

Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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SEPTEMBER 11TH, 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

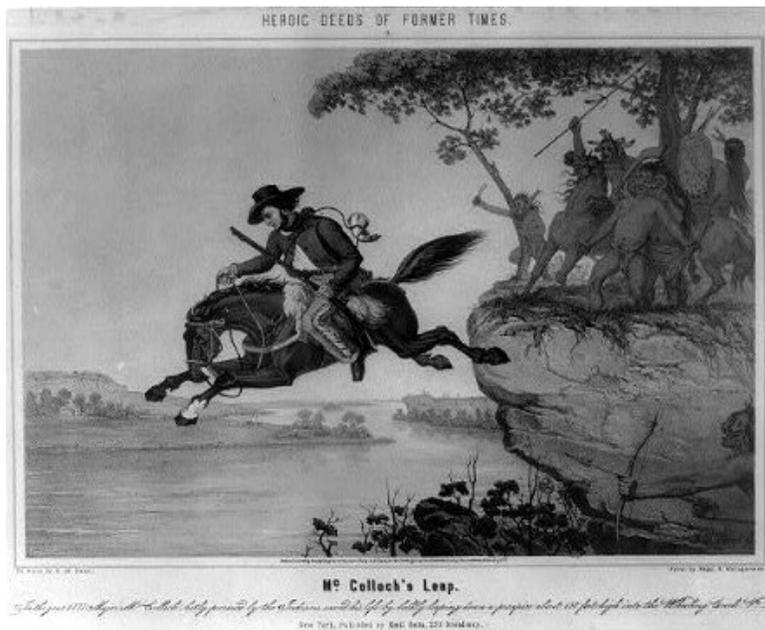
THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

McCulloch's Leap - September 1, 1777 -- McCulloch's Leap goes down as one of the greatest escapes of the American Revolution, when Major Samuel McCulloch jumps over a 300 foot cliff from attacking Indians to safety.

“As McCulloch galloped along the crest of the hill, a 300 foot precipice on one side and a band of Indians chasing him from behind, he was confronted with another group of Indians to his front, who were just arriving to help with the siege of the fort. Now surrounded and with no way of escape, McCulloch knew his capture would mean the most excruciating torture. He made an instant decision to go over the edge of the precipice. Dying on the way down would be easier than being tortured at the hands of the Indians.

McCulloch held the reins with his left hand and his gun in his right hand and spurred his horse over the edge. It is said that they did not hit ground until halfway down the hill, which is nearly vertical. The rest of the way, they slid down the almost 90 degree hill, being pummeled with branches and stones until they hit bottom, but McCulloch's horse never lost his footing.”

<https://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/mccullochs-leap.html>



REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.” - The American Crisis, No. 4, September 11, 1777 -- Thomas Paine

<https://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/revolutionary-war-quotes.html>

Anniversary Congratulations

**July, August, and September are the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following
Compatriots
years of Service and Membership:**

Steve Baldwin	7/10/1996	27	Curtis Ballenger	8/14/2020	3
Caleb Baldwin	7/9/2009	14	Bernard Steele	8/14/2020	3
Clark Baldwin	7/9/2009	14	Britt Van Antwerp	8/21/2020	3
Walter Pruitt	7/24/2009	14	George Van Antwerp	8/21/2020	3
William David	7/2/2015	8	James Wimberley	8/20/2021	2
John Swanson	7/22/2016	7	Gregg Sartorius	8/12/2022	1
Matt Swanson	7/22/2016	7	Doug Miller	9/14/1976	47
Justin Watkins	7/22/2016	7	Nicholas Koechig	9/18/2003	20
Kurtis Kaspar	7/6/2018	5	Jim Jackson	9/24/2007	16
Ted Hall	7/26/2019	4	Charles Land	9/24/2007	16
Louie Volpi	7/23/2021	2	David Christian	9/16/2008	15
Ed Gray	8/31/1977	46	Bill Grote	9/9/2009	14
Jim Borgman	8/26/1996	27	John Wilson	9/30/2010	13
Shawn Nickell	8/5/2010	13	Marvin Koechig	9/25/2012	11
Jon Hunt	8/27/2010	13	Erik Hagen	9/17/2015	8
Steve Hyatt	8/8/2012	11	Paul Simon	9/15/2017	6
Morris Botkin	8/2/2019	4	Peter Simon	9/15/2017	6
Dan Evans	8/30/2019	4	William Simon	9/15/2017	6
Stephen Sneeringer	8/30/2019	4	Kip Babington	9/27/2019	4
			Kevin Walleman	9/18/2020	3

