

Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

*Sons of the American Revolution*

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**December 10, 2018**

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: Marvin Koechig  
Treasurer: Jim Borgman  
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: John Swanson, Sr.  
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote  
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Roy Snyder  
Historian: Dennis Hahn  
Chaplain: Paul Smith

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

**At Valley Forge:** “. . . from autumn 1777 until spring 1778, the Continental Army was encamped at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. During those six months, the encampment was America’s fourth-largest population center, with close to twelve thousand occupants, yet the army was almost completely without uniforms and equipment because American manufacturers could not begin to provide enough clothing. Instead, many of those supplies came from Spain.”

Allison, David K. and Larrie D. Ferreiro (eds.), *The American Revolution: A World War*.

***REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE: AT VALLEY FORGE***

“ ‘What have you for your Dinner Boys?’ Nothing but Fire Cake & Water, Sir.’ At night, ‘Gentlemen the Supper is ready.’ ‘What is your Supper Lads?’ ‘Fire Cake & Water, Sir.’ Very poor beef has been drawn in our Camp the greater part of this season.”

Surgeon Albigeance Waldo of the Connecticut Line, 1777

Miller, Joel L. & Kristen Parrish (eds.), *The Patriot’s Reference*. Nashville, TN, Nelson Books, 2014, p. 190.

## Anniversary Congratulations

December is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots:  
Steven Hayes, Greg Landrum, Charles Lilly, Hogan Spratt, and John White

### Minutes December 10, 2018 Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

**Color Guard presented Colors**

**Invocation:** Compatriot Chaplain Paul Smith

**National Anthem:** Lead Compatriot Justin Watkins

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Compatriot Dusty Rhodes

**Pledge to SAR –** Lead by Compatriot Jan Beardsley

**Color Guard dismissed**



**Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder welcomed all attendees & recognized guests.**

**Members in Attendance:** Special Guest Wayne Merrill, MOSSAR President. Stephen Baldwin, Jan Beardsley, Gerald Bednar, Jim Borgman, David Christian, William Grote, Lars Hagen, Dennis Hahn, Steven Hayes, Marvin Koechig, Greg Landrum, Charles Lilly, Keith Morris, Doug Neff, Paul Smith, Roy Snyder, Steven Stegen, Jeffrey Sullivan, John A. Swanson, Justin Watkins, Mike Wood.

**Guests:** Diane Wood, Diane Borgman, Joan Koechig, Milly Neff, Pat Merrill, Sandy Hagen.

#### **Announcements:**

- Dennis Hahn has sign-up sheets for working at the National Genealogical Society Conference in May 2019. Note: this past November, an email was sent out from Compatriot Hahn detailing the conference and our Chapter's responsibility. If anyone would like a copy of that email, I would be happy to email it to them (Snyder).
- Dennis Hahn is continuing to work on a history of our chapter for the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of MOSSAR. He would like to have input from our membership.



#### **Remarks from MOSSAR President Wayne Merrill:**

Compatriot Merrill presented ideas to help increase retention and then took questions from the membership.



## Awards & Recognition:

- Compatriot Keith Morris was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.



- Compatriot Doug Neff was presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service and his 15 Year Pin.
- Compatriot Paul Smith was presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service.
- Milly Neff (wife of Compatriot Doug Neff) was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her help and hard work benefiting the Fernando de Leyba chapter.



## Reports:

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve by Compatriot Jim Borgman  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Jan Beardsley  
Motion Carried

### Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Jim Borgman

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Subject to Review by Compatriot  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Charles Lilly  
(Compatriots may obtain a copy of the report by contacting Roy Snyder)



### Genealogist Report by Compatriot Doug Neff:

- 83 current members
- 1 in review process
- 2 new supplementals
- 9 new member applications



### Veterans Report by Compatriot Charles Lilly:

Marvin and Charles attended the Naval Sea Cadets Luncheon held at the St. Charles American Legion. They were both very impressed with the group.

### Color Guard Report by Compatriot Bill Grote:

Bill reported on the DAR event at the Roselyn Heights Tree of Lights. Successful and very beautiful decorations.

### **Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

- On pace to match last year's numbers.
- Still need a volunteer to chair this committee.

### **Fund Raising Report/Family Arena by Compatriot Marvin Koechig:**

- The chapter has raised approximately \$3,000 each year for the past 2 years at the Family Arena Events.
- More volunteers to help at the event are greatly needed.

**Other Reports:** None.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Wreaths Across America**

- Keith Morris gave a call for help at the Wreaths Across America even at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Keith stated that there are 16 graves of Revolutionary War Veterans at the cemetery.
- Directions & other information will be emailed to chapter members in a day or so.



