



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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February 11, 2019

7:00 p.m.

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

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

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

The British Fort Sackville was a strong frontier fort constructed of log palisades and fortified blockhouses. This important frontier trading post was located on the Wabash River and grew to become the city of Vincennes, Indiana. On the morning of February 23, 1779, forces under the command of George Rogers Clark surrounded the fort. Colonel Clark arranged his soldiers to appear that he had a larger force than he actually had. After exchanging fire throughout the day and Indian counter attacks on Clark’s forces were repelled, the British commander surrendered. As a consequence of this victory, Colonel Clark and his soldiers spent the next few years maintaining an important American presence in the frontier constructing key forts at strategic points along the inland rivers.
Savas, Theodore and David Dameron, A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

“But what do we mean by the American Revolution? De we mean the American war? The Revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations.” John Adams – Letter to Hezekiah Niles, February 13, 1818.

Anniversary Congratulations

February is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:
Michael Boyd

Minutes February 11, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Chaplain Paul Smith

National Anthem: Lead by Compatriot David Christian

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Milly Neff

Pledge to SAR: Lead by Compatriot James Borgman

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

Members in Attendance: Jan Beardsley, Gerald Bednar, James Borgman, David Christian, William Grote, Charles Jefferson, Kurtis Kaspar, Charles Lilly, Richard Morton, Doug Neff, Ray Snyder, Roy Snyder, William Snyder (Junior Member), Steven Stegen, Matt Swanson, Mike Wood.

Guests: Diane Borgman, Michael Francisco, Milly Neff, Diane Wood, Sylvia Grote, Gary Gorline, Jenny House, Jeff Stirnemann, Ann Stirnemann, Gwyn Stirnemann, Roy Joachimstaler, Bruce Nelson, Blake Nelson, Joan Koechig, Jack Guenther, Dan Evans

Announcements:

- President Marvin Koechig announced the death of Compatriot Michael Zimmer on February 6, 2019 with internment on February 12th at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. FDL Color Guard Members will participate in the services.

Awards:

- Retired O'Fallon Chief of Police Roy Joachimstaler was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by Chapter President Marvin Koechig.
- The 1st, 2^d, and 3rd place winners of the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest were presented their Certificates by Compatriot Charles Lilly.
- Jack Guenther was presented his Certificate and Check for the George S. & Stella M. Knight Award by Compatriot Charles Lilly. Jack read his winning composition. President Koechig announced that Jack will advance to the Missouri Competition.
- Ms. Beth Crane, the winner of the M. Graham Clark Teacher Award, was ill and could not attend to receive her certificate. Roy Snyder was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

New Member Inductions

1. Ray Snyder and his son, William Snyder were provided an induction ceremony by President Koechig. They officially became members earlier but were living in Shanghai. Ray is the son of Compatriot Roy Snyder and William is his grandson.

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve by Compatriot Charles Lilly
2nd by Compatriot Kurtis Kaspar
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report for Review by Compatriot
2nd by Compatriot Charles Lilly
(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)

Genealogist Report:

Compatriot Doug Neff reported that so far, for 2019, there are three new applications in the process and one supplemental. There have been several inquiries from people interested in becoming members.

Veterans Report by Compatriot Charles Lilly:

The chapter has received a letter of invitation from Lafayette High School.

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

The chapter Color Guard will provide a Casket Guard for the funeral of Michael Zimmer and they will participate at his interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery,

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

There were 41 certificates presented in 2018

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

The Family arena event on February 2nd earned the chapter \$358.97

Old Business:

1. The Life Saving Certificate and Medal was presented to St. Charles County Park Ranger John (Trey) Bugh by President Marvin Koechig and Joan Koechig. Ranger Bugh was not able to attend the chapter meeting.
2. Compatriot Dennis Hahn has prepared a schedule to workers at the NGS Family History Conference to be held at the St. Charles Convention Center from 8 – 11 May. President Marvin will circulate the schedule & sign-up sheet to the chapter membership soon.
3. The Grave Marking for the Patriot in Wentzville will take place in May or June. Earlier dates had a conflict.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Borgman and seconded by Rick Morton
SAR Recessional lead by Compatriot Ray Snyder

Benediction by Compatriot Paul Smith

Color Guard retrieves Colors

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 11, 2019 AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION
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