



Newsletter of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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November 2014

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT
JULY AND AUGUST) AT CULPEPPER RESTAURANT
IN ST. CHARLES, MO

December 4, 1780: Washington's cousin tricks Loyalists

On This Day...

December 4, 1780, Washington's cousin tricks Loyalists. A force of Continental dragoons commanded by Colonel William Washington--General George Washington's second cousin once removed--corners Loyalist Colonel Rowland Rugeley and his followers in Rugeley's house and barn near Camden, South Carolina, on this day in 1780.

After nearly a year of brutal backcountry conflict between Washington and the fierce British commander Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton (who was infamous for "Tarleton's Quarter," the murder of colonial POWs on May 29, 1780 at Waxhaws), Washington had retreated to North Carolina the previous October. Commanded to return to the South Carolina Theater by Brigadier General Daniel "The Old Wagoner" Morgan, Colonel Washington still lacked the proper artillery to dislodge the Loyalists. He told his cavalymen to dismount and surround the barn. While out of Rugeley's sight, Washington's men fabricated a pine log to resemble a cannon.

This "Quaker gun trick," named so because Quakers used it to be intimidating without breaching their pacifist vow of non-violence, worked beautifully. Washington faced the "cannon" toward the buildings in which the Loyalists had barricaded themselves and threatened bombardment if they did not surrender. Shortly after, Rugeley surrendered his entire force without a single shot being fired.

When informed of the pacifist victory, General Charles Cornwallis, commander of the British armies in America, informed Tarleton that Rugeley's performance ensured he would never rise to the rank of brigadier. A few weeks later, Tarleton would himself face an even worse humiliation at the hands of General Morgan during the devastating Battle of Cowpens. The harrowing civil war for the hearts and minds of the Carolina backcountry had finally begun to favor the Patriots.

Treasurer's report as of November 10, 2014:

Beginning Balance = \$4,063.17– Ending Balance = \$4,275.17

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Genealogist report as of November 2014:

New Members:

Michael Shea, Benjamin Shea, Tom Buskin, Richard Denning, David Hoffman, Ron Hauser, Adam Schnelting, Jim Bunch, Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

“FDL “55” members strong”

Genealogist report:

Approved at National

Pat Jefferson 1 supplemental

Thomas Robertsen – New Member

At National

Pat Jefferson 8 supplementals

Doug Neff 1 supplemental

At State

Pat Jefferson 2 supplementals

Jim Borgman 4 supplementals

At Chapter

John Wilson – multiple supplements

Chase Zancanata (new member applicant)

Rick Morton (new member applicant)

Veterans: David Christian

December 7, 1941 “A Day that will Live in Infamy”.

New Chapel Renovations at Jefferson Barracks.

Valor of the Pacific.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. Try to be involved in your community on Veterans Day.

Russ De Vinney is running for National Registrar. Need to have someone to take Russ's place as ROTC Coordinator, Medals and Awards Chairman.

Color Guard: Bill Grote

FDL Color Guard received a Certificate of Appreciation from Phoenix University Graduation Ceremony.

Delmar Gardens Veterans Day Nov 11 2014

Wreaths across America

Twin Chimney's

Crestwood City Hall

At the November 10, 2014 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7:03 pm

Introductions: James Osborn, Michael Shea, Janis Shea, Benjamin Shea (attending by Skype), Barbra Morris, Erik Hagen, Dusty Rhoads.

Meeting Actions:

1. David Christian – Steve White: Motion to approve Minutes as Amended. Motion Passed.
2. Dennis Hahn: Was the guest speaker at Casey Chapter and spoke on The Battle of Fort San Carlos. Spirit of St. Louis Chapter is hosting the MOSSAR Convention in April.
3. Joan Koechig: Milan Paddock sponsored a table at the French Heritage Seminar.
4. Dennis Hahn: Fernando De Leyba Chapter approved the Chapter By Laws at the October 13 meeting.
5. David Christian: MOTION that we present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Judge presiding over the Naturalized Citizens Class. MOTION PASSED.
6. Restaurant Waiter: "WHO'S GOT A BOTTLE OF A1 – IS THERE A BOTTLE OF A1 SAUCE IN THE ROOM???" It's the only bottle we have!
7. Dennis Hahn: Nominating Committee appointed for next years Officers. Committee members Jim Borgman, Marvin Koechig.
8. David Christian & Milan Paddock: Marched in Parade for the new Chapter forming in Jefferson County.
9. Joan Koechig: Will be taking over Responsibilities for Family Arena Fund raising from Pati Dickherber.

Old Business:

Bring New and Used DVD's to the December meeting to be sent to the Troops.

French Heritage Research: Presenter Heidi Sugden, AG, Saturday November 8, 2014

At Social Sciences Building (SSB) Auditorium St. Charles Community College 4601

Mid Rivers Mall Dr. Cottleville, Mo. Registration 8:30 program 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

National Genealogist Society will be in St. Charles, Mo “ Ancestors Search Program”.

Name the Museum Contest.

Family Arena assets for 2014 total 1,022.76

Need Proper Flag Display Applicants.

Certificate Award Applicants needed for: EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety,

Teachers of the Year, Knight Essay by Dec 15, 2014, MOSSAR by Jan 4, 2015

Eagle Scout by Jan 20, 2015.

New Business:

New Member Certificate presented to Benjamin Shea (via Skype). *Possibly a First for MOSSAR Membership.*

New Member Certificate presented to James Shea.

Supplemental Certificate presented to Pat Jefferson for Patriot Johan Ziegler.

SPIRIT & FDL Chapters will co-sponcer a booth at the National Genealogical Society

Family History Conference – Will Need Booth Volunteers for Operation Ancestor

Search.

Meeting Closed at 8:51 PM

November 10, 2014, Program: Steve Baldwin “Robert B. Baldwin’s WWII Service”

34 Members and Guest in Attendance:

Jim Bunch, Mary Bunch, Jim Borgman, Diane Borgman, Sandy Hagen, Erik Hagen, Dusty Rhoads, Barbra Morris, Keith Morris, Michael Shea, Janis Shea, Michael Boyd, Steve Stegen, Steve Baldwin, John Rush, Dennis Hahn, Charles Lilly, Bob Raines, Vera Raines, Bill Grote, Doug Neff, Charles “Pat” Jefferson, Tom Buskin, John Attaway, Chris Attaway, Bill Winham, John Wilson, Steve White, Marvin Koechig, Joan Koechig, David Christian, Nicholas Koechig, Jan Beardsley, Paul Smith

Announcements:

Martin White will be having Surgery on December 5.

December Program: Steve White – Revolutionary Trivia

January Program: Mr. Alfred Katzenberger is the American Legion, Liaison with Jefferson Barracks National Chapel, Cemetery and Expansion.



Revolutionary War Quotes

"Fear is the passion of slaves".

Patrick Henry

Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is Mystery?? Today is a Blessing!!!

"CARPE-DIEM"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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