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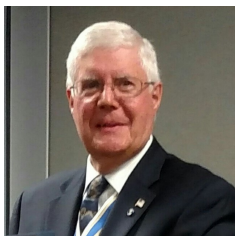
Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message

George Swales



April in the Ozarks is often viewed as a transition month. With showers, snow, and ice ushering in the month, one can only hope warmer, more stable weather is not far behind. The only solace is that we are not alone. In Scotland and Ireland, for example, the jet stream shifts Northward, allowing strong winds, rain, hail, and snow to flow over the land.

April is also a time to remember the emergence of several Revolutionary War period events.

April 12, 1776, saw the passage of the Halifax Resolves. The Resolution adopted by the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina, meeting in Halifax, North Carolina, encouraged delegates to the Continental Congress to push for Independence. The Halifax Resolves was the first official action in the Colonies, calling for Independence from Britain and helped pave the way for the United States Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson, our third President, was born April 13, 1743, in Shadwell, Virginia, and died July 4, 1826, in Charlottesville, Virginia. His service to our Country is well-known and bears reflection. As a Founding Father, Jefferson was principal author of the Declaration of Independence and the young Nation's second Vice President, serving under John Adams. He served as Virginia Representative in the Continental Congress and Virginia's Governor from 1779 to 1781. He became the United States Minister to France and subsequently the Nation's first Secretary of State under President George Washington. Jefferson was a scholar and proponent of democracy, republicanism, and individual rights.

Patriots' Day, April 19, commemorates the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the first battles of the American

Next Chapter Meeting:

May 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108

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Revolutionary War. The Boston Marathon has been run every year since 1897 to mark the holiday. The third Monday in April has been set aside as an official State holiday in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Wisconsin in remembrance of these events.

Like the saying, "In like a lamb; out like a lion" in weather lore, Chapter activity increased throughout April. The month began with ROTC and Missouri Gold Medal presentations at the College of the Ozarks. As the month progressed, ROTC and JROTC; Patriot Day-World War I; WOLF School; History Explorers; and Library Center awards and presentations were made. The annual Missouri Society State Conference, held in St. Charles, MO, this year, wrapped up the month's events.

The month of May promises to be busy as April, if not more so. Thanks for all your efforts and continued support of our many programs and activities, not only in April, but throughout the coming year.



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

The website has many useful areas, including an archive of Patriot Newsletters, chapter committees, patriotic & historic activities, and a calendar of upcoming events.

*See a complete list of
OMCSAR Activities*



Missouri Society Color Guard at the Iron Curtain Speech Ceremony.

Ozark Mountain Chapter *Quarterly Report*



Review the OMCSAR April Chapter Minutes

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Upcoming Events

May 2: Hillcrest High School JROTC Award 1:45 pm

May 3: Missouri State University ROTC Award 3:30 pm

May 7: Wolf School - Daniel & Nathan Boone, the Patriot migration to Missouri • White River Center, 12:30 pm

- Forsythe High School JROTC Award 6:00 pm

May 9: Nixa High School JROTC Award 9:00 am

May 14: Chapter Development Committee
Neighbors Mill, 6:30 p.m.

May 19: Memorial Day Ceremony 8:00 am
Springfield National Cemetery

- Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting 9:00 am



The WOLF School: WOLF is an innovative learning opportunity for 46 fifth-grade students with a special interest in nature and the outdoors. WOLF offers an inquiry-based learning experience which allows students to explore a comprehensive curriculum through the context of environmental sciences and conservation. WOLF is a partnership with the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Bass Pro Shops.

The WOLF School has asked OMCSAR to continue History Explorers the next academic year with 10 sessions

Chapter Events • April 2

Wolf School: William Freeman Patriot & Springfield Pioneer



"Our Patriots" focused on Patriot William Freeman and others who settled in Greene and surrounding counties in the early 1800's. "Our Patriots" are those who are descendants of Revolutionary War Patriots and are buried in Southwest Missouri. Liberty, Freedom, and Patriotism are at the heart of this program, designed to give ownership of America to our youth.

Hearty men and women who came to the new world for freedom and opportunity settled the land we now inhabit. These pioneers were the explorers who first crossed the mountains through the Cumberland Gap, which opened the west across the Mississippi River and explored the new land Lewis and Clark. Our history is rich with the tales of those who fought to keep this country free and open to the experiment of a democratic republic.

"Our Patriots" engages youth in patriotic education, stimulates thought about their past, and strengthens the link they have to those who founded this great nation. The program discussed opportunities for students to assemble their own family tree of pioneers and nation builders. Promoting our Patriot heritage allows us to learn about family members from our past. By working together, we can find links to "Our Patriots" in each community as we discover our claim on America, the country our Patriots fought and died to establish.

Our patriot ancestors gave us a great nation. It is our opportunity and responsibility to save it and care for it for generations to come. Those who are educated about "Our Patriots" will more readily support the earth upon which we dwell.

Teddy Roosevelt said, "We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources. But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forest are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil and the gas are exhausted, when the soils have still further impoverished and washed into the streams, polluting the rivers, denuding the fields and obstructing navigation."

