



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

*Sons of the American Revolution*

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**October 8, 2018**

7:00 p.m.

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)**

**AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303**

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**Chapter Officers**

President: Marvin Koechig  
Treasurer: Jim Borgman  
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: John Swanson, Sr.  
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Roy Snyder  
Historian: Dennis Hahn  
Chaplain: Paul Smith

***THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY***

Battle of Red Bank (Fort Mercer) on October 22, 1777

After the capture of Philadelphia on September 26, 1777, and of the failure of the American surprise attack against the British camp at the Battle of Germantown on October 4, the Americans tried to deny the British use of the city by blockading the Delaware River. To that end, two forts were constructed commanding the river. One was Fort Mercer on the New Jersey side at the Red Bank Plantation; the other was Fort Mifflin. So long as the Americans held both forts, British navy ships could not reach Philadelphia to resupply the army. In addition to the forts, the Americans possessed a small flotilla of Continental Navy ships on the Delaware supplemented by the Pennsylvania State Navy.

General Sir William Howe, the commander of the British Army, sent 2,000 Hessian troops to attack Fort Mercer a second time. Rather than let the garrison be captured in an overwhelming British assault, Colonel Christopher Greene decided to abandon the fort on November 20, leaving the British to occupy it the following day.

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE***

“[Captain Delaplace – Commandant of Fort Ticonderoga, May 1775] gazed at [Ethan] Allen in bewildered astonishment. ‘By whose authority do you act?’ exclaimed he. ‘In the name of the great Jehovah, and the Continental Congress!’ replied Allen.”

From Washington Irving, *Life of Washington*, Vol1, ch. 38.

## Anniversary Congratulations

October is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:  
Jerrell Driver, Jeffrey Sullivan, and Randall Warner

### Minutes October 8, 2018 Chapter Meeting

**Meeting opened at 7:05 PM**

**Color Guard presented Colors**

**Invocation:** Compatriot Dennis Hahn

**National Anthem:** Vera Raines

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Diane Borgman

**Pledge to SAR –** Compatriot David Christian

**Color Guard dismissed**

**Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.**

**Members in Attendance:** Stephen Baldwin, Jan Beardsley, Gerald Bednar, James Borgman, David Christian, William Grote, Dennis Hahn, Steven Hayes, David Hill, Kasper Kurtis, Marvin Koechig, Gregory Landrum, Charles Lilly, Richard Morton, Douglas Neff, Clyde Raines, Donald Rhoads, Michael Shea, Roy Snyder, Steven Stegan, John Swanson Sr., Matthew Swanson, Randy Tankersley, John White.

**Guests:** Justin Blake Barnett, Richard Barnett, Diane Borgman, Michael Francisco, Gary Gorline, Joan Koechig, Vera Raines.

#### **Awards and Certificates:**

Compatriot John White was awarded his 30-year member certificate.

Compatriot Steve Hays was presented his certificate for a Supplemental Patriot.

#### **Announcements:**

- Family Genealogy Convention May 8 – 11 2019 at the St. Charles Convention Center
  - Compatriot Dennis Hahn announced that our chapter will have a booth at the convention and we will need members to work at the booth. He would like to have at least one or the workers of each shift to be in uniform.
- Genealogy Workshops
  - Lineage Workshop in St. Louis County Library Headquarters on October 20, 2018 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
    - 1640 S. Lindbergh Ave. St. Louis 63131
    - We need volunteers for the 10:00 a.m. to Noon shift and the 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p. m. shift
    - If you can help, contact Compatriot Marvin at (636) 219-7771

- DNA Workshop at the St. Charles County Community College on November 10, 2018 9:00a.m. until 3:00 p.m. – registration is at 8:30 a.m.
- We will have a booth at the event and will need volunteers
- If you want to attend the session, there is a \$35 fee – register at [www.scchs.org](http://www.scchs.org) under the “Events” tab
- If you can help work at our Chapter Booth or if you have questions, contact Joan Koechig at 636-946-2820
- **St. Charles City 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
  - President Koechig announced that the city will have promotional objects around the city in recognition of the City’s anniversary in a manner the St. Louis had Birthday Cake signs.
  - The promotional objects will be of Lewis & Clark’s Newfoundland dog, Seaman
  - The FDL chapter can go in with the DAR to share a painting of Seaman and split the \$1,000 cost of the painting.
  - More detailed information will be shared as the plans are finalized by the city.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve by Compatriot Jim Borgman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Jan Beardsley  
 Motion Carried

