



Minutes of the

*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 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 -- 2024**

President: Jim Jackson  
Vice President: Casey Brizendine  
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 siege of Fort St. Jean (September 17 – November 3, 1775 French: *Siège du Fort Saint-Jean*) was conducted by American Brigadier General Richard Montgomery on the town and fort of Saint-Jean, also called St. John, St. Johns, or St. John's, in the British province of Quebec during the American Revolutionary War. The siege lasted from September 17 to November 3, 1775.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Fort\\_St.\\_Jean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Fort_St._Jean)

### *REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE*

" We are sprung from one common Mother, we were all born in this big Island; we earnestly wish to repose under the same Tree of Peace with you; we request to live in Friendship with all the Indians in the Woods... We call God to Witness, that we desire nothing more ardently than that the white & red Inhabitants of this big Island should cultivate the most Brotherly affection, & be united in the firmest bands of Love & friendship."

American Commissioners for Indian Affairs to Delawares, Senecas, Munsees, and Mingos,  
Pittsburgh, 1776

## **Anniversary Congratulations**

**July, August and September are the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots.**

**years of Service and Membership:**

Stephen Matthew Baldwin	7/10/1996	28	Jonathan David Hunt	8/27/2010	14
Caleb Boone Baldwin	7/9/2009	15	Daniel Robert Evans Jr.	8/30/2019	5
Clark Abraham Baldwin	7/9/2009	15	Stephen Geddes Sneeringer	8/30/2019	5
Walter William Pruitt	7/24/2009	15	Bernard William Steele Jr.	8/14/2020	4
William Elliot David	7/2/2015	9	George Bernard Van Antwerp Jr.		
John Arthur Swanson	7/22/2016	8	8/21/2020	4	
Matthew Lee Swanson	7/22/2016	8	James Scott Wimberley	8/20/2021	3
Justin Farley McKinney			Dr. Gregg Steven Sartorius	8/12/2022	2
Watkins	7/22/2016	8	Douglas David Miller	9/14/1976	48
Kurtis Lynn Kaspar	7/6/2018	6	Nicholas Marvin Koechig	9/18/2003	21
Theodore Jay Hall	7/26/2019	5	William James Jackson	9/24/2007	17
Louis James Volpi	7/23/2021	3	Charles Leon Land	9/24/2007	17
Edward S. Gray	8/31/1977	47	William Arthur Grimshaw		
James Barley Borgman	8/26/1996	28	Grote	9/9/2009	15

Rev. John Arthur Wilson	9/30/2010	14	Charles Martin Babington III	9/27/2019	5
Marvin Robert Koechig Jr.	9/25/2012	12	Kevin Gary Walleman	9/18/2020	4
Lars Erik Hagen	9/17/2015	9	Alexander Luke Baldwin	6/28/2002	22
Dr. Paul Bonnette Simon	9/15/2017	7	Jan Alan Beardsley	6/24/2016	8
Peter Emil Simon	9/15/2017	7	Gerald Bednar	6/30/2017	7
William George Simon	9/15/2017	7			

### **Minutes**

**September 9th , 2024**

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

**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 Compatriot Steve Baldwin**

**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	Mike Hubbard	Patrick Turner
Jim Borgman	Jim Jackson	Justin Watkins
Michael Boyd	Marvin Koechig	Tim Williams
Jon Carlock*	Bob Koffman	
Paul Carlock*	Rob Koffman	
Ben Crouch	Charles Lilly	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Dave Desmarais	Keith Morris	<i>National yet to be</i>
Dan Evans	Rick Morton	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Bill Grote	Steve Stegen	
Bill Hemenway	John Swanson	

#### **Guests (12):**

Diane Borgman	Joan Koechig
Tricia Crouch	Amy Mems
Laura Ross Dedloff	Ron Niebrugge
W Craig Dedloff	David Rawlings
W Gene Henry <sup>1</sup>	James Rawlings
Marilynn Henry <sup>2</sup>	Barton Tallent

<sup>1</sup>Missouri Society SAR President and <sup>2</sup>First Lady

### **New Member Inductions:**

Compatriots Jon and Paul Carlock were approved for membership on August 30<sup>th</sup>, but Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans had not received their Certificates and Record Copies by the time of the meeting.

### **Awards:**

Compatriot Bill Grote accepted his award for 15 years of membership.



Compatriot Steve Balwin accepted 15 year award for Clark and Caleb Baldwin.

Compatriot Charles Lilly reminded those in attendance that Junior SAR membership are available for \$15 dues per year for children and grandchildren up to age 18, when they become regular members.

### **Program: W. Eugene Henry, President, Missouri Society and First Lady Marilyn Henry**



President Henry was welcomed and discussed the following:

- The Missouri Society Board of Directors meet on the last Saturday of July, October, January and has its Annual Convention in April. All are welcome and any member can vote at the Annual Convention.
- A Color Guard Grave Marking Medal is available for CG members who attend 15 grave markings.
- The Society continues to support Wreaths Across America.
- He highlighted the festivities at the Fort San Carlos Commemoration at Ste. Genevieve and the George Rogers Clark event in Vincennes, Indiana.
- Compatriot Wilbur Jean Kephart left a legacy of almost 600 acres of farmland to three organizations, of which the Society received 60% of proceeds. The partial payment has been made of \$540,000 from the Kephart Trust and is to be held in a trust under a similar name by the Society. At present, only the income from the proceeds will be used for Society purposes, the legacy amounts will be held in total.
- Gene highlights the Color Guard's ability to attract new members to the Society.

