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The President's Message

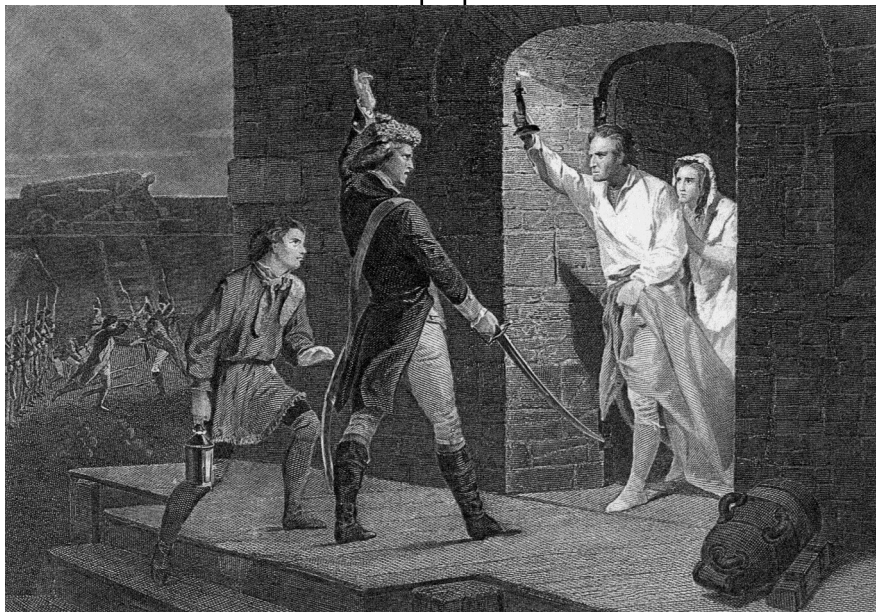
By President Curtis Trent

Compatriots,

On May 10, 1775, during the early days of the Revolutionary

War a battle took place that still evokes imagination and a sense of daring over two hundred years later. Laying on an important line of communication between the British northern providences and the rebellious colonies, Fort Ticonderoga would protect American forces or expose them to danger, depending on which side's control it fell. The fort also possessed a number of heavy artillery pieces and other arms the ill-supplied Americans needed.

Against this backdrop a small force led by Colonel Benedict Arnold determined to raid the fort and capture it. They launched their assault by



water during the dark of night, despite insufficient boats to ferry the entire force, and attacked before dawn, taking the British garrison by surprise. The battle concluded with no one killed and the occupation of the fort was disorderly, but the victory

was no less important. In addition to the arms and the strategic location of the fort, the action also facilitated the subsequent capture of Fort

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Crown Point and successful raid of Fort Saint-Jean.

Fort Ticonderoga would later host a more substantial American garrison and serve as the launching point for the Continental Army's invasion of Quebec. Heavy guns from the fort also helped break the British occupation of Boston in 1776. Today, the name *Ticonderoga* belongs to America's guided-missile Aegis capable class of cruiser. Beginning with the *USS Ticonderoga* in 1981, the US Navy built twenty-seven boats for anti-satellite and anti-ballistic capabilities. To this day, *Ticonderoga* class vessels remain an important component of US blue water power projection.

Warm Regards,

Curtis Trent

OMSCAR President

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday April 17th, 2021

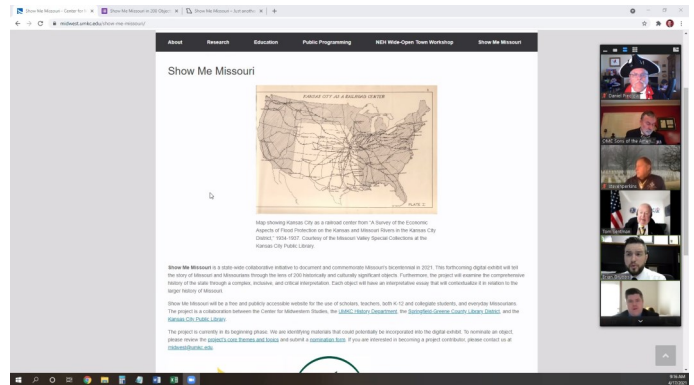
President Curtis Trent called the meeting to order 9:05 AM with 21 members and 1 guest. **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** gave the invocation. **Compatriot Norman Knowlton** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Compatriot Don Higgeson** led the Pledge to the SAR. He proceeded to ask for guests to introduce themselves.

