



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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JUNE 12TH, 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

Acting 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 Sullivan's Island or the Battle of Fort Sullivan was fought on June 28, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War. It took place near Charleston, South Carolina, during the first British attempt to capture the city from American forces.

The naval bombardment had little effect due to the sandy soil and the spongy nature of the fort's palmetto log construction. Careful fire by the defenders wrought significant damage on the British fleet, which withdrew after an entire day's bombardment. The British withdrew their expedition force to New York, and did not return to South Carolina until 1780.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Sullivan%27s_Island#Continental

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined... The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun."

Patrick Henry --Speech to the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 5, 1778

Anniversary Congratulations

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

Alexander Luke Baldwin	6/28/2002	21	Keith James Jasin	6/8/2009	14
Jan Alan Beardsley	6/24/2016	7	Richard Michael Morton	6/22/2015	8
Gerald Bednar	6/30/2017	6	Douglas Eugene Neff	6/10/2003	20
Mark Scott Breckenridge	6/25/2021	2	Dean A. Penberthy	6/5/2020	3
Casey Alan Brizendine	6/25/2021	2	Adam Norman Schnelting	6/19/2013	10
Dr. Jerry Lee Cook	6/8/2009	14	David Edmund Von Behren	6/18/2021	2
Gary Gene Gorline	6/10/2022	1	Keith Douglas Walleman	6/26/2020	3
Charles Arthur Hiemenz III	6/19/2020	3	Thomas Michael Wood	6/29/2018	5

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June 12th, 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

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):

Steve Baldwin
Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
William David
Rich Denning
Dave Desmarais
Dan Evans
Gary Gorline
Bill Grote

Dennis Hahn
Glenn Hemenway
Jim Jackson
James Keithly
Marvin Koechig
Bob Koffman
Rob Koffman
Charles Lilly
Keith Morris

Bob Raines
Gregg Sartorius
Steve Stegen
Patrick Turner
Justin Watkins

**denotes approved by
National yet to be
inducted into FDL*

Guests (9):

Diane Borgman
George Bossard
Ashley Brizendine
Mark Englehardt
Jan Keithly

Joan Koechig
Daniel Riggs
Rochelle Riggs
Jeff Sullivan

Awards and Recognitions:

Webmaster Doug Desmarais awarded his protégé, Daniel Riggs a Certificate of Appreciation for his video work at the Etienne Bernard grave marking and Battle of Fort San Carlos Celebration in Ste. Genevieve.



Later, Compatriot Pat Turner, who is the St. Charles County Police Department Chaplain, gave Daniel a Challenge coin. Compatriot Steve Baldwin described the origin of challenge coins to attendees.



Announcements:

Compatriot Dusty Rhoads reported on a trip he had taken on Memorial Day to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and the inspiring speech which was made there.

Anniversary Awards:

Induction of New Members:

President Jackson inducted Robert (Rob) Stonewall Koffman III into Fernando de Leyba, and Compatriot Bob Stonewall, his father, pinned his rosette.



Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on May 8th, 2023, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:

Accepted as presented.

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

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

12 June 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 119
 - a. Full Members: 97 (death of Jerry Cook)
 - b. Dual Members: 8
 - c. Junior Members: 14

2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 2
 - a. New Member Applications: (2) Robert Koffman III, Brian Stegen.
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).

3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 0
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (0).

4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (1) Louis Volpi.

5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 9
 - a. New Member: (4) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (*awaiting signature*), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson.

IN COMMITTEE: (5) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller, Jeff Sullivan.

 - b. Supplementals: (0).

Color Guard Report:

President Jackson and Secretary/Treasurer Evans reported on the May 27th and 29th Fort San Carlos Festival in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. There were 10 grave markings on Saturday, May 27th at the Ste. Genevieve Cemetery and one in St. Paul, Missouri.

Memorial Day Color Guard Activities –

Compatriot Gregg Sartorius, who is also an Alderman for St. Peters, Missouri awarded Vice President Casey Brizendine and Secretary/Treasurer Evans a challenge coin for their contribution at the Memorial Day commemoration in St. Peters. Compatriot Rick Morton, who was not in attendance at the meeting but attended the event will be given his at a later date. Compatriot Evans also announced that the Chapter had received a very nice letter from Mayor Pagano.

President Jackson reported on his attendance at the Cold Water Cemetery commemoration which occurred on Memorial Day along with the St. Peters event.

Flag Recognition Report: Chairman Marvin Koechig reported that he has 20 potential candidates for Flag Certificates. Awards will be made in the next few months

JROTC Report: None

Fundraising Report:

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the website members only area which has had few Compatriots making use. Emails will be sent to inform all.

Old Business:

American Revolution in the West Conference – Joan Koechig reported upon the registrations to date.

Commemorative Bench --The bench which was to be placed at the Battle of St. Louis / Fort San Carlos plaque at Ballpark Village downtown with donations from both Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis Chapters was discussed and the issue has been withdraw.

New Business:

Committees – Compatriot Bill Hemenway volunteered to join Gregg Sartorius regarding Eagle Scout awards

Muskets – With the generous donation of Compatriot Steve White of four muskets owned by his late father Compatriot Martin White, the Chapter is now in possession of eight muskets. Members who wish to use and maintain the muskets in SAR Color Guard events should contact Secretary/Treasurer Evans, who will keep a record of the location and member.

DAR Picnic – A DAR/SAR/CAR Picnic will be held Tuesday, July 18th at 5:30 at Fox Hill Park (Fox Hill Rd and Kister). Each family is to bring their own picnic and a dessert to share. There is a playground available.

Program: Vice President Casey Brizendine 10th Great Grandfather Edward Doty, who had signed the Mayflower Compact.



Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

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

**David Louis Bell
David Philip DePew
James B. Elliott**

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th, 2023 AT 6:30 PM at the St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301



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Norval C. Hood, Jr.
2003
(Deceased)



Charles E. Lilly
2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011



Dennis J. Hahn
2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015



Marvin R. Koechig, Jr.
2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019



Thomas M. (Mike) Wood
2020



William J. (Jim) Jackson
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.

"IN GOD WE TRUST"



THE AMERICAN CREED

by William Tyler Page

Accepted by House of Representatives, April 3rd, 1918

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag, and to defend it against all enemies.