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Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held Saturday, February 20, 2015 at the Ozarks Technical College (OTC) in Rm 108 in Springfield, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. A location map is attached.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

OMCSAR Chapter Meeting OTC January 16, 2016

President Reinbold opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College with 18 members and 7 guests present.

Compatriot David Appleby delivered the Invocation, Compatriot John Allen gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot George Cindrich gave

Historic Sketch: The Battle of Princeton

President Reinbold opened the meeting with a historic sketch: The Battle of Princeton. The Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777 was a small battle in which General Washington's Continental forces defeated British forces near Princeton, New Jersey. It followed the famous Crossing of the Delaware and attack on Trenton on December 25-26, 1776. In response to Trenton, British Commander Cornwallis had assembled 9,000 troops at Princeton to oppose Washington's position at Trenton. Following the Battle of Trenton, Washington had appealed to his men whose enlistments were ending to stay with him for six more weeks and promised a \$10 bounty. The appeal worked.

Cornwallis with 8,000 men attacked Washington on the night of January 2 but was repulsed at the Battle of Assunpink Creek. Washington, leaving 500 men to keep campfires burning and make sounds of digging in defensive lines, then circled around Cornwallis and led an attack on British forces left at Princeton under Colonel Charles Mawhood. The Continentals forced the 1200 British troops to flee toward Cornwallis with a loss of about 100 killed and 300 captured. The Patriot victory in this small battle was important, because it led to improved morale among the Continental forces and caused an increase in new enlistments.

Officer Reports

President Reinbold reported for Treasurer Glenn Gohr that the chapter has Total Funds of \$10,795.28. Members paid total 64 as of December 31, 2015. The treasurers report was accepted as presented.

Genealogist Carr reported that he is working on more than a dozen applications with two to be submitted this week.

Secretary Howard Fisk reported that printed Membership Directories are available.

Historian George Swales reported two sources for reading interest. The Journal of the American Revolution and Westholme Publishing are launching a "Namesake Book Series". The first two books of the series are to be published in March 2016. "The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War", by J.L. Bell, tells the story leading up to and including how patriots "secured" the cannon and smuggled them out of Boston. "Grand Forage 1778: The Battleground Around New York City", by Todd W. Braisted, covers the battles and skirmishes in New York and New Jersey as 9,000 British troops sweep through those regions in search of food and colonial militia and troops.

Committee Reports

Flag Certificate Presentation: Ozark Trails Council University of Scouting January 9, 2016. Presentation of Colors by the Color Guard. A Flag Certificate was presented to Garrett Burdette.

Chapter Development Committee: December 29, 2015 Met to plan 2016 media. January 4, 2016 Finalized Draft Activity Calendar for 2016.

Eagle Scout Award: Gary Bishop - Alejandro Emanuel Jimenez.

He is scheduled to be present at the Saturday, February 20 chapter meeting.

Introduction of Guests

President Phil Reinbold welcomed all guests present including Vice President General (VPG) Russ DeVenney & Laura DeVenney. Laura presented hand-made Quilts of Valor to Murry Bussard, Will Carr, Dan McMurray & George Cindrich. These quilts represent the warmth of our nation welcoming home our troops.

VPG Russ DeVenney discussed the value of an active Color Guard to the public face of each Missouri Society Chapter and commended OMC on our active role in the community.

Guest Speaker: Compatriot Norman Knowlton

Vice President Dan Philbrick introduced Compatriot Norman Knowlton. His presentation was about his direct ancestor, Captain Thomas Knowlton of Connecticut.

Knowlton's Rangers: "But One Life to Give"

After a spree of debilitating defeats as a result of intelligence failures in early battles of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington recognized the Continental Army's grave need for an elite group whose sole objective was intelligence and reconnaissance. In 1776, Washington selected Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton as commander of the Continental Washington chose Knowlton as the unit's commander because of his experience as a scout in the French and Indian Wars and adept leadership at the battles of Breed's Hill and Long Island.

Consisting of 130 men and 20 officers, the unit was charged with conducting reconnaissance, carrying out raids against British facilities and other dangerous covert missions.

While on an intelligence-gathering mission for the unit in New York City, one of Knowlton's Rangers, Capt. Nathan Hale, was captured by the British. Just before his subsequent execution on the gallows Sept. 22, 1776, Hale proclaimed, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

That month, Knowlton himself was killed while leading his men at the Battle of Harlem Heights.

The creation of Knowlton's Rangers is regarded as the birth of military intelligence. The date "1776" on the modern-day seal of the Army's intelligence service refers to the unit's formation.

Army's first intelligence unit, which would come to be known as "Knowlton's Rangers".

Old Business

There was no Old Business at the meeting.

New Business

A. The Budget Committee to request a proposal from the Color Guard for flags, poles, stands and other accoutrements. Gerald McCoy will make this request at the February meeting.

B. Mary Nan Knowlton presented the Color Guard with four flag sleeves to protect our historic flags from weather and soil.

