



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30 p.m.

MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255  
ST. PETERS, MO 63376

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**Chapter Officers 2023 as elected during the January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting :**

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Casey Brizendine

Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans

Historian / Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Justin Watkins

Chaplain: Jim Keithly

Sgt at Arms: Casey Brizendine

Color Guard Commander: Charles Lilly

Junior Color Guard Commander: Boaz

Grimstead

Webmaster: Dave Desmarais

**Emeritus Officers**

Doug Neff, Genealogist

Bill Grote, Color Guard Commander

### THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The Battle of Princeton was a battle of the American Revolutionary War, fought near Princeton, New Jersey on January 3, 1777, and ending in a small victory for the Colonials. General Lord Cornwallis had left 1,400 British troops under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Mawhood in Princeton. Following a surprise attack at Trenton early in the morning of December 26, 1776, General George Washington of the Continental Army decided to attack the British in New Jersey before entering the winter quarters. On December 30, he crossed the Delaware River back into New Jersey. His troops followed on January 3, 1777. Washington advanced to Princeton by a back road, where he pushed back a smaller British force but had to retreat before Cornwallis arrived with reinforcements. The battles of Trenton and Princeton were a boost to the morale of the patriot cause, leading many recruits to join the Continental Army in the spring.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Princeton)

### REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"The married state is, after all our jokes, the happiest, being conformable to our natures. Man and woman have each of them qualities and tempers in which the other is deficient and which in union contribute to the common felicity. Single and separate, they are not the complete human being; they are like the odd halves of scissors; they cannot answer the end of their formation."

Benjamin Franklin - Letter to John Sargent, January 27, 1783

## Anniversary Congratulations

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

Robert Arthur Ackley	1/22/1987	36	James Williams McFerrin	1/28/2022	1
Mark Anthony Brewer	1/8/2014	9	Clyde Robert Raines	1/24/1997	26
Ben Louis Crouch III	1/29/2021	2	Austin James Stevens	1/20/2017	6
Richard Allen Denning	1/23/2014	9			
Glennon Lawrence Henke Jr.	1/13/1998	25			

### Minutes

January 9th, 2023

Community Council of St. Charles County, St. Peters, 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

**President Jackson welcomed all attendees, and recognized guests. He then described events occurring in January during the American Revolution and American History.**

**Members in Attendance (25):**

Steve Baldwin	Marvin Koechig	John Swanson
Casey Brizendine	Bob Koffman	Patrick Turner
Ben Crouch	Rod Landers	Jackson Turner
Rich Denning	Charles Lilly	Micah Turner
Dave Desmarais	Jim McFerrin	Justin Watkins
Dan Evans	Doug Neff	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Gary Gorline	Dusty Rhoads	<i>National yet to be</i>
Dennis Hahn	Gregg Sartorius	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Jim Jackson	Steve Stegen	
James Keithly	David Stone	

**Guests (19):**

Laura Burnett	Milly Neff
Victoria Burnett	Rhonda Neupert
Vance Burnett SCPD	Ron Neupert SCCPD
Jeremy Gorline	Layla Sanchez
Bernadette Hall	Curtis Sullivan Lt-SCPD
William Henenway	J P Turner
Albert Howe Sgt-SCPD	Donna Turner
Stephen Kling	Jeffery Turner SCPD
Joanie Koechig	Mike Wehrli SCPD
Rob Koffman	

**First Responder Recognition:**

- Police Officer Ron Neupert – St. Charles County Police – received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to the community, as well as his work in local schools with the DARE Program.
- Police Officers Mike Wehrli and Jeffery Burnett -Saint Charles City Police Department received the SAR Life Saving Award for their courageous actions in rescuing a citizen from a vehicle in flood waters.

**Invocation by Chaplain Steve Baldwin:** Which included a prayer for all of our First Responders as they perform their essential duties.

**Election of Officers:** Nominating Committee Chair Charles Lilly presented the slate of new officers and asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Compatriot Lilly inducted the new officers, as listed on Page One of this issue of *Cannoneer*.

**Awards and Recognitions:** None

## **Announcements:**

Compatriot Steve White made a generous donation of his father Compatriot Martin White's uniform and four muskets.

On Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10 minute presentation at the City of St. Peters Board Meeting at the request of Mayor Len Pagano via Compatriot Gregg Sartorius. President Jackson and Secretary Evans will attend. Those who wish to attend were advised by Joanie Koechig to park on the Mid Rivers Mall parking lot, as parking is at a premium at the venue, located at the St. Peters Police Department/Justice Center, 1020 Grand Teton Dr, St Peters, MO 63376.

Compatriot Ray Snyder, in memory of his father Roy, donated four 2XL size Fernando de Leyba shirts.

Guest and prospective SAR member Stephen L. Kling spoke about a conference he is trying to establish on "The American Revolution in the West". Tentative dates are October 27-29, 2023. He is seeking financial support for the conference.

Compatriot Greg Landrum's work will be featured at Webster University's Kooyumjian Gallery on January 20 from 5:30-7:30pm for the opening reception of the 2023 Faculty and Undergraduate Exhibit 8300 Big Bend Blvd, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Compatriot Matthew Swanson has been elected to the St. Charles County Council.

**Anniversary Awards:** Compatriot Glennon Lawrence Henke Jr. was not present to receive his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge.

## **Induction of New Members:**

- Patrick Andrew Turner
- Jackson Patrick Turner
- Micah Thomas Turner

**Supplemental Applications: None**

## **Reports:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting on December 17th, 2022, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:** Accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Newly elected Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported that he is in a transition stage with past Treasurer Jim Borgman and will be able to report in February.

**Genealogist's Report:** By Genealogist Justin Watkins, as emailed in advance of the meeting was accepted as presented, and follows:

## FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

### GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

5 January 2023

1. Current Roster Membership: 116
  - a. Full Members: 94
  - 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: 0
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
  - b. At NSSAR: (0).
  
5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 12
  - a. New Member: (7) Stephen Kling, William Hemenway IV, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (*awaiting signature*), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson, Brian Stegen (updated version awaiting signature).  
  
IN COMMITTEE: (4) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller.
  
  - b. Supplementals: (1) Louis Volpi.

**Color Guard Report:** Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn Discussed 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. Dennis has spoken with Steve Perkins, the Missouri Society Color Guard Commander regarding converting this into a State event to receive Color Guard Statewide.

**Flag Recognition Report:** Vice President Marvin Koechig announced the awarding of 24 Flag Certificates and noted that FDLSAR has given over 250 Certificates since 2015.

Marvin also informed the Chapter that he has an inventory of flags which are available to anyone.

**Fund Raising Report:** DAR member Bernadette Hall reported on progress to date towards our March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Trivia Night. We have 8 of the twenty table sponsorships so far. She asked for

members with SUVs or Pickups with a covered bed to pick up the baskets prepared for the silent auction on or before March 11th, to be delivered at 3:00 PM.

**Other Reports:**

**Naval Sea Cadets** – Compatriot Keith Morris on December 10<sup>th</sup> awarded a deserving Cadet, and has expressed interest in continuing annually with this event.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn informed the Chapter about the passing of President General (2011-2012) Larry John Magerkurth of Indian Wells, California in December 2022. He was a former Dual Member of the Missouri Society, SAR and the Fernando de Leyba Chapter. He was sworn in as the 108th NSSAR President General by Chancellor General Thomas E. Lawrence at the 121st National Congress (July 8-13, 2011) held in Winston Salem, North Carolina. PG Magerkurth lived in St. Charles, Missouri when serving as President of McDonnell Douglas Training Systems. His daughters Sandra and Lorana were born in St. Charles in 1963 and 1970 respectively. It was motioned and passed that a \$35.00 donation be made to the SAR Library in memory of National Society President General Larry J. Magerkurth, who was a dual member of the Chapter.

**Benediction by** Past Chaplain Steve Baldwin

**SAR Recessional by** President Jim Jackson

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

Robert Burton Baldwin  
Roger C. Fuqua  
Dale Lee Wiseman

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 2023 AT 6:30 PM AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255, ST. PETERS, MO 63376. THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES ARE IN THE NORTHERN END OF THE SPENCER ROAD LIBRARY, IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT.**



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*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.**



