



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*
Sons of the American Revolution

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

On this day in history, February 6, 1808

On this day in history, February 6, 1808, **Anna Maria Lane** receives a Revolutionary War Veterans Pension. Anna Maria is the only known Virginia woman who fought as a soldier in the Revolution. Scholars believe she was born in New Hampshire and that she became a "camp follower" when her husband, John Lane, joined the Continental Army's Connecticut Line in 1776. Camp followers were women who traveled with the army and did tasks such as cooking, laundering clothes and tending to the wounded.

John served under General Israel Putnam and fought at the battles of White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, and Germantown and later in Georgia. Anna Maria was apparently with him the whole time. We do not know when Anna Maria first fought as a soldier, but the one thing that is known for certain is that she was dressed as a soldier and fought at the Battle of Germantown in 1777 during George Washington's attempt to retake Philadelphia from the British. Anna Maria was wounded in the leg during the battle and this made her lame for the rest of her life. Later in the war, John joined the Virginia Light Dragoons and fought in Georgia.

After the Revolution, John Lane took a job at the Virginia state arsenal at Point of Fork, Virginia. In 1801, he and Anna Maria moved to the capital of Richmond when he took a job with the public guard, which was the equivalent of the National Guard today. The public guard in Richmond was responsible for the security of the capital city's public buildings.

Anna Maria volunteered as a nurse at the military hospital in Richmond where she met Dr. John Foushee. Dr. Foushee was so impressed with Anna Maria's work that he petitioned then governor (and future President) **James Monroe** to give Anna Maria a salary for her work at the hospital, which he agreed to.

By 1804, John and Anna Maria were both aging and retired from work. They joined a group of other war veterans and petitioned the state to receive veterans' pensions. A letter dated January 28, 1808 from Governor William Cabell to the Virginia Speaker of the House recommends giving pensions to several veterans and he draws special attention to Anna Maria, saying she was "very infirmed, having been disabled by a severe wound which she received while fighting as a common soldier, in one of our Revolutionary battles, from which she never has recovered, and perhaps never will recover."

The typical Virginia veteran received a pension of \$40 a year at the time. The Virginia legislature paid John and several others \$40 a year in the legislation passed on February 6, 1808, but it took the extraordinary measure of paying Anna Maria Lane \$100 a year - two and a half times the typical soldiers' pension! Because of this extremely oversized salary, many historians speculate that Anna Maria must have done something truly extraordinary at the Battle of Germantown. Unfortunately, no one took the time to write down exactly what she did and the facts are lost to us today. Maybe she fought in hand to hand combat? Maybe she led a charge against the enemy? We may never know...

Anna Maria died in 1810. An historical marker was erected in her honor near the Capitol in Richmond in 1997.



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ANNA MARIA LANE
SOLDIER OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Near the Bell Tower in Capitol Square stood the barracks of the Public Guard. There, from 1801 to 1807, lived John Lane and his wife, Anna Maria Lane, the only documented woman veteran of the Revolutionary War to reside in Virginia. She disguised herself and enlisted with her husband in the Connecticut Continental Line. "In the garb, and with the courage of a soldier, (she) performed extraordinary military services," and was wounded at Germantown, Pa., in 1777. She followed Lane through his subsequent service in the Virginia light dragoons, and then, after the war, to the Public Guard. Granted a pension in 1808, she died on 13 June 1810.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, 1997

Next meeting will be on February 09, 2015 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's report as of January 12, 2015:
Beginning Balance = \$4,275.17– Ending Balance = \$4,580.28

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Genealogist report as of January 12, 2015:

New Members:
Michael Shea, Benjamin Shea, Thomas Robertsen

“FDL “55” members strong”

Genealogist report:

Approved at National
Pat Jefferson 1 supplemental

At national
Pat Jefferson 1 supplemental ended

At state
John Wilson 2 supp
Jim Borgman 4 supp
Pat Jefferson 2 supp

At chapter
John Wilson 2 supp
William Winham new member
Richard Morton new member
Justin Watkins new member

Veterans: David Christian

Fernando De Leyba was represented at Nationalization Ceremony, Judge John Ross presiding and received certificate of appreciation from FDL. Russ De Vinney is running for National Registrar. Need to have someone to take Russ's place as ROTC Coordinator, Medals and Awards Chairman.

