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Greetings from President Kenneth Lawrence

Greetings Compatriots,
I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Ozarks Springtime.

As we move into May and June, let me update you on a few up-coming spring events on our calendar.

April and May wrap up the ROTC and JROTC season. We have begun making our presentations to deserving cadets at our local High Schools and Universities. If you would like to participate this year, please contact me or Charles McMillan for details.

On May 18, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony, prior to our regular Chapter Meeting, at Springfield National Cemetery on South National.

Our regular Chapter meeting will follow at 9:00 A.M. at OTC.

Then, on Monday, May 27, 2019 the Ozark Mountain Color Guard will lead the Unified Color Guard of all Services at the Springfield Community Memorial Ceremony at National Cemetery.

Looking forward to June, on Flag Day Friday, June 14 at 10:00 A.M., our chapter will hold a Flag Day Ceremony in the rotunda of the Green County Courthouse.

Our regular Chapter Meeting will be held on June 15 at 9:00 A.M. at OTC.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter will hold our first annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in conjunction with the Boy Scouts Ozarks Trails Council. The event will be at Phelps Grove Park at 2:00 P.M. on June 15th. This will be a community service event and should be well attended.

So, please mark your calendars for these events and

Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

The guest speaker will be Leslie Mironuck, author of Irreconcilable Differences: Profiles of the Founding Fathers.

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plan on attending and participating.

Finally, I just want to mention our "mentoring" program is off and running with the addition of our new members Dr. Ed Gwin, James Schad, and Dale Moore. Hopefully, this program will get them up to speed and participating in short order. We would like to welcome each of them to our ranks.

I hope everyone has a great spring season.

Ken Lawrence, President
Ozark Mountain Chapter

Peter Francisco: One of the most intriguing and unusual stories to be found in the early annals of the United States.

By Kenneth Lawrence Ozark Mountain Chapter President

He would become the most remarkable fighting man of the Revolutionary War, a giant of a soldier of whom General George Washington is reputed to have said “without him we would have lost two crucial battles, perhaps the War, and with it our freedom”. He was truly a One-Man Army.

He would participate in most all major battles of the Revolutionary War. He could have been described as the “Forrest Gump” of that era.

“Pedro” Francisco was born in the Portuguese held Azores in 1760. Little is known about his childhood, but speculation is that he was brought to America to be sold as an indentured servant. The young Pedro was taken to the Prince George poorhouse where he was taken under the wings of a local judge, Anthony Winston and uncle to Patrick Henry who taught Pedro to speak English. Rather than provide Peter with formal schooling, Judge Winston put him to work doing chores around his plantation, a 3,600-acre estate in Buckingham County, Virginia, known as Hunting Tower.

In adulthood, Peter would attain the height of six-feet-six-inches—nearly a foot taller than the average man at the time and weighed at least 260 pounds.

In March 1775, when he was not yet fifteen, Francisco went along with Judge Winston to Richmond for a meeting of the Virginia Convention. It was during this convention that he heard Patrick Henry decry “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” which inspired him at his young age. Peter was ready right there to take up arms against the British oppressors, but Judge Winston convinced him to wait. He was certainly large enough to go to war, but he was not old enough. In 1776 Winston relented, and at the age of sixteen, Peter enlisted with the 10th Virginia regiment as a private.

Francisco received his first taste of action on September 1777 at Brandywine Creek in Pennsylvania, where General Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, attempted to halt the advance toward Philadelphia of some 12,500 British troops under the command of General William Howe. The Americans suffered defeat and were forced to retreat. Francisco was wounded, holding the line for 45 minutes, so that Washington’s Army could orderly retreat.

Peter met and befriended Marquis de Lafayette while recuperating from his wounds and by October, Francisco rejoined his regiment to fight in the Battle of Germantown.

After his regiment abandoned Fort Mifflin in Delaware

due to British shelling, Peter spent two cold winter months hospitalized at Valley Forge.

He fought at Monmouth in June of 1778, where he was again wounded in his thigh by a musket ball.

