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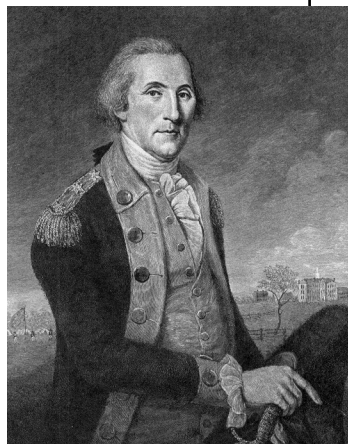
The President's Message

By President Ben Edmondson

Compatriots,

I would like to thank everyone that has helped me get off to a wonderful beginning this year. If we continue to work together the future of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be as bright as ever.

It is my hope that everyone had an enjoyable Presidents Day. The celebration of Presidents Day is to honor all U.S. Presidents, past and present, particularly George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Our focus as members of the Sons of the American Revolution tends to be more on George Washington. President Washington was born February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and died December 14, 1799, at Mount Vernon, Virginia. In his service to our country, he took on many roles including



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Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, February 19th, 2022

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 19th, 2022 at Fisk Transportation at 2001 East Trafficway, Springfield, Missouri at 9:00 AM

Following this OMC Meeting we will be having a George Washington Birthday Celebration at the Washington Park in downtown Springfield with Color Guard participation

President Ben Edmondson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM via Zoom with 22 members and 9 guests.

He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation, then **Compatriot Gary Gift** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and then **Compatriot Norman Knowlton** to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

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citizen, soldier, General and Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, and first President of the United States of America. We first established Presidents Day in 1885 in recognition of President Washington and celebrated on his February 22 birthday. In 1971, the Washington Birthday Holiday date was moved and became known as Presidents Day which is usually celebrated the third Monday in February. Although four presidents were born in February (George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, and Ronald Reagan), none of them were actually born on the now celebrated Presidents Day.

We had much better weather this year for our recognition of Presidents' Day this year than we have in recent memory. Once again, the Branson JROTC joined us at Washington Park and helped us pay tribute to our first President.

I hope to see many of you once again at our March meeting and those of you I have yet to meet. Please remember we have moved the meeting to Fisk Transportation at 2001 E Trafficway Street in Springfield.

Ben Edmondson
President OMCSAR

- From Page 1, Meeting Minutes -**President Ben Edmondson went into the Officers Reports:**

2nd Vice - President—Jim Robinette-- he is looking for the phone number and/or Email address for Bill Piston, Professor Emeritus of History at Missouri State University, so he might become one of the speakers at our upcoming OMC's meetings.

Treasurer Report—John Angst— the total funds we have as of this date consists of \$8,566.61 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,303.92 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$17,870.53. He stated that at this time we had 96 members that renewed their memberships for 2022. This report was moved and seconded to be sent to be filed for audit. The motion passed.

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

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—In the last 45 days we have had 7 new prospects come into the OMC. We have 35 active prospects. We are awaiting several applications which should be approved very soon. We are still busy and things are looking good for growth.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow- Not present. No Report.

Historian Report—Don Higgeson –reported that he has almost completed the 2021 YOHE Yearbook and is just starting the 2022 Yearbook.

Chapter Development Committee Report--Gary Gift-He presented an update on the activities our chapter has been involved in and is planning to participate.

Today following our meeting we will be celebrating President George Washington's Birthday with a ceremony at Washington Park in

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Birthday's

William Craft	February 4
Kristjan Cindrich	February 15
Gary Bishop	February 20
Matthew Craft	February 21
Paul Wilkerson	February 22
David Burke	February 23
Joseph Fisk	February 27
Dana Frederick	March 7
Harold Sentman	March 26
Daniel J. Piedlow	March 27
Matthew Lyons	March 29

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North Springfield. Our OMC Color Guard will be joined by the Branson High School AFJROTC Color Guard.

The Spring Leadership Conference will be held on March 3-5 in Louisville, KY.

Our next CDC meeting will be on March 7th and will be a zoom meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Our next OMC Meeting will be on Saturday, March 19th, and will be held at a Fisk Transportation on Traffic way because OTC will be closed for their Spring Vacation.

The MOSSAR Annual Meeting will be held at the Westport Chalet Center in St. Louis on the weekend of April 29 thru 30, and he encourage all to attend. Following this meeting, the Society of the War of 1812 will be meeting.

A tentative plan for a naturalization program at Wilson Creek is in the making and might be May 5th.

On May the 7th will be our Merit Badge Workshop to be held at OTC for the Boy Scouts of America where the scouts can obtain two of three merits badges including Genealogy, Law, and American Heritage. Four other chapters across America are emulating our lead for this program.

