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*Sons of the American Revolution*

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MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST) AT CULPEPPER  
RESTAURANT IN ST. CHARLES, MO

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## ***The Ansbach-Bayreuth Regiment: “Out of the Barracks”***

At seven o'clock on the morning of February 28, 1777, upon order of the Most Serene and Gracious Prince and Lord, Friedrich Carl Alexander, Margrave of Brandenburg, six hundred men of the Bayreuth Infantry Regiment marched out of their barracks and toward an uncertain future in an unknown land. They were accompanied amidst moaning and prayers, much sorrowing and lamenting followed by wishes for a speedy and joyful return by a large gathering of people and relatives. Four days later, half a mile outside Ansbach, the Margrave, with his entire retinue, rode out to meet them, receiving them in a friendly manner and exhibiting his royal pleasure. They then marched into Ansbach and paraded past the royal castle and residence, and were quartered in the city by the residents, where they remained for the next three days. The young soldiers of the Ansbach Regiment had been at the barracks nearby for weeks, where they received their first formal military training before joining up with their sister unit. On March 4 the combined troops marched out of Ansbach amidst many tears and much weeping by the people. The Margrave and his entire staff accompanied them on their journey for quite some way.

During the American Revolution, there were many German states loosely unified under the Holy Roman Empire. Many of these German states were

officially Protestant, making them traditional allies of other Protestant nations, such as the United Kingdom of Great Britain, whose king, George III, was also the Prince-elector of Hanover. King George III came from an ethnic German line, and was the first of the House of Hanover to speak English as his first language. Great Britain formed strong German alliances during the Diplomatic Revolution of 1756, and had combined forces with Frederick the Great during the Seven Years' War to form a coalition that functioned as one Army. When the British colonies in America rebelled a decade later, several German states contracted for the temporary loan of German soldiers to the British Army. Although the leasing of German soldiers to a foreign power was controversial to some Europeans, the German people generally took great pride in their soldiers' service in the war. In some instances, Germans even enlisted directly into British units, such as the 60th Regiment of Foot.

Americans were alarmed at the arrival of German troops on American soil, viewing it as a betrayal by King George III. Several American congressmen declared they would be willing to declare independence if King George used German soldiers. German soldiers provided American patriots with a propaganda tool; they were derogatorily called "mercenaries," and were referred as such in the **Declaration of Independence**:

He (George III) is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the "Head of a civilized nation".

Despite American propaganda, contemporary writers suggested that German soldiers were well respected and well cared for, both by Americans and British. At the conclusion of the war, Congress offered incentives for German soldiers to stay in the United States. Great Britain also offered land and tax incentives for German soldiers willing to settle in Nova Scotia.

Next meeting will be on March 10, 2014 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

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Treasurer's report as of November 2013:

Beginning Balance = \$2,155.48 – Ending Balance = \$2,153.00

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Genealogist report as of February 2013:

New Members: Richard Denning, David Hoffman, Ron Hauser, Adam Schnelting, Michael Snyder, Jim Bunch, Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

“FDL “52” members strong”

- At National

Tom Busken-new member  
Richard Denning-new member  
Jim Borgman-2 supplementals  
Keith Morris-1 supplemental

At State  
Michael Snyder-1 supplemental  
Jim Borgman-1 supplemental?

At Chapter  
helping with supplementals for:  
John Attaway  
Michael Snyder  
Charles Lilly

At the February 10, 2014 meeting:

Meeting Opens 6:58 pm

Introductions: Dusty Rhoades, Terri Schrader, and Richard Denning.

Color Guard: Bill Grote

New Color Guard manual issued from State. Lafayette Park, President Day Feb 17, Eagle Scout – Jason Roberts will be at the March 10 meeting.

Veterans: David Christian

ROTC Awards going out to 26 JROTC and 4 Colleges. Camp Hope in Farmington – help for Veterans that are suffering from disorders after coming home.

1. Charles Lilly: Joan Koechig has provided (2) Certificate Award Winners.
2. Dennis Hahn: Start up SAR Chapter Meeting Sat Feb 15 10:00 am – Charles Lilly is nominated for MOSSAR President in April.
3. John Rush: News feature added to Web site!
4. James Osbourne: New look to State Web site.
5. Charles Lilly: Dennis Hahn nominated for Executive VP MOSSAR. Cornelia Greene Chapter DAR invited us to Presidents Day celebration.
6. Joan Koechig: Espania Chapter News Letter 2013 “ The Year in a Glance”.
7. Charles Lilly: USS Arizona Project – Still on Hold.
8. Martin White: Needs speakers for May, September, November
9. Bob Raines: Bob and Vera Raines took ^the Place at Trivia Night.
10. David Christian: Jefferson County Veterans being identified for” Wall of HONOR”.
11. Mini White: Needs piano player for Tea for Veteran Ladies.

Old Business:

National Congress will be the weekend of July 18 – July 24. Change to Family Arena fund split with DAR – to be determined.

New Business:

Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Terri Schrader.

Conspicuous Service to Fernando De Leyba Chapter Award was presented to Bill Grote.

Meeting Closed at 8:14 PM

February 10, Program: Richard Denning – Revolutionary Veteran John Armstrong

25 Members and Guest in Attendance:

Ron Hauser, Steve Baldwin, Milan Paddock, Bob Raines, Vera Raines, Dusty Rhoades, Charles “Pat” Jefferson, Dale Wiseman, Carol Wiseman, J.D. Kirtlink, Patricia Kirtlink, James Bunch, Evelyn Bunch, Terri Schrader, Bill Grote, Sylvia Grote, David Christian, Charles Lilly, Marty White, Mimi White, Steve White, John Rush, Marvin Koechig, Joan Koechig, Paul Smith

Announcements:

Martin White - Prostate Surgery

Ron Hauser - Knee Replacement.







## Revolutionary War Quotes

"It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."

*Patrick Henry*

Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is Mystery?? Today is a Blessing!!!

"CARPE-DIEM"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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