On July 15-16, 1779 this young “Goliath” took part in the daring surprise attack led by General Mad Anthony Wayne on Stony Point, the British Army’s stronghold on the Hudson River, north of New York City where the Americans captured the fort.

During the attack Francisco suffered his third wound of the war, a nine-inch gash in the stomach, but nevertheless killed three enemy grenadiers and capturing the enemy’s flag. He spent the several months recuperating until his three-year tour was over.

In early 1778 the British decided to move their heaviest offensive activities into the South, partly because they expected to receive the backing of the many Loyalists they believed resided in the region. When Peter learned of the enemy’s intentions, he joined the Virginia militia.

The British Southern strategy was to capture Savannah and Georgia then north to South Carolina.

Congress selected General Horatio Gates to lead operations in the South.

The first clash in the South was the “Battle of Camden” on August of 1780. The outcome was an utter rout for the continentals but in the midst of being surrounded by the enemy, Francisco commandeered the horse of a British officer and escaped through the enemy lines by pretending to be a Tory sympathizer. He then gave the horse to his colonel thereby saving his officer’s life. He then returned to battlefield to carry off an 1,100-lb. cannon left behind during the retreat so it would not fall into enemy hands.

Peter was also involved in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March of 1781. Francisco once again gave an astonishing performance where he used his sword to cut down 11 enemy in succession.

In that exchange Francisco’s leg was injured due to a bayonet, but he did not leave the battle. In one final assault, he killed two more British before receiving another bayonet thrust in his right thigh, entering above the knee and out at the hip socket and left for dead.

After recouping at home in Virginia, he volunteered as a scout to monitor the Virginia Operations of British officer Banastre Tarleton’s and his horsemen. While on a mission, Tarleton’s troopers surrounded a tavern where Francisco was a patron and demanded his arrest and that he surrender his silver shoe buckles.

Peter told the cavalryman “to take them yourself”, as the trooper bent down to take them, Peter grabbed the captor’s saber and struck him in the head. The wounded trooper fired a pistol and grazed Peter on his side for his

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sixth wound of the war. Another cavalryman aimed a musket at Peter, but when it misfired Francisco knocked the soldier off his saddle and escaped on his horse.

With this death defying act, Peter Francisco's military career ended. He was asking and was granted permission to be present at the surrender of Gen. George Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

This is an unbelievable story of one brave boy who came to this country as a slave and from random associations of great minds and leaders, he would meet along the way, would contribute so much to our cause of freedom. Peter's belief of liberty and his love of this country should be an inspiration for all of us.

Minutes of the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, April 20, 2019.

President Ken Lawrence-- called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 27 members and 9 guests.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk-- delivered the invocation. He then asked Compatriot Dan McMurray to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot John McAlear to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

President Ken Lawrence-- introduced Compatriot Steve Perkins, who presented a short program on the history of Lexington and Concord which occurred (244 years ago yesterday) when the American Revolution started and continues to be celebrated by our organization.

Steve started by reiterating the story he presented at the History Explorers program at the Library in Springfield earlier this week. Compatriot Perkins presented the story through the eyes of Jonas Clark, a witness to this event on April 19, 1775. He went through details of the persons involved from the Call to Arms; militias response; British advance to Lexington; initial shots fired in Lexington; possible burning of the town of Lexington; advancing British troops to Concord; again the Call to Arms of 12 neighboring towns militias; the Barrett's Farm history and its renovation; the "Shot heard 'round the world" from the North Bridge; retreat of the British toward Boston; 16 mile skirmishes along "Battle Road"; and the beginning of the American Revolution.

President Ken Lawrence introduced guests present today. Ken also stated our poster winner is a 5th is Sydney Walker and is a 5th grader at Summit School and was unable to attend. Sydney's poster has already won the MOSSAR Poster contest and will be entered in the NSSAR contest.

He then introduced three new members to our OMC chapter and their families. They were given the Oath, presented certificates, their new membership Brochures, Pinned by family members, given Chapter Challenge Coins, and introduced to their new mentors from our chapter. Pictures

were taken of each new member with their family. They were reminded to encourage their spouses to join the Missouri SAR Auxiliary.

