



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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June 10, 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: Ray Snyder
Historian: Dennis Hahn
Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The Battle of Green Spring, was fought on July 6, 1781 in Virginia. Cornwallis’s army of 3,000 men was crippled, short of supplies, and travelling to Portsmouth, Virginia to regroup. Knowing 1,000 of Maj. Gen. Lafayette and Maj. Gen. Wayne’s troops were in pursuit, Cornwallis sent two “deserters” to inform the Americans that the British had crossed the James River. Although General Wayne took the bait, Lafayette was suspicious and remained a safe distance behind. Had Lafayette joined the attack with General Wayne, or had Cornwallis attacked just two hours earlier, the outcome of the war would probably have been much different. Fortunately, the sun set before Cornwallis could inflict maximum damage. *Causalities*: British: 75 killed and wounded; American: 28 killed, 98 wounded, and 12 missing.

[A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution; Theodore P. Savas and J. David Dameron; 2013]

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE (FOR JULY 4TH)

In a letter John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, “The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.” The resolution for independence was passed on July 2 with no opposing votes, but the next two days witnessed debate as to the wording and nearly a fourth of the text was deleted.

From Adams Explains why we Celebrate the Fourth of July, Sort Of; Joel Miller and Kristen Parrish eds., *The Patriot’s Reference* (Nashville TN, 2014).

Anniversary Congratulations

June and July are the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots:

Alexander Luke Baldwin
Jan Alan Beardsley
Gerald Bednar
Jerry Lee Cook
Richard Michael Morton
Douglas Eugene Neff
Hardy Barry Porringer
Adam Norman Schnelting
Roy Lee Snyder

Dale Lee Wiseman
Caleb Boone Baldwin
Clark Abraham Baldwin
Stephen Matthew Baldwin
James Ted Chumley
William Elliot David
Kenneth Norman Hagan
Kurtis Lynn Kasper
Walter William Pruitt

William Lee Roundcount
Paul Earl Smith Jr.
John Arthur Swanson
Matthew Lee Swanson
Justin Farley McKinney
Watkins
Mike Wood

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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 Borgman

Pledge to SAR – Compatriot Jan Beardsley

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

Members in Attendance:

Stephen Matthew Baldwin
 Jan Alan Beardsley
 David Spencer Christian
 James Ted Chumley
 William Elliot David
 William A. G. Grote
 Lars Erik Hagen

Dennis Jerome Hahn
 Steven Robert Hayes
 Marvin Koechig
 Charles Elliott Lilly
 Keith Edward Morris
 Douglas Eugene Neff
 Paul Earl Smith Jr.

Ray William Snyder
 Roy Lee Snyder
 William Raymond Snyder
 Alex J. Swanson
 Mike Wood

Guests:

Barbara Morris
 Diane Wood
 Diane Borgman
 Sandy Hagen
 Nan Walther

Randy Walther
 Mike Francisco
 Joan Koechig
 Milly Neff
 Stephen Sneeringer

Dan Evans
 Robert Rogers
 Kevin Rogers

Announcements:

- Diane Wood will bake 500 chocolate chip cookies to sell at Trivia Night. She brought a batch to the meeting and they were delicious.
- Dennis Hahn passed around pictures of the grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Castilio at Wentzville Holt High School.
- Joan Koechig was elected as President of St. Charles County Historical Society.
- St. Charles County Historical Society – The statue of the Lewis and Clark dog “Seaman” can be found in front of the Historical Society at 101 S. Main St in St. Charles, MO.
- Mike Wood has two new Supplementals: Jacob Slaughter and William Washington.

New Member Inductions

Compatriot Robert Rogers

Program:

‘Getting to Know Each Other’

John Swanson – John spoke of his colorful military career and life after the service. He was born 1942, Army veteran sent to Korea then met his wife after retiring from the Army.

Marvin Koechig – 1973 Deputy Sheriff in Cape Girardeau. Went to college in Law Enforcement. Became a Special Agent with the Department of Agriculture. In 1980 the Department of Agriculture opened an office in St. Louis. Which brought him to the area. He retired in 2002 from the Department of Agriculture but continued to work part time for the past 16 years with the Postal Inspection Service. He has visited all 50 states and 78 countries.

Reports:**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve by Compatriot Charles Lilly
 2nd by Compatriot David Christian
 Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman

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

2nd by Compatriot Bill Grote
(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Ray Snyder)

Genealogist Report:

83 members; 69 regular members; 5 dual members; 9 junior members

Veterans Report by Compatriot Michael Shea:

No updates

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

Past Activities

- May 14th (Tuesday) Celebration of the 110th Anniversary of NSDAR St. Charles Chapter, presented the Colors at St. Charles All Occasions Banquet Center.
- May 19th (Sunday) Commemoration of The Battle of Fort San Carlos, Presentation of the Colors at the Missouri History Museum, Forrest Park St. Louis.
- May 27th (Monday) Cold Water Cemetery Memorial Day Service, Presentation of Wreath from the Missouri State SAR.
- May 27th (Monday) Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Memorial Day Service
- June 2nd (Sunday) Parade to Celebrate 200th year of the founding of Franklin County at Union, Missouri. Participated in large parade, SAR Color Guard rode on a float.

Upcoming Activities

- July 13th (Saturday) 3 Patriots Grave Marking Sappington Cemetery at 10:00am Crestwood on Watson Rd.

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Michael Shea:

- David Christian was given five certificates for him to present to his neighborhood.
- Steve Stegan has three certificates to present.
- Stephen Baldwin made two certificate presentations.

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

There were two events in May at the Family Arena generating \$163.50 and \$201.44.

Old Business:

- The statue of the Lewis and Clark dog “Seaman” can be found in front of the St. Charles County Historical Society at 101 S. Main St in St. Charles, MO.
- Trivia Night
 - Received gifts for the auction.
 - Three round sponsors have committed and need 17 more (\$100 each). These can be businesses of individuals.
 - Several table sponsors commitment have been made.
 - This can be a recruitment tool by reaching out to participants.

New Business:

- Charles Lilly wants to form a Junior Color Guard. Any interested members with children or grandchildren should contact Charles Lilly.
- Stone Creek Elementary in Wentzville – On May 28th Charles Lilly and Marvin Koechig answered students’ questions. There were 6 classes with approximately 100 students in all.
- Dennis Hahn updated the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (www.mossar.org) to include the history of the Fernando De Leyba Chapter.

- Kristine L. Sjostrom of Saville, Spain will be in the area for a documentary on the Battle of St. Charles.

Motion to Adjourn by Compatriots Charles Lilly and Mike Wood
Benediction by Compatriot Paul Smith
SAR Recessional by Compatriot Steve Morris
Color Guard retrieves Colors

**NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 7:00PM AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2
CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303**



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