Native Chief Seattle said, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."



Chapter Events • *April 2*

Wolf School: William Freeman Patriot & Springfield Pioneer



Above & Left: Compatriots Steve Perkins and J Howard Fisk answer questions from students after discussing William Freeman and other Springfield Pioneers.

Chapter Events • April 4**ROTC Award Presentation at College of the Ozarks**

Left: Dr Marci Linson, VP for Patriotic Activities and Ken Lawrence, Missouri Society Medals and Awards Chairman with the Missouri Society Gold Medal Award presented to College of the Ozarks for their excellence in fostering a campus of patriotic character.



Above: President George Swales, VP Ken Lawrence, Secretary Dr Norman Knowlton, Photographer Margaret Swales and Past President J Howard Fisk attended the 2018 Awards Assembly to present this Award of Excellence. The reception was held at College of the Ozarks.

Chapter Events • *April 4*

ROTC Award Presentation at College of the Ozarks



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876 ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS

MISSOURI GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION

APRIL 4, 2018

Dr. M. Graham Clark was an educator, who played an integral role in development of the College of the Ozarks. He served as President of College of the Ozarks from 1952 to 1981 and later as President and Chairman of the Board Emeritus until 2001.

Dr. Clark was elected President General of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1974. The M. Graham Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Columbia, Missouri, is named in his honor.

The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honor the College of the Ozarks for participation in the construction of the Official State Vietnam Memorial, placement of a Memorial to Gold Star Families near the entrance to their College Campus, purchasing 500 wreaths for the 2017 "Wreaths Across America (WAA)" program in the National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri, and sending students and staff to participate in "Wreaths Across America" at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Therefor, in appreciation and in recognition of these patriotic efforts, the Missouri Gold Medal is awarded to College of the Ozarks on this, the 4th day of April, 2018.

George S. Swales, President

Ozark Mountain Chapter Missouri Society

Chapter Events • April 13

Thomas Jefferson's 275th Birthday
Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis MO



Above: J Howard Fisk is joined by DC DAR Regent Janet McFarland with the official DAR wreath.



Above: J Howard Fisk and Society of the War of 1812 President General Rick Hollis are shown placing the 1812 Society wreath at the Jefferson Memorial.



Left: J Howard Fisk is shown with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution wreath that was placed at the memorial by Larry Guzy, SAR

Chapter Events • April 19

Patriot Day World War I at Grant Beach Park



Patriots Day is the annual recognition of the beginning of the Revolutionary War with the battles of Lexington and Concord. This was the first blood spilled in battle of the American Revolution. The April 19th clash with the British began a long and costly conflict in terms of life and property.

Those nine Americans who died at Lexington were the first to purchase America's freedom with their lives.

Above: Norman Knowlton, the Honorable Curtis Trent, Dan McMurray, J Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, Steve Perkins, Charles McMillan, and George Swales stand at attention.



Above: World War I Memorial to the young men of Springfield who gave their lives for the cause of liberty.



Above: George Swales and the Honorable Curtis Trent holding the congressional proclamation.

Chapter Events • April 21
Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting



Above: Congressman Curtis Trent represents the 133rd District of Missouri and is a Compatriot of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. He presented OMCSAR President Swales with the House Resolution.



Above: Retired Colonel Will and Dee Carr, served with distinction in the United States Air Force with the Strategic Air Command. Will has been a loyal member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter for many years, holding most officer positions, including that of Genealogist. Will is responsible for helping over 50 applicants become Compatriots of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



Left: Compatriot Lawrence presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to Retired Colonel Dan Murphy, U.S. Army.

Chapter Events • April 24

History Explorers: Battles of Lexington & Concord

The Library Center



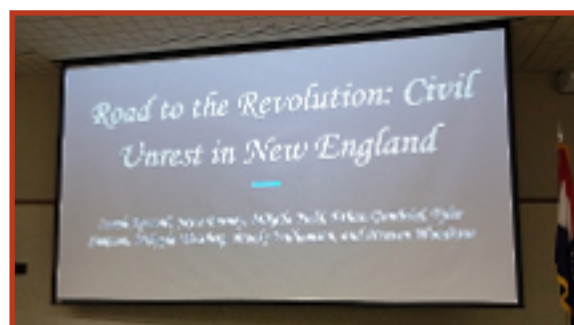
Above: Compatriot J Howard Fisk told of the process of spying on the British by Dr. Joseph Warren and others who set into motion the lighting of the lamp in Old North Church and sounding the alarm by Revere, Daws and Prescott, Compatriot Fisk also told of the British troop movements and the battles on the village green of Lexington and the skirmish at the Concord bridge.



Above: Compatriot McCoy discussed the British retreat and the manner in which the colonists continued to snipe at them and engage them all the way back to Boston.



Above: Compatriot Steve Perkins told of the colonists disharmony throughout the countryside resulting from action of the British.



