



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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APRIL 10TH, 2023

6:30 p.m.

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)
at St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO
63301

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, Webmaster / Technology

THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The North Channel naval duel was a single-ship action between the United States Continental Navy sloop of war Ranger (Captain John Paul Jones) and the British Royal Navy sloop of war Drake (Captain George Burdon) on the evening of 24 April 1778. Fought in the North Channel, separating Ireland from Scotland, it was the first American naval success within Atlantic waters, and also very nearly the only American naval victory in the Revolutionary War achieved without an overwhelming superiority of force. The action was one of a series of actions by Jones that brought the American War of Independence to British waters.

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

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.."

Benjamin Franklin - Letter to the Abbess Chalut and Arnaud, April 17, 1787

Anniversary Congratulations

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

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| Thomas Michael Busken | 4/24/2014 | 9 |
| Robert W. Rogers | 4/19/2019 | 4 |
| Jeffrey Robert Tyler Stevens | 4/1/2017 | 6 |

Minutes

April 10th, 2023

St. Charles County Knights of Columbus, St. Charles, 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

- b. Supplemental Applications: (0).
- 2. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 2
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (2) Robert Koffman III, Brian Stegen
- 3. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 0
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (0).
- 4. Applications in Process at Chapter: 9
 - a. New Member: (4) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson.

IN COMMITTEE: (4) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller.
 - b. Supplementals: (1) Louis Volpi.

Color Guard Report:

Quentin Roosevelt Post No 1. American Legion -- On March 16th at 7:00 PM as requested by Compatriot David Christian, President Jim Jackson and Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans visited the St. Louis Altenheim Quentin Roosevelt Post No 1. American Legion and received flags, flagpoles, and related equipment, a very generous donation.

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.

The May 27th and 29th Fort San Carlos Festival which will be held in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. More information will be forthcoming. There will be 10 grave markings on Saturday, May 27th, and the annual Fort San Carlos Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 28th.

Dennis Hahn reminded and announced to the Chapter that on Friday, April 28th at the Annual Conference of the Missouri Society SAR there will be a dedication ceremony at the Truman Library at 1:00 PM. He further announced that the NSSAR Colorguardsman magazine was issued and is available on the National website.

In addition, Chaplain Jim Keithly has returned to the Chapter the Revolutionary Uniform that was donated earlier, as his schedule will not permit more events. Jim has the Uniform and anyone interested in it should contact Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans.

Color Guard Musket Training will occur on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM at 18900 County Road 1000, St James MO 65559

Flag Recognition Report: none

Fundraising Report: Secretary/Treasurer Evans presented a proposal which was discussed at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky by the National Society.

The proposal is to raise National Dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per year. Much discussion ensued regarding the proposed increase. A motion was made to accept the increase, and the Chapter unanimously voted no. More discussion brought up whether \$5.00 per year might be acceptable. and no decision was forthcoming.

Other Reports: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the work he has done on the Chapter website, and on the state of all Chapter committees, as well our bylaws.

Old Business:

American Revolution in the West Conference

Compatriot Steve Kling reported on the progress of The American Revolution in the West Conference which will be located at the Sheraton Westport. The finances of the Conference were presented, as well as the logistics of the proposed speakers and upcoming historical programs. A conference agenda and registration form will be emailed from the Chapter soon.

Steve also informed the group about three events which are happening at the St. Charles Heritage Museum, 1630 Heritage Landing, St. Peters.

- At 2:00 on Saturday April 22nd, Historian Robert Mueller will be presenting a program covering Colonial Gardening and Agriculture.
- On Monday, May 16th, Steve and DAR genealogist Patti Dickherber will hold a Genealogy and History Talk regarding the history of the area militia and the lives of their descendants. Information will be emailed to members and guests of FDL.
- On Friday, May 26th the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of St. Louis will be at the museum from 10am to 6pm, which will include a viewing of the *House of Thunder* documentary of the Battle. Information will be emailed to members and guests of FDL.

New Business:

Committees – A list of all FDL Committees was listed and we had the following Compatriots volunteer.

Website (Technology) Committee – Mike Hubbard will join Dave Desmarais.

Eagle Scout Awards – Gregg Sartorius will look into contacts regarding the awards with the local Boy Scout Council.

Youth Awards – Chaplain Jim Keithly will work with Charles Lilly and Matt Swanson on these awards.

Program: Genealogist Justin Watkins gave an expert presentation on the various architecture in the City of St. Charles.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly.

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

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

**Richard "Dick" H. Hofer
William Lee Jackson
Martin "Marty" Edward White**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8th, 2023 AT 6:30 PM at the St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall,
20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301



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Chapter Presidents

Organizing President:

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

Chapter Presidents:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 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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2020



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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.

