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The President's Message

By President Ben Edmondson

My fellow Compatriots as I sit here pondering the wonderful work we have done this past year

my heart is filled with joy.

I have found strength in your encouragement. I have been better with your support.

As I consider my last meeting as your President I am thoughtful as to what the future holds for us. I am confident that we will continue to make greater strides in our mission of preservation, education, and inspiring our community. And to this end, you will select the new leadership team at our next meeting. The slate of officers as announced at our December meeting is reflected in the meeting minutes.

For the month of December, we had a busy and successful month. We started off the month with a Pearl Harbor Memorial visit at Springfield National Cemetery on December 7th. On December 16th we had our annual CAR dinner celebrating Jack Adel of the Missouri CAR. We were honored to have the President of the Missouri Society of the SAR Michael Robertson join us. Jack and Michael participated in

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our Wreaths Across America ceremony visit to William Freeman's grave on December 17th at Springfield National Cemetery before our December meeting. I am always honored when we visit William's grave. As my 4th great-grandfather, I take great pride in his service to our nation.

I have a copy of Washington Crossing the Delaware, the title of three 1851 oil-on-canvas paintings by the German-American artist Emanuel Leutze, on my office wall. This image is most recognizable while ignoring the several inaccuracies it contains. Most notably is Washington's stance, obviously intended

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Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting December 17th, 2022

Prior to this meeting, our OMC members participated in the Wreaths Across America at the Springfield National Cemetery with a wreath laying at the Grave of Revolutionary Patriot William Freeman with a program including MOSSAR President Michael Robertson and our OMC Color Guard.

President Ben Edmondson called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. with 25 members and 7 guests. The invocation was given by **Compatriot Dan Philbrick**. The pledge of allegiance led by **President Ben Edmondson**. The pledge to the SAR was led by **Compatriot Gary Gift**.

He then invited **Compatriot Steve Perkins and MOSSAR President Michael Robertson** to come forward and introduce our new members and to swear them into the SAR:

Nicholas Inman

Robert Hammerschmidt

Doug Healy



He also invited their sponsors from our chapter to partake with them:

Compatriot Gary Gift, Compatriot J. Howard Fisk, and Compatriot Steve Perkins respectively.

MOSSAR President Michael Robertson proceeded with the swearing-in and presented them with their NSSAR official Membership Certificates. He went on to describe the significance of the SAR Badge and its history. Then their sponsors pinned their SAR Official pin on them. Pictures were taken. **President Michael Robertson** welcomed these new members into the OMC and the MOSSAR and presented each of them with his Presidential Challenge Coin and challenged them to each find a program in our system that they might enjoy doing and promote it.

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to depict him in a heroic fashion, would have been very hard to maintain in the choppy conditions of the crossing. Considering that he is standing in a rowboat, such a stance would have risked capsizing the boat. This inaccuracy though is what makes the image so memorable. It reflects Washington's resolve and determination.

It reminds me daily of the determination and resolve required to see difficult tasks through to successful completion.

I wish you and your families a Happy New Year.

Ben Edmondson

President OMCSAR

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He then announced that he had 3 New Supplemental memberships for **Compatriot Gary Gift, Compatriot Paul Wilkerson, and Compatriot Gerald McCoy**.

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Gary Gift and

Paul

Wilkerson

with their

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and Pictures

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Members and these New Supplemental recipients to send a copy of their Patriot's biography to us for our archives via our Editor- **Compatriot Dan Piedlow**.

He then asked **Compatriot Gary Gift and Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** to come forward to present a special award. He explained the 250th Anniversary Medal is awarded by the NSSAR for the bronze, silver, and gold medals. It is awarded to members of SAR that participate in 250th Anniversary events by being awarded points for different programs. **Compatriot**

J. Howard Fisk is the Vice Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee of the NSSAR and **Compatriot Gary Gift** is the Gold Medal Chairman. OMC **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** is receiving the Gold Medal for his participation in over 150 points from different events. **Compatriot Gary Gift** encouraged all members from the OMC to keep a record of the events in which they participate, and encouraged all to apply for these medals when they reach these levels. Missouri is one of the top three States in the Gold Medals and the OMC is one of the top chapters in the nation. **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** explained that this celebration will convene starting in 2023 and last thru 2033. Next year the programs will be designed around the anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Recipients of these Medals can also be given to non-members. Our own Margaret Swales has received her Gold Medal. Pictures were taken.



