



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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December 11th, 2017

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

AT SCHNUCKS, 1950 ZUMBEHL RD. IN ST. CHARLES, MO

Chapter Officers

President: Marvin Koechig

Vice President: Michael Shea

Secretary: Richard Morton

Treasurer: Jim Borgman

Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote

Historian: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Doug Neff

Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS DATE IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

December 11, 1777

On this day in 1777, General George Washington broke camp at Whitemarsh and began to move the army across the Schuylkill river over a makeshift bridge to evade General Howe's army.

Revolutionary War Quote

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be, like sheep to the slaughter."

General George Washington

Minutes

December 11th , 2017

Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Keith Morris

National Anthem --Compatriot Elliot David

Pledge of Allegiance – Compatriot Steve Hayes

Pledge to SAR – Compatriot Dusty Rhodes

Color Guard dismissed

Compatriot Michael Shea welcomed members and guests.

Attendees: Members-Marvin Koechig, Michael Shea, Bill Grote, Dennis Hahn, Doug Neff, Charles Lilly, Keith Morris, Steve Hayes, Roy Snyder, Dusty Rhodes, Will Spratt, Hogan Spratt, Nicholas Koechig, Scott Williams, Steve Baldwin, Charles “Pat” Jefferson, William David, Paul Simon, William Simon, Jan Beardsley, Elliot David.

Guests: Joan Koechig, Noel Freesh, Colleen Koechig, Donna Koechig, Milly Neff

Announcements:

- 1) Compatriot Dave Hill reminded compatriots to use the Schnucks escripts to help the chapter raise money. Using the card can be up to 3% of every purchase at Schnucks.
- 2) Keith Morris reminded compatriots about the Wreath Across America project

Reports: Minutes as prepared by Compatriot Richard Morton)

Motion to approve by Charles Lilly

2nd-Compatriot Steve Baldwin

Motion approved

Treasure Report- (Compatriot Jim Borgman)

Compatriot Dennis Hahn substituted for Compatriot Borgman

Compatriot Steve Baldwin suggested the board consider putting the Hunt Fund Money into a better earning account.

Motion to accept by Compatriot Charles Lilly

2nd by Compatriot Steve Baldwin

Genealogist Report-Compatriot Doug Neff

- 1) Compatriot Doug Neff reported that there are now 82 members. He announced a transfer to the Fernando De Leyba chapter by Dusty Rhodes, a 52-year member.

Veterans Report-Compatriot Charles Lilly

- 1) Compatriot Lilly reported that he just received a packet and will get the information to the schools within the next two months. He recommended having a representative of the school to attend a FDL meeting to receive the award.
- 2) A good citizen award was given to a Sea Cadet with another \$200.00 check.

Color Guard Report-Compatriot Bill Grote

- 1) The Color Guard of Fernando De Leyba welcomes its newest member Compatriot Marvin Koechig.
- 2) The Color Guard attended an event at the DAR state headquarters that was well attended by people from all over the state.
- 3) Color Guard will attend the Wreaths Across America event.
- 4) Announcement of an Eagle Scout entry by Tyler Rainy

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report-Compatriot Michael Shea

- 1) Compatriot Shea and President Koechig performed ten presentations to Fire Stations and local businesses achieving 27 presentations for the year. He recommended doing dual presentations with the DAR when possible.

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena-Compatriot Marvin Koechig

- 1) Two events at the Family Arena after the last meeting.
- 2) Year to date, the Family Arena fundraising has gained \$2,790 for the chapter.

Special Committee Report-Planning continues for the MOSSAR State Convention in St. Charles April 2018

Old Business: No Reports

New Business:

- 1) **Inductions-**Hogan Spratt, Scott Kevin Williams, Dr. Paul Simon and his son Billy. (Another son, Peter, was not present)

Nomination Committee Report by Compatriot Charles Lilly

- 1) Marvin Koechig to continue as Chapter President
- 2) Michael Shea to continue as Chapter Vice President
- 3) Roy Snyder for Chapter Secretary
- 4) Doug Neff to continue as Chapter Genealogist
- 5) Jim Borgman to continue as Chapter Treasure
- 6) Dennis Hahn to continue as Chapter Historian and Registrar
- 7) Bill Grote to continue as Chapter Sergeant at Arms
- 8) Paul Smith to continue as Chapter Chaplain

Election of 2018 Officers-Compatriot Beardsley moved to accept Nomination Committee slate of officers. Second by Compatriot Lilly. Slate accepted by acclamation.

