



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

*Sons of the American Revolution*

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January 14, 2019

7:00 p.m.

MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303

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**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 Princeton**, January 3, 1777: “Washington’s bold New Jersey Campaign changed the face of the American Revolution. He had driven the British out of most of New Jersey in the dead of winter with an ill-fed and woefully outnumbered army composed largely of inexperienced militia. . . . The man who had been laughed at as a bumbling fool was now looked upon by both his opponents and European onlookers as a general of some brilliance. Princeton sent a second shockwave of pride rippling through the colonies. In France, talk of supporting the American rebellion took a more serious tone.” Savas, Theodore P. and J. David Dameron. A guide to the Battles of the American Revolution. El Dorado Hills, CA, Savas Beatie LLC, 2013.

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE***

“From an excess of tenderness, we were unwilling to raise an army, and trusted our cause to the temporary defense of a well-meaning militia. A summer’s experience has now taught us better; yet with those troops, while they were collected, we were able to set bounds to the progress of the enemy, and, thank God! They are again assembling.”

Thomas Paine, Common Sense, December 23, 1776.

## Anniversary Congratulations

January is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:  
Richard Denning; Glennon Henke, Jr.; Clyde Raines; and Austin Stevens.

### Minutes January, 2019 Chapter Meeting

**Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Call to Order by Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn.**

**Color Guard presented Colors** (Bill Grote, Eastern District Commander, Doug Neff, MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, Charles Lilley, Marvin Koechig, and Rick Morton).

**Invocation:** Compatriot Chaplain Paul Smith

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Eagle Scout Jack McClain.

**Pledge to SAR –** Compatriot Ted Chumley

**Color Guard dismissed** by Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn.

**Chapter president Marvin Koechig welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.**

**Members in Attendance:** Gerald Bednar, Ted Chumley, William Grote, Dennis Hahn, Ted House, Lawrence Frothingham, Charles Jefferson, Kurtis Kasper, Marvin Koechig, Greg Landrum, Charles Lilly, Rick Morton, Doug Neff, Donald Rhoads, Paul Smith, Steven Stegen, Jeffrey Sullivan, Matt Swanson.

**Guests:** Michael Francisco, Joan Koechig, Milly Neff, Kayla Voller, Melania Burkemper, Rachael Springer, Ryan Springer, Matthew Springer, Lisa Springer, Rick Oloteo, Steve Brown, Dan Evans, Thomas Neyler, Sean Webb, Keeton Rogers, Sara Thaene, Jeremy Weidig, Joshua Hengab, Marat Kashenov, Aida Kashenov, M. Kashenov, Amy Kashenov, Amanzhol Kasenov, Kuralai Kashenov, Barsheledia Royar, Darrin Burkemper, Donna Burkemper, Tom Wylie, Justin Hymes, Rayan Barghchoun, Rachael Weidig.

**Announcements:** Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn announced the filing of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter History Book to MOSSAR. The history comprises 22 years. The History Book was subsequently circulated to the membership.

#### **Awards and Recognition:**

- **Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificates:** Central County Fire and Rescue – Captain Tom Wylie, Firefighter/Paramedics Justin Hymes and Keeton Rogers.
- **Life Saving Medal and Certificates:** City of St. Peters Lifeguards – Rachael Springer, Melanie Burkemper, Stephen Derenski, Amanzhol Kashenov, Rachael Weidig, and Rayan Barghchoun.
- **Arthur M. & Berdena M. King Eagle Scout Essay Contest:** John “Jack” P. McClain. Awardee McClain read his essay to the membership. Eagle Scout Essay Contest Committee Chairman Bill Grote presented the award and President Marvin Koechig presented a \$250 check. The essay will now compete at the State level and, if successful,

will then be presented for competition at the national level. The national winner will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

- **Awards to Members:** Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate: Rick Morton for service as former Chapter Secretary, participation in the MOSSAR Color Guard, and other achievements

**Swearing in of Chapter Officers:** Compatriot Charles Lilly conducted the swearing in of Chapter Officers for 2019: President Marvin Koechig; Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn; Chaplain Paul Smith; Genealogist Doug Neff; Eastern District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote. Absent to be sworn in later: VP John Swanson, Secretary Roy Snyder, and Treasurer Jim Borgman.