He then introduced the State President for the **Missouri Society of the Children of the American Revolution, Jack Adel**. He has been a member since 2014. He is a member of the Corp of the Discovery of Society of the Children of the American Revolution and held a variety of offices. He is currently the President of his Society and has recently completed his term as second Vice President of the Missouri Society of the Children of the American Revolution. He is 16 years of age and a Junior at Lee Summit West High School. He takes Honors in College credit in his classes and is on the Principal's Honor Role. He maintains a 4.0 grade point average and has an academic letter. He also lettered in Archery and

competes at the local, state, and national levels. He is a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is also a member of the tribe of the Miccosukee. He has completed more than 100 hours of community service. He has been passionate about helping people and animals that are in need and this has led him to his project which he will be presenting- "Keep ' Em Together".

He spoke on his project which helps the community and services that provided several resources to increase pet retention and prevent unnecessary pet relinquishment. It is called "Keep' Em Together, KC." It is not for profit organization in Kansas City. This is to provide avenues to keep families together. Because of problems with the homeless, forgotten veterans, and the uninsured, and have pets with whom they are living, they sometimes get separated for survival reasons. This project helps provide funds to help these individuals keep their pets with them. They sometimes needed supplies, vaccinations, and even food to save their loved ones. These are persons who have housing or financial issues or even have pets when they themselves are hospitalized and need finances for their pets to be sheltered. It helps homeless veterans especially those with pets in the cold weather and the snow. Homeless shelters normally do not allow pets, so they might be left behind. This would leave the person the choice of abandoning their pet or rehoming their pet. They have created a boarding facility where pets can stay up to 90 days and also provide vaccinations, food, neutering, kennels, dog houses, and sheltering fees. They also have two paid social workers to help assist these individuals. In their first year of operation, they have provided 222 families, 282 pets being replaced, 88 vaccinations, 41 outdoor shelters, over 39,000 pounds of pet foods, 1500 doses of flu medications, and gave over \$26,000 in financial assistance. This all comes from generous donations. He is trying to raise funds to help this endeavor. He is selling buttons for \$10 dollars to help this fund and also asking for a donation of items that might be used to help keep them together.

MOSSAR President Michael Robertson then

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presented him with the Missouri Bronze Medal of Appreciation and Certificate. Pictures were then



taken. The OMC is donating \$50 dollars to his organization.

Officer Reports

1st Vice—President—Cris Brayman was absent and had no new report.

2nd Vice—President—Jim Robinette was absent and is presently in Hawaii and will be there for work reasons.

Treasurer Report—John Angst—gave an update on our finances. We have \$14,113.91 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9328.23 in our interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks account. These two accounts total \$23,442.14 A motion to accept this report was moved, seconded, and passed to send this on to the Audit Committee for audit. As of this date, almost 27 individuals have yet to pay their 2023 dues.

Audit Report—John McAlear—As requested, he examined the July 1st, 2022- September 30, 2022, OMCSAR financial records provided to him by Treasurer report provided to him by Treasurer John Angst. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for deposits and disbursements, and the OMCSAR Treasure's Reports.

It is in his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR. The auditor report was moved and seconded and passed as presented.

Secretary Report – Norman Knowlton—The minutes from our October meeting were published and included in our Patriot Newsletter. He moved that they be accepted as written. It was seconded and passed as written.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—He reported that he is actively working and seeking new applicants. He has 6 new prospects in the last 90

days. Three applications have been sent to National and three are on the cusp of being completed. He has 21 active prospects in varying degrees of activity. We have three supplemental applications which have been approved. There are three more waiting for approval from National.

