



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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MARCH 13TH, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Dave Demarais, Technology

THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The Battle of the Rice Boats, also called the Battle of Yamacraw Bluff, was a land and naval battle of the American Revolutionary War that took place in and around the Savannah River on the border between the Province of Georgia and the Province of South Carolina on March 2 and 3, 1776. The battle pitted the Patriot militia from Georgia and South Carolina against a small fleet of the Royal Navy.

In December 1775, the British Army was besieged in Boston. In need of provisions, a Royal Navy fleet was sent to Georgia to purchase rice and other supplies. The arrival of this fleet prompted the colonial rebels who controlled the Georgia government to arrest the British Royal Governor, James Wright, and to resist the British seizure and removal of supply ships anchored at Savannah.

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

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

Patrick Henry- Speech to the Virginia Convention at St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia, March 23, 1775

Chapter meeting actions and notes

Anniversary Congratulations

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

Gayle Gene Anderson	3/15/2019	4
Captain David Scott Cox USN	3/10/2012	11
Dennis Jerome Hahn	3/12/1997	26
Keith Edward Morris	3/4/2004	19
Alex John Swanson	3/7/2018	5
Scott Thomas Swanson	3/7/2018	5

Minutes

March 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

Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly

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 (27):

Bob Ackley	James Keithly	Jeff Sullivan
Steve Baldwin	Kevin Klingerman	John Swanson
Jim Borgman	Marvin Koechig	Patrick Turner
Ben Crouch	Bob Koffman	Louie Volpi
Dave Desmarais	Rod Landers	Justin Watkins
Dan Evans	Charles Lilly	
Bill Grote	Jim McFerrin	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Erik Hagen	Doug Neff	<i>National yet to be</i>
Dennis Hahn	Dusty Rhoads	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Michael Hubbard	Gregg Sartorius	
Jim Jackson	Steve Stegen	

Guests (8):

Michael Bahr	Mike Hubbard
Diane Borgman	Joan Koechig
Sandy Hagan	Rob Koffman
William Hemenway	Milly Neff

Awards and Recognitions:

- President Jackson awarded Compatriot Louis Volpi with the Southwest Asia Veterans Corps Award Certificate and Medal for his service during the Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq, Syria, and Libya. Compatriot Volpi described his service and the events that led to his disability and retirement.
- Secretary Evans presented the Bronze Color Guard medal and Certificate to President and Eastern Area Color Guard Commander W. James Jackson.

Announcements:

Anniversary Awards: Sergeant at Arms John Swanson accepted the five year anniversary award for his grandsons Alex John Swanson and Scott Thomas Swanson.

Induction of New Members: None

Supplemental Applications: None

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on February 13th, 2023, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:
Accepted as presented.

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

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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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 was held in Lafayette Park, St. Louis on Monday, February 20th. Color Guard Members attended from our Chapter, Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, and Ozark Patriots Chapter.

On March 16th at 7:00 PM as requested by Compatriot David Christian the Color Guard will attend the St. Louis Altenheim Quentin Roosevelt Post No 1. American Legion and will receive several examples of their colors.

The Etienne Bernard Grave Marking at All Saints Catholic Church in St. Peters, MO on Sunday, April 23rd, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Etienne Bernard served in the St. Louis Militia during the Battle of Fort San Carlos on May 26th, 1780. Steve Perkins, the Missouri Society Color Guard Commander has been contacted to convert this into a State event. Registrar/Historian Dennis Hahn informed the Chapter of the dignitaries and others who will attend. In addition, Dennis let us know the St. Peters Police has approved a musket salute.

The May 27th and 29th 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 used flags which were available to everyone.

Fund Raising Report: The Trivia Night was held on March 11th. The revenue has been rounded to \$10,000 by a generous contribution by Compatriot Marvin Koechig and his wife Joan, resulting in Fernando de Leyba Chapter receiving \$5,000.00.

Other Reports: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the work he has done on the Chapter website and was unanimously elected Chairman of the Technology Committee.

Old Business:

American Revolution in the West Conference

The American Revolution in the West Conference will be located at the Sheraton Westport. It was motioned, seconded, and duly passed that we will contribute \$1,000 to the St. Charles County Historical Society for use for activities in the Conference.

New Business:

Chapter Brochure Contest

Blanca Partida, our Chapter brochure contest winner, has won the State Society award for the contest. It was motion secondary and duly passed that we contribute \$200 to her family for travel cost to Independence so that she may receive her award at the annual Missouri Society conference. We will also pay for the families lunches at the awards luncheon.

Meeting Venue

Secretary Evans and Compatriot Koechig have visited the St Charles Knights of Columbus hall off West Clay in St Charles.

Compatriot Pat Turner Has been in contact with the O'Fallon VFW Post and has given Secretary Evans contact information. Our Secretary will visit and review the facility.

It was decided that we will move our April meeting to one of these two locations, to be selected as location for the rest of the year, and hopefully forward. Motion passed. The Community Council has lost its lease on the Library area. 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 9th meeting. The \$250 we paid in 2022 was for membership in the Community Council, not room rental.

Program: Compatriot Jeff Sullivan gave a very interesting and well received presentation on Continental Currency and the situation regarding money during the Revolutionary War.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly.

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

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

No Compatriots passed away in March

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2023 AT 6:30 PM AT A VENUE T/B/A.



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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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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.

