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The President's Message

By President Crismon Brayman

Introduction. Happy October Compatriots. This is my favorite time of year. October reminds me that the hot days are over and that the holidays are coming. It is also a reminder that we are approaching the end of 2023 and should re-assess where we are at with respect to our goals. The goals I stated at the beginning of the year, concerning communication and organization, are still valid and I intend to get these things done. It has been difficult to affect change due to the high level of activity in our chapter. However, I am not giving up and I will continue working with each of you and the next slate of officers to accomplish the goals that we set out. It is important to me that I hand the next president and our members, an effective and enjoyable unit.

Highlights from September. September activities included a Chapter Development Committee (CDC) meeting at Steve and Debbie Perkin's home on 7 September. We held our Chapter Meeting at Ozark Technical College on 16 September, where we heard a moving briefing from Honor Flight of the Ozark members, Mr. Steve Bach and Mr. Ned Reynolds (you may recognize Ned Reynolds as a U.S. Navy veteran and highly awarded sportscaster and community leader – he is perhaps the most recognizable person

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Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?

I lack divination like a man of the cloth, a great Baptist preacher if you will, to put words of great inspiration on paper. Words that move the hearts of men. Words that serve as a call to action. This is as close as I get.

For months, you have seen the President's appeals in our newsletters, directed to membership to self-motivate and find inspiration...to reflect on

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in Southern Missouri). We also had the pleasure of having Compatriot Donnie Williams talk about his ancestors. Finally, we inducted Keith Alan Jones, pictured here with his family. On 17 September, we supported the Daughters of Union Veterans as they performed the Kirkland Marker Ceremony at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

Our Mission. As always, I want to remind us all to keep our mission at the forefront:

1. **Execute 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).
3. **Serve our members** (we all need support, companionship, group camaraderie, and we need to enjoy our meetings together).
4. **Improve efficiency and effectiveness** of our efforts, to include administrative tools, a new website, and enhanced online capabilities. Some officers met to discuss this fundraising and we will be acting on those ideas soon. Keep ideas flowing; otherwise, we cannot continue to pay for the awesome awards, buy equipment, and properly honor our outstanding members and citizens.

Attend and Engage. I will again ask that all members try to make it to the monthly meetings and do what you can to help accomplish our mission. Though the meetings are important, the educational and patriotic events are also critical. Many of us are busy, with family and duty obligations so I know how tough it can be to find time to support the chapter. However, keep trying and please remember the following: **We are obligated by our heritage and by honor, to remind or teach our citizens how we earned our independence and our status as a great nation. And, we absolutely must fight to perpetuate our nation, the principles of our constitutional republic, and the freedom our forefathers fought for.** I also believe it brings

satisfaction and pride to each of us to participate, teach, and inform. I know this part of my message is repetitive, but we really need help. I am sure that each of you have a special talent, a capability, or ideas that will help us perform the mission of the SAR. So, don't be shy ... reach out. You don't have to know everything -- just come, listen, shake hands, get the picture of what is happening, and go from there. Find a mission element that you are good at. Let's share the burden and the rewards and make our chapter what you want it to be. I am doing all I can to keep it interesting and fun. We must enjoy what we are doing while we appreciate the positions for which we are endowed.

Cats & Dogs. Our officers have asked me to emphasize some information, so let's start with dues. The 2024 dues drive is underway. You should have already seen a notice to pay your dues. If you have not responded, please do that ASAP. The national dues have increased from \$35 per year to \$50 per year. Sorry about that...it is the way of things these days. It is a large increase but thankfully, it is the first increase in 7 years. In any case, thank you for paying up so national, state and chapter activities/support can continue. Another issue involves the Sgt Ariel Nims Chapter, Joplin: In 2024 OMC members living in the greater Joplin area can anticipate growth in the Nims chapter, and those OMC members closer to Joplin will be encouraged to become dual members and assist with the rebuilding effort. Finally, concerning the Future West Plains chapter: OMC members who live closer to West Plains can anticipate the creation of a new chapter in West Plains. Those OMC members will be encouraged to become primary chapter members in the new chapter while maintaining a dual membership with OMC for several years.