2nd -Vice President – Jeff Patrick-- with social media technical difficulty at that moment- it was asked for the guest speaker **Brian Grubbs** to give his own introduction. **Brian Grubbs** is from the Springfield Library and his presentation was the Missouri Bicentennial Virtual Project.

He is the manager of the local genealogy and history department at the Springfield-Greene County Library District. He has been with the local library for almost 14 years, and has been the local manager for almost 9 years. He has helped to document the history of the Ozarks in different and multiple

capacities. A great deal of his work has been in the digital world. He likes to blend education and history with his digital work and to preserve history of the Ozarks as a whole. They do this through print resources, newspapers, microfilms, maps, archival materials, and photographs.

Today he presented information on the project he is leading with different organizations to create a digital display of the history of Missouri for the Bicentennial. The overall of how this started was presented. COVID did play a major role in how this



was to be done. With Jamie Henry, the Assistant Director of Missouri State Museum, they worked on an exhibit to be presented at the state capital which would include 200 artifacts from around the state that focused on different pieces of Missouri's past history. Working with his digital realm he was able to partner with him on this presentation and

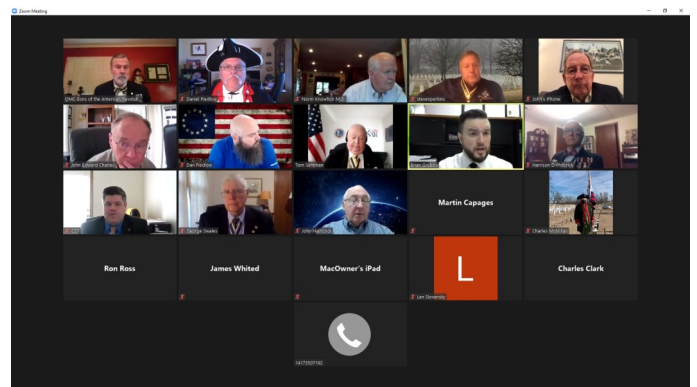


exhibit. They then went on to bring other organizations into the project to the digital component of the Show Me Missouri Project. They would bring artifacts digitally from all aspects from around the state. These would be the 200 items that would

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describe the history of Missouri digitally. He has been in conjunction with Mike Sweeney of the Missouri Historical Society who has been in charge of the Missouri Bicentennial Project. He got him involved with Diane Moody Burke who is a Professor of History at UMKC who has students who are writing papers or essays on historical events, locations, or items that reflect the history of Missouri. They decided to reach out to the general public but also to have a very heavy student component to use them as resources for the future. This would showcase the history of Missouri but also to get people out to go to visit these artifacts or places in Missouri. Topics, items, and partners were discussed and included in their framework for all people in Missouri. They then developed their website for this program. They reached out to other organizations for funding including the Missouri Humanities Council, The Freedoms Frontier and National Heritage Area, the Missouri State Library and others. They then started to develop 200 categories and topic areas. Various organizations were asked for nominations to include in this program. The ball was rolling in the fall of 2019 when COVID came into being and brought things to a screeching halt. This COVID changed the program and they had to simplify this endeavor. Staffing had to be laid off, museums closed, funding was limited and thus the program was changed. They brought in institutions around the state to supply them with digital collections previously recorded or documented. They continued to push forward with this project. They digitalized it from many of the Missouri Universities History Departments by the narratives that went with these artifacts, items and locations which describe the history of the state of Missouri. He then went on to show his website and some of the examples of the items included in this project and how to navigate the website.

