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The Presidents

Message

By President Gary Gift

Greetings Compatriots.

Well this is my first newsletter message as the new president. It is my privilege and honor to serve and I will do my best to and live up the accomplishments of those who have preceded me. I look forward to a challenging and rewarding year. I am confident that with everyone's help we will be successful in all our endeavors.

February was a busy month for the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Especially for one of our Compatriots Howard Fisk. He started out the month with a trip to Washington D.C. where he attended the Sweet Hearts and Patriot evening at the French Embassy with his Daughter Hillary. This event was sponsored by The Washington D.C. Society and according to Howard and Hillary was a great evening. Howard also attended the George Washington Memorial Luncheon hosted by the DC DAR President at the Washington Country Club. The event was attended by the District of Columbia DAR and CAR leaders. Thank you for representing our Chapter and our State very well.



Next Chapter Meeting

Next Meeting: March 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108

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Our Chapter Development meeting was held at the home of Compatriot Steve Perkins on February 10th. It was well attended and we made a lot of progress planning and organizing our upcoming events for the next year. It was well attended and we have a lot on our plate going forward as we always do.

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Thank you Steve for opening up your home to us.

On Wednesday February 12th we held our 16th History Explorers. The subject was the Corps of Discoverer. Our presenter was John Rutherford who is in the local history department at the Greene County library. John is a subject expert on Lewis and Clark and gave us a very interesting and informative hour long presentation. Everyone in attendance appeared to enjoy his presentation very well.



On Thursday February 13th the Color Guard attended the crossover ceremony and presented three Arrow of Light recognition to three Webelo Cub Scouts who had earned the award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and it is the only award in Cub Scouts that can also be worn on the Boy Scout and Adult Leader Uniforms. Congratulations to Riley Gift, Frank Pichler and John-Michael Pichler from Pack 239 as they complete their Cub Scout journey and cross over into Boy Scouts.



On Saturday February 15th we celebrated George Washington's birthday with a memorial service at Washington Park in Springfield. We were joined by four Cadets from the Branson Highschool JROTC. They were accompanied by Lt. Colonel Cris Brayman. The Cadets marched in



with our Color Guard and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. To top it all off they have acquired revolutionary war period uniforms and they looked great in them.

The Cadets also attended our February Chapter meeting immediately after the memorial service.



They presented our colors and gave a great presentation on the Branson High School JROTC program and what it has meant to them in their lives. The presenters were Cadets Alex Garcia, who has enlisted in the Air Force and will be leaving for Basic Training this June. And Cadet Loren Brayman who is the Corp Commander. They did a very good job.



We ended the month with a good contingent of our Compatriots attending the National Society Sons of The American Revolution Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. We will have a report on everything that is happening nationally at the March Meeting which will be held on March 21st.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter is the best and most active chapter in the State and Nation. We do everything we do because IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO and because IF NOT US THEN WHO. Thank you everyone for everything you do. Lets get back to work.

Thanks, Gary



William Temple Hornaday, most important American conservationist. Saving the American Bison and many other species from extinction while persuading Teddy Roosevelt to join his cause. Roosevelt first preserved 230 million acres then set aside Yellowstone and many other national shrines to wild America as President.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk as William Hornaday at the World of the Ozarks Learning Facility (WOLF) School where he made 10 presentations to WOLF School students during 2019.

Important Dates in History

- March 5, 1770 - Boston Massacre
- March 10, 1783 - Last Naval Battle of the Revolution
- March 12, 1781 - Battle of Guilford Courthouse
- March 16, 1751 - James Madison Birthday
- March 24, 1765 - Quartering Act
- March 30, 1775 - New England Restraining Act

Missouri Exhibit on the American Revolution Opens in May in St. Genevieve

A worthy event in a location few probably knew existed will happen on the Saturday after Memorial Day about an hour south of St. Louis MO. The organizer, Stephen Kling, was a speaker at the Missouri State Meeting I attended in 2018.

French Colonial America owns 4 historic French colonial properties in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and a new museum building in the heart of the historic district next to the historic properties.

