**FANSDC 2026 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 24, 2026
**Time:** 12:30 PM
**Location:** Southern Palms RV Park, Eustis, Florida

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**Executive Summary**

The FANSDC General Meeting approved the 2025 meeting minutes, accepted the Treasurer's Report, and passed three By-Law amendments related to term limits, virtual Board meetings, and identification of the annual audit procedures within the Standing Rules. A memorial recognition was held for members who passed away during the year. The 2026 Camporee Committee reported a successful event and thanked volunteers and participants.

The membership re-elected the current Board by acclamation, with no nominations from the floor. Significant discussion focused on the location of the 2027 Camporee. Concerns were expressed regarding Southern Palms RV Park, including hall availability, kitchen access, and contract issues. Following discussion, the membership approved a motion authorizing relocation of the 2027 Camporee to Homeward Bound RV Resort if satisfactory arrangements can be finalized.

The membership also approved matching donations up to $200 for Quilts of Valor contributions collected during the event.

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**1. Call to Order**

President Marshall Blick called the meeting to order at 12:28; he led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation. Secretary Ken Shacter conducted the roll call and member representatives were identified from Chapters 000, 128 and 193. The Board was present:

President: Marshall & Laura Blick
Vice President: Susan Snider
Treasurer: Debbie Miller
Secretary: Ken Shacter

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**2. Quilts of Valor**

The following FANSDC members received a Quilt of Valor during a presentation by the Quilting Sisters of Florida: Richard Allen, Charles Bitter, Fran Bitter, Steve Casto, Bill Chesnut, Gary Harrell, Don Hardison, Gene Imus, Ron Imus, Dennis Ramsey, Charles Trimble, and Jim Weismore.

## 3. Association Reports

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debbie Miller reported:

- Balance at the end of March 2026: **$X,XXXX.XX**
- 2026 FANSDC Camporee registration income received: **$XXX.XX**
- Expenditures: **$XXX.XX** (Camporee decorations, USDA advertising, and refunds)
- Balance at the end of September 2026: **$X,XXX.XX**

The full report is attached.

**Motion:** By Carolyn Shacter (128) to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Second:** By Laura Ramsey (128).

**Result:** Approved unanimously.

### Recognition of Past Presidents

Bob Rosenthal recognized and thanked past FANSDC presidents in attendance for their service. They are: Martha Zimmerman (128), John & Dolly Ide (193), Tim Hill & Angela Brown (128), and Bob & Barbara Rosenthal (128).

### Memorial Rose Presentations

Memorial roses were presented in honor of:

- Karin Callander, accepted by Ron Imus
- Nancy Hersey, accepted by Ron Imus
- Lolly Adkinson, accepted by Allen Byland

A moment of silence and prayer was observed for deceased members, sick members, military personnel, first responders, and their families.

### Approval of 2025 General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2025 General Meeting, previously posted on the FANSDC website, were presented for approval.

**Motion:** By Ron Imus (128) to approve the 2025 General Meeting Minutes.

**Second:** By Angela Brown (128).

**Result:** Approved unanimously.

## 4. Other Reports

### 2026 Camporee Chairs Report

Camporee Chairs Marilyn Scott (128), Pat Herscha (128) and Laura Ramsey (128) thanked all members, volunteers, workers, and supporters who contributed to the success of the 2026

FANSDC Camporee. Special appreciation was expressed for members who assisted with setup, furniture movement, and event operations.

**2027 Camporee Chairs Report**

Wendy Brock (193) announced plans for the 2027 Camporee and encouraged members to purchase ribbons and support the upcoming event. If registration is paid this afternoon, a five-dollar ($5) discount to the fee will be credited (this does not apply to the camping fees). The theme for the Camporee will be a **Hippie Theme**.

**By-Law Amendments**

The proposed By-Law changes have been posted on the FANSDC website. Secretary Ken Shacter presented the three substantive By-Law amendments:

**Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 5: Officer Term Limits**

Revised officer and Board member term limits to allow extensions when those positions cannot be filled through normal volunteer recruitment, subject to:

- Board approval
- Membership confirmation during elections

**Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 2: Remote Board Meetings**

Authorized Board meetings to be conducted either:

- In person
- By telephone conference
- By video conference (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet)

**Article IX, Paragraph 6: Audit Clarification**

Added a reference directing members to the Standing Rules for details regarding the annual audit procedure.

**Discussion:** Tom Herscha (128) asked a question about the term limits and how they changed.

**Motion:** By Ron Imus (128) to approve the proposed By-Laws as presented.

**Second:** By Carolyn Shacter (128).

**Result:** Approved unanimously with one exception.

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**5. Announced Slate of New Officers**

The current officers announced their willingness to continue serving.