Editor Report – Dan Piedlow—asked to have anyone participating in OMC events to send pictures and information from any of these events to him. Let him know if one needs mailing or contact information to receive their Newsletter.

Historian Report – Don Higginson- stated he is up to date on the Yearbook but if anyone has any additional events to get it to him.

Sgt. at Arms Report – Dan Piedlow – No Report

Chapter Development Committee— Compatriot Gary Gift

Recently events:

November 19th-Veterans Day Luncheon- with a great turnout having 51 persons present.

December 3rd- Christmas at the Courthouse- many organizations attended and it was successful.

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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 or 57

January 17 - The Battle of Cowpens 1781

January 17 - Ben Franklin Birthday 1706

January 23 - John Hancock Birthday 1737

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There was a silent auction. It was a fundraiser for 501 3 C organizations in the Springfield area

December 7th- we had our Pearl Harbor Day celebration at the Springfield National Cemetery

December 8th – Chapter Development Meeting at Compatriot Steve Perkins residence

December 16th – we had a reception for Jack Abel, State President of CAR, at Hickory Hills Country Club

This morning December 17th- we had a Wreaths Across America celebration at the Springfield National Cemetery and laid a wreath on the grave of Patriot William Freeman.

The next Chapter Development Meeting will be January 9th, 2023

January 21st –our next chapter meeting to be held at OTC at 9:00 AM- we will elect our new officers

January 25th – we will be reestablishing our History Explorer Program at the Brentwood Library on the Topic of General George Washington’s Generals

February 18th- we will be celebrating Washington’s Birthday at Washington Park here in Springfield

After our OMC meeting that morning

March 11th – we will be having our 5th Annual Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop at OTC

March 18th- we be having our OMC Monthly meeting at the Brentwood Library since OTC will be closed for Spring Break

April 28th – is the MOSSAR Annual State meeting in Kansas City

April 28th – there will be a naturalization ceremony in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom Festival in Marshfield Missouri

Committee Report—Other Committee Reports-- None

Old Business—None

New Business

Compatriot Ken Lawrence –presented the nominating committee’s nominations for the 2023 officers:

President Cris Brayman

1st Vice President Charles McMillan

2ⁿ Vice President James Robinette

Treasurer John Angst

Secretary Len Slovensky

Genealogist Steve Perkins

Assistant Genealogist Len Slovensky

Editor Dan Piedlow

Historian Jeromy Boes

Chaplain Dan Philbrick

Chancellor Gary Bishop

Sargeant at Arms Dan Piedlow

Chapter Development Ben Edmondson

Elections will be held at the January 2023 meeting

Compatriot George Swales read a nice note from Rosemary Sentman for the memorial program which we had for her husband the late Tom Sentman.

President Ben Edmondson announced he has established a committee to review and update our Bylaws- the committee will be **Compatriots Charles McMillan, Cris Brayman,** and himself will bring a report later.

Compatriot Dan Piedlow announced he has made up several fliers for our Youth Awards and another one that describes what we do to be able to hand out for our different events. These are OMC specific.

Also, he is advocating for a World War Veteran whom he is plugging for a National Medal of Honor. He told the story of his military record.

President Ben Edmondson introduced our speaker for the day **MOSSAR President Michael Robertson.**

He first started by Presenting National and State Life Memberships for the following OMC members:

Compatriot Charles McMillan

Compatriot Ken Lawrence

Pictures were taken.

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His presentation started with a Question of the Day—Why did you join SAR???

Family member???

A Family Legend???

Did you come across a family member that

fought in the American Revolution???

You might have seen the SAR Color Guard???

You might just love History???



Venture out— opportunities are endless

We need you to spread the word about the founding of our Country

SAR is dedicated to three things: Promoting History, Encouraging Patriotism, and Fostering Education

MOSSAR is producing BroadSides to give a history of some of our founding Patriots and events- The first of these are on the Battle of San Carlos and the Gaspee Affair. These can be used to pass out at our events to tell the story of events that occurred 250 years ago. These can be distributed at many of our events locally to start a conversation about our history.