On the Horizon. Please review the calendar at www.ozarkmountainsar.org (new website is

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coming soon) and come to our next General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 21 October, 0900, at the Ozark Technical College Commons, 1001 E Chestnut Expy, in Springfield. **You should have received a message informing you that we are postponing the Chapter 'Family Gathering' until we can focus on our members/families and have it without competing events.** Looking into October, you will see that we already honored the patriots at the Catts-Crawford Cemetery and presented colors in support of the Rachel Donaldson DAR Chapter at Maple Park Cemetery. We will also support a Naturalization Ceremony and have a chapter meeting, a History Explorers briefing by Branson AFJROTC cadets, and a quarterly MOSSAR board meeting and attend a series of historical events in St. Louis near the end of October. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NEWSLETTER to see what is coming. Compatriot Ben Edmondson updates the OMC Calendar with all events and Dan F. Peidlow, who produces the newsletter, will soon be leading you to a new website for the OMCSAR Chapter!

Respectfully,

Crismon A. Brayman, President

No Taxation Without Representation

The settlers who settled in the colonies of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut paid little to nothing in taxes during the first few decades of their establishment.

The English government imposed almost no taxes. In the early years, voluntary contributions supported spending on civic activities and church ministers. Too many free riders induced leaders to make contributions compulsory.

Taxes were not long in coming. Growing populations in the colonies necessitated defensive measures against Indians and other European intruders, along with the need to build and maintain roads, schools, prisons, public buildings, and ports and to support poor relief.

A variety of direct & indirect taxes were soon imposed on the colonists.

Many authors credit the reference of "No Taxation without Representation" to the Boston lawyer and legislator James Otis, Jr. (in 1761).

This was followed up by declarations at the Stamp Tax Congress in New York in October 1765.

The Stamp Act Congress passed a 'Declaration of Rights and Grievances' that claimed that American colonists were equal to all other British citizens and protested taxation without representation.

They declared, "That it is inseparably essential to the freedom of a people, and the undoubted right of Englishmen, that no taxes be imposed on them, but with their own consent, given personally, or by their representatives." (Article III)

The Colonists were British, but they did not have any member of Parliament representing them, and they resented that the taxes were imposed only on them and not all British subjects.

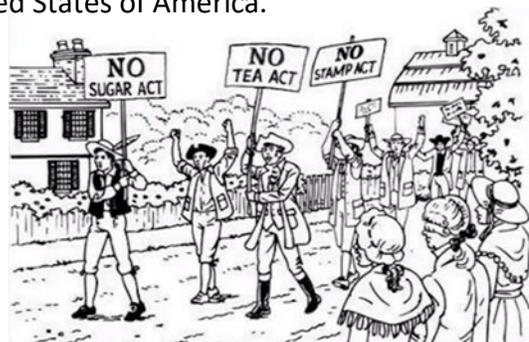
They stated that, without colonial representation in Parliament, Parliament could not tax colonists.

The American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) was sparked after American colonists fretted over issues like taxation without representation, embodied by laws like The Stamp Act and The Townshend Acts.

Mounting tensions came to a head during the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, when the "shot heard round the world" was fired.

The Declaration of Independence, issued on July 4, 1776, enumerated the reasons the Founders felt compelled to break from the rule of King George III and parliament to start a new nation.

In September of that year, the Continental Congress declared the "United Colonies" of America to be the "United States of America."



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what your own patriot did...and give just a bit of self-sacrifice. Do this or do that...something! Help at least sustain the work of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Make our mission important to you.

If a member does not commit to coming to meetings, at least occasionally, we can't get to know one another. And if we can't get to know one another, how can the member discern where he might like to help? How can others recognize the talents of its members we never get to know?