A museum exhibit titled **The American Revolutionary War in the West** will feature dozens of original artifacts. It will cover all of the action in the West- such as Clark's campaign, the attack on Clark's Fort Jefferson, the battles of St. Louis and Cahokia, Galvez's Mississippi River campaign, the attack on Arkansas Post, etc. The organizing group commissioned a new book on the topic written by 13 authors- Professor Ken Carstens the George Rogers Clark expert, Thomas Chavez author of Spain and the Independence of the United States, Professor Larry Nelson author of a book about British Indian Department officer Alexander McKee stationed at Detroit, Judge Morris Arnold author of several books on colonial Arkansas, Bob Moore, Gateway Arch National Park Service historian, and several other PhDs and other experts.

The grand opening is Saturday, May 30, 2020 (the week after Memorial Day). The festivities start at 10:00 am with fife and drummers and reenactors and some opening ceremonies with a museum official opening at 11:00 am. The night before there is an invitation only \$ 50.00 a person gala preview party at the museum from 6:30-8:30. Most of the book authors will be at the gala preview party. Contact Stephen Kling if you are interested in attending the preview party.



Seargent's Corner
By Charles McMillan

Patriot Research System (PRS)

Would you like to earn the Marquis De Lafayette medal for volunteers and never leave your home?

Volunteers are needed to help digitize Sons of the American Revolution lineages from Applications and/or input Biographies into the NSSAR PRS.

Your contact to get started is Gary Green.

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As of this writing I have input over 170 applications and 1946 biographies.

Once you learn the process and gain experience by doing you will enjoy helping update the SAR database for all to enjoy

There is a lot of work to do and volunteers are needed. Do you have what it takes?

Minutes of the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2020

By Norman Knowlton, Secretary

President Gary Gift called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 24 members and 12 guests.



The Branson High School JROTC Color Guard posted the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Cadet Loran Brayman**.. The invocation was presented by **Compatriot Dan Philbrick**. The Pledge to the SAR was led by **Compatriot Norman Knowlton**.

He then complimented the Branson JROTC Color Guard for not only their participation in posting the colors but also in participating in the Washington Birthday celebration this morning. **Lt Col. Cris Brayman** introduced each of the participating Color Guard members from the Branson High School JROTC that participated including: **Cadets Alex Garcia, Miyah Vonch, Loran Brayman, and Oclman Martinez**

President Gary Gift then introduced our guest speakers of the day who were the Cadets from the Branson High School JROTC. **Lt. Col. Cris Brayman** introduced



each of the Cadets who presented the Colors and their positions.

Loran Brayman is in charge of their Honor Guard and is responsible for training them. **Alex Garcia** discussed the Branson High School JROTC program. He described his entry into the JROTC program. He considered himself as previously one of the least patriotic individuals and was forced to enter by his parents. Once he joined he decided that he had to make the best of it and wanted to do something honorable with his life and dedicated himself to be the best Cadet. His unit Mo-0021 was the first unit in Missouri in 2002 to be established. His whole life changed. The mission statement for the JROTC is it develops citizens of character to dedicate to serve our community and nation and this unit helped him to be this. He will be going to basic training in the U.S. Air Force in June of this year. His unit has over 100s of hours of community service within this year alone. Their clubs include Marksmanship, Aviators, Paws Clause, and Honor Guard. These Cadets

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are learning how to serve our country. He was described by his fellow Cadets as the "Posterboy" of the JROTC program at Branson High School.

Loran Brayman is the Honor Guard Commander and they have 35 Cadets serving in their Honor Guard. They train Rifle, Saber, and Flags. They participate in events of reunions, football games, soccer games, basketball games for their High School. They were honored to perform for the Missouri Governor Parsons in the Gold Star Family's event at Silver Dollar City. He has enjoyed training and presenting the Colors at events for Veterans and Families. He is honored to be the Commander of the Honor Guard. He has always wanted to join the Air Force like his father. With his father being the Commander of the Branson JROTC program he did not even have a choice, but he truly loves it. His Honor Guard will have been involved with over 130 events this year, 20

of which were in Veterans Month of November. Their mission is to represent Branson High School, the United States, and the United States Military with pride and honor and practice every week to be the best. They enjoyed participating in the OMCSAR celebration for the George Washington program today.

Questions were entertained:

They have been participating with the College of the Ozarks including performing with the dedication of the passing of Col Burk.

They are perceived well within the student body at Branson High School showing more responsibility and caring than the majority of young students today. They kill them with respect.

They have 101 Cadets in their program, 35 in the Honor Guard, of which about half of all the Cadets are women.