In 2025 will be the 200th anniversary of the visit of Marquis Lafayette across America and to Missouri- April 29th 2025. We will be participating in this event in conjunction with our MOSSAR state meeting that



year.

He encouraged all members to encourage Patriotism including the grave marking ceremony of today. To give out flag certificates, participate in national events, and even join the SAR Color Guard. Join outreach programs to honor our Veterans.

Fostering education by awarding students and teachers in our education systems. We will be promoting video programs to help in this endeavor.

The MOSSAR is here to serve our local chapters including the OMC and help it grow.

He presented each OMC member with his own Challenge Coin to challenge every member to find a program that appeals to each one and to promote it.

He encouraged all to attend the MOSSAR Annual meeting in Liberty, Missouri sponsored by the William C Corum Chapter. On Friday afternoon at 1:00 PM, MOSSAR will be participating at the Truman Library, a wreath-laying ceremony, with the Color Guard, at Harry S. Truman’s grave, followed by a Musket salute, and dedicating the plaque by the MOSSAR.

MOSSAR President Michael Robertson introduced his wife **Jerri Robertson** who started with a quote

–“Someone is sitting in the shade of a tree because someone planted a tree”. She is promoting leaving a legacy from the state of Missouri. With previous donations buildings and museums have been purchased to leave legacies from the past.

The Auxiliary is promoting providing funds to purchase artifacts for the education center and museum. They have started a campaign called “Missouri Musters for the Museum”. Today they are promoting a drawing for the Carving Board Raffle from the Auxiliary with the drawing to be held at the MOSSAR Annual meeting in April 2023. Today they



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are drawing for a small cutting Board with your donations. Their goal is \$5000 dollars and they are well on their way. She encouraged membership in the MOSSAR Auxiliary. She quoted “The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone; the things you do for others remain your legacy”. She thanked Anita Philbrick and Margaret Swales for their dedicated service to their organization.

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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

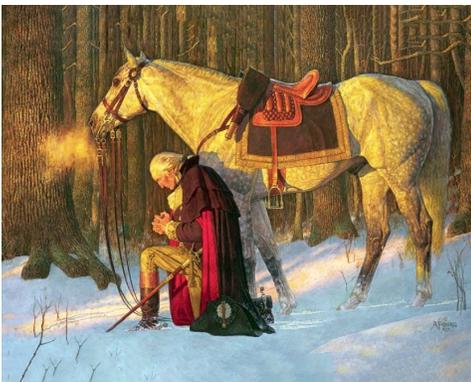
Commentary

Washington Was Convinced Christmas at Valley Forge Could Be the End, But His Steadfast Faith in God Provided

By Jared Miller

December 25, 2022, at 7:15 am

Valley Forge is an almost divinely chosen location for the birth of the United States, for it was a winter in this valley that forged the kind of hardened men the



Colonies needed to defeat the tyranny of Great Britain.

It was during the arduous winter of 1777 that Gen. George Washington would prove to himself, to his

men, and to his superiors that he was a leader worth following.

While we often credit George Washington’s resilience and bravery for leading his men through the hellish winter of 1777, we seldom examine

where Washington received those virtues from. When one takes the time to look at the painting, “The Prayer at Valley Forge,” there remains little question that God was the source.

“The Prayer at Valley Forge” was painted in 1975 by Arnold Friberg to celebrate the nation’s 1976 bicentennial.

The painting stands as a reminder to Americans that our nation’s existence at one point rested upon the edge of a knife as Washington and his few remaining men faced a winter of sickness, starvation, and death — with the daunting prospect of having to march on British-held Philadelphia after that.

According to U.S. History, Colonial forces had fought valiantly the previous autumn at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown but failed to achieve their goal of repelling the British from Philadelphia, the largest city in the Colonies at the time.

Washington decided to withdraw twenty miles north of Philadelphia to

Valley Forge — so as to be able to effectively monitor the movements of British General Howe and his men wintering there.



