

Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Pensacola Chapter
Minutes

December 18, 2023

Compatriot Washler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Compatriot Matthews gave the invocation, Compatriot Nobles led the Pledge to the Flag, Compatriot Lies led the Pledge to the SAR and Compatriot Jones led the American's Creed. Ten members (Bill Lies, Ray Judd, Bill Nobles, Jeremy Findley, Lonnie Jones, Chris Washler, Richard Brown, John Matthews, Fred Printiss and Robert Canavello) were in attendance along with 3 guests (Jane Lies, Tyler McKee and Helen Rawson).

Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting unanimously waived inasmuch as the meeting was cancelled. The Treasurer's report was given and unanimously accepted; balance \$3,866.59.

Committee Reports: Received reimbursement from the State Society's Endowment Trust Fund for JROTC Medals in the amount of \$180.00 and First Responder Awards and meals in the amount of \$475.03.

Wreathes furnished by Wreaths Across America were placed on Saturday December 16th on each grave in the newer section of Barrancas National Cemetery on NAS Pensacola and on every other grave in the older section of the cemetery. Evidence of westward expansion of the cemetery was noticed.

Induction of New Members: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion was held on a 250th Anniversary Bench(s) to be located at the Minute Man statue. Also discussed was a pop-up tent and table cover to be purchased for use at various SAR events.

May 8th was announced as the date of the Battle of Pensacola remembrance activities.

Wreathes Across American is doing a 2-for-1 promotion until 17 January.

Awards Lonie Jones was presented a Sam Adam's Congress Appreciation Award.

Program: Tyler McKee presented an interesting presentation on the longest siege of the American Revolution which was in Pensacola. This was in conjunction with his thesis on the British in Pensacola during the American Revolution War.

Compatriot Washler led the recessional and Compatriot Matthews gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th at **Calvert's in the Heights, 670 Scenic Highway.**


Robert Canavello, Secretary