Color Guard: Bill Grote

Wreaths across America December 13, 2014 11:00 am.
Lafayette Park February 16, 2015

At the January 12, 2015 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7:00 pm

Introductions: Bill Winham, Al Kratzenberger, Olivia Pool, Meredith Pool, Jeff Pool, Anastasia Raines, Bill Raines, Anna Raines, Rebecca Spegal, Matt Munro, Donna Munro, Michael Boyd.

Meeting Actions:

1. Dennis Hahn: Motion to approve Minutes as Amended. Motion Passed.
2. Dennis Hahn: Motion to approve Treasurers Report. Motion Passed.
3. Charles Lilly: Youth Awards.
Anastasia Raines – Certificate presented for Poster Award.
4. Charles Lilly: Youth Awards.
Olivia Pool – Certificate presented for American Brochure Award.
5. Charles Lilly: Youth Awards.
Meredith Pool – Certificate presented for Knight Essay.
6. Dennis Hahn: Teacher of the Year Awards.
Rebecca Spegal – Certificate presented for Teacher Of the Year.
7. Dennis Hahn: Teacher of the Year Awards.
Donna Munro – Certificate presented for Teacher Of the Year.
8. Dennis Hahn: National Sea Cadet Awards, Battleship Missouri Division - December 21, 2014. Nominating Bob Raines as MOSSAR Surgeon. Josiah Fogg points are looking good. Mossar Convention Registration Is Open. Fort San Carlos Plaque was installed December 11 & 12 2014 near the Ball Park Village.

9. Michael Shea: Proper Flag display Award was presented to the City of St. Peters on January 22, 2015 at the Justice Center on Suemandy.
10. Charles Lilly: Motion to present Certificate of appreciation to Jim Autry and John Smith for there efforts in the construction of the Fort San Carlos Plague and Monument.
11. Dennis Hahn: A generous monetary gift to the Center for Advancement of American Heritage by Charles "Pat" Jefferson.
12. Marvin Koechig: Fund Raising Committee Report
\$396.79 January 03 Family Arena Night.
13. Charles Lilly: Swearing in of 2015 Chapter Officers.
President – Dennis Hahn
Secretary – Michael Shea
Genealogist – John Rush
Sergeant at Arms – Bill Grote

Old Business:

Name the Museum Contest.

Family Arena assets for 2014 total 1,022.76

Need Proper Flag Display Applicants.

Certificate Award Applicants needed for: EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, Teachers of the Year, Knight Essay by Dec 15, 2014, MOSSAR by Jan 4, 2015 Eagle Scout by Jan 20, 2015.

New Business:

1. Michael Snyder - Supplemental Certificate awarded for Henri Carpentier.
2. Paul Smith – Bronze Medal "Roger Sherman Award".
3. Charles Lilly – Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

Meeting Closed at 9:10 PM

Program for January 12, 2014:

Al Kratzenberger - "Jefferson Barracks Chapel Renovation Project"

32 Members and Guest in Attendance:

John Rush, John Wilson, Steve Stegen, Bill Winham, Al Kratzenberger, David Christian, Charles Lilly, Marvin Koechig, Joan Koechig, Charles "Pat" Jefferson, Bob Raines, Vera Raines, Michael Snyder, Bill Grote, Doug Neff, Milan Paddock, Michael Boyd, Dennis Hahn, Steven White, Meredith Pool, Colleen Pool, Anastasia Raines, William Raines, Jeff Pool, Harrison Pool, Donna Munro, Matt Munro, Rebecca Spegal, Donnie Lorensen, Jason Miller, Keith Morris, Paul Smith

Announcements:

Dale Wiseman will be having Surgery on December 8.
Martin White will be having Surgery on December 5.
Barbara Morris Hemorrhagic Stroke
Milan Paddock Stroke
David Hoffman Hernia Surgery

January Program: Ron Hauser.





Revolutionary War Quotes

"Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."

John Adams

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

"CARPE-DIEM"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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