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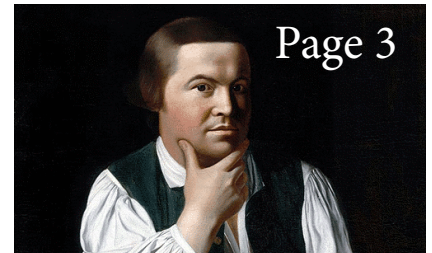
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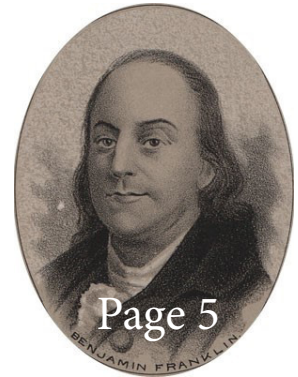
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MEMBERS

Please notify chapter registrar Steve Perkins Patriotmarcher @ fastmail .com of any recent or anticipated change to contact information: address, phone, e-mail



The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

On the Cover
Compatriot's participated in the Branson Landing July 4 Celebration.



Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Harold Egelston.
Editor: Daniel Piedlow



The President's Message

By President J. Howard Fisk

Greetings, my fellow Compatriots.

As we struggle through the heat of summer I am relieved that we don't have many outdoor activities on the schedule that will test our will and our health. Several of our SAR family are currently undergoing serious treatment for major illness. Most of our illness is age related, however some is not, please keep everyone in your heart as we burn though July and August. Our August meeting is at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park. Jeff Patrick, Curator of the library is our host at the Visitor Center Library with a personal tour of the largest collection of Civil War print material west of the Mississippi River. Our meeting is on the third Saturday, August 16 at 9:30 AM in the library, which you will find at the south end of the Visitor Center. This is a free event and I encourage everyone to attend. This is a free event and promises to be a unique event for all who attend.

J, Howard Fisk, President
Minuteman

Minutes of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

July 19, 2025

9:30 A.M. to 10:35 A.M.

Recorded by Don King, Secetary

16 Members and 9 Guests were present

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President J Howard Fisk

Chaplain Dan Philbrick gave the Invocation

Ben Edmonson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

George Swales led the Pledge to the SAR

Keith Jones introduced our Featured speaker, Tim Ritter, who spoke on Leadership lessons of the American Revolution.

Jeffrey Hicks and Gerry Gerhart were inducted into membership of the Ozark Mountain Chapter

President Fisk referred the membership to the news-

letter, where a copy of the minutes of the last meeting was transcribed, and asked if there were any additions or corrections. having none presented, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ben Edmonson presented his report as follows:

From the Period June 20, 2025, to July 18, 2025

\$20.00 of income was received through new application fees.

There were no expenses

Resulting in a net income of \$20.00

Ending Balance

\$5474.91

2nd Quarter

CFO Beginning Balance

\$10,460.35

CFO Income

\$123.40

CFO Withdrawals

\$(26.23)

CFO Balance

\$10,557.52

Total Funds

\$16,032.43

President Fisk asked the treasurer if any checks had been received today

Treasurer Edmonson reported as follows:

2 checks were received for the special project: Plaque for the Greene County Courthouse

1 check with no specific designation

1 check for public service medals and medals in general

President Fisk elaborated on the checks as follows:

We sent out an email reminding everyone that, based on what we spend and the officers do not spend anything. Based on what the chapter spends on as far as medals that we award, prizes for students, plaques and medallions, and other awards and commemorations, we spend more than we receive. It is the sentiment of the chapter that we need to continue with these grants for young people and the kind of charitable work that we do and the remembrance of our patriot ancestors, that we continue to fund these activities

Take, for example, the courthouse plaque, it is a bronze

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plaque that will be presented at the state convention that we are hosting in April 2026. It will have I believe, 32 is the number of patriots buried in Greene County, Missouri, which at the time also included Christian as part of Greene

The Greene County Archives determined the number. The plaque will be presented for permanent display in the Greene County Courthouse.