### **New Business:**

- **Budget Committee:** Compatriot Marvin Koechig outlined the budget for the Chapter for 2019.
  - The 2019 Budget is planed at \$4,850. (a copy of the budget was provided at the meeting. If any member wants a copy, the may contact Chapter Secretary Roy Snyder).
- **Grave Plaque at Wentzville School District for grave of Patriot.**
  - Compatriot Stephen Baldwin is working with the District Superintendent who is working on authorizing our chapter to hold a ceremony at the grave site (located on School District property).
  - A discussion of other Patriots Graves in the area were also discussed.
- Compatriot Baldwin will meet with Wentzville School District Teachers on January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss SAR / FDL Youth Awards.
- Compatriot Koechig discussed changes for our meeting at the Embassy Suites
  - The hotel will work to see that we have a separate meeting room available in order to have a location that is not so noisy.
  - Food will continue to be available. The possibility of having a buffet is being considered.
- **2019 Chapter Leadership**
  - Compatriot Charles Lilly announced the slate for FDL Chapter Leaders for 2019
    - President: Marvin Koechig
    - Vice Presedent: John Swanson
    - Secretary: Roy Snyder
    - Tresureor: Jim Borgman
    - Coloar Guard: Bill Grote
    - Genealogist: Doug Neff
    - Historian and Registrar: Dennis Hahn



- Motion to Accept the Leadership Team by Com Patriot Thomas Wood. Seconded
- by Com Patriot Jeff Sullivan. Motion Carried by Acclimation.
- Com Patriot Lilly admonished members to consider being a part of future leadership teams and the need to let past leaders have a break.



**Motion to Adjourn by Com Patriot Jan Bardsley  
 Benediction by Com Patriot Paul Smith  
 SAR Recessional by Com Patriot Dusty Rhodes  
 Color Guard retrieves Colors**



**Next Meeting: January 14th, 2019 at Embassy Suites in St Charles**



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# Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Meeting December 10, 2018

Photos by Compatriot Greg Landrum



Left to right: Compatriots Bill Grote, Charles Lilly, and Marvin Koechig.



Compatriot Bill Grote posting the U.S. Colors. In background, left to right: Roy Snyder, Pat Merrill, and Doug Neff.



Compatriot Dennis Hahn advising status of the upcoming NGS Family History Conference and the MOSSAR 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supplemental Book.



President Marvin Koechig commenting on the MOSSAR 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supplemental Book; and introducing MOSSAR President J. Wayne Merrill and his wife Pat Merrill.



Missouri Society, SAR President J. Wayne Merrill addressing the Chapter.  
 Left to right: Vice President John Swanson; Secretary Roy Snyder; President Marvin Koechig; MOSSAR President J. Wayne Merrill; Pat Merrill; and Genealogist and MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Doug Neff.



Certificate of Distinguished Service presented to Compatriot Paul Smith by President Marvin Koechig.



Certificate of Distinguished Service presented to Compatriot Doug Neff by President Marvin Koechig.



15 Year Membership Pin and Certificate presented to Compatriot Doug Neff by President Marvin Koechig.



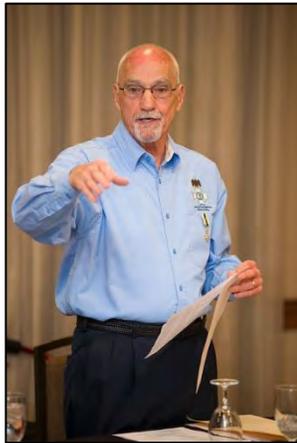
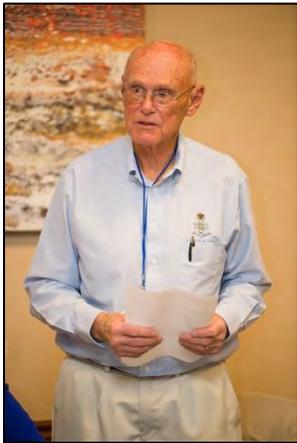
Certificate of Appreciation presented to Milly Neff by President Marvin Koechig.



Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate presented to Compatriot Keith Morris by President Marvin Koechig.



Missouri Society, SAR President J. Wayne Merrill and wife Pat Merrill.



Presentation of Chapter reports.

Left to right: Treasurer Jim Borgman; Genealogist Doug Neff; Sgt-at-Arms & Chapter Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, and Nominating Committee Chairman Charles Lilly.



President Marvin Koechig giving Fund Raising Report.



Keith Morris giving report on Wreaths Across America.



Steve Baldwin giving report on Patriot Grave Marking.



Justin Watkins commenting on St. Charles County cemeteries.



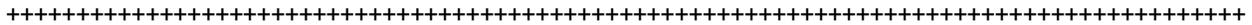
Steve Stegen commenting on meeting location.



Charles Lilly commenting on meeting location.



Color Guard retrieving the Colors.  
Left to right: Charles Lilly, Bill Grote, and Marvin Koechig.



## Chapter Members and Guests in Attendance



Compatriots Dusty Rhodes, Jan Beardsley, and Gary Bednar.



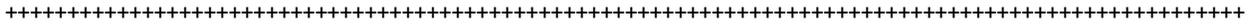
Compatriots Keith Morris, Jeff Sullivan, Steve Baldwin, Steve Hayes, and Chaplain Paul Smith.



Sandy Hagen, Compatriot Erik Hagen, Diane Borgman, Compatriots Jim Borgman, Justin Watkins, Charles Lilly, and Bill Grote.



Compatriot Mike Wood, Diane Wood, Joan Koechig, Milly Neff, Compatriot David Christian, and Compatriot Dennis Hahn.





Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Officers with Missouri Society, SAR President J. Wayne Merrill.

Center: Missouri Society, SAR President J. Wayne Merrill

Chapter Officers, left to right: Dennis Hahn, Historian and Registrar; Doug Neff, Genealogist; Bill Grote, Sgt-at-Arms; Marvin Koechig, President; John Swanson, Vice President; Roy Snyder, Secretary; Jim Borgman, Treasurer; and Paul Smith, Chaplain.



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Center: Compatriot Greg Landrum

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