



Minutes of the  
**In Person and Zoom Online Meeting**  
*Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

**Sons of the American Revolution**

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**MAY 10TH, 2021**

7:00 p.m.

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

**AT EMBASSY SUITES, 2 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA, ST. CHARLES, MO 63303**

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**Chapter Officers**

President: Jim Jackson  
Treasurer: Jim Borgman  
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: Marvin Koechig  
Sgt at Arms: Steve White  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Dan Evans  
Historian: Dennis Hahn  
Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

***THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY***

**Rhode Island: First & Last**

**First:** Rhode Island was the first colony to declare its independence from England on 4 May 1776 thereby breaking ties with King George III. It would be two months before any of the other 12 colonies declare their independence. Rhode Island’s General Assembly did so in a nearly unanimous vote.

**Last:** Rhode Island was the last of the 13 colonies to ratify the U.S. Constitution. It voted to do so on 29 May 1790.

The official name of the state is “Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.” Its name resulted from the consolidation of four settlements.

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE***

“Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, from the frame of their nature, to knowledge, as their great Creator, who does nothing in vain, has given them understandings, and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean, of the characters and conduct of their rulers.” - *A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law*, 1765 John Adams

## Anniversary Congratulations

May is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:

James Joseph Hoskins  
Charles "Pat" Tracy Jefferson  
Blake Samuel Nelson  
Bruce Earl Nelson

David Stone  
Steven Martin White  
Bennett James Wright  
Jason Davis Wright

## Minutes

May 10, 2021

In Person at Embassy Suites and Zoom Online Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by President Jim Jackson

Invocation by Compatriot Jim Borgman

The Singing of our National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

SAR Pledge

President Jim Jackson welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.

President Jackson gave a short presentation of events occurring this month in the Revolutionary War

### Members in Attendance (25):

Jim Borgman  
Ben Crouch  
Richard Denning  
Dan Evans  
Bill Grote  
Dennis Hahn  
David Hoffman  
Jim Jackson  
Keith Jasin  
Pat Jefferson  
Christopher Kelle

Marvin Koechig  
Charles Lilly  
Keith Morris  
Dean Penberthy  
Bob Raines  
Don Rhoads  
Steve Sneeringer  
Steve Stegen  
David Stone  
John Swanson  
George Van Antwerp

Keith Walleman  
Kevin Walleman  
Justin Watkins

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

*\*\*denotes reinstatement  
approval pending at National*

**Guests (5):**

Diane Borgman

Joan Koechig

Chris Dolbeare

Milly Neff

Dr. Mark Engelhardt

Verna Raines

**Announcements:** Compatriot Charles Lilly related a contact he had with Compatriot David Christian who will be unable to attend future Chapter meetings. The Chapter sends its appreciation for the many years of loyal membership and activity that David has shown in the past.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

- Awards and recognitions from the April 24<sup>th</sup> MOSSAR meeting will be covered under new business.

**Induction of New Members:** Compatriot Chris Kelle was inducted into Fernando de Leyba and welcomed by the assembled membership.

**Reports:****Minutes of Previous Meeting on April 12, 2021 as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:**

Approved without objection

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted subject to audit. Jim also announced Compatriot Charles Lilly has complete the audit for the year 2020.

**Genealogist Report:** Genealogist Doug Neff gave his report

- Current Roster Membership: 116
  - Full Members: 96
  - Dual Members: 6
  - Junior Members: 14
- Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 7
  - New Member Applications: (1) Jerry Pipes.
  - Supplemental Applications: (6) Roy Snyder (3), Doug Neff (2), Keith Walleman.
- New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 3
  - At MOSSAR: (1) Louis Volpi.
  - At NSSAR: (2) Casey Brizendine, David Von Behren.
- Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 23
  - At MOSSAR: (2) Justin Watkins, Steve Hyatt.
  - At NSSAR: (21) Charles Lilly (*pending*), Curtis Ballenger, Jim Borgman, Roy Snyder (4), Ray Snyder (7), William Snyder (7).

- Applications in Process at Chapter: 9
  - New Member: (9) Gary Gorline, Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (awaiting signature), Harold Burton.

IN COMMITTEE: Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Robert Koffman, Justin Hill, James Wimberley (awaiting signature).

- Supplementals: None.

#### **Veterans and ROTC Report:**

- Vice President Koechig stated there were no further activities since last month, and he was awaiting information from the High Schools we serve for Junior ROTC.

#### **Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:**

- Compatriot Bill Grote gave the Color Guard report, regarding the Honor Guard on Wednesday April 14th at the funeral visitation of President Jackson's mother Janet.
- Bill reported that plans were being made for activities at Coldwater Cemetery for Memorial Day.

#### **Flag Recognition Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig: No report**

#### **Fund Raising Report:**

- The combined SAR / DAR / CAR trivia night is still going to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Vice President Koechig said that Secretary Dan Evans will be emailing forms available for businesses and others to sponsor a round of trivia questions, and receive recognition for this, for the fee of \$100.

#### **Awards Report:**

#### **Old Business:**

- Patriot of the Month -- Lt. Colonel Daniel Gerritse Van Antwerpen (Van Antwerp), Compatriot George Van Antwerp's Patriot biography was selected at random, and was circulated to all via email in April.
- A drawing was held, with Compatriot Chris Kelle drawing William Spratt's name for submission of this Patriot's biography to all in May.
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has an anniversary November 11th 2021. We will be honored to have a member of the Unknown Soldier Guard presentation at our September 13 Chapter Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its Annual Meeting via Zoom on April 24<sup>th</sup> and our Chapter was given individual and chapter awards
  - Foremost, the highest medal awarded by MOSSAR, the State Distinguished Service Award, was given in honor to our Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn. This medal can only be awarded once per year to a worthy recipient for the most exemplary service to the State Society.
  - For the year 2019 Fernando de Leyba was awarded the Josiah Fogg award for large chapter. Compatriot Dennis Hahn gave details of this award which rates chapters in many categories of activities. An email will be sent this month to all with the score sheet for any suggestions for changes or additions.
  - Dennis also mentioned the Missouri Society of the War of 1812. Those with family who served the United States during that conflict are eligible for membership.
  - Our Chapter won first place in the MOSSAR Flag Certificate Presentations Awards Program for the year 2020, and chairman Marvin Koechig was recognized for this effort.
  - Compatriot Charles Lilly was presented with the American 250 SAR Award ribbon for addition to our chapter flag by President Jackson, in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.
  - Compatriot George Swales was elected president of MOSSAR, succeeding Howard Fisk.

**Program:** Joanie Koechig gave a interesting history of St. Charles County during the formation of the State of Missouri, and maps and events were discussed, as well as St. Charles pioneers.

**Benediction by Treasurer Jim Borgman**

**SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson**

### In Remembrance

John Clovis Soucy Jr.  
William "Bill" L. Winham

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 14, 2021 ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT THE EMBASSY SUITES, ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI**



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