



*Commemoration of the
245th Anniversary of
The Battle of Fort San Carlos
at St. Louis, May 26, 1780.*

Memorial Cemetery Grave Marking
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri

A National Society Sons of the
American Revolution Program

May 25, 2025, 1 p.m.





Welcome

Steven Biggs, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution
(MOSSAR) President

Prayer

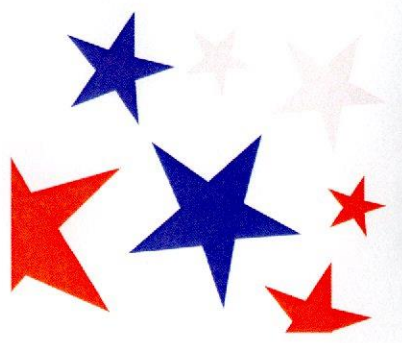
James Osbourn, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
(NSSAR) South Central District Vice President General

Star Spangled Banner

Gene Henry, MOSSAR Martin Warren Chapter
MOSSAR National Trustee

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Lawrence, MOSSAR Ozark Mountain Chapter
MOSSAR Executive Vice President



2025 Honored Patriots

Lardner Clark

Biography Read by:

Matthew Toeniskoetter, MOSSAR Allen Laws Oliver Chapter
MOSSAR 2nd Vice President

After the war, Lardner Clark was a merchant in Philadelphia. He eventually moved to Nashville, TN, where he became one of the first merchants in that city. Around 1798, he relocated to Kaskaskia, an American town just across the Mississippi River from Ste. Genevieve.

Lardner Clark has previously been recognized as a Patriot by the Daughters of the American Revolution (Patriot # A203127.) Lardner Clark died in February 1801, on the Saline River near Ste. Genevieve, then in Spanish controlled Upper Louisiana. He was buried on February 18th in the cemetery of the Parish of Ste. Genevieve, now called Memorial Cemetery. There is no tombstone to mark his gravesite.

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Jean Baptiste Janis

Biography Read by:

Dr. Brad Frazier, MOSSAR Ozark Patriots Chapter

Jean Baptiste Janis was born September 17, 1759, in Kaskaskia, then part of New France. His father, Nicolas Janis, was captain of the first company under Commandant Richard Winston. His son, Jean Baptiste, served as an ensign in the 2nd Company under the command of Captain Joseph Duplassy. Nicholas Calliot dit LaChance, a 2023 honored Ste. Genevieve patriot, also served in this same company.

In 1781, Jean Baptiste married Marie Reine Barbeau, the daughter of the Captain of the Militia at Prairie du Rocher. After 1794, Jean Baptiste Janis moved across the Mississippi to the then Spanish-controlled District of Ste. Genevieve in Upper Louisiana. His property was located along present-day St. Marys Road facing Le Grand Champ.

Jean Baptiste Janis was buried on October 22, 1836, in an unmarked grave in Ste. Genevieve's Memorial Cemetery.

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John Dodge

Biography Read by:

John Bedell, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
MOSSAR Treasurer

John Dodge, born July 12, 1751, in Colchester, Connecticut. He came west as a trader in 1770 and settled at the Wyandot villages near Sandusky, OH, where he acquired influence over the Natives. At the outbreak of the Revolution, he sympathized with the States and was influential in securing Native neutrality. By request, he attended the Pittsburgh Treaty of 1775. Early in 1776, he was arrested by Governor Hamilton and imprisoned first in Detroit and then in Quebec. He escaped in 1778 and called on Jefferson who appointed him commissioner of Indian affairs in the Illinois Country. He also served as an Agent for the State of Virginia at Fort Jefferson by the mouth of the Ohio River. By 1782, he held the fort that dominated Kaskaskia and was listed as a Captain of the Infantry. Around 1787, he moved to the Ste. Genevieve on the Spanish side of the Mississippi where he resided until his death.

John Dodge was the brother of Israel Dodge, an American Patriot honored at the 2024 Remembrance Day. Dodge was buried in Ste. Genevieve's Memorial Cemetery on April 18, 1795. No tombstone marks his gravesite.