The original guest speaker program for today's meeting, Missouri State University Military Department has been postponed to a later date. Compatriot Steve Perkins stepped in to present his Lexington and Concord program.

Following Steve's presentation, each new OMCSAR member gave a short presentation of the history of their Patriot.

Compatriot Dale Moore introduced his wife, Laree Moore. He was born and raised in Lawrence County, Missouri. He thanked Howard Fisk for introducing him to OMCSAR. Dale has done television production for the past 20 years for "OzarksWatch Video Magazine" and learned he finally had someone, who was a Patriot. His fourth great grandfather was James Ellis (spelled phonetically Ellice or Ellise). He was born in Albany County, New York, May 8, 1758 and served in the New York Militia, Second Battalion as a Second Sergeant under Colonel Abraham Wemple. His name also appears on the roster of Captain Mynderse's Company and Captain Fonda's Company, The Second Albany Militia out of Schenectady, New York. He served under Colonel Abraham Wemple. His regiment saw action in the Continental Army in 1777 at the Battle of Saratoga under General John Glover's Brigade. They were also called up to fight against the Loyalists and their Indian Allies at the Battle of Klock's Field, October 19, 1780, and the Battle of Johnstown October 25, 1781. James Ellis later moved to New Jersey after the War and then on to Jefferson County, Connecticut, and on to Lincoln County, Tennessee, where he died in 1818. He married Sarah Riggs of Shelby County, Tennessee, in 1780.

Compatriot James Schad's Patriot is Enos Williams. He was born around 1749 and lived his entire life in New Jersey. Enos Williams was a private in Captain Thomas Williams' Company of the New Jersey Militia, Colonel Phillip Van Courtlandt's Regiment. During the period May 8 to July 8, 1777, he served 21 days at Newark. Although there were many skirmishes and encounters with the British in Newark, no notable activity occurred during May-July 1777 period. He again served a period of 8 days during the alarm at Connecticut farms sometime between June 7 and June 26, 1780. Enos Williams married Susannah Ogden in 1773. They were the progenitors of Gershom S. Williams, who with his wife Elizabeth Brundage, settled in Ohio. Their son Parmenas Williams and his wife had a daughter Hannah Mary Williams. Hannah, great granddaughter of Patriot Enos Williams, married Abel Morris. They were in Carroll County, Missouri, before 1872, where her father died, and Hannah and Abel became parents of Nelson Connor Morris in 1878. Nelson and his wife Gertrude Beadman were married in Woodward County, Oklahoma, and had a son there, Nelson Leroy Morris. Nelson Leroy Morris and his wife, Vivian Marie Blosser, were progeni-

tors of Raymond Dale Morris, born in 1944 in Beaver County, Oklahoma. Raymond and Linda Clarenson are grandparents of Compatriot James Schad.

Compatriot Edward Gwin--He introduced his wife Pam Gwin stating they have been married 21 years. Edward is a physician, has practiced Pulmonary, Sleep and Critical Care for almost 53 years, and is still in practice at 78 years of age. He was at Ferrell Duncan Clinic for 34 years, with Cox Health Systems, and now goes to small towns and provide care in Pulmonary medicine and sleep. He descended from Revolutionary War soldier Elias Bowden, his third Great grandfather. Elias' daughter (Edward's 2nd great grandmother) married his 2nd great grandfather, also named Edward Gwin. This Edward Gwin was born in Isle of Wright, Virginia on April 6, 1763 and died in Henry County, Tennessee, on February 25, 1843. He married Celia Lawrence on December 22, 1785, after the War and they reportedly had 13 children. Edward was a farmer so that came in handy. On one census he was to have had 16 slaves. He is buried in the Gwin Family Cemetery, Hico, Carroll County, Tennessee. According to his pension application, Elias entered the service of his Country at age 6 in July, 1779, as a substitute for his brother, William, in the County of Isle of Wright, Virginia. He served 2 months the first time under Captain William Gay and Colonel John Will's Regiment. He again entered service in July, 1780, serving under the same officers for two months. He stated he was in no engagement, and was mostly involved in re-taking stock and other property plundered by the British between the towns of Suffolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, a distance of a little over 18 miles. On September 1, 1781, he reentered the service and marched from Williamsburg to within 3 miles of Little York and then returned to headquarters. He then marched to Mackey's Mill and on to Portsmouth after being put under the Command of Captain Gay and Colonel Will. Promoted to First Sergeant, Edward was still in the service, at the time of Cornwallis's surrender in October, 1781. He noted no one was officially discharged and apparently they just disbanded. His father, John Bowden was said to have helped the troops by providing them with meat.

