



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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MAY 12TH 2025 5:30 PM

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 Battle of Chelsea Creek was the second military engagement of the Boston campaign of the American Revolutionary War. It is also known as the Battle of Noddle's Island, Battle of Hog Island and the Battle of the Chelsea Estuary. This battle was fought on May 27 and 28, 1775, on Chelsea Creek and on salt marshes, mudflats, and islands of Boston Harbor, northeast of the Boston peninsula.[6] Most of these areas have since been united with the mainland by land reclamation and are now part of East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere.

The American colonists met their goal of strengthening the siege of Boston by removing livestock and hay on those islands from the reach of the British regulars. The British armed schooner Diana was also destroyed, and its weaponry was appropriated by the Colonial side. This was the first naval capture of the war, and it was a significant boost to the morale of the Colonial forces.

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

NOTABLE QUOTE

"There comes a time in the life of every man when he must take the bull squarely by the tail and face the situation."

W.C. Fields

Anniversary Congratulations

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

Robert S Koffman III	5/12/2023	2	Maurice David Williams	5/17/2024	1
Jerry A Pipes	5/7/2021	4	Tim Williams	5/10/2024	2
David Stone	5/15/2020	5			

Minutes

May 14th 2025

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

JOINT MEETING WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meeting opened at 6:32 PM by President Jim Jackson and DAR President Bernadette Hall.

Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly

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 this month during the American Revolution and American History. St. Charles DAR Regent Bernadette Hall welcomed all.

Members in Attendance (21):

Steve Baldwin	Jim Jackson	Justin Watkins
Jim Borgman	James Keithly	Jeff Willey
Paul Carlock	Marvin Koechig	Tim Williams
Ben Crouch	Bob Koffman	
Craig Dedloff	Rob Koffman	
Dave Desmarais	Rod Landers	
Dan Evans	Ben Nulton	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Bill Hemenway	Steve Stegen	<i>National yet to be</i>
Mike Hubbard	Bart Tallent	<i>inducted into FDL</i>

Guests (2) many frequent guests of FDL are DAR Members and not included on this list:

Juanita Desmarais
Davis Hosking

New Member Inductions: waived

Program: waived

Announcements: waived

Minutes of Previous Meeting were waived until the June 9th meeting

Treasurer's Report: Waived

Genealogist's Report: Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was published prior to the meeting via email.

Color Guard and other Committee Reports: waived

Old Business and New Business waived

Photo Collage of the Joint Meeting





Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional was led by Webmaster Dave Desmarais

In Remembrance
 Compatriots lost to us in May
 Dr. Jerry Lee Cook 5/30/2023
 John Clovis Soucy Jr. 5/10/2016
 William "Bill" L. Winham 5/28/2017

Next Meeting: **Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 6:30 PM**
ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301

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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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1996-1997
Organizing President (deceased)



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1997 & 1998
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1999, 2000, 2001, & 2002
2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007



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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.

