapter (3) have permanent voting rights. That would bring Chapter voting members to (6) for all BOM activities.

- ***Eagle Scouts – Clyde Johnson***

The National SAR Eagle Scout Pin was presented to Ric Howard a former Eagle Scout. Mr. Johnson also indicated that the Eagle Scout Pin would be presented at a future meeting to Michael Houle, also an Eagle Scout.

- ***Color Guard – Russell Gibson***

Mr. Gibson reported that the Color Guard was inactive during the month of February. In March, the Color Guard would be participating in the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island on March 9th, the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Cloverleaf Farms and the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville.

- ***Publicity – Norm Freyer***

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter is off to a good start this year with print media. There have been seven soon to be eight items about the Chapter published to date. These numbers put us ahead of our performance in 2018. Mr. Freyer also noted that the Hernando County website has been updated.

- ***Eagle Scouts/Knights Essay Contest – Charlie Day***

Mr. Day reintroduced guests Rachel and Caleb Sheppard. Mr. Day read a list of accomplishments for Rachel and presented her with a check for \$100 and a certificate having received 2nd place in the essay contest. Mr. Day went on to list the accomplishments of Caleb Day and presented him with a check for \$200 and a certificate having won 1st place in the essay contest.

Mr. Day continued on with Chapter recognition for Lathan Dixon. Lathan was presented with the Eagle Scout Patch for Citizenship. Lathan was also the recipient of the following awards:

A Chapter certificate and a check for \$200.
a check from the State Ladies Auxiliary for \$100
a check for \$500 as the 2nd place winner at the State
National Medal

Mr. Day and Mr. Howard were recognized again for their Scouting achievements where they spontaneously recited the Scout Law before the members and guests in attendance.

- ***Web Page /Newsletter– Ken Dunn***

No report on the Web Page/Newsletter activities

- ***Veterans***

Mr. Teater reported that the Stark report was completed on time and that overall in 2018 the Chapter exceed accomplishments over 2017. Mr. Teater went on to suggest that Mr. Ron Powell be the coordinator for activities at the Veterans Home. He also outlined the upcoming book drive for veterans providing a brief overview of how the program works. Mr. Teater asked that if anyone had any books to donate please bring them to the April Meeting. Finally Mr. Teater mentioned the “Quarters program” asking for donations needing \$300 in quarters to fill the need. A motion was made buy Charlie day to take the amount needed out of the Treasury to fill the need. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken by those in attendance and passed without exception.

- ***SAR Auxiliary – Ellie Folk***

The basket for the BOM meeting is currently being organized.

- ***Old Business – Clyde Johnson***

Chapter reports due in by January 15th, 2019. Please copy Larry Sturgeon.

- ***New Business – Clyde Johnson***

Mr. Lancaster mentioned to those in attendance that the Take stock in Children Program was conducting a raffle for a Comforter to raise money for student scholarships. Mr. Lancaster gave a brief overview of the TSIC Program. The Comforter would be available at the next meeting to view and to purchase tickets.

Mr. Barnes noted that Susan Green of Walmart who supports our Veterans efforts would be leaving Walmart and was in need of a job. Susan’s experience and training has been associated with non-profit organizations.

Mr. Day reminded everyone that copies of all SAR related print media should be sent to him.

- ***Happy Dollars – Dale Hash***

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash

- ***SAR Recessional***

The SAR Recessional was presented. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

Chapter EBM, February 28th

March 9th, Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island

March 15th, Cloverleaf Farms, Brooksville

March 30th, Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville

General Meeting (March 9th, 2019)

10:30 A.M.

Brian Barrett will be the Guest Speaker on the topic of New England History

Clyde Johnson, President

Ken Lancaster, Secretary