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President's Letter

President J. Howard Fisk



As we welcome a new year of SAR activity, with new officers and new expectations, I ask you to reflect on 2017. Think of the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution and our efforts to meet that

mission. Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter lived the mission and made every effort to find ways to deliver a quality program for the citizens of Springfield and Southwest Missouri.

Our Color Guard participated in 49 uniformed events this year, including several Patriot wreath laying events, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, etc. We were at Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, the Cub Scout Blue & Gold banquet, high school history clubs, lower school history classrooms and so many more.

In addition, we presented awards of excellence to a fire fighter, emergency medical technician, police officer and sheriff deputy. We were in schools and colleges, governmental buildings, churches and cemeteries all over the region carrying our message of Patriot service and our American Heritage.

One of the things that I am most proud of is our ability to present four History Explorer programs to the community this year. They were well done, engaging, and varied in topic. They shared the message of our Patriot Ancestors, and they interested others in our mission.

We welcomed 24 new members to our chapter this year. Make them welcome and find work for them. They are our new committee chairmen and officers and the future of our OMC chapter.

I am proud to have served you during 2017 and continue to serve well into the future.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

February 17, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College Room 108.

Guest Speaker

Walt Cameron will speak on his book "Yes, the American Dream is Alive and Well".

Chapter Minutes

President J. Howard Fisk called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 34 members and eight guests.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick delivered the invocation, Compatriot John McAlear led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Compatriot John Allen led the Pledge to the SAR.

President J. Howard Fisk called on Chancellor Gary Bishop to introduce our chapter's winner of the Eagle Scout contest. Accompanied by his mother Martina, Marcus Bauer was asked to come forward to receive his award. Marcus competed against 150 other Eagle Scout candidates and was chosen as our Chapter's winner. Marcus is from Rolla Missouri, and as part of the application process, he compiled a four-generation ancestor chart on his family history. He also completed a 500-word patriotic essay on the American Revolution. Marcus will now move on to compete at the State level with an opportunity to compete at the National level.

President Fisk presented Marcus with a SAR Scout patch. Chancellor Gary Bishop awarded Marcus with a State certificate, and Vice-

President George Swales presented a check for \$250.00 on behalf of the Ozark Mountain Chapter for being the winner of this competition.

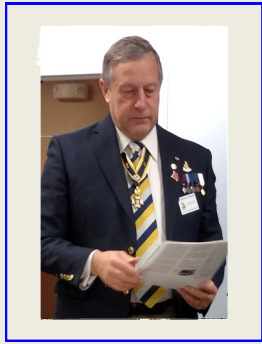
President Fisk asked
Compatriot Steve

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Perkins to say a few words about the National Society of "Friends of the Library Fund". This is yearly \$25.00 donation to be used to help fund and perpetuate the Library. With a donation, the donor will receive a lapel pin in appreciation. Steve encouraged all members to consider this endeavor with a contribution.



President Fisk conveyed that the Ozark Mountain Chapter would be continuing its annual contribution of \$25.00 to the Library fund.



President Fisk introduced former President General David Appleby. David began his talk by encouraging all members to consider joining the Missouri State Society SAR "John J. Pershing Endowment Fund". This fund helps finance the ongoing scholarship needs at the State level. There are different pledge levels of participation. And with each different level, the donor will be awarded a

jeweled lapel pin commensurate with the differed levels of financial participation. While David was speaking, Compatriot Steve Perkins offered his application for membership as a fellow into the John J. Pershing fund. Steve Perkins was asked to come forward where President General David Appleby pinned his lapel with a ruby pin as a member.

David continued to speak and announce a new organization, "The Families of Antebellum Missouri". David offered an opportunity to be charter members of this "new" lineage society. The only requirement for membership is that one has an established Missouri family member prior to the Battle of Wilsons Creek, August 10th, 1861. The "FAM Society" offering is only for the first year of existence, an opportunity to become a life member for a one-time fee of \$150.00. After this one year offer expires, all new members will be required to pay for both the application fee and an annual membership fee. Annual meetings would be held at the time of the yearly State convention. The society is open to all who qualify, men and women. Forms are available online on our website or from our "FAM" Registrar and Genealogist Dan McMurray. This is a lifetime membership and will include a Certificate and a Medal.

President Fisk announced that the color guard as a unit has amassed 1330 points attending 49 events for the year. A Color Guard medal will be presented to those members that achieve 300 points over a three-year period. Our chapter has three individual members of the OMCSAR color guard that have accrued 275 points in just one year of activity.

