

Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

## **Sons of the American Revolution**

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**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30 p.m.

MEETS 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 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 siege of Savage's Old Fields (also known as the first siege of Ninety Six, November 19–21, 1775) was an encounter between Patriot and Loyalist forces in the back country town of Ninety Six, South Carolina, early in the American Revolutionary War. It was the first major conflict in South Carolina in the war, having been preceded by bloodless seizures of several military fortifications in the province.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Savage%27s\\_Old\\_Fields](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Savage%27s_Old_Fields)

*REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE*

"Happily for America, happily, we trust, for the whole human race, they pursued a new and more noble course. They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society."

James Madison Federalist No. 14, November 20, 1787

**Anniversary Congratulations**

**November is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots.  
years of Service and Membership:**

David Paul Desmarais	11/27/2013	10	Donald C. Rhoads	11/18/1965	58
Ronald Dean Hauser	11/2/2013	10	Kevin Allen Rogers	11/15/2019	4
Ted Clint House	11/30/2018	5	Ray William Snyder	11/3/2017	6
Jimmie Dale Kirtlink	11/29/2012	11	William Raymond Snyder	11/3/2017	6
Robert S Koffman	11/18/2022	1	William Roy Spratt	11/22/2016	7
Carl Cannon Pohle	11/22/2016	7	Steven Gary Stegen	11/26/2007	16

**Minutes**

**November 13th, 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 (21):

Steve Baldwin  
Casey Brizendine  
Ben Crouch  
Rich Denning  
Dave Desmarais  
Dan Evans  
Gary Gorline  
Bill Grote  
Erik Hagen

Dennis Hahn  
Glenn Hemenway  
Mike Hubbard  
Jim Jackson  
James Keithly  
Steve Kling  
Bob Koffman  
Rob Koffman  
Charles Lilly

Keith Morris  
John Swanson  
Patrick Turner

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

### Guests (4):

Martin Aubuchon  
Tricia Crouch  
Sandy Hagen

Ben Nulton

### Anniversary Awards:

Compatriot Dave Desmarais was presented with the Certificate for Ten Years of Membership. Dave recently became a National Life Member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Secretary/Treasurer Evans pointed out that the Chapter has sustained the expense of five, ten, etc. anniversary pins for members and made a motion that we purchase a Life Member pin for Compatriot Desmarais, and a pin for any member who becomes a National Life Member in the future. Motion passed unanimously.



### Announcements:

#### Missouri Society Board of Directors Meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans, who is also State Secretary, recapped the activities at the latest Board of Directors Meeting, and discussed the following actions approved by the Board.

Wilbur Jean Kephart Endowment Fund – Compatriot Kephart set up a trust fund with his farm for the Missouri Society and two other organizations, and his farm has been sold by the trust. The Missouri Society will receive at least \$500,000 from the proceeds of the sale, and the Endowment Fund will be established from this amount. The Fund will hold these funds and



use the interest income for Society goals, while leaving the amount received in the fund.

High School Video Contest – Two other states have implemented a video contest for high school students, replacing the essay contest. Rules and regulations are being formed at the present.

WWII Veterans Corps – National has established this Corps to honor our members who were Veterans of the war, and Missouri has 6 such Compatriots.

Ste. Genevieve Cemetery Wayside Marker – There are over 200 Revolutionary War veterans buried in the old cemetery at Ste. Genevieve, many from the Battle of Fort San Carlos which saved St. Louis on May 26, 1780. The remembrance which we participate in around Memorial Day each year has been designated an ongoing National Color Guard event. The Society voted to place a brass wayside marker outside the Cemetery at a cost of \$4,000 to \$4,500. The National George Washington Endowment fund will be contacted and may participate in the cost.

St. Charles County Historical Society has mailed us a letter of appreciation for our \$1,000 donation to the American Revolution War in the West conference.



Compatriot Keith Morris announced that the annual Wreaths Across America wreath ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting at Andre's Banquet Center on Telegraph Road at 11:00 AM.

Keith will give biographies and some history on the Patriots and Compatriots we are honoring. It is very important to dress warmly for this event.

**Induction of New Members:** None

**Reports:**

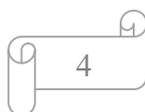
**Minutes of Previous Meeting on October 9th, 2023, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:** Accepted as presented.

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

**Genealogist's Report:** By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

## **FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER**

### **GENEALOGIST'S REPORT**



## 13 November 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 118 (death of Robert Rogers)
  - a. Full Members: 96
  - 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: 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: 12
  - a. New Member: (1) John Hilton.

IN COMMITTEE: (11) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller, Jeff Sullivan, Harold Croy, Steve Trikensas, Dotson family, Jimmy Ridenour, Dale Mueller, Tim Brower.

- b. Supplementals: (0).

### **Color Guard Report:**

DAR Veterans Day Commemoration was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Bellefontaine Cemetery, and the Patriot Grave marking was capped off by our Compatriots Casey Brizendine and Doug Neff firing a musket salute.

### **Flag Recognition Report:**

Compatriot Marvin Koechig was not present at the meeting, but Secretary Evans has Flag Code brochures from him for distribution to members for use in introducing persons who may qualify for Flag Certificates.

**JROTC Report:** Compatriot Keith Morris discussed awarding a Naval Sea Cadet the Bronze Good Citizenship Award on December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 AM at the American Legion Post 312, 2500 Raymond Drive, St Charles, MO 63301.

**Fundraising Report:** no report.

**Website Report:** Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the activities and his efforts in improving and expanding our Chapter website, as well as his work on the IT/Website Committee with the Missouri Society.

**Old Business:**

We are still looking for Committee members and Chairman for our Chapter committees.

**New Business:**

President Jackson announce again that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for 2024 offices. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Evans if you are interested in investigating or pursuing an office.

**Program:** American Revolution in the West Conference – Compatriot Kling gave a report on the Conference and shared several photos in a PowerPoint presentation on the successful conference. Several of our member had attended and found it interesting and discovered new information regarding the War.

**Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly**

**SAR Recessional by** President Jim Jackson.

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

**Robert W. Rogers 11/5/2023**

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





## 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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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.**