- The Compatriot fund was created by the Society from \$1.00 per member contributions and will assist our long time members who have financial difficulties, or in a situation like an assisted living or retirement home.
- He also reminded those who participate in youth or Color Guard activities, that they are to take the 10 minute Youth Protection course offered on the National Website at <https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/>. After completion Secretary Evans should receive a copy of the 3 year certificate.

First Lady Marilyn Henry was introduced by Gene. Marilyn is President of the MOSSAR Auxiliary.

- The President's project for the year is the American History Teacher's Award, which is given by the Society for all three grade levels. National does not award Elementary teachers.
- Marilyn also discussed the DAR referral plan and contest at the Society. Our sisters in DAR can be valuable resources in recruitment, and two DAR Chapters will be given awards for exceptional participation.

### **Announcements:**

- Diane Borgman reported on Compatriot Dennis Hahn's September 3<sup>rd</sup> Liver Cancer surgery, and Doug Neff is suffering from a respiratory ailment.



- Keith Morris – Wreaths across America will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

- Our Compatriot Doug Neff flew in an Honor Flight to Washinton DC. Here pictured with (LR) Jim Borgman, Marvin Koechig, Doug and his Son.



**Minutes of Previous Meeting on June 10th, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:** Accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans presented the June, July and August 2024 financial reports. Reports accepted as presented, pending audit.

**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**

**September 9, 2024**

1. Current Roster Membership: 108
  - a. Full Members: 88
  - b. Dual Members: 7
  - c. Junior Members: 13
2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 2
  - a. New Member Applications: (2) Jon Carlock and Paul Carlock.
  - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).
3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 11
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
  - b. At NSSAR: (11) Evan Anderson, Harold Croy, Bill Dedloff, Don Dotson, William Dotson John Hilton, Ken Lynch, Sr., Ron Niebrugge, David Rawlings, Sr., James Peter Rawlings and David Stegen.
4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 6
  - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
  - b. At NSSAR: (6) Bill Hemenway, Michael Hubbard [2], Steve Kling, Rick Morton and Keith Walleman.
5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 13
  - a. New Member: (6) Austin Dove, Mason Farrell, Joe Hunter, Preston Padgett, Greg Paris and Joshua Wolff.  
  
**IN COMMITTEE:** (4) James Hoskins, Derek Myers, Bart Tallent and Tyler Tallent (NM).
  - b. Supplementals: (3) Kurtis Kasper, Jim McFerrin and Justin Watkins.

### **Color Guard Report:**

**Wentzville School District Resource Rally August 15<sup>th</sup>** – Color Guardsmen Steve Baldwin and Jim Keithly attended this meeting of all teachers in the Wentzville District, along with Webmaster Dave Desmarais. Steve gave the meeting a recap of our success at the meeting, and we hope to be invited to classrooms to give information on the Revolution as well as SAR. Steve also reported that there is a Patriot grave on the grounds at Wentzville High School.

**SAR South Central District Meeting, Joplin, Missouri** – FDL was represented by Compatriot Ben Crouch acting as a Color Guardsman at this meeting and he participated in several events. The District encompasses Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

**Battle of Point Pleasant Commemoration** – Compatriot Charles Lilly let the attendees know that this will be held in West Virginia to honor the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary which occurred October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1774.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Flag Certificates** – Marvin Koechig reported that we have several 3x5 and other size flags available for members.

**Ballpark Village Ft. San Carlos Plaque** – Marvin reported that the brass plaque has been stolen and he approached Cardinals President Bill DeWitt at a season ticket holder event. Mr. DeWitt confirmed that the plaque was stolen, and Marvin will pursue him for a way to resolve this.

**Steering Committee** -- The 2025 Missouri Society Conference is our responsibility, and we have contracted with the Holiday Inn Airport West on Rider Trail in Earth City. The Steering Committee is continuing to plan the various aspects of the conference. Our last meeting was held August 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

**2025 Missouri Society Convention** – The proposed cost for a potential Keynote Speaker on Friday, April 25, 2025, Mr. Julien Eicher was discussed, and it was decided that his cost of participation would raise the attendance fee to an unacceptable level. The matter was referred to the Society.

### **Old Business:**

**American Revolutionary War in the West Conference** -- September 27-29, 2024 Sheraton Westport. Joan Koechig gave an update on the progress of the Conference.

**The Ed and Barbara Morris Memorial Fund** – This legacy given to our Chapter was to be used for Color Guard purposes, and Compatriot Keith Morris adds to this fund annually.

The Fund is offering a \$300 reimbursement for Compatriots purchasing their first Color Guard Uniform of their choice.

## **New Business:**

**MOSSAR Compatriot Fund** – It was motioned by Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans to donate \$1 per member, \$108 to the Fund. Approved

**Meals at our Chapter Meetings** – This issue has again come to our attention. The facilities at the Knight of Columbus Hall pleased a majority of members, as well as the cost annually. Several suggestions were made, but the fact that attendees can bring in food at any time (as long as they clean afterwards) seems to be acceptable. A motion was made to purchase pizzas for the attendees prior to each chapter meeting. Motion denied.

**Benediction by Steve Baldwin**

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

**In Remembrance  
Compatriots lost to us in July, August and September.**

**David Louis Bell  
David Philip DePew  
James B. Elliott  
John Francis Attaway  
Larry Allen Pipes  
Melvin "Mel" Watkins  
Ray "Ed" Edward Morris  
Theodore Seth Hunt Jr.**

**Next Meeting: **Monday October 14th at 6:30 PM** 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 <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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Thomas M. (Mike) Wood  
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.**

