



The Gainesville Broadside Special Edition



Gainesville Chapter ~ Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Bob Reeves ~ Chapter President
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Minutes of Chapter Regular Dinner Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Reeves, at **Brown's Country Buffet**, 14423 US Hwy 441, Alachua, FL. Also present were Vice President Davis, Vice President Greenwood, Secretary Cromer, Registrar Partin, Chaplain Rinek, and 6 other Regular members. There were two member prospect guests

Vice President Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered a Toast to the Flag. The Preamble to the Constitution and The Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was led by Jim Partin. Chaplain Rinek delivered the Invocation.

President Reeves welcomed members and introduced the speaker, Sheriff Sadie Darnell and her guest, Detective Richard LaLonde.

After dinner at 5:45 the meeting reconvened at 6:30

The feature, "A Look Back in History, the Louisiana Purchase on this day in 1803" was presented by Bob Reeves. His report on Revolutionary Historical events in history was enlightening.

Vice President Ray Davis introduced the guest speaker, Alachua County Sherriff Sadie Darnell. Sherriff Darnell was sworn in as the first female Sherriff of Alachua County on November 14, 2006 and was re-elected to a second term in November 2008. Ray listed her thirty years of service with Gainesville Police Department and reported her numerous awards and committee memberships both during that time and after retirement from GPD.

Sherriff Darnell spoke on the topic: "Gainesville Gangs". She described the presence of gangs in our County and detailed the recent joint agency efforts of regional police to tabulate and combat these gangs. Detective LaLonde detailed statistics concerning recent police activity and he reported several interesting personal stories on the subject. The speakers were received with enthusiasm by the group, as evidenced by spirited questions from the audience.

President Reeves presented Certificates of Appreciation to Sherriff Darnell and Detective LaLonde for their presentation.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by Harry Hollien who donated his net proceeds to the Chapter. A door prize drawing. "We the People" was won by speaker Sadie Darnell.

"Landfall Tahiti", a limited edition color lithograph, 1979, signed by R. Linton was displayed. The drawing represents the HMS Bounty arriving in Tahiti. Pres. Reeves reported that raffle tickets had not been

popular and the lithograph will be auctioned at the next meeting. Several other items have been donated for consideration to be included in an auction.

Pres. Reeves announced that Roger Cox has been appointed Webmaster for the Chapter's website, www.gfilssar.org. He also announced that a Nominating Committee of Chairman Gordon Greenwood, and members Ray Davis and Jim Partin is working on developing a slate of officers to present for election for 2010. Members interested in one of the positions should contact one of these Committee Members. Members who are interested in helping out in one of the many other community efforts of the Chapter should contact President Reeves.

The next Chapter meeting is a dinner meeting on November 17, 2009 at Brown's Country Buffet.

The Executive Committee will meet on November 3, 2009.

There are several Veterans Programs in November to celebrate Armistice Day, which commemorates the ending of WWI at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918.

The meeting was concluded with the American's Creed; the SAR Recessional; and a Benediction by Charles Rinek.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted D. W. Cromer



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November 3, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

The meeting will convene at 1:00 P.M. at the Masonic Temple, N Main St., Gainesville. All Chapter Officers and Chairmen are scheduled attendees by our bylaws.. All interested Chapter Members are invited to attend

Monthly Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be a dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at Brown's, starting at 5:30PM. This is our Veterans Day Program; our speaker will be

Treasurer's Report: End of October balance and dues progress report.

Bylaws Review: A draft of our bylaws was emailed to EC members and some others with a few small modifications due to National Junior Members and minor procedural changes.

Flag Committee: An active Chairman is needed for this Committee and we need to schedule 2 presentations.

SAR Patriotic Media Award: We need to schedule the presentation of this award.

Naturalization: Ray Davis presented 44 US flag lapel pins to new citizens on October 22nd. The next ceremony is in the Federal Court House in downtown Gainesville. More volunteers are needed to participate.

Broadsides. We will be discussing the appointment of a new Editor. We also need members to submit articles, anecdotes and activity reports..

ROTC/JROTC Report: 2010 information has been sent to the 11 JROTC and 3 ROTC units in our area. We need volunteers to assist in the presentation of awards next March, April and May.

Fundraisers: We will discuss silent auction and other ways to raise money to offset program expenses. Members are invited to email suggestions [rdrii@yahoo.com]

Last Naval Battle Medals: We will deliver two at our next meeting. We have two for sale and five ready to transfer to Lake City or sell locally.

2009 Officer: A member at large is still desired. Recommendations for appointment are requested.

New Member Induction: We will discuss induction of members; we have several members in the Lake City area that have not yet been inducted as well as out-of-state members.

New Member Certificates: We will review our current policy and establish better procedures to prevent lost/misplaced certificates.

Public Service Awards: These awards will be made timely after the event rather than annually as in the past. Two are in process at present and will probably be presented at the meeting on the 15th.

Veterans Committee: No change

Webmaster: Roger Cox has been appointed webmaster and will assume responsibilities as soon as access and transfer to the host is completed. Yours truly has been unable to complete this for a variety of reasons, including time and tech-know-how.

2010 Chapter Officers Nomination Committee will discuss status and nominees. We want and need input from the membership. If you are interested in an office or just want to learn about how you can contribute and participate please email/call or talk to us.

December Meeting Program: We are investigating possible programs for the December and January programs. Ideas and suggestions from the membership is encouraged.

Executive Committee meeting: The next EC meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st.



Volunteers NEEDED!!!!

Compatriots – We need members to step up and participate –as officers, chairman or committee members. Our by-laws [at www.gflssar.org/bylaws.htm] spell out the duties. We will soon have a nominating committee to select candidates for offices and committees; contact any officer if you have interest in participating.



Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!!!!

