



# The PATRIOT Newsletter

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**Ozark Mountain Chapter Springfield, MO**  
**Missouri Society**



**NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

## Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled Meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

## OMCSAR Veterans Luncheon, November 12, 2016

The Ozark Mountain Chapter gathered Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 12:30 P.M. in the Tower Club, Starlight Room for the 27th Annual Veteran's Luncheon, co-sponsored by the OMCSAR, the Rachel Donelson Chapter of NSDAR, and Military Order of the Purple Heart,

## Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting, December 17, 2016

President Philbrick called the Meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 16 members and 9 guests present.

Compatriot McCoy delivered the Invocation. Compatriot McAlear led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot McMurray led the Pledge to the SAR.

Compatriot Lawrence introduced Rumbaugh Oration Contestant Spencer Mende, who is a Junior at Nixa High School. Spencer's speech was on American Patriot James Madison.

Matt Brunner, History teacher at Willard High School, introduced Ashlynn Bradley, a contestant for the Knight Essay Contest. Her essay was titled: "Origins of American Patriotism".

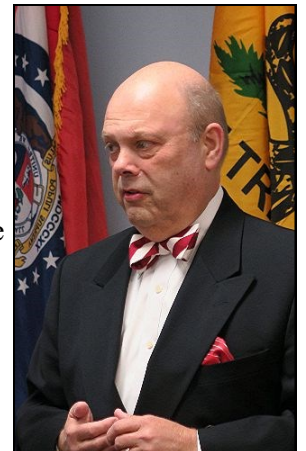
President Philbrick presented Spencer and Ashlynn with certificates and awards.

Compatriot Fisk introduced the speaker, Mr. Richard Schnake, with the Neale and Newman law firm. He is a collector of historic ink items, which he has turned into a business.

Mr. Schnake brought several, valuable documents signed by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and others to the meeting. He noted, if collectors hadn't preserved these items, we would not have any of them and gave examples of Grant and Hayes signed warrants which were then thrown away, until someone rescued them

for preservation. Richard said that with enough money, patience and a long enough lifetime, anyone can collect signatures from all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Button Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration, is the great American rarity in autographs, with only 40-50 known documents with his signature.

Mr. Schnake has been a collector for about 30 years. Reading and researching President Truman stimulated his interest in collecting documents. Richard talked about how catalogs were used before the internet to describe old documents for sale, but now his on-line "History in Ink" business, although something entirely new, supports his passion, history. He talked, in detail, about some of the items consigned to him, that he owns, or that he has sold and recommended the American Philosophical Association website for checking records and facts online concerning a specific document.



Mr. Schnake "gets his jets" after practicing law all day, going home, and reading other peoples mail, which he described as fascinating, often leading him to further research the history surrounding those individuals. Richard reflected on a book written by a doctor about FDR, which contained the premise the President might have had melanoma affecting the vision in his left eye which impacted his reading and writing. Signatures, when viewed over time, can reveal the health of the signer. Richard commented that not all is what meets the eye.

Mr. Schnake closed by talking about a letter written by Dwight Eisenhower to his wife, Mamie. His theory is that a portion of the letter contained a "cryptic code" for the upcoming D-Day Invasion, which he needs to research. He also revealed that all of the documents he is entrusted with are in a bank vault for safe-keeping and security.

President Philbrick thanked and presented Mr. Richard Schnake with a Challenge Coin.

Compatriot McCoy was presented a Certificate and pin for twenty years as a Member of the OMCSAR. He was also presented a pin for his service in the Color Guard.



The Minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

### **Officer Reports**

Compatriot Treasurer Gohr was unable to attend the meeting but reported the following via email. As of December 17, 2016, the checking and savings accounts had balances of \$630.02 and \$10,006.93, respectively, for a total of \$10,636.95. The biggest purchase this month was \$503.44 for Challenge Coins. Compatriot Gohr also notes we have 67 members who paid their 2017 dues.

President Philbrick noted he had received the additional Challenge Coins.

Compatriot Vice-President Fisk briefly reported on the Chapter Development Committee Meeting and reviewed the day's events at the National Cemetery. He noted we had a pretty good year.

Compatriot Secretary Swales noted the History Day event has been postponed to another year due to Missouri State University Faculty Retirements.

Compatriot Genealogist Carr reported he had just mailed eleven applications to the Missouri Genealogist, Dr. Sizemore. Will noted he was going into semi-retirement, but will always be available to help others with their applications and research for SAR. Compatriot Fisk noted we have more new members than any other Chapter in the State. The members in attendance applauded Will for his service.