A discussion included the challenges of recruiting volunteers and the rationale behind modifying the term-limit provisions. Treasurer Debbie Miller noted she is approaching her seventh year in office but is willing to continue serving.

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**6. Nominations from the Floor**

The floor was opened for nominations. No additional nominations were received.

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**7. Vote**

**Motion:** By Pat Herscha (128) to accept the proposed slate of officers.

**Second:** By Gene Imus (128).

**Result:** Approved unanimously.

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**8. Announcement of New Board**

The current Board was retained for the upcoming year. Appreciation was expressed for the Board's service and teamwork.

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**9. New Business**

**Quilts of Valor Donation Box and Match**

Dolly Ide (193) made a proposal to support Quilts of Valor through a donation box at the evening dance. She further proposed that FANSDC match the contributions, up to $200.

**Motion:** By Tom Herscha (128).

**Second:** By Bill Dees (193).

**Result:** Approved unanimously.

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**10. Announcements**

**2027 Camporee Site Discussion**

John Ide (193) led an extensive discussion concerning the 2027 Camporee location.

**Concerns about Southern Palms RV Park (Eustis)**

Issues identified included:

- Increased camping fees
- Lack of guaranteed exclusive use of the dance hall
- Kitchen availability concerns
- Contract negotiations that (in the past have) required significant effort
- Restrictions on decorating the facility

**Alternative Site Proposal**

An alternative location, **Homebound RV Park (Bushnell)**, was presented. Reported advantages included:

- Wooden floor in dance hall (the building is about ¾ the size of the Eustis hall)
- Can accommodate up to 40 sites together (versus being scattered)
- An indoor swimming pool (although it closes at dusk)
- Rally-rate camping fees (~ $35/night)
- Unfettered dance hall and kitchen access
- Positive management cooperation

Ron Imus (128) stated that Square Wheels April 16-17, 2027 campout would be at the Homebound RV Park; anyone was welcome to come join the group.

**Discussion:** Mary Chesnut (128) proposed the camping fee on the registration form be left as it is to reduce the complication that might occur if we change from Southern Palms to Homebound RV Park. Treasurer Debbie Miller (128) asked if there was going to be a contract (like with Southern Palms). Ron Imus (128) stated 'no' – we should take them at their word; a handshake contract. Susan Wolford (193) asked about paying for the campground separately. John Sweeney (193) asked about the acoustics in the hall. Ron Imus (128) stated the ceiling is made from acoustic tiles and its height is the same (about 10 feet) as in Eustis. Laura Blick (128) asked if the campground would put us all together; Ron Imus responded that we would be located directly across from the dance hall. 2026 Camporee Co-Chair Pat Herscha (128) reiterated the problems we have had with Southern Oaks; President (and 2026 Wagon Master) Marshall Blick (128) stated other issues with Southern Oaks this year and last.

**Motion:** By Tom Herscha (128) to look into moving the 2027 Camporee to the Homebound RV Park if satisfactory arrangements/agreement can be secured; the registration pricing already set would remain unchanged and any resulting surplus (due to a reduction in campground fees) would remain with FANSDC for subsequent donation to a worthy cause.

**Second:** By Carolyn Ueber (128).

**Result:** Unanimous approval.

**<u>Other Announcements</u>**

- Members were encouraged to register early for the 2027 Camporee.
- Treasurer Debbie Miller requested that registrations be paid before the evening dance.

- Angela Brown (128) provided dinner instructions, including entry procedures and refreshment availability.
- Mary Chesnut (128) informed Square Wheels members they could pay dues during the evening dance if they were not attending the December campout (when dues would normally be collected).

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**12. Next General Meeting**

The next FANSDC General Meeting will be held during the 2027 Camporee, anticipated for **October 23, 2027**, subject to final event arrangements.

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**13. Adjournment**

**Motion:** by Bob Rosenthal (128).

**Second:** Ron Imus (128).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM

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| Action Item | Responsible Party |
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| Collect donations for Quilts of Valor during the evening dance. | Dolly Ide |
| Match member donations to Quilts of Valor up to $200. | FANSDC Board & Treasurer |
| Investigate Homebound RV Park for the 2027 Camporee. | Wendy Brock & Dolly Ide |
| Determine final camping rates, reservation process, and attendee communication if the change in venue occurs. | Wendy Brock & Debbie Miller |
| Continue sale of 2027 Camporee ribbons and registrations. | 2027 Camporee Team |
| Publish approved By-Law revisions and update FANSDC website. | Ken Shacter & Mike Gormley |