I was quickly impressed with OMC when I transferred from another state in 2016. All around me was enthusiastic energy and strong participation by a nice percentage of members. OMC probably had 80 members at the time. Leaders knew there was an objective simply summed up by proclaiming *we must not allow the public to wander ill-informed about what the American Revolution accomplished*. This is more urgent than ever. And I couldn't be prouder of what this one chapter among hundreds in the entire organization, has done.

What is it we/you believe in now? Freedom? Liberty? I believe it is far more than that. James Lindsay said *Resisting Communism isn't a part-time endeavor. It's forever. The same corruption that informs Communism is taught about in Genesis 3 & 4. It's humanity's perpetual war. Every generation must win it again.*

We too can never give up. But OMC has a dilemma. You see, the 130 members of OMC is a large chapter by SAR standards. We do a lot and are nationally recognized for some of our achievements. National programs received inspiration from OMC. We have a mission, but...

Where are our members? This question is for newer and older members alike. Where are those who have been members for say 5 to 10 years? The ultimate question: **Why did you join?** Something to hang on the wall, admire with crossed arms and hands in armpits? The mission of this organization goes deeper. Make our mission important to you.

Here is my plea: Those who have driven hard for 6-8 years need a rest, yet they want not this chapter to rest. Thus its membership must stand up and come

forward. Walk beside your compatriot brothers. Catch their passion and take up the reins. Get fired up! Make our mission important to you. Even a great General eventually is moved on and turns the command over to a younger and smarter leader.

In 2023 a chapter in Missouri died. It had to be closed and its charter withdrawn. Another chapter, once the beacon among the state's chapters, is near the precipice and we – OMC - are doing great work to get them new members and revitalize.

OMC is not on that downward trajectory. Far from it. But it could be unless members step up and help. **Your talents and participation are needed.** Make our mission important to you.

In my 7 years as a chapter member, I have met maybe 15% of our membership. I have been at nearly every chapter meeting and event. It's not me who isn't joining arms with my compatriots. Granted some simply cannot help out. Demographics: We have 15 members with birth dates between 1939 and 1946. We have 8 members born in the 1930's. I am excited that we have seen some younger members recently join or have an application in the works. Down through time, the young absorb wisdom from the old and then make improvements. Show up. Give of your wisdom. Learn wisdom from others. Lead. Be consistent and be persistent. Make our mission important to you.

In closing, I will share about the most recent chapter event that took place on August 19 at the Spring River Cemetery just to the southwest of Verona. This event was well publicized among our members and DAR chapters of the area. It was on a few social media pages which triggered The Monett Times to dispatch a reporter. Present were 4 members not in the Color Guard. Four guardsmen marched the shady lane and passed through a group of about 20 people including a hard-working cattleman and chapter member Steve Rinker. It was his patriot we were honoring, and a several-times great-granduncle Joseph Rinker. Those attending could not have been more thankful for our recognition of a first son of George Rinker. They truly appreciated our presence and the ceremony. Most of those reading this will never know how our mission impacts the public. But you could.

Make our mission important to you.

Important Dates in History

Aug 1: Sons of Liberty Formed 1765
Aug 1: Ambushed by Cherokees, Patriots are saved by a mounted charge at Seneca, SC 1776
Aug 4: U.S. Coast Guard Created 1790
Aug 4: Patriot Isaac Hayne is executed 1781
Aug 6: The Redcoats, with Iroquois support, force the patriots back at Oriskany, NY, but then have to evacuate 1777
Aug 6: Patriots defeat Tories at Hanging Rock, SC 1780
Aug 7: Washington establishes the Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) 1782
Aug 10: Tugaloo River, SC, Andrew Pickens defeats Cherokees
Aug 12: Andrew Pickens' detachment surrounded by 185 Cherokee Indians, forms a ring and fires outward. It is known as the "Ring Fight." 1776
Aug 12: Colonel David Williamson and Andrew Pickens burn Tamasee, SC an Indian town 1776
Aug 19: Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee attacks Paulus Hook, NJ 1779
Aug 19: Battle of Blue Licks, KY 1782
Aug 23: British withdraw from Fort Stanwix, NY, upon hearing of Benedict Arnold's approach 1777
Aug 25: British General Howe lands at Head of Elk, Maryland 1777
Aug 27: Redcoats defeat George Washington's army in the Battle of Long Island. Washington's Army escapes at night. 1776
Aug 27: Battle of Brooklyn, NY 1776
Aug 29: Newtown, NY, after two massacres, American forces burn Indian villages 1779

