



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025 6:30 PM**

**NORMAL MEETINGS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST) AT ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 20 WESTBURY DR, ST CHARLES, MO 63301**

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**Chapter Officers -- 2025**

President: Jim Jackson  
Vice President: Ben Crouch  
Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn  
Historian: Justin Watkins  
Genealogist: Michael Hubbard  
Chaplain: Jim Keithly

Sgt at Arms: Bill Hemenway  
Color Guard Commander: Charles Lilly  
Junior Color Guard Commander: Boaz Grimstead  
Webmaster: Dave Desmarais

**Emeritus Officers**

Doug Neff, Genealogist  
Bill Grote, Color Guard Commander  
Jim Borgman, Treasurer

**Committee Chairmen**

Charles Lilly, Youth Awards, Naval Cadets  
Marvin Koechig, Flag Certificates and Flag Retirement, First Responders, and JROTC Awards  
Dave Demarais, Webmaster / Technology

### *THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR*

The siege of Boston (April 19, 1775 – March 17, 1776) was the opening phase of the American Revolutionary War.[5] In the siege, American patriot militia led by newly-installed Continental Army commander George Washington prevented the British Army, which was garrisoned in Boston, from moving by land.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Boston](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Boston)

### *NOTABLE QUOTE*

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Ronald Reagan

## **Anniversary Congratulations**

**March is the SAR Acceptance Month for the following Compatriots.  
years of Service and Membership:**

Gayle Gene "Andy" Anderson	3/15/2019	6	Keith Edward Morris	3/4/2004	21
Captain David Scott Cox USN	3/10/2012	13	Scott Thomas Swanson	3/7/2018	7
Dennis Jerome Hahn	3/12/1997	28			

### **Minutes**

**March 10th 2025**

**St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301**

**Meeting opened at 6:32 PM by President Jim Jackson.**

**Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly** -- And a moment of Silence to remember our recently deceased Compatriot Richard "Rich" Allen Denning.

**Color Guard Presented the National Colors**

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America**

## **The Singing of our National Anthem**

## **SAR Pledge – Color Guard Dismissed**

**President Jackson welcomed all attendees, and recognized guests. He then described events occurring this month during the American Revolution and American History.**

### **Members in Attendance (29):**

Steve Baldwin	Marvin Koechig	Patrick Turner
Jim Borgman	Bob Koffman	Micah Turner
Jon Carlock	Rob Koffman	Justin Watkins
Paul Carlock	Charles Lilly	Jeff Willey
Ben Crouch	Doug Neff	Tim Williams
Craig Dedloff	James Rawlings	
Dave Desmarais	David Rawlings	
Dan Evans	Dusty Rhoads	
Dennis Hahn	Steve Stegen	
Mike Hubbard	John Swanson	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Jim Jackson	Bart Tallent	<i>National yet to be</i>
James Keithly	Tyler Tallent	<i>inducted into FDL</i>

### **Guests (9):**

Martin Aubuchon	David Hoskins
Diane Borgman	Joan Koechig
Tricia Crouch	Milly Neff
Bernadette Hall	Ben Nulton
	Mara Tallent

### **New Member Inductions:**

Barton Dean Tallent Jr.  
Tyler Geoffrey Tallent

**Program:** Compatriot Jeff Willey presented a very well received detailed history of the Battle of Saratoga. Jeff has a real passion for the history of this battle.

### **Announcements:**

As previously announced, we lost our Compatriot Richard “Rich” Allen Denning on February 27th. Rich attended elementary school with Registrar Dennis Hahn and Chaplain Jim Keithly, who were lifelong friends with Rich until his death.

Compatriot and Past President Mike Wood is to be honored by the City of Manchester Missouri.

Saturday, May 31st is the date set for the ceremony naming the entry Pavilion at the Manchester Park after Mike. More information will be coming soon.

Dennis Hahn then gave a presentation on the Missouri Society Josiah Howell awards, for which he is Committee Chairman. He displayed the award plaque and gave the meaning and history of the award.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 , as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:**  
accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans presented the February 2025 Financial Report. He noted the \$500 donation received by the Chapter from Judy Snyder, the widow of Compatriot Roy Snyder who had been very active in the operations of the Chapter.

**Audit Committee Report:** Budget/Audit Committee Chairman Jim Borgman presented the audit for 2013 and 2024 to President Jackson. There were three recommendations but other than those, the committee was satisfied with the condition and maintenance of the records of Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans. The report is signed by Jim as Chairman, Charles Lilly and Doug Neff.

