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The President's Message

By President Curtis Trent

As 2021 winds down and we transition into 2022 I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season surrounded by friends and family. I am deeply

grateful for the opportunity to be the president of this wonderful Ozarks Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Our chapter does many amazing things for our community and it has been an honor to support the chapter in this capacity for the last year. As the baton passes to the new leadership team you will select at our next meeting we can all look forward to even more great opportunities to bring the joy of history and civic engagement to the people of the Ozarks.

While it didn't happen in December, I like to remember the Siege of Yorktown around this time each year as the end becomes the beginning. Yorktown was the last major land battle of the Revolutionary War as French forces under Admiral de Gasse joined with General George Washington to deliver a crushing defeat to the British army in Virginia. With French ships preventing retreat to the sea a combined French and American army bombarded the British relentlessly, destroying heavy guns and softening

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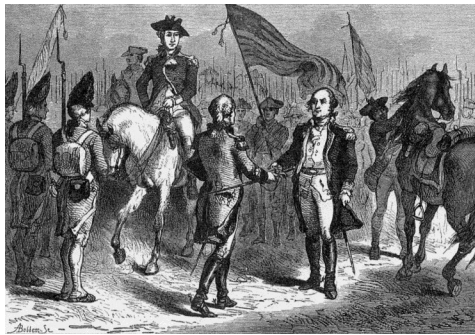
National Guard to Celebrate 385th Birthday on December 13, 2021

The founding of our current day National Guard was established on December 13, 1636, by the Massachusetts General Court in Salem, where all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 were required to join the militia and would be called on to fight when needed for the protection of the colonies. The colony's militia was organized into three permanent regiments to defend the colony. Several units of the Massachusetts Militia have maintained continuous service and are the lineal descendants for the current National Guard. They are the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery, the 181st Infantry Regiment, and the 182nd Infantry Regiment. These are the oldest

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entrenched positions until infantry assaults could bring the siege to a successful end.

Legend has it that at the surrender of British forces their band played "The World Turn'd Upside



Down." If so, it was both premature and correct. Over the next century, the balance of power in the West would gradually shift across the Atlantic as the new United States grew in population, wealth, and military power. The burgeoning world power eventually marched forth to reshape the globe in its own image, proving a pivotal influence as the last vestiges of the European ancient régime perished in the convulsions of the Twentieth Century. Today the legacy of our nation's Founders and their vision for our people remains a powerful influence on the imagination of Americans everywhere. How that legacy endures is a question each American must answer for themselves until the final word of history is written by those yet to come. How will you answer that question?

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Curtis Trent
OMCSAR President

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting December 18th, 2021

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 15, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. at Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Missouri.

President Curtis Trent called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. at Ozark Technical College with 23 members present and 8 guests. All were encouraged to mask and use social distancing.

Compatriot **Gary Gift** led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot **Tom Sentman** led the Pledge to the SAR. **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** gave the Invocation. He then went on to give a remembrance of **Compatriot Donald Stanton**. He started with a reading and then introduced **Compatriot John McAlear** who presented his obituary but also



personal recollections of some of his activities with the OMC. This presentation ended with another closing prayer by **Compatriot Dan Philbrick**. His obituary is included.

The Bell of Remembrance was rung in his honor.

President Curtis Trent then had **Chaplain Dan Philbrick** present some of the key parts of this mornings' Pearl Harbor



Commemoration at the Springfield National Cemetery just prior to this meeting with its Benediction and Prayer of Thanksgiving. He then invited

MOSSAR State President George Swales to read the



Proclamation that was presented earlier this

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

morning. He then thanked all of our members who participated in this earlier morning event in the cold at the Pearl Harbor Commemoration, in the Wreaths Across America, and in the remembrance of the Patriot William Freeman at the Springfield National Cemetery.

