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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

NSSAR has surprised us not only with the recent approval of Ed F. Sisson, and his sons, John B. Sisson and Mathew C. Sisson, but also the approval of Scott A. Moore and W. Cliff Dickinson. You can learn more about Ed in the Member Profile published in this month's Newsletter. The Member Profiles for Scott and Cliff will follow in next month's newsletter. Also this month, Compatriot Ronald J. Goodale submitted his application for reinstatement. From our 2023 starting number of 59 active members, at this writing we are now 72 with the additional one reinstatement expected shortly.

Work continues on the formation of a Chapter Color Guard. At this time, five members have purchased or will purchase militia style attire allowing us to qualify with FLSSAR as a "Camp". The Color Guard Committee, chaired by myself, is now deciding on a camp name. Final details will be worked out after the May BOM meeting so that the Chapter can apply and be recognized by FLSSAR. The Chapter compatriots forming our first color guard are: Tom Carpenter Jr, Steve De Paul, Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte, and Tim McLane. We are not limited to five and anyone who is interested in being part of the founding group can contact me – there is still time.

I can also announce that Jim Lohmeyer has decided to step down as Chapter Chaplin. I have appointed Tim McLane has been appointed to serve as the interim as we work through the formal approval process. See the accompanying article on the "A Changing of the Guard" for more information on this subject.

From time-to-time, over the course of this year whether at lunch meetings or in past newsletters, I have talked about the need to get other members involved in the duties that allow our Chapter to operate and have a presence in Broward County. I can now tell you why. Joe Motes is planning a move to the Jacksonville area and expects to leave by the end of this summer – probably in August. Joe will remain a member of our Chapter and is willing to do many of the things that he does that can be done remotely. As an example, he is willing to continue as the Newsletter Editor and as the Facebook Page Administrator. That said, having others that can assist in those duties would be desirable. Please see the accompanying article on "Help Wanted" for more information.

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY— APRIL 15, 2023

At our March 18, 2023, meeting we had 15 members and 5 guests. **Members (15):** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Earl Higginbotham; Martin Hollick; John Lohmeyer; Tim McLane; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepard; Kevin Shurte; Michael Spear; and Pete Stevenson. **Prospective Members / Guests (5):** Ed Sisson; Applicant; Ronna Adams; Christian De Paul; Linda DeBold; and Ellen Higginbotham.

Chuck Adams gave the report on membership and upcoming events. He named Scott Moore and Cliff Dickinson as our newest applicants. He announced that registration was still open for the May BOM and July National Congress. Later in the meeting, in the absence of Joe Motes, he reported on the status of funds in Chapter accounts.

Mark Snider provided a summary of the April 11, 2023, Executive Committee meeting which had approved a motion re-appointing Steve De Paul to a one-year term to serve as a Trustee to the Fort Lauderdale SAR Operating Budget Trust Fund. Also at this meeting, Joe Motes assigned his proxy to vote at the May 2023 BOM to Kevin Shurte. Mark Snider went on to give an extensive report on the SAR Stark Award and Veteran Assistance Programs that the Chapter can participate in. He is in contact with administrators at the Nininger Veterans Nursing Home and is planning a Chapter "Donut Saturday" tentatively for June 24th at 10:30 a.m. Ellen Higginbotham provided a report on the upcoming Honor Flights and the welcome home event being held on May 6th at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport at around 7:00 p.m.

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NEXT MEETING - MAY 13, 2023

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

Future Dates:

- Saturday, 06/17/2023
- Saturday, 07/29/2023
- Saturday, 09/16/2023
- Saturday, 10/21/2023
- Saturday, 11/18/2023

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

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HELP WANTED!**By Chuck Adams**

I have often referred to Joe Motes as the face of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter. Joe has been a member of SAR and the Fort Lauderdale Chapter since 9 Sep 1994. His resume of service in Chapter leadership roles includes: Chapter President (3 years), Vice President (6 years), Treasurer (17 years), Editor (27 years), Sergeant-at-Arms (17 years); JROTC/Sea Cadet Chair (27 years) and Eagle Scout Chair (17 years).

After Joe moves to the Jacksonville area later this year, he has expressed an interest to continue as Newsletter Editor and Facebook Administrator – which can easily be done remotely. However, this does not mean that we should not also consider others who are willing to assume those responsibilities. Facebook is a perfect example of where co-administrators can easily be added in order to keep our page current. We must have a photographer and a backup photographer who can prepare captions associated with those photos to be published either on Facebook or in the newsletter. We also must have a JROTC & Sea Cadet Medal Awards Program Chairman who is able to take over after this school year. Here is a more detailed description of most of the various jobs that Joe currently performs; but, as stated, a photographer and a JROTC & Sea Cadet Program Chairman must be filled as soon as possible.

