

Bravely for Country



The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri

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A Busy Year for Our Society

The Society of Colonial Wars in Missouri has been busy in 2023. You'll see in the newsletter that opportunities for fun and education were frequent and varied. I am hoping that next year more warriors will take the opportunity to participate.

Shining stars in our Society are Joe Carpenter and Charlie Hiemenz. Joe has been busy reviewing and submitting applications and supplemental applications (see page 7). Meanwhile, Charlie is lining up more work for him. We have one application at the NEHGS now and two others that are being actively worked by the applicants.

If you know of any other worthy gentlemen to join us, let Charlie know. The General Society will accept record copy applications from the following organizations in lieu of providing a full proof set:

- Colonial Dames of America,
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants,
- Jamestowne Society, and
- National Society Colonial Dames of America.

However, the "service" requirement of the ancestor must still be met.

I have many goals for 2024:

- Increase our younger membership. Charlie is a one-man full-court press to make this happen over the next three years.
- Manage our financial resources with purpose. Three warriors have been identified and will be bringing recommendations to our February meeting.
- Our 501(c)3 status reinstated. Our Secretary, Fairfax Jones, realized that our Society (for whatever reason) was not a registered as a corporation in the state of Missouri. This has been rectified and was the first step towards our reinstatement.
- An event with the Illinois Society. Have one combined event with the Illinois Society here or attend one of their events in Chicago.

2024 is an election year. If you are interested in an office, please let me know.

Hon. Sumner G. Hunnewell, Governor



Governor Hunnewell

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Our Donations

Missouri State Society of the Children of the Revolution helps keep colonial history alive by promoting education.

sites.rootsweb.com/~moscar/moscarhome.html

Les Amis du Fort de Chartres supports the preservation and celebration of this colonial fort. Monies are used for restoration, preservation, and living history.

www.fortdechartres.us/les-amis-du-fort-de-chartres/

The Missouri Historical Society preserves the records of our state Society. Monies are used for preservation and exhibitions.

mohistory.org/society

St. Louis Mercantile Library is the oldest library west of the Mississippi. It has extensive collections from colonial America forward.

www.umsl.edu/mercantile/

Springboard to Learning develops school presentations which bring colonial history to life.

SpringboardStl.org

Our grant assists The 1st Royal Regiment a Foote in their presentations / re-enactments at schools and public events.

www.facebook.com/1stRoyalRegimentAFoote/

Winter Court Business Meeting

The Society held its annual Winter Court Business Meeting on February 11 at the St. Louis Country Club. David B. Barnes, Esq., Hon. Thomas H.P. Bitting, Minot P. Fryer, Jr., Esq., A. Charles Hiemenz III, Esq., Hon. Sumner G. Hunnewell, Richard M. Morton, Esq., Hon. Douglas Niermeyer, Lawrence A. Reed, Esq., John H. Shepley, Esq., Steven C. Shepley, Esq., and Hon. David C. Wisland were in attendance.

During the meeting, new members Warriors Morton and Reed were welcomed and presented their rosette and 125th anniversary medal.

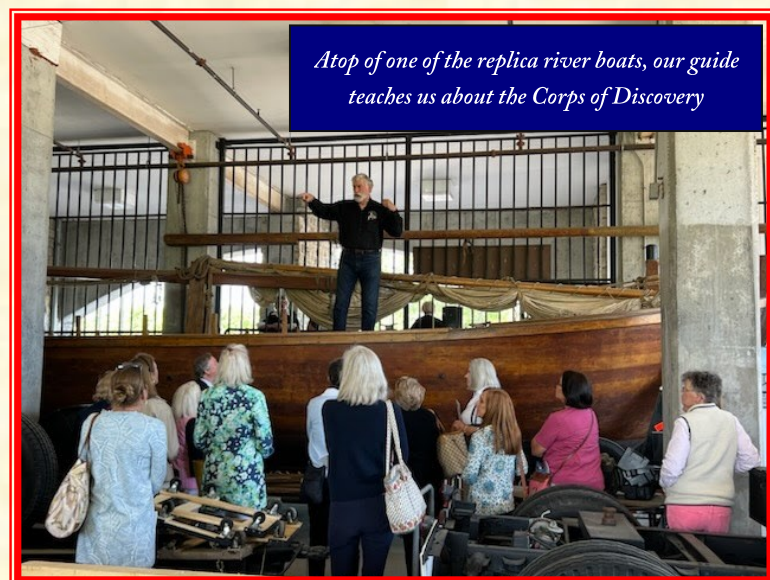
We determined our donations for 2023 to be given to the following organizations