Vice President Report--Gary Gift--He has sent an email to all concerning the upcoming event at University Plaza Hotel for the Annual Friends of Scouting Event. Missouri Governor Parsons will be attend on Monday, April 29 at 11:30 AM. Gary has reserved a table for those who wish to attend. On June 15 OMCSAR will participate with the Boy Scouts in a Flag Retirement Program Day ceremony, which starts at 2 P.M. at Phelps Grove Park. The speaker that day will be John Fife who is the Scout Executive of the Council. On November 2, 2019, OMCSAR holds our 2nd Merit Badge Workshop. We look for your help. Last year's workshop was fun for all. The workshop allows scouts to attain merit badges in Law, American Heritage, and Genealogy. The May 2019 chapter meeting speaker was introduced by Compatriot Martin Capages, who gave a brief biography. The program will feature Leslie Mironuck, the author of "Irreconcilable Differences: Profiles of

the Founding Fathers". Gary is looking for speakers for the upcoming chapter meetings. He presented Compatriot J. Howard Fisk who displayed the new Scouting Banner--"Boy Scouts in Action" and encouraged all to participate in scheduled events. These include Flag Day ceremony at the Court House; 4th of July at midtown Springfield; George Washington Awards; and providing scout troops with streamers for their participation. Gary announced he has completed the OMC yearbook for the MOSSAR annual meeting this upcoming weekend. It is 582 pages and will be participating in this years' MOSSAR Yohe Yearbook contest.

Treasurer Report--John McAlear--OMCSAR total funds as of today consists of \$6,775.56 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,148 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These total \$15,923.56. Report was Moved, Seconded, and Passed.

Secretary Report--Norman Knowlton-- Minutes were distributed in the March OMC Patriot Newsletter and he Moved they be Accepted as Written. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Genealogist Report--Steve Perkins--No new report.

Historian Report--Curtis Trent--In his absence, there was no new report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report--Charles McMillan-- In response to our Flag Awards given to 33 Kum and Go Store's Managers and the CEO, Charles was asked to present another Flag Award to the new store just opened in Springfield on North Glenstone. Charles thanked those who already presented Jr. ROTC awards this Spring and asked for other Chapter Members to help with the remaining presentations as listed in our OMC Website. Charles stated our members participated in the recent Naturalization Ceremony at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield when 65 new United States Citizens were inducted. Charles then showed some memorabilia he has collected, including a B-4 bag and a bag phone used in WWII. He also visited the Veteran in Iowa whose name was on the bag.

Chapter Development Committee Report--J. Howard Fisk--He presented an update on activities our chapter has been involved with over the past year. OMCSAR has a very active chapter, if not the most active chapter in Missouri, and one of the most active chapters in the country. We still need further membership and more involvement from our growing Chapter. These activities are well documented by our Newsletter and recorded in our website. Howard encouraged everyone to visit our website to keep abreast of upcoming events on our calendar. He reviewed the Heroism Award presented to Jerry W. Pendergrass Friday, April 19, 2019, at the Springfield Art Museum. He reviewed grave

marking events this past six months and how we need to continue to do more of these events. He complemented OMC for its initiation of National American History and Founders Month of November and noted how local, state and national representatives have passed or are working on passing legislation to secure this event. Other states, including Iowa, Nebraska, and soon Kentucky have also passed legislation. Howard discussed how we as an organization are establishing the Thomas Jefferson History Award and looking forward to possibly giving this award to several local Willard School History Club members who meet requirements for this award. He discussed OMC participation with Wolf School and its programs (14 of their programs over the past 14 months). He requesting Wolf School's assistance in their next program at Nathanael Greene Park, Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 9:00 AM in their Historic Preservation and Conservation Advocacy Program.