President Curtis Trent then introduced **Compatriot Steve Perkins** who introduced a new prospective member in the OMC, Kevin Stull. Ivan Stull, his brother is applying for membership in the Harry S. Truman Chapter. He also plugged his new SAR decals.



President Curtis Trent then introduced **MOSSAR State President George Swales** to give the CAR Award to Marcus Sammons, the President of the Missouri CAR along with his Mother. He was presented on behalf of the NSSAR the Bronze Medal of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the National Society of the CAR. Pictures were taken.



President Curtis Trent went on to present other NSSAR Awards to the following:

Compatriot Steve Perkins the Liberty Medal for his role in the recruitment of 10 new members.

The OMC received from NSSAR the President General's streamer for the Education Outreach Program.



The OMC received Certificates for our Participation in Partners in Patriotism and also for Participation in the Wreaths Across America.

Compatriot Brayman received a Certificate of Appreciation for his involvement in the JROTC Program.

Compatriot David Appleby received Certificates of Appreciation for being Vice Chairman of the Ethics Committee, for being the Chairman of the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution Committee, and for being the Chairman of the Minuteman Award Committee.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk received Certificates of Appreciation for being the Chairman of the Merchandising Committee, for being the Vice Chairman of the Branding and Engagement Committee, and for being the Vice Chairman of America's 250th Anniversary Committee.

Officers Reports:

First Vice –President Report—Ben Edmondson—No Report.

Second Vice –President Report---Jeff Patrick—No Report.

Treasurer Report---John Charles—The total funds we have as of today consists of \$10,288.59 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,298.02 in an interest-bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundations of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$19,586.61.

He also gave an update on membership of which 93 members have renewed their memberships for 2022.

Audit Report— Auditor—John McAlear- he reported as requested, he has examined the July1-September 30,2021, OMCSAR financial records provided to him by Treasurer John Charles. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for deposits and disbursements, and the OMCSAR Treasurer's Reports.

In his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR.

A motion to approve the auditor report was made, seconded and passed.

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Secretary Report—Secretary Norman Knowlton-

The minutes from October and November meetings were published and included with the Patriot Newsletters the last two months and he asked for any additions or corrections—seeing none—the minutes were moved, seconded, and passed.

Genealogist Report--- Genealogist Steven

Perkins—In 2021 this chapter has received 24 new prospects. This is the most in any calendar year since he has been the chapter genealogist. There are two supplemental applications pending and there have been 5 new prospects in October. There are 3 new applications in process waiting for approval at National including Nicholas Inman, Leslie Becker, and James Appleby. There have been 5 new members approved this year including Jason Stewart, James Robinette, John Angst, Cris Brayman, and Peter Rae. He also wanted to thank our chapter members for their steadfast support in renewing their membership. For those who decide to not renew their membership to think that they might consider renewing to honor their own patriot. He also encouraged all to continue to be active and support our OMC. **Compatriot Gerald McCoy** said he has a friend from Bolivar, Missouri who has several persons that might be interested in joining SAR and encourages us to contact them to assist in joining. **Compatriot John Hathcock** wanted to thank our Genealogist for inspiring his brother to apply in St. Louis. **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** suggested we again look at reestablishing our mentoring program. A short discussion occurred. **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** discussed many of the recent events in which our members participated and expressed his thanks for all of the support by our membership. He encouraged all to pitch in when you can and when you are responsible for bringing in a new member into our chapter to help them. Be there when they need you and encourage them to do what they can. **Compatriot Gary Gift** stated that **Compatriot Ken Lawrence** had developed a mentoring plan from a mix of the NSSAR and our local chapter needs and it was suggested since COVID has limited its use that we might reestablish this plan and include it in our Newsletter.

Editor Report--- Editor Dan Piedlow---

He encouraged all who participate in any programs to send him pictures and names of those that are included in the pictures as well as those that participated. He recommended that these be sent by email rather than text because of the way he has to convert for his production of the Newsletter.