- Missouri State Society of the Children of the Revolution (\$50)
- Les Amis du Fort de Chartres (\$1,000)
- Missouri Historical Society (\$500)
- St. Louis Mercantile Library (\$500)
- Springboard to Learning (\$500)
- The 1st Royal Regiment a Foote (\$500)
- General Society's Foundation (\$250)

The General Society later fully matched these Missouri/Illinois based organizations. If you know of any other worthy colonial organizations, please bring details to our next February business meeting.

Traveling with the Dames

On May 4, we were invited by the NSCDA members in Missouri to accompany them to the Lewis and Clark Boathouse and Museum in St. Charles as well as the



Atop of one of the replica river boats, our guide teaches us about the Corps of Discovery



Commemorative Air Force in Prairie de Roche. The museum provided us a continental breakfast before our tour began. We were treated to a talk about how the museum on the banks of the Missouri came about as well as future plans. Underneath is the area where their replica boats are housed. They are not exact replicas because they do get shuttled about. They need to be able to transported on the interstate highway.

This should definitely be a family trip and a destination when out-of-town friends are visiting. Maybe you'll ever see the Newfoundland dog on the grounds!

Moving further up the Missouri River, we landed at Smartt Field. The Missouri Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is on the floodplain there. For those of you who have an interest in military aviation history, it is worth the trip to visit their on-site museum. Smartt Field's wooden hanger (one of the few remaining in the U. S.) houses U. S., World War II era air-worthy planes. These included the B-25 Mitchell, TBM Avenger, and U. S. Army L-3E "Grasshopper." If you are interested in flying in one of the planes, that service is available, but we kept our feet firmly on the ground.



Afterwards, we returned to St. Charles and Schlafly Bankside for libations and consumables. Thank you, Dames, for a wonderful outing!



With Herman the German

Fort de Chartres

The State park in Illinois had their annual rendezvous over the first weekend in June. Your governor was the only attendee in seersucker as he delivered the General Society's matching funds check.

Part colonial living history and part town fair, this is a great time, especially if you haven't been there for a while.



Fifes and drums at the ready

A Perfect Day at Strathalbyn

In an effort to involve some of our grant recipients with our events, the 1st Royal Regiment a Foote and Diane Moran of Springboard to Learning joined us at our picnic at Strathalbyn Farms Club on August 19. Missouri can be brutal in August, but this day under the shade of a fine tree or pitched tent, it was perfect.

Warrior James Morrison and wife, Lisa, traveled from Rogers, Arkansas, and Danny Creason and his wife, Laurie Ann, traveled from Dixon to attend their first Missouri Colonial Wars event. The new warriors were presented with their rosette and 125th anniversary medal. Other member families in attendance were the Wislands and the Hunnewells.

The 1st Royal Regiment a Foote's members and families set up a British/French living history camp on the grounds of the rustic club. They also brought with them a refurbished 1740's cannon and a one-inch caliber mounted musket. Each member (and some guests of Strathalbyn) had the opportunity to fire both.

Diane Moran of Springboard to Learning also joined us. She portrays a working colonial woman, visiting St. Louis city schools. She is one of the period actors, who work for Springboard to Learning.



Warrior Morrison shows them how



1st Royal Regiment a Foote

Let's hope that we have an opportunity to return!



