



Minutes of the  
**In Person and Zoom Online Meeting**  
*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**MARCH 8, 2021**

7:00 p.m.

MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

**AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303**

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**Chapter Officers**

President: Jim Jackson  
Treasurer: Jim Borgman  
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: Marvin Koechig  
Sgt At Arms: Steve White  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Dan Evans  
Historian: Dennis Hahn  
Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

***THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY***

The Boston Massacre was a confrontation on March 5, 1770, in which British soldiers shot and killed several people while being harassed by a mob in Boston.[2] The event was heavily publicized by leading Patriots such as Paul Revere and Samuel Adams.[3][4][5] British troops had been stationed in the Province of Massachusetts Bay since 1768 in order to support crown-appointed officials and to enforce unpopular Parliamentary legislation. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston\\_Massacre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Massacre)

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE***

"The Part I took in Defence of Cptn. Preston and the Soldiers, procured me Anxiety, and Obloquy enough. It was, however, one of the most gallant, generous, manly and disinterested Actions of my whole Life, and one of the best Pieces of Service I ever rendered my Country. Judgment of Death against those Soldiers would have been as foul a Stain upon this Country as the Executions of the Quakers or Witches, anciently. As the Evidence was, the Verdict of the Jury was exactly right. This however is no Reason why the Town should not call the Action of that Night a Massacre, nor is it any Argument in favour of the Governor or Minister, who caused them to be sent here. But it is the strongest Proofs of the Danger of Standing Armies." —John Adams, on the third anniversary of the massacre

## Anniversary Congratulations

March is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

Gayle "Andy" Gene Anderson  
Captain David Scott Cox  
Dennis Jerome Hahn

Keith Edward Morris  
Alex John Swanson  
Scott Thomas Swanson

## Minutes

March 8, 2021

In Person at Embassy Suites and Zoom Online Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Invocation by Compatriot Steve Baldwin

The Singing of our National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

SAR Pledge

President Jim Jackson welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

President Jackson gave historical notes for the month of March in the American Revolution.

### Members in Attendance (29):

Bob Ackley  
Steve Baldwin  
Curt Ballenger  
Jim Borgman  
Michael Boyd  
Ben Crouch  
Dan Evans  
Boaz Grimstead  
Ezekiel Grimstead  
Ezra Grimstead  
Bill Grote  
Dennis Hahn

Keith Jasin \*\*  
Pat Jefferson  
Marvin Koechig  
Greg Landrum  
Charles Lilly  
Keith Morris  
Richard Morton  
Douglas Neff  
Dean Penberthy  
Steve Sneeringer  
Bernie Steele \*  
Steve Stegen

Dave Stone  
John Swanson  
George Van Antwerp  
Justin Watkins  
Mike Wood

*\*denotes approved by National  
but yet to be inducted into FDL*

*\*\*denotes reinstatement  
approval pending at National*

### Guests (5):

Trisha Crouch  
Gary Gorline

Joan Koechig  
Dan Steele

Louis Volpe

**Announcements:**

- President Jim Jackson announced that compatriot Kevin Walleman has accepted the post of Awards Chairman.
- Treasurer Jim Borgman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with a round of "Happy Birthday" and he was presented a cherry pie from President Jackson.
- Compatriot Charles Lilly notified the chapter that Compatriot Captain David Scott Cox is to be installed as a Commodore in the United States Navy this fall at Pearl Harbor Naval Base. Compatriot Cox will be in command of Squadron Seven, which consists of nine nuclear submarines. Compatriot Cox is Charles's son-in-law.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

- Compatriot Charles Lilly received his anniversary award for 15 years of membership.

**Induction of New Members:** Ben Louis Crouch was inducted into Fernando De Leyba Chapter with his wife Tricia in attendance.

**Reports:****Minutes of Previous Meeting on February 8, 2021**

Approved without objection

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted subject to audit.

**Genealogist Report:** Compatriot Justin Watkins gave the Genealogists report which was prepared by Genealogist Doug Neff who was attending via Zoom.

- Current Roster Membership: 113
  - Full Members: 93
  - Dual Members: 6
  - Junior Members: 14
- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 1
  - New Member Applications: (1) Gregory Hilton.
  - Supplemental Applications: None.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 2
  - At MOSSAR: None.
  - At NSSAR: (2) Griffin Jasin, Jerry Pipes.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 7
  - At MOSSAR: None.
  - At NSSAR: (7) Justin Watkins (pending), Charles Lilly, Doug Neff (2), Keith Walleman, Curtis Ballenger, Jim Borgman.

- Applications in Process at Chapter: 11
  - New Member: (11) Gary Gorline, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton, Casey Brizendine (awaiting signature), David Von Behren (awaiting signature).

IN COMMITTEE: Shaun Sims, Louis Volpi (awaiting signature), Mike Maninger, Robert Koffman, Justin Hill.

- Supplementals: None.

**Veterans and ROTC Report:** None

**Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:**

- Compatriot Grote gave the Color Guard report and he reported that for the first time in many years we were unable to present a wreath at George Washington's statue in Lafayette Park on President's Day, due to the snowstorm.

**Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

- No Flag Commendation Certificates were reported.
- Compatriot Marvin Koechig displayed a number of rescued flags which are available to members, and which also include casket flags.

**Fund Raising Report:**

- No new developments

**Awards Report:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- An open discussion was held on the Patriot of the Month program. President Jackson conveyed his pleasure in a number of submissions, which also gave us an issue of how to handle the entries. While this is an open issue, the suggestion was that a selection would be made at random for each month's Patriot, with the other compatriots recognized for their submissions and eligible to be chosen the next month.

**New Business:**

- Compatriot Koechig informed us that DAR has been working with Community Council of St. Charles County on a project which would include transporting veterans to their medical appointments and other necessary events. Since many veterans are male, it was thought that the SAR would be a more appropriate organization to handle such activity. Discussion was held regarding legal responsibility for the SAR, as well as logistical responsibility. At present the Council organization is paying for Uber drivers to handle this issue. Those who would wish to volunteer should contact the Community Council of St. Charles County at <http://www.communitycouncilstc.org/>

- Compatriot Dennis Hahn announce that State Representative Adam Schnelting is attempting to have Highway 94 renamed for George Washington in one area and Daniel Boone in the another.
- Also under new business Joanie Koechig announced that a member of her DAR chapter had taken a picture of one of our honor guard and submitted it to the National DAR which will be brought up for a National award at their next meeting. Some discussion ensued as to who this person might be, so I have included the photograph for compatriots to identify him. Apparently our compatriot was caught in the photo either resting his eyes, in the middle of a blink, or fast asleep. You can be the judge.



Nevertheless, this photograph is certainly deserving of an award.

**Program** – There was no program this month.

**Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin**

**SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson**

### **In Remembrance**

We had no Chapter Compatriots pass away in the Month of March

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 12, 2021 TBA ZOOM OR IN PERSON**



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