Historian Report—Historian Don Higginson—No Report.**Sergeant at Arms Report---Sergeant at Arms Danny Piedlow—No Report.**

Chapter Development Committee Report—Gary Gift—reported that we did a great job this year with over 36 Color Guard events. Most of the events were summarized by **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** and documented in our Newsletter. The Merit Badge Workshop has been moved from the November event to the first weekend in May of 2022. Next year will be even better now that we are coming out of COVID. He wanted to thank all that participated during this past year. He introduced **Compatriot Ed Morehead** who recently transferred into the OMC from Martin Warren Chapter. He also reintroduced **Compatriot Pat Lyons** who is a member and has been around for the past 12 years. He spoke briefly on the Eagle Scout Court of Honor event where **Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Gerald McCoy, Curtis Trent** and he attended and received thank you notes that he passed around. He described the Heroism award to Ivan Hillhouse from Troop 57 from Lebanon, Missouri. We presented the Law Enforcement

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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.

Officer award last week and next week we will be presenting the Fire Safety award and the EMT awards.

Committee Report—None.

Old Business—None.

New Business

Compatriot Gary Gift-Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported on the proposed slate of officers for the OMC for the 2022 year. The Committee consisted of himself, Curtis Trent, and Ken Lawrence. The proposed slate is:

President: Ben Edmondson

1st Vice President: Cris Brayman

2nd Vice President: James Robinette

Treasurer: John Angst

Secretary: Norman Knowlton

Genealogist: Steve Perkins

Assistant Genealogist: Len Slovensky

Historian: Don Higgerson

Chancellor: Gary Bishop

Editor: Dan Piedlow

Chaplain: Dan Philbrick

Sergeant at Arms: Danny Piedlow

Compatriot Dan Piedlow reminded all who participated in any of this year's Flag Awards to let him know.

At the Campfire at Camp Arrowhead, **Compatriot Gary Gift** along with **Compatriot Gerald McCoy** and **Compatriot Charles McMillan** attended with 14 Scouts who participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Compatriot John Hathcock reminded all that we will be presenting this year's ROTC and JROTC awards this Spring and these institutions have already received their certificates and he will be contacting us of the dates when they are available to let those members who are in charge of each of

these schools know. These events and awards are funded by the George Washington Endowment.

Compatriot Curtis Trent asked **MOSSAR President George Swales** to present the **State CAR President Marcus Sammons** with a \$50 dollar check from the OMC. The check was presented and pictures were taken.

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Important Dates in History

December 4 – Washington bids farewell to his officers in New York City 1783

December 15 - Last State Signed the Bill of Rights 1791

December 17 - Boston Tea Party 1773

December 19 - Washington and his army winter in Valley Forge 1777

December 22 - Continental Navy Created 1775

December 23 – Washington Resigns as Commander in Annapolis, MD

December 26 - Battle of Trenton 1776

January 3 - The Battle of Princeton 1777

January 11 - Alexander Hamilton Birthday 1755

January 17 - The Battle of Cowpens 1781

January 17 - Ben Franklin Birthday 1706

January 23 - John Hancock Birthday 1737

event for the “Feeding Fisher’s Families” to help support the Fisher House Foundation here in Missouri. This Foundation provides a home away from home for Veterans and their families while they are receiving treatment at VA Hospital. Through this project, MSSCAR will help these schools know. These events and awards are funded by the George Washington Endowment.

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

Compatriot Tom Sentman led the Recessional. **Chaplain Dan Philbrick** led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

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National Guard 385th

units of the U.S. military.

This date in history designates the beginning of the organized militia, and the birth of the National Guard’s oldest organized units, symbolic of the founding of all the state, commonwealth, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam militias that collectively make up today’s National Guard.”

Under state law, the National Guard provides “First Responder” capability and protection of life and property, and preserves peace, order and public safety. The National Guard’s federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization and deployment during war and provide assistance during national emergencies.

