



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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Meets 2nd Monday of every month at Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

Historical: After the successful siege of Boston, General George Washington begins marching his unpaid soldiers from their headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, toward New York in anticipation of a British invasion, on this day in 1776.

President Lilly opened the meeting with the Color Guard (Baldwin, Grote, Morris, Rush and Lilly) presenting the colors. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Hahn followed by the pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and the SAR Pledge.

Honorary Vice-President Keith Brown Sr. swore in the Fernando de Leyba officers making the positions official. Thanks, Keith.

Treasurer's report : \$1,066.38
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Genealogist report:

- 1 new membership at NSSAR

- 2 Supplementals
- @ MOSSAR
- 5 new Application @ FdL

Next meeting will be on April 12. 8, 2010. Will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Compatriot Baldwin presented Rita Lilly a Certificate of Appreciation for the work that she did with the Table decorations at the last MOSSAR Annual Convention.

President Lilly presented Bill Grote his SAR War Medal.

USS Missouri Efforts:

MOSSAR Donated \$100 to the USS Missouri activities. This was part of the culmination of efforts by Dave Christian and Charles Lilly.

The painting will be placed in the wardroom.

Other business:

The Fernando de Leyba website is back up (www.sarfdl.com) thanks to Compatriot John Rush. John would like each FdL Compatriot to send him a Biography of their Patriot Ancestors to be included in our website.

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We had some visitors/prospective members:

- Jonathan and Sherry Hunt
 - John and Connie Wilson
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Martin White
Charles Jefferson
Alan and Theresa Mortensen and their son Steve Mortensen.

Compatriot Baldwin gave a report on the Leadership meeting and emphasized that the National Library construction is going well. The big ceremony will be at the Fall Leadership meeting in Sept.

Compatriot Baldwin gave accolades to Ed Morris and Bill Grote for their work on finding a hotel for the MOSSAR 2011 Annual meeting that FdL is hosting. More will be discussed as a subsequent meeting. Think about a committee to participate upon.

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With the business meeting concluded, President Lilly gave a presentation on “the Evolution of Firearms” with various weapons shown. Unfortunately, none was fired. THAT would have been a MORE interesting meeting.

_____ Editors Note: _____

Compatriots, I want to have you give some thought on the MOSSAR 2011 Annual meeting that the Fernando de Leyba Chapter will host. There are a litany of necessary work that needs to be done to make this Convention a memorable one. The last MOSSAR meeting that we hosted, lead by Norval and Vertrees Hood, was such a big hit with the attendees. They said that we set the bar high. Ozark Mountain Chapter did an excellent job the next year, but ours is still being talked about.

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Why, because we were organized, made it exciting and had good communications. There is no reason that the Compatriots and their wives cannot make this meeting outstanding again.

The convention site has been selected and we are working through the contract particulars. The room price is Excellent especially considering it is at the Sheraton Chalet at Westport Plaza. What we need to do is to ensure that the Compatriots from all around the state want to come and participate. It would be grand if we busted our last convention in the number of participants. Also, it would be great if as a result of fund raising activities, we can make a profit to be used for our desired activities in the name of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and the SAR.

My hope, more than anything else, is that everyone who attends our MOSSAR Convention will have fond memories of what the Fernando de Leyba Chapter provided for them.

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