C. PG David Appleby recommended that the Color Guard present awards to the two young men who entered a burning home to rescue family members from a fire. Howard Fisk will confirm details with Fire Chief Hall and coordinate a presentation by Springfield Mayor Bob Stevens.

OMC 2016 Officer Presentation

Formal presentation of 2016 Officer Slate and Election was performed by PG David Appleby.

Induction of OMC Officers for 2016-2017

The Oath was performed by VPG Russ DeVenney.

President - Dan Philbrick

Vice President - Howard Fisk

Secretary - George Swales

Treasurer - Glenn Gohr

Chaplain - Gerald McCoy

Chancellor - Gary Bishop

Genealogist - Will Carr

Historian - Ken Lawrence

Editor - Willie Walker (Tom Sentman Acting Ed.)

Sergeant at Arms - Charles McMillan

Announcements

Howard Fisk reminded Compatriots of the M. Graham Clark Grave Marking Ceremony March 12, 2015 near Branson, MO.

Call for Motion to Adjourn

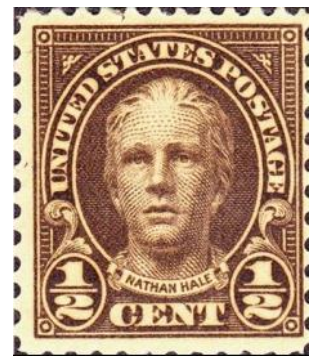
2016 President Philbrick called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Will Carr and 2nd by John McAlear.

The Recessional was provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman.

The Benediction was provided by PG David Appleby. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Knowlton Statue
State Capital Grounds
Hartford, CT.



Nathan Hale
Postage Stamp

Compatriot Norman Knowlton provided an informative presentation on his lineage Revolutionary War patriot Captain Thomas Knowlton, known as "Knowlton's Rangers".

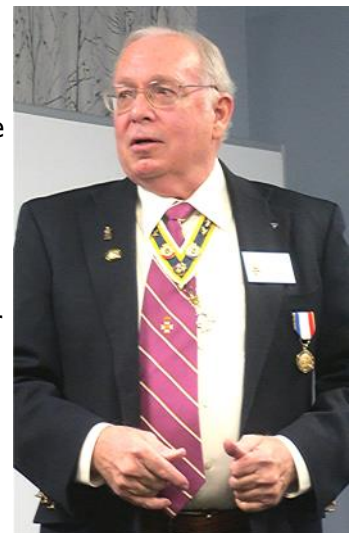


Left to Right: VP General Russ DeVenney, PPG David Appleby, Genealogist Will Carr, Vice President Howard Fisk, President Dan Philbrick, Chancellor Gary Bishop, Historian Ken Lawrence, Secretary George Swales and Sergeant at Arms Charles McMillan. Treasurer Glenn Gohr, Editor William Walker and Chaplain Gerald McCoy are not pictured.

Newly elected OMC president Dan Philbrick (right) presents a Past President Pin to outgoing President Phil Reinbold.



Guest VPG Russ DeVenney discussed the value of an active Color Guard to the public face of each Missouri Society Chapter and commended OMC on our active role in the community.



Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor Presentation

Laura H. DeVenney, Co-Founder of Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor, presented quilts to Ozark Mountain Chapter veterans for their service. The presentation was made at the Ozark Mountain Chapter meeting Saturday, Jan 16, 2016 at the Ozarks Technical College (OTC) in Springfield, Missouri. The quilts were personalized with a message and presented to each veteran. The five quilts were displayed for recipients and chapter meeting attendees.



Left to Right: Will Carr, US Air Force, Murray Bussard, WWII US Marine Corps (and also his wife Josephine Bussard, WWII US Navy), Laura H. DeVenney, George Cindrich, US Marine Corps, and Dan McMurray, US Army.



Will Carr, Laura DeVenney and Dan McMurray with quilt



Laura DeVenney, Murray Bussard and Dan McMurray with quilt



Laura DeVenney, George Cindrich and Dan McMurray with quilt



Laura DeVenney, Dan McMurray and David Appleby with quilt

Flag Certificate Presented to Boy Scouts of America Scout Leader Garrett Burdette

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies at the 2016 University of Scouting Program.

Scout Leader Garrett Burdette, Chancellor of University of Scouting, was presented a Flag Certificate for his support of American ideals. The award recognizes the University of Scouting program which trains leaders to mentor Boy Scouts to reach the highest level of achievement, the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Ozark Trails Council (BSA) conducted its annual professional leadership training at the Missouri State University, Strong Hall on Saturday, January 9, 2016. The Ozark Mountain Chapter is a chapter of the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



OMC Color Guard opening ceremonies of the 2016 University of Scouting Leadership Training at Missouri State University.



Color Guard member J. Howard Fisk presents a Flag Certificate to Garrett Burdette, Chancellor of the University of Scouting.



Some of the 150 staff and attendees at the Leadership Training Program.



Color Guard and attendees at the opening ceremony.