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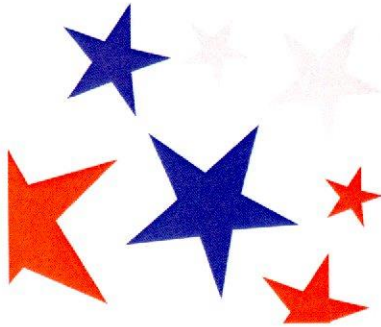
Jean Baptiste Bequette

Biography Read by:

Keith Morris, MOSSAR Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Jean Baptiste Bequette was born circa 1751 at Cahokia, Pays du Illinois Country in Nouvelle France. Jean Baptiste was listed on the November 1779 roster of the Ste. Genevieve Milice as born in the Illinois Country and a habitant (farmer) by occupation. Bequette answered the call to arms as one of the sixty miliciens who went from Ste. Genevieve to St. Louis and helped successfully defend that village on May 26, 1780, against the British attack known as the Battle of Fort San Carlos. He remained in St. Louis until the contingent returned to Ste. Genevieve in September 1780. Jean Baptiste Bequette died at Ste. Genevieve at the age of 66 and was buried on April 11, 1817, in Memorial Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

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Joseph Vital St. Gemme dit Bauvais

Biography Read by:

Doug Anderson, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
MOSSAR 1st Vice President

Joseph Vital St. Gemme dit Bauvais, more commonly known as Vital St. Gemme Bauvais was born in 1738 at Kaskaskia, New France, to Jean Baptist Beauvais and Marie Louise LaCroix, both born in Montreal, New France. In 1775, Vital married Mone Felicite Janis, daughter of Patriot Nicholas Janis (DAR #A061745).

After the American George Rogers Clark captured Kaskaskia on July 4, 1778, Vital Bauvais, a French descended British resident of Kaskaskia, furnished flour to George Rogers Clark and his Virginian Army. Bauvais furnished 5000 pounds of flour (approximately 10% of all the flour furnished.) He is recognized as a Patriot of the American Revolution for his support of George Rogers Clark and his troops during the Revolutionary conflict in the West.

Bauvais moved across the Mississippi to Ste. Genevieve after 1786, after having served as a magistrate, judge, and syndic of the fence at Kaskaskia. Vital St. Gemme dit Bauvais died Nov. 9, 1816, at Ste. Genevieve and was buried in Memorial Cemetery in a grave marked with a tombstone. Vital Bauvais has previously been recognized as a Patriot by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a Patriot (DAR #A008221).

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Why We Remember

Robert Mueller, Past President, Foundation for
Restoration of Ste. Genevieve

Musket Salutes

NSSAR Color Guard

Led by Steve Perkins, MOSSAR Ozark Mountain Chapter
MOSSAR Color Guard Commander

Ste. Genevieve Milice

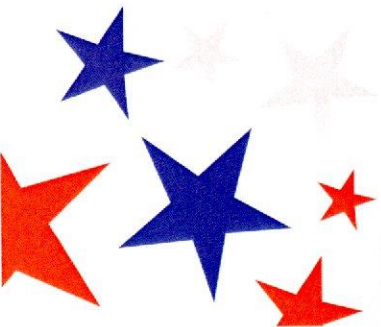
Led by Captain Bill McKnight

Mourn Arms and Dismiss Color Guard

Led by K.S. Collins, NSSAR Commander

Benediction

James Osbourn, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
NSSAR South Central District Vice President General



America the Beautiful

Gene Henry, MOSSAR Martin Warren Chapter
MOSSAR National Trustee

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

Photo Opportunity with Wreaths

March to The Orris theater for program
continuation

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Margaret Carr, President, Fort San Carlos Society

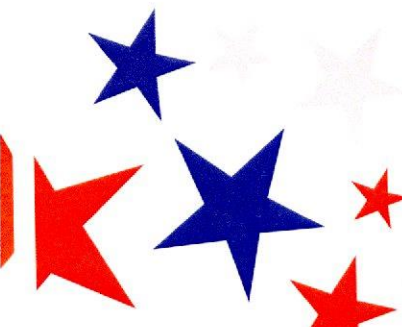
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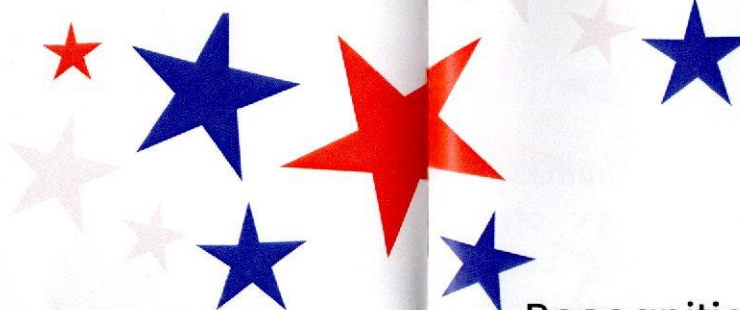
Led by Wayne Davis, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter

SAR Pledge

John Bedell, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
MOSSAR Treasurer

*We, descendants of the heroes of
the American Revolution who,
by their sacrifices, established
the United States of America,
reaffirm our faith in the
principles of liberty and our
Constitutional Republic, and
solemnly pledge ourselves to
defend them against every foe.*

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The Star-Spangled Banner

Sung by Pam Davis, Nancy Greene, Carol Howard and
Marsha Pearson

Posting of the Colors

Led by Steve Perkins, MOSSAR Ozark Mountain Chapter
MOSSAR Color Guard Commander

Remarks

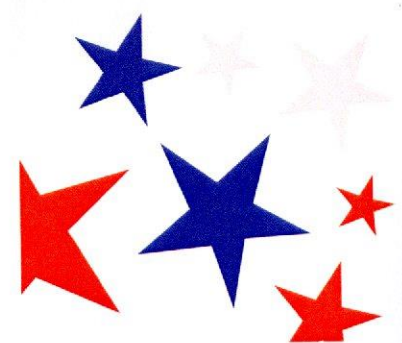
Geoff Giglierano, Executive Director, French Colonial
America, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri

Memorial Rose Ceremony

DAR Ladies and SAR Gentlemen

Amazing Grace

Led by Wayne Davis, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter



Recognition, Descendants Present Today of those who fought May 26, 1780

God Bless America

Gene Henry, MOSSAR Martin Warren Chapter
MOSSAR National Trustee

Announcements and Awards

Steven Biggs, MOSSAR Spirit of St. Louis Chapter,
MOSSAR President, and
Margaret Carr, President, Fort San Carlos Society

Recessional and Retrieval of Colors

NSSAR Color Guard

*Until we meet again, let us remember
our obligations to our forefathers,
who gave us our Constitution, the Bill
of Rights, an independent Supreme
Court, and a Nation of Free Men.*

List of the 22 Dead at the Battle

Juan Colman (From Germany per 1776 census) • **Thomas** (Possibly Thomas Tyler, a farmer from America; or Thomas Blondeau, a trader from Canada per 1776 census) • **Otro que se haio** (Means "another who was there.") • **Ignacio Larrosa** (Ignace Laroche from Fort Chartres per 1776 census and 1779 St. Louis cavalry militia list) • **San Juan** (St. Jean, possibly Paul St. Jean, a member of the Ste. Genevieve militia and originally from Canada per 1779 Ste. Genevieve militia list; or St. Jean, member of the St. Louis militia per the 1779 St. Louis infantry militia list) • **San Jorje** (Member of the St. Louis militia per the 1779 St. Louis infantry militia list) • **Vizete** (Charles Bisette, a merchant from Canada; or Carlos Bizet, a farmer from Canada per 1776 census and 1779 St. Louis cavalry militia list) • **Calbe hijo (son)** (A son of Joseph or Antonio Calve, both of whom have a son; local legend says it was Joseph Calve, Jr., also in 1779 St. Louis militia list) • **Pedro de Hetre** (Possibly Pierre Deshetres, Pierre Picote Belestre per McDermott) • **Daban Cur** (Dubancour Barsalau, rower from Canada per 1779 St. Louis infantry militia list) • **Francisco Huber** (Francois Herbert, a farmer from Fort Chartres per 1776 census; or Francisco Herbert, a hunter from Illinois per 1779 St. Louis infantry militia list) • **Gladie** (Pierre Gladu, farmer from Canada per 1776 census) • **Amable Guion** (1779 St. Louis infantry militia list) • **Rel** (Antoine Reihle, merchant from France per 1776 census) • **Jean Marie Cardinal** (On the prisoner list, but died trying to escape) • **A slave of A. la Pierre** • **Two slaves of Serre** (Slaves of Gabriel Cerre) • **A slave of Madame Chouteau** • **A slave of Bonete** • **A slave of Luis San Selier** (A slave of Louis Chancellier) • **A slave of Pierre Picote de Belestre**



The Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution wish to express thanks to all of you in attendance today as well as the following organizations who participated:

- NSSAR and NSDAR members from across the United States of America
- Ste. Genevieve Milice
- Commemoration Committee for the Battle
- Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve