



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

## **Sons of the American Revolution**

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**FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30 p.m.

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

**AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255  
ST. PETERS, MO 63376**

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### **Chapter Officers 2023**

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Casey Brizendine

Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans

Historian / Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Justin Watkins

Chaplain: Jim Keithly

Sgt at Arms: John Swanson

Color Guard Commander: Charles Lilly

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

*THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR*

The Forage War was a partisan campaign consisting of numerous small skirmishes that took place in New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War between January and March 1777, following the battles of Trenton and Princeton. After both British and Continental Army troops entered their winter quarters in early January, Continental Army regulars and militia companies from New Jersey and Pennsylvania engaged in numerous scouting and harassing operations against the British and German troops quartered in New Jersey.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forage\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forage_War)

*REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE*

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." –

Common Sense by Thomas Paine

**Anniversary Congratulations**

**February is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots years of Service and Membership:**

Michael Foss Boyd	2/2/1996	27
Greg R. Hilton	2/26/2021	2
Kevin Kenneth Klingerman	2/25/2022	1
James Michael Pflugrad	2/7/2020	3

**Minutes**

**February 13th, 2023**

**Community Council of St. Charles County, St. Peters, 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**

**President Jackson welcomed all attendees, and recognized guests. He then described events occurring in January during the American Revolution and American History.**

**Members in Attendance (21):**

Bob Ackley  
Steve Baldwin  
Jim Borgman  
Casey Brizendine  
Ben Crouch  
Dave Desmarais  
Dan Evans  
Bill Grote  
Dennis Hahn

Jim Jackson  
Kevin Klingerman  
Marvin Koechig  
Bob Koffman  
Jim McFerrin  
Keith Morris  
Doug Neff  
Dusty Rhoads  
Jeff Sullivan

John Swanson  
Patrick Turner  
Justin Watkins

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

**Guests (22):**

Steven Biggs MOSSAR 2nd VP  
Diane Borgman  
Nancy Cosey  
Larry Cosey  
Gracelyn Cosey  
Landryn Cosey  
Logan Cosey  
Caedlyn Cosey

Mackenzie Hahn  
Linda Hahn  
Lilly Hahn  
William Hemenway  
Michael Hubbard  
Steve Kling  
Joan Koechig  
Rob Koffman

Milly Neff  
Blanca Partida  
Jan Radcliff  
Vivian Vo  
Van Vo  
Donn Wesseman

**Invocation by President Jim Jackson**

**2022 Americanism Brochure Contest Winners:**

President Jackson introduced the middle school students who have won awards in their participation of the brochure contest and awarded each a certificate and a check.

- 1st Place Blanca Partida \$100
- 2nd Place Gracelyn Cosey \$50
- 3rd place Vivian Vo and Lilly Hahn \$30 each

**Awards and Recognitions:**

- President Jackson welcomed Steven Biggs, Second Vice President of the Missouri Society and called on Compatriot Keith Morris, who came forward and was given the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate issued jointly from Fernando de Leyba Chapter and Spirit of St. Louis Chapter for his efforts in the Wreaths Across America program for the last 10 years.
- Past Treasurer, Compatriot Jim Borgman was awarded the title of Treasurer Emeritus for his 22 years of service to the Fernando de Leyba Chapter by President Jackson. His amazing, consistent service to the Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution was featured.

- Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn was awarded a Certificate of Exemplary Service for his years of continuing service to this Chapter and the Missouri Society in multiple roles and receiving many awards from the Sons of the American Revolution. Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans pointed out that in his role as Awards Chairman he investigated previous awards and he and President Jackson had decided to create this unique award. Dan further addressed the group regarding Dennis' desire to transfer his Historian role to a new Compatriot.
- President Jackson announced that Compatriot Dusty Rhodes has been granted status of Member Emeritus by National for his 57 years of membership since 11/18/1965.

**Announcements:** DAR Member Jan Radcliff reported that all the tables for the Trivia Night on March 11<sup>th</sup> have been sold, other than two, and we are well prepared for a great event.

Again, it will be held at 7PM at St. Peter Catholic Church Parish Center, 3rd and 1st Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301.