Color Guard members Gerald McCoy and J. Howard Fisk answer questions regarding the NSSAR Eagle Scout Award requirements.



L- R: John Feick, Executive Director of the Ozark Trails Council BSA, Compatriots Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan, Gerald McCoy, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, George Swales and Tom Sentman.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Thomas Juliano

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies at a Court of Honor for Thomas Juliano. Scout Juliano was presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution on the occasion of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout January 17, 2016. He is a member of Troop 26, Ozark Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, Rogersville, MO.



Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard Opening Ceremony with Boy Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

L-R: Dan McMurray, Gerald McCoy (behind flag), Norman Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, Howard Fisk and Charles McMillan



Presentation of the rank of Eagle Scout.



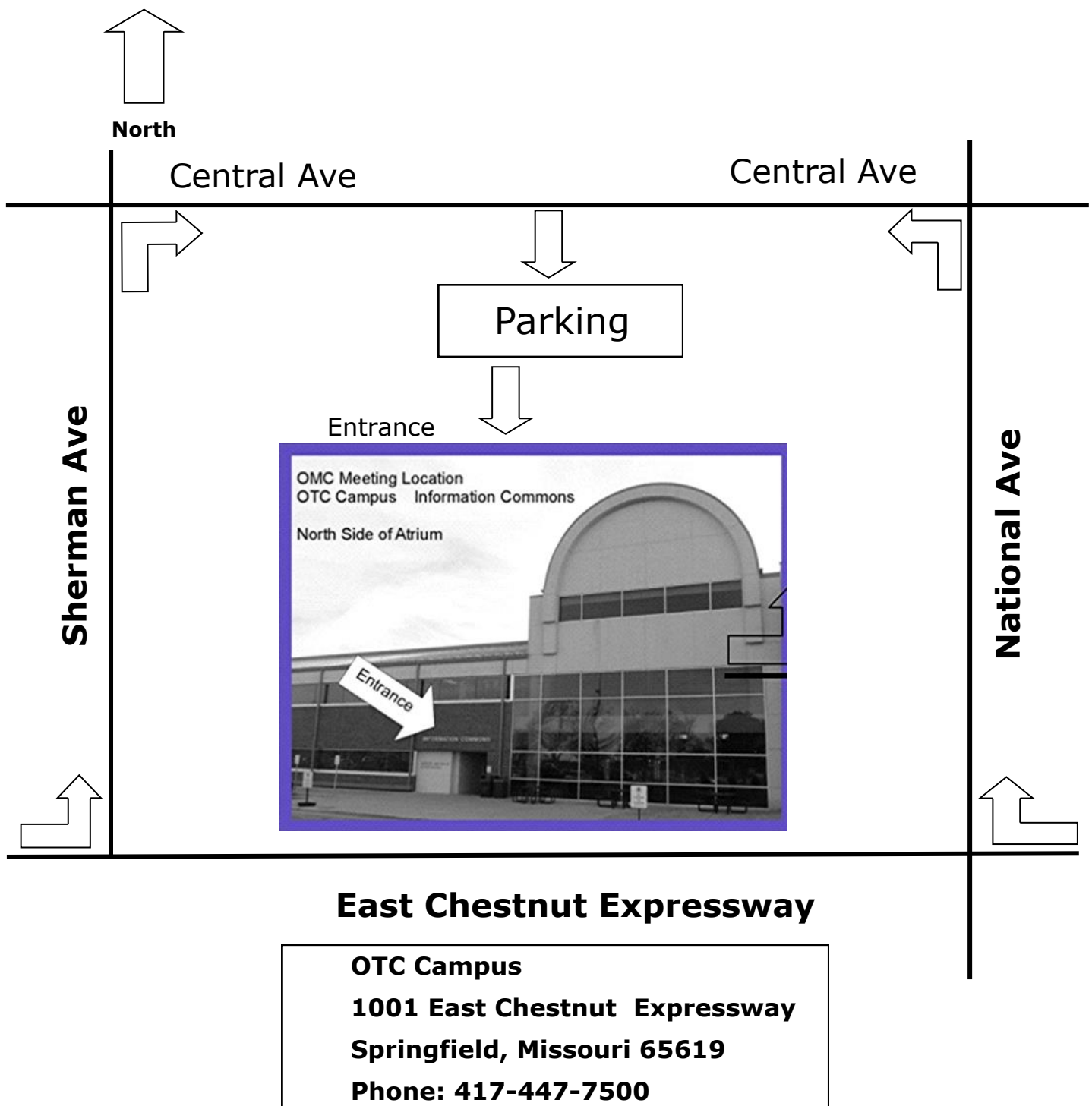
Left: Eagle Scout Thomas Juliano
Receives Missouri Society
Certificate of Recognition from
Compatriot Norman Knowlton.

Sabine and Peter Juliano, parents of Scout Thomas Juliano.



Troop 26 members participated in the
Court of Honor for Thomas Juliano.





OMCSAR Meeting Location

Third Saturday Monthly (except Aug) @ 9 a.m. Room 108

Ozarks Technical College