



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*
Sons of the American Revolution

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Sept. 7-16, 1778 Shawnee Indians lay siege to Boonesborough, KY, but fail to take it.

Meeting Minutes

The presentation of the Colors was conducted by Color Guardsmen Baldwin, Morris, and Rush, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, SAR Pledge and Invocation.

Treasurer's Report: \$1001.09

Genealogist Report:

- 1 new member application (David Christian)
- 8 supplementals @ NSSAR
- 1 Supplemental to finalize
- 1 supplemental being worked

Colorguard Report: The Color Guard Commander Baldwin reported that there was support for the annual Battle of San Carlos which held at the MO Historical Museum (Jefferson Memorial) in Forest Park. On Memorial Day, the Colorguard supported the DAR Cold Water Cemetery Memorial Service.

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Other Business:

Compatriot S. Baldwin reminded everyone to support their local 4th of July parades. He also encouraged everyone to attend the apolitical annual Pre-4th of July celebration at Congressman Todd Akin's house the last Friday in June. He also mentioned that he was attending the National Congress in Sacramento, CA to see MO Compatriot David Appleby be sworn in as the new President General.

With no further business, Chapter President Lilly ended the business meeting.

Our Speaker for this meeting was **MOSSAR President Russ DeVenney**. He stated that his three areas of concentration is to increase support of the DAR, CAR and Veterans. He also encourage Compatriots with problems/ concerns for MOSSAR and/or National to have President Lilly, Honorary Vice Presidents S. Baldwin and J. Boyd bring them to the MOSSAR board meeting. If your issue is pressing, contact him personally.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPT 8, 2008 @ WILIKER'S RESTERAUNT

OPINION SHAPER

It seems that every time one turns around, one is asked to donate money to some worthy cause. NSSAR is no different. Each Compatriot has chosen to be a part of this wonderful organization and have recited the Recessional. Let me put in our recessional here:

Until we meet again

Let us remember our obligation to our forefathers,

Who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights,

An independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free men.

I want to emphasize the bolded words. We are stating that we affirm that we have obligations because of what our forefathers did. Although it states what they did to us, it does not specifically state what the obligations are. One of our most important obligations is to fight those who want to "bastardize" our ancestors, to change the rights that our forefathers have provided to us and

to ensure that our ancestors living and in the future know the truth about what they did.

We, in the Sons of the American Revolution, have decided that something must be done. Some of the methods include:

- 1) supporting our youth by recognizing them with awards (Oration, Essay, Boy Scouts, ROTC/JROTC) and financial support to the Children of the American Revolution (CAR).
- 2) support by providing Color Guard services for funerals, parades, school presentations, Veterans activities, Town's and Cities' activities, award to Civic leaders, Veterans, Teachers, Firemen, Law Enforcement officers, Congressional representative, etc. to make people aware of the SAR
- 3) Donate to a worthy civic organization.
- 4) Provide genealogical services by having a library and access to our applications and supplementals.
- 5) We have a group who interface with our Congressional representative in assisting in assuring that legislation isn't passed to alter the true intent of our forefathers.

These are all good methods for increasing the awareness of the SAR. However, it is not good enough. We have also hired an education director to interface with school children and visitors. Coleen has done a wonderful job in bringing in school kids and sharing with them American Revolutionary history and what it means to them.

We, as a body, have also decided to that we needed to have our National headquarters be a spokesman for our ancestors by improving our physical headquarters which will include a museum, areas for education of our visitors, old, young and those in between, better research facilities, a public merchandise store and storage of historical significant paraphernalia. We have purchased the building in a very accessible area in downtown Louisville near several well visited sites including the Louisville slugger museum, the Frasier Art museum and down the street from the new baseball stadium. Louisville has been VERY supportive of us by providing sellable tax credits, free parking, and we will be included in their visitors brochures.

We are in the designing stage. The Trustees have told the National general officers that the building will not be renovated and completed until the money is raised. The fundraising process is now accelerating. We hired a development director whose job it is to go out and make contact with non-SAR potential donors as well as encourage SAR members to donate. Leanne Roberts is showing success because the SAR just received a couple of donations totaling \$1.1 million. The larger of these two donations was from who we call a "certificate Compatriot", one who does not attend, but came in for the certificate. He has wanted to do something to recognize his lineage and this was a mechanism to do just that. He is into educating our youth and he saw the importance of our Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH).

We, in the Fernando de Leyba Chapter have helped in this cause. A significant part of the profits when we sponsored the MOSSAR meeting went to the Center. We also sent in \$10 each to help with the % of SAR contributors.

I am encouraging you to search your hearts, fulfill your obligation by "digging into your pockets" and donate more to the cause for the CAAH.

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