



Minutes of the
In Person and Zoom Online Meeting
Fernando de Leyba Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

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NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021
 7:00 p.m.

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

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

Chapter Officers

President: Jim Jackson
 Treasurer: Jim Borgman
 Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: Marvin Koechig
 Sgt at Arms: Casey Brizendine
 Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Dan Evans
 Historian: Dennis Hahn
 Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The Siege of Savage's Old Fields (also known as the first siege of Ninety Six, November 19–21, 1775) was an encounter between Patriot and Loyalist forces in the back country town of Ninety Six, South Carolina, early in the American Revolutionary War. It was the first major conflict in South Carolina in the war, having been preceded by bloodless seizures of several military fortifications in the province. Patriot forces under the command of Major Andrew Williamson had been dispatched to the area to recover a shipment of gunpowder and ammunition intended for the Cherokees that had been seized by Loyalists. Williamson's force, numbering over 500, established a stockaded fort near Ninety Six, where it was surrounded by some 1,900 Loyalists. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Savage%27s_Old_Fields

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"If, from the more wretched parts of the old world, we look at those which are in an advanced stage of improvement, we still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping the spoil of the multitude. Invention is continually exercised, to furnish new pretenses for revenues and taxation. It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without tribute." **Thomas Paine Rights of Man, 1791**

Anniversary Congratulations

November 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

November 8th, 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 short presentation of events occurring this month in the Revolutionary War and throughout American History.

Members in Attendance (21):

Bob Ackley
Steve Baldwin
Curtis Ballenger
Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
Dan Evans
Bill Grote
Dennis Hahn
Jim Jackson
Pat Jefferson

Marvin Koechig
Greg Landrum
Charles Lilly
Keith Morris
Don Rhoads
Steve Stegen
Dave Stone
John Swanson
Keith Walleman
Kevin Walleman

Justin Watkins

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

***denotes reinstatement
approval pending at National*

Guests (9):

Diane Borgman
Gary Gorline
Sylvia Grote
Sheri Hoskins

Josie Hoskins
Jim Keithly
Joan Koechig
Jim McFerrin

Milly Neff

Announcements: A unanimous vote was taken to install Casey Brizendine for the unexpired term of the open office of Sergeant at Arms.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Anniversary Awards:
 - John Swanson accepted his son Matt's 5-year pin in Matt's absence.

Induction of New Members: None

Supplemental Applications:

- Curtis Ballenger

Reports:**Minutes of Previous Meeting on October 19, 2021, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:**

Compatriot Charles Lilly pointed out an error in attendees, Secretary Evans corrected and forwarded a revision to Historian Dennis Hahn.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report for October and November including a report on our successful Joint Trivia Night on October 9th held in conjunction with the DAR. The net income from the event was \$8,000, with an even distribution between Fernando De Leyba and the St. Charles Chapter of the DAR.

Jim also informed the Chapter that to date, we have only 18 members who have not paid their 2022 dues.

The report was accepted subject to audit.

Genealogist's Report: was given by Genealogist Doug Neff for October and November, 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: 2
 - At MOSSAR: None.
 - At NSSAR: (2) Larry Pipes, Jim McFerrin.

- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 18
 - At MOSSAR: None.
 - At NSSAR: (18) Ray Snyder (7), William Snyder (7), Charles Lilly (2), Stephen Hyatt, Kevin Walleman.

- Applications in Process at Chapter: 9
 - New Member: (4) Gary Gorline, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton.

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

- Supplementals: (2) Dan Evans.

President Jim Jackson took the opportunity at this time to award Genealogist Doug Neff with his fifth National Liberty Medal. Qualifications for this award are 10 approved new member applications, so Genealogist Neff has reached a pinnacle of 50 approved new members.

Veterans and ROTC Report: Vice President Marvin Koechig stated we have several JROTC awards which will be presented after year end. Marvin is also the Missouri Society JROTC Awards Chairman.

Color Guard Report: Chairman Bill Grote reported on several Color Guard Activities as follows:

- Saturday October 23, 2021, Fee Fee Cemetery
- Saturday November 6, 2021, Oak Grove Cemetery Veterans Memorial
- Sunday November 7, 2021, Veterans Day Memorial Service at Bellefontaine Cemetery

Bill is also the Eastern Missouri Commander of the Missouri Society Color Guard

Compatriot Greg Landrum, who is an NRA Instructor, discussed the situation with black powder classes with the NRA.

Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig: Vice President Koechig announced that he anticipates we will have 40 Flag Recognition Certificates awarded by year end, from the 38 we have awarded to date. In several cases we have worked jointly with the St. Charles Chapter of the DAR.

Fund Raising Report: Was covered by Treasurer Jim Borgman in his report of the Trivia Night.

Awards Report: Compatriot John Swanson was recognized as the November Patriot of the Month by the St. Charles Chapter DAR by members Joan Koechig, Diane Borgman, and Sylvia Grote. You may find his bio at <https://mssdar.org/patriots-of-the-month/>



John Swanson
United States Army
Sponsored by:
Saint Charles Chapter, NSDAR

Old Business:

- Our 25th Anniversary will be on May 4th, 2022, and we are hoping to have a celebration at Pio's Restaurant in St. Charles. Plans are ongoing.
- Diane Borgman reminded us that the Revolutionary War in the West celebration will be held in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri in May 2022

New Business:

- Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn gave a report on the October 30th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Society SAR. He reported that we have 801 Compatriot Members statewide, and Fernando de Leyba Chapter is the largest Chapter in Missouri with 119 members (based upon the State Society's handling of Dual Members).

Dennis also mentioned that, as Chairman of the Committee, he was working on revising the format of the Josiah Fogg award. He also related that the Board had changed the Chapter Yearbook format to digital.

The April Annual Meeting of MOSSAR will be sponsored by Spirit of St. Louis Chapter at the Westport Hilton hotel, and information will be coming soon.

- Compatriot Keith Morris announced that the Wreaths Across America dedication will be held on December 19th at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in conjunction with Spirit of St. Louis Chapter. More information will follow via e-mail.
- An extended discussion was held regarding the current situation going forward with the Embassy Suites for our month meetings. The hotel has proposed an approximate monthly cost with a buffet of approximately \$650 per month. Members and guests who wish to partake in the buffet will be charged approximately \$25 or more each.

A study was made as to alternate locales available for our September through June meetings. The ultimate, unanimous decision was made to move our meeting venue to the 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. The venue will be at a cost of \$250.00 annually.

Attendees who wish to eat before the meeting may bring food into the meeting room, with the caveat that each will be responsible for trash clean up. One of the requirements is that the meetings must end at 9:00 PM, so we will be moving our start time to 6:30 PM.

- A slim sized SAR uniform has been made available to Chapter Members who are interest, contact Secretary Dan Evans if you are interested.
- The Nominating Committee is taking names of Compatriots who will be willing to stand for election at our January 10th, 2022, Chapter meeting. Please relay your interest to Secretary Dan Evans at d_revansjr-FDLSAR@Yahoo.com.

Program: Josie Hoskins, CAR President of the Nathan Futrell Chapter gave a well received presentation regarding their activities over the last year.

Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson

In Remembrance

No Compatriots left us in the Month of November

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2021 AT THE EMBASSY SUITES, ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI



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