



# The PATRIOT

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## Greetings from President Kenneth Lawrence

As we close the year 2019 and look forward to 2020, I would like to reflect on the success of the Ozark Mountain Chapter this past year and give everyone a recap of the year 2019.

Again this year, we participated in action-oriented activities to meet the SAR Mission and Patriotic, Historical, and Educational Goals. Compatriots planned, organized, and presented these events/activities.

### Educational Goals

We presented **four** "History Explorer" events at the Springfield Library, **nine** Wolf School history instructions, a two-day area public school seminar on "Legends of Conservation" at the Morris Event Center, and **one** "Region II History Day" at Missouri State University (MSU). We handed out **35** certificates to the entire fifth-grade class at Summit School for the SAR Poster Contest.

### Patriotic Goals

We presented **two** Bronze Good Citizenship awards, **two** Silver Good Citizenship awards, **one** Heroism award, **one** Law Enforcement award, **one** Fire Safety award, and **two** Life Saving awards and **two** Emergency Medical Service (EMS) awards.

The Chapter and Color Guard participated in **two** Naturalization Ceremonies, **one** Memorial Day Parade, **one** Honor Flight Ceremony, **one** Flag Day event, **two** Fourth of July events, **one** Nathanael Greene's Birthday Celebration, **two** Veterans Day events, **four** Grave Wreath Laying Ceremonies, **eleven** ROTC and JROTC medal presentations, **two** memorial remembrance for our Compatriots, and, **one** Fulton Homestead event. We also held **one** Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop and presented 28 merit badges to 16 scouts. We participated in **two** "Wreaths Across America" events, handing out **100** George Mason Broadside papers from the Missouri Society SAR to attendees. We presented the colors and NSSAR Certificates of Recognition at **nine** Eagle Scout

## Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

The guest speaker: Dr. George Connor, Dean of Political Science at Missouri State University.

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Courts of Honor for 10 Eagle Scouts. Our chapter presented over **60** Flag Award Certificates.

### Historic Goals

The Ozark Mountain Chapter resurrected the **William Freeman Chapter** of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) program this year, with several students participating with our chapter events.

In summary, our Color Guard presented the colors at over **40** events; the Ozark Mountain Chapter participated in over **95** events this year! We have had a very busy and successful year by all measures.

Thanks to everyone for making this happen. Now, let's get ready to make 2020 an even more significant success.

**Happy New Year to each of you!**

Ken

## John Honeyman American Spy Double Agent

**John Honeyman** was born in 1729 in Ireland and was of Scottish descent.

He was the son of a poor farmer, he received little formal education but was nevertheless literate and learned several trades, including weaving. He worked as a farmer until the age of 29 and then entered the British Army to fight in the French and Indian War in 1758.

He sailed to Canada with Colonel James Wolfe. One day during the Atlantic Ocean crossing, Honeyman was on watch on the deck when Wolfe, who was about to descend a stairway, tripped and would have surely fallen if he had not been caught by Honeyman. Wolfe showed his gratitude by taking down Honeyman's name and promising to look out for the young private.

Upon landing on the Saint Lawrence River, Honeyman's unit was immediately put into action against the **French** during the Siege of Louisbourg which ended after 48 days on July 26, 1758. Wolfe, was shortly promoted to General. He remembered the young private who saved him and made him his bodyguard, with orders to remain with him at all times.

The success of the siege cleared the way for the British expedition led by General Wolfe to take New France at Quebec City the following summer and which culminated in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham on September 13, 1759. While it ended with a British victory, Wolfe was fatally shot and Honeyman was among those who carried the General to his shelter, where he died.

After the war, Honeyman was given an honorable discharge from the army and he settled in Pennsylvania, carrying with him his discharge papers as well as a letter from General Wolfe requesting his services as his bodyguard. He took up his trade as a butcher and a weaver and he married the former Mary Henry.

In the early part of 1776, Honeyman moved with his family to Griggstown, New Jersey.

When Washington's Continental Army was retreating across New Jersey in 1776, Washington began looking for an agent in the region. He called upon Honeyman for a meeting at Fort Lee, New Jersey in November and there, Honeyman agreed that he would act the part of a spy for the American cause in that part of New Jersey where he was most familiar. Washington told Honeyman to use the cover of a Tory or Loyalist. The fact that he served under Wolfe, as proven by his discharge papers as well as Wolfe's letter requesting his services as his bodyguard, guaranteed his acceptance by the enemy garrison in Trenton.

Posing as a Tory, Honeyman continued his trade as a butcher and weaver with the British. He was instructed to continue trading as much as possible behind the American lines in Griggstown but to flee to Trenton if he felt any danger posed to his family due to his being a double agent. The deceptive plan was so believable that a mob of angry American patriots raided Honeyman's house in Griggstown. Fortunately, his family was saved from certain harm by a signed letter from Washington guaranteeing its safety, but nevertheless calling Honeyman "a notorious Tory".



