



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
October 12th, 2019

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:38 by 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock.

Invocation – Richard Trout, Jr.

The Invocation was given by Richard Trout Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was administered by Russ Gibson.

Introduction of Guests – 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock

Vice President Hitchcock introduced our guests.

- Thomas Bowen – new member

Thomas Bowen was inducted into the Withlacoochee SAR by 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock.

Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson

There were no Opening Comments by 1st Vice President Hitchcock

Committee Reports

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

A general overview of the status of the Treasury year to date was provided by Mr. Dale Hash. Mr. Hash indicated that the Chapter had \$4441.75 in income and \$5912.52 in expenses. A report with specific details would be available for Compatriots to review.

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

Mr. Lancaster stated there were no action from the previous meeting. He went on to state that the Chapter Roster was up to date and consistent with the Chapter registry in the State database. He went on to provide an update of information supplied for the Chapter Challenge indicating that we had participated in twenty- eight events (28) and had contact with approximately seven thousand three hundred people.

- **Poster Contest – Larry Sturgeon**

Mr. Sturgeon gave a report on the status of the Poster Contest. Mr. Sturgeon went on to discuss both the poster contest (3-6th grades) with the theme for this year's contest being "The Battle of Thomas

Creek". Mr. Sturgeon reported that a Youth Committee had been voted on at the Board of Management Meeting (BOM) in Orlando.

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

Commander Gibson reported that he had nothing to report.

- **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-seven. Ms. Brown also stated that there were three new member approved at the State level and forwarded to National and two additional prospective members completed for signature. The details of the Registrar's Report are included as an attachment to the MoM.

- **Award Presentations**

Norm Freyer was presented with the Silver Roger Sherman Award along with a cash prize for his service to the SAR.

Stephen Brown was presented with the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster by Larry Sturgeon for his work with membership in research genealogy and his service to the SAR.

Bill Teater was acknowledged for receiving 1st Place in the Stark Award and 1st place Blue Flight for the Chapter Challenge.

- **Publicity – Norm Freyer**

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter has submitted thirty three (33) articles for publication. Mr. Freyer also indicated that the Chapter website has a link to the Hernando website.

- **Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day**

No report. Mr. Day did not attend the meeting and will be returning in October.

- **Web Page /Newsletter– Ken Dunn**

No report on the Web Page/Newsletter activities. Mr. Dunn was unable to attend. Mr. Sturgeon indicated that Mr. Dunn is the webmaster and oversees the Newsletter. Richard Bailey will be the backup to Mr. Dunn.

- **Veterans-Bill Teater**

Mr. Teater provided an update of Veteran's Committee activities.

- The Massing of the Colors will be held on November 10th
- The Veteran's Parade will be held on November 11th in Inverness. The Chapter is in need of vehicles to transport Veterans. Vicki Brown volunteered her convertible for the parade. Dave Brock stated that he would ask about a trailer to transport a golf cart.

- Veterans Christmas “sign-up” was discussed and distributed to members in attendance. Gifts for the veterans will begin to be collected at the November meeting for the visit on December 5th. Mr. Teater indicated that electric razors were a popular item at the
- Veterans home. Jimmy Barnes indicated that he would contact Walmart to see if we could receive a discount for bulk purchase or possible donation. There was also a request from those at the Veterans home for donations for cat food and bird seed.
- Quarters for Bingo and the \$300.00 allotment that the Chapter typically provides as well as the possibility of providing gift cards to the Home to give them flexibility for item purchases.
- Larry Sturgeon and Arthur Burt would assume oversight of the Veterans Committee for Bill Teater. Ron Powell will oversee the Veterans Home activities.

Mr. Teater requested a show-of-hands for those going to the Veterans Home.

- ***Service Awards***

Service Awards were presented to:

- Chauncey Reich – Korean War
- Dale Hash, Thomas Bowen – Viet Nam Era
- Richard Bailey – Southwest Asia

- ***Old Business – David Hitchcock***

There was no Old Business.

- ***New Business – Dave Hitchcock***

- ***Happy Dollars – Dale Hash***

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash.

- ***SAR Recessional***

The SAR Recessional was given by Norm Freyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28.

Upcoming Events

Chapter EBM 10/31/2019

General Meeting 11/9/2019