

# THE PATRIOT



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## The President's Message

*By President Crismon Brayman*

**Introduction.** Compatriots, our OMCSAR members continue to impress me. Last month and continuing this month, the focus was on awards for 2022. How cool is it that as we are engaged in commending the service and performance of our community members, outstanding youth, and those who serve our nation, while we as a chapter have in turn received a showering of accolades at the recent MOSSAR State Convention! Amazingly, even better news is that we are doing the right things: honoring patriots, teaching patriotism, and gaining membership.

**We are recognizing young patriots.** NO doubt I will miss some great members doing great work, but here goes ... I will start by thanking Dan "FireDan" Piedlow, Gary Gift, Len Slovensky, and Norm Knowlton for encouraging our young patriots. 'Our' JROTC cadet, Lecksi Deroboam, won the MOSSAR Enhanced JROTC Award scholarship. We also presented many area JROTC/ROTC units with annual SAR awards/medals to recognize the best of the best, while encouraging their continued service and performance. Our members gave their time and effort to recognize twelve schools.

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Those who presented awards include Charles McMillan, Don Higgerson, Dan F. Piedlow, Steve Perkins, Gerald McCoy, Dan Philbrick, Johnathan Saunders, and Kavan Stull. The JROTC/ROTC



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awards were put together and coordinated by Compatriot John Hathcock. There is NOTHING more important than this mission! Also, 'our' young brochure applicant, Emma Daugherty won second place in the state for her Americanism Brochure Contest entry. We also competed well in Scouting awards thanks to a very effective Scouting Badge Workshop enabling our local Eagle Scout candidates to earn several badges including the legal and patriotic badges, which are very hard to obtain.



**Membership is growing.** I want to thank the sponsors who helped bring in Compatriots to the Ozark Mountain SONS. Special thanks to Genealogist, Steve Perkins and sponsoring compatriots shown here.

I am asking all new compatriots to brief us about their revolutionary patriot at any time, any meeting... just let me know when. I want to thank the sponsors who helped bring in Compatriots to the Ozark Mountain SONS. New compatriots in April include John and Alec Wade, Kavan Stull, and Dr. Michael Stark.



**State Awards -- WOW!** You should be proud that our OMCSAR Chapter won nearly every state award we competed for. And, we also received many individual awards at the Kansas City MOSSAR Convention. OMC won the prestigious Josiah Fogg Award, the MOSSAR Americanism Award, the C. Lloyd Yearbook Award, and the MOSSAR Flag Certificate Presentation Award. Meanwhile, Compatriot John Hathcock received the Silver Roger Sherman

Medal; Compatriot Gary Gift and Dan F. Piedlow received the Meritorious Service Medal; Compatriot



George Swales received the Missouri Gold Medal; Compatriots Charles McMillan, and Norm Knowlton received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal; Dan McMurray received Distinguished Service Certificate; Compatriots Steve Perkins, and Howard Fisk received the Glass Trophy for faithfully serving the Missouri SAR; Compatriot Ken Lawrence received the State Distinguished Service Medal; Compatriot Steve Perkins received the Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal; and Compatriot Robert Hammerschmidt Jr. received the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. Again, all one can say is WOW, and congratulations!

**Chapter Admin.** In keeping with my consistent ('hardheaded'?) themes, I again want to remind you what I believe is most important:

1. **Do the mission of the SAR** (promote patriotism and honor our patriot ancestors).
2. **Acknowledge and celebrate our heritage** (enjoy our time together, appreciate our freedom, and relish the blessing of our honorable forefathers).

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## Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Next Scheduled Meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Ozark Technical College, 1001 E Chestnut Expy., Springfield, MO 65802: at 9:00 AM**

President Crismon Brayman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Meeting audience with 24 members and 8 guests.

Presentation of Colors was performed by the OMC color guard: Dan Piedlow Sr. and Steve Perkins.

The Invocation was Performed by Dan Philbrick.

The Pledge of Allegiance, and Pledge of the SAR Performed by President Crismon Brayman.

Recognition of Guests Performed by President Crismon Brayman.

Guest & New members John and Alex Wade

Guest: Mike Clark, a retired physician and president of ROA, Jonathan Saunders, Ryan, Kim, Avic & Payton Dunwe, Tom Mountjoy (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting).

### Chapter Highlights:

For the new people especially to know this, there's so much good going on. Our chapter is out there instructing, and providing information to the community honoring veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, and uncommon heroes. And it's amazing that you will hear as you go through the committee reports, and we'll try to cover all those I know how we are going to cover some of them.

You'll see some ongoing things that are so critical. I'm going to ask you to listen to these members and try to help us do these things so that we share the burden and the wealth of this wonderful mission.

Thank you all for all you've done. Now we'll go with the officer committee reports. And I'll start with our outstanding first vice president compatriots and we'll.