**Minutes of the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting****Saturday, December 21, 2019.****By Norman Knowlton, Secretary**

**President Ken Lawrence** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 24 members and five guests.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick delivered the invocation. Compatriot Steve Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Gary Gift led the Pledge to the SAR

President Ken Lawrence introduced our guests, which included John Hass from Mountain Grove, Missouri, who is looking to be a prospective member. Ken also explained that the President of the Missouri State CAR, Peter Doole was present at the reception we sponsored at the Hickory Hills Country Club, but he had to return to Platte City with his driver, Loren Woodhead. He was to be our guest speaker for our chapter meeting this morning. He did give his presentation last evening and was honored for his project and presentation. President Ken Lawrence then introduced Compatriot Steve Perkins as guest speaker, instead of Peter Doole, and explained Peter's project is raising money for the renovation of the Banneker School House in Parkville Missouri. This school was the first school-house for children of color in Missouri. It was founded in the 1880s and had 50 to 100 children educated there. The project started in 1998 when Park College students began restoring this facility. His project is to raise money for the rehabilitation of the grounds around the facility. He was presented a check from the OMCSAR for his project. Pictures were taken. The meeting was well attended and an excellent dinner was arranged by OMC compatriots J. Howard Fisk, David Appleby, and John McAlear. He also sold pins, hats, and t shirts to help with his project fund raising.

Compatriot Steve Perkins then went on, as the guest speaker, and presented a history of George Mason, one of our lost Founding Fathers of our country. He also asked for \$5 donations for his bumper sticker project to proudly represent our organization to our community.

This past month in the SAR Magazine, there was a brief article outlining George Mason's history. State President James Osbourn has made this one of his principle projects in his promotion of the 250th anniversary of our country. Last week, in conjunction with the Wreaths across American ceremonies at the Springfield National Cemetery, we gave out BroadSides on George Mason. James Osbourn funded this project and also developed programs for the next two months for the 250th anniversary.

George Mason interacted with many of the Virginia political giants like George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and Richard Henry Lee. These individuals frequently requested his advice. He was the principle for writing the Non Import Resolution on trade embargos against England. This led to the repeal to the 1766 repeal of the Stamp Act. He then became not only a passive individual, but a very vocal and concerned agent against these tariffs and schemes. In his letter to London, he claimed that the people of the colonies claim nothing but the liberty and privileges enjoyed by Englishmen. This led to the Declaratory Act, the Townsend Act, and the Intolerable Acts, but in response led to tying the colonies together. The Fairfax Resolves were written by Mason and helped bind the colonies together and defined rights of man and were also to be included in his writing of the Virginia Declaration of Rights in June 1776. These were also used to help create the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution.

He declared that all men by nature are equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, namely, the enjoyment of life, liberty, with a means of pursuing and obtaining happiness. Thomas Jefferson, almost one month later, wrote the Declaration of Independence and used almost the same wording and called Mason "a man of first order of greatness." George Mason was the fourth George Mason. His great grandfather came to America in the 1640s and settling in Virginia. His grandfather, George Mason 2nd, settled on land in what later became Fairfax County. Large landowners, including the Masons controlled politics. George IV was highly educated and eventually became a member of the House of Burgesses. He was a land speculator and investing in the Ohio Company. When the crown revoked the Companies' rights in 1773, this helped turn him against the crown and seek help for the colonies to gain their independence. This helped lead him to retirement. In 1787 in Philadelphia, he was one of the five most frequent speakers at the Constitutional Conventions, but he did not personally sign the Constitution. He was very instrumental in the creation of the Constitution. His wife, Ann Mason, died at 39 years of age while trying to deliver twins in 1773; both of these children died in infancy. In 1780 he married his second wife Sarah Brent and they lived in their estate mansion called Gunston Hall built in Goseneck Virginia. As a point of information, our esteemed Compatriot George Swales graduated from George Mason University.

**Vice--President Report--Gary Gift.** He gave a recap of the second merit badge workshop where 16 scouts re-

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ceived 28 merit badges. We are looking forward to doing this again this fall.

We gave the CAR President Peter Doole \$100 for his project in Platte County for Banneker School House.

In February, prior to our meeting on the 15th, our organization will be participating at the George Washington Park Memorial with the Branson JROTC cadets at 9 AM. We will have our monthly meeting at OTC following this event.

**Treasurer Report--John W. McAlear.** The total funds we have as of today consists of \$11,745.42 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,218.84 in an interest bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundations of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$20,964.26.

He also gave an update on membership. Of 97 members listed as of September 10, 2019, 89 members have renewed with more expected by the end of the year. Compatriot Robert Grover is listed as an Associate member and has also renewed. Also, James Mason from Monett is in the process of his membership transfer from Ohio.

A motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to send this report to the Auditor.

**Audit Report--Auditor--George Swales.** He reported the chapter's 3rd quarter audit from July 1st through September 30th of 2019 accurately reflects the financial position and is in good standing with a clean audit.