Sept 3: Treaty of Paris Signed 1783
Sept 5–Oct. 26: First Continental Congress 1774
Sept 6: Marquis de Lafayette's Birthday 1757
Sept 8: Greene defeated at Eutaw Springs, SC 1781
Sept 11: The British win the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania 1777
Sept 11: Annapolis Convention 1786
Sept 15: The British occupy New York City 1776
Sept 15: French fleet drives British naval force from Chesapeake Bay 1781
Sept 16: Rainout at the Battle of the Clouds, Pennsylvania 1777
Sept 16: Generals George Washington, Nathanael Greene, and Israel Putnam triumphantly hold their ground at the Battle of Harlem Heights 1776
Sept 17: Signing of the Constitution 1787
Sept 18: U.S. Air Force Created 1947
Sept 19: Colonel David Williamson's Pennsylvania militia forces attacked by Cherokees at Coweecho River, NC 1776
Sept 19: Charles Carroll Birthday 1737
Sept 19: Battle of Saratoga 1777
Sept 21: Paoli Massacre, PA 1777
Sept 21: Benedict Arnold commits treason 1780
Sept 22: British execute Nathan Hale 1776
Sept 23: John André arrested, leading to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's plans to cede West Point to the British 1780
Sept 23: John Paul Jones, aboard the *Bonhomme Richard*, captures British man-of-war *Serapis* near English coast 1779
Sept 26: British under Howe occupy Philadelphia 1777
Sept 27: Samuel Adams Birthday 1722
Sept 28: The Tappan Massacre "No Flint" Grey kills 30 Americans by bayonet 1778



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.



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

By Resolution Of Congress...

By Philip Schreier, Director,
NRA Museums

The Medal of Honor is instantly recognized as our nation's highest award for heroism. The familiar words, "Above and beyond the call of duty" are etched into every child's memory as dreams of battlefield gallantry flicker across their thoughts and deeds while engaged in playground antics. Few know, however, that while the Medal of Honor was instituted in March of 1863, we had other ways of recognizing gallantry that dates back to the American Revolution.

In August of 1782, Gen. Washington wrote: "The General ... directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward." From that directive, we know of three "Purple Hearts for Military Merit" that were awarded to soldiers of the Continental Line, and then the award fell into disuse and was eventually revived in 1932 as an award for being wounded in combat.

At the close of the American Revolution in 1781, Congress authorized the purchase and presentation of 15 swords to be made in Paris and inscribed with the thanks of Congress to the recipient—who had been nominated by Gen. Washington for superior service and gallantry. Eight of these swords are known to have survived.

During the War of 1812, Congress similarly presented 27 swords to those who had displayed gallantry at the Battle of Lake Erie. Eight are known to still exist today.

In another example, which is the only time Congress has presented an actual firearm to a soldier for heroism, at the Battle of Plattsburgh, N.Y., in 1814, 17 young men enlisted to help defend the city and received inscribed Hall's rifles with personalized plaques that highlighted their service. Ten of these are accounted for today.

In March of 1863, six Medals of Honor were awarded at the War Dept. to the surviving soldiers who had taken part in the great locomotive chase later immortalized by Buster Keaton in the 1926 film "The General." Inscriptions on the back read, "The Congress to ..." and then the name, rank, and location of the event were engraved upon the first medals given for valor in our military history.