### Office & Committee Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Charles McMillan - Thursday I'll be flying to Columbia, South Carolina where I will participate in a funeral for the Camden 14. Maryland and Delaware militiamen, one Catawba loyalist, and one British / Scottish soldier. We will march in a

group and follow the funeral cortege as they make their way to the Bethesda Presbyterian Church for an outdoor funeral. There will be a ceremony at the Camden Battlefield that afternoon.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Jim Robinette – No report

Treasurer: Chapter since the American Revolution Treasurer's Report April 15, 2023. Total funds we have as of today consists of \$8,558.15 In our last bank checking account and \$9,549.69 in interest-bearing guaranteed funds from Community Foundation at the Ozarks these two accounts total \$18,107.84 And I'd like to make note that approximately \$2,200 of all of that money is all we have unrestricted at this point. So, we really would appreciate the purchase of some of our coins. Medals and things like that. We already invested money so that we could beat that up a little bit and give us a little bit more ability to give awards, and financial amounts to recipients and for projects that we have coming up.

Secretary: Len Slovensky—The minutes from the last meeting were published and included in the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. It was stated that the treasurer audit was not included in last month's report. Approval of an amended report that includes the audit was received.

Editor/ Newsletter: Dan Piedlow - If you go somewhere, get pictures, write it up, and send it to Daniel. If you send a picture, make it a large photo (for example 500 kilobyte) the little 100 kilobyte pictures are too small to use.

Website/ Media: Website- have received 1 picture in the last three months, looking for more pictures to post on the website. We need to make sure everyone has an email address in our directory. We need to be a single source and a backup for every picture we have.

Genealogist: Steve Perkins - Over the last 60 days with respect to genealogy, we have received 10 new prospects in 60 days. I have mailed five submissions out either to state or to national we have five currently pending at national, which includes eight year-to-date.

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3. **Serve our own members** (we are human and have needs for support, companionship, group camaraderie, and fun).
4. **Improve efficiency and effectiveness** of our efforts, to include administrative tools, a new website, and online capabilities (BTW, I am also looking for ideas to help us gain funds/ contributions).

To that end, I will again ask that all members try to make it to the monthly meetings and do what you can to help. I know that most humans on Earth are busy these days, but just a small amount of effort by many will relieve the dozen officers who are pulling the load most of the time. Also, **we are obligated by birth and by honor, to remind our citizens of how we earned our status as a great nation and working to perpetuate the nation and the freedom our forefathers fought for.** I also believe it brings satisfaction and pride to each of us to participate, teach, and inform. If you have a special talent or capabilities that would help our chapter perform the mission, reach out, brag about it, and let us offer your talents to better perform our mission. You don't have to do much ... just come, listen, shake

hands, and get the picture of what is happening. Let's make the chapter and our



efforts what you want it to be. Sound familiar?

**On the Horizon.** Please review the calendar at [www.ozarkmountainsar.org](http://www.ozarkmountainsar.org) and come to our next General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 20 May, 0900, at the Ozark Technical College Commons, 1001 E Chestnut Expy, in Springfield. As always, it will be very cool and very patriotic. This month, we will

have more new compatriots to induct, and we will be celebrating our MOSSAR Chapter Awards. I also want to highlight some major events coming up. You should try to attend the SAR event in St. Genevieve, MO on Sat-Sun, 27-28 May. This event honors the area patriots who fought in the Battle of Fort San Carlos, the most Western major battle of the Revolutionary War. There will be Honor Guard events (including our OMCSAR Color Guard and Branson High School AFJROTC Honor Guard), patriot grave markings, and revolutionary period encampments/scenes. You can even earn points toward SAR medals and the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Medals. Beyond that, St. Genevieve, MO is a super cool place to visit. Also, we will have a beautiful celebration on Veteran's Day. Monday, 29 May, at the Springfield National Veterans Cemetery. OMC SAR compatriots McMillan and Fisk are putting this together to bless our community and thank Veterans. You gotta be there!

*Respectfully,*

*Crismon A. Brayman, President*



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.

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We've had eight new applications nationally. We've had four approvals here today. We have three supplements pending. I have 36 prospects that are in the database. 16 of those are either at state or national.

Historian: Jeremy Boes – Appreciation to everyone that's been sending anything. We started off the year strong, but I feel like I haven't received anything new and few weeks. So, anything that might be rolled over basically please send in.

Sergeant at Arms: Dan Piedlow - Sr.

We have the OTC facility for the remainder of the year, and we continue to need it. We are looking to see if there is a place where we can have positive access all the time. Is there something else that is better than what we have now?

Committees: CDC - Chairman: Ben Edmondson— CDC: we had our monthly meeting, and we went over through June. For the rest of the events coming up we've got several JROTC presentations coming up. Then our history explorers are Wednesday, April 26 at the Schweitzer Brentwood branch library.