Compatriot Historian Lawrence echoed Compatriot Fisk's earlier remarks noting we have had a successful year. Ken appealed for others to provide any documentation they may have for inclusion in the Yearbook and asked for those who have not done so, to provide a biography of their Patriot.

Compatriot Editor Sentman noted this would be the last Newsletter published this year. Further, Tom discussed entering the Newsletters at the National Level and the competition involved. President Philbrick thanked Tom for his continuing efforts on the Newsletter and noted it was the envy of the State.

President Philbrick read the Proclamation from the President General regarding Wreaths Across America.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business

### **New Business**

President Philbrick relinquished the Chair to Past President Reinbold to conduct the election.

On behalf of the nominating committee composed of Compatriots Reinbold, Sentman, and Cindrich, Compatriot Reinbold presented the membership with the slate of Officers for next year. The nominations include: President: Howard Fisk; Vice-President: George Swales; Secretary: Ken Lawrence; Treasurer: Glenn Gohr; Chaplain: Dan Philbrick; Chancellor: Gary Bishop; Genealogist: Dan McMurray; Historian: Norm Knowlton; Editor: Tom Sentman; Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles McMillan.

There were no other nominations from the floor. A Motion was made and Seconded for approval of the slate of officers as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

Past President Reinbold relinquished the Chair back to President Philbrick.

President Philbrick announced the 1812 Meeting would be held immediately following today's OMCSAR Meeting.

Compatriot Fisk announced the SAR Secretary-General Russ DeVenney would be at our January 2017, meeting and, together with former SAR President-General Appleby, would swear in the new members.

Compatriot McCoy noted next month is when officers are chosen for the Missouri Society and encouraged the membership to think about potential applicants.

Motion to Adjourn was Made, Seconded, and Passed unanimously.

Compatriot Allen led the Recessional. Compatriot McCoy led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:32 AM.

## Upcoming Events

### January 21

Chapter Meeting and Swearing in of new Chapter officers.

Russell DeVenney, Jr., Registrar General SAR, will swear in officers for 2017.

Laura H. DeVenney, Co-Founder of Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor, will present quilts to Ozark Mountain Chapter veterans for their service.

**January 28** Quarterly MOSSAR meeting at Columbia, MO

February 18 Chapter Meeting

March 18 Chapter Meeting

April 15 Chapter Meeting

May 20 Chapter Meeting

June 17 Chapter Meeting

July 15 Chapter Meeting

No August Meeting

September 16 Chapter Meeting

October 21 Chapter Meeting

November 18 Chapter Meeting

December 16 Chapter Meeting

Three Hundred years ago, on December 25, 1776, Washington crossed the Delaware

During the American Revolution, Patriot General George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. The unconventional attack came after several months of substantial defeats for Washington's army that had resulted in the loss of New York City and other strategic points in the region.

## Compatriot Birthdays in January



<b>Dr. Calvin</b>	<b>Holsinger</b>	<b>1/2/2017</b>
<b>Edward</b>	<b>Choate</b>	<b>1/8/2017</b>
<b>Roy</b>	<b>Blunt</b>	<b>1/10/2017</b>
<b>Gerald</b>	<b>McCoy</b>	<b>1/12/2017</b>
<b>Jon</b>	<b>Pike</b>	<b>1/12/2017</b>
<b>George</b>	<b>Cindrich</b>	<b>1/14/2017</b>
<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Hoffman</b>	<b>1/16/2017</b>
<b>Harold</b>	<b>Finch</b>	<b>1/18/2017</b>
<b>Richard</b>	<b>Snelson</b>	<b>1/31/2017</b>

## Washington crosses the Delaware



## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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National Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

Proclamation

17 December 2016

Morrill Worcester was a 12-year-old paperboy for the Bangor Daily News when he won a trip to Washington, D.C. His first trip was to Arlington National Cemetery and it made an impression on him that he would never forget. In 1992, the Worcester Wreath Company, which he owns, found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. He remembered his experience at Arlington. With that experience, he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for him to place the wreaths in an older section of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. Throughout his life and successful career, his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Thus began the legacy of placing wreaths at the graves of our veterans.

As we pause in the midst of this holiday season and reflect, please take a moment to think back on things that are important in our lives today. We must reflect on our families and friends, and our country. We must continue to honor our current military veterans and those veterans who have already served. We must continue to thank our veterans for their service that allows us to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution are descendants of our first veterans, who fought for our War for American Independence from Britain. We celebrate and honor those brave men and women, who have given the upmost measure of devotion and sacrifice so that we can live free. We have had many foreign threats to our country and we have always called on our military to protect us. They have always responded no matter where the threats were from.

