



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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JANUARY 13TH 2025 6:30 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 Burning of Norfolk was an incident that occurred on January 1, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War. British Royal Navy ships in the harbor of Norfolk, Virginia, began shelling the town, and landing parties came ashore to burn specific properties. The town, whose significantly Loyalist population had fled, was occupied by Patriot forces from Virginia and North Carolina. Although the Patriots worked to drive off the British landing parties, they did nothing to impede the progress of the flames and began burning and looting Loyalist-owned property instead.

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

NOTABLE QUOTE

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be. The functionaries of every government have propensities to command at will the liberty and property of their constituents. There is no safe deposit for these but with the people themselves; nor can they be safe with them without information. Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."

Thomas Jefferson warned in a letter to Charles Yancey, on Jan 6, 1816

Anniversary Congratulations

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

Mark Anthony Brewer	1/8/2014	10	Glennon Lawrence Henke Jr.	1/13/1998	26
Ben Louis Crouch III	1/29/2021	3	James Williams McFerrin	1/28/2022	2
Richard Allen Denning	1/23/2014	10	Clyde Robert Raines	1/24/1997	27

Minutes

January 13th 2025

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

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by President Jim Jackson who wished all a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

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.

Members in Attendance (21):

Evan Anderson	Jim Jackson	Patrick Turner
Steve Baldwin	James Keithly	Justin Watkins
Paul Carlock	Marvin Koechig	Tim Williams
Ben Crouch	Bob Koffman	
Dave Desmarais	Rob Koffman	
Dan Evans	Ron Niebrugge	
Greg Hilton	James Rawlings	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
John Hilton	David Rawlings	<i>National yet to be</i>
Mike Hubbard	Steve Stegen	<i>inducted into FDL</i>

Guests (7):

J. Douglas Anderson, 2nd Vice President, Missouri Society	Tricia Crouch Joan Koechig Mark Morrison
Steven Biggs, Executive Vice President, Missouri Society	Ben Nulton Barton Tallent

New Member Inductions:

John Gregory Hilton
David Rawlings
James Rawlings

Installation of Officers 2025: The officers on page one of this newsletter were sworn in at the meeting by Compatriot Steve Baldwin, who is an Honorary Vice President of the Missouri Society as well as a past Vice President General of the South Central Region, SAR.

Program: Secretary / Treasurer Evans narrated a PowerPoint presentation created by Dr. Brad Frazier of the Ozark Patriots Chapter SAR on the Battles of Lexington and Concord. A question arose about the accuracy of one fact in the presentation, and Evans consulted with the author and established that the query was correct. A revised presentation has subsequently been forwarded by email to all members.

Announcements:

- Executive VP of MOSSAR, Steve Biggs gave greetings from the State Society and discussed the upcoming State Convention sponsored by our

chapter, as well as the ceremony celebration of Lafayette's visit to St. Louis and the installation of a wayside marker in Bellerive Park in the Carondelet area. Secondly he spoke of the annual Celebration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos to be held in Ste. Genevieve Missouri on Sunday, May 25th this year, which battle was won by Fernando de Leyba. This is a national Color Guard event.

- 2nd Vice President of the Missouri Society, Douglas Anderson discussed volunteerism with SAR.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on December 9th 2024, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter:
accepted

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans announced the December financial report is in the possession, along with all of 2024, of the Audit Committee and will be presented in February.

Genealogist's Report: Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was published prior to the meeting via email and accepted, as follows:

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER
GENEALOGIST'S REPORT
January 13, 2025

1. Current Roster Membership: 100
 - a. Full Members: 82
 - b. Dual Members: 6
 - c. Junior Members: 12
2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 3
 - a. New Member Applications: (3) John Hilton, David Rawlings, Sr. and James Peter Rawlings.
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).
3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 4
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0)
 - b. At NSSAR: (4) Don Dotson, William Dotson, Bart Tallent and Tyler Tallent [NM].
4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 5
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (5) Bill Hemenway, Michael Hubbard [2], Steve Kling, Rick Morton and Keith Wallemann.
5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 21
 - a. New Member: (13) Tim Brower, Mark Engelhardt, Mason Farrell, Dietrich Gossmeier, David Hallemann, Randy Hulse, Joseph Hunter, James Hutton, Mike Maninger, Torrey Marbury, Mark Morrison, Cary Warner and Joshua Wolff.

IN COMMITTEE: (2) Derek Myers and Ben Nulton.

b. Supplementals: (1) Jim McFerrin.

IN COMMITTEE: (5) James Hoskins, Michael Hubbard, Kurtis Kasper, Steve Stegan and Justin Watkins.

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b. Supplementals: (1) Kurtis Kasper.

Color Guard Report:

Wreaths Across America and Naval Sea Cadets – December 14th and 15th respectively, were attended by Compatriots, a check was given to a deserving Sea Cadet in the amount of \$200 with a good citizenship award.

Ed and Barbara Morris fund – Still offers \$200 to offset uniform costs for any Compatriot.

Committee Reports:

Website Committee -- Dave Desmarais reported that Compatriots could sign up for the May Fort San Carlos event on the website.

Old Business:

SAR 2025 Dues – Our membership sits at 100, and we had a few Compatriots drop.

2025 Missouri Society Convention – We are continuing to plan and prepare.

Missouri Society Convention Auxiliary silent auction – A form was available at the registration table regarding the auction, and the need for donations.

New Business:

Joint Trivia Night with the DAR October 11th 2025 – Planning continues. President Jackson expressed his great experiences with the past events, and

Eagle Scout Award – Since Compatriot Gregg Sartorius is battling disease presently, he is unable to take care of this matter, and volunteers are necessary.

Other non SAR News – Joanie Koechig reported on the “Rock and Roll Bingo” at St. Peter Church Parish Center on Saturday March 29th. Joanie also reported that on Saturday May 10th at the Odd Fellows building on South Main Street there will be two presentations by a Spanish representative on archival records of the Spanish during their rule over this area. The events are sponsored by the St. Charles County Historical Society.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.

**In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in January**

**Robert Burton Baldwin
Roger C. Fuqua
Dale Lee Wiseman**

Next Meeting: **Monday February 10th 2025 at 6:30 PM ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF
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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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Organizing President (deceased)



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



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2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015



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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.