Today, the Medal of Honor is our nation's most-revered symbol of courage and gallantry. More than 3,000 have been earned since the Civil War, and those who survive to receive the award are held in high esteem for the rest of their lives.

Through the generosity of Norm Flayderman, Jack Lewis, and Marvin Applewhite, the NRA National Firearms Museum has four original Medals of Honor in the collection. They are currently on exhibit, along with other symbols of valor that predate the Civil War.

Through the generosity of John McMurray, Craig Bell, and Alan Boyd, of the American Society of Arms Collectors, the National Firearms Museum is pleased to announce the opening of Symbols of Valor, a collection of two of the Revolution's presentation swords, two Lake Erie swords, one Plattsburgh Hall's rifle and five Medals of Honor.

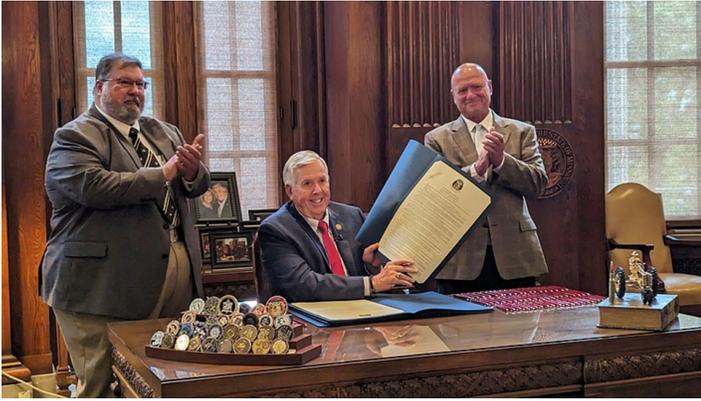
The exhibit is displayed with an original oil painting by Gilbert and Jane Stuart of George Washington, recently donated by the Estate of Doc Thurston of Charlotte, N.C.



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

America 250 Missouri Commission to coordinate festivities marking anniversary of American Revolution

by Ryan Pivoney | August 29, 2023 at 4:00 a.m.



Ryan Pivoney/News Tribune photo: Missouri Gov. Mike Parson holds up SCR 7 after signing it on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, in a ceremony with sponsors Rep. Dean Van Schoiack and Sen. Mike Bernskoetter. The measure establishes the America 250 Missouri Commission to plan celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the country's founding, which will be in 2026.

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"It's awesome," said Olsen, who serves as national chairman of the Sons of the American Revolution's American 250th Committee. "We're a little behind in a lot of other states but we have a great attitude, and we'll get things done."

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Julie Smith/News Tribune photo: J. Howard Fisk, left, Jim Baker, Cliff Olsen and Rep. Dean Van Schoiack, at right, stand in a Missouri Capitol second-floor hallway Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, in front of a painting that depicts the Battle of St. Louis, also known as the Battle of Fort San Carlos that took place on May 26, 1780. The battle was an unsuccessful attack by British-allied Indians on St. Louis during the American Revolutionary War. The men are part of a group that had just been in Gov. Mike Parson's office for the ceremonial signing of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 which creates a commission to organize and plan events and celebrations around the country's 250th anniversary in 2026.



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Birthday's

Terry Miller	8-1
Leslie Becker	8-2
John Hass	8-8
David Healy	8-11
Douglas Healy	8-11
Edward Morehead	8-11
James Clemmons	8-12
Ernest Burton	8-13
Wayne Jones	8-14
Terry Wood	8-17
Gary Gift	8-22
Norman Knowlton	8-25
Zane Wood	8-26
Martin Capages	8-28
Gerald Fowler	8-28

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This article originally appeared in the September issue of American Rifleman



The Hawken: Missouri's Official State Rifle

Missouri state legislators recently passed a bill making the Hawken the official Missouri state rifle. With Gov. Mike Parson's signature, Missouri becomes the seventh state to have an official rifle, joining Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alaska and Tennessee. The state's selection of the Hawken rifle is fitting, as Samuel Hawken set up shop in St. Louis, Mo., along with his brother, Jacob, to supply arms to the many pioneers heading west in the late 1840s.

