



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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OCTOBER 9TH, 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 Powder Alarm was a major popular reaction to the removal of gunpowder from a magazine near Boston by British soldiers under orders from General Thomas Gage, royal governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, on September 1, 1774. In response to this action, amid rumors that blood had been shed, alarm spread through the countryside to Connecticut and beyond, and American Patriots sprang into action, fearing that war was at hand. Thousands of militiamen began streaming toward Boston and Cambridge, and mob action forced Loyalists and some government officials to flee to the protection of the British Army.

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

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."

Thomas Paine, *The American Crisis*, No. 4, September 11, 1777

Anniversary Congratulations

October is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots years of Service and Membership:

Kurt David Calkins	10/4/2019	4	Roderick Rees Landers II	10/2/2020	3
Rev. Dr. Kurt John Calkins	10/4/2019	4	Jeffrey Wayne Sullivan	10/3/2002	21
Dr. Jerrell Lee Driver	10/11/1995	28	Randy Joe Tankersley	10/20/2017	6
Michael F. Hubbard	10/28/2022	1	Randall Dennis Warner	10/26/1992	31
James Keithly	10/14/2022	1			

Minutes

October 9th, 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 (30):

Bob Ackley	Erik Hagen	Gregg Sartorius
Steve Baldwin	Dennis Hahn	David Stone
Jim Borgman	Jim Jackson	John Swanson
Casey Brizendine	James Keithly	Matt Swanson
Ben Crouch	Steve Kling	Patrick Turner
Dave Desmarais	Marvin Koechig	Justin Watkins
Dan Evans	Bob Koffman	
Gary Gorline	Rob Koffman	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Boaz Grimstead	Charles Lilly	<i>National yet to be</i>
Ezekiel Grimstead	Keith Morris	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Ezra Grimstead	Doug Neff	
Bill Grote	Dusty Rhoads	

Guests (13):

Diane Borgman	Bernadette Hall
Max Burkheart	Joan Koechig
Trisha Crouch	Dale Mueller
James Dean	Kathryn Nadeau
Lynda Gorline	Milly Neff
Mande Grimstead	Tim Williams
Sandy Hagen	

Program: Kathy Nadeau who is an outstanding historical tailor and seamstress and her compatriot Max Burkheart gave a presentation on her mastery of period uniforms and costumes, exhibiting her work. Kathy went into describing her work on French, German, and Patriot Uniforms, as well as exhibiting a period costume dress she has created for Milly Neff. President Jackson and Secretary/Treasurer Evans exhibited the work she had done for creation of their uniforms.

Kathy also created all the uniforms for the American Revolutionary War in the West exhibit at the St. Charles Heritage Museum.

Awards and Recognitions:

Announcements:

Bernadette Hall of the DAR announced their blood drive on October 28th. An email was sent to all prior.

Compatriot Steve Baldwin reviewed the SAR South Central Meeting which he attended and announced that the next meeting will be held in Missouri. The location of the meeting will be determined later but will be in the Western half of the State since the District is comprised of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.

Compatriot Keith Morris announced that the annual Wreaths Across America wreath laying at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on December 16th, 2023.

Milly Neff announced that the joint DAR Veterans Day Commemoration will be held on November 5th at Bellefontaine Cemetery at 1:00 PM. There will be grave markings thereafter. More information will be emailed prior to the event.

Anniversary Awards:

Past President Marvin Koechig received the 20 year anniversary award for his son Nicholas Marvin Koechig.

Induction of New Members: None

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on September 11th, 2023, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter: Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on September 2023. Report was accepted subject to audit. Dan then brought up that it being dues time, occasionally he is informed of active, involved, members who for unseen events cannot pay their dues. He proposed that he consult with at least two other officers to get approval to waive our Chapter dues and pay State and National dues in such a case. Compatriot Marvin Koechig commented that this has been our past practice, and it was agreed that it should be continued.

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

9 October 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 119
 - a. Full Members: 97
 - 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:

Musket Training was held on September 30th at Brad Frazier's farm in St. James, Missouri. Vice President Casey Brizendine was congratulated on being certified as a musketeer.

Flag Recognition Report:

Compatriot Marvin Koechig announced he has a growing inventory of candidates for Flag Certificates and asked if any in attendance will be interested in helping. We are working with the DAR and deliver two certificates to candidates, SAR and DAR.

JROTC Report:

Fundraising Report:

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the recent meeting of the website committee and the progress to date.

Old Business:

American Revolution in the West Conference – Compatriot Kling gave an update on the Conference and Joanie Koechig updated information on the Sunday, October 29th Wayside Marker installation in old town St. Charles.

New Business:

President Jackson announce that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for 2024 offices.

Color Guard Commander Charles Lilly pointed out that Junior Color Guard Commander Boaz Grimstead has grown out of his uniform, and all Junior Color Guard members are in similar need. The Ed and Barbara Morris fund has such a situation in mind as Compatriot Keith Morris reminded the audience. Actions will be taken regarding this matter.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

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

**Todd Akin
Charles Ray Fitzgerald
Norval C. Hood
Oliver Wilkins**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 13th, 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:

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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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.