This project was to help encourage people to get out, to promote and discover the history of the state of Missouri, and to promote tourism for the state. This is a Bicentennial project for our state of Missouri.

He had hoped it will be operational later this summer but not later than by August 10th. The website

address is SHOWMEMO.ORG and will be active by June.

President Curtis Trent thanked him for his presentation.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice-President Report—Ben Edmondson – was not present—no report

2nd Vice-President Report—Jeff Patrick—We are coming up on Patriots Day and the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and he en-



couraged all to look at the Minutemen National Historical Park Facebook page, website and their YouTube page where there are some great videos relating to this April 19th, 1775 event.

Secretary Report – Norman Knowlton—The minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. Correction to John Hathcock for having him as Sergeant-at-Arms was addressed and changed. With this correction, it was moved and seconded and passed.

He gave a short history of the “Easter Offering” which was the story of the hanging of three African American men that were hanged by a mob in the Springfield town square on April 14th, 1906 (115 years ago this week) over the Easter weekend. A passerby remarked that this was an Easter Offering. It is a sad day in the history of Springfield.

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Treasurer Report—John Charles—we have presently \$13,108.23 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,286.30 in our interest bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks fund. These two accounts total \$22,394.53 This report was accepted and passed unanimously and was sent on to the audit committee.

Audit Report---John McAlear-as requested, he has examined the January 1st, 2021-March 31st, 2021 OMSAR financial records provided by Treasurer John Charles. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for deposits and distributions, and the OMCSAR Treasurer's Reports.

It is of his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from January 1st, 2021 through March 31st, 2021 accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR. A motion to accept this report was made, seconded and passed.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—he has 37 prospects with 1 new prospect this month. He has 5 pending supplemental applications with NASAR, 3 new member applications and 2 recent member approvals. Paul Wilkerson has been approved by NASAR on March 26th, 2021 and he is very involved with the American Legion. With the great assistance of **Compatriot Len Slovensky** they have been able to gain good progress on researching other applications.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow report was delayed secondary to technical difficulties for later.

Historian Report—Don Higginson—he requested any materials or programs from any of our events to be sent to him for the yearbook.

Sgt-at-Arms Report—Danny Piedlow--Any award presented please forward pictures, location, individuals, and any other information of the events to him to be included in the Newsletter, on social media, on Facebook or Instagram. He now has the credentials to log into the webpage and to make adjustments there. Please let him know if there is anything one might wish to include on our webpage.

Chapter Development Committee Report- Gary

Gift- he was not present, but the calendar of scheduled events are on our OMCSAR website.

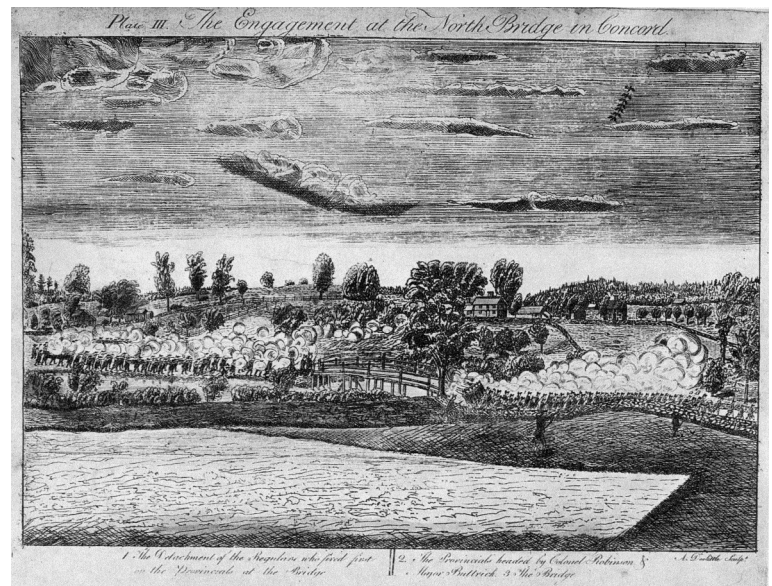
Compatriot John Hathcock informed us that he has a complete list of the JROTC events for this spring and has members who will be presenting these awards. He requests those who are presenting to be sure to send photos and names of the recipients for documentation of these awards.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—None

