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MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY
AND AUGUST) AT CULPEPPER RESTAURANT IN ST.
CHARLES, MO

April 2, 1777

Today in
American Revolutionary War History

On this day in 1777, the Continental Congress promotes Colonel Ebenezer Learned to the rank of Brigadier General of the Continental Army and was to take command of the 18th Massachusetts Regiment of Light Foot being led by Colonel Timothy Danielson, Captain Nathan Peters and Lt. Seth Smith.

General Learned was an experienced military man who served the British during the French and Indian War. In 1757, he contracted smallpox at Fort Edward near Lake George in New York and spent a month confined to the hospital. At the end of

the war, he returned to farming in Oxford, Massachusetts. Upon the outbreak of the American Revolution, though, Ebenezer Learned became active in a local militia before being named colonel of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety in April 1775.

Colonel Learned was given command of the pivotal Dorchester Heights position at the siege of Boston in March 1776 by General George Washington and was the first to enter Boston after the British evacuation. Due to illness, Colonel Ebenezer Learned was forced to temporarily resign his position in May 1776, but returned to active duty in April 1777.

After being promoted to Brigadier General, Ebenezer Learned was reassigned to the Northern Department of the Continental Army, leading troops in several battles, including the Battle at Freeman's Farm in September 1777 and the pivotal Battle of Saratoga in October 1777.

Following the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga, General Learned was ordered to join General Washington at Valley Forge, where Ebenezer Learned formed and commanded a Division within the Massachusetts Brigade under General Baron Johan DeKalb. Due to continued health problems, Learned was forced to resign his position for good in March 1778, but continued to serve Massachusetts in several elected positions until his death in 1801.

THE CONGRESS OF THE COLONY OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

To *Seth Smith's Gentleman*

GREETING.

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Courage and good Conduct,
Do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you the said *Seth Smith*
to be *Lieut. of the* *1st* *Regiment of Foot* *raised by the Congress*
of the *17th* *of* *May* *1775.* *in the*
Company *of* *the* *1st* *Regiment of Foot* *raised by the Congress*
afore said, for the Defence of said Colony.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a *Captain*
in leading, ordering, and exercising the said *Company* in Arms, both inferior Officers
and Soldiers, and to keep them in good Order and Discipline; and they are hereby
commanded to obey you as their *Superior*, and you are yourself to observe and
follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from Time to Time, receive from the
General and Commander in Chief of the Forces raised in the Colony afore said, for the
Defence of the same, or any other your superior Officers, according to military Rules and
Discipline in War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you.

By Order of the Congress,

Samuel Freeman Secretary P. T.
the *17th* of *May* A. D. 1775.

John Warren President P. T.

I N C O N G R E S S .

The DELEGATES of the UNITED Colonies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Suffex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, and South-Carolina, to *John Smith Gent^r*

WE reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be *Second Lieutenant of Captⁿ William Watsons Company in the Third Regiment of Foot, commanded by Col Henry Lee*

in the Army of the United Colonies, raised for the Defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Second Lieutenant* by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United Colonies, or Committee of Congress, for that Purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief for the Time being of the Army of the United Colonies, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. *July 11 1776*

Attest. *John Hancock* By Order of the Congress, *John Hancock* PRESIDENT.

Next meeting will be on April 14, 2014 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's report as of February 2014:

Beginning Balance = \$2,537.80 – Ending Balance = \$3,033.72

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Genealogist report as of March 2014:

New Members: Richard Denning, David Hoffman, Ron Hauser, Adam Schnelting, Jim Bunch, Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

“FDL “52” members strong”

- At National

Tom Busken-new member
Richard Denning-new member
Jim Borgman-2 supplementals
Keith Morris-1 supplemental

At State
Michael Snyder-1 supplemental
Jim Borgman-1 supplemental?

At Chapter
helping with supplementals for:
John Attaway
Michael Snyder
Charles Lilly

At the February 10, 2014 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7.03 pm

Introductions: Jason Roberts, Daniel Martinez, Marty Limpert, Dave Kleinschmidt, Chase Zimckenata.

Color Guard: Bill Grote

New Color Guard manual issued from State. Lafayette Park, President Day Feb 17 (Snowed Out), DAR – 100th celebration in Fayette Mo. 22 March- 100th Celebration in Farmington 15 March, Fort San Carlos Celebration.

Veterans: David Christian

ROTC Awards going out to 26 JROTC and 4 Colleges. Camp Hope in Farmington – help for Veterans that are suffering from disorders after coming home.

1. Steve Baldwin: Reviewed the New Chapter Meeting held in Troy Feb 15, 2014.
2. Dennis Hahn: Battle of Fort San Carlos Plack Ceremony.
3. Charles Lilly: USS Arizona project – Charley introduced Daniel Martinez and Mike Wenger who spoke to FDL about Arizona project and the need for volunteers to search records of all Officers and service members that were on the Arizona when it sunk in Pear Harbor.
4. Steve Baldwin: Motion to Donate \$50.00 to the CAR and \$50.00 to Nathan Futrell – Motion Passed.

Old Business:

National Congress will be the weekend of July 18 – July 24. Change to Family Arena fund split with DAR – to be determined.

New Business:

Eagle Scout of the Year Award was presented to Jason Roberts for his Essay: “Battle of Blue Licks”.
Police Officer award was presented to Dave Kleinschmidt
EMS of the Year Award was presented to Ed Williams.

Meeting Closed at 8:13 PM

March 10, Program: Major Samuel Felder – Gateway STEM High School Naval ROTC

25 Members and Guest in Attendance:

Marty White, Mimi White, Daniel Martinez, Mike Wenger, Charles Lilly, Keith Morris, Barbara Morris, Steve Baldwin, David Christian, Dave Roberts, Susan Roberts, Jason Roberts, Bill Grote, Sylvia Grote, Jim Borgman, Diane Borgman, Dale Wiseman, Carol Wiseman, John Attaway, Chris Attaway, James Bunch, Evelyn Bunch, Michael Shea, Janis Shea, Charles “Pat” Jefferson, Bob Raines, Vera Raines, David Hoffman, Doug Neff, John Rush, Chase Zimckenata, Milan Paddock, Marvin Koechig, Joan Koechig, David Kleinschmidt, Debbie Kleinschmidt, Jeff Sullivan, Marty Limpert, Steve White, Richard Denning, Mike Zimmer, Nora Zimmer, Paul Smith

Announcements:

Compatriot James McPherson passed away on January 18, 2014. Well Done James may God Bless!





Revolutionary War Quotes

"As our Enemies have found we can reason like Men.
So now let us show them we can fight like Men also."

Thomas Jefferson

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

“CARPE-DIEM”

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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