



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**DECEMBER 13TH, 2021**

7:00 p.m.

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)**

**AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303**

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**Chapter Officers**

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Marvin Koechig

Secretary: Dan Evans

Treasurer: Jim Borgman

Sgt at Arms: Casey Brizendine

Historian: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Doug Neff

Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

***THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY***

November / December 1775 -- The Snow Campaign was one of the first major military operations of the American Revolutionary War in the southern colonies. An army of up to 3,000 Patriot militia under Colonel Richard Richardson marched against Loyalist recruiting centers in South Carolina, flushing them out and frustrating attempts by the Loyalists to organize. The Patriot expedition became known as the Snow Campaign due to heavy snowfall in the later stages of the campaign. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snow\\_Campaign?wprov=sfla1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snow_Campaign?wprov=sfla1)

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE***

"Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt." Samuel Adams Essay in the Public Advertiser, 1749

## Anniversary Congratulations

December is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

Cole David Barry  
Lawrence Everett Frothingham  
Ronald Dean Hauser  
David John Hoffman  
Ted Clint House  
Jimmie Dale Kirtlink  
Carl Cannon Pohle

Donald C. Rhoads  
Kevin Allen Rogers  
Ray William Snyder  
William Raymond Snyder  
William Roy Spratt  
Steven Gary Stegen

## Minutes

December 13th, 2021

Embassy Suites, St. Charles, Missouri

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by President Jim Jackson

Invocation by Chaplain Steve Baldwin

The Singing of our National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

SAR Pledge

President Jim Jackson welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

President Jackson gave a history of events occurring this month in the Revolutionary War and throughout American History.

### Members in Attendance (20):

Bob Ackley	Dennis Hahn
Steve Baldwin	Jim Jackson
Jim Borgman	Kurtis Kaspar
Michael Boyd	Marvin Koechig
Casey Brizendine	Charles Lilly
Dan Evans	Keith Morris
Boaz Grimstead	John Swanson
Ezekiel Grimstead	Keith Walleman
Ezra Grimstead	Kevin Walleman
Bill Grote	Justin Watkins

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

*\*\*denotes reinstatement  
approval pending at  
National*

**Guests (9):**

Diane Borgman  
Mande Grimstead  
Guy Grimstead

Darakarn Kasper  
Jim Keithly  
Joan Koechig

Jim McFerrin  
Milly Neff  
Patrick Turner

**Announcements:**

- President Jackson called all officers to the front of the room and presented each with a Christmas gift, as well as expressing to the meeting his appreciation for their effort.
- Compatriot Keith Morris advised the Chapter regarding the Saturday, December 18th, 2021, Wreaths Across America presentations to be made at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Participants are to meet at Andres Banquet Center 4254 Telegraph Road St Louis 63129 at 11 a.m. We have four Revolutionary War Patriots at Jefferson Barracks and 12 SAR Compatriots who will be honored.
- Compatriot Charles Lilly notified us that Compatriot David Scott Cox, who is also his son-in-law, is to be transferred from Captain to the rank of Commodore in the United States Navy, and in June of 2022 will take Command of Squadron 7 which consists of 9 fast attack submarines.
- Charles graciously offered to fly all Chapter members to Hawaii for this event but received no takers on his generous gift offer. It was thought that many in the group could not hear him, since he speaks so softly.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

- Anniversary Awards:
  - Compatriot Michael Foss Boyd received his 25-year pin and addressed the Chapter

**Induction of New Members:** None

**Supplemental Applications:** None

**Reports:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:**  
Accepted as presented

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report for November.

Jim also informed the Chapter that to date, we have a few members who have not paid their 2022 dues.

The report was accepted subject to audit.

**Genealogist's Report:** as of December 13<sup>th</sup>, was given by Genealogist Doug Neff, and was approved as presented:

Current Roster Membership: 121

Full Members: 100

Dual Members: 6

Junior Members: 15

Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: None.

New Member Applications: (0)

Supplemental Applications: (0)

New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 3

At MOSSAR: (1) Gary Gorline.

At NSSAR: (2) Larry Pipes, Jim McFerrin.

Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 22

At MOSSAR: (4) Dan Evans (2), Doug Neff (2).

At NSSAR: (18) Ray Snyder (7), William Snyder (7),  
Charles Lilly (2), Stephen Hyatt, Kevin Walleman.

Applications in Process at Chapter: 8

New Member: (5) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson, James Keithly.

IN COMMITTEE: (3) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Robert Koffman.

Supplementals: None.