We have the NIMS chapter recruiting thing on May 6 down in Carthage at the colonial house.

We still need somebody to be present at Willard. Yes. On the 28th so if we need to twist anybody's arm, let me know. Crystal twist but I think that's the only one you don't have somebody to present right?

May. On the 25th we have the naturalization ceremony at Diamond Missouri at the George Washington Carver national monument.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Awards and New Membership:

Payton\_Dunwe – Support for Wreaths Across America

New Members:

Kavan Stull – Private Reuben Huffman of Virginia

John and Alec Wade – Private John Benedict of Virginia

Michael Clarke – Private James Heady of Virginia

Motion to Adjourn: Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/ "Ayes"

Benediction: Dan Philbrick

## **Compatriot Kavan Stull's Patriot: Corporal Reuben Huffman**

Reuben Huffman enlisted at Culpepper County, Virginia, March 1777, and served three years as a private under Captain Angus Rucker, 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment, in the service of the United States, with Colonel George Gibson and General Peter Muhlenberg commanding. He was honorably discharged at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in March 1780. Reuben was born in 1754 and died in 1832. He was married in the fall of 1788, in Madison County, Virginia. His wife Catherine was born, August 12, 1767, and died February 6, 1844. Their children were Solomon, Phillip, Thomas, and Eleanor. I am a descendant of his oldest son, Solomon. Solomon's daughter, Barbara, later relocated to present-day West Virginia and then traveled to Northeast Missouri. Married in Macon County, Missouri, her family resided in Schuyler County near the Iowa border.

Reuben served in the historic battles of Brandywine PA (September 11, 1777). Germantown PA (October 4, 1777), Monmouth NJ (June 28, 1778), and in the taking of Stony Point NY (July 16, 1779). After returning home he was later selected for what was called "The Continental Draft" for eighteen months beginning in June of 1781, in a re-constituted Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Posey. In this second period of service, he was at the siege of

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Yorktown VA, (October 19, 1781). After General Washington's victory and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, his regiment marched south to the state of Georgia. While stationed outside the city of Savannah, the Virginians were engaged in several small battles with the British regular army and also skirmished with Tories and Indians. Promoted to Corporal he was honorably discharged a second time in October 1782, at Savannah, Georgia.

Reuben stated in his first application for a war service pension that his discharge paperwork for the later service had been lost. Former Captain Angus Rucker provided a letter documenting his first three years of service as a "faithful soldier". This pension request was granted on December 1, 1818. In 1830 he applied for an updated pension citing his service after 1780 and provided an Affidavit from a friend and fellow soldier stating that "although assigned to a different Company, he frequently saw Ruben Huffman in the Army of the United States in Georgia performing military service with Colonel Posey's Regiment". It does not appear that an amended pension award was granted by the Greenbrier County VA Court from the evidence provided at the time of the hearing. Actual preserved archival muster roll records from the 1st Virginia Regiment document his later promotion and complete four and a half year service record with the continental army.

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**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**

## Patriots' Day — Hold the Line!

American Patriots / April 19, 2023

"What a glorious morning this is!"

by Mark Alexander

"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen!" —Samuel Adams (1776)

By the grace of God every day is a good day, but it is a great day when April 19th, Patriots' Day, coincides with my Wednesday column. It is a pleasure to write about American Patriots from all generations, but especially those who fired the opening volleys for American Liberty in defiance of forces sent to disarm them.

Among our family's hardheaded Appalachian ancestors was an early Patriot militia colonel, George Gillespie. In 1772, he arrived in the wild and largely uninhabited area of what was then western North Carolina, and over the next four years constructed Fort Gillespie at the mouth of Big Limestone River on the Nolichucky River. In October 1780, in a pivotal battle of the Revolutionary War, he and his sons joined others to form a gauntlet against British tyranny at the Battle of Kings Mountain on the North and South Carolina border. There, they killed Cornwallis's campaign henchman, the infamously brutal Scotsman Major Patrick Ferguson.

That was but one of the 10 most critical engagements of the Revolutionary War. But it was the first battles of Lexington and Concord on which our quest for Liberty was launched.

Let's take a brief stroll down the path that gave rise to our Republic.

On December 16th, 1773, "radicals" from Boston, members of a secret organization of American Patriots called the Sons of Liberty, boarded three East India Company ships and threw 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor.

This iconic event, in protest of oppressive British taxation and tyrannical rule, became known as the Boston Tea Party.

Resistance to the Crown had been mounting over

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enforcement of the 1764 Sugar Act, 1765 Stamp Act, and 1767 Townshend Act, which led to the Boston Massacre and gave rise to the slogan, "No taxation without representation."