They start with about 40 to 50 Freshmen in the program but by Senior year down to about 12-15. The majority of these will enlist in the military, not necessarily at that time, but some in the future.

They drill frequently and with their multiple events keep busy. They train regularly every Tuesday after school. Deputy Martinez works

training all of the Cadets everyday but it adds up to about 5 hours per week.

President Gary Gift presented a Flag Certificate to Lt. Col. Cris Brayman for their Branson High School JROTC program. Pictures were taken. He then presented each of the Branson High School JROTC Cadets an OMC Challenge Coin for their participation in today's events. President Gary Gift accepted a Challenge Coin from the Branson High School ROTC program. Pictures were also taken.

Vice – President—Curtis Trent was absent and had no new report. The April program will be presented by the 1812 chapter.

Treasurer—John Charles—gave an update on our finances. We have \$12,629.42 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9241.16 in our interest bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks account. These two accounts total \$21,870.58 A motion to accept this report was made, seconded and passed to send this on to the Audit Committee for audit.

Secretary Report – Norman Knowlton—The minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any addition or corrections. Seeing none, it was moved and seconded and passed as written.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—He reported that he is actively working and seeking new applicants to our chapter. He presented his SAR decals for your car for "The Pride in the SAR" for \$5 dollars. No genealogy report. He did however discuss the SAR Day that is going to be held in St. Louis on July 4th of this year where members of the MOSSAR are to be presenting the Colors before the St. Louis Cardinals

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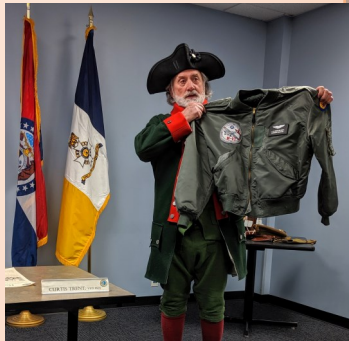
versus the Milwaukee Brewers game. This is being sponsored by the FDL chapter, the St. Louis Cardinals, and MOSSAR. All are invited to attend, enjoy the ball game (for \$26), stay at the Westin Hotel across from the stadium, those Color Guardsmen from Missouri and Illinois in uniform will march onto the field for the presentation. Further information will be forthcoming.

Editor Report – Dan Piedlow—asked to have anyone participating in OMC events to send pictures or information from any of the events to him. We will be including a section of our Newsletter on “Our Patriots” telling the story of at least one of our OMC Patriots each month.

Historian Report – Ben Edmondson—introduced the 2nd edition of the Missouri Broad-sides which has been provided not only today but also at our History Explorer Event this week to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of our country.

Sgt. at Arms Report – Charles McMillan –he announced that he is assisting with digitalizing the patriot research system and has done 1931 biographies and 105 applications. He is seeking volunteers to assist in this program.

He as a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force. He presented some items that he brought including a flight jacket where he flew in the Aluminum Overcast. He showed a military officer hat and spats. He presented a Battle of Bunker Hill Sabre and his Revolutionary War Style Drum from the 2nd New Hampshire where his Patriot Archibald McMillan fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill.



He again encouraged all to help with this year's ROTC and JROTC events this spring. He also has encouraged all of our members to try to get candidates for the enhanced JROTC award which needs to be completed by the end of March.

Chapter Development Committee

Compatriot Ken Lawrence-spoke of the upcoming events:

March 6th we will be participating in the National History Day Event for Southwest Missouri at Missouri State University. At that event we will also be handing out the March Broad-sides on the Boston Massacre celebrating our 250th Anniversary.

April 4th at 3:00 PM our OMC has been asked to participate at Chautauqua event at the Danforth home on Highway 213 in Strafford, Missouri. There will be a series of lectures including black slaves, Trail of Tears, and the Civil War. Glenna Wallace, the Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, will be one of the guest speakers.

Committee Report: No additional reports.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Compatriot Dan Piedlow has looked into the possibility of OMC individual Polo Shirts with the SAR logo embroidered upon them.

He has gotten approval from NASAR and will get back next month further information and possible costs.



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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The Branson High School JROTC Color Guard retired the Colors.

The Meeting ended at 11:05 A.M.

OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS



Ken Lawrence

Captain Levin Lawrence

Definition of a "flying camp":

In military strategy, a "flying camp", was a small but strong army of horsemen and dragoons, to which sometimes added foot soldiers. Such an army usually was commanded by a Lieutenant General, and always in motion, both to cover the garrisons in possession, and to keep the adversary in continual alarm. This concept of a mobile reserve or rapid response force is employed by military strategists to the present day

In May 1776 the Continental Congress authorized the formation of the "Flying Camp" a force of 10,000 militia, a strategic idea conceived by General George Washington.

Washington's Flying Camp was able to turn the main component of General Howe's British army away from New Jersey and Pennsylvania toward General Washington's main force in New York, without their efforts, the Revolutionary War might have had a earlier and different outcome.

My Patriot:

Levin Lawrence, was born in 1750 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. His parents were Levin Lawrence Sr. and Susannah Dorsey. He was one of eight siblings, and grew up on the family plantation called Poplar Spring Garden.

He was appointed on September 17, 1776 as 1st lieutenant of Captain Thomas Watkins Flying Camp company, Col Weems Elk Ridge Btn. On April 1, 1777 he was promoted to Captain in the Sixth Maryland Regiment of the Continental Line, He was involved in the Battle of Germantown, where he was wounded.

The Battle of Germantown:

After defeating the Continental Army at the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777 Sir

William Howe out maneuvered George Washington and seized Philadelphia. General Howe set up his headquarters and 9,000 troop garrison at Germantown in the northwest section of Philadelphia. The battle took place Saturday October 4, 1777 when George Washington directed the simultaneous advance, under the cover of darkness, of four different units of American troops led by Generals John Sullivan and Nathanael Greene. The four columns of American soldiers were to converge near General William Howe's headquarters and catch the British by surprise. The American advance started well in the early morning with some of the British retreating. However, the advance faltered when one of the four American columns lost its bearings in a dense fog and smoke. Bad luck dogged the other columns who failed to coordinate effectively. The Continental Army launched furious assaults against Cliveden, the stone house of Chief Justice Chew, but the greatly outnumbered defenders beat them back, inflicting heavy casualties. The American army was forced to retire to Valley Forge, a strong place in the hills not far from Philadelphia. Despite the defeat at Germantown it still boosted American morale and self-confidence as they believed the defeat was the result of bad luck, not bad tactics.

After being wounded in battle, on April 1, 1778, Captain Levin Lawrence resigned his Commission in the Continental Army.

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On returning to civilian life he married Sarah Dorsey on August 29, 1786. Their union produced eight children. He inherited land in Illinois from his brother-in-law in 1802.

Levin Lawrence died March 31, 1805

William McCune

William McCune was born around 1750 or 1751 in Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Agnes McCune.

After his father's death, William was raised by his mother until he petitioned the court to allow his half-brother, John Hinkson to become his guardian until he became of age.

On or about 1769, William met and wed his wife Elizabeth. They moved to a farm in Fairfield Township, Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania, where they had six children.

In 1780, William's half-brother John Hinkson convinced William and family to pull up stakes and move to Kentucky. After a brush with Indians, the men left their families at the fort at the Falls of the Ohio. William and John began to trek into the interior frontier of Kentucky. They came to a fort called Ruddle's Station, commanded by Captain Isaac Ruddle. The fort held upwards of three hundred people. On June 24, 1780, a force of over one thousand British regulars, Tories, Canadian volunteers and Indians quietly denuded upon them. The expedition led by Captain Henry Byrd of His Majesty's 8th Regiment, had traveled from Montreal to wreak havoc upon the Kentucky Frontier. Adding to their great force, the British brought with them the first cannon ever used against log forts of the wilderness. It proved too much against flintlocks and ensured the outcome of the battle.

After destroying the fort, the Indians were allowed to plunder. After Ruddle's, the British and Indians moved on to another fort in the area and captured it as well. They captured over 450 people and forced them to march over 600 miles from the wilderness of Kentucky to Detroit. Many died or were killed along the way while the Indians carried others into captivity. John Hinkson managed to escape his captors, William McCune was not as lucky. He spent about twenty months in captivity attempting to escape on at least one occasion. According to folklore, William McCune was betrayed by none other than Captain Isaac Ruddle. Ruddle, hearing of the pending escape attempt, forewarned the British. McCune was subsequently placed in irons. Upon returning from captivity McCune met Ruddle where he beat Ruddle badly with a hoop-pole.

After returning to Bourbon County, Kentucky, William and Elizabeth settled into farm life and raising their family. Over the next several years William purchased several parcels of land.

