

#### Minutes of the

# ONLINE MEETING Fernando de Leyba Chapter

# Sons of the American Revolution

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## **September 14, 2020**

7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Chapter Officers**

President: Mike Wood 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: Paul Smith

#### THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The **Battle of Harlem Heights** was fought during the New York and New Jersey campaign of the American Revolutionary War. The action took place on September 16, 1776, in what is now the Morningside Heights area and east into the future Harlem neighborhoods of northwestern Manhattan Island in what is now part of New York City. A Patriot victory The Continental Army, under Commander-in-chief General George Washington, Major General Nathanael Greene, and Major General Israel Putnam, totaling around 9,000 men, held a series of high ground positions in upper Manhattan. Immediately opposite was the vanguard of the British Army totaling around 5,000 men under the command of Major General Henry Clinton.

 $https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\_of\_Harlem\_Heights$ 

#### **REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE**

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." - First Annual Address to Congress, January 8, 1790 by George Washington

### **Anniversary Congratulations**

July, August and September are the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

versaries

Caleb Boone Baldwin
Clark Abraham Baldwin
Stephen Matthew Baldwin
James Ted Chumley
William Elliot David
Theodore Jay Hall
Kurtis Lynn Kaspar
Walter William Pruitt
Paul Earl Smith Jr.
John Arthur Swanson
Matthew Lee Swanson
Justin Farley McKinney

Watkins

#### **August Anniversaries**

Curtis Ballenger
James "Jim" Barley
Borgman
Morris Neal Botkin
Daniel Robert Evans Jr.
Kevin Howard Garrett
Edward S. Gray
Jonathan David Hunt
Stephen Wayne Hyatt
Shawn David Nickell
Stephen Geddes
Sneeringer
William Randall Walther

#### **September Anniversaries**

Charles "Kip" Martin **Babington III David Spencer Christian** William Arter Grimshaw Grote Lars Erik Hagen Richard Allan Horn William James Jackson Marvin Robert Koechig Jr. Nicholas Marvin Koechig Charles Leon Land **Douglas David Miller** John Linden Post II Dr. Paul Bonnette Simon Peter Emil Simon William George Simon John Arthur Wilson

# Minutes September 14, 2020 ONLINE Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

**Invocation:** Compatriot Mike Wood **Pledge to SAR –** Compatriot Mike Wood

Compatriot Mike Wood welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

#### Members in Attendance (24):

George Van Antwerp Tim Hill "Kip" Babington Charlie Hiemenz Steve Baldwin Jonathan Hunt Curt Ballenger Stephen Hyatt **Gary Bednar** Marvin Koechig Jim Borgman Chris Knox **Daniel Evans Griffin Knox** Bill Grote Sawyer Knox Dennis Hahn **Greg Landrum** 

Charles Lilly
Doug Neff

Dean Penberthy \*
Tate Portell \*
Dave Stone
Justin Watkins
Mike Wood

\*denotes approved by National but yet to be inducted into FDL

#### Guests (3):

Rick Strelinger, Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and Past President of the Missouri Society Sons of the Revolution Joan Koechig Dr. Mark Engelhardt

#### **Announcements:**

- Compatriot Dan Evans was sworn in as our new Chapter Secretary, succeeding Ray Snyder who has left the area. Dan expressed his appreciation for Ray for the help in the transition.
- The Children of the American Revolution are holding their annual fund raiser this year, selling pecans. Two e-mail notifications will be sent to members during September to accommodate their October 3, 2020 latest date for orders.
- Compatriot Marvin Koechig has contacted Embassy Suites for reservations for our October 12 membership meeting, and they can accommodate our group with Covid-19 precautions put in place.
- Compatriot Koechig reported Fernando de Leyba Chapter won the 2019 President General's Activities Streamer Award for chapter with 50–99 members. Our chapter also won this national award in 2017.

The President General's Activities Streamer Award was initiated in 1978. Chapters compete for the award by accumulating points awarded for various program activities during the previous calendar year. The President General's Chapter Activities Streamer Award is awarded to the chapters that demonstrate the best program of administrative support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### **Awards and Recognitions -- Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

- We have awards to distribute to issue to two firefighters, one law enforcement officer, and one emergency medical technician which will be given in either our October or November meeting.
- Makenzie Swanson, who was represented by FDL, won the state poster competition and has won the national competition.

#### **Induction of New Members:**

Fernando de Leyba Chapter is happy to bring the following new Compatriots into our membership:

Curtis Ballenger Timothy Hill Charles A. Hiemenz Griffin A. Knox, Junior Member Sawyer Knox, Junior Member David Stone

#### Reports:

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved without objection

#### Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman:

Approved subject to audit

(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Compatriot Jim Borgman)

#### **Genealogist Report by Compatriot Doug Neff:**

• Current Roster Membership: 119

Full Members: 97Dual Members: 6Junior Members: 16

- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 9
  - New Member Applications: (7) Keith Walleman, Curtis Ballenger, Bernard Steele, Charles Hiemenz, George Van Antwerp, Britt Van Antwerp, Brandon Bethel.
  - o Supplemental Applications: (2) Roy Snyder, Doug Neff.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 3
  - o At MOSSAR: None.
  - o At NSSAR: (3) Roderick Landers, Keith Landers, Kevin Walleman.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 7
  - o At MOSSAR: None.
  - At NSSAR: (7) Ray Snyder, William Snyder, Justin Watkins, Charles Lilly, Doug Neff
     (2), Keith Walleman.
- Applications in Process at Chapter: 12
  - New Member: (8) Mike Francisco, Charles Long (<u>awaiting signature</u>), Austin Long (<u>awaiting signature</u>), Don Marquess (<u>awaiting signature</u>), Thomas Payeur, Robert Koffman, Brian Stegen, Christopher Kelle.
  - o Supplementals: (4) Mike Wood, David Christian (2), David Hoffman.

#### **Veterans Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

• Due to Covid-19 nothing to report.

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

• Due to Covid-19 nothing to report. The VFW annual Watchfire is Friday night, September 18th.

#### **Fund Raising Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

• The tentatively scheduled Trivia Night is still planned, but early in 2021.

#### **Old Business:**

SAR Day at Busch Stadium was canceled this year, and has been postponed until 2022.

#### **New Business:**

• The AMVETS will be sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Benediction -- Compatriot Mike Wood

#### **SAR Recessional**

#### In Remembrance

The following Chapter Members passed in the month of July, August and September

Theodore Seth Hunt Jr.

Ray "Ed" Edward Morris

Melvin "Mel" Watkins

# NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303



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