The 1773 Tea Act and resulting Tea Party protest galvanized the Colonial movement opposing British parliamentary acts, which violated the natural, charter, and constitutional rights of the colonists. In response to the rebellion, the British enacted additional punitive measures, labeled the "Intolerable Acts," in hopes of suppressing the burgeoning insurrection. Far from accomplishing their desired outcome, however, the Crown's countermeasures led colonists to convene the First Continental Congress on September 5th, 1774, in Philadelphia.

By the spring of 1775, civil discontent with royal rulers was growing, and American Patriots in Massachusetts and other colonies were preparing to cast off their masters. The spirit of the coming revolution was captured in Patrick Henry's impassioned "Give me Liberty or give me death" speech.

On the evening of April 18, 1775, General Thomas Gage, acting as the Crown's military governor of Massachusetts, dispatched a force of 700 British Army regulars with secret orders. These troops, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith, were to arrest 53-year-old Boston Tea Party leader Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Provincial Congress President John Hancock, and merchant fleet owner Jeremiah Lee.

But what directly tied Gage's orders to the later enumeration in our Constitution's Second Amendment assurance of the innate "right to keep and bear arms" was the primary mission of his Redcoat brigades. They were charged with undertaking a preemptive raid to confiscate arms and ammunition stored by Massachusetts Patriots in the town of Concord.

Patriot militia and minutemen, under the leadership of the "radical" Sons of Liberty, anticipated this raid, and the confrontations with British regulars at Lexington and Concord proved to be the fuse that ignited the American Revolution.

Near midnight on April 18th, 41-year-old Paul Revere, who had arranged for advance warning of

British movements, departed Charlestown (near Boston) for Lexington and Concord in order to warn Hancock, Adams, and other Sons of Liberty that the British Army was marching to arrest them and seize their weapons caches.

Revere's ride was immortalized by noted poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere... Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch... One if by land, two if by sea... Through the gloom and the light, The fate of a nation was riding that night; And the spark struck out by that steed, in his flight."

After meeting with Hancock and Adams in Lexington, Revere was captured, but his Patriot ally, Samuel Prescott, continued to Concord and warned militiamen along the way.

The Patriots in Lexington and Concord, with other citizen militias in New England, were bound by "minute man" oaths to "stand at a minute's warning with arms and ammunition." The oath of the Lexington militia read thus: "We trust in God that, should the state of our affairs require it, we shall be ready to sacrifice our estates and everything dear in life, yea, and life itself, in support of the common cause."

In the early dawn of April 19th, their oaths would be tested with blood. Under the command of 46-year-old farmer and militia Captain John Parker, 77 militiamen assembled on the town green at Lexington,

where they soon faced Smith's overwhelming force of seasoned British regulars. Parker did not expect shots to be exchanged, but his orders were: "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here."

Within close musket range from the Patriots' column,



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British Major John Pitcairn swung his sword and ordered, "Lay down your arms, you damned rebels!" Not willing to sacrifice his small band of Patriots on the green, as Parker later wrote in a sworn deposition, "I immediately ordered our Militia to disperse, and not to fire." But his Patriots did not lay down their arms. Then under Pitcairn's orders, as Parker testified, "Immediately said Troops made their appearance and rushed furiously, fired upon, and killed eight of our Party without receiving any Provocation therefor from us." Ten other Patriots were wounded.

As his militia moved toward Concord with the British in pursuit, their ranks grew to more than 400. In Concord, the British divided in order to search for armament stores. Before noon, the second confrontation between regulars and militiamen occurred as 100 British light infantry from three companies faced the ranks of militia and minutemen at Concord's Old North Bridge. From depositions on both sides, the British fired first, killing two and wounding four.

This time, however, the militia commander, Major John Buttrick, ordered, "Fire, for God's sake, fellow soldiers, fire!"

And fire they did. The volley commenced with what poet Ralph Waldo Emerson later immortalized as "The Shot Heard Round the World." With that shot, farmers, laborers, landowners, and statesmen alike brought upon themselves the sentence of death for treason. In the ensuing firefight, the British suffered heavy casualties. In discord, the Redcoats retreated to Concord proper and, after reinforcing their ranks, marched back toward Lexington.

During their retreat from Concord, British regulars took additional casualties in sporadic firefights. The most notable of those was an ambush by the reassembled ranks of John Parker's militia, which

became known as "Parker's Revenge." Despite reinforcements when they returned to Lexington, the King's men were no match for the Patriot ranks. The militia and minutemen made the Redcoats pay dearly all along their 18-mile tactical retreat to Boston.

By day's end, the Patriots suffered 49 killed, 39 wounded, and five missing. The British casualties totaled 73 killed, 174 wounded, and 26 missing. Upon hearing of those first shots in what would become an eight-year struggle for American Liberty, Samuel Adams declared to fellow Patriot John Hancock, "What a glorious morning this is!" Indeed it was, and the sunrise each April 19th has remained so ever since.