New Business

Compatriot Steve Perkins—In commemoration of the Patriots' Day, April 19th, 1775, he gave a virtual google map presentation of the present day Lexington and Concord area and the tour of the Revolutionary War location. He gave not only the history of the Battles but a timeline on the day. He



started at Boston and showed the present day pathway that the Patriotic Day Parade takes. This included the location of the troops of the British and the Colonial Militias during this event and showed pictures of the South and North Bridges at Concord while describing the Battle. He spoke of the story of who shot first at Lexington and the story of the shots fired at Concord. He showed pictures of the Old Colonial Inn (1716), Wright's Tavern and the Old Burial Grounds. He gave

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excellent insight into the area as it exists today. He gave websites for additional information on these events.

Compatriot John Hathcock informed us that the establishment of the our initial volunteer Militia, and maybe National Guard, was on December 13th, 1636 in Massachusetts.

Compatriot Steve Perkins finished his presentation with a virtual google map presentation of the Patriots Day Parade route.

Editors Report—Dan Piedlow—He has been getting pictures from events that we have been participating , but he is requesting a small write up of the event, additional pictures, names, and locations since things are starting to get busy for our chapter.

MOSSAR President J. Howard Fisk announced next Saturday, April 24th, 2021 at 8:30 AM will be a limited MOSSAR Annual meeting at his office for those locally, but for those not wishing to be in close proximity secondary to COVID, may be on Zoom.



A motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Compatriot Tom Sentman led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick provided the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:24 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary



Important Dates in History

April 5—Sugar Act 1764

April 13—Thomas Jefferson Birthday 1743

April 18—Paul Revere and William Dawes Ride 1775

April 19—Battles of Lexington and Concord 1775

May 10 - Tea Act 1773

May 10 - Second Continental Congress 1775

May 10 - Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga 1775

May 26 - Battle at St. Louis, Missouri 1780

May 29 - Patrick Henry Birthday 1736

May 29 - Virginia Resolves 1765

Birthday's

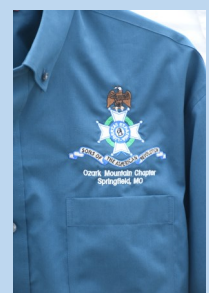
Barrett Barker	April 6
Edwin Frederickson	April 11
Randy Painter	April 17
David Appleby	April 18
Donald Pruitt	April 25

Melvin McNeal	May 6
Joel Monteith	May 8
Ian Shepherd	May 8
Daniel F. Piedlow (old)	May 14
Donal Stanton	May 19
Lee Viorel	May 19
Robert Grover	May 21
William Walker	May 23

Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery.

Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and

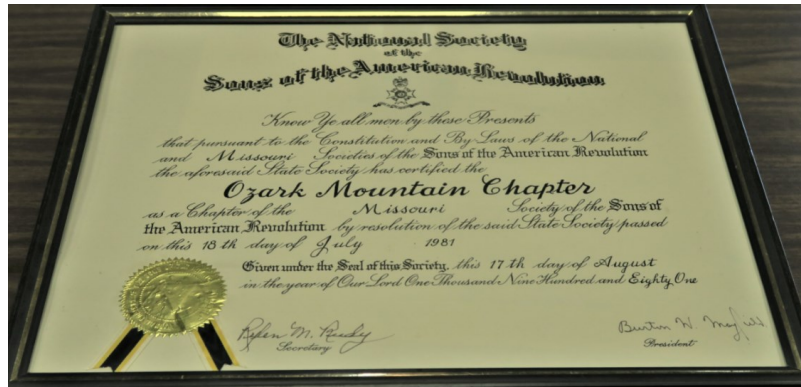
their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.