Minutes

September 12th, 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 (19):

Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
Ben Crouch
Dave Desmarais
Dan Evans
Bill Grote
Glenn Hemenway
Mike Hubbard

Jim Jackson
Steve Kling
Kevin Klingerman
Marvin Koechig
Bob Koffman
Rob Koffman
Charles Lilly
Doug Neff

Dusty Rhoads
Patrick Turner
Justin Watkins

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

Guests (9):

Diane Borgman
Trisha Crouch
Milly Neff
David Riggs
Daniel Riggs

Mark Riggs
David Shaul, President, Missouri Society
Joyce Shaul

Awards and Recognitions:

David Shaul, President, Missouri Society, presented our Secretary/ Treasurer Dan Evans, who also serves as the statewide Publicity Chairman and Editor of the *Missouri Compatriot* the National Paul M, Niebell Sr, Newsletter award which was given at the July National Congress in Orlando, Florida.



Program: President Jim Jackson asked Dave to relate his experience on September 11th, 2001, to begin a Chapter discussion on experiences. We then went table to table to share our experiences of this horrible event.



Announcements:

Mark Riggs announced that he had an order form for the CAR Pecan Sales for 2023, and was assisted by his sons Daniel and David.

Anniversary Awards:

Past President Marvin Koechig pointed out that his son Nick has reached the 20 year anniversary.

Life Member David Christian has reached his 15th anniversary membership,

Induction of New Members: None

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on June 12th, 2023, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:
Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on June, July, and August, 2023.
Report was accepted subject to audit.

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

11 September 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: 6

- a. New Member: (1) John Hilton.

IN COMMITTEE: (5) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller, Jeff Sullivan.

- b. Supplementals: (0).

Color Guard Report:

Musket Training will resume on September 30th at Brad Frazier's farm in St. James, Missouri. More information will follow from State Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins.

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.

JROTC Report:

Fundraising Report:

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais reported on the progress in our website and his work with Compatriot Steve Kling on the American Revolution in the West Conference.,

Old Business:

Missouri Society Board of Directors Meeting – July 29, 2023 – State Secretary Dan Evans reported on the following from the Board Meeting

- A society wide email system will be constructed to contact all members statewide on infrequent statewide issues such as the Annual Convention.
- In October 2022 the Board established a Voluntary Compatriot fund to assist indigent members by waiving Chapter and State Dues and paying National dues. The fund is to be established by voluntary contributions from members. Dan Evans moved for us to forward \$119.00 for our number of members to the State, paid for by the Chapter. Seconded and passed.
- The Society has established an ad-hoc Veteran's committee to become active by donations and assistance to veteran's organizations and homes. Independence Patriots Chapter President Steve Sullins will Chair the committee. Pat Turner and Doug Neff volunteered to be part of the effort.
- The State Annual Conference will be held in Columbia at the end of April 2024 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, Missouri.
- The Board approved keeping the cost of Missouri Life Memberships at 72% of the pre August 1st National Life Cost Chart until 31 December 2023.

- Our Genealogist Emeritus Doug Neff, who is now serving as State Genealogist, attended and managed a meeting in Neosho, Missouri to assist Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter in Joplin, Missouri.
- The Ad Hoc IT Committee is working on renovating the State website and our Dave Desmarais is co-chair of that Committee.
- Compatriot Marvin Koechig is Chairman of the Ethics Committee.

American Revolution in the West Conference – Compatriot Kling gave a progress report on the Conference and introduced a promotional video.

New Business:

Milly Neff announced that the joint DAR Veterans Day Commemoration will be held on November 5th at Bellefontaine Cemetery at 2:00PM. There may be two grave markings following.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

**In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in July, August, and September 2023.**

**John Francis Attaway
Theodore Seth Hunt Jr.
Ray "Ed" Edward Morris
Melvin "Mel" Watkins**

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9th, 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.



James (Jim) L. R. Boyd, Jr.
1996-1997
Organizing President



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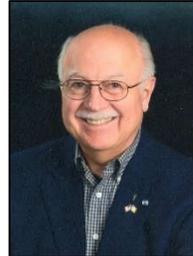
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2020



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.

