



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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Meets 2nd Monday of every month at Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

Historical: In September 1779, Jones fought one of the fiercest battles in naval history when he led the USS Bonhomme Richard frigate, named for Benjamin Franklin, in an engagement with the 50-gun British warship HMS Serapis. After the Bonhomme Richard was struck, it began taking on water and caught fire. When the British captain of the Serapis ordered Jones to surrender, he famously replied, "I have not yet begun to fight!" A few hours later, the captain and crew of the Serapis admitted defeat and Jones took command of the British ship.

President Lilly opened the meeting with the Color Guard presenting the colors. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Hahn followed by the pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer Borgman's gave his treasurer's report : Not Available_

Genealogist report:

- 1 New Application
- 2 supplementals

- 2 potential members

Next meeting will be on Nov. 9, 2009. Will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

**** Dues need to be submitted by Nov. 20th . ****

NSSAR Trustee, MOSSAR Honorary Vice-President, Fernando de Leyba Chapter Former President and presently Secretary Stephen Baldwin had the privilege of swearing in his son, Caleb Baldwin into the SAR.

MOSSAR Secretary and Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Charles Lilly swore in Paul Smith and then Bill Grote into the SAR.

Compatriots, we welcome you and encourage you to become active in the Chapter activities in honor of your ancestors.

President Lilly also presented John Rush his supplemental certificate.

Compatriot Stephen Baldwin shared what happened at the NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY.

Compatriot Dave Christian gave an update on the USS Missouri activities. There is an effort to obtain National support for the ship. The USS Missouri is the newest of submarines and is to be

christened Dec 5. Dave asked the Compatriots to provide him suggestions to supply the USS Missouri for the wardroom etc. President Lilly said that he would supply the membership with a list of Fernando de Leyba Chapter member’s addresses, etc.

With the business concluded, the meeting was turned over to Compatriot Ed Morris who conducted a trivia game on historical events or people, etc. It was delightful, informative and entertaining. The 1st place winner was John Rush, but we were all winners.

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Editors Note:

Compatriots, I am going to spend time in sharing with you my thoughts. You can skip over this if you so desire, but here it goes.

At MOSSAR board of managers meeting, we had a discussion for the NSSAR 2013 Congress that is co-sponsored by Missouri and Kansas Societies. Both Societies are expected to raise \$10,000 for the Saturday evening welcoming social. We are bantering around fund raising ideas. The 1st concept that is in force is the MOSSAR Bronze medal that can be purchased for \$35/set (large and miniature). The MOSSAR Color Guard is donating a firing Queen Ann replica pistol that will be a raffle item pre-2013 Congress, but awarded at the Congress. Raffle tickets won’t be available for a couple of years. The MOSSAR ladies auxiliary is raffling off a beautiful donated quilt. They have already collected \$377. We will probably be striving for private donations and also try to obtain grants.

Think about other means of raising funds short of “taxing” members like they do in many Societies.

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