



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2025 6:30 PM**

**NORMAL MEETINGS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST) AT ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 20 WESTBURY DR, ST CHARLES, MO 63301**

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**Chapter Officers -- 2025**

President: Jim Jackson  
Vice President: Ben Crouch  
Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn  
Historian: Justin Watkins  
Genealogist: Michael Hubbard  
Chaplain: Jim Keithly

Sgt at Arms: Bill Hemenway  
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 Battle of Lindley's Fort (July 15, 1776) was part of a campaign by Loyalist and Cherokee forces to gain control over the South Carolina backcountry from Patriot forces early in the American Revolutionary War. The Cherokees were involved because ongoing encroachment of their territory in the area had led them to take up arms. These activities prompted settlers to seek refuge at Lindley's Fort in present-day Laurens County. A joint force of Cherokee and Loyalists adorned with Indian warpaint descended on the fort one day after about 150 militiamen arrived at the stockade fort. The defenders repulsed the attackers, and when they withdrew, made a sortie and pursued them. Two Loyalists were killed and 13 taken prisoner

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Lindley%27s\\_Fort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Lindley%27s_Fort)

### *NOTABLE QUOTE*

" President George Washington was a political leader who believed in prayer and, in fact, recorded many of his prayers in a prayer journal. Once he prayed to the Lord,  
"Direct my thought, words, and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit...Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ."

## **Anniversary Congratulations**

**June is the SAR Acceptance Month for the following Compatriots.  
years of Service and Membership:**

Alexander Luke Baldwin	6/28/2002	23	Keith James Jasin	6/8/2009	16
Jan Alan Beardsley	6/24/2016	9	Richard Michael Morton	6/22/2015	10
Gerald Bednar	6/30/2017	8	Douglas Eugene Neff	6/10/2003	22
Mark Scott Breckenridge	6/25/2021	4	David Edmund Von Behren	6/18/2021	4
Casey Alan Brizendine	6/25/2021	4	Keith Douglas Walleman	6/26/2020	5
Gary Gene Gorline	6/10/2022	3	Thomas Michael Wood	6/29/2018	7

**Minutes  
June 9th, 2025**

**St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301**

**Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by President Jim Jackson.**

**Invocation by Compatriot Patrick Turner**

**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 this month during the American Revolution and American History.**

**Members in Attendance (23):**

Jim Borgman	Bob Koffman	Tim Williams
Michael Boyd	Rob Koffman	
Paul Carlock	Rod Landers	
Ben Crouch	Charles Lilly	
Dave Desmarais	Rick Morton	
Dan Evans	Ben Nulton	
Dennis Hahn	Dusty Rhoads	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Mike Hubbard	Gregg Sartorius	<i>National yet to be</i>
Jim Jackson	Patrick Turner	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Keith Jasin	Justin Watkins	
Marvin Koechig	Jeff Willey	

**Guests (5):**

	David Hosking
Diane Borgman	Joan Koechig
Tricia Crouch	Duell Lauderdale

**New Member Inductions:**

Benjamin Nulton

**Program:** Compatriot Jeff Willey presented a second detailed history of the Battle of Saratoga.

A video of the presentation is here: [https://rumble.com/v6ur00x-saratoga-ii-fernando-de-leyba-chapter-mossar-meeting-june-9-2025.html?e9s=src\\_v1\\_ucp](https://rumble.com/v6ur00x-saratoga-ii-fernando-de-leyba-chapter-mossar-meeting-june-9-2025.html?e9s=src_v1_ucp)

**Announcements:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 , as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:**  
accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans presented the March, April and May 2025 Financial Reports. Then he presented the final financial statement from the 2025 Missouri Society Convention and Annual Membership meeting. The Chapter showed a profit from our

sponsorship. After detailed discussion it was motioned and approved to set up two Funds from the receipts, one for our Chapter for Convention Expense in the future and the second for assistance to other Chapters for approved projects or convention sponsorship. These were funded at \$1,500 each. Additionally, the Chapter decided to become a Life Member of the SAR Library in Louisville, Ky for \$1,000.

**June Genealogist's Report:** Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was published prior to the meeting via email and accepted, as follows:

### **FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER**

#### **GENEALOGIST'S REPORT**

**June 9, 2025**

1. Current Roster Membership: 109
    - Full Members: 89
    - Dual Members: 8
    - Junior Members: 12
  2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 2
    - New Member Applications: (0).
    - Supplemental Applications: (2) Bill Hemenway and Steve Kling.
  3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 5
    - At MOSSAR: (1) Martin Aubuchon.
    - At NSSAR: (4) Mark Englehardt, Matthew Fredrickson, David Hosking and Derek Myers.
  4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 3
    - At MOSSAR: (0)
    - At NSSAR: (3) Michael Hubbard [2], Rick Morton and Keith Walleman.
  5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 13
    - New Member: (6) Ben Brennecke, Zach Emerson, Bill Harden, Will Klein, Drake Nelson and Paul Sandiford.
    - IN COMMITTEE: (3) Elvard Davis and Duell Lauderdale.
    - Supplementals: (3) Kurtis Kasper, Steve Stegen and Justin Watkins.
- IN COMMITTEE: (1) Michael Hubbard.

**Color Guard Report:**

### May 24 George Rogers Clark Commemoration -- Vincennes, Indiana



Jeff Lilley (FDL/SSL) Steve Sullins (IPC) and Ben Crouch (FDL and Eastern Color Guard Commander)

### May 25 Battle of Fort San Carlos Commemoration – Ste. Genevieve Missouri



Colorguardsmen from 8 states and the NSSAR Color Guard General Scott Collins.  
[https://rumble.com/v6u1ws3-the-commemoration-of-the-245th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-san-carlos.html?e9s=src\\_v1\\_ucp](https://rumble.com/v6u1ws3-the-commemoration-of-the-245th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-san-carlos.html?e9s=src_v1_ucp)

### May 26 Coldwater Cemetery







[https://rumble.com/v6u6fi7-cold-water-cemetery-memorial-day-ceremony-2025.html?e9s=src\\_v1\\_ucp](https://rumble.com/v6u6fi7-cold-water-cemetery-memorial-day-ceremony-2025.html?e9s=src_v1_ucp)

### May 31 Mike Wood Pavilion Dedication Manchester Missouri



**Ed and Barbara Morris fund** – Offers \$200 to offset uniform costs for any Compatriot.

### Committee Reports:

#### May 9th Gateway STEM JROTC Annual Awards Ceremony



JROTC Committee Chairman Marvin Koechig and Cadet Curtis Sweat

**Old Business:**

**Joint Trivia Night with the DAR October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025** – Webmaster Dave Desmarais was recognized for his fine work on a video promoting the event.

**Missouri Society SAR Annual Membership Meeting** – Dan Evans reported on the actions taken at the meeting, the only issue was to set up a bylaw amendment setting up the Wilber Kephart Trust fund.

**New Business:**

**Benediction by Compatriot Patrick Turner.**

**SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.**

**In Remembrance  
Compatriots lost to us in June**

David Louis Bell	6/23/2012
David Philip DePew	6/25/2007
James B. Elliott	6/26/2001
Larry Allen Pipes	6/28/2024

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 8th, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**Have a Great Summer!**

**ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

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**NSSAR Mission: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."**

## 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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1996-1997  
Organizing President (deceased)



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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.**