The Color Guard report was presented by Compatriot Steve Perkins as follows:

August is notoriously a slow month, and as such, there is not much on the agenda; we have very little going on the remainder of this month and through August. The end of August, there is an event that is still being worked out that some of the color guard may participate in If history is any guide, things should pick up in September

The Registrar/Genealogy report was presented by compatriot Perkins as follows:

Stats for Genealogy are as follows;

Of 37 applicants, 20 have been submitted to the National, 14 others are in various stages of research or review, and three are awaiting return with signature and money. Total Membership 125

President Fisk led the Recessional

Chaplain Philbrick gave the Benediction

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Surgeon's Report

Asian Needle Ants

July 29, 2025

The Asian Needle Ant (*Brachyponera Chinensis*) is a non-aggressive, carnivorous species characterized by its slender form and a body that ranges from dark brown to black, with the tips of its antennae and legs exhibiting a light orange-brown hue. Originally from East Asia, this species has been established in the United States since 1932. Climate change has enabled their expansion into the northern territories.

The painful sting of the Asian Needle Ant contains venom, which can trigger severe allergic reactions, including life-threatening anaphylaxis, particularly in individuals who are allergic to bee stings. The intense pain at the sting site may persist for several hours, with reports of pain radiating from the affected area.

Their peak activity season spans from June to September, and these insidious ants tend to nest under mulch, pavers, and in landscape timbers. The arrival of Asian Needle Ants leads to the decimation of beneficial indigenous ant populations, subsequently resulting in detrimental alterations to our ecosystem. Currently, 20 states, including Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee, have reported the presence of this invasive species. Entomologist, Emily Althoff, at the University of Missouri, is concerned that the Asian Needle Ant will soon be in Missouri.

Symptoms from a sting commence with skin redness and may manifest as mild to severe hives. In rare cases, more severe side effects include hypertension, airway constriction (wheezing), swollen tongue or throat, rapid heartbeat, dizziness, fainting, and psychological symptoms such as a sense of impending doom.

Unlike indigenous ants, which often travel in organized trails, the Asian Needle Ant is primarily solitary, making their detection significantly more challenging.

Prevention involves reducing or eliminating areas of excessive moisture around the house.

If you have a sting, it is best to leave the vicinity as soon as possible to avoid further stings. Clean the sting site with soap and water, apply ice to alleviate swelling, and consider taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Ibuprofen or Naproxen, for relief of inflammation and pain management.

Birthday's

Branden George	7-1
Jason Stewart	7-1
Grant Knowlton	7-2
Curtis Trent	7-4
Flavian Leavitt	7-6
Joseph Walker	7-12
Ryan Wade	7-19
Daniel McMurray	7-20
Charles McMillan	7-25
Dale Brake	7-30

The most effective method for controlling the Asian Needle Ant population is to utilize a protein-based insecticide, which may not eradicate them, but can help manage their presence.

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mel McNeal

Missouri State Surgeon

General Society War of 1812



New Medal now available! A medal for the Battle of Fort San Carlos is now available from Compatriot J Howard Fisk. They cost \$35.00 and you must participate in the events in Ste. Genevieve.

People Who Made America Great

Paul Revere



Paul Revere (1735–1818) – A silversmith and patriot, Paul Revere became a national legend for his midnight ride to warn of the British advance on Lexington and Concord. A member of the Sons of Liberty, he used his skills in engraving and metalwork to spread pro-independence imagery. Revere also served as a courier for the revolution and helped organize early warning systems. Though his ride was dramatized by Longfellow, his real-life efforts were crucial in the fight for independence.

The real story of Revere's midnight ride is even more dramatic than the poem. That night, Revere was tasked with warning Samuel Adams and John Hancock that British troops were marching toward Lexington. He rode through the countryside shouting, "The Regulars are coming out!" Along the way, he was joined by William Dawes and later Dr. Samuel Prescott. While Revere was captured by a British patrol, he cleverly misled them and was eventually released—though without his horse. Despite being detained, his warning reached its destination, helping patriots prepare for the battles at Lexington and Concord. His bravery and speed helped spark the armed rebellion that led to American independence.

