

Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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March 11, 2019

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: Marvin Koechig
Treasurer: Jim Borgman
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: John Swanson, Sr.
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Roy Snyder
Historian: Dennis Hahn
Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

The Battle of Nassau (Caribbean Naval Campaign) In early March, 1776, the fleet of 8 American Ships commanded by Commodore Esek Hopkins sailed to an area called “Hole-In-The-Wall” and seized 2 small Loyalist ships. The captured sailors were forced to guide the Americans into Nassau Harbor. On 3 March 1776, 284 marines, led by Marine Captain Samuel Nichols, began an attack on 2 forts which quickly surrendered to the American force. Without firing a shot, the Americans seized 2 forts, 88 Cannon, 15 mortars, and supplies badly needed for the war effort. *Savas, Theodore and David Dameron, A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution.*

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE (FOR JULY 4TH)

“I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm’s way.” – John Paul Jones, letter dated 16 November 1778



Anniversary Congratulations

March is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:
David Cox, Kyle Greene, Richard Greene, Dennis Hahn, Keith Morris, Alex Swanson, John Swanson, Scott Swanson

Minutes March 11, 2019 Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Compatriot Chaplain Paul Smith

National Anthem: Lead by Compatriot Dusty Rhoads

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Compatriot Ray Snyder

Pledge to SAR – Lead by Compatriot Stephen Baldwin

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

Members in Attendance:

Stephen Baldwin, Gerald Bednar, Jim Borgman, David Christian, William David, William Grote, Dennis Hahn, Steven Hayes, Charles Lilly, Douglas Neff, Dusty Rhoads, Paul Smith, Ray Snyder, Roy Snyder, Gary Stegan, John Swanson, Matt Swanson, Dale Wiseman, Mike Wood,

Guests:

Diane Borgman, Sylvia Grote, Joan Koechig, Carol Wiseman, Mike Francisco, Dan Evans, Milly Neff, Diane Wood

Announcements:

- On February 12th, a Celebration of Life was held for the passing of Compatriot Mike Zimmer. Mike's wife sent a letter of thanks to FDL for participation in the service.
- Congratulation to Compatriot Matt Swanson who was awarded the Public Official of the Year.

New Member Inductions: None

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve by Compatriot Jim Borgman

2nd by Compatriot Stephen Baldwin

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report for Review by Compatriot David Christian

2nd by Compatriot Stephen Baldwin
(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)

Genealogist Report: by Compatriot Doug Neff:

- Currently FDL has 82 members
 - 13 applications are working at the Chapter Level
- It was announced that the SAR Library has been recognized as an accepted records depository by the Church of the Latter-Day Saints.
- Questions from the floor:
 - Charles Lilly asked if records of treason can count as proof of service in the War of Independence. Doug responded that they cannot count.
 - Someone from the floor asked if the Church of the Latter-Day Saints reciprocated in the sharing of documents. It was stated that some records are restricted from non-LDL researchers. Doug responded that he would have to check on that.

Veterans Report by Compatriot President Marvin Koechig:

Marvin reported that he has been in contact with several High Schools in the area and that he will attend as many as possible. In invited that any members that would like to go with him to let him know.

Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

- Color Guard participated in the of Compatriot Mike Zimmer
- Participated in the President's Day with the Fenton DAR
- Color Guards needed for the April MOSSAR Convention on April 26th & 27th. MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Doug Neff asked for a good turnout for the Meetings.

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

- Marvin is presently compiling a list with 8 or 9 presentations.
- Asked the membership to help supply more nominations.
- The presentation will commence when the weather improves.

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:

- Two events were scheduled at the Family Arena in February. The second event was cancelled by the Chapter due to the extreme weather.
- One event on April 30th is expected.

Old Business:

- Compatriot Dennis Hahn asked for more Compatriots to volunteer to help at the National Geological Society Conference at the St. Charles Convention Center on May 8th – the 11th.
 - In the near future, he will send out an updated list of work schedules that are open.
- Compatriot Stephen Baldwin reported on the Patriot Grave Marking in Wentzville. After discussion from the floor, it was decided that the Grave Marking Ceremony has been tentatively set for May 5th at 1:00 pm.
 - Firm details will be forth coming.
 - There are two other Patriot Sites in St. Charles County that needs to be recognized.

- Joan Koechig announced that the Lewis & Clarke Celebration using statues of their Newfoundland Dog, “Seaman”, has been received and painted. The FDL/DAR statue will have 3 flags attached (American, French, and Spanish).
 - It will be placed at 101 S. Main Street in St. Charles (Home the St. Charles County Historical Society) on April 1st.