Announcement by Vice President Shea-Compatriot Dave Hill will assist Compatriot Borgman as Chapter Treasurer and commended Dave Hill for his work to benefit the FDL chapter.

Compatriot Lilly presented entries for the poster contest and the winner of the Elementary teacher award

Budget for 2018 presented by Marvin Koechig. Copies of budget provided to all attending members. 2018 FDL budget approved

Compatriot Lilly put out a call for help to the members to work at the Family Arena.

Fundraising activities are including the same people who are doing most of the work. Even volunteering for one or two fundraisers a year would be a great help

Motion to Adjourn by Michael Shea

Benediction-Compatriot Keith Morris

SAR Recessional

Color Guard retrieves Colors

Next Meeting-January 8th, 2018 at Schnucks on Zumbahl in St Charles



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Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Meeting December 11, 2017



Posting the Colors, left to right: Compatriots William David, Charles Lilly, Bill Grote, Marvin Koechig, and Doug Neff.



Left to right: Compatriots Charles Lilly, Bill Grote, Roy Snyder, Michael Shea, Marvin Koechig, and Doug Neff.



Compatriot Keith Morris leading the Invocation.



Head Table, left to right: Compatriot Roy Snyder, Chapter President Marvin Koechig, Chapter Vice President Michael Shea, and Chapter Genealogist and MOSSAR Surgeon Doug Neff.



Compatriot Keith Morris explaining arrangements for Wreaths Across America on December 16th at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



Compatriot Dave Hill explaining details of the Schnucks eScrip Fundraising Program.



Swearing in Compatriot Dr. Paul Simon by Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



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Swearing in Compatriot William Simon by Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



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Pinning on the SAR Rosette by dad Dr. Paul Simon.



New Compatriots Dr. Paul Simon (dad) and William Simon (son).



Swearing in Compatriot Hogan Spratt by grandpa/Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



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Pinning on the SAR Rosette by grandma Joan Koechig.



Compatriots Hogan Spratt (son) and William Spratt (dad).



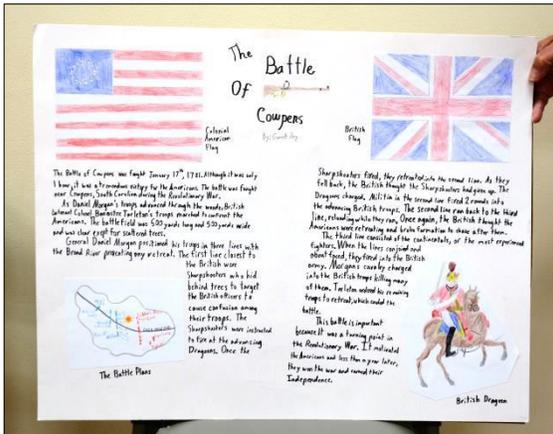
Swearing in Compatriot Scott Williams by Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



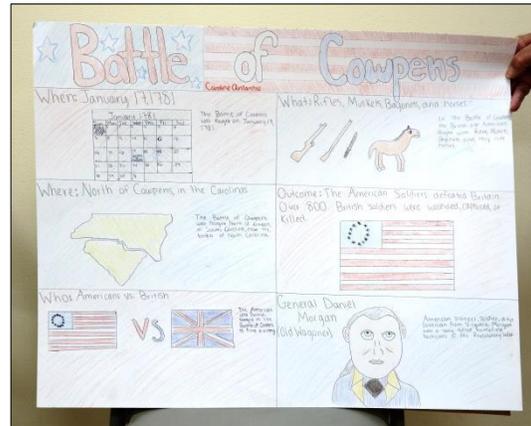
Chapter President Marvin Koechig conducting election of 2018 Chapter Officers.



Compatriot Charles Lilly announcing the winners of the Chapter Poster Contest and Brochure Contest.