Profiles of Valor: The Independence Day Medals



Since the “shots heard ‘round the world,” generations of American Patriots have defended Liberty.

by Mark Alexander

The birth of American Liberty and the Republic to sustain it began with the shots fired on the first Patriots’ Day, April 19, 1775, at Lexington and Concord. That opening volley of the Revolutionary War was fired against occupying Royal soldiers who had been sent to confiscate arms from the people.

Our Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776, at great peril to the signers, listed the justifications for the Revolutionary War, further asserting that the “Rights of Man” were endowed by our Creator, not by the state.

Since those first “shots heard ‘round the world,” generations of American Patriots have defended Liberty on many fronts.

Among them are 3,517 Medal of Honor recipients. Only 61 of them are living today. The records of all recipients is maintained by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and for membership, all you need is a Medal of Honor.

The Society published a record of the six recipients who have two things in common: Charles Capeheart, Marcus Hanna, Thomas Pope, William Nakamura, Frank Ono, and Leroy Mendonca all served in the U.S. Army, and their Medals of Honor were for actions on Independence Day.

In chronological order, here is a brief outline of those actions.

Charles E. Capeheart was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. On Independence Day, 1863, he went beyond the call of duty when he charged down a mountainside at

midnight through heavy rain to capture the enemy’s fleeing wagon train. His attack resulted in his men destroying many enemy wagons and taking in soldiers as captives. You can read his MoH citation [here](#).

Marcus A. Hanna also served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. He too was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on July 4, 1863, during a battle in Port Hudson, Louisiana. Hanna displayed selfless service when he voluntarily exposed himself to heavy fire to get water for his comrades who were in rifle pits. You can read his MoH citation [here](#).

On Independence Day in 1918, Thomas A. Pope was serving in the U.S. Army during World War I. He was positioned in Hamel, France, when his company was halted by hostile machine-gun fire. Pope decided to move forward alone and rushed a machine-gun nest. He was successful in his efforts and continued to hold off other enemy personnel until reinforcements arrived and captured them. You can read his MoH citation [here](#).

On July 4, 1944, William Kenzo Nakamura showed extreme courage and bravery during an intense fight near Castellina, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Nakamura crawled and approached the hostile nest and was successful in silencing the enemy’s engagement. As a result of his actions, his platoon was able to continue their advance. Later on in the day, his company was ordered to withdraw from their position. Nakamura insisted on covering the withdrawal and sacrificed his life for the safety of his comrades. For these two heroic actions, he was awarded the Medal of Honor on June 21, 2000. You can read his MoH citation [here](#).

Frank H. Ono was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the U.S. Army and the selfless actions he took on Independence Day in 1944. When his platoon was in danger of being encircled and was ordered to withdraw, Private First Class Ono volunteered to cover it. With complete disregard for his own safety, he made himself a target of enemy fire until his platoon could reach safety. When the task was successfully completed, he descended the hill in various stages until he was able to rejoin his comrades. You can read his MoH citation [here](#).

On July 4, 1951, Leroy A. Mendonca went beyond the call of duty during his service in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His platoon, in an intense battle, had captured Hill 586 and were in their newly won position

when they were attacked by a superior enemy force. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw to a secondary line of defense, Mendonca stayed behind and remained in an exposed position to cover the platoon. He bravely battled off the enemy until he was mortally wounded. His actions stalled the assault and ultimately protected his platoon's movement to the secondary line of defense. You can read his MoH citation here.

Each of these recipients exhibited uncommon valor — humble American Patriots defending Liberty for all above and beyond the call of duty, and in disregard for the peril to their own lives. "Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Footnote: The most recent Medal of Honor recipient was a fellow Chattanooga and longtime friend, CPT Larry Taylor. His award was presented on September 5, 2023.

July 3, 2024, the families of two long-overdue recipients will receive Medals of Honor on behalf of their Civil War Veteran ancestors, PVT Philip Shadrach and PVT George Wilson. Both men were with the 2nd Ohio Voluntary Infantry Regiment and the last two remaining members of Andrews' Raiders, who had yet to be recognized for their valorous service. As you may recall, the actions of Andrews' Raiders in 1862 resulted in the first Medal of Honor awards in our nation's history. Their daring mission is memorialized at the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the Birthplace of the Medal of Honor.