**Secretary Report--Secretary Norman Knowlton.** The minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter. He asked for any additions or corrections. Seeing none, the minutes were moved, seconded, and passed.

**Genealogist Report--Genealogist Steven Perkins.** As of the beginning of 2019, we had 21 prospects, but several of these have been challenging. During the year 2019, we added four (4) new members, including Dale Moore, Ed Gwin, Matt Brunner, and James Schad. We have a handful of members who have filed supplemental applications. We have one transfer, James Mason, who is in the process. One new prospect, Don Higginson, is eager to be approved and be an active, dedicated member. His application was received at national 11/18/19. It is a tightly researched and prepared application. He hopes for a more active 2020 to achieve success with prospects, and he extended a big welcome to those who joined in 2019. Currently, he is working on 18 prospects, of which one is at national. At the first of the year, the list will be shortened to remove those whom he has not

heard from the past nine months.

**Editor Report--Editor Tom Sentman.** The November issue of our Patriot newsletter was entered in the national contest for chapters of our size. There are approximately 370 chapters that are eligible to participate in the newsletter contest. Our chapter is one of a few that publish a monthly newsletter.

We sent our program from the Wreaths Across America and the activity with the distribution of our BroadSides to be included in the next issue of NSSAR magazine. We have also sent participation in our Color Guard events to the Colorguardsman Magazine for possible inclusion of photos in the January 2020 issue. As of January, after the new officers are inducted, Compatriot Dan Piedlow will be serving as our Editor.

**Historian Report--Historian Curtis Trent.** He requested any events or activities that members may have participated in to provide him the information, programs, or photos of those events to include in this year's yearbook.

He was asked about the incoming items coming up on this year's legislative calendar in Jefferson City. These included infrastructure, education, community college and university funding, Medicaid expansion, and teacher funding. November National History Month did not get to the floor for a vote, but Curtis Trent in the House and Senator Lincoln Hough will be introducing it this again this year.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report. Sergeant at Arms Charles McMillan.** He was pictured playing his drum at the last leadership meeting and also at the Sappington grave marking event. He spoke about the Wreaths Across America program and his participation. While laying wreaths, he explained the procedure of saluting this individual's grave and announcing the Veteran's name before laying the wreath. We were involved with the program that lay 13,550 wreaths at the National Cemetery in Springfield and over 19,000 in Springfield. He also had his picture taken with former Attorney General Jay Ashcroft.

He again displayed meaningful military memorabilia that he brought to our meeting.

He requested members help and participate in this year's ROTC and JROTC programs in our area in April and May 2020.

Lastly, he requested all of our members contribute information to the National SAR Patriot Records Committee for more comprehensive documentation of our patriots.

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### **Chapter Development Committee—J. Howard Fisk**

He reported OMC participated in over 90 events this past year. He complimented Tom Sentman for his world class Patriot Newsletter that he developed, edited, and produced was not supplied by a commercial organization. He complimented John McAlear for his involvement as Treasurer. He also remarked on the Gerald McCoy's quote, "if not us, who? We sponsored the 2019 Annual Veterans Day Luncheon and had our best historical participation (95 attending), including six DAR chapters in attendance. He complimented Sergeant-at-Arms Charles McMillan for his direction of the ROTC and JROTC program for our chapter and the State of Missouri.

We have always had better than average attendance at monthly meetings than the average of all chapters in the state.

He reported that we need to do better in the social media aspect of our communication and will be looking to build on it during this next year. He suggested we, as a chapter, continue to build on the "Our Patriots Project" to create a genealogical tree of the descendants of patriots buried in Southwest Missouri. We have made arrangements to work with Patty Hobbs at The Library Center and a young gentleman who is going to help develop this program.

He presented the results of the Legends of Conservation program. Over 1000 kids attend the program at the White River Room at the Wonders of Wildlife from 16 schools. We had the assistance of OTC, Springfield Little Theatre, Bass Pro, Missouri Humanities Council, Missouri Bicentennial Commission, and Wonders of Wildlife. All look forward to doing this again next year. This program was recorded, and the video is now available for future presentations from our website.

He stated we are well represented on the State MOSSAR Executive Committee with six (6) compatriots serving.

On Monday, the 23rd of December at 10 AM, the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield will host 400 troops from Fort Leonard Wood. These are trainees who could not go home for the Holidays. He requested members, who wish to, attend the event.

He announced the next quarterly Missouri SAR Board Meeting will be held on January 25, 2020, in Jefferson City, Missouri on High Street at the Cole County Jail.

### **Committee Report: None**

#### **Old Business**

President Ken Lawrence encouraged all members, including new members, if they have not done so already, to submit a historical biographical story of their Patriot. We want to archive member stories.

He went on to thank Gary Gift, J Howard Fisk, Norm Knowlton, Steve Perkins, Lee Viorel, Charles McMillan, Dan Piedlow, and John McAlear for serving in their capacity this past year.