New Business:

- Compatriot David Christian asked when the MOSSAR Newsletter will resume publication. Compatriot Hahn stated that they are looking for an Editor.
- Family Arena Fundraising:
 - Compatriot President Marvin Koechig asked if the chapter wants to continue this fundraising Activity
 - The money from the event is greatly needed for the Chapter to continue to support our Outreach and Education activities
 - The last two years averaged over \$13,000 per year – last year we earned almost \$15,000
 - Hard is difficult to find volunteers to work at the events – the same few people seem to volunteer and more volunteers (even volunteering for 1 event are year by half or one-third of the membership would be a great relief).
 - Suggestions from the floor:
 - Because some people just cannot find the time to help:
 - Members could “Opt Out” of volunteering and pay a donation to the Chapter to replace the money earned.
 - Increase the Chapter’s Annual Dues to replace the money eared at the Family Arena Events
 - Come up with other ideas to replace the money that does not require as much labor from members.
 - Doug Neff will develop a survey from the membership to gain opinions and ideas.

Motion to Adjourn by Compatriot Charles Lilly; seconded by Compatriot Jim Borgman.

Benediction by Compatriot Paul Smith

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Stephen Baldwin

Color Guard retrieves Colors

Program: *Muskets 101* by Compatriot Charles Lilly

- A history of the weapon
- Unreliable Targeting – Very inaccurate. Reason why the need for several lines to fire and the need to wait until the enemy came close
- Rain and/or humidity eliminates its use. The poser becomes wet & virtually turns into “mud”
- Weapon must be cleaned after 3 firings
- Flint could break and not spark
- Hench the need for “fixed bayonets”

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 8TH

IN THE PORTLAN ROOM

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NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE MEETING AT THE NORMAL ROOM BEHIND THE BAR AREA: WE WILL MEET THIS MONTH IN THE PORTLAND ROOM

Program:

- Awards to EMT & Park Rangers
- Nathan Futrell Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Presentation
- **Due to the Size of the groups for the Awards & the C.A.R participants, we will be meeting this month in the Portland Room**



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Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Meeting March 11, 2019

Photos by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn



Color Guard presenting the Colors.

First Photo, left to right: Colorguardsmen Doug Neff, William David, Marvin Koechig, Charles Lilly, and Bill Grote.
Second Photo (non-Colorguardsman), left to right: Compatriots David Christian, Dale Wiseman, and Roy Snyder.



Chaplain Paul Smith
lead the Invocation



Dusty Rhoads lead the
National Anthem



Ray Snyder lead the
Pledge of Aeligiance



Steve Baldwin lead the
Pledge to the SAR



Head Table, left to right: Secretary Roy Snyder, President Marvin Koechig, Vice President John Swanson, and Genealogist Doug Neff.



Treasurer's Report
Jim Borgman



Genealogist Report
Doug Neff



Fund Raising Report
Marvin Koechig



Color Guard Report
Bill Grote



NSSAR Spring Leadership
Meeting Report - Steve Baldwin



Program presented by Compatriot Charles Lilly: Muskets 101 – Keep Your Powder Dry

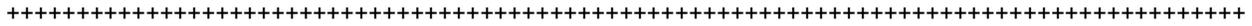


SAR Recessional
lead by Steve Baldwin



Color Guard retrieving the Colors.





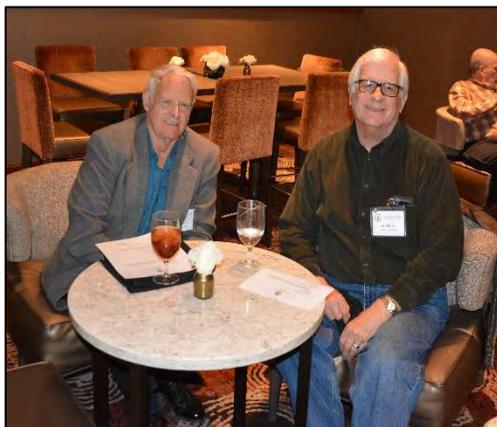
Chapter Members and Guests in Attendance



Left rt right: Steve Baldwin, William David, and Charles Lilly



Left to right: Mike Wood, Diane Wood, Milly Neff, Joan Koechig, Diane Borgman, and Jim Borgman.



Left to right: Dusty Rhoads and Gary Bednar



Left to right: Guest Dan Evans and Ray Snyder



Left to right: Steve Stegen, Paul Smith, and Guest Mike Francisco



Left to right: Slyvia Grote, David Christian, Carol Wiseman, and Dale Wiseman.



Left to right: Jim Borgman and Larry Frothingham



Steve Hayes



Left to right: Dusty Rhoads, Matt Swanson, and Gary Bednar