Unlike earlier American arms, Hawken rifles were shorter, handier and more powerful, with a larger-diameter bore than the Pennsylvania and Kentucky rifles of earlier generations. These single-shot, half-stocked, largely percussion-primed rifles were suited to the harsh environment and dangerous game encountered by Americans embracing Manifest Destiny in the mid-19th century. Hawken rifles became famous not just for their ruggedness but also their accuracy and range.

In celebration of Missouri's recognition of the Hawken, renowned master gunsmith Bob Browner, a St. Louis native, undertook a project to build a faithful reproduction of an original Hawken to serve as the state's official rifle. The resulting bench copy (l.), shown here with an original (far l.), includes classic Hawken features, such as the buckhorn rear sight, oval barrel key escutcheons and raised cheek comb.



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Matthew Craft	9-2
Joseph Fisk	9-3
Michael Clarke	9-3
Clifton Smart	9-9
Jerome Compton	9-11
Charles Faulkner	9-12
Gary Pirch	9-13
James Curl	9-15
Justin Mutrux	9-17
Glen Gohr	9-18
Nelson Hermilla	9-22
John McAlear	9-23
Eugene Smith	9-29
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Revolutionary War. The men are part of a group that had just been in Gov. Mike Parson's office for the ceremonial signing of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 which creates a commission to organize and plan events and celebrations around the country's 250th anniversary in 2026.

Here is a link from KY3 News: <https://www.ky3.com/2023/08/09/greene-county-honors-its-namesake-during-special-presentation/>

Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes - September 2023

The OMCSAR September 2023 Chapter Meeting Minutes are as follows:

The OMCSAR September 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at Ozark Technical College, on 16 September. President Cris Brayman brought the meeting to order at 0900. The pledge of allegiance, SAR oath were stated by the members and the invocation was presented by Chaplain Dan Philbrick.

The chapter heard a briefing by Mr. Steve Bach and Mr. Ned Reynolds, about the mission of the Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Members thanked Mr. Bach and famed sportscaster/U.S. Navy Veteran Mr. Reynolds. We promised continued future support to the Honor Flight of the Ozarks.

Compatriot Donnie Williams then briefed the chapter on his ancestors.

Committee members stated their most recent activities/projects/goals. This included a recount of the Chapter Development Committee delivered by Compatriot Ben Edmondson and a finance report by Compatriot John Angst. Compatriot Norm Knowlton reminded us of the Naturalization Ceremony at MSU on 19 October. Gary Gift reminded us about the

Catts-Crawford Patriot Ceremony on 7 October, which we attended with a large showing to include color guard, musket firing, youth programs, and speeches. President Brayman reminded the chapter about the History Explorers event on 25 October, with the subject of "Young Patriots" to be presented by the Branson AFJROTC Cadets (Howard Fisk project officer). President Brayman also emphasized that all members should pay their dues ASAP and asked for ideas to raise funds. There was general agreement that we would consider a hunting rifle and/or pistol raffle to raise funds and it was to be discussed further at the CDC meeting.

After general business was complete, the chapter inducted new Compatriot Keith Alan Jones, who was supported by his family.

The benediction was offered by Compatriot Chaplain Dan Philbrick. President Brayman adjourned the meeting at 1045.



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Awards and Events

General Greene was born 7 August 1742, in Potowomut, Rhode Island died 19 June 1786 in Georgia. One of if not the greatest Generals serving under General George Washington, Nathanael managed a branch of his father’s iron foundry and served several terms in the colonial legislature and a commander of the Rhode Island army organized in 1775, then the next year made a major general.