General Howe’s men and their supplies stood in stark contrast to Washington’s Colonials, according to U.S. History.

The British were quartered in furnished, heated homes with ample access to food, medicine, and clean uniforms.

A Continental soldier at Valley Forge was considered fortunate if he had access to a poorly cobbled together log-cabin with a dirt floor, which he shared with up to twelve other — often sick — soldiers



with rags for uniforms.

It is estimated that Washington lost at least 3,000 men that winter to disease or exposure and hundreds more to desertion.

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Food was also difficult to reliably provide to Washington's men, as many farmers were hoarding their yields to sell in the spring at higher profits. There were also farmers supposedly loyal to the revolution who sold their grain to the British at Philadelphia because they paid in silver or gold instead of near worthless Continental paper currency, according to U.S. History.

Washington was desperate to raise morale among his suffering and dwindling army.

According to the American Battlefield Trust, Washington often read and ordered his officers to read parts of Thomas Paine's published journal "The American Crisis" out loud to his men to harden their resolve.

The opening paragraph of Thomas Paine's pamphlet read, "THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated."

Another part of the journal was meant to shame others into action, alluding back to a time when England fled in terror from a famous, young French girl with her haggard group of faith-filled followers. "Tis surprising to see how rapidly a panic will sometimes run through a country. All nations and ages have been subject to them ... in the fourteenth [fifteenth] century the whole English army, after ravaging the kingdom of France, was driven back like men petrified with fear; and this brave exploit was performed by a few broken forces collected and



Thomas Paine

headed by a woman, Joan of Arc. Would that heaven might inspire some Jersey maid to spirit up her countrymen, and save her fair fellow sufferers from ravage and ravishment," Paine wrote.

But even the eloquent prose of Paine was not enough to save the army and its noble mission entirely.

It was God whom Washington finally turned to in his hour of desperation when all seemed lost.

It was the sight of the Continental general on his knees, alone in the woods but for his trusty steed Nelson that a Quaker Tory gave his account that inspired the painting some two hundred years later.

According to Revolutionary War and Beyond, a British loyalist and Quaker named Isaac Potts happened across Washington praying in the woods one day during that fateful winter. The account itself was taken from the "Diary and Remembrances" written by a Rev. Nathaniel Randolph Snowden, a Presbyterian minister who knew Isaac Potts.

Snowden chronicled a conversation he had with Potts one day while riding together near Valley Forge.

According to the diary, Potts said, "In that woods pointing to a close in view, I heard a plaintive sound

as, of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods, and to my astonishment, I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis, and the cause of the country, of humanity and of the world. 'Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man.'" Potts continued, "We never thought a man c'd be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington."

God answered Washington's prayers in February of 1778.

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France declared itself an official ally of the Colonies and pledged both men and much-needed supplies to the war effort.

That same month, a Prussian veteran of the Seven Year's War by the name of Baron von Steuben volunteered to join and whip the Continental army into a crack force, agreeing to take no pay unless victory was achieved.

General Howe soon withdrew his forces from Philadelphia for fear of being surrounded by French and newly trained Continental forces.

According to Revolutionary War and Beyond, it was this same group of newly invigorated and trained American soldiers that defeated and besieged the British at Yorktown, where they would eventually surrender to Washington in the fall of 1781.

The power of prayer to the one true God cannot be denied, and it is certainly what saved the United States that dark winter at Valley Forge.

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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 Higgerson	January 2
Roy Blunt	January 10
Gerald McCoy	January 12
Harold Finch	January 18
Pletcher Rogers	January 19
Gary Yadon	January 25
Peter Rea	January 28
Richard Snelson	January 31

Paul Wilkerson's Patriot Reuben Gregg

Reuben Gregg was born about 1754 to Hugh and Sarah (Leslie) Gregg in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Gregg was the great-grandson of Captain James Gregg, an organizational Presbyterian leader who assisted Reverend James McGregor to relocate 16 Ulster-Scots families from Ulster, Ireland to Nutfield, New Hampshire. The Gregg family was instrumental in the planning, migration, and settlement of the congregation to Colonial America from Ireland.