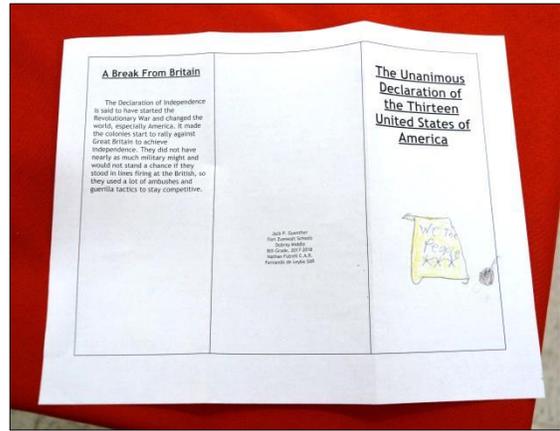
1st Place Poster Winner – Garrett Ray



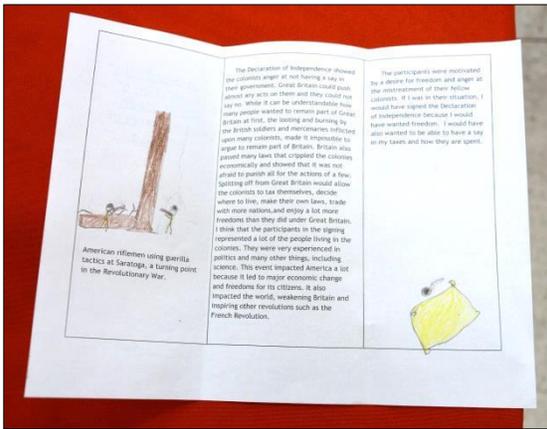
2nd Place Poster Winner – Caroline Arslanbas



3rd Place Poster Winner – Alexandra Twitt



Brochure Winner – Jack P. Guenther
Front and back of brochure.



Inside of brochure.



Retrieving the colors, left to right: Compatriots Doug Neff, Bill Grote, Marvin Koechig, and Charles Lilly.



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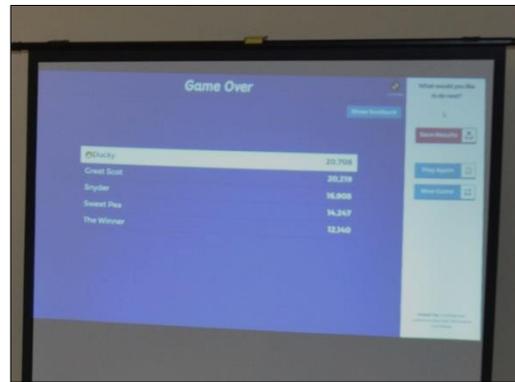
New Chapter Member Compatriot Donald "Dusty" C. Rhoads was introduced. Dusty is a 52 year SAR Member. He transferred his membership from Indiana.



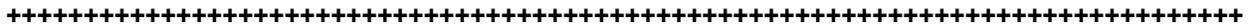
Annual donation of DVD's to members of the military by Chapter Members.



Compatriot Steve White conducting the annual TRIVIA MANIA.



TRIVIA MANIA winning team was "Ducky".



Chapter Members and Guests in Attendance







**Wreaths Across America – Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
December 16, 2017**

The Fernando de Leyba (FDL) SAR Chapter and the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) SAR Chapter joined together and placed wreaths at the graves of 4 Revolutionary War soldiers and 16 deceased Compatriots of the two (2) Chapters on December 16, 2017.

(Photos by Compatriot Michael Shea.)



For the 9th year in a row Missouri Society Color Guard Commander Bill Grote represented the SAR (not pictured) at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Compatriot Keith Morris (FDL) was a featured speaker speaking on the Mayflower Society and the SAR.



Laying a wreath at the grave of Compatriot Ray Edward (Ed) Morris (FDL), father of Compatriot Keith Morris. Left to right: Stephen Biggs (SSL); Bill Grote, Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander (FDL); Steve Baldwin (FDL); kneeling, Keith Morris (FDL); Marvin Koechig, FDL Chapter President; Charles Lilly (FDL); and Steve White (FDL).



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Wreaths at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery – St. Louis, Missouri