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## The President's Message

*By President Crismon Brayman*

I hope this message reaches ALL members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the MOSSAR! I am excited and honored to be your new president. By now, you should have read the objectives Dan Piedlow included in the last newsletter and you will recognize those themes continuing here. We have smart and energetic new officers who are helping me work to be more efficient with regard to administrative issues. And we are rich in former officers who have risen to state and national positions, who can offer guidance and help us highlight our chapter. **But one of our most important goals is to ENGAGE and INVOLVE every one of you.** We need your active membership and your help on various wonderful projects and events. But we also want to serve YOU...to serve our own members and make being a member of the OMC productive and FUN! We need you to help us meet the longstanding NSSAR goals of patriotic education. And yes, doing things that need to be done can be somewhat of a heavenly 'burden.' But we must also operate in a way that makes membership in OMC a blessing, not just a burden. So, let's indeed bless each other by getting involved, sharing the load, *getting in uniform*, and having a bit of fun while we are at it. I am a fighter pilot and I believe that we

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can and should have fun while we are accomplishing our mission. To that end, I am formalizing a committee dedicated to engaging and assisting all OMC members. This committee will be called the "Membership Committee." This committee will be responsible for assigning mentors for new members, helping all to understand our missions, get the word out on all events, encourage participation using your various types of expertise. We will also plan a yearly gathering for JUST members. I hope they will find a place/time for a patriotic shindig with fun, food, and camaraderie. There is no more important 'customer'

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than our own wingmen/compatriots. So, bring your ideas! You can write to me for now ([crisbrayman@gmail.com](mailto:crisbrayman@gmail.com)). Soon, you will have a Membership Committee Chairman to share your ideas for our general membership with. Standby for that announcement...I will probably have our new committees worked out in time for the April OMCSAR Newsletter. Finally, a reminder to please keep yourself abreast of what is going on by reading all of our newsletters, going to <http://www.ozarkmountainsar.org/>, and attending the monthly meetings. Soon you will see an improved website also, I would love to have every member possible at every general meeting. Let's start by making it to the next **General Membership Meeting on March 18, 0900, at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd, in Springfield.** It will be very cool and very patriotic. We have youth awards, multiple speeches, and great news to share by those who are 'knocking it out of the park' with their great service to our communities. See you there compatriots!

*Respectfully,*

*Crismon A. Brayman, President*



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.

## Minutes from the OMCSAR Charter Meeting Saturday February 18th, 2023

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 23rd, 2023, at Schweizer Brentwood Library at 9:00 AM

President Chris Brayman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM via with 12 members and 12 guests. Presentation of Colors was performed by the Branson High School; AF JROTC Honor Guard, followed by Invocation led by Norm Knowlton, the Pledge of Alliance led by Ben Edmondson, and the Pledge of the SAR led by Gary Gift. President Chris Brayman then asked our guests to stand and introduce themselves. This included three prospective new members and the Tyndall family. Compatriot Gary Gift presents the 1st place winner of the youth poster contest went to Drew Tyndall. Drew was awarded with a certificate of accomplishment and a check for \$150. President Chris Brayman was this month's speaker. His topic was "Revisiting 2023 OMC Goals/Org/Involvement".

### Office & Committee Reports:

**1st Vice-President**—Charles McMillan is not present - deployed – in Kansas City, supporting DAR.

**2nd Vice-President**—Jim Robinette is not present - deployed – on personal vacation to Hawaii.

**Treasurer**—John Angst - talked about making sure we used the check requests in the future. He mentioned the need for someone to pick up the mail every week and send me the checks. John also talked about the fact that our restricted funds were depleted and need more donations.

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

**Editor/ Newsletter**—Dan Piedlow - Not present.

**Genealogist**—Len Slovensky - Steven Perkins deployed – Kansas City, supporting DAR.

Report: 6 new prospects, 9 new application submissions in the last 60 days, 3 supplements/ memorials pending, and total active prospects 20.

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**Historian**—Jeremy Boes – nothing to report.