Editor Report--Tom Sentman—Being April 20, Tom reminded our Chapter of the various events that occurred yesterday, April 19—Good Friday, and The Battle of Lexington and Concord 1775, (244 years ago). He also reminded our chapter about what we do---especially documenting our events and activities. Presently, we have 38 issues of our Patriot Newsletter.

Committee Report; No additional reports

Old Business; None

New Business

President Lawrence reminded everyone of the MOSSAR meeting in Columbia next weekend April 26 and 27, 2019.

Ken also gave a reminder for the upcoming event to Honor Walt Cameron, Past President of Honor Flight of the Ozarks at the Springfield Airport, on Sunday May 5, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. as part of their preflight program for the next Honor Flight. Parking will be available in the Employee Parking lot and Ken encouraged Color Guard members to participate in the event.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk presented a review of our OMC Website. He demonstrated how to navigate the Website. OMCSAR was awarded the best website from the NSSAR.

He presented sections in our Website with special attention to our goals of History, Education, Patriotism, and Fellowship. Howard presented a short video that can be downloaded, where he and Compatriot Dale Moore gave an Ozark Watch TV Program on KOZK-TV television about the Sons of the American Revolution Mission, Goals and Objectives.

A Motion to Adjourn was Made, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously.

Compatriot Charles McMillan led the Recessional. President Ken Lawrence led the Benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary



Happy May Birthdays

Mel McNeal	May 6
Joel Monteith	May 8
Ian Shepherd	May 8
Murray Bussard	May 19
Don Stanton	May 19
Lee Viorel III	May 19
Robert Grover	May 21
William C. Walker	May 23
Brett Knowlton	May 26
James Haas	May 28

Photos

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Sergeant's Corner

By Charles McMillan

April, flowers blooming, birds singing, Government taxing. What? Yes, it is that time of year again.

The main difference between our taxing and the Stamp Act of 1765 is that hopefully, we have representation.

The Stamp Act of 1765 was an attempt by the British to raise funds to pay their War expenses of the 7 year war or French and Indian war.

The colonists thought that they had provided enough support and England should foot the bill.

Street demonstrations by locally organized groups with the formal name, Sons of Liberty, resisted the taxation without representation that evolved from the Stamp Act. This defiance provided a pattern for future resistance to the British.

This group added to their membership thru public demonstrations from New York to Georgia.

The results of resistance were revolting.

Chapter Event April 3, 2019

Wolf School students and OMC compatriots gather at the Springfield National Cemetery to honor veterans buried here. Revolutionary War Patriot **William Freeman** is at this location. The group took a walking tour of the cemetery and visited several other veterans graves.



Left: Jeff Patrick, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, OMC compatriots Dan Piedlow, Gary Gift, Dan McMurray, Norman Knowlton, Dale Moore, and J. Howard Fisk.



Chapter Events April 16, 2019

Summit Preparatory School Fifth Grade students pose with their posters and OMC certificates for the NSSAR Americanism Poster Contest.



The winning poster was by Sydney Walker from Summit Elementary School in Springfield, Missouri. She is at front row-center in the above photo. Thirty-four students participated and received certificates.

Ozark Mountain Chapter members in the back row from left: Compatriots Charles McMillan, Norman Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, George Swales, and Dan Piedlow.

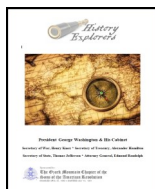
The winning poster was by Sydney Walker from Summit Elementary School in Springfield, Missouri.

Her poster subject was "Revolutionary War Patriot Nathanael Greene."

Her poster was on display at the Missouri Society Annual Membership Meeting in Columbia, Missouri April 26-27, 2019.

She was awarded a check for \$100 and a Good Citizen Pin.





Chapter Events April 16, 2019

History Explorers Thomas Jefferson's Parlor



This presentation was a Virtual Tour of Jefferson's Parlor at Monticello, Virginia.



Thomas Jefferson's Parlor Presentation.