Private Gregg served as part of the New Hampshire Militia in Captain Clark's Company, Colonel Stickney's Regiment, and General Stark's Brigade during the Battle of Bennington in August of 1777. Gregg also served under Colonel Kelley in Captain William Boyes' Company on the expedition to Rhode Island in August of 1778.

General Stark was of Ulster heritage and like Gregg, was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire. When General Stark was brought back into service after having resigned from the military, he was named Brigadier General in the New Hampshire Militia. During this time, Stark and his men encountered British and Hessian soldiers on their way to Bennington, Vermont. Stark famously stated: "There, my boys, are your enemies! They are ours or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow."

Gregg was married to Mary Houston at Goffstown, New Hampshire on December 29, 1791. Gregg's last will and testament dated April 2, 1840, identified eleven children; 6 sons and 5 daughters. He passed away on August 2, 1840, in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. Burial details are unknown.

Gregg's daughter, Harriet Gregg Melvin was honored as a Real Daughter of the Revolution at Troy, Kansas, on December 8, 1925. The Atchison Chapter of the DAR conducted the grave marking ceremony. She also was an honorary member of the Molly Stark Chapter of the DAR in New Hampshire.

Gregg's grandsons, Captain William A. Long and Lieutenant James Hiram Long are noted for their service to the Union at the Battle of Lone Jack, Missouri in August 1862.

Gregg has many descendants living across America today.

Bob Hammerschmidt's Patriot John Chapman

I, Robert Arthur Hammerschmidt Jr., am the 4th great-grandson of John Chapman, a Revolutionary War patriot who served in the cause for independence.

The March 16, 1777 muster roll for Cap^t. Thomas Berry's Company, Eighth Virginia Reg^t, under Col. Abraham Bowman, lists John Chapman as one of the privates of the company. It is not known in which battles this company may have participated but possibly the battles of Sullivan's Island, Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. The 8th was a frontier company organized mostly in the Shenandoah Valley region and originally consisted of ten companies each with 68 men. Among the field officers was Lt. Col. Abraham Bowman (1776-1777).

The 8th was later consolidated with other regiments but is thought that John Chapman no longer served after 1777.

The colony's independent provincial companies evolved at a time necessary to handle the western threats. They are barely mentioned and are overlooked in most histories because of their short life span. Those who served are buried across perhaps 4 states or more. As is the case for John Chapman, most graves did not have a lasting marker, likely a wooden plaque that would have deteriorated in a short time. Just three of the companies are listed in E.M. Sanchez-Saavedra's *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1783*. Another standard reference, Robert K. Wright's *The Continental Army* notes that there were five original companies.

After the war service, John Chapman settled in Cumberland County Kentucky, which is where he died. His son Rawley Chapman eventually settled in Tennessee where he died in 1870. He left a will to direct the administration of his estate.

Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Norman Knowlton, Mary Nan Knowlton, Dan Piedlow

Editor: Daniel Piedlow



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.

Dear SAR Members —

Thank you for the time you devoted to remembering Tom at your September meeting.

SAR was a meaningful part of his life. He was especially passionate about publishing the monthly newsletters as well as his roll in supporting the SAR community programs.

We cannot fully express how much SAR enriched Tom's life. Please know how grateful our family is for Tom's opportunity to be a member of the Ozark Mountain SAR chapter.

Sincerely

The Lentman Family

Awards and Events

The Ozark Mountain chapter was honored to attend *Christmas in the Courthouse* Saturday afternoon December 3. Organized as a fundraiser by the Greene County Archives Foundation, exhibitors from a wide variety of organizations displayed and discussed who they represented and the historical impact to the county. For example, one organization presented information about slavery, and how the underground (or overground) figurative railroad saved many lives and freed slaves. The SAR had numerous visual displays, along with the 1812 Society, and how some of those patriots and their families migrated the customary pattern and settled in Greene County in the 1820's and 1830's. We are hopeful this becomes an annual or bi-annual event to which we can add our essential piece to the mosaic of people who established families and commerce in southwest Missouri. OMC participants: Ben Edmondson, Cris Brayman, Howard Fisk, Don Higgerson, Dan McMurray, Dan Piedlow, Charles McMillan, Steve Perkins.



