



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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November 12, 2018

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	Vice President: John Swanson, Sr.	Secretary: Roy Snyder
Treasurer: Jim Borgman	Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote	Historian: Dennis Hahn
Genealogist: Doug Neff	Registrar: Dennis Hahn	Chaplain: Paul Smith

THE FIRST FOREIGN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

On the 16th of November, 1776, the Brig *Andrew Doria*, sailed into Oranje Bay in Sint Eustatius (a Caribbean island in the northern Leeward Islands that was a part of the Netherlands Antilles, the island lies southeast of the Virgin Islands, immediately to the northwest of Saint Kitts). Flying the Continental Colors of the fledgling United States and commanded by Captain Isaiah Robinson, the Brig fired a 13-gun volley on entering the bay, representing the 13 American colonies. Tradition dictated the firing of a salute in return, typically two guns fewer than that fired by the incoming vessel. Governor de Graaff ordered an 11-gun return salute fired from the guns of Fort Oranje, making Sint Eustatius the first nation in history to acknowledge the independence of the United States.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

“My men, yonder are the Hessians.
They were bought for seven pounds and ten pence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it.
Tonight, the American flag floats from yonder hill or Molly Stark sleeps a widow!”
John Stark before the battle of Bennington, 1777.

Anniversary Congratulations

November is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:
Cole David Barry, David Hoffman, Jimmie Kirtlink, Ronald Pennington, Carl Pohle,
Donald Rhoads, Thomas Robertson, Benjamin Shea, Michael Shea, Ray Snyder,
William Snyder, William Spratt, Steven Stegen, Harold Zancanta.

Minutes November 2018 Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Jim Borgman

National Anthem: Compatriot Jan Beardsley

Pledge of Allegiance: Diane Borgman

Pledge to SAR – Compatriot Ted Chumley

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

Members in Attendance: Stephen Baldwin, Jan Beardsley, Jim Borgman, David Christian, Ted Chumley, William David, William Grote, Dennis Hahn, Charles Jefferson, Marvin Koechig, Greg Landrum, Charles Lilly, Roy Snyder, Jeff Sullivan, Steven Stegen, Mike Wood.

Guests: Reta Billy, Dianne Borgman, Katherine David, Kodi David, Joan Koechig

Announcements:

- Compatriot Stephen Baldwin reported that he has spoken to the Wentzville High School about placing a marker at the grave site of a Revolutionary War Patriot and that they are waiting for the approval to process.

Awards: President Compatriot Marvin Koechig presented the following certificates and medals for FDL Chapter Compatriots for their service.

- Compatriot Awards and Certificates
 - Stephen Baldwin: Certificate of Distinguished Service
 - Jan Beardsley: Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
 - Jim Borgman: Certificate of Distinguished Service
 - William David: Outstanding Citizenship Pin & Certificate and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
 - Bill Grote: Certificate of Distinguished Service
 - Greg Landrum: Oak Leaf Cluster for Silver Roger Sherman Medal
 - Charles Lilly: Certificate of Distinguished Service
 - Roy Snyder: Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
 - Jeff Sullivan: Silver Roger Sherman Medal

- John Swanson: Certificate of appreciation
- Matt Swanson: Meritorious Service Medal
- Anniversary Pins
 - David S. Christian: 10 Years
 - Steven G. Stegen: 10 Years
 - David S. Cox: 5 Years
- Friends of the FDL Chapter
 - Diane Borgman: Certificate of Appreciation for supporting SAR at chapter meetings, embroidering shirts, and MOSSAR convention napkins
 - Joan Koechig: Martha Washington Award – MOSSAR for finding and assisting three new FDL members
- Military Service Medals
 - Roy Snyder
 - Ray Snyder
 - Steven Stegen
 - Pat Jefferson (Replacement certificate for medal previously awarded)

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve by Compatriot Charles Lilly
 2nd by Compatriot Jim Borgman
 Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman

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

Genealogist Report: No Report

Veterans Report:

Chapter President asked for someone to consider chairing the committee.

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

● **Past Activities:**

- Sunday November 4, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the St. Louis-Jefferson DAR chapter Veterans Day service held in the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Chapel. Color Guard Compatriots were Terry Grogan, Don Turner, Greg Watkins, Wayne Davis, Doug Neff, Steve White and Bill Grote. We were scheduled to provide a Musket Salute which we had to cancel because of rain.
- Friday November 9th, the Color Guard presented the Colors at a special Veterans Ball held at Friendship Village Chesterfield. Compatriots Terry Grogan, Greg Watkins and his wife Lora, and Bill Grote and his wife Sylvia attended.
- Saturday November 10th, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the Webster Groves



DAR WW I service held at the WW I monument in Webster Groves Memorial Park. Color Guard Compatriots were Terry Grogan, Jon Pennington, Greg Watkins, Wayne Davis, Charles Lilly, and Bill Grote.

- **Upcoming Activities**

- Saturday December 1st at 5 pm, MSSDAR Christmas Tree Lighting at Roslyn Heights (Boonville, MO)
- Saturday December 15th 10:30 a.m., National Wreathes Across America

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report:

- No Report
- Compatriot Stegen inquired about presenting certificates in Lincoln County (possibly to promote interest memberships in the area)

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

As of the end of October, the chapter has earned over \$2,000 to support our outreach and educational programs.

Old Business:

- 2019 Chapter Officer Nominating Committee – still working.
- Annual Dues: If you have not paid, please do soon quickly. Payments made after the end of this month will not earn any points for the chapter.

New Business:

- Budget Committee: President Marvin Koechig reported a Budget Planning meeting prior to Thanksgiving Day and if any Compatriots are interested in attending the meeting to contact him.
- Compatriot Dennis Hahn reported that the National Genealogical Society Conference will be held in St. Charles at the Convention Center in May of next year.
 - The FDL chapter will have a booth at the event and volunteers will be needed to work.
 - More information will be sent to the chapter in the near future.
- Compatriot Hahn reported that the Missouri Historical Society will publish a book for its 130th Anniversary and he wants to work up a history of the FDL chapter to be included. Suggestions and help would be appreciated.

Motion to Adjourn by Compatriot Charles Lilly and 2d by Compatriot Jan Beardsley

Benediction by Compatriot Jim Borgman

SAR Recessional lead by Compatriot Jeff Sullivan

Color Guard retrieves Colors

Next Meeting: December 10, 2018 at Embassy Suites in St Charles

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