



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

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October 9, 2017

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

AT CULPEPPER RESTAURANT IN ST. CHARLES, MO

Chapter Officers

President: Marvin Koechig
Treasurer: Jim Borgman
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: Michael Shea
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Richard Morton
Historian: Dennis Hahn
Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS DATE IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

October 9, 1781

The Battle for Yorktown begins

Revolutionary War Quote

“We fight, get beat, rise and fight again”

Nathaneal Greene
1781

Minutes

October 9th , 2017
Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Paul Smith

National Anthem --Compatriot Jan Beardsley

Pledge of Allegiance – Diane Borgman

Pledge to SAR – Compatriot Dusty Rhodes

Color Guard dismissed

Compatriot Marvin Koechig welcomed members and guests.

Attendees: Members-Marvin Koechig, Jim Borgman, Richard Morton, Steven Hayes, Charles Lilly, Erik Hagen, David Christian, William Grote, Steve Baldwin, Paul Smith, Michael Shea, Doug Neff, Pat Jefferson, Mike Snider, Keith Morris, Dave Hill, John Swanson, Austin Stevens, Jeffrey Stevens, Greg Landrum, Justin Watkins, Roy Snider, Dennis Hahn.

Guests: Diane Borgman, Scott Williams, Sandra Hagen, Sylvia Grote, Joan Koechig, Mary Stevens, Patti Dickherber

Announcements:

- 1) The chapter welcomes back David Christian after a long recovery
- 2) Fernando DeLeyba recognizes Dusty Rhodes for being in the SAR for 52 years.
Congratulations Dusty!
- 3) Doug Fitz, MOSSAR Operator Ancestor Search Director is providing to wounded veterans and their caretakers free access to a major genealogy website to help them find their ancestor for the SAR. He has been in contact with several VA hospitals and looking for volunteers from our chapter to help those veterans with that search.
- 4) Compatriot Michael Shea thanks members and others who helped with the fundraiser of Celebrate St. Peters. The day and a half generated \$325.00 in fundraising

Reports: Minutes(Compatriot Richard Morton)

Corrections from September 11th, 2017 meeting

- 1) **There will be 2 working and 1 non-working muskets provided to the chapter courtesy of Jonathan Hunt.**
- 2) **Name change noted from Gary to Mike Zimmerman**

Minutes for October 9th meeting

Motion to approve-Compatriot Matt Swanson

2nd-Compatriot Charles Lilly

Motion approved

Treasure Report-(Compatriot Jim Borgman)

Treasure Report approved

Genealogist Report-Compatriot Doug Neff

- 1) Current membership stands at 69 with 4 dual members and 4 Jr. members.
- 2) Since the last meeting we had 4 new member applications approved. Those being Paul Simon and 2 Jr. applications for his sons Peter and George. The other being a new member application Mike Snider.
- 3) In process at National we have 2 new member, Roy Snider and a Jr. application for his grandson, William. There is 1 supplemental at National for Compatriot Charles Lilly.
- 4) Our chapter has 13 applications in process at the chapter level
- 5) 30 prospects with the genealogic committee.

Veterans Report-No Report

Color Guard Report-Compatriot Bill Grote

- 1) Members of the Color Guard took part in “M1 for Vets Presentation” held at the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club on Saturday, September 16th.
- 2) Bob Brindell, Steve Biggs, Bill Groth, and Bill Grote presented the National Colors at the opening of the DAR sponsored “Wheeling for Healing” held at St. Charles Frontier Park, Katy Trail, Saturday, September 30th.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) Veterans Day service at Jefferson Barracks Memorial Chapter on Sunday, November 5th. There will be a musket salute for this event.
- 2) November 9th, Thursday 1:30pm Veterans Day Flag Presentation at Crestwood City Hall
- 3) November 10th, Friday 8:00 am Veterans day event at Delmar Gardens in Fenton. Breakfast and program
- 4) November 10th, Friday 5:00pm, Veterans day ball at Friendship Village in Chesterfield. Presenting colors, dinner, and then retiring the colors.
- 5) November 12th, Sunday 3:30pm Lafayette Park Revolutionary War Monument rededication

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report-Compatriot Michael Shea

- 1) Compatriot Shea stated there have been 13 Flag presentations presented and about a dozen more to be made. Compatriots Matt Swanson and Michael Shea made 5 in one day

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena-Compatriot Marvin Koechig

- 1) \$325.00 earned for Celebrate St. Peters.
- 2) \$498.00 earned for the Stevie Nicks concert on September 13
- 3) Saturday, September 30th was Southern Uprising which brought in \$700.20
- 4) So far this year Fernando DeLeyba has generated \$2161.32 for fundraising.
- 5) Cumulative since 2013, our chapter has generated \$10, 976.32 in funds.

Old Business:

- 1) **Concerning the 2018 state convention, we have a preliminary contract with Embassy Suites. A committee that was formed was to have met after the meeting to discuss how to have it organized. Also a vote was taken again on which color of stitching we will have on the napkins that are to be presented at the convention. The color was decided overwhelmingly to be Blue.**

- 2) Shawn Nickel was finally presented his 5 year pin
- 3) William Spratt awarded his supplemental in California.

New Member Inductions and Certificates of Appreciation.

New member inductions of Jeffrey Stevens and Michael Glenn Snider. Jeffrey and Michael, welcome to the SAR. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to David Christian.

New Business:

- 1) Paul Smith talked about the possibility of establishing a lifetime membership for men and women of the Armed Forces. He also discussed the possibility of an honorary membership for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives in defense of our country. Discussion then followed that this is a direct hereditary organization and the importance of membership retention through mentorship
- 2) Jan Beardsley being recognized for receiving his life membership in the SAR.
- 3) Dave Hill talked briefly on the new website, citing the many videos on the Revolutionary War through Youtube. The improvements is an ongoing process.
- 4) Keith Morris reminding the chapter that Saturday, December 16th is the “Wreaths Across America”. Event starts at 11:00am.

Motion to adjourn: Compatriot Charles Lilly

Benediction: Compatriot Paul Smith

SAR Recessional-Compatriot Michael Snider

Color Guard retrieves Colors

Program by Compatriot Charles Lilly

Next Chapter Meeting-November 13th , 2017

Program Speaker-Compatriot John Swanson

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