



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

Sons of the American Revolution

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MAY 10TH, 2021

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: 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

Rhode Island: First & Last

First: Rhode Island was the first colony to declare its independence from England on 4 May 1776 thereby breaking ties with King George III. It would be two months before any of the other 12 colonies declare their independence. Rhode Island's General Assembly did so in a nearly unanimous vote.

Last: Rhode Island was the last of the 13 colonies to ratify the U.S. Constitution. It voted to do so on 29 May 1790.

The official name of the state is "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." Its name resulted from the consolidation of four settlements.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, from the frame of their nature, to knowledge, as their great Creator, who does nothing in vain, has given them understandings, and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean, of the characters and conduct of their rulers." - A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law, 1765 John Adams

Anniversary Congratulations

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

James Joseph Hoskins
Charles "Pat" Tracy Jefferson
Blake Samuel Nelson
Bruce Earl Nelson

David Stone
Steven Martin White
Bennett James Wright
Jason Davis Wright

Minutes

May 10, 2021

In Person at Embassy Suites and Zoom Online Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by President Jim Jackson

Invocation by Compatriot Jim Borgman

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 a short presentation of events occurring this month in the Revolutionary War

Members in Attendance (25):

Jim Borgman
Ben Crouch
Richard Denning
Dan Evans
Bill Grote
Dennis Hahn
David Hoffman
Jim Jackson
Keith Jasin
Pat Jefferson
Christopher Kelle

Marvin Koechig
Charles Lilly
Keith Morris
Dean Penberthy
Bob Raines
Don Rhoads
Steve Sneeringer
Steve Stegen
David Stone
John Swanson
George Van Antwerp

Keith Walleman
Kevin Walleman
Justin Watkins

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

***denotes reinstatement
approval pending at National*

Guests (5):

Diane Borgman
Chris Dolbeare
Dr. Mark Engelhardt

Joan Koechig
Milly Neff
Verna Raines

Announcements: Compatriot Charles Lilly related a contact he had with Compatriot David Christian who will be unable to attend future Chapter meetings. The Chapter sends its appreciation for the many years of loyal membership and activity that David has shown in the past.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Awards and recognitions from the April 24th MOSSAR meeting will be covered under new business.

Induction of New Members: Compatriot Chris Kelle was inducted into Fernando de Leyba and welcomed by the assembled membership.

Reports:**Minutes of Previous Meeting on April 12, 2021 as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:**

Approved without objection

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted subject to audit. Jim also announced Compatriot Charles Lilly has complete the audit for the year 2020.

Genealogist Report: Genealogist Doug Neff gave his report

- Current Roster Membership: 116
 - Full Members: 96
 - Dual Members: 6
 - Junior Members: 14
- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 7
 - New Member Applications: (1) Jerry Pipes.
 - Supplemental Applications: (6) Roy Snyder (3), Doug Neff (2), Keith Walleman.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 3
 - At MOSSAR: (1) Louis Volpi.
 - At NSSAR: (2) Casey Brizendine, David Von Behren.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 23
 - At MOSSAR: (2) Justin Watkins, Steve Hyatt.
 - At NSSAR: (21) Charles Lilly (*pending*), Curtis Ballenger, Jim Borgman, Roy Snyder (4), Ray Snyder (7), William Snyder (7).

- Applications in Process at Chapter: 9
 - New Member: (9) Gary Gorline, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton.

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

- Supplementals: None.

Veterans and ROTC Report:

- Vice President Koechig stated there were no further activities since last month, and he was awaiting information from the High Schools we serve for Junior ROTC.

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

- Compatriot Bill Grote gave the Color Guard report, regarding the Honor Guard on Wednesday April 14th at the funeral visitation of President Jackson's mother Janet.
- Bill reported that plans were being made for activities at Coldwater Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig: No report

Fund Raising Report:

- The combined SAR / DAR / CAR trivia night is still going to be held on October 9th, 2021. Vice President Koechig said that Secretary Dan Evans will be emailing forms available for businesses and others to sponsor a round of trivia questions, and receive recognition for this, for the fee of \$100.

Awards Report:

Old Business:

- Patriot of the Month -- Lt. Colonel Daniel Gerritse Van Antwerpen (Van Antwerp), Compatriot George Van Antwerp's Patriot biography was selected at random, and was circulated to all via email in April.
- A drawing was held, with Compatriot Chris Kelle drawing William Spratt's name for submission of this Patriot's biography to all in May.
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has an anniversary November 11th 2021. We will be honored to have a member of the Unknown Soldier Guard presentation at our September 13 Chapter Meeting.

New Business:

- The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its Annual Meeting via Zoom on April 24th and our Chapter was given individual and chapter awards
 - Foremost, the highest medal awarded by MOSSAR, the State Distinguished Service Award, was given in honor to our Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn. This medal can only be awarded once per year to a worthy recipient for the most exemplary service to the State Society.
 - For the year 2019 Fernando de Leyba was awarded the Josiah Fogg award for large chapter. Compatriot Dennis Hahn gave details of this award which rates chapters in many categories of activities. An email will be sent this month to all with the score sheet for any suggestions for changes or additions.
 - Dennis also mentioned the Missouri Society of the War of 1812. Those with family who served the United States during that conflict are eligible for membership.
 - Our Chapter won first place in the MOSSAR Flag Certificate Presentations Awards Program for the year 2020, and chairman Marvin Koechig was recognized for this effort.
 - Compatriot Charles Lilly was presented with the American 250 SAR Award ribbon for addition to our chapter flag by President Jackson, in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.
 - Compatriot George Swales was elected president of MOSSAR, succeeding Howard Fisk.

Program: Joanie Koechig gave a interesting history of St. Charles County during the formation of the State of Missouri, and maps and events were discussed, as well as St. Charles pioneers.

Benediction by Treasurer Jim Borgman

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson

In Remembrance

John Clovis Soucy Jr.
William "Bill" L. Winham

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 14, 2021 ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT THE EMBASSY SUITES, ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI



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