



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: On this day in January 10, 1776: North Carolina governor calls on Loyalists to combat rebels While in exile aboard a warship in Cape Fear, North Carolina's Royal Governor Josiah Martin issues a proclamation calling on the king's loyal subjects to raise an armed force to combat the rebels, raise the royal standard and restore the province to its former glorious freedom. The Patriots met them in combat and wiped them out.

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 Borgman's gave his treasurer's report : \$1,032.38

Genealogist report:

- 2 Applications @ Chapter
- 3 Potential Application @ Chapter
- 3 supplemental @ NSSAR

Next meeting will be on Jan. 11, 2010. Will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Compatriot Dave Christian gave an update on the USS Missouri activities. The Christening of the USS Missouri happened in Dec. in Groton, Ct. The Commissioning will be in August, 2010. He encouraged all Compatriots to attend the ceremonies.

The Chapter Compatriots voted to support providing a painting to be placed in either the mess hall or the wardroom. Compatriot Borgman will contact the artist. A committee was formed with Borgman, Christian and Lilly.

Other business:

A motion was passed to continue supporting the Nathan Futrell Society by contributing \$50 on behalf of FdL Chapter.

Compatriot Raines was presented his SAR War Service Medal in recognition of his service as a Vietnam vet. Congrats, Bob.

Compatriot Baldwin reached is 89th Birthday. President Lilly gave him reminded everyone of his service to the country as a Marine during WWII in the South Pacific.

Compatriot Steve Baldwin informed everyone that he was working on getting the new webserver to re-establish our website.

With the business meeting concluded, David Hinze presented an excellent talk on the 1st Battle for Charleston in which the Patriots successfully defend Charleston.

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.

As I write this newsletter, I have been fighting lethargy and frustration. Why? Because I have stretched myself with several organizations and continue to chose to be a responsible member in each by maintaining offices. Some say that it is lunacy. I am of the opinion that when one joins an organization, one should utilize the God given talents to not only help “run” the organization, but to improve it. I believe that I am doing that and continue doing it. The only concern that I have, is that not everyone shares my opinion of support. Some only join to be a “warm body”, to be entertained, to support minimally. There are others on the other extreme, whom seem that they that cannot do enough. What each Compatriot needs to realize is that everyone has a duty to be active. Yes, duty. You have decided that you want to honor your ancestor by being members of the SAR. Think about what your ancestor went through to obtain the precious freedoms that we have in the United States of America. The SAR, along with the DAR, CAR are trying to preserve the history so that future generations can know where our freedom came from and that it should be fought to keep the freedoms. Pay attention to our pledge “... to defend them against every foe.” Our foes are not just external terrorists.

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Our foes are also those internal who want to control us by removing our freedoms bit by bit.

I encourage everyone to make every effort to attend as many meetings each year as possible and take an active part. If you have concerns are issues, President Lilly is a phone call away to listen. So is the editor. However, you’ll find that your evening is not wasted when you attend the meeting.

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