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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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**"I have sworn upon the altar  
of God, eternal hostility  
against every  
form of tyranny over the  
mind of man."**

*Thomas Jefferson*

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## A Well-Organized and Armed Militia

"For a people who are free and who mean to remain so, a well-organized and armed militia is their best security. It is, therefore, incumbent on us at every meeting [of Congress] to revise the condition of the militia and to ask ourselves if it is prepared to repel a powerful enemy at every point of our territories exposed to invasion... Congress alone have power to produce a uniform state of preparation in this great organ of defense. The interests which they so deeply feel in their own and their country's security will present this as among the most important objects of their deliberation."

--*Thomas Jefferson: 8th Annual Message, 1808. ME 3:482*

"None but an armed nation can dispense with a standing army. To keep ours armed and disciplined is therefore at all times important." --*Thomas Jefferson, 1803.*

"It is more a subject of joy [than of regret] that we have so few of the desperate characters which compose modern regular armies. But it proves more forcibly the necessity of obliging every citizen to be a soldier; this was the case with the Greeks and Romans and must be that of every free State. Where there is no oppression there can be no pauper hirelings." --*Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, 1813.*

"A well-disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace and for the first moments of war till regulars may relieve them, I deem [one of] the essential principles of our Government, and consequently [one of] those which ought to shape its administration."

--*Thomas Jefferson: 1st Inaugural, 1801.*

**"[The] governor [is] constitutionally the commander of the militia of the State, that is to say, of every man in it able to bear arms."** --*Thomas Jefferson to A. L. C. Destutt de Tracy, 1811.*

**"Uncertain as we must ever be of the particular point in our circumference where an enemy may choose to invade us, the only force which can be ready at every point and competent to oppose them, is the body of neighboring citizens as formed into a militia. On these, collected from the parts most convenient, in numbers proportioned to the invading foe, it is best to rely, not only to meet the first attack, but if it threatens to be permanent, to maintain the defence until regulars may be engaged to relieve them."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson: 1st Annual Message, 1801. ME 3:334*

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### **Every Citizen a Member of the Militia**

**"We must train and classify the whole of our male citizens, and *make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education.* We can never be safe till this is done."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, 1813.*

**"I think the truth must now be obvious that our people are too happy at home to enter into regular service, and that *we cannot be defended but by making every citizen a soldier,* as the Greeks and Romans who had no standing armies; and that in doing this all must be marshaled, classed by their ages, and every service ascribed to its competent class."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson to John Wayles Eppes, 1814.*

## **On Civil Rights**

### **The Right to Bear Arms**

**In a nation governed by the people themselves, the possession of arms to defend their nation against usurpers within and without was deemed absolutely necessary. This right was protected by the 2nd Amendment.**

**"The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people; that... it is their right and *duty* to be at all times armed."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson to John Cartwright, 1824.*

**"One (referring to himself) loves to possess arms, though they hope never to have occasion for them."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson to George Washington, 1796. ME 9:341*

**"A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives a moderate exercise to the Body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind . . . Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson, Letter to his nephew Peter Carr, August 19, 1785.*

**"No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms (within his own lands or tenements)."**  
--*Thomas Jefferson: Draft Virginia Constitution with (his note added), 1776. Papers, 1:353*

**"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."**

*--Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764).*

**Next meeting will be on JAN. 14, 2012 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.**

Treasurer's report as of November 12, 2012:

Beginning Balance = \$2,253.63– Ending Balance = \$1,952.03

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Genealogist report as of November 12, 2012:

New Members: Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

At National:

8 New Prospects for Membership:

- Pat Jefferson (2 supplements)
- John Wilson (1 supplement)
- Charles Lilly (3 supplements)
- Keith Morris (1 supplement)
- Martin White (1 supplement)
- Steve White (1 supplement)
- J.D. Kirklink (application)
- Marvin Keochig (2 supplements)

At the December 10, 2012 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7:00 pm

Introductions: Adam Schnelting, Mike Snyder, Richard Denning.

Veterans report: David Christian informed us that we have been invited to the Lewis and Clark Chapter of SAR for their December 11th special luncheon and program.

1. Charles Lily: Motion – To purchase Care Package for those who are serving in Afghanistan. Motion – Passed (\$65.00 was collected)
2. Dennis Hahn: George Washington @ Missouri History Museum. Where were you on 9/11.
3. Diane Borgman: Motion to donate \$30.00 to Honor Flights. Motion - Passed
4. Charles Lilly: Way's to make our Chapter more friendly by mentoring new potential members. Chuck Simms recommended forming a Recruiting Committee.
5. Steve Baldwin: Kaitlin Eisenbath (Knight Essay applicant) – Josiah Fog update.
6. Keith Morris: On December 15, 2012 (6) Wreaths will be placed for deceased FDL members – gone but not forgotten.
7. John Rush: Won the USS Constitution Model.
8. Martin White: Won the Frigata Espaneola circa 1780

Old Business: NASSAR 2013 Congress will be in Las Vegas N.V. July 6-11. Medals Available for Purchase.

New Business: New Member J.D. Kirtlink recognized:

10 Year member recognition – Jeff Sullivan

Meeting Closed at 8:20 P.M.

December 10 Program presented by: Chuck Simms

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28 Members and Guest in Attendance:

John Rush, Stephen Baldwin, Marty White, Mimi White, Charles Jefferson, Dale Wiseman, Carol Wiseman, David Bell, Elaine Bell, Micheal Snyder, Amanda Snyder, Richard Denning, Milan Paddock, Adam Schnelting , Chuck Simms, Dennis Hahn, Jeff Sullivan, Charles Lilly, Bill Grote, Sylvia Grote, Keith Morris, Jim Borgman, Diane Borgman, J.D. Kirtlink, John Wilson, Marvin Koechig, David Christian, Paul Smith

## Revolutionary War Quotes

"Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families."

*Benjamin Rush 1773*





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

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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