



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

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SEPTEMBER 13TH, 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: Steve White
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

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

THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The siege of Fort St. Jean (September 17 – November 3, 1775, also called St. John, St. Johns, or St. John's, French: Siège du Fort Saint-Jean) was conducted by American Brigadier General Richard Montgomery on the town and fort of Saint-Jean in the British province of Quebec during the American Revolutionary War. The siege lasted from September 17 to November 3, 1775.

The fall of Fort St. Jean opened the way for the American army to march on Montreal, which fell without battle on November 13..
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Fort_St._Jean

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

July, August, and September is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

Charles "Kip" Martin Babington III
Caleb Boone Baldwin
Clark Abraham Baldwin
Stephen Matthew Baldwin
Curtis Ballenger
James "Jim" Barley Borgman
Morris Neal Botkin
David Spencer Christian
James Ted Chumley
William Elliot David
Daniel Robert Evans Jr.
Caleb Cross Garrett
Joshua Kevin Garrett
Kevin Howard Garrett
Edward S. Gray
William Arter Grimshaw Grote
Lars Erik Hagen
Theodore Jay Hall
Jonathan David Hunt
Stephen Wayne Hyatt

William "Jim" James Jackson
Kurtis Lynn Kaspar
Marvin Robert Koechig Jr.
Nicholas Marvin Koechig
Charles Leon Land
Douglas David Miller
Shawn David Nickell
Walter William Pruitt
Dr. Paul Bonnette Simon
Peter Emil Simon
William George Simon
Stephen Geddes Sneeringer
John Arthur Swanson
Matthew Lee Swanson
Britt Van Antwerp
George Van Antwerp
Kevin Gary Walleman
Justin Farley McKinney Watkins
Rev. John Arthur Wilson

Minutes

September 13th, 2021

In Person at Embassy Suites and Zoom Online Chapter Meeting

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 history of the United States

Members in Attendance (25):

Steve Baldwin
Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
Rev. Kurt Calkins
Ben Crouch
Dan Evans
Bill Grote
Lars Hagen
Dennis Hahn
Jim Jackson
Keith Jasin

Pat Jefferson
Marvin Koechig
Charles Lilly
Keith Morris
Rob Raines
Don Rhoads
Steve Stegen
David Stone
John Swanson
George Van Antwerp
David Von Behren

Keith Walleman
Kevin Walleman
Justin Watkins

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

***denotes reinstatement
approval pending at National*

Guests (11):

Diane Borgman
Ashley Brizendine
Verna Raines

Linda Von Behren
Maddison Von Behren
Nancy Von Behren

Announcements:

Vice President Marvin Koechig informed the Chapter that he and his wife Joanie had visited with the owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, asking him about the memorial plaque for the Battle of Fort San Carlos. The plaque had been taken down during the construction of Ballpark Village. They were grateful to be informed the plaque had been reinstalled St Louis Ballpark Village. Here are two photos of the setting.



Historian / Registrar Dennis Hahn discussed the fine job Diane Borgman has done to create a commemorative directory of all members of Fernando De Leyba Chapter and the history of the Chapter. A vote confirmed that the Directory should be issued in 2022, to honor the 25th anniversary of the Chapter.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Anniversary Awards: None
- Genealogist Doug Neff was recognized for his receipt of multiple awards of the National Society's Liberty Medal.

Induction of New Members: Compatriots David E. Von Behren and Casey Alan Brizendine were inducted into Fernando de Leyba and welcomed by the assembled membership. The new Compatriots gave a description of their Patriot's service to the American Revolution.

Supplemental Applications:

- Compatriot Jim Borgman
- Compatriot Keith Walleman
- Compatriot Justin Watkins
- All members gave a detailed history of their Patriots.

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on June 14th 2021 as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:

Approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted subject to audit. Jim notified the Chapter of our past donations to the Missouri Veterans Home. Each year we make a cash award to adopt a vet residing in that home. He also informed that we have a Compatriot who is a resident there. The past donations have been \$30 and after a motion to increase that amount to \$60 was approved. Jim will see to the donation.

Genealogist Report: was given by Compatriot Justin Watkins in the absence of Genealogist Doug Neff and approved as presented:

Current Roster Membership:

Full Members:	100
Dual Members:	6
Junior Members:	15
Total Membership	121

- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 8
- New Member Applications: (5) Louis Volpi, David Von Behren, Casey Brizendine, Chris Dolbeare, James Wimberley.
- Supplemental Applications: (3) Curtis Ballenger, Jim Borgman, Justin Watkins.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - At MOSSAR: Larry Pipes.

- At NSSAR: None.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 17
 - At MOSSAR: None.
 - At NSSAR: (17) Ray Snyder (7), William Snyder (7), Charles Lilly (2), Stephen Hyatt.
- Applications in Process at Chapter: 10
 - New Member: (10) Gary Gorline, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton, Jim McFerrin.
 - IN COMMITTEE: Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Robert Koffman, Justin Hill, Curtis Barker.
 - Supplementals: None.

Veterans and ROTC Report: None

Color Guard Report: was given by Chairman Bill Grote. Bill let us know that on October 23rd the Color Guard will attend a Memorial Service at Fee Fee Cemetery.

Flag Recognition Report by Vice President Marvin Koechig: Marvin gave a report on the Flag Commendation Certificates and said that this time we have 17 candidates on the list. Chaplain Steve Ballwin added two more to that number.

Fund Raising Report:

- The combined SAR / DAR / CAR Trivia Night is going to be held on October 9th, 2021, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 221 1st Capitol Dr, St Charles, MO in the Community Room. The original Master of Ceremonies has come down with emphysema, and our Compatriot Ted House has volunteered to assume that position. We have 10 table sponsors and 10 tables. Vice President Koechig asked for donations and table sponsors.

Awards Report: None

Old Business:

- Patriot of the Month – Secretary Dan Evans reported that a drawing was held June 14th for the months of June, July, and August Patriots of the Month. Compatriots Justin Watkins, Hogan Spratt, and Ted House's Patriots were chosen respectively, and emails were sent out each of those months detailing the Patriot's history .

New Business:

- Patriot of the Month Drawing – the selection for the month of September is Marvin Koechig's Patriot
- President Jim Jackson expressed his thanks to Compatriot Charles Lilly and Secretary Dan Evans for their efforts towards the approval of the Junior Membership for his Grandson James Wimberley.

Program: Compatriot John Swanson gave a presentation regarding a lifelong friend who had acquired matched pistols on a visit to Paris, France. After a several years long project, including a visit to Germany to the gun's manufacturer to validate the significance of these firearms, it

was found these were George Washington's saddle guns. The provenance of this discovery was stunning as these were originally owned the family of the Marquis de Lafayette, who had received the pistols from General Washington. They brought \$2 million dollars at auction.

Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson

In Remembrance

Theodore Seth Hunt Jr.
Ray "Ed" Edward Morris
Melvin "Mel" Watkins

**NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH 2021 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ST. CHARLES
DAR CHAPTER AT 9:30 AM AT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PART OF SPENCER LIBRARY, 77
BOONE HILLS DRIVE, ST. PETERS, MO 63376**



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