Enjoying some shade and camaraderie

Winter Court

In fine style, the St. Louis Country Club welcomed us to a friendly and informative annual winter court on November 4. Many members of the Colonial Dames (NSCDA) graced us with their presence. Anyone who has had the opportunity to attend an event at the country club will see great attention is paid to making sure that you have a wonderful time.

After cocktails in the Centennial Room (where Past Governor T. Ellis Barnes made a quick entrance and exit), we were escorted into the Green Room. There we sang “God Save the King,” led by Tad Fryer, and then pledged allegiance to the flag, which was led by Tom Bitting. Soon after we tucked into a fine meal and great conversation.

Our speaker that night was Nicholas “Nick” Fry curator of the John W. Barriger III National Railroad library at the University of the Mercantile Library. His program, “From Washington’s Crossing to the Golden Spike: the Pennsylvania Iron Industry in the American Revolution and Beyond,” showed us how the iron industry allowed a level of independence from the Mother Country, which led to the design of boats that Washington used to cross the Delaware, to the multiplicity of Pennsylvania iron furnaces, to the trans-continental railroad. It was all “thumbs up” by the attendees!



Nick Fry and Nat Griffin

Winter Court



Gentlemen of the Society



Hon. Dave and Jan Wisland



Cynthia and the Hon. Tom Bitting



Anne and John Shapleigh



Mary Pillsbury, Natalie Griffin, and Jane Griffin



Molly and Curt Ittner

Welcome to Our Newest Warriors (2021-23)

Colonel (Retired) Daniel Kenneth Berry (MO #523) lives in Olathe, Kansas, and practices as a physician. *Ancestor:* Phillip Nelson of Rowley, Massachusetts, participated in the King Philip's War (1675-76). Later, Captain Nelson accompanied Sir William Phipp's expedition to Quebec (1690).

Danny Ray Creason (MO #524) lives in Dixon, where he is retired from the U. S. Army Reserve. *Ancestor:* Jacob Chrisman of Frederick County, Virginia, was a constable (1743/1745) in that county.

Paul Howard Burrigh (MO #527) lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is a building engineer for the Omaha Public Schools. *Ancestor:* Sgt. Benedict Alford (Alvord) of Windsor, Connecticut, was in the town militia that took part in the Pequot War (1637).

Gary Roger Neal (MO #528) of Cockeysville, Maryland, who is a dual member with the Maryland Society.

Charles Thomas Boardman (MO #529) of Portland, Oregon, is a retired attorney. *Ancestor:* Nimrod Newman of was a fifer, serving under Col. William Byrd, in the Old Virginia Regiment of Virginia Colonial Militia in the French and Indian War.

Lawrence Allen Reed (MO #530) of St. Louis assists people with commercial real estate investments. *Ancestor:* John Price of Henrico County, Virginia, was a Virginia soldier and served as a member of the Convention of 1625.

James Reid Morrison (MO #531) of Rogers, Arkansas, is a director of finance. *Ancestor:* Henry Middleton of Goose Creek, South Carolina, was a Lieutenant of Horse and Member of the House of Commons (1742).

James Reid Morrison, Jr. (MO #532) of Daytona Beach, Florida, is a commercial pilot. *Ancestor:* Henry Middleton of Goose Creek, South Carolina, was a Lieutenant of Horse and Member of the House of Commons (1742).

Clyde Lance Doss (MO #533) of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is a special education teacher. *Ancestor:* John Wood of Virginia was a private and "cow driver" in Capt. Thomas Buford's Company of Bedford County Rifle Company of (Virginia) Volunteers during Lord Dunmore's War (1774).

James Franklin "Jimmy" Loomis (MO #534) of St. Louis is a Desk Officer with the U. S. Department of State and currently stationed overseas. *Ancestor:* John Hardin was a lieutenant and captain of Militia during the French and Indian War (1754-58).