**Genealogist's Report:** Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was published prior to the meeting via email and accepted, as follows:

#### **FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER**

#### **GENEALOGIST'S REPORT**

**March 10, 2025**

1. Current Roster Membership: 103
  - a. Full Members: 83
  - b. Dual Members: 8
  - c. Junior Members: 12
2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 2
  - a. New Member Applications: (2) Bart Tallent and Tyler Tallent [NM].
  - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).
3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 2
  - a. At MOSSAR: (1) Derek Myers.
  - b. At NSSAR: (1) Ben Nulton.
4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 5
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0) .
  - b. At NSSAR: (5) Bill Hemenway, Michael Hubbard [2], Steve Kling, Rick Morton and Keith Walleman.
5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 13

- a. New Member: (4) Martin Aubuchon, Mark Englehardt, Dietrich Gossmeier and Mark Morrison.

IN COMMITTEE: (5) Darren Lee Daly, Matthew Fredrickson, David Hosking and Duell Lauderdale and Fuller Young.

- b. Supplementals: (4) Michael Hubbard, Kurtis Kasper, Steve Stegan and Justin Watkins.

IN COMMITTEE: (0).

In addition to his Genealogist duties, Mike Hubbard will attend a March 29<sup>th</sup> genealogy seminar at the St. Charles Heritage Museum on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Color Guard Report:**

**Newly appointed Eastern Color Guard Commander Ben Crouch:** Reported on the two Color Guard events which occurred on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Lafayette Park George Washington Statue event in St. Louis by the Cornelia Green Chapter DAR was attended by Ben and Jeff Willey. Both news channels 2 and 4 were present to record the ceremony and aired the event.

That afternoon they attended the memorial bench dedication in Florissant, Missouri sponsored by the Reverend John Clark Chapter DAR.

Upcoming Color Guard Events will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence Missouri for the national Medal of Honor Ceremony. On April 11<sup>th</sup> the State Society DAR will hold their Annual Conference in Branson Missouri.

**Ed and Barbara Morris fund** – Offers \$200 to offset uniform costs for any Compatriot.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Website Committee** -- Dave Desmarais, Webmaster.

**Flag Recognition Committee** – Chair Marvin Koechig requested volunteers to help him with the program. Marvin has performed excellent work for years, also gaining several Missouri Society awards in our Chapter, but is requesting help.

### **Old Business:**

**2025 Missouri Society Convention** – Registration forms have been emailed to all.

***Keep in mind the deadline for hotel registration is April 1<sup>st</sup> and for meal selection is April 7<sup>th</sup>.***

The Steering Committee has met several times to discuss and plan the Convention.

DAR President Bernadette Hall discussed the upcoming joint picnic we will be having at Marquette Park on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The DAR State Regent will be in attendance and RSVP's will be required since we are serving food.

**Joint Trivia Night with the DAR October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025** – Webmaster Dave Desmarais was recognized for his fine work on a video promoting the event.

#### **New Business:**

State Genealogist Doug Neff pointed out that there is a 50% Sale on application fees from National SAR for April 2025. The fee for a new application will go from \$150 to \$75. He urged the attendees if they have candidates for membership to contact them and make sure they understand that they can save this money.

Dave Desmarais made a motion to place our meeting details in the SAR Magazine in the section entitled "When You are Visiting" for a cost of \$36 per year. Motion was carried.

**Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly**

**SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.**

**In Remembrance  
Compatriots lost to us in March  
  
We have no lost Compatriots**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 PM Please Note: ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL will be under repair, and will be held via a Zoom.**

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**NSSAR Mission: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."**

## Chapter Presidents

### **Organizing President:**

James L. R. Boyd, Jr. 1995-1996 and early part of 1997 <sup>1</sup>

### **Chapter Presidents:**

Kenneth (Norm) Norman Hagen	Part of 1997 & 1998 (1 year, 8 months)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	1999, 2000, 2001, & 2002 (4 years)* <sup>1 2</sup>
Norval C. Hood, Jr.	2003 (1 year)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007 (4 years)* <sup>1 2</sup>
Charles E. Lilly	2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011 (4 years) <sup>1</sup>
Dennis J. Hahn	2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015 (4 years) <sup>1</sup>
Marvin R. Koechig, Jr.	2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019 (4 years)
Thomas M. (Mike) Wood	2020 (1 Year)
William J. (Jim) Jackson	2021 to Present

\*Stephen M. Baldwin served a total of 8 years as Chapter President.



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1996-1997  
Organizing President (deceased)



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Charles E. Lilly  
2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011



Dennis J. Hahn  
2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015



Marvin R. Koechig, Jr.  
2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019



Thomas M. (Mike) Wood  
2020



William J. (Jim) Jackson  
2021-Present

<sup>1</sup> Served as Missouri Society SAR President <sup>2</sup> Served as South Central District Vice President General

### *The Preamble to the Constitution*

**We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.**

