



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 Barry L. Moss into our Chapter. He received full SAR approval at the end of October 2022. To learn more about Barry, see his member profile which was published in the September 2022 Newsletter. In this newsletter I have published my profile, and I continue my request for submissions from those of you yet to participate.

Our next meeting will be held on November 19, 2022. At this meeting we will hold the election of Chapter officers for 2023. The Executive Committee met on October 9, 2022, to propose a recommended slate of 2023 officers. For the report on the proposed slate of elected officers for 2023, please see either the October 15, 2022 meeting minutes or the summary of those minutes that follows.

The next lunch meeting also marks the end of our regularly scheduled membership meetings for this year. As a Chapter, we participate with DAR's Wreaths Across America Program which will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022. There will be more information provided at the next meeting on the event and how you may participate. Also, as a reminder, our Chapter will host the FLSSAR Southeast Regional meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2023. This meeting includes both the Miami Chapter and the West Palm Beach Chapter. It will be chaired by SE Regional Vice President, William R. Wicks III. Scheduled to attend is Florida Society President, Earl F. Mathews.

Finally, I continue to remind members that 2023 offers us a convenient and unique opportunity to attend the 133rd National Congress being held in Orlando, Florida from July 15 – 20, 2023. Go to www.flssar.org and follow the links in order to reserve your hotel room now as the block is filling up.

As I look back over the year, we have accomplished a lot. Here are some highlights:

- To date, we have had eight lunch meetings with an average member attendance of eleven and an average guest/prospective member attendance of five. That translates to a growing number of core members that enjoy our scheduled gatherings many of whom are willing to contribute to Chapter development when asked. The issue for next year is to develop, harness and empower those with new ideas or those willing to more actively participate.

- We have also had an involved Executive Committee which has met ten times with two more meetings scheduled for 2022. Through the Executive Committee, we prepared and proposed for adoption new by-laws which the general membership approved on March 19, 2022.

- The committee approved licensing and hosting funds to launch a new Chapter website on April 16, 2022. Subsequently, we analyzed the status of the Trust Fund that was created in 1991 for the benefit of the Chapter. An investment strategy with US Treasury I-Bonds was approved and is being implemented for both Chapter savings and Trust Fund principal. The goal is to have all excess funds fully invested in I-Bonds by the end of January 2023.

- We have continued our core programs of recognizing Eagle Scouts, JROTC and Naval Sea Cadets. For the first time in several years, we recognized meritorious law enforcement and fire-fighter service by making awards to two seasoned veterans of the Broward Sheriff's Office. Through funding contributions, we continue to help support the activities of the Swamp Fox Society CAR, and a local Boy Scout Troop.

- We started 2022 with fifty-one active members, and that appears to be the current number before adding net new members. When 2022 newly approved compatriots are considered, we have already inducted three and should add another three or four by the end of December. This is a big deal! It will be the first time in many years that we have added such a significant increase to our active membership rolls in excess of the prior year active number. Additionally, before 2022 year-end, we will have at least five other new member submitted applications expected to be approved in January or February 2023.

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

NEXT MEETING - November 19, 2022

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

Future Dates:

Saturday, 12/10/2022 Wreaths Across America
Saturday, 01/14/2023
Saturday, 02/18/2023
Saturday, 03/18/2023
Saturday, 04/15/2023

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY— OCTOBER 15, 2022

At our October 15, 2022, meeting we had 12 members and 4 guests. **Members:** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Allen Manning, Vice President; Pete Stevenson, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steve DePaul; Martin Hollick; Rick Kidder, John Lohmeyer; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider. **Guests:** Robert Bowling; Collier Bowling; Tim McLane; Barry Moss.

Officer and Committee Reports were given by Chuck Adams, Pete Stevenson, Joe Motes and Steve DePaul.

Chuck Adams welcomed the new applicants present including Barry Moss, Tim McLane, Robert Bowling and his son, Collier Bowling. He announced that Earl Higginbotham and Daniel Kvarnberg have transferred into the Chapter. This has been offset by the transfer out of William Purdy, and unfortunately, the passing of John Copanos. He stated that Mark Snider is changing his dual member status to designate the Florida Society/Fort Lauderdale, Chapter as his primary association. Pete Stevenson reported that the Chapter News has been published in both the summer issues of the SAR Magazine (on page 31) and the Florida Patriot (on page 10). Joe Motes gave the update on the balance in the Chapter's checking account. Chuck Adams discussed the balances of Chapter funds and Trust Funds maintained in the Chapter's savings account, or in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds. Joe Motes stated that at the next CAR meeting, he will present a SAR Medal of Appreciation to Katy Peterson for all of her years of service to the Swamp Fox Chapter.