April 18th we will be participating in a Flag Retirement ceremony at Cox Health at West Sunset in Springfield which is being organized by **Compatriot Gerald McCoy**.

President Ben Edmondson encouraged all of our members to take the NSSAR Youth Participation Certification and the Boy Scouts of America Youth Participation Program in order to be a part of any programs that might include youth activities. The Websites are to be available thru our OMC Website and on today's agenda. Only 52 of 712 members of MOSSAR statewide have completed these certifications at this time.

Boy Scouts – <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Other events are planned and he will keep us informed and encourage all to attend and have fun at these upcoming events.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—None

New Business—**President Ben Edmondson** is looking to have volunteers to assist in updating our bylaws.

Compatriot John Hathcock introduced his brother, George Hathcock, who is a member of MOSSAR from Jefferson City, Missouri. He also informed us that he has the schedule of the ROTC and JROTC programs for this spring and will be looking for those who volunteered in the past to get with him to set up the award providers for these events.

President Ben Edmondson asked for Guests to be introduced. **Compatriot Kevin Stull** was introduced by **Compatriot Steve Perkins**, and is becoming a new member of the Color Guard and is going to be instrumental in assisting to revive the Joplin Chapter of SAR and providing the JROTC awards from that area.

1st Vice President Lt. Colonel Cris Brayman asked that the meeting be moved to the classroom down the hall where the Branson Cadets will be presenting our program for the day.

The Program of the day:

The program was introduced by **1st Vice President Lt. Colonel Cris Brayman** who is in charge of the JROTC program at Branson High School. He introduced the Cadets: Cadet Paige McCarty, the Corps Commander, who is in charge of the entire Cadet Corps-there are about 80 Cadets at this time; the Past Corps Commander Sage Friend, who is also in the Honor Guard; Honor Guard Commander Gabriel Sanchez; Cadet; Irelyn Mosandl of the Honor Guard; and Honor Guard member Cadet Logan Fields.

SAR - <https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/>

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Cadet Captain Gabriel Sanchez started the program. He is a Junior at Branson High School. This is his third year in the Branson JROTC Program. He spoke about the Honor Guard, or as the SAR calls this, the Color Guard. He is the Honor Guard Commander and he spoke on how they form, train, and operate as the

Honor Guard and serve their community. This is a very competitive team and tryouts are required. They are selected on their appearance, attitude, and performance. They train weekly or more. In the Fall the new Cadets are introduced to the concept of drill with basic movements and later to more difficult maneuvers. Once they have mastered maneuvers, various equipment is introduced including flags, rifles, and sabers. Then they can perform in programs in the community. They perform over 100 Honor Guards each year, sometimes doing up to 3 in one day. The Cadets perform in various events with those that excel doing events with Governor Mike Parsons, Branson Chamber of Commerce, Branson Chief of Police, Jeff Mathews, and with the SAR. He expressed their honor to present the colors with the SAR. He participated in the OMC Grave Marking ceremony in Marshfield, Missouri for Patriot Nathan Clifton and he was truly moved by that event with patriotism. Another SAR event that helps make them famous



is their Veterans Day Assembly at Branson High School, the Black Flag Rendezvous, with musket firings from the SAR with more than 1500 persons attending. They presented their "Big Flag" with the help of persons who have families that have served. Another event was at the Branson Landing for the 4th of July celebration with the SAR and also Governor Parsons. He and all the Cadets are proud and honored to be able to participate with the OMC of SAR. He then introduced his **Cadet Commander Lieutenant Colonel Paige McCarty**.

Cadet Corps Commander Lieutenant Colonel Paige McCarty spoke about the Branson High School JROTC program as a whole and how it runs. She presented slides to show the initiation of the new Cadets through their entire program. The Air Force JROTC



represents Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. It has been established by the US Congress to identify future Air Force Officers. The Branson Corps is a Cadet run system that does their education and mentoring these Cadets in their teams. Their Mission is to build systems of character who are dedicated to serving our community and our nation. She showed the organization chart of the leadership and teams, or flights, and their personnel. The Corps Commander is in charge of the Operation Officer as well as all of the Flight Commanders. She then went on to explain the daily life of the Cadets from classwork, dressing and uniforms, flying simulators, building models, and pilot training. This does assist those who continue to be able to acquire their pilot license and even apply for Air

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Force scholarships to assist in being able to go to school to get their license. She, herself, was able to get one of these scholarships and did attend school where she did get her private pilot license. Lt. Colonel Cris Braymon has been instrumental in helping these Cadets to get these \$25,000 dollar scholarships and attend these schools. Cadets Friend and Cadet Sanchez will be attending this summer. Their teams include their Marksmanship Team which have been very competitive and very successful. They have their Honor Guard Team which has been very active. They have their Cyber Patriot Team which is in Cyber Security training and again is very competitive-a select team. They participate in their Community Events doing 35 to 40 events each year and partner with other groups including the SAR for these events, not including their Honor Guard events. They do more events than any other JROTC program in the country.

