



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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MARCH 11TH, 2024

6:30 p.m.

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)
at St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO
63301

Chapter Officers -- 2024

President: Jim Jackson
Vice President: Casey Brizendine
Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans
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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

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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 Raid of Nassau (March 3–4, 1776) was a naval operation and amphibious assault by American forces against the British port of Nassau, Bahamas, during the American Revolutionary War. The raid, designed to resolve the issue of gunpowder shortages, resulted in the seizure of two forts and large quantities of military supplies before the raiders drew back to New England, where they fought an unsuccessful engagement with a British frigate.

[https:// en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raid_of_Nassau](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raid_of_Nassau)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Patrick Henry == Speech in the Virginia Convention, March 23, 1775

Anniversary Congratulations

**February is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots.
years of Service and Membership:**

Gayle Gene Anderson	3/15/2019	5	Keith Edward Morris	3/4/2004	20
Captain David Scott Cox USN	3/10/2012	12	Scott Thomas Swanson	3/7/2018	6
Dennis Jerome Hahn	3/12/1997	27			

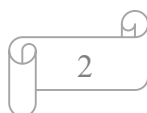
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March 11th , 2024

St. Charles County Knights of Columbus, St. Charles, Missouri

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by President Jim Jackson

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

Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly

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 (21):

Steve Baldwin
Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
Ben Crouch
Dave Desmarais
Dan Evans
Dennis Hahn
Bill Hemenway
Mike Hubbard

Jim Jackson
Kurtis Kaspar
James Keithly
Steve Kling
Marvin Koechig
Bob Koffman
Rob Koffman
Dusty Rhoads
Steve Stegen

John Swanson
Patrick Turner
Justin Watkins

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

Guests (9):

Diane Borgman
Paul Carlock
Tricia Crouch
William "Craig" Dedloff
Joanie Koechig

Milly Neff
Ron Niebrugge
Ray White
Tim William

Awards:

President Jim Jackson awarded Keith Morris his 20 year Certificate and lapel pin.



Joan and Marvin Koechig were called to the podium, where Jim and Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans awarded them a unique "Dynamic Duo" award for their continuing service to the Chapter and community.



Announcements:

Compatriot Steve Baldwin related that there is a museum exhibit at Smartt Field which includes memorabilia from his father from World War two. <https://www.sccmo.org/237/Regional-Airport---Smartt-Field>

Officer and Committee Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on February 12th, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:

Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on February 2024. Report was accepted subject to audit. The current Certificate of Deposit we have at our bank will be investigated in the market upon maturity for rate and terms.

Genealogist's Report: Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was accepted after adjusting the membership numbers. The report was published prior to the meeting via email.

Color Guard Report: Dan Evans reported on the DAR President's Day commemoration at Lafayette Park on February 19th. He participated in the Color Guard along with our Color Guard Commander Emeritus Bill Grote.



Flag Recognition Report: Chairman Marvin Koechig reported that Webmaster Dave Desmarais has placed a list of the businesses who have been awarded Flag Certificates in the members only area on the Chapter website.

JROTC Report: Marvin reported on ongoing activities with the high schools we support.

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on progress.

Steering Committee: Dan Evans -- The membership was emailed a report on the progress of the Steering Committee at their initial meeting. As a result of that meeting, we will attempt to shorten the report time at membership meetings to leave more time for programs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Joint Meeting with the DAR – will be held on Saturday , April 20th at the O’Fallon Police Department at 9:00 AM, details below.

2025 – Missouri Society Convention is our responsibility, and Steering committee is addressing the issues

Program: Ray White – who had 30 years in the U.S. Army and on to the career in the Hazelwood Police Department. Ray gave a presentation on the police use of technology from the earliest days to the present.



Benediction by Chaplin Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.

**In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in February.**

**James Lyle McPherson
Francis "Fran" M. Northrop
Michael Lawrence Zimmer**

Next Meeting: **Saturday April 20th jointly with the DAR St. Charles Chapter at 9:00 AM at the O’Fallon Police Department and Justice Center, 1019 Bryan Road, 63366**

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Chapter Presidents

Organizing President:

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

Chapter Presidents:

Kenneth (Norm) Norman Hagen	Part of 1997 & 1998 (1 year, 8 months)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	1999, 2000, 2001, & 2002 (4 years)* ^{1 2}
Norval C. Hood, Jr.	2003 (1 year)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007 (4 years)* ^{1 2}
Charles E. Lilly	2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011 (4 years) ¹
Dennis J. Hahn	2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015 (4 years) ¹
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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Thomas M. (Mike) Wood
2020



William J. (Jim) Jackson
2021-Present

¹ Served as Missouri Society SAR President ² 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.