OMC CHARTER LOST FOR DECADES

Compatriot Charles W. Calef; then a member of the Sergeant Ariel Nims Chapter Number # 1, was appointed by State President Burton Mayfield to be the organizing officer of a new chapter in Springfield, MO. Ozark Mountain became the second SAR chapter in the State of Missouri. The other chapter, Sergeant Ariel Nims Chapter #1 of Joplin, Missouri was established in May 1976.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR, Sons of the American Revolution was chartered on July 18, 1981 at the Marketplace Cafeteria in Springfield, Missouri. M. Graham Clark, NSSAR President General administered the oath to the nineteen charter members.



Rylan M. Rudy
Secretary

Burton W. Mayfield
President

Original charter seal with ribbons and signatures of Rylan M. Rudy, Missouri Society Secretary and Missouri Society President Burton W. Mayfield.



L-R: OMC members President General David N. Appleby, Missouri SAR President J. Howard Fisk, and Chapter President Curtis Trent pose with the original Ozark Mountain Chapter charter.

CHARTER FOUND

The original charter of the Ozark Mountain Charter was found in a collection of boxes, documents, and other memorabilia by J. Howard Fisk in February 2021.

It will be displayed at the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Ozark Mountain Chapter November 20th in Springfield, Missouri. President Burton W. Mayfield has been invited as a special guest.

Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Assists the Isaac Garrison Chapter DAR in a Grave Marking Ceremony, April 10,2021



Timothy Scruggs was born in 1761 in Virginia. In 1779, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Revolutionary War. He served as a Private in the 1st Continental Dragoons under Captain John Randolph, attached to the command of Colonel Henry Lee (referred to in histories as "Light Horse Harry"). In 1779, this legion captured Paulus Hook, New Jersey. He served until the end of the war and was discharged at Charleston, South Carolina.

After the war, he married Mary Welch, and they lived in Virginia. Three known children were David, Daniel,

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and Timothy. On September 13, 1831, at the age of 70 (while residing in Buckingham County, Virginia), he applied for a Revolutionary War pension, and it was approved.

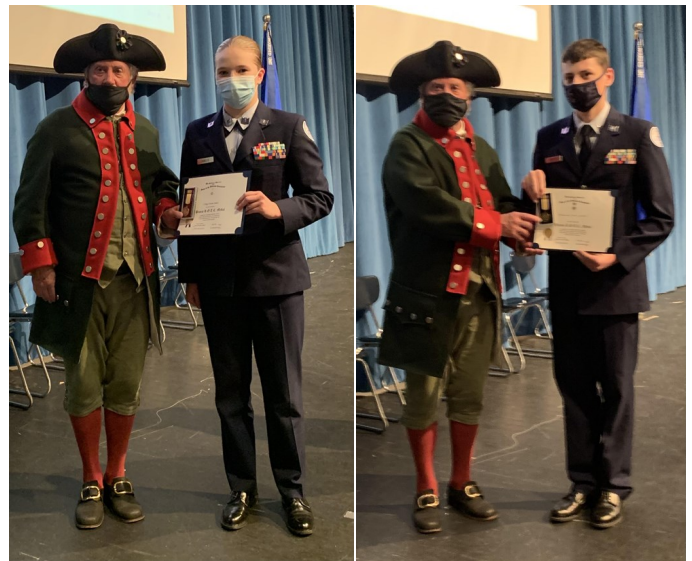
In 1843, he moved to Callaway County, Missouri (as shown in his pension record), and later moved to Greene County, Missouri, where in the 1850 census, he was shown residing in the household of his son, Timothy, in an area that later became a part of Christian County. He died on August 29, 1853, at the age of 91 or 92 and was buried in Griffin Cemetery.

In 1910, the Rachel Donelson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution formed in Springfield, Missouri. Charter member and first chapter historian, Janie Hubble (affectionately known as Miss Janie, who was the aunt of famed astronomer, Edwin Hubble) set out to locate Revolutionary War veterans buried in the area. She successfully located Timothy Scruggs' grave and provided the documentation to the government to procure a military headstone. In May of 1911, the headstone was shipped by train to Battlefield, Missouri. Robert Scruggs (a grandson of Timothy's who knew the location of the grave) hauled and set the stone in the cemetery. A large congregation attended the impressive dedication of the headstone on October 31, 1911. Miss Janie and other Rachel Donelson members traveled by train from Springfield to Battlefield. They completed the trip in a wagonette with others joining them along the way until the vehicle was overflowing. It was a "jolly ride" - according to Miss Janie's report. Thirty-five school children from the Lone Hill School marched a mile and a half to the cemetery to take part.

The grave was marked by the Ozark Mountain chapter Sons of the American Revolution with their society's insignia on November 19, 1994. the Isaac Garrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to mark the grave with their society's insignia today.

April Events and Pictures

Compatriot Charles McMillan, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet C/MSgt Clarissa Ackels and C/MSgt Nathan Guffey, Bolivar High School on Thursday, April 15, 2021.



April Events and Pictures

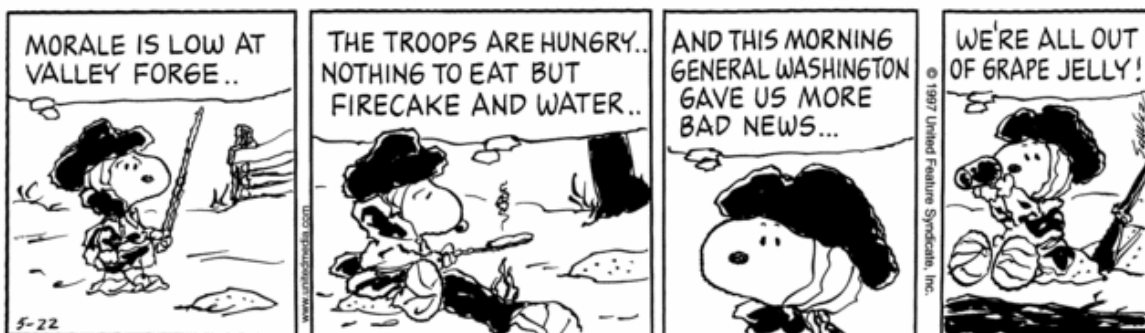
Compatriot Dan Piedlow, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Army Junior ROTC Cadet Breagan Patman, Ozark High School on Thursday, April 15, 2021.



Compatriot George Swales, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Silver ROTC Medal to Army ROTC Cadet Jason Bray, Missouri State University on Friday, April 16, 2021. (L to R): Cadet Jason Bray; Compatriot George Swales; Colonel Toni Rieke, Professor of Military Science and Department Head; and Master Sergeant Craig Patterson, Senior Military Instructor.



Compatriot Dan Philbrick, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Michael Ayers, Scott Regional Technology Center Junior ROTC, Monett, on Thursday, April 22, 2021. On the right, behind Cadet Ayers, is Command Sergeant Major Garrett Spencer, U.S. Army (Ret.), JROTC Instructor.



April Events and Pictures

Compatriot Charles McMillan, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet PO2 Thomas Lewis, Willard High School Naval Junior ROTC on Friday, April 23, 2021. On the right is Senior Naval Science Instructor, Lieutenant Michael Hartline, U.S. Navy (Ret.).



Willard High School Change of Command

Lt. Michael Hartline is the new Commander for Willard High School. Capt. Steve Burnett has retired after 16 years at the "helm".

I presented the Bronze JROTC medal and certificate to cadet Thomas Lewis at this years awards ceremony. Covid didn't keep us from moving forward.

The Unarmed Drill Team placed 16th Nationwide... and did a routine for all to enjoy.

I had the privilege of being a presenter alongside of a WWII Veteran Army SSgt. Levi Banks. Levi presented the Purple Heart Award to one of the cadets.