Supplemental applications

Sumner Gary Hunnewell of Arnold. *Ancestor:* Jonathan Dyer was a selectman in Truro, Massachusetts (1751). *Ancestor:* Samuel Dyer was a Conservator of the peace "at and about Narragansett and Acquidneesett, in the King's Province" (1669). *Ancestor:* Edward Hutchinson was a junior sergeant (1641), lieutenant (1654), and captain (1657) of the Military Company of the Massachusetts; deputy for Boston in the Massachusetts council (1658); captain during the King Philip's War (1675). *Ancestor:* William Hutchinson was a deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts (1635). *Ancestor:* John Mariner was a centinel in Capt. Robert Temple's Co. (1722); centinel in Capt. Jeremiah Moulton's Co. (1724-25). *Ancestor:* Joseph Vaughn was a selectman of Middleborough, Massachusetts (1689-1714); militia ensign (1706), lieutenant (1712), and captain (1716).

Gary Roger Neal of Cockeysville, Maryland, is a Master Planner. *Ancestor:* John Bezer was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly (1682-83).

Officers of the Society

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Hon. Douglas Reed Niermeyer (1965-2023)

Governor Hunnewell was asked to give remarks at Past Governor Douglas Niermeyer's funeral by Douglas's wife, Irene. A portion is reprinted here.

I am not sure when and where I first met Doug. By the time I did, his participation in hereditary societies was a bit thin. "Life got in the way," as they say. But I would come to learn that he was very active in leadership before I came onto the scene.

Doug had some impressive ancestors that he could hang his hat on. Like many of us in the hereditary world, his genealogical information will, more and more as time goes by, be gathered up, digitized and made available for future generations. Just as we rely on many of those printed genealogies from a hundred years ago, the body of knowledge coming from our various applications, like Doug's, and mine, and yours will be invaluable.

When Doug joined the Society of Colonial Wars, he used his ancestor Governor John Anderson of New Jersey. Anderson was a Scot. (Doug would have known and appreciated that.) He was a ship's captain, who rescued other Scots who survived a failed colonization effort in Panama. He became a colonel in the militia and became acting governor of the state for a short 18 days before his death.

Doug became very active with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri. He was its governor from 2001-2007. Six years is a long time to be the leader of any state organization and Doug was certainly an outsider to the tightly-knit group. He kept things moving along (although the records I have of the Society are skimpy during this period). He had meetings and outings to plan as well as events at the St. Louis Country Club. In 2002, he published a newsletter which told about his trip to the General Court in Philadelphia. He really enjoyed the impressive national events. He and Irene traveled to Palm Beach in 2019 and then earlier this Spring to Delaware to attend the court. He was honored in Delaware as our state's representative during the flag ceremony. You are front and center here as your name and your state's society is called amid a fanfare. You march in alongside a flag bearer. I am glad that Doug had the opportunity to be honored that way.

Doug was proud to be a member of the Society of the Cincinnati as well. He was very active to try to get "one Society of Friends" together here in the hinterlands. (The East Coast is usually where all of the action is.) I expect others will carry that desire further. One legacy that he leaves to you, Irene, is those same cordial affections that every member of the Cincinnati share. When the Society was formed at Major General Baron de Steuben's Quarters in 1783, provisions were made for the care of widows and orphans. Don't forget that.

Although Doug was an SOB, a Son of Both Union and Confederate ancestry, he rose to lead the Missouri Commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (or MOLLUS). As the 55th Commander-in-Chief from 2003-2005, he would have administrative and travel duties to perform. He was an expert on the Revolutionary War cannons that MOLLUS purchased in 1897 and placed in Lafayette Square. When the Daughters of the American Revolution hold their Washington Birthday ceremonies at Lafayette Square, as MOLLUS's representative, he would often be called on to explain the history of the cannons. Doug was also a member of the Wilhelmi Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was a busy guy.

Doug appreciated the company of fellow genealogists, historians, and people in general. He was a clearinghouse of information of local events, which he shared with us on every occasion.

But above all these temporal laurels, what was important for him and for us is trust in the work of Jesus Christ – to win us salvation and eternal life. It will be good to see him again.



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