**Induction of New Members:** Ted House and Larry Frothingham were inducted by President Koechig.

### **Reports:**

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of previous meeting read. Charles Lilly moved for approval, second by Rick Morton, voted and approved as read.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report was not read as Treasurer Borgman was absent.  
(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)

#### **Genealogist Report:**

Genealogist Report by Genealogist Neff. 82 total members, 68 Full Members, 5 Dual Members, 9 Junior Members. 5 non-renewing members for 2019. 4 applications in pipeline-3 Supplementals at NSSAR (1 for Steve Stegen and 2 for Mike Wood); 1 Supplemental for Doug Neff at MOSSAR. 13 apps in process at chapter, 3 ready for signature-Robert Rogers, Andy Anderson, Darren Daly.

#### **Veterans Report:**

Veterans Report was not presented as Chairman was absent.

#### **Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:**

Color Guard Activities. No monthly activities to present. One "Thank You" from Webster Groves DAR Chapter.

#### **Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report:**

Flag Commendation Certificate Report by President Koechig. 41 presentations, 31 of which were jointly presented with DAR. This committee is lacking a Chairman. President Koechig requested a volunteer. No volunteers came forward at the meeting.

#### **Fund Raising Report:**

Fund Raising Report by President Koechig. No events in January. Last event at Family Arena was December 7. One event coming up at Family Arena for an Ambush Soccer game on February 2. SAR needs 2 more volunteers.

#### **Other Committee Reports:**

Compatriot Swanson and Compatriot Lilly received 70 entries for the SAR Poster Contest that



were judged and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place posters were displayed. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is a young Indian immigrant. Compatriots Swanson and Lilly will present the checks at the applicable schools the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>. The certificate awards will be presented on February 11 at the next FDL Chapter meeting.

Committee Chairman Charles Lilly indicated that we had only one entry for the State Essay Contest, namely Jack Gunther. He also stated we have one entry for the M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award. He asked if we could close the competition inasmuch as these were the only entrants. President Koechig confirmed. The awardee's checks will be presented at the schools at the request of the principal. The awardees will be present at the February FDL Chapter meeting for recognition.

#### **Old Business:**

The 2019 National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference will be held May 8 through May 11 at the St. Charles Convention Center. Compatriot Hahn stated that the conference attracted approximately 3,000 attendees three years ago when SAR last sponsored a booth. MOSSAR is sponsoring a booth again this year and volunteers are requested for four-hour shifts. Compatriot Hahn circulated a sign-up sheet. The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter will also be asked to help staff the booth for the event.

Grave Marking Committee Chairman, Steve Baldwin, told President Koechig that he is working on the logistics but has the grave markings identified in Wentzville, but the ceremony will be delayed until better weather in the Spring.

#### **New Business:**

Joan Koechig speaking on behalf of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUV) announced a Black History Month presentation by Steve Randall at the St. Charles Community College, at 2:00 pm, February 9. He will discuss how the black troops were treated differently than other troops. She invited attendance at the event. Joan also suggested that FDL might participate in a fund-raising project that DAR has done in the past through Barnes and Noble Book Store. The event consists of volunteer gift wrapping in the store during the Christmas season.

President Koechig requested feedback relative to the food service of the Embassy Suites for this meeting. The service was a buffet which was generally acceptable to the membership.

President Koechig announced that the meeting next month would include the Law Enforcement Award. President Koechig also discussed the Life Saving and Certificate Award winner John (Trey) Bugh. Due to loss of his position Awardee Bugh did not attend. President and Ms. Joan Koechig, and others, will personally award the medal and certificate to Ranger Bugh. President Koechig also mentioned that the award to retired O'Fallon Police Chief will be presented next month. President Koechig also indicates that several law enforcement officers will receive awards next month also.

President Koechig indicated that we need to identify an EMS award recipient to fulfill SAR goals for 2019.

Compatriot Morton asked about musket training for the Color Guard. State Commander Neff responded that the new Safety Policy was on hold until the Spring.

President Koechig reminded everyone to attend the upcoming MOSSAR Board Meeting to be held in Columbia on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Compatriot Charles Lilly and seconded by Compatriot Jeff Sullivan.

**Benediction** by Compatriot Paul Smith

**SAR Recessional** by Compatriot Ted House

**Color Guard retrieves Colors**

**Adjournment** by Historian/Registrar Hahn.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2019**

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**Program: Law Enforcement Presentations**



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**Special Thanks to Doug & Millie Neff for taking notes in my absence.**