



The PATRIOT Newsletter

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Missouri Society



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

Dale Moore, from OzarksWatch Video Magazine, a production of Ozarks Public Television, will be our February chapter meeting guest speaker.

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting, January 21, 2017.



Dale Moore

President Philbrick called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 21 members and 13 guests.

Compatriot Glenn Gohr delivered the invocation. Compatriot Phil Reinbold led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Dan McMurray led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Philbrick introduced special guests from the National SAR, Registrar General Russ DeVenney and his wife Laura DeVenney. Members introduced their families and guests.

Chancellor Gary Bishop introduced the OMCSAR 2016 Eagle Scout Winner from Lee's Summit Mo, Cameron Haas. He was selected from over 100 applicants. Cameron introduced his family and delivered his essay titled "America is Special". Compatriot Bishop presented the Eagle Award and Cameron was also presented a MOSSAR certificate and medal from Compatriot Fisk for his achievement.

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veterans for service to their country. She heads up a group of ladies that hand sew patriotic quilts. Each quilt is hand sewn and themed according to the branch of the service which the veteran belonged to.

Laura personally recognizes, delivers and presents these beautiful quilts to the respective honorees as a way of saying "Thank You" and "Welcome Home" for their sacrifice.

Today, Laura presented quilts to 8 members of our chapter. Honoree recipients included compatriots J. Howard Fisk, U.S. Navy; Charles G. McMillan, U.S. Air Force; Mel McNeal, U.S. Navy; Dan Philbrick, U.S. Army; John Allen, U.S. Army; George Swales, U.S. Army; Tom Sentman, U.S. Air Force; and David Appleby, U.S. Army.

Each recipient was then asked to give an account of their service. While each story was different, the theme of patriotism and their proud service was the common thread.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

President Philbrick gave his final remarks as president and thanked members for their support and counsel this past year. President Philbrick stated that it was a "privilege to have served" and encouraged others to step up and serve in some capacity.

As his final act as president, awards were given to Tom Sentman for his work as editor of our chapter newsletter. He was presented the "Chapter Meritorious Service Award". The "Lydia Darrough Medal" was given to Margaret Swales for her efforts and participation to advance our chapter. J. Howard Fisk received the "Chapter Distinguished Service Medal" for his leadership on the Chapter Development Committee and as Vice-President.

Officers Report

Treasurer Glenn Gohr reported a December balance of \$10,636.95. The January checking account of \$708.90 and \$10,007.00, respectively, totaling \$10,715.90.

Compatriot Gohr stated 67 members that have paid dues for 2017, which includes one member who was reinstated since the first of January. We have had 14 new members join our chapter and 11 members who dropped out in 2016. We also had one member transfer out of our chapter and one member transfer into our chapter.

Vice President Howard Fisk noted everything in his report was in the newsletter.

Secretary George Swales announced that Genealogist Will Carr reported he mailed out 11 new applications in December.

Historian Ken Lawrence asked members to provide any documents relative to the yearbook as he was compiling information for the 2016 YOHE Yearbook contest.

Sgt. at Arms Charles McMillan related that he was looking forward to this year's ROTC and JROTC awards and asked for volunteer presenters.

Committee Report

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

President Philbrick relinquished the gavel to Registrar General Russ DeVenney to administer the oath of office to the newly elected officers. After installation, the slate of officers was presented.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter of the SAR Officers for 2017

President: J. Howard Fisk; Vice-President: George Swales; Secretary: Ken Lawrence; Treasurer: Glen Gohr; Chaplain: Dan Philbrick; Chancellor: Gary Bishop; Genealogist: Dan McMurray; Historian: Norman Knowlton; Editor: Tom Sentman; and Sgt. at Arms: Charles McMillan.

