



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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DECEMBER 11TH, 2023

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 2023

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Casey Brizendine

Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans

Historian / Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Justin Watkins

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Sgt at Arms: John Swanson

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Junior Color Guard Commander: Boaz

Grimstead

Webmaster: Dave Desmarais

Emeritus Officers

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 Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary, December 16.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Tea_Party

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"But our great security lies, I think, in our growing strength, both in numbers and wealth; ... unless, by a neglect of military discipline, we should lose all martial spirit ...; for there is much truth in the Italian saying, Make yourselves sheep, and the wolves will eat you."

Benjamin Franklin -- Letter to Thomas Cushing (1773)

Anniversary Congratulations

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

James Leroy R. Boyd Jr.	12/31/1951	72	Larry Allen Pipes	12/17/2021	2
Timothy James Carsten	12/31/2017	6	Hogan Liam Spratt	12/1/2017	6
Boaz Marshall Grimstead	12/20/2019	4	Patrick Andrew Turner	12/9/2022	1
Ezekiel Johnson Grimstead	12/20/2019	4	Jackson Patrick Turner	12/9/2022	1
Ezra Washington Grimstead	12/20/2019	4	Micah Thomas Turner	12/9/2022	1
Gregory Allen Landrum	12/8/2016	7	John William White	12/3/1987	36
Charles Elliott Lilly	12/20/2005	18			

**Minutes
December 11th, 2023
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 Compatriot Steve Baldwin

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 (24):

Bob Ackley

Steve Baldwin

Jim Borgman

Casey Brizendine

Ben Crouch

Dave Desmarais

Dan Evans

Boaz Grimstead

Ezekiel Grimstead

Ezra Grimstead

Bill Grote

Dennis Hahn

Bill Hemenway

Mike Hubbard

Jim Jackson

Kurtis Kaspar

Bob Koffman

Rob Koffman

Charles Lilly

Keith Morris

Doug Neff

Dusty Rhoads

David Stone

Patrick Turner

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

Guests (10):

Steven Biggs -- First Vice President
Missouri Society

Diane Borgman

Mande Brown

Tricia Crouch

Steve Juhlin

Dale Mueller

Milly Neff

Daniel Riggs

David Riggs

Rochelle Riggs

Anniversary Awards:

Compatriot Dave Desmarais was presented with his Life membership pin.

Announcements:

Naval Sea Cadets – Annual Luncheon December 10, 2023

Compatriot Keith Morris reported on this event which he and Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans, attended. A deserving Cadet was given the Good Citizenship Medal and a check for \$200 from our chapter.



Compatriot Morris also reminded those in attendance that the annual Wreaths Across America wreath ceremonies are to be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on December 16th, 2023. Those who wish to attend should be at Andre's Banquet Center on Telegraph Road at 11:00 AM. Keith mentioned that we are honoring a Revolutionary Veteran who served both at Lexington and throughout the War, finishing his service at Yorktown.

Steven Biggs -- First Vice President Missouri Society Gave a short presentation on State Events.



Induction of New Members: None

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on October 9th, 2023, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:
Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on November 2023. Report was accepted subject to audit.

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

11 December 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 118
 - a. Full Members: 96
 - b. Dual Members: 8
 - c. Junior Members: 14

2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 0
 - a. New Member Applications: (0).
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).

3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (1) Tim Williams.
 - b. At NSSAR: (0).

4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (1) Louis Volpi.

5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 12
 - a. New Member: (1) John Hilton.

IN COMMITTEE: (11) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller, Jeff Sullivan, Harold Croy, Steve Trikensas, Dotson family, Jimmy Ridenour, Dale Mueller, Tim Brower.

- b. Supplementals: (0).

Color Guard Report:

Naval Sea Cadets – as reported previously.

Flag Recognition Report:

Compatriot Marvin Koechig was not present at the meeting, but Secretary Evans had Flag Code brochures from him for distribution to members for use in introducing persons who may qualify for Flag Certificates.

JROTC Report: no report.

Fundraising Report: no report.

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the activities and his efforts in improving and expanding our Chapter website, as well as his work on the IT/Website Committee with the Missouri Society.

Old Business:

We are still looking for Committee members and Chairman for our Chapter committees.

President Jackson announced again that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for 2024 offices. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Evans or Nominating Committee Chair Charles Lilly if you are interested in investigating or pursuing an office.

Steering Committee – Secretary Evans requested volunteers for this Committee to evaluate the Chapter, and stated the committee will be filled out by he and President Jackson to begin work.

New Business:

Diane Borgman announced that Jim Boyd, the Organizing President of our Chapter, has passed away. Jim was a joint member with Spirit of St Louis Chapter and came over to help found our Chapter. Secretary Evans will contact Spirit of St Louis, and as customary will make a \$35 contribution to the SAR library in Jim's name. You will see by the December anniversary listing that Jim was a member of SAR for 71 years.

Casket Guards – were then discussed, and the timeliness of our Chapter response to Compatriot deaths. Secretary Evans urged attendees to inform him in a timely manner if they had firsthand knowledge of a Compatriot's death, either through close contact with the family, church information or other notifications.

It has been the custom in the past for us to wait until a request for Guards comes from the family, and not to intrude on their grieving. Secretary Evans will email all members regarding informing their family if they wish us to serve them upon their death.

Program: The Boston Tea Party – Vice President Casey Brizendine



Benediction by Compatriot Steve Baldwin

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

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

**William R. Beswick
Milan A. G. Paddock
Hardy Barry Pottinger
Roy Lee Snyder**

Next Meeting: **Monday, January 8th, 2024 AT 6:30 PM at the St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301**

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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.