**Sergeant at Arms**—Dan Piedlow - Sr. Not present.

**Committees**—CDC - Chairman: Ben Edmondson.

**Old Business**—Bylaws: all past bylaws are now in hand... being transferred to editable copy in MS word...thanks to Ben Edmondson... New Bylaws should be ready in March.

**New Business**—Nothing to report.

**Awards & Membership**—Gary Gift: Poster: Andrew Tyndall Hemsworth

Howard Fisk: Discuss 22 Feb Law Enforcement presentation.

John Angst: Martha Washington Award to Sarah Stewart.

Cris/ Ben: Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to John Angst.

Cris/ Ben: Certificate of Appreciation to Len Slovensky.

**Motion to Adjourn**—Motion/2nd/" Ayes"

**Benediction**—Norm Knowlton

**SAR Recessional**—Washington Park event with members and AFJROTC Honor Guard.

### Nancy Hart, Patriot Spy and Frontierswoman 1735 - 1830



Born around 1735 on either the Pennsylvania or the North Carolina frontier, Ann Morgan Hart, better known as Nancy, played an important role in the American Revolution as a notorious female rebel and spy. A cousin to American General Daniel Morgan, Hart was a stalwart Patriot, who employed her own heroic means of supporting the American cause for Independence.

When she was in her thirties, Nancy married Benjamin Hart, a prominent North Carolinian, and the couple had eight children. Sometime in the 1770s, the family moved to South Carolina and then into the Broad River Valley region of Georgia, where Nancy became accustomed to the frontier lifestyle. Standing six feet tall, the red-headed and muscular Hart made an imposing figure for those who dared to cross her. Her fearlessness prompted Cherokee neighbors to call her "Wahatche," which meant "war woman." This nickname would prove appropriate as the Revolution moved into the Georgia backcountry, and Hart became a staunch defender of the Patriot cause. Though Hart was illiterate, she was well-versed in the skills needed for surviving on the frontier. Hart's husband fought in a band of the Georgia militia, and while he was away, Hart's abilities as an herbalist, hunter, and markswoman proved imperative to protecting her family and

### Birthdays

Robert Hammerschmidt	February 2
Keith Moore	February 3
William Craft	February 4
Kristjan Cindrich	February 15
Johnathan Saunders	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
Nicholas Inman	March 11
Daniel Cowin	March 12
Patrick Morrow	March 15
Harold Sentman	March 26
Daniel J. Piedlow	March 27
Matthew Lyons	March 29

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## Instructions to Get Started as a Volunteer with the Patriot Research System

First off, thank you for your willingness to participate in the Patriot Research System (PRS) program!

### Access

As you can see, this site is completely different from the Patriot Index site, and everything regarding how records are added/updated has changed as well. So, we have been putting together some documentation to assist with the migration to the new system.

First off, access to the new site is different from before. Instead of using your name and national#, you will use your email address as the login, and you will set up your own password for the system. The Access Info document that I attached attempts to address this, but in summary, here's what is going to happen:

### Volunteer Access to the [sarpatriots.sar.org](http://sarpatriots.sar.org) website

Once the account is created, the Volunteer will receive an email like the one below:

sarpatriots.sar.org - Account Activation Inbox x

 **sarpatriots.sar.org** <patriotdb@sar.org>  
to me 

**Activate account for [erickkrueger+test@gmail.com](mailto:erickkrueger+test@gmail.com)**

Please click this link to [Activate Your Account](#).

The Volunteer needs to click the link to “Activate Your Account”. That activation link takes you to the SAR patriots’ website, and you see a screen like the below:



Account Activated

Password Reset Email Sent

This first step proves the email address is valid and the Volunteer has access to it.

2. The Volunteer then receives a second email, like the one below:

sarpatriots.sar.org - Forgotten Password Verification Inbox x

 **sarpatriots.sar.org** <patriotdb@sar.org>  
to me 

This email was sent by the **SAR Patriot Research System**.  
This is initiating a password reset for the account: [erickkrueger+test@gmail.com](mailto:erickkrueger+test@gmail.com)

**Please click this link to [Reset Your Password](#).**

Clicking the above link to reset the password will enable you to log into the website (<http://sarpatriots.sar.org/login>).