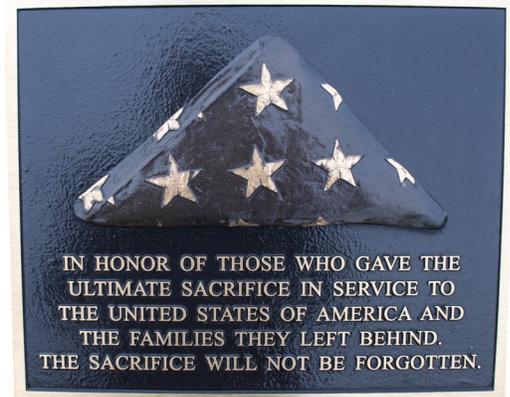
The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

Awards and Events

Monday, December 5, Associate Guardsman Kavan Stull (musketman) joined with author Steve Cottrell (continental uniform) and retired National Guardsman Bill Bader from the Carthage/Joplin area and marched in the annual Carthage Christmas parade. This year their thematic characterization served as a tribute to the 1776 Christmas day battle at Trenton. The Bennington and Moultrie flags were carried under protection by a single musket.



December 7th, 1941 was recently celebrated by members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter in Springfield, Missouri. This chapter has maintained a solemn vigil at the Pearl Harbor Memorial in the Springfield National Cemetery for many years. This is one of the most important dates in our more current history because it brought us into WWII and our Compatriots muster on this site each year to hear the story of those 2,400 men who lost their lives and 1,200 others who were injured in just 90 minutes as four battleships, three cruisers, three destroyers and several other smaller ships along with the destruction of most aircraft that were assembled. We were awakened from our slumber as we were forced to enter the greatest of wars with millions of men and women put in harm's way to protect what our Patriot Ancestors had given so much to establish. Pearl Harbor Day is an important milestone in the history of America and I hope that you will plan appropriate ceremonies for 2023 and beyond.



Awards and Events

The Ozark Mountain Chapter held its annual SAR/DAR Dinner honoring Missouri State CAR President Jack Adel. In attendance was MOSSAR State President Michael Robertson.



The Ozark Mountain Chapter – MOSAR began its day of Wreaths Across America by commemorating the service of patriot William Freeman who is laid to rest at the Springfield National Cemetery. Seven color guardsmen, chapter members, Society President Michael Robertson and his wife Auxiliary President Jerri, as well as the Missouri CAR State President Jack Adel, participated in commemorating the service of William Freeman and paid honor and tribute to all veterans laid in the cemetery and all across the nation and the world. The Proclamation of the President General was read by State President Robertson. The invocation and benediction were provided by Chaplain Daniel Philbrick.



Marching into the cemetery: Steve Perkins, Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Charles McMillan, and Don Higgerson, followed by chapter members George Swales and Norm Knowlton. Photographer Daniel Piedlow in uniform.



In formation before the William Freeman grave are guardsmen previously identified.



State President Michael Robertson reading the proclamation with Dan Philbrick to his right, CAR President Jack Adel and chapter President Ben Edmondson on his left.

