



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER  
Sons of the American Revolution  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Richard Trout Jr.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The Chapter collectively recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

***SAR Pledge – Brian Barrett***

Brian Barrett led the Chapter in the SAR Pledge.

***Introduction of Guests – Clyde Johnson***

Clyde Johnson introduced our guest Brian Barrett to the meeting.

***Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson***

President Johnson provided Opening comments:

President Clyde Johnson mentioned that many of the members were not in attendance due to their involvement at the re-enactment of the Last Naval Battle.

Mr. Johnson provided a brief overview of today's speaker, Brian Barrett.

Mr. Johnson announced that the Chapter Essay contest winner was selected as the State Essay contest winner and would go on to compete at the National level.

***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 the previous meetings' Secretary's Report. There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. There

was a vote taken by those in attendance. The motion carried without exception. The Secretary 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 spoke to an article discussing the knowledge of History being taught in schools today. He went on to say that the Chapter should consider financial donations to motivate schools to improve their participation. Mr. Freyer also stated the Chapter is in need of someone to take over the responsibility for implementing the Poster Contest.

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

Mr. Gibson was not present to provide a report. However, Mr. Johnson indicated that the JROTC and Sea Cadet Programs would begin in late April or early May.

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

Ms Vicki Brown provided the Registrar's Report. Ms. Brown indicated that the total membership has grown to seventy-five. She also indicated that there are six or seven applicants in various stages. She also continuing work on a series of Supplemental Patriots. Ms. Brown also stated that the rules for verification of family history were changing.

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

Mr. Folk reported that the State of Florida SAR has been selected to host the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2023. The Congress will be held in Orlando from July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

***Special Guest Speaker – Brian Barrett***

President Clyde Johnson introduced Mr. Barrett who is the current Color Guard Commander from the state of Wisconsin. Commander Barrett spoke about the New England Militia Based on his book: Burgoyne's Nemesis: The New England Militia.

***Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day***

There was no report regarding the Eagle Scout Program. Charlie Day was not in attendance.

***Color Guard – Russell Gibson***

Mr. Gibson was not in attendance but it was reported that the Color Guard was participating in the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island today, and would be participating in 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 twelve items about the Chapter published to date.

***Web Page /Newsletter– Ken Dunn***

No report on the Web Page/Newsletter activities

***Veterans***

Mr. Teater asked that if anyone had any books to donate please bring them to the April Meeting. Mr. Teater mentioned the "Quarters program" asking for donations needing \$300 in quarters to fill the need. Mr. Teater also solicited a volunteer to be the chair of the Veteran's Day Parade.

***SAR Auxiliary – Ellie Folk***

Ellie Folk was not in attendance. There was no report.

***Old Business – Clyde Johnson***

There was no Old Business.

***New Business – Clyde Johnson***

There was no New Business.

***Happy Dollars – Dale Hash***

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash

***SAR Recessional***

The SAR Recessional was presented by our guest speaker Brian Barrett. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

***Upcoming Events  
Chapter EBM, April 4th***

***General Meeting (April 13th, 2019)***  
***10:30 A.M.***

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Clyde Johnson, President

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Ken Lancaster, Secretary