The gavel was returned to new President Howard Fisk who delivered a few comments about how fortunate we are for our freedoms and challenged our chapter to continue our mission of serving young people so that they might carry on the traditions and ideals we hold so dear. To that end, President Fisk introduced Matt Brunner, the winner of this year's M. Graham Clark award for the High School History Teacher of the year for the State of Missouri. Mr. Brunner is currently teaching high school history in Willard, MO. He has been active at his school, encouraging students to learn American History through his history club. Also, by promoting the SAR through the Knight Essay Contest and having student participation at SAR events. Mr. Brunner will now represent the State of Missouri and compete for the top prize at the national level of the SAR.

President Fisk presented the "Past Presidents Pin" and Certificate to past President Dan Philbrick for his service in that office.

President Fisk then asked Past President General David Appleby to express his thoughts on our chapter's "good of the order". Compatriot Appleby commented he had traveled all over the country and that our chapter is an exception to the rule. He further noted we are a very active chapter due to the contributions our members and spouses make. This is what makes it a great chapter.

David noted you hardly see this replicated elsewhere in the country and congratulated the leadership for doing a such a great job.

President Fisk asked all past presidents along with Registrar General Russ DeVenney to come forward and pose for a photo.

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

Compatriot George Swales led the Recessional.

Compatriot Gerald McCoy led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:30 A.M.

Upcoming Events

Feb 18 Washington Park Lay Wreath 8:00 A.M. Color Guard

Feb 18 Chapter Meeting 9:00 A.M. OTC Room 108

Feb 19 Color Guard Eagle Scout Recognition

Feb 20 Washington's Birthday

February Birthdays

William M. Craft 2/4/2017

Randall E. Thomas 2/15/2017

Kristjan J. Cindrich 2/15/2017

Gary E. Bishop 2/20/2017

Charles A. Craft 2/21/2017

Robert D. Brannon 2/24/2017

J. Howard Fisk 2/27/2017



MOSSAR Annual Membership Meeting

April 28-29, 2017

Registration Form Attached (Page 11)

For Meeting Registration, Hotel Reservations, Program Agenda, and Guest Speaker Biographies:

Click [Here](#) to open the site

At the top of the page, click these sites for further info:

Ozark Mountain Chapter

2017 MOSSAR Conference

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Dan Philbrick

In honor of George Washington's birthday, I looked for a prayer of his I had seen in the past.

Robert Burns, Scotland's national bard, was a great admirer of George Washington. He was known to raise a toast to Washington in lieu of Prime Minister William Pitt. So I offer these lines from Burns' poem "Ode for General Washington's Birthday".

"But come, ye sons of Liberty,
Columbia's offspring, brave as free,

*Photos by Margaret Swales, Anita Philbrick, and Norman Knowlton
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OMC Visitors from Missouri Society, National Society and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The January 21, 2017 chapter meeting was fortunate to have Russ and Laura DeVenney visit our Ozark Mountain Chapter.

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Russ DeVenney is a member of the M. Graham Clark Chapter in Columbia, Missouri, where he served as Chapter President. He has served as MOSSAR President, served as chairman of numerous committees and currently serves as the Registrar General for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Laura DeVenney is the co-founder of Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor. She presented twelve (12) quilts to chapter veterans.

Laura is a long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution DAR and the Children of the American Revolution (CAR).

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 21, 2017 at the Ozarks Technical College (OTC) in Springfield, Missouri. The quilts were personalized with a message and presented to each veteran. The eight quilts were displayed for recipients and chapter meeting attendees.



Laura DeVenney holds one of the quilts presented at the chapter meeting

The Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor organization creates quilts for military veterans.

The organization hand-makes the colorful quilts which are tailored for the receiving veteran. To date, the ladies have made many, many hand-made quilts. Laura alone has completed 19 quilts.



Laura DeVenney presents a Quilt of Valor to David Appleby PG 2008-2009, during the chapter meeting. Laura presented quilts to eight OMC veterans for their military service.

Left: personalized inscription on quilts with information about the quilt recipient.



David Appleby PG 2008-2009 (L) and Mel McNeal with their quilts.



John Allen (L) and President J. Howard Fisk with their quilts



Past President Dan Philbrick (L) and Charles McMillan with their quilts.