Members of the Ozark Mountain chapter joined county administrators and employees at the historic Greene County courthouse on August 9 to recognize the county’s namesake. Members were MC George Swales and in uniform Dan Piedlow, Don Higginson, Ken Lawrence, and Steve Perkins. The chapter received a proclamation from County Commissioners, the event reported by KY3. Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon, Rusty MacLachlan, and John Russell, district commissioners, were both present for this special recognition of Nathanael Greene.



OMC CG member Donald A Higginson successfully completed safety and drill training to qualify for his certification as “safe and proficient” in the handling and discharge of his black powder musket. I am proud to have another chapter member able to stand on the firing line to salute and honor whatever significant person or event we may be called upon to do.



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On August 12th the Ozark Mountain Chapter along with MOSSAR state officials, DAR and the Sergeant Ariel Nims Chapter SAR had a genealogy workshop at the Neosho Newton County Library.

Executive Vice President Gene Henry conducted this meeting and introduced all present and thanked them for their participation. Compatriot J. Howard Fisk presented a brief 250th Anniversary program including mention of General Nathanael Greene and the Badge of Merit introduced by General Washington. We ended the program with a patriotic Pledge of Allegiance.

The day concluded with the successful completion of 4 applications for the Ariel Nims Society and two applications in progress.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots present were Steve Perkins, Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, Don Higgerson, Howard Fisk, Kavan Stull, and Jeremy Boes.

Missouri SAR Compatriots: President David Shaul, Executive Vice President Gene Henry, Vice President Ken Lawrence, Honorary Vice Presidents James Osbourn, J. Howard Fisk, and Michael Robertson, as well as other members from around the state.



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On August 19, Ozark Mountain Chapter members and color guardsmen conducted a “first son” grave medallion installation ceremony for Joseph Rinker (1800-1855), son of patriot George Rinker. Honored guest was chapter member and several times grand-nephew Stephen Rinker. DAR members from several chapters in the area also attended to honor first son.

Joseph and his patriot father. Joseph’s story deserves recognition because he was an immediate descendant. Straight from the patriot’s lips to the son’s ears was heard the story of sacrifice.

George Rinker served as an officer in the Shenandoah County, Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War. George served several tours of duty, with the rank as a lieutenant and later captain. His longest tour was with General Nathaniel Greene in Cheraw, South Carolina and the most memorable being at Yorktown for the surrender of Cornwallis.

Sacrifice by those named Rinker did not end with George. Joseph and his family were among the earliest settlers to what is now Aurora, Lawrence County Missouri. He finished building the very first home in Aurora, where now sits the Aurora.

Hospital. Marriage record/license 2235, dated 11 January 1821 reveals Joseph Rinker and Hannah Burrier were wed in Green County, Tennessee. Joseph Rinker filed his claim in the US General Land Office, Springfield Missouri, 1 September 1848, situate SW quarter of the NE quarter, and SW quarter of the SE quarter of section seven in township twenty-six, range twenty-five west (80 acres), subject to the final sale at Springfield.

Joseph Rinker appears in the 1850 census, district 47, Lawrence County Missouri. The household consisted of wife Hannah at 49, Rebecca daughter age 17, George W son age 13. The birth state for both children is listed Indiana; Joseph lists birth state as Virginia, and for wife Hannah, born in Kentucky.

An obituary for Joseph’s daughter Rebecca White, published 31 August 1916 in The Neosho Times, page 2, states Rebecca was the widow of John White who died 27 years prior. She died at her home in Verona, Missouri. Rebecca’s father Joseph, was described as

being a member of the first county court, appointed by the governor in 1845. All were described as early settlers of the area.

Many first sons, daughters, and grandchildren make small cemeteries such as Spring River Cemetery near Verona, Missouri, their final resting place. Very few passing by reflect on how those early settlers were the fabric of which the present is made of. For a few moments, OMC was honored to highlight this family and its contribution to the founding of the county.