Our President also communicated a request from the "Wolf School" for our chapter to present five monthly programs for the rest of this schools term. This school is on the campus of the Wonders of Wildlife and only selects a few outstanding kids from across Springfield to attend their 5th grade class.

President Fisk announced the slate of officers nominated for 2018: President-George Swales, Vice-President-Ken Lawrence, Secretary-Norman Knowlton, Treasurer-John McAlear, Interim Historian-Howard Fisk, Chancellor-Gary Bishop, Genealogist-Steve Perkins, Editor-Tom Sentman, Chaplain-Dan Philbrick, Sgt. At Arms-Charles McMillan. The slate of officers was presented to the chapter, and open nominees were invited from the floor. There were no other nominees, and a motion to approve the slate in its entirety by acclamation was made and seconded.

President Fisk, as his last official act as President, awarded Medals and Certificates, in recognition to deserving members for their outstanding service in aiding him and our chapter during his term as president.*

The OMCSAR chapter recognition and awardees are as follows:

- Daniel Ray McMurray - Aide de Camp
- Gerald Rex McCoy - Certificate of Recognition
- Glenn Walter Gohr - Certificate of Recognition
- William Earl Carr - Certificate of Recognition
- Gary Edwin Bishop - Certificate of Recognition
- Melvin James McNeal - Missouri Silver Medal
- John William McAlear -Missouri Silver Medal
- Steven Gary Perkins-Missouri Silver Medal
- Phillip Alan Reinbold - Missouri Silver Medal
- Harrison Dan Philbrick II - Missouri Silver Medal
- Charles McMillan - Missouri Silver Medal
- J. Howard Fisk—Roger Sherman Medal
- Norman Pomeroy Knowlton III - Roger Sherman Medal

Harold Thomas Sentman - Roger Sherman Medal

George Stanley Swales - Meritorious Service Medal

Kenneth Wayne Lawrence - Meritorious Service Medal

David Nels Appleby - Distinguished Service Medal

Hillary Chace Fisk (DAR) - Lydia Darragh Medal

*The gavel was then relinquished by President Fisk and given to former President General David Appleby for the installation of officers for 2018. David called for all officer-elects to come forward for a swearing in ceremony. After the swearing in of officers, the new officers introduced themselves to the chapter and the gavel was given to our new President George Swales. President Swales presented former President J. Howard Fisk with the Past Presidents pin and the Roger Sherman Medal for his exemplary efforts in transforming our chapter into one of the top recognized chapters in the SAR.

President Swales delivered a few words in which he described his vision for the New Year. The president announced that Compatriot Fisk would continue to lead the chapter development committee. Our focus would be on education and focusing on enhancing publicity of our community involvement. Changing our website with the help of DAR member Hillary Fisk to improve our message and awareness of who we are and what we do. George laid out a five-step program as his objectives for our chapter's participation for 2018:

1) Patriot Biographies. Our chapter needs to pick up where we left off a couple of years ago in documenting our patriots for posterity both at the local level but also as a national archive.

2) Mentoring program. We need to develop a program to help with member retention. We need to get new members involved in programs to stir an interest in them becoming active in our programs and activities.

3) Grave Markings. Our chapter needs to take advantage of the completed work of Tom Sentman in his identification of 14 Patriots buried in this area. We know their location, so it would be an easy project to obtain for our chapter, and we would be fulfilling a national goal with GPS markings.

4) Cleaning Gravestones. Start an initiative to attempt to clean Patriot gravestone from the dregs of filth that has accumulated on the stone from the passing of time.

5) Flag Awards. George challenged the chapter to present more flag certificates amongst our community. He asked all chapter members to "think about" who might be a recipient of this recognition and then act on it. He stated our chapter can do a better job of this. This goodwill also contributes to the awareness of the SAR and the good work that we do. President Swales closed by encouraging and asking that all chapter members to "Get Involved" in "All" chapter activities for 2018.

Officers Report

Vice-President Report: Vice-President George Swales announced the up-coming "History Day" at MSU on March 2, 2018, at Plaster Student Union on the third floor from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The awards ceremony will occur from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Plaster Student Union Theater. Our chapter will be participants with our Color Guard at this event.

Treasurer Report: Vice-President George Swales gave the Treasurer's report due to Glenn Gohr being absent.

December Total Balance \$11,877.02

January Checking Account \$1,968.19

January Savings Account \$9,641.91

January Total Balance \$11,610.10

George continued with Glenn's report noting that the collection of dues is complete. At the beginning of 2017, the Ozark Mountain Chapter had 65 members plus one dual member for a total of 66 members. Our chapter gained 24 new members plus two reinstatements during the year. The chapter lost two members due to their passing and seven members did not renew their membership.