Chuck Adams reviewed procedures for the 2023 Election of Officers as provided in Article 9 of the Chapter Bylaws. The election of officers shall be held at the November 19, 2022, Chapter meeting. The Executive Committee met on October 9, 2022, and recommends the following candidates: Chuck Adams, President and Registrar/Genealogist; Steven DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer and Historian/Editor; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin. Nominations from the floor may be made prior to the vote by members in attendance on November 19th. He stated that the elected officers are the members of the Executive Committee which in accord with our by-laws also includes the immediate past president currently held by Tom Shepherd, and at least one member-at-large appointed by the President.

Chuck Adams recognized Steve DePaul who he had appointed a delegate to represent the Chapter at the October 7-8, 2022, FLSSAR Board of Management (BOM) meeting. Steve DePaul reported that the meeting was held at Lake Buena Vista, Kissimmee. He said the meeting atmosphere was very welcoming and that he would definitely attend again.

He gave an update on the 133rd National Congress that will be held July 15-20, 2023, and he stated that there is work being done on updating the FLSSAR Bylaws.

To read the complete set of minutes of the October 15, 2022, 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.forlauderdaleassar.org.



FOR YOUR 2022 HOLIDAY LIST

Submitted by Chuck Adams

Except for current and past Presidents, I have noticed that most of our members do not have or display insignia badges or other forms of SAR identification. Let me give you some ideas for your holiday wish list.

The SAR Insignia Badge costs \$95 and is engraved with your SAR number. You can buy a non-engraved smaller badge for \$35 or the combination set for \$115. Only Presidents and Past Presidents wear the regularly sized badge with a neck ribbon, the latter of which can be purchased separately at a later date – current price is \$15.

You may also wish to consider a magnetic, Personalized Name Badge for \$35. It can include both the state society and chapter name. I wear mine at our lunch meetings.

At times when you may wear a blazer jacket, you may wish to consider the magnetic Gold Bullion Balzer Patch for \$35. I just bought one. There is a sew-on patch for \$30.

There is a lot of other items that you may like. I just bought the US/SAR Flag Pin for \$3.50 and the SAR Auto Badge for \$7.50. There are other challenge coins that may be of interest – the Collectible Challenge Coin for \$15 is one that many of our members have. Also, many of our members do have a SAR shirt and there are several types that are offered. See the apparel page for more items that you may like to consider.

Finally, Steve DePaul found a vendor that offers SAR rings. There are several styles and prices range from \$386 - \$1,466 depending on style and whether you select silver, white gold, 10k or 14k yellow gold. If you are interested, go to orders@bluegrassjewelry.com.

For SAR merchandise, log into the national site, and visit the “merchandise page” [StoreFront – Sons of the American Revolution Merchandise Online Store \(sar.org\)](http://StoreFront – Sons of the American Revolution Merchandise Online Store (sar.org)). Note that engraved items may be delayed. Sometimes you need to check back in a week or so to order an item listed as “out of stock”.

SWAMP FOX CHAPTER REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022

Dear S.A.R. and D.A.R. Chapters in South Florida,

Your C.A.R. Swamp Fox Chapter wants to give you an update.

This year, F.S.C.A.R. will support the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Haley Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. They are dedicated to caring for infants, children and young adults fighting cancer and central nervous system tumors. Through expanded research and groundbreaking clinical trials, they offer the most advanced treatment options available, giving kids renewed hope and life changing outcomes. Regardless of a child's condition, they are here to help them beat cancer. They partner with families to find the best treatment and will guide them every step of the way through diagnosis, recovery and follow-up care.

Florida's State President's program theme for 2022-2023 is "*Kids Helping Kids C.O.P.E.*". This year's goal is to raise \$5,000 to fund research and support for children with cancer being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Haley's Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders. Pins and challenge coins will be made available at a donation to help us make our goal! A second goal is C.A.R.E.S (Come And Recognize Everyone Serving). This initiative encourages societies to recognize those serving in their own community (community servants, police officers, firefighters, school administrators, teachers, DAR/SAR leaders, etc.). A third goal is to welcome home Vietnam veterans. Dog tags have been made that say "Welcome Home" for anyone to get for a donation that can be presented to any Vietnam veteran. Donations from these will go directly to Vietnam veterans via the Florida Veterans Foundation.

Swamp Fox voted at our September 2022 meeting to send three Thanksgiving boxes to Boca Helping Hands (\$94.44). We donated three wreaths to Wreaths Across America (\$75.). We donated money to Bocone College (\$100.), Chemewa Indian School (\$100.) and Hindeman Settlement School (\$200.). We also had Benjamin Franklin talk to us about electricity and Betsy Ross tell us about her flag. In October, our society watched a movie about our namesake -- The Swamp Fox, Francis Marion. In November we will meet with a police officer and his K-9 partner as we continue to celebrate people who have public service jobs.

Our Swamp Fox chapter meets from September through March. We currently have an infant who is about to join our Swamp Fox Society. Regularly, our meetings compose of three middle schoolers and two high schoolers. Several D.A.R. and S.A.R. members also attend our meetings. We need your children and grandchildren to become members!