With its dual state and federal mission, the National Guard is a fully integrated operational force of the U.S. military capabilities. Each soldier and airman hold membership in both the National Guard of his or her state and in the U.S. Army or the U.S. Air Force.

The National Guard is a local community cornerstone, with more than 2,600 Army Guard readiness centers (armories) and facilities along with Your National Guard members living and serving in over 3,000 communities.

Always Ready, Always There - Your National Guard

Reference:

<https://www.nationalguard.mil/About-the-Guard/How-We-Began/>

Ozark Mountain Chapter Missouri SAR National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

Eighty years ago, at this hour, Japanese fighter planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, destroying much of our Pacific Fleet and killing more than 2,400 Americans, and injuring countless others. The following day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called on Congress to declare war and "make it very cer-



OMC at the Springfield National Cemetery at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Stone.

tain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us." In that spirit, Americans came together to pay tribute to the victims, support the survivors and shed the comforts of civilian life to serve in our military and fight for our Union. Each year on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we honor those whose lives were forever changed that December morning and resolve to uphold the legacy of all who stepped forward in our time of need.

From the docks of Pearl Harbor to the beaches of Normandy and far around the world, brave patriots have served their country and



Ringling of the bell at Springfield National Cemetery at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Stone.

defended the values that have sustained our Nation since its founding. They went to war to maintain our liberty and sacrificed more than most of us will ever know; they grasped victory and defeated fascism, turning adversaries into allies and writing a new chapter in our history and the history of the world. Through their service and unparalleled devotion, they inspired a generation with their refusal to give in despite overwhelming odds. And as we reflect on the profound debt of gratitude we

owe them for the

freedoms we cherish, we are reminded of the everlasting responsibilities we have to one another and to our country.

In memory of all who lost their lives on December 7, 1941, and those who responded by leaving their homes for the battlefields, we must ensure the sacrifices they made in the name of liberty and democracy were not made in vain. On this solemn anniversary, there can be no higher tribute to these American patriots than to reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitution Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Birthdays

John Hume	December 2
Lee Viorel	December 8
Harrison Philbrick	December 15
John Angst	December 17
Steven Rinker	December 20
William Walker	December 21
Caden Frederick	December 23
John Allen	December 28
Matthew Brunner	December 28

Donald Higginson	January 2
Roy Blunt	January 10
Gerald McCoy	January 12
Harold Finch	January 18
Pletcher Rogers	January 19
Peter Rea	January 28
Richard Snelson	January 31

Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Dan Piedlow

Editor: Daniel Piedlow

Itus Virtus

This definition is taken from their Facebook page:

Itus Virtus is a non-profit Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, which was



started to help other civil servants and the general public. To protect, serve, and support local charities. The Itus Virtus LEMC was originally founded by a group of 13 individuals with different backgrounds and personalities. Since we have grown to five charters and spread into two different states. Our original club was created on September 11th, 2013 (in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001).

Founding Club
MO Heat – Springfield,
MO –
mo.heat@itusvirtus.com

I had the pleasure of meeting the President, Robert “Shawdog” Shawley.



The LE Motorcycle Club members, myself representing the OMC / Sons of the American Revolution, and a crowd of Springfield citizens placed over 13,000 wreaths on graves in the National Cemetery.

I personally place over 30 myself...I say this to encourage others to take part next year... It's not how many you place but in the spirit in which they are given. To show respect and reverence for the men and women that served in the military to defend and protect our freedoms earned since 1775 and counting.

He gave me their challenge coin

Heroism Commendation

The Sons of the American Revolution recognize Boy Scout Isaac Hillhouse for his exemplary service to his brother Trevor Hillhouse.