Semper Vigilans Fortis Paratus et Fidelis

Pro Deo et Libertate — 1776

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Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Benjamin Franklin

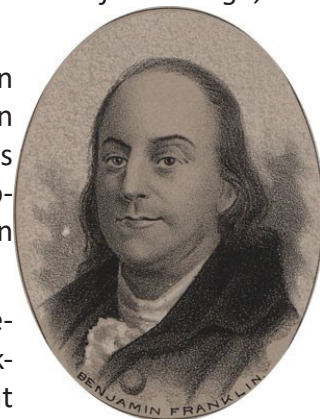
January 17, 1706- April 17, 1790

Birthplace: Boston, Ma.

Representing Pennsylvania at the Continental Congress

Education: Self-taught, apprenticed as a printer. Honorary Doctor of Laws, Universities of Edinburgh, and Oxford.

Benjamin Franklin, born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 17, 1706, may by his life alone be the most profound statement of what an American strives to be.



With no formal education beyond the age of 10 years, Franklin was celebrated throughout Europe, welcomed in any Royal Court, and sought out by every prestigious society. Indeed, when the reputations of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson had yet to be sorted out, Franklin was worshipped wherever his name was known.

He attended grammar school at age eight but was put to work at ten. He apprenticed as a printer to his brother James, who printed the New England Courant, at age twelve, and published his first article there, anonymously, in 1721. Young Benjamin was an avid reader, inquisitive and skeptical. Through his satirical articles, he poked fun at the people of Boston and soon wore out his welcome, both with his brother and with the city. He ran away to New York and then on to Philadelphia at the age of 16, looking for work as a printer. He managed a commission to Europe for the purpose of buying supplies to establish a new printing house in Philadelphia but found himself abandoned when he stepped off the ship. Through hard work and frugality, he bought his fare back to Philadelphia in 1732 and set up shop as a printer. He was appointed clerk of the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1736 and as Postmaster the following year. In 1741 he began publishing Poor Richard's Almanac, a very popular and influential magazine. He was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1751 and served as an agent for Pennsylvania (and ultimately for three other colonies) to England, France,

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and several other European powers. He was elected to the Continental Congress in 1775, where he played a crucial role in the rebellion against Great Britain, including service to Jefferson in editing the Declaration of Independence. Franklin, who was by this time independently wealthy and retired from publishing, continued to serve an important role in government both local and national. He was the United States' first Postmaster General, Minister to the French Court, Treaty agent and signer to the peace with Great Britain, Celebrated Member of the Constitutional Convention (See Work, above). Benjamin Franklin: Businessman, Writer, Publisher, Scientist, Diplomat, Legislator, and Social activist, was one of the earliest and strongest advocates for the abolition of Slavery, and for the protection of the rights of American aboriginal peoples. He died on the 17th of April in 1790. On that day he was still one of the most celebrated characters in America. So should he always be.



Wednesday, September 17
Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor: A Case Study
(Program)

10:00 am

The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO and Zoom

Through a case study, the life of a Revolutionary War soldier is followed from before the war, through the records created by his service during and after the war. There is more to Revolutionary War research than the compiled military service record and the pension. Presented through Zoom by Craig Scott, Certified Genealogist®. Craig will be presenting via Zoom.



Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.

Important Dates in History

July 1, 1776: At the instigation of British agents, the Cherokee attack along the entire southern frontier

July 1–4, 1776: Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence

July 3, 1775: George Washington assumes command of the Army outside Boston

July 4, 1776: Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence

July 4, 1778: George Rogers Clark captures Kaskaskia, in modern Illinois

July 5, 1775: Olive Branch Petition

July 5, 1777: British capture Fort Mifflin

July 6, 1781: "Mad" Anthony Wayne repulsed at Green Springs Farm, VA

July 8, 1779: Fairfield, CT, burned by British

July 11, 1779: Norwalk, CT, burned by British

July 11, 1780: French troops arrive at Newport, RI, to aid the American cause

July 11, 1782: British evacuate Savannah, GA

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July 15–16, 1779: American "Mad" Anthony Wayne captures Stony Point, NY

July 15, 1776: Lyndley's Fort, SC, Patriots fend off attack by Indians and Tories dressed as Indians

July 27, 1777: Lafayette arrives in Philadelphia

This Day in History

July 6, 1885

Louis Pasteur successfully tests his rabies vaccine on a human patient, a major medical milestone. This leads to life-saving vaccines and influences vaccine development worldwide, including in the U.S.