Thus began the great campaign to reject tyranny and embrace the challenge of securing individual Liberty. "The People alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and

indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it," wrote Samuel Adams.

Moreover, as the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired to repel forces sent to disarm the people, James Madison would later observe: "The ultimate authority ... resides in the people alone. ... The advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation ... forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any..."

Two months after the battles of Lexington and Concord, the Continental Congress, under President John Hancock, declared on June 12th, 1775: "Congress ... considering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state ... do earnestly recommend, that Thursday, the 12th of July next, be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this Continent, as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, that we may with united hearts and voices, unfeignedly confess and deplore our many sins and offer up our joint



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supplications to the All-wise, Omnipotent and merciful Disposer of all Events, humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities. ... It is recommended to Christians of all denominations to assemble for public worship and to abstain from servile labor and recreations of said day."

Why would the first generation of American Patriots forgo, in the inimitable words of Sam Adams, "the tranquility of servitude" for "the animating contest of freedom"?

The answer to that question — Liberty or Death — defined the spirit of American Patriotism then, as it defines the spirit of American Patriots today. We are the beneficiaries of generations who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor "to support and defend" Liberty as enumerated in our Declaration of Independence and enshrined in our Constitution. In 1776, George Washington wrote in his General Orders: "The time is now near at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

Of that resolve, two centuries later President Ronald Reagan said: "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation..."



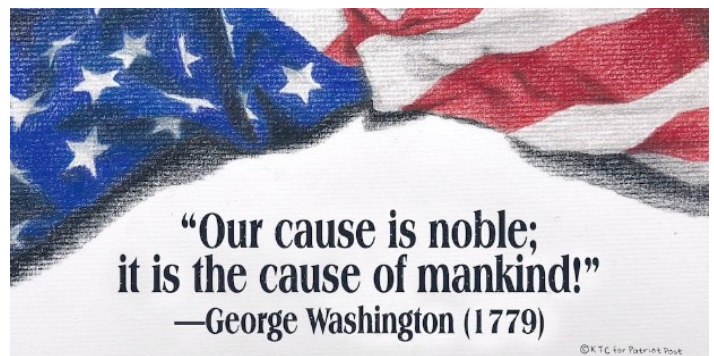
The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

Indeed, the time is always at hand when American Patriots must reaffirm whether we are to be freemen or slaves.

Finally, in the words of Thomas Jefferson in his "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms" in July 1775, "Honor, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity have a right to receive from us."

Semper Vigilans Fortis Paratus et Fidelis  
Pro Deo et Libertate — 1776

<https://patriotpost.us/alexander/96663-patriots-day-hold-the-line-2023-04-19>



**Birthdays**

Edwin Frederickson	April 11
Steven Lawson	April 17
Randy Painter	April 17
David Appleby	April 18
James Harris	April 19
Charles Clark	April 20
Jesse Haggard	April 24
Donald Pruitt	April 25
Melvin McNeal	May 6
Joel Monteith	May 8
Ian Shepherd	May 8
Jeremy Boes	May 10
Daniel F. Piedlow	May 14
Donal Stanton	May 19
Lee Viorel	May 19
Robert Grover	May 21
William Walker	May 23
Brett Knowlton	May 26
James Haas	May 28
Alec Wade	May 29

# Awards and Events

## National Medal of Honor Day

March 26, 2023

Kavan Stull joined with his brother Ivan and members of the Harry S Truman Chapter, Missouri SAR, on March 26 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Trenton, Missouri. They and other groups recognized Medal of Honor recipient Pvt. John Hack, U. S. Army. His grave was previously marked with a MOH identifier. The event host was the Sons of the Union Veterans. The Army Reserve fired a salute, folded a burial flag, and presented it to the Mayor. The DAR was represented along with local VFW members. Pvt. Hacks earned the Medal of Honor for bravery during the Civil War Vicksburg campaign while serving with an Ohio regiment.



On April 13, 2023, Compatriot Kavan Stull presented a program "Yankee Doodle and Flags of the Revolution" to the American Legion Post 13 in Joplin, Missouri.



Compatriot's Steve Perkins and Dan Piedlow saluting after posting colors at the beginning of the meeting.



Compatriot Charles McMillan presenting an Outstanding Citizenship Award to Payton Dunwe for his efforts to the Wreaths Across America.

The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are \$30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and \$35.00 if he has to mail it to you.



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New Members being sworn in by OMC President Crismon Brayman. (Top Left) Kavin Stull with sponsor Len Slovenski; (Top Right) Alec Wade with sponsor Gary Gift; (Bottom Left) John Wade with Sponsor Ken Lawrence; (Bottom Right) Michael Stewart with sponsor Dan Philbrick.