Our State conference is in February. Members of S.A.R. and D.A.R. are invited to join us.

The following are the eligibility requirements under the National Bylaws to become a member of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

"Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-two is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States."

Please visit <https://www.nscar.org/join> to learn more!! For an application follow this link: https://www.nscar.org/Documents/nscar_application.pdf is the N.S.C.A.R. application.

Also note that children who do not have a lineal descendent back to the American Revolution, can still be part of our meetings through our Junior American Citizens Club. Please ask our Senior Swamp Fox President, Katy Peterson, for more information.

We would love your grandkids to be part of our chapter. The younger kids can color while hiding under the table. The older kids will get lots of service hours and leadership experience. We give all the kids opportunities for improving their public speaking skills. All the kids will learn patriotism.

Thank you for your contributions toward our society. We have a newsletter with more details about what Swamp Fox is doing. We also have a Facebook site. Please be our Facebook friend.

Thank you.

Submitted by:
Katy Peterson, Senior President
Swamp Fox Chapter C.A.R.

Editor's Note: The Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR contributes \$750 annually (and sometimes more) to help fund and support the activities of the Swamp Fox Chapter C.A.R. They meet on Sundays, and the schedule for the upcoming meetings are: November 6, 2022, and then January 22, February 26, March 12, & April 2, 2023. Contact Joe Motes if you would like to attend one of their meetings.



At our October 15th meeting, President Chuck Adams was awarded his second Liberty Medal award for his recruitment of 20 members, our meeting was attended by 16 members and prospective members.



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter Sons of The American Revolution attended the October meeting of the Swamp Fox C.A.R. and presented a check from the chapter for \$150.



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter presented Katy Petersen our SAR Medal of Appreciation for her many years as the Swamp Fox Senior Society President.

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SAR MEMBER PROFILE - CHUCK ADAMS

Interviewed by: Joe Motes



Q. Ok Chuck, what current or past officer positions have or do you hold, and have you received any SAR service recognition medals or awards?

A. I am currently the Chapter President & Registrar/Genealogist. I have served as

the Genealogist/Registrar since 2019 and served as Vice President & Registrar/Genealogist in 2021. Also, in 2021 and again in 2022, I received the NSSAR Liberty Award for new member sponsorships.

Q. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in 1952 in Bryn Mawr, PA, lived in Louisville, KY until age 10, and grew up in a suburb adjoining Columbus, OH. I was active in scouting and am an Eagle Scout. I went to college at Syracuse University where I majored in political science and graduated in 1974.

I continued there to earn a master's in public administration in 1975. My father was an avid boater. While in Louisville we spent a lot of time on the Ohio River, and while in Ohio we spent a lot of time on Lake Erie and many of the other Great Lakes. Our yacht club was only a few nautical miles from Put-In-Bay where the Battle of Lake Erie was fought in 1813.

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

A. After leaving Syracuse, I worked for the City of St Petersburg, FL for 5-years and then for the City of Fort Lauderdale, FL for 25-years. Through most of my career, I held senior management positions in departments focused on housing, community-economic development and redevelopment programs. I always was the point person for budgeting and in interacting with accounting, finance and procurement operations. When I retired from Fort Lauderdale, I formed my own company and I worked in a consulting capacity as a CFO for several redevelopment agencies and a non-profit transportation organization. I fully retired at the end of 2020. This has allowed me to devote most of my free time to researching genealogy including the lineage of the many new SAR members I have assisted. I also enjoy developing my skills and interest in investing. My camping days are over, and I hate boats. But my wife and I do enjoy cruising on the major lines. Pre-COVID, I enjoyed shooting trap and skeet at Markham Park, and hope to resume that sport shortly. As for team sports – Go Heat and Go Bucks!

Q. How about your family?

A. I married my one and only, Ronna Cloyd, in 1989. She was born and raised in Columbus, OH, but we met when we were both employed with the City of Fort Lauderdale. We have a wonderful daughter, Chelsea, who recently married a Cleveland boy. She and my son-in-law, Matt Friedl, live in Denver, CO. Both graduated in 2017 with business degrees and minors in history from Miami University in Oxford, OH. That is called a Miami Merger. We are all Buckeyes!

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My fourth great grandfather was Jonathan Adams. He had just turned sixteen when he joined a Vermont militia serving as a fifer. I love this story because he served with his older brother who was the company drummer. In addition, I currently have seven approved supplements, one under review, and one ready for submission.

Q. What ideas can you contribute to help the Chapter develop, retain and attract members, or recognize others consistent with SAR programs?

A. Since late 2018, I have worked to bring in new members as Chapter Registrar/Genealogist. As Chapter President, I am committed to work in a variety of ways to improve lunch meeting attendance and encourage more member participation in Chapter activities and events.

Thanks, Chuck, for sharing.

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