Visit the website at <http://explorer.monticello.org/>



Nick Nelson, Springfield Art Museum Director, presented the images and narration that are available on the website.



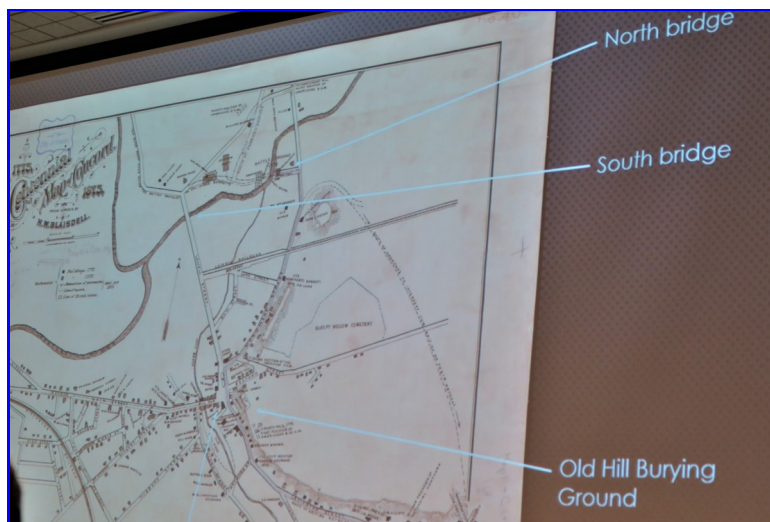
Ken Lawrence presents a Certificate of Excellence to Nick Nelson for his presentation.

Chapter Events April 16, 2019

LEXINGTON & CONCORD

APRIL 19, 1775

A Presentation by Compatriot Steven Perkins



Map of Concord with battle information of Colonial forces and troop movements of the British forces.



Compatriot Steven Perkins describes the events of the battle of Lexington and Concord.

Chapter Events April 18, 2019

Naturalization Service at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

A Naturalization Ceremony was held at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield April 18, 2019. Sixty-five applicants from 25 countries took the Oath of Allegiance of the United States.



M. Douglas Harpool, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, welcomed applicants to the naturalization ceremony.



Judge Harpool administered the Oath of Allegiance to 60 individuals became New American Citizens.



The National Anthem was performed by the Republic High School Concert Chorale



New American Citizens



OMC Color Guard members participated in the ceremony.

Left: Dan Piedlow, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Dan McMurray.

Chapter Events April 19, 2019

Citizen Jerry W. Pendergrass was recognized for his exemplary service to his fellow man in the aid given Springfield Police Officer Andy Zinke.

On June 4th, 2018, Officer Zinke was pursuing a fleeing gunman who had fired shots at Officer Sean Kelly. While crossing the yard of Jerry Pendergrass, Officer Zinke was fired upon and returned fire, when his gun jammed.

When the fugitive took aim at Officer Zinke, citizen Pendergrass took aim and fired at the fugitive to save the life of Officer Zinke, while giving no concern for his own safety.



President Kenneth Lawrence presents the SAR Heroism Award to Jerry W. Pendergrass for saving the life of a police officer.

Situations are rare that a citizen steps in to potentially save the life of a police officer; however on June 4th Jerry Pendergrass was that citizen.



Left: Compatriots Dan Piedlow, Steven Perkins, George Swales, Ken Lawrence, honoree Jerry Pendergrass, Compatriots Norman Knowlton, John Hume, J. Howard Fisk, and Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams.

Chapter Events April 20, 2019

Swearing In Ceremony

Newest Ozark Mountain Chapter Members.



Vice President Gary Gift (Left) administers the SAR Oath of Allegiance to three new members.

Left Pam Gwin, Compatriot Edwin Gwin, Laree Moore, Compatriot Dale Moore, and Compatriot James Schad and his mother, Mrs. Schad. Below, each member presents information on their Revolutionary War Patriot.

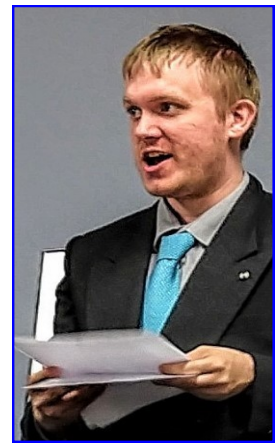
Welcome New Members!