#### **New Business**

President Ken Lawrence asked Compatriot Dan Philbrick to present the history and obituary of the recently deceased compatriot Carroll Duane Laramore. (July 13, 1938-July 27, 2019). Dan delivered a remembrance and recited his obituary. A prayer was given on his behalf.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk reported that the MOSSAR is now being included in the Alliance of Bicentennial Committee as a result of our involvement with the program from the Legends of Conservation.

Compatriot George Swales, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the proposed slate of officers for the OMC for the 2020 year. The Committee consisted of himself, J. Howard Fisk, and Dan Philbrick.

### **The proposed slate for 2020-2021**

**President: Gary Gift**  
**Vice President: Curtis Trent**  
**Treasurer: John Charles**  
**Secretary: Norman Knowlton**  
**Genealogist: Steve Perkins**  
**Historian: Ben Edmondson**  
**Chancellor: Gary Bishop**  
**Editor: Dan Piedlow**  
**Chaplain: Dan Philbrick**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles McMillan**

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Charles McMillan led the Recessional.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

**Norman Knowlton, Secretary**



## Happy January 2020 Birthdays

Edward Choate	January 8
Roy Blunt	January 10
Gerald McCoy	January 12
George Cindrich	January 14
Howard Finch	January 18
Pletcher Rogers	January 19
Jonathan Pike	January 31
Richard Snelson	January 31

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## Sergeant's Corner

By Charles McMillan



### Springfield 'Home for the Holidays' event for soldiers Dec. 23

MOSSAR/OMC Sgt at Arms Charles G. McMillan, representing the Sons of the American Revolution, was present to welcome over 400 men and women from Ft. Leonard Wood in the inaugural "Home For The Holidays" event put on by the City of Springfield.

The event started at Bass Pro with Johnny Morris welcoming the troops and all who attended.

Major General (MG) Donna Martin, first female Commander of Ft. Leonard Wood, thanked the community for their support and generosity in reaching out to Ft. Leonard Wood and providing entertainment and food for over 400 members of the military that would not be able to be home for the holidays.

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure presented a proclamation to MG Martin.



Major General Donna Martin, Commander, Ft. Leonard Wood Army Base.



Johnny Morris, CEO of Bass Pro Sporting Goods Shops in the US and Canada.



Springfield Mayor Ken McClure, OMC Charles McMillan and Major General Donna Martin, Commander, Ft. Wood.

## Committee Positions 2019—2020

### Chapter Committees

To promote SAR mission areas, the Ozark Mountain Chapter participates in a number of NSSAR committees. Committee chairs help the chapter have a positive impact on our community by facilitating participation in relevant events and activities. Listed below are committees in which members are currently engaged. Please **contact us** for more information on how to get involved.

#### **Chapter Development**

J. Howard Fisk, Chairman

The CDC meets monthly to organize all chapter activities and programs, keeping in mind the chapter's twelve-month goal and priorities. The CDC plans and engages members to execute everything from JROTC Awards, Police, Fire and EMT Awards, wreath laying events, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day events, grave markings and school visits. Members include George Swales, Ken Lawrence, Norman Knowlton, John McAlear, Charles McMillan, Dan McMurray, Steven Perkins, and Tom Sentman.

#### **Eagle Scout Recognition**

Gary Bishop, Chairman

The chapter conducts a contest each year to determine the best Eagle Scout for SAR National Recognition. The winning chapter Eagle Scout receives a medal, a cash award, and is advanced to the state competition.

#### **JROTC / ROTC**

Charles McMillan, Chairman

The chapter honors Outstanding Cadets from eleven schools in Southwest Missouri. Our Compatriots personally present awards to these young men and women each year.

#### **Patriot Biographies**

Ken Lawrence, Chairman

The chapter gathers the biographies of our Patriots to add to the SAR National database. These biographies are edited and entered into the database.

#### **National History Day**

Norman Knowlton, Chairman

The chapter works with Missouri State University to provide Compatriot judges for the annual History Day Event. OMC Chapter President presents the Outstanding Teacher Award to high school and middle school teachers.

#### **Americanism Poster Contest**

Dan Piedlow, Chairman

The chapter conducts an annual poster contest among local grade schools. The chapter winner receives a cash award and is advanced to the state competition.

#### **History Brochure Contest**

Dan Piedlow, Chairman

The chapter conducts a competition among middle schools for the Outstanding Brochure that best represents the goals of SAR National. Our winner receives a cash award and is advanced to state competition.

#### **Yearbook**

Curtis Trent, Chairman

The chapter maintains a complete record of documents relating to all activities of the year. Each year the yearbook is placed in competition with other Missouri Society Chapters.

#### **Americanism Award**

Tom Sentman, Chairman

The chapters maintains a record of all chapter activities and accomplishments for submission to the Missouri Society to determine the most active chapter in the state.

#### **Partners in Patriotism**

J. Howard Fisk, Chairman

The chapter completes an annual report to demonstrate the level of chapter participation in patriotic activities.

#### **Stark Report**

Charles McMillan, Chairman

The chapter annually completes a report that captures service to veterans throughout the year.