Questions were asked concerning flight schools, funding, and equipment. These Cadets are dedicated, well educated, and are becoming patriotic citizens of our country.

These Young Cadets were thanked for their program and presentations.

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

Compatriot Gary Gift led the Recessional.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

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

Editor: Daniel Piedlow

Important Dates in History

February 2 - Stamp Act 1765

February 6 - Aaron Burr Birthday 1756

February 6 - The United States and France become allies 1778

February 9 - Thomas Paine Birthday 1737

February 14 - Battle of Kettle Creek 1779

February 14 - Crossing of the Dan 1781

February 22 - George Washington Birthday 1732

March 1 - Articles of Confederation ratified 1781

March 3 - U.S. Marines first landing on foreign soil 1776

March 5 - Boston Massacre 1770

March 10 - Last Naval Battle of the Revolution 1783

March 12 - Battle of Guilford Courthouse 1781

March 17 - British evacuate Boston 1776

March 16 - James Madison Birthday 1751

March 22 - Stamp Act 1765

March 23 - Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech 1775

March 24 - Quartering Act 1765

March 30 - New England Restraining Act 1775

Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. We have the new logo ready to put onto your shirt. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.



Awards and Events



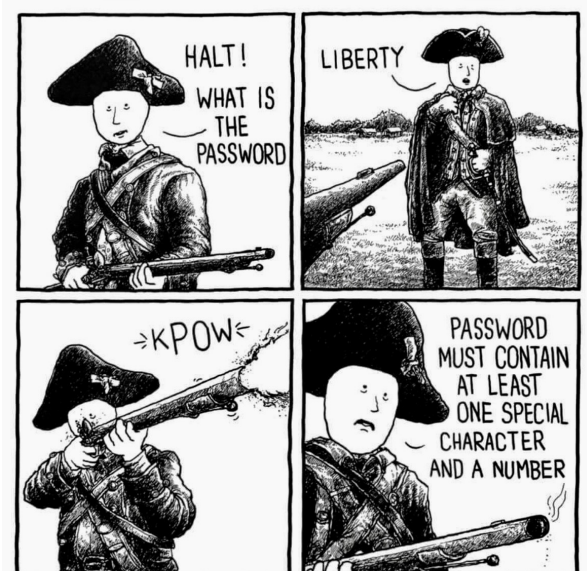
Compatriots Steve Perkins and Daniel Piedlow give a presentation to the Marshfield Home School Co-operative on February 10th. The home school children meet at the Evangelical Methodist Church in Marshfield weekly.



Some pictures from the Washington Birthday event that was held at Washington Park following the monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College. Compatriots Curtis Trent and OMC President Ben Edmondson prepare for their proclamation reading and Compatriot J. Howard Fisk rings the bell in remembrance.



General Washington at Valley Forge.



Awards and Events



Compatriot Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins at the beginning of the ceremony



Members in attendance are from left to right: Compatriots Dan Piedlow, Curtis Trent, Ben Edmondson, Steve Perkins, Charles McMillan, George Swales, Ken Lawrence, Norman Knowlton, James Robinette, George Hathcock (Christopher Casey Chapter, Jefferson City), Kavin Stull, Gerald McCoy, John Hathcock, Don Higgerson, Gary Gift, J. Howard Fisk, and Cris Brayman. Also in the picture are the cadets from Branson High School AFJROTC.

Upcoming Events



March 4-6, 2022 in Louisville, KY is the Spring Leadership Meeting.



March 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom is the Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly Chapter Development Meeting.

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March 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM the Ozark Mountain Chapter Monthly Meeting at Fisk Limousine located at 2001 E. Trafficway St., Springfield, MO 65802. All are welcome to attend.



March 26, 2022 the Missouri Society SAR is having their monthly meeting via Zoom at 10:00 AM.



April 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom is the Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly Chapter Development Meeting.



April 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM the Ozark Mountain Chapter Monthly Meeting at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium.



April 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM the Missouri DAR will be having their State Convention in Kansas City at the Intercontinental Hotel Country Club Plaza. This is a State Color Guard Event.



April 29-30, 2022 the Missouri SAR is having their annual meeting at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis, located in St. Charles, MO. All are welcome to attend, and the form and hotel reservation links are available at the MOSSAR website at www.mossar.org at the bottom of the home page.

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May 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM there will be a naturalization ceremony at Wilsons Creek National Battlefield in Republic, MO. This is a Color Guard event but all are incited to attend.



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.



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

