

SAR Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2026

The Villages Chapter of SAR met in the Captiva Recreation Center on Saturday, September 12, 2026, President Pat Taylor called the meeting to order at 10 am. We had forty-nine people in attendance, thirty-five members and fourteen visitors.

The Pledge to the US flag and the SAR pledge was led by VP Don Hansen and Pat gave the invocation.

Treasurer Lee Duff gave treasurer's report, which currently has a balance of \$7,221.87. He also noted that we now have 126 members with twenty-three applications in process.

Sergeant at Arms Chuck Opferman spoke about Revolutionary War events for September in 1776, including:

- 1. First ever submarine attack on a ship by the Turtle on the HMS Eagle**
- 2. Battle of Kips Bay**
- 3. Battle of Harlem Heights**
- 4. Nathan Hale arrested**

The August 2026 minutes submitted by Secretary Rick Smith was approved as written and sent out.

This month William Barton was inducted into our Chapter.



Pat and William

Our guest presenter was Barry Carlow, who is well known for his acting and directing in The Villages. He recently appeared in “1776, The Musical”, June 29 and 30 in the Savannah Theater, where he portrayed Benjamin Franklin.

Barry Corlew portrayed patriot Benedict Arnold, before he turned traitor!

Barry explained how Benedict Arnold served as a brilliant and daring American general during the early years of the American Revolutionary War. In fact, George Washington initially viewed Benedict Arnold as a brilliant, aggressive "fighting general" and championed his military skills.

At Fort Ticonderoga (1775), Arnold helped capture the strategic British fort alongside Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys.

In the Quebec Expedition (1775), he led a grueling march through the Maine wilderness to attack Quebec, where he was wounded in the leg.

On Lake Champlain in 1776, Arnold engineered a desperate, skillful naval defense at Valcour Island against superior British forces. This battle delayed a major British invasion.

Barry's partner, Bonnie Williams, portrayed the owner of the 'Finch and Chubb' Inn.



President Pat Taylor presented Barry Carlow (with Bonnie Williams) with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Announcements:

- 1. This month's Split the Pot drawing was \$83, with the proceeds going to our Education Awards for local students.**
- 2. Our speaker next month will be Don Wyman who will speak on The Barbary Coast – The Pirate Years: 2000 years of pirate history and its effect on our American colonies.**

VP Don Hansen led us in the SAR Recessional, and Past-President Jerry Byers gave the benediction.

President Pat Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.