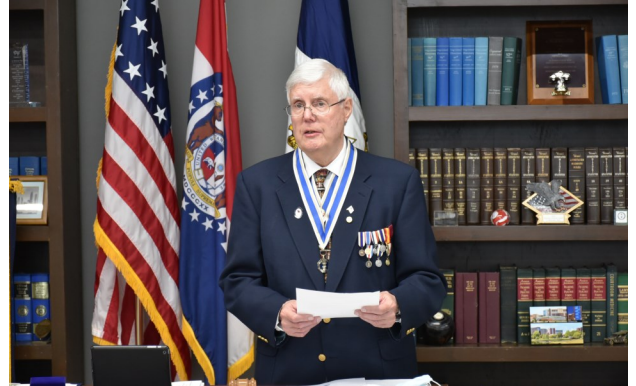
I encourage all of our Compatriots to consider being a presenter at these R/JROTC ceremonies. We provide free training and will go with you.

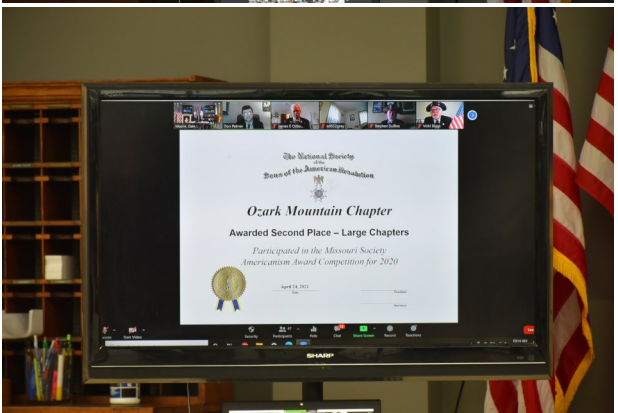
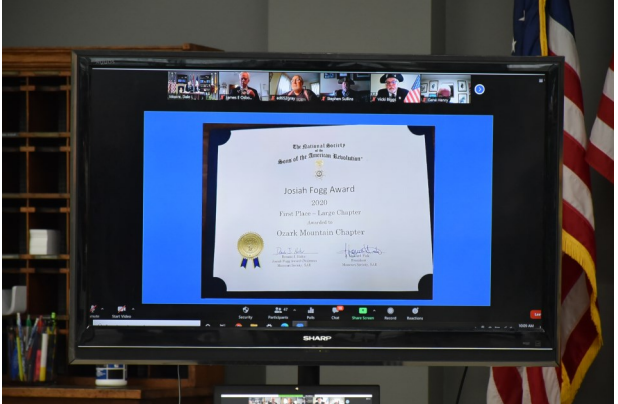
Also, please support our new R/JROTC Committee Chairman, John Hathcock, COL, USA (ret). He has hit the floor running.



April Events and Pictures

The following pictures are from the MOSSAR annual meeting that was held on April 24. Swearing in of new officers, last call and awards for our chapter.





Meritorious Service Medal

James Mason was not able to attend the MOSSAR meeting in April. Com-patriot Charles McMillan presented him with his medal and certificate.

Jim has input over 1100 records into the Patriot Research System.



Upcoming Events



May 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM the WOLF School Flag Ceremony at Nathanael Greene Park followed by a Patriot Memorial for William Bodenhamer at Nathanael Greene Park at 10:30 AM. The address is 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807.



May 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM the OMC Chapter Development Committee meeting via Zoom.



May 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM the OMC monthly meeting via Zoom, followed by a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery at 10:30 AM.



May 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM the Missouri Society SAR meeting via Zoom.



June 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM the OMC Chapter Development Committee meeting via Zoom.



June 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM Flag Day Celebration at the Greene County Courthouse.



The Missouri Bicentennial Medal is available for purchase. This medal set is approved to be worn with your other medals and is \$30.00 if purchased from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk (while he still has them) or can be ordered online for \$35.00.