July 8, 1777

Vermont abolishes slavery, becoming the first U.S. territory to do so. This action sets a precedent for abolitionist movements in the northern states.

July 11, 1804

Vice President Aaron Burr fatally wounds Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers, succumbs to his injuries the following day, significantly impacting U.S. politics.

July 12, 1862

President Abraham Lincoln signs a law authorizing the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration. This award is intended to recognize exceptional acts of bravery during wartime.

July 20, 1969

Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans to walk on the moon. Armstrong's famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," are broadcast worldwide.

July 23, 1903

The Ford Motor Company sells its first car, marking a milestone in American industry. Henry Ford's innovations in automobile manufacturing will soon transform transportation.

July 31, 1790

The first U.S. patent is issued to Samuel Hopkins for a method of producing potash, a key ingredient in fertilizer. This patent system fosters American innovation and economic growth.

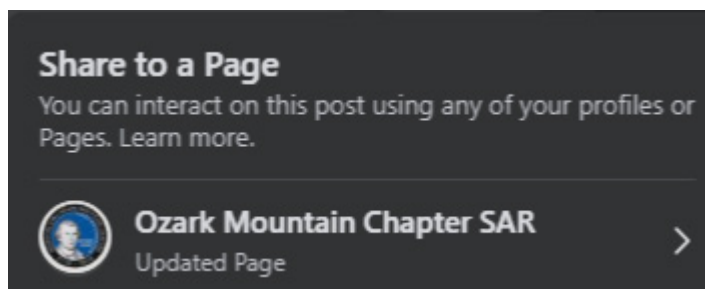
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Awards and Events



On July 3rd, members of the OMC Colorguard presented Colors, while Kristin Ward sang the National Anthem at the Branson Landing "Light Up for Liberty" event. Colorguard members are, Daniel Piedlow (L), Cris Brayman (Flag), and Steve Perkins (R).



OMC Colorguard member Steve Perkins foring a volly at the beginning of the Meadowmere Parade on July 4.



On July 4th, members of the OMC Colorguard presented Colors at the parade on Meadowmere St. in Springfield. Colorguard members are Joe Walker (L), and Steve Perkins (R).

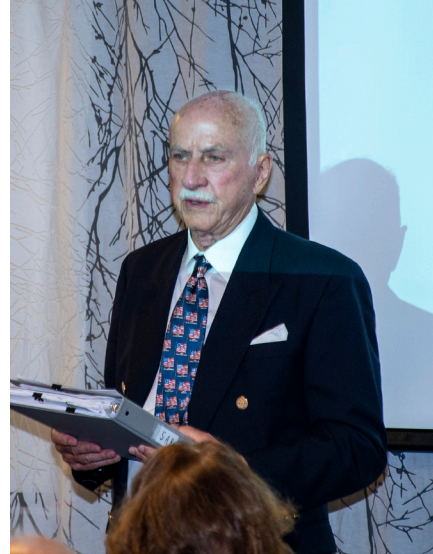


At the July 19 OMC Monthly Meeting, guest speaker Tim Ritter, spoke about "Leadership Lessons of the American Revolution."

Awards and Events



OMC Compatriot Jeffery Hicks, with his wife, and his sponsor Steve Perkins after being sworn into our society.



New OMC Compatriot Jerry Gephardt talks about his Patriot Ancestor.



OMC Compatriot Jerry Gephardt, with his wife, being sworn into our society. Compatriot Steve Perkins was his sponsor.



Members of the Missouri Society at the 135th National Conference in Uncasville, Ct. OMC members are, Ken Lawrence (far left), and Gerald McCoy (far right).