1. JROTC & Sea Cadet Medal Awards Program. The Chairman maintains a list of Broward County schools and contacts (currently in excel); communicates with the school contact; prepares (or coordinates the preparation) of certificates for recipients; attends school awards programs and/or coordinates the attendance of other Chapter members to make or participate in the meal awards ceremony. The Chairman maintains the annual list of award recipients and transcribes that information in the preparation of the annual Chapter Challenge Report. The Chairman maintains and coordinates the replenishment of the supply of annual medals and certificates. A successor might be one serving on the Chapter's Color Guard.

2. Historian. Ideally, the historian keeps a photographic record of Chapter events that are regularly posted on the Chapter Facebook Page and in the Chapter Newsletter. The Historian serves as the Chapter's Facebook administrator or a co-administrator, or coordinates with the Chapter's Facebook administrator. The Bylaws assign to this position the responsibility to maintain all official records both current and past of the Chapter. The Historian may serve as the Chapter webmaster, a co-webmaster, or coordinates with the webmaster, to assure that current and past Chapter records are digitized, uploaded to the Chapter's Google Drive and, as appropriate, made assessable through links created on the Chapter's website.

3. Editor. This position minimally coordinates the preparation and publication of the Chapter's newsletter which typically is published monthly except during vacation months. Skills in or the ability to learn publisher software is preferable. The Chapter currently uses a program called Serif Page Plus but could consider others such as Microsoft Publisher. The Editor could also serve as the Chapter's Facebook administrator or a co-administrator.

4. Treasurer. I have been working with Joe since January in assisting him in this role. Ideally, a successor is skilled in excel and able to work in personal finance or accounting software programs such as Quickens or QuickBooks. The Chapter bank records have been digitized for the last two calendar years and are now maintained in Quickens through which reports can be generated. Additionally, transaction data can easily be exported into excel by which the data can be copied or linked into reporting spreadsheets such as the Chapter's budget and status of funds report.

If you have an interest in performing some of these functions, please let me know. Anyone having an interest can start as an assistant and consider taking on full responsibilities at a later date.

**SAR MEMBER PROFILE - ED SISSON****Interview by: Chuck Adams**

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

A. I was born during 1955 in East Orange, New Jersey, and raised in Whippany and Mendham NJ. I attended Bayley Ellard High School (a regional Catholic college prep high school) located in Madison, NJ, where I played varsity football ,

baseball, and bowling. I attended Fairleigh Dickinson College in Madison, NJ where I started and played Varsity Division III NCAA football for 3 semesters. I, then, transferred to Niagara University (a Vincentian Catholic College) in Niagara Falls, NY. I played club football there along with opening and running the school's on-campus radio station, WRNU.

Q. What is or was your occupation?

A. I worked in the Travel Industry for 33 years -- 23 or those years with American Express Travel Related Services, and then 8 years with Avis Budget Group ,overseeing the online travel sales distribution . In June 2016, we started up Universe Point, where we designed and manufactured athletic footwear. Due to lack of sales caused by Covid – 19 shutdown, we closed the business in January 2023.

Q. What are some of your hobbies and recreational interests?

A. My hobbies and interests include fishing (freshwater and saltwater),biking, pickle ball, training, and golf. I also like to go to Montana annually to hike in some of the National Parks and to mine sapphires. I am an avid fan of both college and pro football.

Q. How about your family?

A. I have been with my partner, Ms. Berangere Barateig (BB for short), for 21 years. Through my ex-wife, I have two sons. John is currently 29 years old and is a part owner/trainer in a health club in Harwich, Massachusetts. He enjoys playing Ultimate Frisbee, and hiking on the weekends. Matt is currently 28 years old. He resides and works in New York City as VP of Business Development for a market research firm which provides data to institutional investment firms that enable them to make better investment decisions. Matt is a member of SCCA and races Spec Miata cars nationally on spring and summer weekends. Both John and Matt submitted their SAR applications with mine and have also recently been approved into membership.

Q. Who is your primary Patriot ancestor?

A. John Clark. He was a resident of Connecticut when he enlisted and served as a private in the 5th Regiment of the Continental Line.

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

A. I enjoy attending Chapter lunch meetings and will consider ways in which I can help out.

Thanks, Ed, for sharing.



Chapter Vice President Steve De Paul with his son, Christian, at the April 15, 2023 Chapter lunch meeting.



Chapter President Chuck Adams showing his 8th Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for Patriot Valentine Bowen.



Compatriots, wives and friends at the April 15, 2023 Chapter lunch meeting.



Compatriot Paul DeBold (center) inducted by Chapter President Chuck Adams (right) assisted by Secretary Mark Snider (left).