#### **Educational Outreach**

Dale Moore, Chairman

The chapter conducts ongoing educational outreach to local school and public organizations. We provide quarterly History Explorers events to the public, monthly history classes at WOLF School, and a variety of education programs across other venues during the year. best represents the goals of SAR National. Our winner receives a cash award and is advanced to state competition.



## Chapter Event November 21-22, 2019

### Legends in Conservation

On November 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> the Ozark Mountain Chapter participated in the Wonders of Wildlife's "Legends of Conservation" program at the Morris Conservation Center in the White River Conference Center in Springfield, MO.

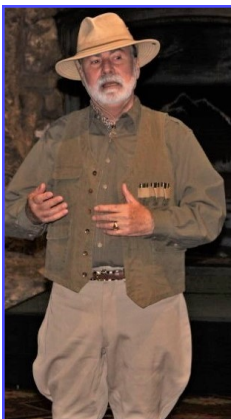
This program celebrated the contribution of five individuals that played significant roles in the history of Missouri and through their foresight provided a foundation, for which we, the public, recognize and appreciate the many benefits of conserving our precious natural resources.

The event was attended by over 1000 students from 16 schools from around the area.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk, of the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR, conceived and directed the program with Wonders of Wildlife, the Missouri Humanities Council, and the Springfield Little Theater.

The cast of actors portrayed **Daniel Boone** as a frontiersman and how he enjoyed the outdoor life of fishing, hunting and trapping. **Sacajawea** for her ability to live off the land as she and Lewis and Clark traveled on the Core of Discovery up the Missouri river. **John James Audubon** as one of the first illustrators of the North American bird population. **William Temple Hornaday** for being the first to alert the nation, that the American Bison was vanishing from the plains. And Finally, President **Theodore Roosevelt** for his work in securing land for America's National Parks system.

Each character depicted their life story and what they contributed to our nation. But more importantly, each one made their call for public awareness in preserving and conserving our nation's natural resources.



J. Howard Fisk

J. Howard Fisk opened the program by introducing students from Springfield and surrounding area to a historic portrayal of America's conservation individuals and their efforts.



Springfield Little Theater actors presented individuals who portrayed the Legends in Conservation.

Left: Jerrod Cate—*William Temple Hornaday*

Darin Garroute—*John James Audubon*

Daniel Bush—*Theodore Roosevelt*

Jeff Hammock—*Daniel Boone*

Megan Buckbinder—*Sacajawea*



## Chapter Events   December 10, 2019

### Two New Eagle Scouts

Brothers Jacob and Anthony Walles from Troop 173,  
sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Clever, Missouri



Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard members presented the colors and an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to two Eagle Scouts from Troop 173 in Clever, Missouri.

**Left:** Compatriot Dan Piedlow, Scout Jacob Walls, Scout Anthony Walls, President Kenneth Lawrence, and Compatriot Jeffery Patrick.





## Chapter Events December 14, 2019

### Wreaths Across America



Ozark Mountain Chapter members handed out Missouri SAR Broadside at an initiative sponsored by President James Osbourn during the Wreaths Across America event. A copy of the Broadside follows on on page 12.



**Former Attorney General  
John Ashcroft**



**From Left:** Ozark Mountain compatriots and attendees. Norman Knowlton, attendee, James Mason, George Swales, Tom Sentman, Kenneth Lawrence, attendee, attendee, Jeff Patrick, attendee, and John Hume.



President Ken Lawrence and two attendees.

**From Left:** James Mason, Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan, George Swales, Ken Lawrence, John Hume, Steven Perkins, and Jeffrey Patrick.





## Chapter Event December 14, 2019

The BroadSides were for distribution to the public about the 250th anniversary of George Mason's activities in 1769 to raise awareness of the need to respond to unfair taxation. This is a state-wide event.

December 11, 2019

Issue # 1



# MISSOURI BROADSIDE

COMMEMORATING THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

### Remembering George Mason, a Founder with principles



George Mason

As a young adult, Mason inherited Gunston Hall, one of the most magnificent residences in an area of Virginia's grand homes. The plantation was known for its tobacco and orchards. George Washington was a neighbor and fellow investor in the Ohio Company. When the King later ended that venture's speculative activities, Mason took a radical turn in his thinking against the Crown.

In the 1750s, Mason began a career in local public service. He was selected as a trustee of the town of Alexandria, a justice in the Fairfax County court system, and a vestryman of Truro parish.

In 1759, Mason was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses, where he became an ardent critic of many British programs. In 1766, during the Stamp Act crisis, he attempted to marshal economic pressure on Parliament by writing a letter to British merchants in an attempt to enlist their opposition to the stamp tax.

Three years later, Mason drafted the Virginia Nonimportation Agreement to counter the taxes on lead and glass enacted by the Townshend Acts. In 1774, after Parliament had targeted Massachusetts with the Coercive Acts, Mason worked with Washington in the Fairfax Resolves to summarize the constitutional case against the Parliamentary legislation.

