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May 15, 1778 – Col. George Rogers Clark begins his campaign to take control of the American West and Northwest from the British and captures Cahokia on the Mississippi River.

Meeting Minutes

The presentation of the Colors was conducted by colorguardmen Baldwin, Morris, Rush and Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, SAR Pledge and Invocation.

Treasurer's Report: \$1001.09

Genealogist Report:

- 1 new member application sent to NSSAR
- 2 supplementals @ NSSAR
- 2 applications being worked
- 8 supplementals being processed at Chapter

Colorguard Report: The Color Guard Commander Baldwin reported that there was support of the MOSSAR Convention. At the end of the month there is the annual Battle of San Carlos which will be held at the MO Historical Museum (Jefferson Memorial) in Forest Park. On Memorial Day, we will be supporting the DAR Cold Water Cemetery Memorial Service.

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Other Business: President Lilly gave his report regarding the MOSSAR Convention. He said that he enjoyed learning what the State officers are doing for us at the Chapter level.

President Lilly informed the ladies that MOSSAR will be awarding the Martha Washington medal for the first 3 applications accepted by NSSAR and an oak leaf for each subsequent 3 applications accepted. There is no time limit between applications received.

President Lilly informed the Compatriots that the Laverne Knolls Scholarship is available to anyone who can prove that a relative fought in WW1.

President Lilly recommended that the Chapter recognize Law enforcement officers, Teachers, students and citizens. There are many awards available.

It was brought up that Norval Hood is in a nursing home awaiting the move into the Veterans Home.

This ended the business meeting.

Our Speaker for this meeting was Chapter Vice President Emmett Taylor whose topic title was "The Surgeon of the American Civil War". Emmett had brought many old surgical instruments and came just shy of demonstrating it on one of us. It was quite enlightening.

With the conclusion of Emmett's presentation, President Lilly proceeded to close the meeting with the SAR recessional and the Color Guard retrieving the Colors.

OPINION SHAPER

This past Memorial Day Weekend, the Colorguard participated in the Battle of San Carlos memorial service. The speaker bespoke of the participation of one of the St. Louis Tesson ancestor. Each year at the service, we are reminded of the tenacity of the French and Spanish St. Louisans who on May 27, 1780, worked together to build a tower on which cannons were placed as

well as building a redoubt made of dirt surrounding the town. Their efforts were quite formidable, yet of value as 1200 British Canadians, Fox, Sauk, Wyandot Indians went on the war path to drive George Rogers Clark and his American soldiers out of the British claimed territory that Col. Clark and his men captured from the British. Our Chapter namesake, Lt. Gov. Fernando de Leyba, could have sued for peace, but had the foresight to see the ramifications of defeat. George Rogers Clark had shown the French on the Illinois side the freedoms to be enjoyed by supporting the American cause and becoming American citizens. History has proven that de Leyba was correct in his judgement.

As I pondered these St. Louisans, I assess our freedoms and the cost for those freedoms. The SAR is one venue to remind the general public, especially our youth and new immigrants, what our ancestors have done for us to give us our freedoms established by our forefathers in the United States Constitution.

Get involved. You don't have to shed blood. Just time and some money. Support our cause. Fight "thought" suppression. Educate. Open minds.

What are your freedoms worth?



Compatriot Jim Borgman and Diane Borgman, D.A.R.