Awards and Events

On August 26, the South Central District had their meeting in Wichita, KS. Attached is a photo of the MOSSAR members who attended the SCD meeting. Compatriot Dan McMurry was the only representative from the Ozark Mountain Chapter. He is third from left on the front row. Also in the photo is SCD VPG Bobbie Hulse, back row second from left and PG John Dodd, third from left on back row.



The following pictures are from the September 16 Meeting.



Awards and Events



Compatriot Keith Jones was inducted into the Ozark Mountain Chapter at the September 16 meeting.

Private George W.D. Kirkland Memorial Service and Marker Dedication

Dee Dosch, President of DUV (Daughters of Union Veterans), Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 was the Master of Ceremonies.

Private George Kirkland was a Union soldier killed on 10 Aug 1861 at Wilson Creek, Missouri.

The National Anthem was led by the Honorable John Ashcroft. There were two proclamations: City of Springfield by May Ken McClure and Mr. Bob Dixon, presiding Commissioner from Greene County.

All present, including my wife and myself and other Ozark Mountain Chapter members placed red carnations at the foot of the marker.

The weather was perfect for this event and Dee appreciated our participation.

The Memorial Service and Marker Dedication was at the Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield on 17 September 2023.



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On September 26th Compatriot Kavan Stull was invited by instructor Doug Logan, to attend his Dual Credit History Class at the Carl Junction High School. Mr. Logan's class had expressed an interest in submitting essays as part of the annual SAR Knight Essay contest. Compatriot Stull gave an overview of the contest entry requirements and discussed possible subject matter and reference books with the students. The SGT Ariel Nims Chapter will sponsor the local Chapter award winner and submission to the MO Society for the state competition.



Upcoming Events



On Thursday, October 19, at 10:00 am, the OMC will participate in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts located at 525 S. John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield.



On Saturday, October 21, at 9:00 am, the monthly meeting of the OMC will be held at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expressway, Springfield.



On Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 pm, the OMC will be hosting History Explorers "Young Patriots" at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library located at 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd. Springfield. **All are Welcome to attend.**

Upcoming Events



On October 27-29 the Missouri Society SAR will be having their quarterly meeting at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel located at 900 W. Port Plaza Drive, St. Louis.



On Saturday, November 4, at 6:00 pm, the OMC will be assisting the Boy Scouts with a flag retirement ceremony at Camp Arrowhead located at 4202 State Hwy DD, Marshfield.



On Thursday, November 9, at 6:30 pm, the OMC monthly Chapter Development Committee meeting at Compatriot Steve Perkins home, located at 3831 S. Verginia Place, Springfield.



On Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 am, the OMC Color Guard will be participating in the 36 Annual American Legion Veteran's Day Parade in Joplin, MO.



On Monday, November 13, at 11:00 am, the OMC will be having their Veterans Recognition at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



On Saturday, November 18, at 11:00 am, the OMC will be having their annual Veterans Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club located at 3909 E. Cherry Street, Springfield in the Oak Room. The flier with reservation form is on page 20.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

42nd ANNUAL VETERANS' LUNCHEON

**Hickory Hills Country Club Ballroom
November 18, 2023**

Welcome 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00 PM

**Shane Schoeller
Greene County Clerk**

**Honored WWII Veteran
John Roy Dodson**

**JROTC Command Honoree Roger Robinson, Maj USAF
Bolivar, High School AFJROTC**

JROTC 250th Anniversary Medal Recipient

Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Outstanding Veteran

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Hickory Hills Patriot Lunch

Mango Glazed Salmon, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes & Southern Green Beans _____

Or

Bourbon Maple Glazed Pork, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes & Southern Green Beans _____

Please notify us with your reservation if a special diet is required.

Served with House Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Coffee or Tea

**\$45.00 per person if received by November 1st / \$48.00 after 1st - no promise of late seating.
Please indicate your entrée choice for each attendee, make check payable to OMCSAR, and
mail: OMC SAR, PO Box 11014, Springfield, MO 65808**

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____