George Swales (L) and Tom Sentman with their quilts.



L-R: J. Howard Fisk, Mel McNeal, Dan Philbrick, Charles McMillan, John Allen, Laura DeVenney, David Appleby, Tom Sentman, George Swales, Will Carr and Dan McMurray.

Compatriots Murray Bussard, George Cindrich, Will Carr and Dan McMurray were previously awarded their Quilts of Valor.



Howard Fisk and Laura DeVenney



Mel McNeal and Laura DeVenney



Laura DeVenney and Dan Philbrick



Charles McMillan and Laura DeVenney



Laura DeVenney and John Allen



Laura DeVenney and David Appleby



Laura DeVenney and Tom Sentman



Laura DeVenney and George Swales



David Appleby described some of his experiences as a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Eagle Scout Selected OMC and Missouri Society Winner

The Ozark Mountain Chapter selected Eagle Scout Cameron Haas as the 2016 OMC Winner. Eagle Scout Haas is a member of Troop 42 Boy Scouts of America in Lee's Summit, Missouri.



OMC Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Bishop introduces Eagle Scout Haas, a member of Troop 142, Lee's Summit, Missouri, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Cameron Haas presenting his essay, "America is Special".



Vice President J. Howard Fisk presented Eagle Scout Haas with a Missouri Society Certificate of Recognition.



L-R: J. Howard Fisk, MOSSAR Chairman, Eagle Scout Program, Eagle Scout Cameron Haas, Gary Bishop, OMC Eagle Scout Chairman, and Suzanne and Troy Haas, parents of Eagle Scout Cameron Haas.

OMC Awards - January 2017



Vice President Howard Fisk receives the Distinguished Service Medal from President Dan Philbrick.



Secretary George Swales presents the Lydia Darrough Medal to Margaret Swales for her work to further advance the chapter.



President Dan Philbrick presented Tom Sentman the Chapter Meritorious Service Award for his work as editor of the chapter newsletter, [The PATRIOT](#).



Matt Brunner, Willard High School history teacher, has been selected as the winner of this year's M. Graham Clark Award for the High School History Teacher of the Year for the State of Missouri.



President Dan Philbrick (right) presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to J. Howard Fisk for his leadership on the Chapter Development Committee and as Vice-President.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Officer Installation 2017



Meet OMC Officers 2017-2018

L-R: J. Howard Fisk, President; George Swales, Vice President; Ken Lawrence, Secretary; Norman Knowlton, Historian; Glenn Gohr, Treasurer; Gary Bishop, Chancellor; Tom Sentman, Editor; Dan McMurray, Genealogist; Charles McMillan, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Dan Philbrick, Chaplain.



Left: Howard Fisk presents a Certificate and Past President Pin to Dan Philbrick (L) for his service as Chapter President for 2016-2017.

Right: President Fisk addressed attendees on our chapter activities and challenged the chapter to carry on the traditions and ideals of our organization.



Chapter Past President Pin

Left to Right: OMC President Howard Fisk and MOSSAR Secretary, Russ DeVenny, NSSAR Registrar General, David Appleby, PG 2008-2009, MOSSAR Past President and OMC Past President. Following are OMC Past Presidents: Phil Reinbold, Dan McMurray, MOSSAR Past President, Gerald McCoy, MOSSAR Past President, Mel McNeal, Gary Bishop, Glenn Gohr, Will Carr, Tom Sentman, and Dan Philbrick.

Color Guard Activities

Robert Burns Supper—Hickory Hills Country Club Springfield, Missouri January 28, 2017

Sponsored by the KCCH, Valley of Joplin, Orient of Missouri Scottish Rite Masons for the benefit of Speech, Language and Literacy. Scottish Rite Masons helping Kids Communicate. Missouri RiteCare.

ROBERT BURNS

Born in Alloway, Scotland, on January 25, 1759, Robert Burns was the first of the seven children of William and Agnes Burns'. His father, a tenant farmer, educated the children at home.