**Anniversary Awards: None**

**Induction of New Members: None**

**Supplemental Applications: None**

**Reports:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:**  
Accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on January 2023 results and past Treasurer Jim Borgman reported on December 2022. Reports were accepted subject to audit.

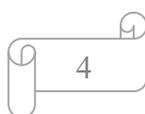
**Genealogist's Report:** By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

## FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

### GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

13 February 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 116
  - a. Full Members: 94
  - 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: 2
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
  - b. At NSSAR: (2) Stephen Kling, Jr.; William Hemenway IV
- 4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 0
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
  - b. At NSSAR: (0).
- 5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 12
  - a. New Member: (6) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (*awaiting signature*), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson, Brian Stegen (awaiting sponsor signature), Robert Koffman III.  
  
IN COMMITTEE: (4) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller.
  - b. Supplementals: (1) Louis Volpi.

**Color Guard Report:**

The annual George Washington commemoration will be held in Lafayette Park, St. Louis on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

President Jackson and Secretary/Treasurer Evans attended the St. Peters City Council meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup> and gave a presentation on the Sons of the American Revolution and our uniforms.

Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn Discussed the Etienne Bernard Grave Marking at All Saints Catholic Church in St. Peters, MO on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Etienne Bernard served in the St. Louis Militia during the Battle of Fort San Carlos on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1780. Steve Perkins, the Missouri Society Color Guard Commander has been contacted to convert this into a State event.

He also discussed the May 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Fort San Carlos Festival which will be held in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. More information will be forthcoming.

**Flag Recognition Report:** Vice President Marvin Koechig had brought several boxes of used flags which were available to everyone.

**Fund Raising Report:** the Trivia Night will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Reports:** Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported that he has made progress on the Chapter website and will continue to keep current events up to date.

## **Old Business:**

### **Wreaths Across America**

Compatriot Keith Morris reported that we now have 17 deceased Compatriots at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, with the addition of Roy Snyder.

### **American Revolution in the West Conference**

Prospective Compatriot Steve Kling reported on the progress of the American Revolution in the West Conference he is arranging and noted that Joan Koechig and Dan Evans are on the Steering Committee. The conference will be located potentially at the Sheraton Westport.

## **New Business:**

### **Sergeant at Arms**

Compatriot John Swanson has accepted this position for the remainder of 2023.

### **Meeting Venue**

The Community Council has lost its lease on the Library area, and we have a lease with the Council. The remaining meetings we have scheduled have been threatened by this, and we have already been informed that we cannot use the venue for our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Jackson, Dan Evans and John Swanson met at a potential meeting venue, Rookies Sports Bar in New Town St. Charles.

Discussion continued regarding possible permanent venues, and this will be an ongoing issue to be addressed.

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee for 2023 is to be composed of Compatriots Jim Borgman, Steve Baldwin, and Charles Lilly.

**Program:** Vice President Casey Brizendine gave a presentation on the service during the Revolution of his Grandfather Jacobus "James" Davenport Jr., who served in the New York Militia.

**Benediction by** Compatriot Steve Baldwin

**SAR Recessional by** President Jim Jackson

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

Stuart L. Ballou  
James Lyle McPherson  
Francis "Fran" M. Northrop  
Michael Lawrence Zimmer

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 6:30 PM 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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## Chapter Presidents

**Organizing President:**

James L. R. Boyd, Jr. 1995-1996 and early part of 1997 <sup>1</sup>

**Chapter Presidents:**

Kenneth (Norm) Norman Hagen	Part of 1997 & 1998 (1 year, 8 months)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	1999, 2000, 2001, & 2002 (4 years)* <sup>1 2</sup>
Norval C. Hood, Jr.	2003 (1 year)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007 (4 years)* <sup>1 2</sup>
Charles E. Lilly	2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011 (4 years) <sup>1</sup>
Dennis J. Hahn	2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015 (4 years) <sup>1</sup>
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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2020



William J. (Jim) Jackson  
2021-Present

<sup>1</sup> Served as Missouri Society SAR President <sup>2</sup> 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.**

