



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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APRIL 14^H 2025 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

NORMAL MEETINGS ON THE 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 -- 2025

President: Jim Jackson
Vice President: Ben Crouch
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 Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first major military campaign of the American Revolutionary War, resulting in an American victory and outpouring of militia support for the anti-British cause.^[9] The battles were fought on April 19, 1775, in Middlesex County in the colonial era Province of Massachusetts Bay, within the towns of Lexington, Concord, Lincoln, Menotomy (present-day Arlington), and Cambridge. They marked the outbreak of armed conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and Patriot militias from America's Thirteen Colonies.

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

NOTABLE QUOTE

"Man has developed rules of conduct not because he knows but because he does not know what all the consequences of a particular action will be."

Friedrich Hayek

SPECIAL EDITION

Anniversary Congratulations

**April is the SAR Acceptance Month for the following Compatriots.
years of Service and Membership:**

Thomas Michael Busken

4/24/2014 11

William Donaldson Hemenway IV

4/7/2023 2

Stephen Leroy Kling

4/7/2023 2

Jeffrey Robert Tyler Stevens

4/1/2017 8

Minutes

April 14th 2025 Zoom Meeting

Meeting opened at 6:32 PM by President Jim Jackson.

Twenty-two members of Fernando de Leyba were present on the call. As many members were unidentifiable by their sign ins, Secretary Evans could not come up with a list of attendees.

Fernando de Leyba Chapter Webmaster Dave Desmarais and Genealogist Emeritus Doug Neff were both honored on April 5th by the St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter of the DAR with “The Hanna White Arnett Medal – Bronze Level” for their dedicated assistance to the DAR.

Since the Missouri Society Convention was only nine days away this was the topic of conversation throughout the meeting. We discussed the attendance registered to date, several of the expenses, and the plans for the meeting.

The Chapter Steering Committee has met each month, and details have been planned and executed for seating, meals, and other concerns regarding the Convention. We will be happy to add any volunteers to the existing list prior to the meeting.

Dan Evans pointed out that Russ DeVenney of M. Graham Clark had given us the full Convention record from 2024. Drew Kingery of William C. Corum Chapter had done the same for the 2023 event. We will pass on all these records, including our files to Ozark Mountain Chapter who will be the host in 2026. We owe Russ and Drew our thanks for their guidance.

Jim Jackson and Dan are working on the script for the event. We are placing a wayside marker in Bellerive Park in the Carondelet area of South St. Louis honoring Lafayette’s visit to St. Louis in April 1825. Compatriot Dennis Hahn has been working on this for over three years. The event will be held Saturday April 26th at 2:30 PM. Mr. Julien Icher, President of the Lafayette Trail, Inc. will be present, as well as members of the Carondelet Historical Society and the government of St. Louis. The National Association SAR will be represented by Secretary General Michael Elston. Our date is two days before the date Lafayette visited the area 200 years ago.

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
April 14, 2025.

- Current Roster Membership: 108
 - a. Full Members: 88
 - b. Dual Members: 8
 - c. Junior Members: 12
- 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: 2
 - a. At MOSSAR: (1) Derek Myers .
 - b. At NSSAR: (1) Ben Nulton.
- 4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 5
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0) .

b. At NSSAR: (5) Bill Hemenway, Michael Hubbard [2], Steve Kling, Rick Morton and Keith Walleman.

5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 15

a. New Member: (3) Ben Brennecke, Bill Harden and ??? Saunders (MEM).

IN COMMITTEE: (8) Martin Aubuchon, Darren Lee Daly, Elvard Davis, Mark Englehardt, Matthew Fredrickson, David Hosking, Duell Lauderdale and Fuller Young.

b. Supplementals: (4) Michael Hubbard, Kurtis Kasper, Steve Stegen and Justin Watkins.

In addition to his Genealogist duties, Mike Hubbard participated in a March 29th genealogy seminar at the St. Charles Heritage Museum.

Color Guard Report:

Eastern Color Guard Commander Ben Crouch reported on CG activities.

Events for May – Sunday May 25th Ste. Genevieve Missouri—A national SAR event, the Celebration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos.

Saturday, May 31st Compatriot Mike Wood will be honored by the City of Manchester, MO with a park dedication.

Ed and Barbara Morris fund – Offers \$200 to offset uniform costs for any Compatriot. Compatriot Bart Tallent has recently received this offer

Old Business:

Joint Trivia Night with the DAR October 11th 2025 –

New Business:

The May 12th meeting will be with the DAR/CAR will be at Blanchette Park in St. Charles at 5:30 PM. Bring a lawn chair.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.

In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in April

David Spencer Christian
Richard "Dick" H. Hofer
William Lee Jackson
Martin "Marty" Edward White

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 5:30 PM Please Note:
Blanchette Park, St. Charles MO
Joint DAR / CAR / SAR picnic

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NSSAR Mission: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

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.

