



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*
Sons of the American Revolution

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MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST) AT CULPEPPER
RESTAURANT IN ST. CHARLES, MO

March 8, 1776

Today in
American Revolutionary War History

The **Battle of Punk Hill** was a relatively minor skirmish in the greater **Forage War** of the American Revolutionary War, but it narrowly missed being a major turning point.

Approximately 3000 British regulars left Amboy for the Punk Hill area, ostensibly on a foraging expedition. General William Maxwell observed this movement from a nearby hill and sent a small detachment to harass the British on the left and sent a larger force to the right towards Bonhamtown, hoping to outflank them. The larger force consisted of two detachments, one from Col. Potter's Pennsylvania militia and commanded by Col. Cook. the other detachment was from Col. Thacher's New England troops.

Cook's and Thacher's men joined forces approximately one half mile out and almost immediately encountered and engaged a substantial

advanced party of British. General Maxwell sent Col. Martin and Lt. Col. Lindley to reinforce them quickly and began to assemble his main force to follow.

The British also sent reinforcements but they were cut off by another regiment of Americans. The British reinforcements retreated in confusion, sparking a general panic among their comrades and turning the entire engagement into a rout. The Americans chased them as far as Bonhamtown and Metuchen, but did not have sufficient numbers or cover to continue the pursuit.

There were at least four British killed and three taken prisoner. One of the prisoners revealed that General Howe had been at Bonhamtown during the engagement. Had Maxwell known this beforehand, the Battle of Punk Hill could have been a pivotal moment in the war.

The **Forage War** was a partisan campaign consisting of numerous small skirmishes that took place in New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War between January and March 1777, following the battles of Trenton and Princeton. After both British and Continental Army troops entered their winter quarters in early January, Continental Army regulars and militia companies from New Jersey and Pennsylvania engaged in numerous scouting and harassing operations against the British and German troops quartered in New Jersey.

The British troops wanted to have fresh provisions to consume, and also required fresh forage for their draft animals and horses. General George Washington ordered the systematic removal of such supplies from areas easily accessible to the British, and companies of American militia and troops harassed British and German forays to acquire such provisions. While many of these operations were small, in some cases they became quite elaborate, involving more than 1,000 troops. The American operations were so successful that British casualties in New Jersey (including those of the battles at Trenton and Princeton) exceeded those of the entire campaign for New York.

Next meeting will be on February 10, 2014 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's report as of November 2013:

Beginning Balance = \$2,155.48 – Ending Balance = \$2,153.00

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Genealogist report as of October 2013:

New Members: David Hoffman, Ron Hauser, Adam Schnelting, Michael Snyder, Jim Bunch, Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

“FDL “50” members strong”

- At National

Tom Busken-new member
Richard Denning-new member
Jim Borgman-2 supplementals
Keith Morris-1 supplemental

At State
Michael Snyder-1 supplemental
Jim Borgman-1 supplemental?

At Chapter
helping with supplementals for:
John Attaway
Michael Snyder
Charles Lilly

At the January 13, 2014 meeting:

Meeting Opens 6:59 pm

Introductions: Richard Denning, Michael Shea, Jim Jackson, Bill Jackson, Braxton Reitawisch, Judy Rietawisch, John Attaway, Chris Attaway.

Color Guard: Bill Grote

Wreaths Across America Ceremony held in the Chapel Charles Lilly on News 5.
Lafayette Park, President Day Feb 17, Eagle Scout – Jason Roberts.

Veterans: David Christian

ROTC Awards going out to 26 JROTC and 4 Colleges. Camp Hope in Farmington – help for Veterans that are suffering from disorders after coming home.

1. Martin White: 25 hours of USO training available- Chapter gets a Banner.
2. Steve Baldwin: Motion to sponsor a table for \$120.00 – Dar Cornelius Greene Chapter. Motion Passed!
3. Dennis Hahn: Motion to Swear in New Officers. Motion Passed!
4. Mylan Paddock: Patriots day Rolla Lutheran Church Sept 13, 2014
5. Michael Snyder: “KINGS BALL” February 1, 2014 VFW ST Genevieve.

Old Business:

No Dates for February Fundraising at the Family Arena – Look for Emails and respond to volunteer. New Chapter is trying to start up in western St. Charles and Lincoln County.

New Business:

Friday Feb & “Trivia Night.

STL 250 Celebrations starting February 14, 2014

Chapter Officers Sworn In for 2014 – Dennis Hahn, Martin White, Paul Smith, Jim Borgman, John Rush, Bill Grote, John Wilson.

Meeting Closed at 8:27 PM

February 10, Program: Richard Denning

30 Members and Guest in Attendance:

John Rush, Steve Baldwin, John Attaway, Chris Attaway, James Bunch, Mary Bunch, Dale Wiseman, Carol Wiseman, Michael Snyder, Barbra Morris, Kieth Morris, Mylan Paddock, David Christian, Charles Lilly, Bob Raines, Vera Raines, Martin White, Mimi White, Braxton Reitawisch, Judy Rietawisch, Bill Grote, Jim Jackson, Bill Jackson, John Wilson, Michael Shea, Steven White, Marvin Koechig, Joan Koechig, Richard Denning, Paul Smith

Announcements:

Martin White - Prostate Surgery

Ron Hauser - Knee Replacement.



Revolutionary War Quotes

"I am not a Virginian, but an American."

Patrick Henry

Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is Mystery?? Today is a Blessing!!!

"CARPE-DIEM"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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