



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

I am happy to welcome newly approved Compatriots into our Chapter: Timothy G. McLane, Robert C. Bowling and R. Collier Bowling Jr. They all received final approval on January 27, 2023. We also are kicking the year off with both four reinstatements and transfers pending approval (Howard W. Shannon, James Clark, Jason Clark and David B. Meseroll Jr), and four new applicants pending approval (Paul DeBold, Ed E. Sisson, John B. Sisson and Mathew C. Sisson).

There is quite a lot that has been going on over the last month. So much so that I have included separate articles to update you on: 1) the Annual SE Regional SAR Meeting held on January 14, 2023, 2) the 2022 Chapter Challenge Report submitted on January 31, 2023; and 3) the Status on Investments of Chapter Savings and Trust Fund Principle in U.S. I-Bonds as of February 1, 2022.

In January - - ten or so days ago -- I sent out an e-mail inviting Non-Executive Committee members and applicants to consider volunteering to serve on the new Fundraising and Charitable Giving Committee that I established and appointed Vice-President Steve De Paul to chair. I thank Kevin Shurte for volunteering. I also appointed Secretary Mark Snider to the committee. The committee will explore at least two local charities serving children and perhaps one that serves veterans and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on proposed donations that the Chapter will make to the selected organizations. I originally set an annual goal of \$500.00 but this may change. While the committee may or may not meet before our next meeting, Steve De Paul, through his efforts, has already secured a \$2,000.00 donation from a private party to further our goal to establish a Chapter presence and name recognition in Broward County.

I usually use this corner in the newsletter to harp on nagging issues. Active succession planning is this month's message. For those of you that are typical attendees at our lunch meetings, you are the strength and future of the Chapter so hear my plea. We need volunteers to help and be trained to take over just about every aspect of how the Chapter operates. If you are good with websites or active in Facebook - we need help! If you are a photographer - bring your camera! If you like the medal and certificate awards program recognizing JROTC, Sea Cadets and Eagle Scouts - we need help! If you might want to contribute an article to appear in a future newsletter - let us know! If you have other ideas on how we can be a better Chapter and get more member involvement in traditional SAR programs - let us know! For those of you that appreciate the work we put in on your behalf to get your application approved - pay it forward by volunteering to help out!

For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING JANUARY 14, 2023

Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attending for Fort Lauderdale: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice-President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr; Ted Duay; Martin Hollick; Daniel Kvarnberg; John Lohmeyer; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Kevin Shurte; Michael Spear; Pete Stevenson; and John Wynkoop. **Fort Lauderdale Applicants and Guests:** Paul DeBold; Ed Sisson; Ronna Adams; Liana Carpenter; Ritz De Paul; Kathy Shurte; Judge Bertila Soto and Gabriel Rodriguez.

At the January 14, 2023, SE Regional SAR Meeting, there were 40 chairs set around four tables, and 38 of those chairs were occupied. The Fort Lauderdale Chapter had 17 members and 7 guests present. The meeting was chaired by William "Bill" Wicks, FLSSAR Vice President, Southeast (SE) Region. Also in attendance was Earl "Matt" Mathews, FLSSAR President General and his wife Jonnie. Annual reports were given by the Miami (Bill Wicks), Fort Lauderdale (Chuck Adams) and Palm Beach (Don Lanman) Chapter Presidents.

At this meeting, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter inducted four new members: Daniel Kvanberg, Kevin Shurte, Michael Spear and John Wynkoop. The induction ceremony was conducted by Bill Wicks. Presentations of the Rosette to each of the newly inducted members were made by current and past presidents: Chuck Adams, Ted Duay, Earl Mathews, and Lee Popham. We also presented Barry Moss with his certificate that was not available when he was previously inducted.

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NEXT MEETING - February 18, 2023

Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

Future Dates:

Saturday, 02/18/2023
Saturday, 03/18/2023
Saturday, 04/15/2023
Saturday, 05/20/2023

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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2022 CHAPTER CHALLENGE REPORT

The final numbers and list of activities for 2022 are finalized, and the Chapters 2022 Challenge Report has been submitted. You can always look at the 2022 report as well as past reports (2021 & 2020) at our website www.fortlauderdale-sar.org under the "archives" tab of the menu bar. Here are some highlights:

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter membership grew 18% -- from 50 as of January 1, 2022, to 59 on December 31, 2022.

The Chapter's media relations are carried out through the maintenance and updating of the Chapter website. The Chapter's meeting schedule and contact information is published quarterly in the SAR magazine.

The Chapter contributed \$900.00 to the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. and provided senior leadership and representation at four C.A.R. meetings held in 2022.

The Chapter awarded 68 medals and/or certificates to participants in the various youth programs it supports. The breakdown: Bronze Good Citizens Medal – 7 to JROTC recipients and 3 to Sea Cadets; JROTC Bronze Medal presented to 31 recipients; and 27 certificates were presented to recently approved Eagle Scouts.

During 2022, the Chapter awarded a Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate and a Fire Safety Medal and Certificate to recipients employed by the Broward Sheriff's Office.