Mason served as a delegate to the Virginia Convention in 1775 and supported the decision to arm the commonwealth for a possible war. The following year, he served in the Virginia Constitutional Convention, where he made major contributions to the writing of a new governing document and drafted the *Virginia Declaration of Rights*, a statement of the inalienable rights of the colonists. His ideas, and some of his wording, were soon adopted by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence and by the states in their own bills of rights.

During the War of Independence, Mason played an organizational role in defending his state, but did not see service. He also worked for the disestablishment of the Anglican Church.

In postwar Virginia, Mason urged the surrender of western land claims, a view that was not shared by speculators and the frontier population. Acting somewhat out of character, Mason agreed to attend the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, his concern for the wellbeing of the nation outweighing his inclination to stay at home. He was a major participant in the proceedings, but was deeply disappointed in the result. His criticisms of the final document included:

- the lack of a bill of rights, a position fully consistent with his longtime advocacy of individual liberties
- the centralization of too much power in the federal government; he was especially suspicious about the roles planned for the Senate and the federal judiciary
- the constitutional recognition given to the institution of slavery. Despite being a slave owner, Mason felt that all slaves should be freed, and that it was unconscionable for the new government to trumpet liberty, but deny it totally to the slaves.

Mason took his opposition back to Virginia, where he teamed with Patrick Henry and other Anti-Federalists in an unsuccessful attempt to defeat ratification. He published his criticisms in a newspaper essay that was intended to counter the arguments presented in *The Federalist Papers*. His campaign cost him his friendship with Washington.

Mason later turned down a U.S. Senate seat from the Virginia legislature, but experienced the great satisfaction of seeing the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791. Those 10 amendments, along with Amendment XI that limited judicial power, were modeled after his Declaration of Rights. James Madison, a close friend and confidant, was a driving force behind this victory in the first session of the new Congress.

George Mason was one of the Founding Fathers whose name is not widely recognized today. His lack of interest in elective office and contempt for long-winded political proceedings cost him lasting fame. His contemporaries, however, understood the depth of his contribution. Jefferson labeled him the "wisest man of his generation." He died at Gunston Hall on October 7, 1792.

250 years ago George Mason writes the Virginia Resolves.

Virginia Resolves of George Mason oppose British policies;  
Governor dismisses House of Burgesses.

Throughout 1769 Nonimportation Agreements virtually worded as  
written by Mason spread rapidly to Pennsylvania, Virginia,  
Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina.

### About Nonimportation Agreements

Beginning with the unpopular Grenville reforms of the mid-1760s and continuing for a decade, the nonimportation agreement or boycott was the chief American means to gain the attention of faraway British policymakers.

Colonial critics of revenue-raising tax measures realized that they had little clout in Parliament. In order to receive a meaningful hearing in London, the Americans needed support from an influential lobbying force; English merchants and manufacturers fit the bill. Many of those businessmen had strong trade ties with the colonies as well as strong relationships with members of Parliament.



## Chapter Event December 20, 2019

# Missouri State Children of the American Revolution (MSCAR)



**OMC Attendees from Left:** Color Guard Steven Perkins, John McAlear, Dan McMurray, David Appleby, CAR President Peter Doole, John Hume, J. Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Norman Knowlton, and Color Guard Charles McMillan.

President of the Missouri State CAR, Peter Doole, was present at the OMC sponsored reception at the Hickory Hills Country Club. His driver, Loren Woodhead also attended.

He did give his presentation and was honored for his presentation.

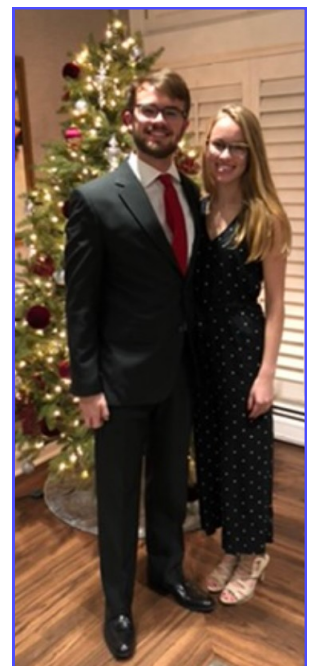
President Ken Lawrence introduced Peter Doole and explained Peter's project is raising money for the renovation of the Banneker School House in Parkville Missouri.

This school was the first schoolhouse for children of color in Missouri. It was founded in the 1880s and 50 to 100 children were educated there.

The project started in 1998 when Park College students began restoring this facility. His project is to raise money for the rehabilitation of the grounds around the facility. He was presented a check for \$100 from the OMCSAR for his project.

President General David Appleby provided opening remarks concerning the importance of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) organization. CAR is involved with acquiring knowledge of American History and upholding and extending the principles of American liberty and patriotism.

Display of the Banneker School House Project in Parkville, MO.



Missouri CAR President Peter Doole and Loren Woodhead.