From now on, the Volunteer can go to <http://sarpatriots.sar.org> and click on the little person icon in the upper right corner to go to the login prompt:

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Once you've set up the password, you'll just log in going forward. **If you ever forget the password**, we can send you a new email with a link to click to reset it again.

**Updating Records**

You'll notice when logged into the system, that there are now buttons on the pages allowing for edits and additions, etc.

Now, once into the system, you're going to see a 'Volunteer Task' pulldown menu available to you with access to what I've been calling a 'dashboard'. Any time you're working with a record, it is visible within your dashboard. The really short description of how things work is:

You click on the edit/add buttons to start working with a record.

You make the changes you want to that record. You can save it and come back later if you like.

Do note -- only 1 person can edit a given record at a time, so it is possible that you'll click on one of those buttons, and you'll get a message that someone else is already editing something. **Of course, that person could also be YOU and the system saved the item in the "Edit Applications (Updater Dashboard)" under your Volunteer ID number.**

Finally, when you have the record ready to go, there is a field in the editor "ReadyForApproval". You just change the 'no' -> 'yes' and save the record. That record is now removed from your dashboard (no further editing), and presented to the people who can publish those records out to the Production view. (Right now, Dennis and Jamie). If there's an issue, they can, of course, kick it back to your dashboard for further work, if necessary.

Everyone still has a volunteer ID #. If you were an early volunteer, you should have the same one as used in the Filemaker system.

The Patriot Research system does keep a tally of all records that get published, and which volunteer had updated the record so that we can keep counts of who is doing x records.

Finally, the Info document is still a draft and being updated, but it's an attempt to provide much more comprehensive information about the system.

**Some other notes**

It is important to use the information in the Updater Procedures about editing and adding records. Unlike Filemaker, this system will -not- allow the submission of duplicate entries for Accounting Control Numbers (ACNs) or Patriot IDs. You can try, but it will fail to update the record, causing you some grief and frustration if you try. (Filemaker allowed for lots of duplicate entries).

There are 3 dashboards -- one for each kind of record: Bios, Patriots, and Applications/Lineages. The pulldown menu will show a # next to each dashboard to indicate how many records you have personally in the dashboard. Right now, you can see all of the records from all volunteers in the dashboard, and while you can filter these yourself to see only yours, it might make sense to just limit it to your own records only. (Looking for feedback here from you guys once you try it).

Also, if you inadvertently clicked on add/update a record or changed your mind about an edit, it will still be in your dashboard. You can safely delete records from your dashboard and not affect the production data on

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the site. I would encourage doing that since no one else can edit a record if it's on a dashboard somewhere.

Additionally, we also have ACN information for membership where we do not have the record copies available. This is because I'm getting data from National HQ's database on our membership and their member<->patriot relationships. This is why you may see records showing up for a member, but the Patriot is noted as "unindexed". This means we have some application information, but it isn't associated to a Patriot ID at this point. (We may or may not have the record copy to move forward on those.)

**Finally** - There is a LOT more happening in this system vs the old one, and it's all new. If something seems strange or confusing, please ask questions. If there are things we can potentially do better, I'm always open to ideas.

## 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

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community.

As the Revolution moved into the Southern colonies, Nancy played an important role fighting against Tories in the Georgia backcountry. Hart succeeded in outsmarting British opponents on multiple occasions, frequently disguising herself as a "crazy man" and wandering through British camps to procure information for the Patriots. When one of Hart's children discovered a British soldier spying on the Hart home, Nancy doused the man with boiling water that she was using to make soap before tying him up and turning him over to Patriot forces. Some accounts hold that in addition to her more covert operations, Hart was also present for the Battle of Kettle Creek, which took place in Georgia on February 14, 1779.