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At the chapter meeting held following the WAA wreath-laying ceremony, State CAR President Jack Adel spoke to OMC members about his project designed to provide financial support to those who are in need of pet companionship and pet care. The fundraiser was the sale of a lapel pin. that provided several resources to increase pet retention and prevent unnecessary pet relinquishment. The project name is "Keep'Em Together, KC." It is not for profit organization in Kansas City, which provide avenues to keep families together. Because of problems with the homeless, and forgotten veterans who have pets with whom they are living, their circumstances sometimes cause separation for survival reasons. This project helps provide funds to help these individuals keep their pet companions. Guest speaker President Robertson then posited the day's question (which should be asked more often) "Why did you join the SAR?" The discussion went from what discovery in your family history opened the possibility, to a deeper question. That deeper question in essence asks one to question what they individually are doing to support the chapter and state in achieving the larger mission: Promoting History, Encouraging Patriotism, and Fostering Education. President Robertson asked all members



Mike Robertson watches sponsors pinning the new inductees: Howard Fisk & Doug Healy; Steve Perkins and Nicholas Inman; Gary Gift and Robert Hammerschmidt.

to actively support and engage with the chapter to encourage Patriotism such as the Wreaths Across America ceremony. To give out flag certificates, participate in national events, and even join the SAR Color Guard. Join outreach programs to honor our Veterans.

The chapter inducted 3 of its 10 recent new members, pinned the rosette to the lapel, and presented their certificates. Gary Gift and Paul Wilkerson received their recently approved supplemental certificates, and Daniel Piedlow was presented with a 250th Gold Medal. Refer to other issues of the newsletter that describe the easily attainable requirements for a bronze, silver, and gold medal.

After all the above was done, Auxiliary state President Jerri Robertson spoke about their project "Missouri Musters for the Museum". Funds are being raised to purchase an artifact from the colonial or Revolutionary War period which will be placed in the SAR education center and museum. The goal is \$5,000. Drawings for fund-raiser items will take place at the state conference in late April. You do not need to be present to win, but you do have to purchase a ticket...or 5 or 10. Contact your chapter Auxiliary member or Jerri Robertson darjerre2009@gmail.com



OMC President Ben Edmondson presenting Gary Gift and Paul Wilkerson their latest supplement certificates.

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Gary Gift, National 250 Medal Chairman, and Howard Fisk, 250 Committee present Daniel Piedlow his SAR 250th Anniversary medal and certificate.



Missouri State President J. Michael Robertson and wife Jerri Robertson.



Compatriot Charles McMillan and Payton Duwe.



Missouri State CAR President Jack Adel receiving a check from OMC Treasurer John Angst for his project.

I had the privilege of laying a Christmas Wreath at the grave marker of Patriot William Freeman (26 October 1759 – 28 January 1838)

“At the time of his enlistment, he resided in Bertie County, North Carolina. He applied for a pension on July 23, 1832, and his claim was allowed. At that time, he lived in Burke County, North Carolina. His birth occurred in the former county, on October 26, 1759. He spent the major portion of his life in the old Tar state, engaged in farming. In his old age, he sought a newer country and made the long overland journey with his family to Greene County, Missouri, where he spent the rest of his days, dying here on January 27, 1838, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Springfield and the government placed an appropriate monument at his grave where he lies the

only Revolutionary soldier in that cemetery.” Patriot Research System, Patriot Record”

While I was at the National Cemetery I was approached by a mother and her son Payton Duwe, a member of Lawrence County 4-H. Payton is 11 years of age and has been in the 4H for 6 years. Payton wrote a grant through 4-H to help buy wreaths this year. He received \$500.00. He and his 4H group also raised \$350.00 doing a 5K for remembering 9/11.

Payton and his mother are looking forward to supporting this project for years to come.

Upcoming Events



The monthly Chapter Development meeting for OMC is on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Compatriot Steven Perkins home, located at 3831 S. Virginia Pl. Springfield, 65807.



Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly meeting will be on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9:00 am at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy. Springfield, 65802.



On Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 10:00 am at the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be at the Hawthorn Bank, 3600 Amazonas Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.



The monthly Chapter Development meeting for OMC is on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Compatriot Steven Perkins home, located at 3831 S. Virginia Pl. Springfield, 65807.



On Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 8:00 am the OMC is having a commemoration of President Washington's Birthday at Washington Park, located at 1600 N. Summit Ave., Springfield, 65803.



Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly meeting will be on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 9:00 am at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy. Springfield, 65802.