At National Cemeteries across this great this country, *Wreaths across America* ceremonies are just a small token to say *thank you* to those brave men and women, and to remember those who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms and liberties. When you place a wreath for a relative or a friend, remember those other veterans who are buried in our cemeteries across this country who no longer have anyone to visit their graves or who remembers them.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution proudly participates in this program by honoring our veterans who have passed away. We say *thank you* to all of our veterans and to those participating in the program today. May God continue to bless America.



J. Michael Tomme, Sr.  
President General, 2016-2017



Commander James F. Griffin salutes as a wreath is presented, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941

Commander Griffin is the senior officer in charge of the Naval Reserve Center in Springfield, MO.

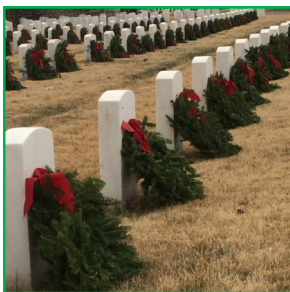


Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Monument

**L-R:** Compatriot Gerald McCoy, Color Guard Commander, Glenn Gohr, Kenneth Lawrence, Commander Griffin, OMC President Dan Philbrick, Compatriot J. Howard Fisk, Compatriot Steve Perkins and Compatriot Todd Wilkerson. In this presentation a bell is rung eight times, commemorating the fallen. Todd Wilkerson presented the bell ceremony.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution laid wreaths at the Springfield National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America event. The ceremonies began in the cold and rain at 8 am on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016.

REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans. HONOR those who serve. TEACH our children the value of freedom.



When we placed the wreath on the grave of Patriot William Freeman we performed the traditional Bell Salute. The salute includes ringing of the bell once for each of the 13 colonies and once for General George Washington.

The tradition was brought to the Ozark Mountain Chapter by Compatriot Steve Perkins, former President of the Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard. The Bell Salute was conducted at wreath laying ceremonies by the Knox Chapter of the Massachusetts Society.

Compatriot Perkins is now a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter and serves on our Color Guard and the Chapter Development Committee.



**L-R:** Compatriot Steve Perkins, OMC President Dan Philbrick, Compatriots Kenneth Lawrence, Glenn Gohr, and Gerald McCoy, Commander James F. Griffin, Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and Jan Fisk, member of the Rachael Donelson Chapter DAR and Springfield Councilwoman.

*Photos by Margaret Swales and Norman Knowlton*



## OMC Americanism Award Contestants 2016

Rumbaugh Oration contestant Spencer Mende, is a Junior at Nixa High School. Spencer's speech was on American Patriot James Madison.



Ashlynn Bradley, a contestant for the Knight Essay Contest presented her essay titled: "Origins of American Patriotism". Ashlynn is a student at Willard High School



Contestants Spencer Mende and Ashlynn Bradley will compete as Ozark Mountain Chapter entrants at the Rumbaugh Oration contest and the Knight Essay contest during the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) State Conference April 28-29.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard with President Dan Philbrick and Rumbaugh Oration Contestant and Knight Essay Contestant



**L-R:** Compatriot Gerald McCoy, Ken Lawrence, President Dan Philbrick, Contestant Spencer Mende, Contestant Ashlynn Bradley and Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

## The OMC Presents Heritage Award To Wayne Glenn, Radio Personality in the Ozarks

Wayne Glenn is not working on a new book of Ozarks history. He's already racked up 13 to his name.

On December 10, 2016 he was honored for his 2,000th weekend on the radio.

Known as "The Old Record Collector," Glenn and his "Remember When" show are broadcast on KTXR each Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

That's seven hours. Every weekend. Since 1978.

During the Dec. 10 show, KTXR celebrated by throwing open its East Chestnut Expressway studio to the public.

David N. Appleby PG 2008-2009 (left) presented an Ozark Mountain Chapter Heritage Award to Wayne Glenn for his 40 years of service to the Ozarks.



L-R George Swales, Dan McMurray, David Appleby and Wayne Glenn

*Photos by Margaret Swales*



# OMC In The News



CARTHAGE, MO

Santa, Christmas trees, lights and parades, these are just some of the things that come to mind when thinking about the holidays. But in Carthage, some people were thinking history and tradition today.

There are all types of traditions when it comes to the holidays. For the Carthage Historic Preservation, their tradition is their Christmas homes tour and tea.

Dan Philbrick, a Cassville Resident, says, " I think it's very important to bring a lot of the old traditions back into our holiday celebrations, whether it's things like our cultural heritage or our history. Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, these things need to be passed on."

**Left to Right:** Anita Philbrick, Isaac Garrison Chapter DAR and Dan Philbrick, President of the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR.

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