



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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Meets 2nd Monday of every month at Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

Historical: America is still a free country despite all the efforts both internal and globally by many to bring it down. (see Editorial at the end of the newsletter)

President Lilly opened the meeting with the Color Guard (Baldwin, Grote, Morris, Rush and Lilly) presenting the colors. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Hahn followed by the pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer’s report : not available. (The treasurer is on a trip)

Genealogist report:

- 1 Supplemental approved for Lilly
- 1 Application @ MOSSAR
- 1 Application @ FdL
- 2 in work
- 2 supplementals @ NSSAR

Next meeting will be on Feb. 8, 2010. Will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

U.S. MO Committee Chairman Dave Christian gave an update on the USS Missouri activities. The USS Missouri is being outfitted for sea trials.

The painting to be placed in either the mess hall or the wardroom will have a quote on the frame, “Our prayers go with you as you sail on each patrol”.

Compatriot Borgman will contact the artist. The Chapter Compatriots made a motion for the committee to the limit of \$100 for the frame and supplies. According to Dave, the painter is donating his time for free.

Other business:

The Fernando de Leyba website is back up (www.sarfdl.com) thanks to Compatriot John Rush. Compatriot Chuck Simms coordinated our Chapter URL with the server site.

The slate of officers was presented voted upon by the membership:

- President – Charles Lilly
- Vice President – Paul Smith
- Secretary – Stephen Baldwin
- Treasurer – Jim Borgman
- Genealogist – John Rush
- Historian – Chuck Simms
- Chaplain – Dennis Hahn
- Sergeant at Arms – Ed Morris

Emer Gunther was presented with the SAR Martha Washington medal for recommending 3 Compatriots for the SAR membership.

Ciara Gunther, President, Missouri Society Children of the American Revolution, gave her presentation on her President’s Project : The Fisher house.

A motion passed to donate \$50 for the Project.

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Kalei Fujita read a thank you note on behalf of the Nathan Futrell Society – C.A.R. for the Chapter’s continued sponsorship of the Society.

Chapter President Lilly presented the following Compatriots the Missouri Silver medal for their activities and support of the Chapter: Steve Baldwin, Dennis Hahn, Charles Lilly and John Rush.

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With the business meeting concluded, Compatriot Baldwin gave a presentation on “21st Century weapons... Buck Rogers has arrived!”

_____ Editors Note: _____

Compatriots, I am going to spend time in sharing with you my thoughts. You can skip over this if you so desire, but here it goes.

We are living at a junction in our American History. The current economic condition is less than desirable with over 10+% unemployment, \$12.5 Trillion dollar deficit and growing and “kids” in the Legislative and Executive Branches, causing our patience at times tried. International opinion supports my statement.

To make matters worse, we have 3rd world countries who are trying to flex their muscles by threatening to destabilize their region. We also have religious fanatics who are surpassing our security and causing problems. Of course our leaders are not re-reading the writings of our Patriots who started our Great Country. Our Patriots warned future generations the problems of the mismanagement of our rights. They warned the people to hold our leaders to a high standard in protecting these rights that they won for us.

What can we as individuals do? Pray first and foremost. Then share your thoughts with your family and friends via emails or other forms of communication. Write your legislators and commend them for those votes that you agree with and condemn them for those votes that you disagree with. And finally, pray.

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