OMC Compatriot Steve Perkins presenting a Flag Certificate to Shannon and Susan Haralson from Ozark.

Upcoming Events



On Wednesday, August 13, at 9:00 PM, there is an Honor Flight returning to Springfield Airport. Everyone is welcome to attend as we welcome our nation's heroes home.



On Saturday, August 16, at 9:30 AM, the OMC will be having a field trip to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The address is: 5242 S. State Hwy ZZ, Republic, MO 65738. Please join us for an information-filled morning.



On Friday and Saturday, August 22-23, starting at 3:00 PM, the South Central District SAR Annual Meeting will be held in Owasso, Oklahoma. You must register to attend. Information is on pages 11 and 12.



On Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 PM, the OMC will be having its monthly Chapter Development Committee meeting at Steve Perkins home. All are welcome to attend. If you need Steve's address, contact him.



On Saturday, September 20, at 9:30 AM, the monthly meeting for the OMC will be at the Ozarks Technical College, in the Artium. The address is: 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.



On Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 PM, the OMC will be having its monthly Chapter Development Committee meeting at Steve Perkins home. All are welcome to attend. If you need Steve's address, contact him.



South Central District Annual Meeting

Friday Afternoon, August 22nd and Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Hosted in Owasso, Oklahoma

- Plan to arrive before 3 pm and get your credentials at the Hotel
- Attend the Candidates Forum and dinner at the Folds of Honor HQ
- Saturday: Breakfast, Dedication Ceremony and SCD Business Meeting on Saturday at the Folds of Honor HQ

Please use the link below to make your room reservation at the Hampton Inn & Suites Tulsa North/Owasso. Once on the site, pick which room set up you would like (Single King or Double Queen), SAR room rate is built in. Complete the booking by populating your info and payment. Parking is free.

[Available Rooms - Hampton Inn & Suites Tulsa North/Owasso](#)

Make your plans and book your room now. Registration packets will be sent out in June for the SCD Festivities. I hope to see you all at the Uncasville Congress at the Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino.





2025 South Central District Annual Conference Registration

August 22 – 23, 2025

Folds of Honor HQ
5971 N Patriot Dr, Owasso OK 74055

Folds of Honor

Name		Society/ Chapter	
Title/Office		Phone	
Address		Email	
City, State, Zip			
Guest Name		Title	
Conference		Cost	Attendee # Total
Compatriot Registration Fee		\$25	\$
Dinner		Cost	Attendee # Total
Friday Evening	Folds of Honor CAVU Room, 3 rd Floor		\$
	Cash Bar	\$55	
	Dinner Buffet: Braised Beef Short Rib, Chicken Picatta, Mashed Potatoes, Broccolini & Dessert		
Breakfast		Cost	Attendee # Total
Saturday Morning	Folds of Honor CAVU Room, 3 rd Floor	\$25	\$
	Breakfast Buffet: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, cheese casserole, potatoes, fruit		
Event Opportunities			
Donations Welcome!	Liberty Tree & 250 th Anniversary Bench		\$
Elevate your District	SCD SAR Lapel Pin	\$10 ea.	qty \$
		Total	\$

Please register with this form by **August 10th**.

Include your check payable to **Oklahoma Society SAR** postdated by the above date.

Send to: Hal Pennington, 19629 East Boulder Drive, Owasso, OK 74055

Questions? Email: philhuntokssar@gmail.com



You are Invited



PVT. JAMES BARHAM
Revolutionary War Patriot
OFFICIAL DAR MARKER
Dedication

Sponsored
by the
Rachel Donelson Chapter
Springfield, Missouri

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 2:00 PM

Mount Pleasant Cemetery
5584 N. Farm Rd. 75, Willard, MO 65781

From AB Highway in Willard, go 4.6 miles west on Highway 160. Then turn left onto Highway UU (south) and go 0.8 mile to the first left-turning road. Turn east on FR 76 and go ½ mile to the first right-turning road. Turn here (south) on FR 75 and go .6 mile to the cemetery.

Please bring your lawn chairs.