Compatriot Dan Piedlow presenting Branson High School AFJROTC Cadet Clyde Cassady with the Bronze ROTC Medal.



Compatriot Dan Piedlow presenting Branson High School AFJROTC Cadet Recki Deroboam with the Enhanced SAR JROTC Award.

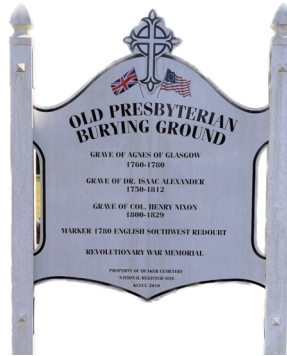
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Charles McMillan, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR, attended the Camden 14 reinterment ceremonies held April 20-22, 2023.

The remains of Revolutionary War soldiers were located during an archeological dig which thereby necessitated reinterment at the Old Presbyterian Burying Ground. The South Carolina Preservation Trust organized the larger scale of events that lasted 3 days. On 20 April remains in coffins draped with flags representing the deceased's country of service, were brought to Camden, SC in a procession of Humvees. The procession briefly stopped at the state capitol, then proceeded to Fort Jackson where the assembly of army soldiers assembled in ceremony. Leaving Fort Jackson, the cortege passed each public school between Fort Jackson and Camden, as well as the Camden Military Academy. That afternoon the remains laid in repose at the famous Kershaw/Cornwallis House.

On Friday 21 April 2023, the soldiers lay in repose for the public to reverently view. There was a living history camp occupied by reenactors and that evening the US Army Concert played and the Old Guard put on an awesome demonstration.

The following day, 22 April 2023, many groups including a National Color Guard led by PG Pickett, marched in the funeral cortege 6/10ths of a mile. The outdoor funeral was held in front of Bethesda



Presbyterian Church. A flyover from the US Air Force 79th Fighter Squadron got everyone's attention. The draped coffins were then transported to the Camden Battlefield where a burial honors ceremony was held. Several dignitaries, including Governor Henry McMaster, offered comments.

A separate wreath-laying by SAR PG Pickett on Sunday, 23 April, honored all Revolutionary War soldiers who are buried in the cemetery. Charles McMillan carried the Cowpens flag representing Ozark Mountain Chapter and the Missouri Society.



Preparing to march forward



Charles McMillan at Burying Ground



President General Bruce Pickett leading the SAR to the church



Inspection by PG at Quaker Cemetery Camden, SC



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Compatriot Dan Piedlow presenting the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Medal to Branson High School AFJROTC Cadets Clyde Cassady (Silver), Darrius Dunnihoo (Silver), and Lecksi Deroboam (Silver), and Christian Campbell (Bronze).



Ozark High School JROTC “Tiger Battalion” held its annual Award Ceremony Tuesday, April 25, 2023. On behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution, Steven Perkins presented this year’s award to Cadet Company 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Vincent Parham. OHS-JROTC has a strong program with over 150 cadets who in the current school year earned approximately 110 trophies at many contests. Their cadet creed reads: *I am an Army Junior ROTC Cadet. I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school, and the Corps of Cadets. I am loyal and patriotic. I am the future of the United States of America. I do not lie, cheat, or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds. I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism. I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body. I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life. May God grant me the strength to always live by this creed.*



Compatriot Dan Philbrick presents the SAR Award to Monett High School JROTC Cadet Bryan Robertson.

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On Sunday, April 23, 2023, Missouri SAR Color Guard participated in a special grave marking ceremony at the All Saints Catholic Church, St. Peters, Missouri. Eighteen Color Guard advanced colors under arms formed in a rank of four by four. This is a story rich in history that reaches back 250 years.



The All Saints Catholic Church in St. Peters, Missouri is celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023. As part of their church's celebrations, the DAR and SAR collaborated to memorialize and mark the grave of Etienne Bernard (1752-1831). He was one of the founders of the church and was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Co., St. Louis Militia and had fought at the American Revolution Battle of Fort San Carlos (also known as the Battle of St. Louis) on 20 May 1780. Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Member Dennis Hahn and Saint Charles DAR Chapter Member Patti Dickherber worked with the All Saints Heritage and Archive Committee to coordinate this special occasion, which was tagged as "All Saints Parish Founder's Day". Upon the



arrival of colors and taking position, the national anthem and pledges were conducted. The Moderator was [Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter President Jim Jackson](#). Patti Dickherber researched the

subject and delivered a comprehensive biography to the nearly 150 guests, about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of them contemporary descendants of Etienne Bernard. The dedication and unveiling of the grave marker was conducted by Jim Jackson, Gail Rea, Father Donald Wester, Sherry Maher, Mary Valentine, and Trish

Walther. (Mary and Trish contributed the funds to purchase the grave marker.) The DAR presented a wreath at the grave site. Five guardsmen formed up for a triple volley to honor Etienne Bernard.