The Chapter received approval on eight new member applications. We also received approval on six supplemental applications: Chuck Adams (4), Martin Hollick (1) and Mark Snider (1).

For the first time in many years, the Chapter had a representative (Steve De Paul) at the October 2022 FLSSAR Board of Management meeting.

I encourage all of our new members to look at the actual report in its excel format. It is organized in a manner that summarizes all of the various major programs and activities that SAR encourages all affiliates to consider incorporating into its local annual program. While our Chapter, for its size, does a lot, there is so much more on the menu laid out in the spreadsheet that we could do if we had more members expressing an interest in taking up a new initiative.



CHAPTER U.S. TREASURY I-BONDS INVESTMENT STATUS

By Chuck Adams

On March 31, 2022, I wrote a thorough report to the Executive Committee and subsequently to the membership on the 1991 Trust Estate that was created by three Chapter members who were the initial grantors and trustees. For a long time the Chapter had invested the principle balance in certificates of deposit (CD), but that investment vehicle had not been generating any significant interest for the last several years.

The principle balance of the Trust Estate as of 2022 calendar year end is \$16,100. Under the terms of the trust agreement, the Chapter is only entitled to interest earnings. In March 2022, we updated the accounting and determined that the Chapter was due \$4,169 in accrued interest on the expired CD that was cashed and deposited into the Chapter's savings account. On April 3, 2022, the Executive Committee met and formally recognized the accumulated interest as received by the Chapter since it was already on deposit in the Chapter's savings account. The Executive Committee also elected new trustees to the Trust Estate: Chuck Adams (3 year term), Pete Stevenson (2-year term), and Steve De Paul (1-year term), and Chuck Adams was designated the entity account manager for purchases from the U.S Treasury Direct Program. The March 2022 report outlined several investment alternatives but the most favored approach was to invest up to the full annual statutory limit of \$10,000 in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds. For 2022, it was decided to purchase \$3,000.00 of the newly received income on deposit in the Chapter savings account in I-Bonds which was done later in April 2022. That investment has currently accrued about \$107.00 in interest.

In October 2022, \$6,600 was invested from the principle in the Trust Estate. Since interest accrues semi-annually, currently there is no accrued interest recorded to these bonds. The Trustees considered the option of creating a separate entity account for the Trust Estate, so we could fully invest the remaining balance of \$9,500 in 2022. However this would have necessitated opening a separate bank account and a lot of other issues so we decided to keep it simple by waiting until 2023 to invest the remaining balance.

I am pleased to report that plan has now been fully implemented. The remaining Trust Estate principle of \$9,500 was invested through the purchase of additional I-Bonds on February 1, 2023. Currently all of the Trust Estate principle of \$16,100 is now fully invested in I-Bonds and no trust monies are deposited in the Chapter savings account. All bond proceeds on redemption are currently linked to be deposited back into the Chapter account.

For those interested in knowing more about the Trust Estate, you can view my report dated March 31, 2022, at the Chapter website under the "Members Only" page.





The 2023 Annual Calendar for General Membership Lunch Meeting for Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach Chapters was held today with 41 members, spouses and friends in attendances. Four new members were inducted into our Chapter. The Honorable Bertila Soto was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Fort Lauderdale chapter member Barry Moss was presented his late membership certificate.

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Also at this meeting, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter presented Judge Bertila Soto with the SAR Medal and Certificate for Law Enforcement. She has been a judge in Miami-Dade County since 1997 and served as the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit County from 2013-2020 – the first woman and first Hispanic chief judge. Judge Soto talked to us about her Cuban roots, love of America and its democratic values, and her appreciation for SAR, its goals and work in the community.

The meeting concluded after hearing an excellent presentation given by Miami Compatriot, Matthew Bunch, on the “Revolutionary Spirit of the Articles of Confederation.”



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SAR MEMBER PROFILE – TIMOTHY G. McLANE

Interviewed by: Chuck Adams



Q. Ok Tim, can you tell us a little bit about yourself.

A. I was born in 1954 at Springfield, Missouri, the youngest of thirteen children. I was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. My father worked for the Frisco Railroad, and my mother worked as an accountant at the hospital. I attended Oklahoma State University and then was educated by Benedictine monks at Conception, Missouri. Subsequently, I received a Master's In Divinity from St. Meinrad's in Indiana.

Q. What is or was, your primary occupation, and can you tell us about some of your recreational interests?

A. My latest vocation was as a veterinary technician and office manager. I retired in 2009 and have since dabbled in real estate. Since retirement, I have enjoyed traveling. I like baseball and fishing. I also like reading -- usually fiction and mysteries.

Q. Tell us a little about your family.

A. I am married to Bernard R. Hecht and he has two children and four grandchildren. I have numerous nephews and nieces.

Q. Who is your first proven Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is Baruch Prather, who enlisted at Montgomery County, Maryland as a private and rose in the ranks to 1st Sergeant in Captain S. Swearingen & Colonel J. Murdock's Maryland Militia Company. He also furnished wheat to the militia.

Q. How do you hope to contribute to Chapter development?

A. I would hope to contribute to SAR by participating in chapter meetings and serving however I am able.

Thanks, Tim, for sharing.