Chapter Events • *April 24*

History Explorers: Battles of Lexington & Concord The Library Center

Right: The Willard High School History Club discusses the British abuses on the citizens of Boston that caused a surge in unity that would bring about the organizing of the Sons of Liberty and other groups preparing to repel the British from Boston and the Colony of Massachusetts.



Above: L to R Compatriots Knowlton, Lawrence, Fisk, Swales, McMurray, McCoy and Perkins at the Library Center after presenting History Explorers.



Painted depiction of the Old North Bridge at the Battle of Concord.

Chapter Events • *April 26*

Library Center Award Presentation



From L to R: Compatriot Ken Lawrence, John Rutherford, Compatriot George Swales and Brian Grubbs

Brian Grubbs and John Rutherford are employees of the Library Center. John was presented a certificate of recognition for his presentation of historic Springfield during History Explorers.

Brian is a permanent staff liaison for History Explorers and was recognized as our History Explorers Partner for his continuing support of our programs.



Above: Library personnel at the recognition ceremony.

Chapter Events • April 28
 Missouri Society State Conference
 St. Charles, MO



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The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their 128th Annual Conference in St. Charles, Missouri hosted by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter.

Over one hundred attended the event and enjoyed the camaraderie and spirit of the assembled Compatriots.

Right: State Color Guard Commander Wayne Grothe recognized Ken Lawrence of the Ozark Mountain Chapter as Color Guardsman of the Year.



Above: J Howard Fisk, Missouri Society Eagle Scout Recognition Chairman Presents Eagle Scout James Donovan with the Missouri Society Award. President Dennis Hahn presented Eagle Donovan with a cash award.

James Donovan was selected as the SAR National Eagle Scout of the Year and will be traveling to Houston, Texas to present his essay at the SAR National Conference and receiving a \$10,000.00 Eagle Scout Award.

Right: Eagle Scout Donovan is joined by his parents as he receives the Eagle Recognition Award and Certificate of a Recognition.



Chapter Events • April 28
Missouri Society State Conference
St. Charles, MO



Above: Compatriot Charles McMillan Receives a service award from Missouri Society President Dennis Hahn.



Above: George Washington Fellow Russell DeVenney presents membership pins to President George Swales and Secretary Norman Knowlton.



Above: The Ozark Mountain Chapter was the Missouri Society Winner and SAR National competitor. OMC finished in first place and was followed by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and four other chapter finalists.

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Missouri Society State Conference

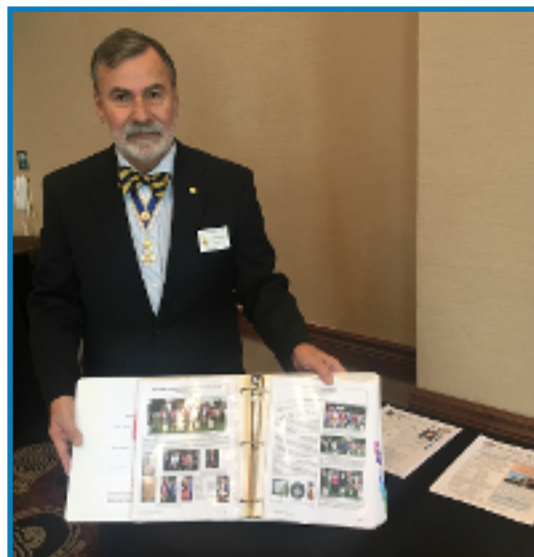
St. Charles, MO



Left: The Ozark Mountain Chapter presented 37 Flag Awards this year coming in a close second to the Fernando de Layba who presented 41. Flag awards are presented to individuals or organizations who support the flag in an appropriate manner.



Above: Dan McMurray and Norman Knowlton discuss the upcoming South Central District Meeting that will be held in Springfield on August 24 & 25, 2018. Dan will be sworn in as Vice President General of the South Central District at the National Conference in Houston, Texas.



Above & Right: George Swales and Howard Fisk during a presentation about the importance of newsletter creation and telling compelling narratives



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Chapter Events

South-Central District, SAR • 2018 Congress

August 24 • Houston, Texas



Compatriot Dan McMurray will be sworn in as the Vice President General of the South-Central District, SAR, at the 2018 Congress in Houston, TX. This district covers the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. A month after being sworn in the Ozark Mountain Chapter and the Missouri Society, SAR will host the 2018 South-Central District meeting in Springfield, MO. This is a chance to meet SAR members from other states and well as current National officers and compatriots who are running for national office.

The meeting will start on **Friday, August 24, 2018** at **4:00 PM** with a candidates forum where you will get a chance to hear from compatriots, who are running for national offices, speak about themselves and what they think the future of the SAR should be. At **5:00 PM** the color guard will hold a flag ceremony and a banquet will be held around **7:00 PM**. On **Saturday, August 25, 2018** breakfast will be served. After breakfast the District will have a business meeting and at the business meeting voting will be done to endorse candidates. The meeting should conclude around **12:00 PM on Saturday**.

I hope everyone can attend. There will be more information on this event to follow in the next couple of months.

- Dan McMurray