Etienne Bernard was born about 1755, probably in Quebec. Like many of that time, he learned to trap and hunt furs. Eventually, he was in Fort Vincennes, Cahokia, Kaskaskia, St. Charles, Portage des Sioux, Ste. Genevieve, and St. Louis settlements. The hunter/trappers seldom had a fixed abode and often had Indian wives and wintered in Indian villages. He like many of his Frenchmen, was sympathetic to the colonies and the patriot cause. The fort at St. Louis was called Fort San Carlos and was constructed and controlled by the Spanish, and commanded by Fernando de Leyba. When it became known the British were devising a plan to cross the Mississippi to seize control, many French trappers, rowers, traders, and friendly Indians came to the cause to defend St. Louis. Etienne Bernard served in the militia from December 1782 to February 1783, alongside many friends. Following his term he married Marguerite Lebeau in Cahokia August 1786 and move to St. Louis. Eventually, they made their way up the Missouri River and was enumerated there in the 1790 census. His first wife died young and he married again in May 1794. He received a land grant and signed a deed in January 1800 for his St. Charles property. At about age 60, he donated some of his land to All Saints Catholic Church. He died at age 80 thereafter his estate and will went into probate in St. Charles on 2 May 1835.



Advancing the colors to the grave site.

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One of three volleys: Brad Frazier, Danny Piedlow, Gary LeClaire, Mark Parks, and Don Turner.



Front Row L-R: Charles Lilly, Steve Perkins, Gary LeClaire, David Riggs, Rylee Riggs, Marvin Koechig, Don Turner, and Brad Frazier. Row 2: John Bedell, Mark Parks, Dan Evans, Terry Grogan. Row 3: Kevin Hulsey, Greg Watkins, Casey Brizendine, Danny Piedlow Jr., Rochelle Rigs (DAR). Back Row: Bill Grote, Steve Baldwin. Not pictured are photographer Dan Piedlow, Eastern District Commander Jim Jackson, and Dr. Gregg Sartorius.

The Missouri SAR Society annual conference, held April 28 & 29, was hosted by the William C. Corum chapter, and held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Independence, Missouri. The events began Friday afternoon with a dedication ceremony and wreath-laying at the Harry S Truman Library, in Independence. Color guard from across the state fell into formation and presented the colors for Kurt Graham, Library Director, to say words about the facility, the plaque dedication, and a welcome to the SAR. We were honored to have Secretary General John Dodd (CASSAR) bring greetings on behalf of President General Bruce Pickette, both at the library and at our



SCD VPG Charles H. McLemore and Secretary General John Dodd laying the wreath at the grave of Harry S. and Bess Truman



The plaque that will be placed at the entrance of the Truman Library and Museum.

## Important Dates in History

- April 1—Marines Disbanded 1783
- 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 15 – Quartering Act 1765
- May 26 - Battle at St. Louis, Missouri 1780
- May 29 - Patrick Henry Birthday 1736
- May 29 - Virginia Resolves 1765

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annual conference banquet & awards ceremony. The picture of OMC's delegation included Dan McMurray, Dan Piedlow, Cris Brayman and wife Michelle, Dale Crandall, Howard Fisk, Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, George Swales and wife Margaret, dual member Robert Groves, Steven Perkins and wife Debbie, and Dan Philbrick and wife Anita.



OMC won all the major state awards for Americanism, Fogg Award, and the Yohe Yearbook. Numerous medals and awards were presented to chapter members, and OMC proudly won the Outstanding JROTC Cadet award for the state. Cris Brayman proudly stood with Lecksi Deroboam and her parents when she received the award (below).



Missouri SAR Color Guard at the graves of Harry S. Truman and Bess Truman.



Musket salute: Mark Parks, Dan Piedlow, Don Turner and Stephen Sullins firing on command from Steve Perkins



Compatriot Dan Piedlow presenting the certificate and check to Drew Tyndall for his first place in the 5th grade Poster Contest. Also pictured are President Michael Robertson, and Drew's mother and great-grandmother.



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OMC President Cris Brayman accepting the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for Compatriot John Hathcock



Compatriots Charles McMillan, and Norman Knowlton receiving their Silver Good Citizenship Medal, and Compatriot Dan Philbrick receiving his Distinguished Service Award.



OMC President Cris Brayman receiving the chapter Yohee Yearbook award.