Compatriot Pete Stevenson (left) receives a certificate of appreciation for his 2022 service as Chapter Secretary. Also shown is Chapter President Chuck Adams (right) showing his certificate for 2022 service as Chapter President and Registrar/Genealogist.



Inducted Compatriot Paul DeBold congratulated by wife, Linda. Also shown are Chapter President Chuck Adams and Secretary Mark Snider.





Chapter President Chuck Adams (left) assisted by Vice President Steve De Paul (right) presents (from left) the Military Service Medal and Certificate to Paul DeBold (U.S. Coast Guard) and Jim Sauerwald (U.S. Navy).



Military Service and War Time Service Medal Recipient recognized at the April 15, 2023 Chapter lunch meeting. Flank by Chapter President Chuck Adams (left) and Vice President Steve De Paul (right), from left: Jim Clark, Michael Spear, Paul DeBold, Jim Lohmeyer, & John Sauerwald. Not shown: Earl Higginbotham.



Chapter President Chuck Adams (left) assisted by Vice President Steve De Paul (right) presents (from left) the War Time Service Medal and Certificate to Earl Higginbotham (Korea & Vietnam -U.S. Marines & Army) and Jim Lohmeyer (Korea - U.S. Marines).



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter held our May Executive Board meeting on May 7, 2023.

The following photo is just some of our SAR JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards.



Chapter President Chuck Adams (left) assisted by Vice President Steve De Paul (right) presents (from left) the War Time Service Medal and Certificate to Jim Clark (Vietnam -U.S. Marines) and Michael Spear (Vietnam - U.S. Army).



Boyd Anderson High School

The following photos are just some of our SAR JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards.



Fort Laderdale High School



Hollywood Hills High School Academy



Cooper City High School



Western High School



Hallandale High School



Pompano Beach High School



Hollywood Hills High School



South Plantation High School

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**A CHANGING OF THE GUARD –
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY— MAY 7, 2023**



At the April 23, 2023 CAR meeting, The Swamp Fox Society CAR donated a SAR Flag to the Fort Lauderdale Chapter, accepting the SAR Flag was Chapter President Chuck Adams.



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At the close of our last meeting, Jim Lohmeyer advised me that he wished to step down as the Chapter’s Chaplin. Jim has been a member of SAR and our Chapter since 9 Sep 2004. He has served as Chapter President (2007 & 2009), Vice President (2006 & 2008), Secretary (2014 - 2017), Registrar/Genealogist (2017 & 2018), and Chaplain (2021-2023). He has also served as the Chapter’s Representative on the National V.A.V.S Committee (2012 – 2022). While Jim is vacating his officer’s position, he will continue to share his experience with us at our lunch meetings.

Compatriot Tim McLane has a master’s in divinity and served in Saudi Arabia as a non-denominational Chaplin with the U.S. Air Force from 1991 -1995. He has offered to assume the position of Chapter Chaplin.

The Executive Committee met on May 7, 2023, with all members present. **Members Present (6):** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer & Editor/Historian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Tom Shepherd, Past President; and Pete Stevenson, Member-at-Large. **Absent:** None. **Non-Voting Member Present (1):** Tim McLane.

Actions taken:

In accord with Article IX, Paragraph e of the Chapter’s Bylaws:

“**Motion** made by Chuck Adams and seconded by Tom Shepherd appointing Tim McLane to serve as Chaplin during the 2023 unexpired term of Jim Lohmeyer subject to the final approval of the general membership at its scheduled meeting of May 13, 2023. Unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee also discussed the status of additional topics of interest with no official actions taken.

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Steve De Paul gave an update on Fundraising stating that \$500 came in from Arrow Asphalt and Engineering, making a total of \$3,000 received to date from non-member contribution.

Chuck Adams inducted Paul DeBold, welcoming him into the Chapter. Mark Snider assisted with the presentation of the Rosette. Chuck Adams also presented Pete Stevenson with his Certificate of Appreciation for service as 2022 Chapter Secretary.

Chuck Adams presented qualifying Chapter Compatriots with a certificate and medal for either their military or war time service in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. For military service: Paul DeBold and John Sauerwald. For war time service: Jim Lohmeyer (Korea), Earl Higginbotham (Korea & Vietnam), Jim Clark (Vietnam), and Michael Spear (Vietnam).

Under old and new business, Chuck Adams provided the update on the efforts to form a Chapter Color Guard. Five members are needed to form a “camp”. Currently we have that with the following members committed to purchasing militia attire: Tom Carpenter Jr, Steve De Paul, Tim McLane, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider.

To read the complete set of minutes of the April 15, 2023 members meeting, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archives subpage for minutes and agendas maintained at the Chapter website: www.fortlauderdale-sar.org .