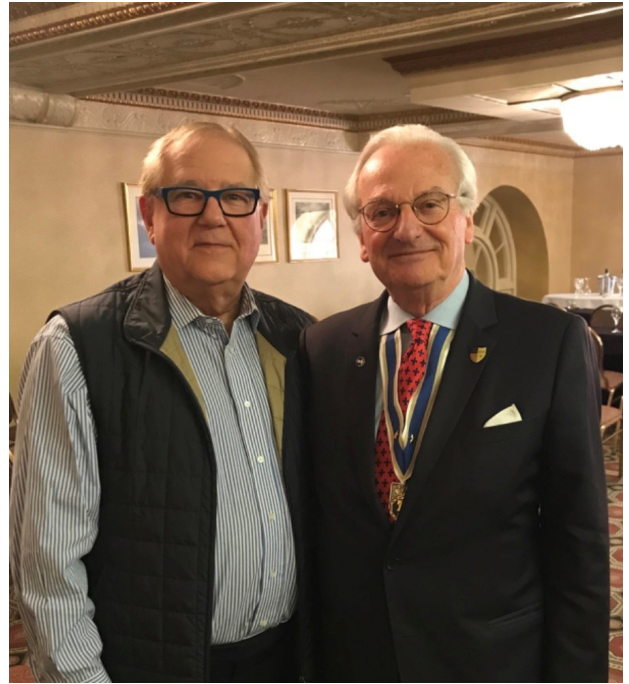
Sometime in 1817, William and family moved from Kentucky to Pike County, Missouri. They established McCune's Station, and farmed.

William died on December 6, 1830. Elizabeth died November 9, 1835.



J. Howard Fisk with Janet McFarlin, DC State Regent and Hillary Fisk, Eleanor Wilson Chapter Regent.

The Washington DC State Annual Meeting of the SAR at the Washington Country Club. This is the George Washington Annual Luncheon with invited guests DAR and CAR members and officers.



David Appleby, Former President General and Martin Boyer, former President of the Society in France, now VPG Europe.



First row. Left to right
Charles McMillan, Laura DeVenney, Nancy Billings, Becky Osbourn, Michael Robertson
Second row. Left to right
Russ DeVenney, Dan McMurray, Cliff Olsen, David Billings, Gerald McCoy, MOSSAR President James Osbourn, Ken Lawrence, Wayne Merrill, Dick Bryant, J.Howard Fisk.



John Rutherford giving a speech on Lewis and Clarke on February 12th.

John is a Local History Associate for the Springfield Greene County Library District.



The 2020 Steering Committee of Sweethearts and Patriots at the French Embassy Feb. 8. Photo by Brian Silver of DC Hot Spots Photography.

Sweethearts and Patriots, the annual fundraiser for wounded warriors, returned for the second year to the French Embassy on February 8th. A favorite among twenty and thirty some-things, the event has blossomed from a small charity evening at the City Tavern Club to a major social gala, bringing in diplomatic and military leaders.

Hosted by the DC Society Sons of the American Revolution, the fete gave 350 guests a little patriotic push from some Founding Fathers who attended the party – George Washington and Thomas Jefferson from the Nationals Racing Presidents.

“We held it really close to the vest and wanted it to be a surprise,” explained event co-chair Rachel Norman, who happens to be a Daughter of the American Revolution. “We wanted to ensure the spirit of the Revolution was there.”

Photography in this issue was contributed by Margaret Swales, Dan Piedlow, Harold Egelston, Howard Fisk.



Clifford Olsen Missouri’s newest SAR Minute-man Medal recipient, Ken Lawrence, James Osbourn Missouri SAR President and Missouri President Elect J. Howard Fisk.

Upcoming Events

March 2020

Monday March 9, 5:30 PM Fisk Transportation 2001 E. Trafficway St.

Color Guard Photos and Chapter Development Meeting

Saturday March 21, 9:00 AM Chapter Meeting at Ozark Technical College Commons Building Room 108

Friday April 3, 12:30 PM WOLF School, Springfield National Cemetery. Cemetery Exploration and Understanding Our Past

Saturday April 4, 3:00 PM Danforth Chautaugua, Danforth Brick Home Danforth Settler, Negro Slaves, Native American Trail of Tears, Civil War Soldier Historic Flag Presentation by Color Guard.