Isaac and Trevor Hillhouse were tubing and playing in two to three feet of water on a family river outing with their siblings and parents. After tubing for a while in shallow water the brothers began to walk back upstream to rejoin their family when Trevor stepped into a deep hole in the river that they weren't aware of. The deep, rapidly moving water swept Trevor away and he began to panic as the swift water was well above his head. Isaac wasted no time in jumping into the deep and dangerous water, risking his own life to save his



brother. As a result of the heroic action of Isaac Hillhouse, the life of his brother Trevor was saved. This unselfish act of heroism brings the Sons of the American Revolution to your meeting tonight to award Isaac Hillhouse the National Heroism Award from the Sons of the American Revolution. It is with great pride that we share the heroic actions of Isaac and invite you to share the pride as well.

Isaac, in recognition of your outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, the Sons of the American Revolution present you this Heroism Commendation on this 6th day of December 2021, with our gratitude and pride.

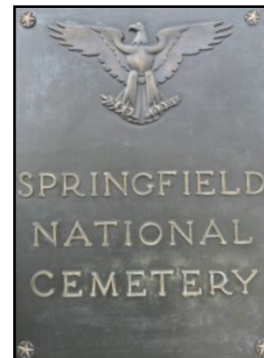
Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery.

Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.



Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Participates in Wreaths Across America

Story and Images by Margaret Swales



DAR member Jan Fisk, descendant of Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman, honored the event by placing a wreath on his grave. Jan Fisk, a member of the Rachael Donelson Chapter DAR, OMC Color Guard, compatriots, and Children of the American Revolution (CAR) President Marcus Sammons, attended the event at the Springfield National Cemetery event December 18, 2021.



Left: Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Jan Fisk, Dan Philbrick, Missouri SAR President George Swales, Color Guard Drummer Charles McMillan, Color Guardsmen J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Kenneth Lawrence, Gary Gift, Commander Steve Perkins, OMC President Curtis Trent, and Marcus Sammons, President of the Missouri Children of the American Revolution (CAR).

Awards and Events



Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins and Norm Knowlton present World War II veteran William Thomson the Flag Certificate on December 2nd.

We had a great time this morning with Bill Thomson. A WWII vet who joined when he was underage and was wounded several times during the war. We had a nice conversation with a Marine Veteran who really appreciated our visit and the presentation of the Flag Award.



Compatriot Daniel Piedlow at the New Covenant Academy on December 2nd talking to the 5th grade class about the Poster Contest. The students were very enthusiastic about the contest.



Compatriots Gary Gift, Steve Perkins, Daniel Piedlow, and Dan Piedlow (Photographer) presenting colors at the opening of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Event for Chip McGeehan on December 10th.



Awards and Events



On December 17th the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR had their annual dinner for the CAR State President Marcus Sammons. The event had twenty-one people attend including OMC compatriots spouses and DAR representatives from the Agnes Hill Society and the HaHa Tonka Society.



On December 18th, members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR attended the Wreaths Across America event at the Springfield National Cemetery. Compatriots also held a remembrance for Revolutionary War Soldier William Freeman, who is buried at the cemetery.



Awards and Events



The Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly meeting held on December 18th, after the ceremonies at the Springfield National Cemetery. The guest speaker was MOSCAR President Marcus Sammons.



Compatriot Steve Perkins at Ozark Flag Distributors on December 21st, awarding them with a Flag Certificate for their continued service to the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins and Daniel Piedlow (photographer) present the Fire Service Commendation to Kris Wright of the Springfield Fire Department on December 21st.

Compatriots Norm Knowlton, Steve Perkins, Don Higginson, and J. Howard Fisk present the Law Enforcement Commendation to Corporal Marcus Walker of the Springfield Police Department on December 15th.



Upcoming Events



January 6, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR will be having their monthly Chapter Development meeting. All members are welcome.



January 15, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR will have their monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium with special speaker Mr. Brooks Blevins, author of books on the Ozarks.



January 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR will be hosting the Missouri Society SAR meeting at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium. All members are welcome.



February 10, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR will be having their monthly Chapter Development meeting. All members are welcome.