Compatriot Edwin Gwin



Compatriot Dale Moore



Compatriot James Schad

Chapter Events April 20, 2019

April 19, 1775 Revolutionary War Begins!

The Shot heard 'round the world

"One if by land—two if by sea—"

The Battle of Lexington and Concord

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

Most historians believe that Crispus Attucks, a former black slave, was the first one to die during the Boston Massacre. Other historians say it isn't true. But, until the non-believing historians can prove it was someone else - Crispus Attucks will continue to be listed in the American History books, as the first casualty of the American Revolution.

The American Revolution begins At about 5 a.m., 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington to find 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker waiting for them on the town's common green. British Major John Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.



Chapter Events April 29, 2019

George Swales presents a SAR Flag Certificate to Susan Gettys, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the Missouri 124th Annual Convention in Springfield, Missouri.



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



OMC Color Guard members Dan McMurray, Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Dan Piedlow, and Compatriot George Swales. The color guard presented the colors.



Compatriot George Swales presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Susan Gettys, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri.

Chapter Events April 29, 2019

Compatriots Dale Moore, Wayne Jones, and Gary Gift attended the Ozark Trails, Pathfinder District Annual Friends of Scouting Luncheon where Governor Mike Parsons was the keynote speaker.



On Monday, April 29th, the Ozark Trails Council welcomed the 57th Governor of Missouri, Michael Parson, as the keynote speaker at the first ever Governor's Luncheon for Scouting. With over 500 community leaders in attendance, Governor Parson addressed the need for young people to be involved in programs like Scouting to help create leaders for tomorrow. With the help of our event sponsors and table hosts, the Council was able to raise **\$123,000** for the Friends of Scouting campaign to support our Scouting mission in the Ozarks.
Courtesy of Boy Scouts of America, Ozark Trail Council



Governor Michael Parson and OMC Compatriot Wayne Jones, Alderman Ward 3, City of Mountain Grove, Missouri.





The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876 ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

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Happy 130th Anniversary Compatriots

On April 30, 1889, William Osborn McDowell organized the Sons of the American Revolution at Fraunces Tavern in New York. That date was the centennial for the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States in 1789. As we celebrate 130 years of the SAR, I hope all of you will think of the service and commitment that your patriot(s) gave to make this great nation. I am grateful to each of our members throughout the world and pray that you have good health; happy times and that each of you renew your commitment to our wonderful organization.

Remember our Mission and Goals: The Objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

Each of you is important to our continuing success. Join me in celebrating our 130th anniversary. God Bless the SAR!

Warren M. Alter
President General 2018-2019

Upcoming Events

May



Monday, May 6 Chapter Development Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Neighbor's Mill Bakery & Café, 1435 E Independence St. #110.



Monday, May 13 Eagle Scout Court of Honor 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Bible Church in Rogersville, Missouri.



Tuesday, May 14 Nathanael Green Park 1:00 p.m.
“Historic Preservation & Conservation Advocacy”.
2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield, MO 65807.



Saturday, May 18 8:00 a.m. Memorial Day Service
Springfield National Cemetery 1702 E Seminole St, Springfield, MO 65804.



Saturday, May 18 9:00 a.m. OMC Chapter Meeting OTC Room 108.
1001 East Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO 65802



Monday, May 27 11:00 a.m. Community Memorial Service
Lead the United Color Guard of all Services
Springfield National Cemetery 1702 E Seminole St, Springfield, MO 65804.

June



Friday, June 14 10:00 a.m. Flag Day Ceremony Greene County Court House 242nd Anniversary of Betsy Ross Flag Adoption and 2nd Continental Congress. Courthouse Chorale.



Saturday, June 15 9:00 a.m. OMC Chapter Meeting OTC Room 108.
1001 East Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO 65802



Saturday, June 15 2:00 p.m. Flag Day Field Day Phelps Grove Park
Ozark Trails Council Event. 950 E. Bennett St. Springfield, MO. 65807