**Treasurer’s Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman**

- Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report for Review by Compatriot Charles Lilly.
  - (Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)
- Dues are still due. The earlier that the dues are collected, the more points the chapter receives. Email the chapter treasurer at [jborg110@yahoo.com](mailto:jborg110@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Genealogist Report by Compatriot Doug Neff:**

We have 8 new member applications and 5 supplemental applications.  
 Compatriot David Christian asked how our chapter compares in membership to the other chapters in Missouri. After consulting with President Koechig and Chapter Registrar Hahn it was reported that we are approximately in the top third.

**Veterans Report by Compatriot Michael Shea:**

Due to Compatriot Michael Shea’s need to step down from chapter leadership positions, Compatriot Charles Lilly called members to consider volunteering to chair the Veteran’s Committee.

**Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:**

- Past Activities
  - Presented the Colors on 9/15 at the Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club’s special “M1 to Vets” Ceremony. Members attending were Doug Neff, Richard Morton, Don Turner, and Bill Grote.
  - Participated in the POW/MIA Watchfire Ceremony 9/21 at Frontier Park in St. Charles. Members attending were Frank Furman, Don Turner, and Bill Grote.
  - Participated 9/23 at the Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Enoch Jobe near California Missouri. MOSSAR Eastern District had 2 Eastern District members attending: Frank Furman and Don Turner from the Rolla area.

- Participated 9/29 at the MOSSAR Luncheon honoring Margaret Carr. Members attending were Marvin Koechig, and Doug Neff.
- **Upcoming Activities**
  - Sunday, 11/4 at 2:00 p.m. MSSDAR St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter Veterans Day Service at Jefferson Barracks Chapel (Musket Salute approved). We will need to meet by 1:00 p.m. to prepare. Please let Steve White know if you will be firing.
  - Friday, 11/9 at 5:00 p.m. The Veteran's Ball at Friendship Village Chesterfield. After the presentation there will a Dinner and Dance with a band. Compatriot Grote will need an accurate Head Count.
  - Saturday 12/5 at 5:00 p.m. The MSSDAR Christmas Tree Lighting at Roslyn Heights in Boonville, MO.
  - Saturday 12/15 at 10:30 a.m. National Wreaths Across America.

Compatriot Doug Neff, the MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, announced that the SAR National will be implementing changes for training and certification for musket firing. He will keep the chapter updated on the changes as soon as they are finalized and questions resolved from the Color Guard leaders of each society.

**Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

By mid-November we should have 20 Presentations.

**Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

So far this year, we have averaged approximately \$250 per Family Arena event.

**Other Committee Reports:**

Chapter Officer Nomination Committee by Compatriot Charles Lilly:

John Swanson, Sr. has consented to serve out the term of Vice President Michael Shea and to continue as Vice President for next year.

Candidates for Chapter President is still needed. Compatriot Lilly reminded people that members need not have been in the Chapter for years and that members of the chapter with past leadership experience are willing to offer advice and help.

Compatriot Matt Swanson reported that informational flyers have been created for

The Knight Essay Contest

The Middle School Student Brochure Contest

The Student Poster Contest

The will be distributed to area schools who are interested in participating.

**New Business:**

Installation of Compatriot John Swanson, Sr. as Chapter Vice President.

Motion to accept by Compatriot Jim Borgman and seconded by Compatriot Michael Shea.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Compatriot Swanson sworn in by Compatriot Dennis Hahn.

Compatriot Dennis Hahn presented awards to our chapter from the SAR National Convention

Flag Certification Award – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

MOSSAR Americanism Award – 2d Place

**Motion to Adjourn** by Compatriot Michael Shea

**Benediction** by Compatriot Dennis Hahn

**SAR Recessional** by Compatriot Charles Lilly

**Color Guard retrieves Colors**



**Program:** Compatriot John Swanson, Sr. presented the history and events of the Battle of Monongahela in July 1755 and the role of George Washington and its relevance to the American War for Independence.

**Next Meeting:** November 12, 2018 at the Embassy Suites at the Convention Center in St Charles

**Program: FDL Chapter Membership Awards & Commendations and Honoring the Military Veterans of the Chapter.**



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