His father died in bankruptcy in 1784, and Burns and his brother Gilbert took over the farm. This hard labor later contributed to the heart trouble that Burns suffered as an adult.

At the age of fifteen, he fell in love and shortly thereafter he wrote his first poem. As a young man, Burns pursued both love and poetry with uncommon zeal. In 1785, he fathered the first of his fourteen children. His biographer, DeLancey Ferguson, had said, "it was not so much that he was conspicuously sinful as that he sinned conspicuously." Between 1784 and 1785, Burns also wrote many of the poems collected in his first book *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, which was printed in 1786. This collection was an immediate success and Burns was celebrated throughout England and Scotland as a great "peasant-poet."

Most of Burns' poems were written in Scots. They document and celebrate traditional Scottish culture, expressions of farm life, and class and religious distinctions. He is still referred to as the "National Bard of Scotland."



L-R: Gerald McCoy, OMC Color Guard and Commander, Western Missouri District; Russ DeVenney, Registrar General, NSSAR and member of M. Graham Clark Chapter; David Appleby, President General, 2008-2009, Ozark Mountain Chapter, and J. Howard Fisk, MOSSAR Secretary and President, Ozark Mountain Chapter.



Editor Note: Missouri Color Guard Activities are listed in The SAR Colorguardsman Magazine, January 2017. Checkout the site at:

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/245/csOpSy3JMFVp.pdf>

Scroll down to Missouri Society Pages 25 and 26.



Ozark Mountain Chapter Attendees L-R: Gerald McCoy, Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Dan Philbrick, Howard Fisk, George Swales, Norman Knowlton, Dan McMurray and Tom Sentman.



Presentation of the Colors

L-R: Chris Sizemore, James Scott, Francis Furman, President Dale Schmidt, Cortney Sloan, and Robert Grover.



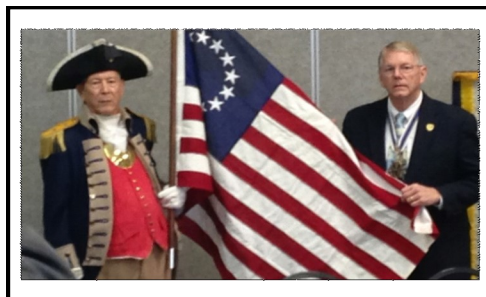
Left: President Dale Schmidt and Steve Baldwin.



L-R: Chris Sizemore, Howard Fisk and President Dale Schmidt



L-R: James Osbourn, Ken Lawrence, and Russ DeVenney



Robert Grover (Left) presented a Betsy Ross Flag to President Dale Schmidt.



President Jack Chance, M. Graham Chapter, presented a Culpeper Flag to President Dale Schmidt.



MOSSAR 2017 State Convention Registration Hosted by Ozark Mountain Chapter

**DEADLINE:
April 21, 2017**

University Plaza Hotel
333 South John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, Missouri
Booking Link: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1722604&hotelID=17728>

SAR Member Name: _____ Name on Tag: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____ Office: _____

State Office: _____ National Office: _____

Guest Name: _____ Name on Tag: _____

Will Guest attend Ladies Auxiliary meeting (registration includes membership)? Yes ___ No ___

Registration and Meals (each member and guest must choose full event registration or individual event registration)	Qty.	Per person	Total
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Full Event Registration – includes all events and meals		\$ 150.00	
Friday Dinner	Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	-	
Saturday Lunch	Pork Loin ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	-	
Saturday Dinner	Steak ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	-	

Individual Event Registration – any meal costs below are additional		\$ 50.00	
Friday Dinner	Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	\$ 35.00	
Saturday Lunch	Pork Loin ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	\$ 30.00	
Saturday Dinner	Steak ___ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___	\$ 45.00	

Total amount of check made payable to <i>Ozark Mountain Chapter MOSSAR 2017</i>	\$
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Mail this form and check by April 21, 2017 to:
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