

Minutes of the

# Zoom Online Meeting Fernando de Leyba Chapter

# Sons of the American Revolution

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# February 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Chapter Officers**

President: Jim Jackson Vice President: Marvin Koechig Secretary: Dan Evans
Treasurer: Jim Borgman Sgt At Arms: Steve White Historian: Dennis Hahn
Genealogist: Doug Neff Registrar: Dennis Hahn Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

# THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The Burning of Norfolk was an incident that occurred on January 1, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War. British Royal Navy ships in the harbor of Norfolk, Virginia began shelling the town, and landing parties came ashore to burn specific properties. The town, whose significantly Tory (Loyalist) population had fled, was occupied by Whig (Revolutionary) forces from Virginia and North Carolina. Although these forces worked to drive off the landing parties, they did nothing to impede the progress of the flames, and began burning and looting Tory properties. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burning\_of\_Norfolk">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burning\_of\_Norfolk</a>

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite." – James Madison Federalist Papers, No. 45, January 26, 1788

# **Anniversary Congratulations**

January is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

Michael Foss Boyd

James "Jay" Pflugradt

# **Minutes**

# **February 8, 2021**

# In Person at Embassy Suites and Zoom Online Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

**Invocation by Compatriot Steve Baldwin** 

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

**SAR Pledge** 

President Jim Jackson welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

### Members in Attendance (26):

Steve Baldwin Keith Jasin \*\* Kevin Walleman
Jim Borgman Pat Jefferson Justin Watkins
Michael Boyd Kurtis Kaspar
Ben Crouch \* Marvin Koechig
Dan Evans Greg Landrum

Boaz Grimstead Charles Lilly \*denotes approved by National Ezekiel Grimstead Doug Neff \*denotes approved by National but yet to be inducted into FDL

Ezra Grimstead Steve Sneeringer

Bill Grote David Stone \*\*denotes reinstatement approval pending by National

Matt Swanson

Steve Hyatt George Van Antwerp Jim Jackson Keith Walleman

Guests (5):

Casey Brizendine Gary Gorline Carey Warner

Dr. Mark Engelhardt Janet Jackson

#### **Announcements:**

• President Jim Jackson announced that Compatriot Steve Baldwin has volunteered for chapter chaplain.

#### **Installment of Officers:**

• Vice president Marvin Koechig swore in to office our new Chaplain Steve Baldwin and Treasurer Jim Borgmann who had been absent at the January meeting.

# **Awards and Recognitions:**

None

**Induction of New Members:** There were no new members inducted.

# **Reports:**

# Minutes of Previous Meeting on January 11, 2021

Approved without objection

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted subject to audit.

**Genealogist Report:** Compatriot Justin Watkins gave the Genealogists report which was prepared by Genealogist Doug Neff who was attending via Zoom.

• Current Roster Membership: 112

o Full Members: 92

Dual Members:Junior Members:14

- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 4
  - o New Member Applications: (2) Ben Crouch, Christopher Kelle.
  - Supplemental Applications: (2) Ray Snyder, William Snyder.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 2
  - o At MOSSAR: None.
  - o At NSSAR: (2) Gregory Hilton, Griffin Jasin.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 7
  - o At MOSSAR: None.
  - At NSSAR: (7) Justin Watkins (<u>pended</u>), Charles Lilly,
    - Doug Neff (2), Keith Walleman, Curtis Ballenger, Jim Borgman.
- Applications in Process at Chapter: 7
  - New Member: (7) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (<u>awaiting signature</u>), Shaun Sims, Harold Burton, Jerry Pipes (<u>awaiting signature</u>), Louis Volpi, Casey Brizendine.
  - o Supplementals: None.

#### **Veterans and ROTC Report:**

• Compatriot Marvin Koechig gave the veterans and junior ROTC report. He had been in contact with several high schools and found they were unsure due to covid-19 of JROTC programs this year. Others still have year 2020 awards to be presented.

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

• The only event was the January 21st internment of Bill Grothe at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Compatriot Grothe was the former MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, and member of the Spirit of St Louis SAR chapter.

#### Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

• No Flag Commendation Certificates were reported.

#### **Fund Raising Report:**

Regarding the DAR/SAR October Trivia Night Vice President Marvin Koechig pointed out
the venue did not renew it's beer/wine liquor license and is now providing a list of
approved outside catering companies for beer and wine at events. DAR/SAR will be
providing soft drinks and water to attendees. The Trivia Night Committee will be
updating the brochure and flyer.

#### **Awards Report:**

Compatriot Charles Lilly pointed out the need for a Chairman of the Awards committee, pointing out that Vice President Koechig has had that role for quite some time and needs relief. Charles pointed out that anniversary awards are given out in 5-year increments. Marvin then went into the duties and responsibilities of such a position, pointing out that anniversary awards and pins were available other than 25-year pins, which is trying to obtain. The awards are given for SAR anniversaries, and the public service awards include heroism, law enforcement, fire department, and life savings.

#### **Old Business:**

 Vice President Marvin Koechig under old business pointed out that, over time, thousands of flag code manuals have been given out to new citizens of the United States when they take their office. This is a joint project between the Saint Charles DAR Chapter and Fernando De Leyba.

#### **New Business:**

- President Jim Jackson announced a new project for the Chapter and its members. Once
  per month we will try and publish a Patriot of the Month from a chapter members
  genealogy. Submissions in a story form can be made to Secretary Dan Evans who will
  distribute them to the officers for consideration. Beyond patriotic service, President
  Jackson pointed out that one of the things that is to be noted was the Pioneer Spirit and
  the dispersion of Patriots from the colonies after the war, settling our new nation. All
  who participate in this project will be recognized monthly, even if their patriot is not
  selected for that month.
- Compatriot Charles Lilly announced that for the year 2019 2020. This award is only
  eligible to be be received by a chapter every other year. Our chapter was also the
  recipient of this award for the year 2017 2018.

**Program** – President Jim Jackson stated that no program will be presented at the meeting but the link sent to members on February 4th of the YouTube video entitled "The American Form Of Government" will serve as the program for the meeting.

# **Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin**

# **SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson**

#### In Remembrance

Stuart "Stu" L. Ballou James Lyle McPherson Francis "Fran" M. Northrop Michael Lawrence Zimmer

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 8, 2021 TBA ZOOM OR IN PERSON** 



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