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*Sons of the American Revolution*

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month (except July and August) at Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

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**Historical:** On this day in History:

**Apr 4, 1776:** Washington begins March to New York

After the successful siege of Boston, General George Washington begins marching his unpaid soldiers from their headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, toward New York in anticipation of a British invasion, on this day in 1776. In a letter to the president of Congress, General Washington wrote of his intentions in marching to New York and expressed frustration with Congress for failing to send adequate funds to allow him to pay his troops. Washington wrote, I heartily wish the money had arrived sooner, that the Militia might have been paid as soon as their time of Service expired. The lack of payment left Washington's soldiers with feelings of great uneasiness and they are gone home much dissatisfied and the commander in chief had received severe complaints from the other Troops on the same account. Washington hoped that, upon his arrival in New York, a sufficient sum would be there ready to pay every claim. The Continental Congress' inability to promptly pay or adequately supply its soldiers persisted throughout the war and continued as a subject of debate following the peace at Yorktown. Two major ramifications of the financial crisis marked the birth of the new nation. First, Congress began to pay soldiers with promises of western lands instead of currency—the same land Congress simultaneously

promised to its Indian allies. Secondly, Congress' inability to pay expenses even after winning the war eventually convinced conservative Patriots that it was necessary to overthrow the Articles of Confederation and draft the Constitution of the United States. The new and more centralized Constitution, with its three branches of government, had greater authority to raise funds and an increased ability to manage the new nation's finances. Alexander Hamilton, in his role as the first secretary of the treasury under President George Washington, focused his efforts on mimicking British financial institutions, most significantly in his championship of the First Bank of the United States, as a means of stabilizing the new nation's economy.

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**Next meeting will be on April 11, 2011 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.**

Treasurer's report as of March 14, 2011:

Beginning Balance = \$1,541.19 – Ending Balance = \$1,541.19

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Genealogist report as of Jan 14, 2010:

- 2 New applications at MOSSAR
- 2 Supplements at Chapter

**All members are encouraged to bring their non-perishable snack items to Monday's meeting and give to Jeff Sullivan.** They will be offered to those who will be attending the State Convention during the last weekend in April 29-30, 2011.

Compatriot Baldwin has recommended that each Compatriot bring in \$10 to donate to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. There is a drive to get each state to have at least 20% contributions to the Center. If enough Compatriots from Fernando de Leyba contribute, we may be able to put MOSSAR over. That is not as important as donating to a worthy cause.

At the March meeting:

Ken Martin was awarded a United States flag that had been flown over the USS Missouri (The Mighty MO BB63) now anchored in Pearl Harbor.

Mathew Wilson was sworn in as the newest member of Fernando De Leyba under patriot Nathaniel Dryden.

Jeff Sullivan is in charge of the Hospitality Room at the State Convention and will be accepting our snack donations t the next meeting April 11, 2011.

Diane Borgman showed her Memorial Napkin embroidery work that will make a wonderful keepsake for all who attend the convention.

Shirley Hahn will be organizing the Silent Auction for the beautiful patriotic Quilt that Rita Lilly has made. Tickets purchased during the Convention will raffle off all other items. Including a \$50.00 basket of items about Missouri.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Monday!

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