Though Hart gained recognition after the war for a variety of exploits, one of the most popular stories involved her capture of several British soldiers. According to local legend, six British soldiers entered the Hart home to question Nancy about assisting a Patriot in escaping from the Redcoats. The soldiers then demanded that Nancy feed them, and displaying unusual hospitality, Nancy agreed to host them, providing a fair share of food and drink. With help from her 12-year old daughter, Sukey, Hart succeeded in discreetly removing several of the soldiers' muskets from the stack they had formed in the corner of the room. Hart had passed two of the firearms to Sukey through a gap in the wall before the soldiers noticed. Hart instructed the soldiers to remain where they were, and when one of them rose to approach her, she shot him dead and wounded one of the others before taking the remaining four men hostage. Sukey ran to inform Benjamin, who returned to the cabin. After debating whether to shoot the remaining men or hang them, the Harts and their neighbors decided to hang the soldiers from a nearby tree. The story became a local legend after the war, and variations of the tale have continued to circulate since then. In 1912, a railroad company's archaeological excavation of the land near the Hart's cabin unearthed six skeletons, suggesting that some version of the myth was true. After the death of her husband, Hart moved with

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one of her sons to Henderson County, Kentucky, where she became a devout Methodist and lived past the age of ninety.

In the decades after the Revolution, many of Hart's adventures became the stuff of legend and inspiration. During the Civil War, a band of Georgia women formed a militia unit named in honor of Nancy Hart, illustrating how the legacy of Hart's heroism has lived on. Today, the state of Georgia has memorialized Hart in several ways, including one of the state's counties, a state park, a lake, and a highway. In the 1930s, the Daughters of the American Revolution reconstructed the Hart's cabin, which had been washed away in a flood many years before, in order to commemorate one of Georgia's most famous female Patriots. Nancy Hart, like many American frontierswomen, played an important role not only in defending her family and community during the War for Independence but also in shaping the memory of the American Revolution in ways that still resonate today.



## BATTLE OF CAMDEN REINTERMENT CEREMONY

The Camden Burials Project

The archaeological recovery of the mortal remains of fourteen soldiers engaged in combat on the Camden Battlefield is the heart of this endeavor. These men and boys gave the supreme sacrifice with their lives – twelve for a new nation of Liberty, two to preserve their country and king. This national battlefield in the southern campaigns is also a cemetery.

Archeologists found them; coroners removed them; historians study them. Their remains are being handled with the caressed care and honor befitting them. From the dusty sands of this field's debacle, rise the solemnity of these heroes who re-envisioned Liberty in the revolutionary United States of America. This project will culminate in the respectful reinterment, with full honors, on April 22, 2023, of these soldiers in the actual locations where they were found on the Camden Battlefield. Thank God they lived. These fallen are not forgotten.

<https://scssar.org/?event=battle-of-camden-reburial-event>

## Awards and Events



Pictures are from the February 11, 2023, SAR Harry S. Truman Chapter meeting. Compatriot Kavin Stull received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter for presenting a program entitled "Rescuing the American Revolution from Flea Markets."



# Awards and Events



This years 5th Grade Poster Contest Winner, Andrew Tyndall receiving his check and certificate from Compatriot Gary Gift with the Tyndall family.



Sarah Stewart receiving the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate from OMC President Crismon Brayman. From left to right: Compatriots John Angst (father), Jason Stewart (husband), Sarah Stewart, and President Cris Brayman.



Compatriot Lenard Slovinshy receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Past-President Ben Edmondson (Left), and President Crismon Brayman (Right).



Compatriot John Angst receiving the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate from Past- President Ben Edmondson (Left), and President Crismon Brayman (Right).

**Photographs provided by: Margaret Swales, Cris Brayman, Ben Edmondson.**

**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**



# Awards and Events



These pictures are from the George Washington Birthday Event at Washington Park on February 18th, after the general meeting. The event was led by the Branson High School Air Force JROTC, with Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, and Gary Gift.



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.

# Upcoming Events



On Saturday, March 11, the American Merit Badge Workshop will be held at Ozark Technical College.



On Saturday, March 18, at 9:00 am, the monthly meeting for the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library, located at 2214 S. Brentwood, Springfield.



On Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 pm, the OMC Chapter Development Committee will be meeting via Zoom. Meeting invitation will come at a later date.



On Saturday, April 15, at 9:00 am, the monthly meeting for the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held at the Ozark Technical College, located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



On Saturday, April 22, at 6:00 pm, there will be a 250th Award Ceremony at the Branson High School, located at 935 P Road 65, Branson, MO 65616.