# Our Revolutionary War Patriots

## Major William Edmondson

**Colonel William Campbell's Regiment and Captain David Beattie's Company, members of the Virginia Militia. Ancestor of Ben Edmondson, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.**

**William Edmondson (8 Nov 1764 – June 15, 1832)**

In 1822 William Edmondson gave a deposition in defense of Col William Campbell's honor, which had been called into question. In his deposition, William states he was a private in Colonel William Campbell's regiment and a member of Captain David Beattie's Company of militia. William testified in his deposition that he was present at King's Mountain and "the affair of Whitsett's Mill".

British Major Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Foot arrived in North Carolina in early September 1780 to recruit troops for the Loyalist militia and protect the flank of Lord Cornwallis' main force. Ferguson issued a challenge to the rebel militias to lay down their arms or suffer the consequences. In response, the Patriot militias led by Benjamin Cleveland, James Johnston, William Campbell, John Sevier, Joseph McDowell and Isaac Shelby, rallied for an attack on Ferguson.

These patriots were known as the Overmountain Men and hailed from parts of Virginia, North Carolina, and what is now Tennessee and Kentucky. William Campbell and his company of 400 Virginians, which included William Edmondson, gathered in Abingdon, Virginia on lands now known as the Abingdon Muster Grounds. The date was September 23, 1780.

On October 4, the Overmountain Men reached Ferguson's base at Gilbert Town, although Ferguson had evacuated eastward to be closer to the main British army.

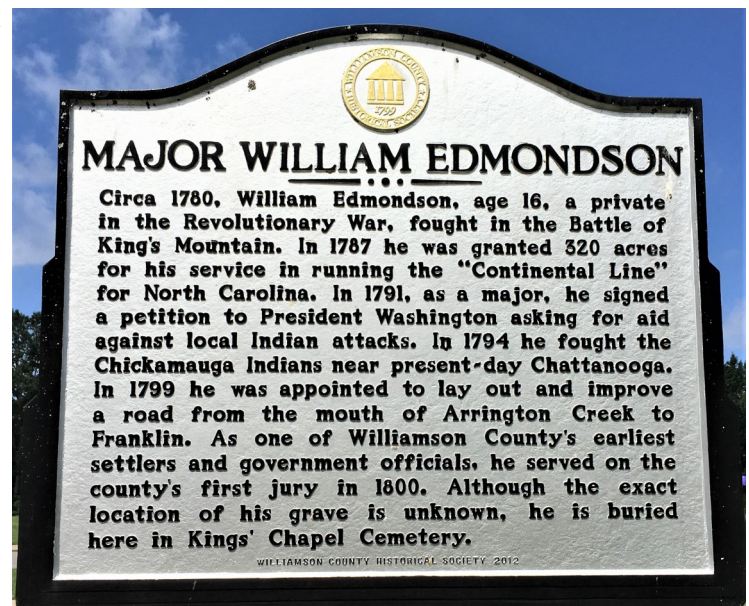
With the Overmountain Men fast approaching, Ferguson decided to entrench his 1000-strong loyalist force atop Kings Mountain. Patriot forces reached Kings Mountain on the afternoon of October 7, and formed a U-shape around the mountain, effectively flanking the loyalists. Around 3 P.M., after several minutes of minor skirmishing, William Campbell told his men to "*shout like hell and fight like devils*", and two companies simultaneously opened fire on the loyalist positions. Shelby, Sevier, Wil-

liams, and Cleveland pushed from the north side of the mountain, while Campbell, Winston, and McDowell pushed from the south.



Ben Edmondson

While Kings Mountain was difficult to scale, the mountain's slopes were heavily wooded, providing Patriot riflemen ample cover. Both Campbell and Shelby twice attempted to charge up the mountain, but were driven back by loyalist rifle fire. After about an hour, however, the frontier sharpshooters had taken a devastating toll on the loyalists' ranks, and Campbell and Shelby managed to reach the summit. Ferguson was killed by sharpshooters and the remaining loyalists surrendered. Loyalist casualties included 157 killed, 163 so severely wounded they were left on the field, and 698 captured. Patriot casualties were 28 killed and 62 wounded.



*Contributed by Ben Edmondson*

When William "Major" Edmondson was born on November 8, 1764, in Augusta, Virginia, his father, William, was 44 and his mother Agnes was 27. He married Frances Boyd in 1792 in Madison, Tennessee. They had eight children in 19 years. He died on June 15, 1832, in Arrington, Tennessee, at the age of 67.

### Sources:

Ben Edmondson, Ozark Mountain Chapter, SAR

Williamson County Historical Society.

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## Our Revolutionary War Patriots

### Elias Bowden

**Elias Bowden is the Revolutionary War Ancestor of Edward Gwin, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.**

**Elias Bowden (6 April 1763—25 February 1843)**

My name is Edward Gwin and I am descended from a Revolutionary War soldier, Elias Bowden who was my third great grandfather. His daughter was my 2nd great grandmother and was married to my 2nd great grandfather who was also named Edward Gwin (there were three after that counting me, skipping one generation). He was born in Isle of Wight Virginia on 6 April, 1763 and died in Henry Tennessee on 25 February, 1843. He married Celia Lawrence on 22 December, 1785 after the war. They reportedly had 13 children. He was a fanner so that came in handy. On one census he was reported to have 16 slaves. He was buried in the Gwin family Cemetery in Hico, Carroll County Tennessee.