**Veterans and ROTC Report:**

- Compatriot Charles Lilly gave a report on the Naval Sea Cadets luncheon which was held on Saturday, December 11th, and which he and President Jackson attended. Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn has prepared a release which is attached to the Cannoneer.

**Color Guard Report:** Chairman Bill Grote reported that he wishes to give up the position of the Eastern Missouri Commander of the Missouri Society Color Guard and asked for volunteers from the Chapter who might be interested.

Junior member Boaz Grimstead asked if Junior members could be members of the Color Guard. He was informed that we would love to have him as a member. Charles Lilly was contacted by Compatriot Keith Morris, who established the Ed and Barbara Morris Memorial Fund account which is to be used for Color Guard activities. Junior Member Boaz was offered a free uniform.

**Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:** Vice President Koechig reported that the Flag Recognition Certificate presentations have been completed for the year 2021. We have several deserving locations awards to start off next year.

**Fund Raising Report:** None

**Awards Report:** None

#### **Old Business:**

- Vice President Marvin Koechig described progress towards the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Fernando de Leyba Chapter, which will be held from 6 p.m. To 9 p.m. at Pio's Restaurant in Saint Charles on May 4th, 2022, which is the exact date of the Anniversary. Mr. Steve Kling, who is an expert in Revolutionary War history, including the Battle of San Carlos, will be the keynote speaker.
- The Nominating Committee has filled the slate of officers for election in January. However, after many years of great service Historian / Registrar Dennis Hahn has requested have someone take over the Historian position. Secretary Evans will send out an email to all members of this position and its responsibilities
- A slim sized adult SAR uniform has been made available to Chapter Members who are interested, contact Secretary Dan Evans if you are interested.

#### **New Business:**

- The 2022 budget was approved with adjustments to be made, and a revised approved budget will be emailed to all members by Secretary Evans.
- Diane Borgman offered her delicious cookies to all attendees during the meeting, and she held an auction for the SAR a selection of her cookies on a silverplate platter. The three Grimstead Junior members won the bidding at \$25.
- President Jackson described that the Chapter could earn money through the Amazon Smile program. More details will follow via email.
- President Jackson mentioned that because of the success of our October 2021 joint meeting with the Saint Charles chapter of DAR it was his hope that we would have another joint meeting and perhaps two the coming year.

- The President also urged members to develop candidates to speakers for our meetings. We are specifically interested in speakers covering the subjects of History, Genealogy, First Responders, and other areas where we focus our efforts.
- Patriot of the Month – Sergeant at Arms Casey Brizendine gave a biography and historical reference of his Patriot Major John Alexander Compton Sr.
- The Nominating Committee is taking names of Compatriots who will be willing to stand for election at our January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Chapter meeting. Please relay your interest to Secretary Dan Evans at [d\\_revansjr-FDLSAR@Yahoo.com](mailto:d_revansjr-FDLSAR@Yahoo.com).
- Compatriot Keith Morris brought to our attention the passing of inactive Chapter Compatriots Charles (Fitz) Ray Fitzgerald (June 12, 1934 - October 12, 2017) and John Francis Attaway (October 8, 1944 - July 14, 2021). They are buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

**Program:** Compatriot Bob Ackley gave a presentation regarding the unique election of 1876 with between Samuel Tilden and Rutherford B. Hayes. The presentation was very well received by the membership.

**Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin**

**SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson**

### **In Remembrance**

William R. Beswick  
 Milan A. G. Paddock  
 Hardy Barry Pottinger

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2022 AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255, ST. PETERS, MO 63376. THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES ARE IN THE NORTHERN END OF THE SPENCER ROAD LIBRARY, IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT.**



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**Presentation of Award to Naval Sea Cadet by Fernando de Leyba Chapter  
Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets**



Cadet/Chief John Zyk and Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Jim Jackson



Left to right: Charles Lilly, Jim Jackson, Cadet/Chief John Zyk, Lt Tom Gamboe and Lt. Ben Smith

Photos provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly (FDL).

On December 11, 2021 Chapter President Jim Jackson of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Cadet/Chief John Zyk of the USS Missouri Battleship Brigade of the Naval Sea Cadets. Chief Zyk was chosen as the Outstanding Cadet for his Excellence in Academics and Leadership. Chief Zyk also received a check from the Chapter for \$200.00. Compatriot Charles Lilly – Missouri Society Honorary Vice President - also represented the Fernando de Leyba Chapter. The Fernando de Leyba Chapter has supported the Naval Sea Cadets for the past ten years at their Annual Awards Luncheon held at the St. Charles, Missouri American Legion Post 312 Hall.