



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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May 13, 2019

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
Treasurer: Jim Borgman
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: John Swanson, Sr.
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Roy Snyder
Historian: Dennis Hahn
Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The Battle of Fort San Carlos [Battle of Saint Louis]: Special Notification

Earlier this May, FDL Compatriot Adam Schnelting (our Missouri State Representative) informed us that House Bill 338, designating May 26th as the Battle of St. Louis Memorial Day, was passed by the Missouri House of Representatives and sent to the Missouri Senate where SAR Compatriot Lincoln Hough from Springfield would work to carry the measure through the Senate.

On May 19th, Compatriot Schnelting informed us that the Bill passed and should be signed by the Governor within a few weeks.

We thank Representative Schnelting and Senator Hough for their work.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE (FOR JULY 4TH)

“Not only was a battle fought at St. Louis in 1780, it was also the main effort in a grand plan of the British to sweep the Spanish and the Americans from the Mississippi River possessions. Our history might have been vastly different had they succeeded.” -- Carr, Margaret

Kling, Stephen Jr., Kristine Sjostrom, and Marysia Lopez, The Battle of St. Louis, The Attack On Cahokia And The American Revolution In The West, St. Louis, THGC Publishing, 2017, p. VII.

Anniversary Congratulations

May is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:
James Hoskins, Charles Jefferson, and Steven White.

Minutes May 13, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Chaplain Paul Smith

National Anthem: Compatriot David Christian

Pledge of Allegiance: Diane Wood

Pledge to SAR: Compatriot Rick Morton

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

Members in Attendance: Andy Anderson, Stephen Baldwin, Jam Beardsley, James Borgman, David Christian, Larry Frathingham, Lars Hagen, David Hill, Charles Jefferson, Kurtis Kasper, Marvin Koechig, Greg Landrum, Richard Morton, Doug Neff, Donald Rhoads, Robert Rogers, Paul Smith, Ray Snyder, Roy Snyder, William Snyder (Jr Member), Steven Stegen, Jeffrey Sullivan, John Swanson, Matt Swanson, Mike Wood

Guests: Compatriot James Osbourn (MOSSAR President), Mike Francisco, Bob Raines, Verna Raines, Doug Shaw, Sandy Hagen, Diane Wood, Joan Koechig, Milly Neff, Jim McFerrin, Nan Walther, Robert Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Michah Pyatt.

Announcements:

- MOSSAR President Compatriot James Osbourn announced that he has taken on the job of organizing publicity. He sent an article on the recent grave marking by the chapter and an article on the State Meeting to SAR Magazine.
- Compatriot Stephen Baldwin announced that SAR National would like help recording Patriot information on the website. You can enter the information about your Patriot by going to sarpatriots.sar.org and typing in the information.
- Charles Lilly announced Joan Koechig's Award of the SAR Medal of Appreciation at the DAR State Convention.

Awards:

Compatriot Dave Hill was awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal by FDL President Compatriot Marvin Koechig.

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve by Compatriot Jan Beardsley and seconded by Compatriot Rick Morton. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman:

Compatriot Jim Borgman announced that the Chapter, ending balance for April was \$3,045.96

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report for Review by Compatriot Charles Lilly

(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)

Genealogist Report: by Compatriot Doug Neff:

- The chapter has 82 total members
- 6 applications are in process
 - 3 at MOSSAR
 - 3 at SAR National

Veterans Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

5 area High Schools have been given JROTC awards to be presented.

Compatriot Dave Christianson announced that he attended the Marine Corp JROTC in Pacific, MO.

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

Announced that the Color Guard would be participating in the Battle of San Carlos Memorial on May 19th at the St. Louis History Museum at 2:00 p.m.

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

Presently working to arrange dates for presentation of current nominees and is looking for more nominations to be submitted by FDL Members.

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

- 2 events are schedule in May for the Family Arena.
- See the "Old Business" section for information on the up-coming Trivia Night Fundraiser.

Old Business:

- MOSSAR Convention
 - The FDL Chapter placed
 - 2d in the Americanism Award Category
 - 2d in Flag Certificate Presentations
 - 1st in the Josiah Fogg Award Category for all of the activities of the chapter.
 - The MOSSAR Convention in 2020 will be held at the same venue as this year in Columbia, MO
 - The Jefferson City Chapter will be in charge
 - The Present SAR President General will be attending.
- Compatriot Stephen Baldwin reported that the recent Grave Marking in Wentzville:
 - Was well attended by the FDL Chapter and the local DAR Chapter.
 - Color Guard attendance was good.
 - The Mayor of Wentzville attended.
 - The MOSSAR President attended.

- The National Geneological Conference
 - Was well staffed by FDL and Spirit chapter members
 - Several people inquired about SAR membership
- FDL/DAR Trivia Night:
 - The Trivia Night is set for Saturday October 12th at 7:00 p.m.
 - Flyers and Info Sheets are available & will be at the head table during up-coming meetings
 - C.A.R. kinds will be runners and are working on obtaining Silent Auction Items
 - FDL workers will be needed to help at the event.

New Business: None

Program: Compatriot Erik Hagen spoke about his experience on finding his family roots.

- His process was complicated by the fact that he was adopted and did not have information about his biological parents.
- His adoptive mother, who was in poor health, gave him access to the family safety deposit box an he found information on his birth mother.
- His search eventually led him to Compatriot Jim Borgman who helped him get his records for SAR Membership.

Motion to Adjourn by Compatriot Jim Borgman and seconded by Compatriot Jan Beardsley

Benediction by Compatriot Paul Smith

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Doug Neff

Color Guard retrieves Colors

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 10, 2019

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Program: "Getting to Know One Another" by Compatriots Marvin Kochig and John Swanson.



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