According to his pension application, Elias entered the service of his country at the age of 16 in July, 1779 as a substitute for his brother William in the County of Isle of Wight in Virginia. He served 2 months the first time under Captain William Gay and Col. John Will's regiment. He again entered service in July, 1780 serving under the same officers for two months. He stated he was in no engagement, and was mostly involved in retaking stock and other property that had been plundered by the British between the towns of Suffolk and Portsmouth Virginia which was a distance of a little over 18 miles.

On September 1, 1781 he reentered service once again and was marched from Williamsburg to within 3 miles of Little York and then returned to headquarters. He was then marched to Mackey's Mill and then to Portsmouth after again being put under the command of Captain Gay and Col. Will. He was promoted to first sergeant and was still in at the time of Cornwallis's surrender in October 1781. He noted no one was officially discharged and apparently they just disbanded.

His father, John Bowden, was said to help the troops by providing them with meat.



*Contributed by Edward Gwin*

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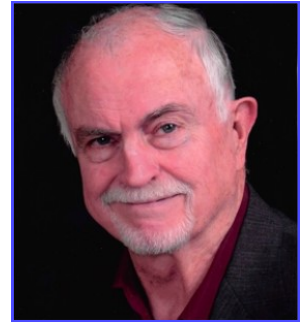
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## In Memorium

### **Duane Laramore**

Wednesday, July 13th, 1938 - Saturday, July 27th, 2019



A Celebration of Life Service for Duane Laramore age 81, of Branson, Missouri will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 1, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Branson. Arrangements are under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson.

He passed away on July 27, 2019 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Duane was born on July 13, 1938 in Texarkana, Texas the son of William Moss and Hazel Embree Laramore. He had been a resident of the Branson area for 25 years. He retired as an Aero Space Engineer with NASA. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Branson. He was a member of NARFE, a volunteer where he facilitated classes for NAMI, a volunteer for the Life Center and Grief Share both at First Baptist Church, He was a volunteer at Bridge of Faith Community Church in Rockaway Beach and was on the board at the Branson Senior Center.

Survivors are his wife; Phyllis Laramore of the home. One Son, Monte Laramore (Kristen) of Tampa, Florida. Four step-children: Linda Brown of Maple Grove, Minnesota, Judy Rasmussen of Glendale, Wisconsin, Bob Rasmussen of Prescott, Arizona and Lisa Lovgren of Belmond, Iowa. Two sisters, Martha Sue Cox of New Mexico and Rosemary Laramore of Oregon. Four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Carrilee Laramore, a daughter, Sherri Lee Laramore, four brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until service time at 11:00 AM at the church.

Memorials in his memory are suggested to Bridge of Faith Community Church, 296 Lake Street, Rockaway Beach, Mo. 65740.

Compatriot Duane Laramore became a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution June 4, 2013.

## President General Proclamation Wreaths Across America 2019

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."  
...Samuel Adams, 1779

President General  
John "Jack" T. Manning



## Washington Crossing the Delaware

December 25–26, 1776

Washington's Crossing is the location of Washington's crossing of the [Delaware River](#) on the night of **December 25–26, 1776** in the American Revolutionary War. This daring maneuver led to victory in the [Battle of Trenton](#) and altered the course of the war.



## Upcoming 2020 Events



### January 2020



**Monday, January 13, Chapter Development Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Mill**



**Saturday, January 18 Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting**  
**9:00 a.m. OTC Room 108**



**Friday, January 24 Wolf School William Temple Hornaday**  
**12:30 p.m. White River Conference Center, 600 W Sunshine St, Springfield**



**Saturday, January 25 10:00 a.m. Quarterly Missouri SAR Meeting**  
**Cole County Jail-Sheriffs Office 350 E High St. Jefferson City, MO.**

### February 2020



**Saturday, February 8 7:00 p.m.—10 p.m. DAR SAR Gala**  
**Ambassade de France / Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Rd NW, Washington, DC**



**Monday, February 10 Chapter Development Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Mill**



**Wednesday, February 12 7:00 p.m. History Explorers**  
**7:00 p. m The Library Center The Corps of Discovery**



**Saturday, February 15 9:00 a.m. Washington's Birthday**  
**9:00 a.m. Branson High School JROTC Color Guard Washington Park**



**Saturday, February 15 10:00 a.m. Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. OTC Room 108**



**Thursday-Saturday, February 27-29 Spring Leadership Meeting**  
**NSSAR Louisville, KY**

For more detail, visit the Ozark Mountain Chapter Website [ozarkmountainsar.org](http://ozarkmountainsar.org)