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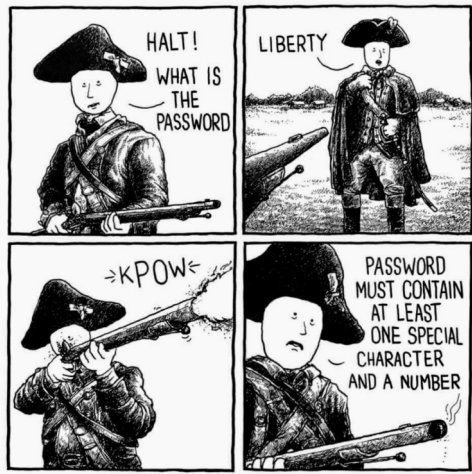
Compatriots J. Howard Fisk and Steven Perkins receiving their Faithful Service from MOSSAR President Michael Robertson.



Compatriots Daniel Piedlow and OMC President Cris Brayman (for Gary Gift) receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.



Compatriot Steven Perkins receiving the Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal.



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Compatriot Ken Lawrence receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from MOSSAR President Michael Robertson.



Compatriot George Swales receiving the Missouri Gold Medal from MOSSAR President Michael Robertson.



OMC President Cris Brayman receiving the Silver Roger Sherman Medal from MOSSAR President Michael Robertson for John Hathcock.



Compatriot Dan McMurray receiving the Distinguished Service Certificate from MOSSAR President Michael Robertson.

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The 2023-2024 Officers being sworn in by SAR Secretary General John Dodd.



MOSSAR 2023-2024 President David Shaul being sworn in by SAR Secretary General John Dodd.

# Upcoming Events



Wednesday, May 17 at 8:30 pm, an Honor Flight will be returning to Springfield Airport. All are welcome to attend to welcome back and honor our veterans.



Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am, the Ozark Mountain Chapter is having their monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 am, the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be at a Naturalization Ceremony at the George Washington Carver National Monument, 5646 Carver Rd., Diamond, MO 64840. All are welcome to attend. If you have a uniform, wear it.

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Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, there is the annual Battle of Fort San Carlos Memorial in St. Genevieve, MO. This two day event will honor the patriot colonial French settlers who fought of the British in 1780. A flier of the event is on the last two pages of the newsletter.



Monday, May 29, at 11:00 am, the Ozark Mountain Chapter is conducting the Memorial Day Event at the Springfield National Cemetery, 1702 E. Seminole St., Springfield. All are welcome to attend and show our support for our military, and if you have a uniform, please wear it.



Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm there will be a Chapter Development meeting via Zoom. All members are invited to attend. The invitation details for the meeting will be mailed out at a later date.



Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 am, the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be having a Flag Day celebration at the Greene County Historic Courthouse, 940 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield.



Saturday, June 17 at 9:00 am, the Ozark Mountain Chapter is having their monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



**Memorial Cemetery  
Sainte Genevieve, Missouri  
Fort San Carlos Festival Program 2023  
May 27 & 28, 2023**

**Grave Marking Ceremony  
Memorial Cemetery  
Sainte Genevieve, Missouri**

**Saturday, May 27 Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies  
(See below for details)  
Sunday, May 28 Muster Call 12:00 P.M.  
(Sunday event details forthcoming)**

**Honoring 10 Revolutionary War Patriots**

**10:00 AM Ceremony**

François Vallé père  
François Vallé II  
Charles Vallé  
Jean Baptiste de Lafont  
J. B. St. Gemme *dit* Bauvais

**2:00 PM Ceremony**

Jean Baptiste Vallé  
Jacques Misse  
Etienne Parent  
Nicholas Janis  
Nicholas Calliot *dit* LaChance

**Militia & Guard Muster 30 minutes before at Guibord-Valle House**

**National Color Guard Event  
Sons of the American Revolution**



## Memorandum

To: SAR Compatriots  
 From: J. Howard Fisk - jhoward@fisk.limo  
 Regarding: Sainte Genevieve Grave Marking

All Sons of the American Revolution Compatriots who want to receive grave marking credit for this ceremony must do so by contributing financially to this event.

Members traveling long distances to the event may bring a wreath representing your SAR Chapter or State to place at Memorial Cemetery. A wreath must be laid during each ceremony for grave marking credit (5 Patriots). Wreaths placed during the ceremony must be removed following the ceremony.

If your travel distance does not allow you to transport a wreath you may send \$10.00 per ceremony and we will have flowers available for you at registration. You must provide \$10.00 per ceremony for a separate carnation to form a flower offering at the Memorial Cemetery.

All SAR members who are unable to attend, may send a \$60.00 check for the support of this event and receive credit for one ceremony (5 Patriots). It will require two payments in order to receive credit for two ceremonies (10 Patriots).

All funds will be used for the purchase of plaques with the balance to Memorial Cemetery for the maintenance of Patriot graves.

**Sends checks to: SAR FSC - Post Office Box 10405, Springfield, Missouri 65808**