Beginning 2018, our chapter has 82 members plus one dual member for a total of 83 current members.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary Report: Secretary Ken Lawrence ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the December Meeting as published in the Newsletter. There was a motion made and second. A vote for approval was taken and the motion passed.

Ken also announced that Walt Cameron will be February's Speaker. Walt will speak on his book "Yes, the



American Dream is Alive and Well." The book is a compilation of inspiring stories of our founding fathers.

Genealogist Report: Genealogist Dan McMurray reported that he is waiting for a signature on one completed application. The two applications for Donald Pruitt and Barrett Barker have been approved since last month. Three applications plus one supplemental are at National awaiting approval. One application is awaiting State approval and one application for Chris Adcock has just been finished and will be sent on for approval. Dan conveyed he has five new applications in the works.

Editor Report: Editor Tom Sentman began by stating his role as editor of our newsletter began two years ago, and they are available by electronic distribution, PDF file, by mail and issues dating back to 2014 are available on our website. Tom pledged to keep his position as editor but asked for everyone's help. He requested members to contribute information, i.e., pictures of events, newspaper stories, Web links, book reviews, etc. Anything pertinent to what our members might think would be of interest to our chapter, please forward on to Tom for publication in the newsletter.

Historian Report: There was no Historian report due to the absence of Norman Knowlton.

Sgt. At Arms Report: There was no Sgt. At Arms report due to the absence of Charles McMillan.

Committee Report

There were no committee Reports

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

See above Installation of Officers.

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

Compatriot John Allen led the Recessional; Chaplain Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:16 a.m.

February Happy Birthdays



Charles	Craft	Feb 4
William	Craft	Feb 4
Randy	Thomas	Feb 15
Kristjan	Cindrich	Feb 15
Richard	Harvey	Feb 17
Gary	Bishop	Feb 20
David	Burke	Feb 23
Joseph	Fisk	Feb 27



Editor Note: Color Guardsman Magazine, January 2018. Check it out at:
<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/245/QdDfqRmiKxFN.pdf>

Scroll down to Missouri Society Pages 21, 22, and 23.

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OMC Activities



Chapter Events

The Ozark Mountain Chapter selected Eagle Scout Marcus Peter Baur as the 2017 OMC Winner.

Eagle Scout Baur is a member of Troop 81 of the Ozark Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Right: President J. Howard Fisk (left), Compatriot Gary Bishop, Ozark Mountain Eagle Scout Chairman, presented Eagle Scout Marcus Peter Baur with a Missouri Society Certificate of Recognition and the SAR Eagle Scout Badge.



**Marcus Baur presenting his essay
“Patriotism”
Markus P. Baur**

OMC Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Bishop pins the Eagle Scout Recognition Medal on Eagle Scout Baur, a member of Troop 81 of the Ozark Trails Council.



L-R: J. Howard Fisk, MOSSAR Chairman, Eagle Scout Program, Gary Bishop OMC Eagle Scout Chairman, Scout Marcus Baur, Martina Baur, mother of Eagle Scout Baur, and George Swales, OMC Vice President.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter presented Eagle Scout Baur a check for \$250 at the chapter meeting January 20.

Chapter Events

Awards Presented to OMC Members for Service in 2017



Certificates of Recognition Left: William Earl Carr, Genealogist, Gary Edwin Bishop, Eagle Scout Chairman, Daniel Ray McMurray, Aide de Camp, President J. Howard Fisk and Vice President George Swales. Also awarded but not present to Glenn Walter Gohr, Treasurer and Gerald Rex McCoy-Color Guard Commander.



David N. Appleby pins a Missouri Society John J. Pershing Endowment Fund pin on Steven G. Perkins.



MOSSAR Distinguished Service Medal

President J. Howard Fisk presented the medal to David Nels Appleby, Past President General.



Roger Sherman Medal

Presented to Harold Thomas Sentman and Norman Pomeroy Knowlton, III, who was absent.



Silver Missouri Medal. Left: President J. Howard Fisk, Harrison Dan Philbrick II, Melvin James McNeal, Steven Perkins, Phillip Alan Reinbold, John William McAlear, and George Swales, Vice President. Also awarded but not present to Charles McMillan.



OMC new president, George Swales, wears the President's drape and medallion. David N. Appleby, Past President General and Past President J. Howard Fisk look on.



Meritorious Service Medal. Left President J. Howard Fisk presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Kenneth Wayne Lawrence, Secretary and Vice President George Swales.



OMC President George Swales presented the Roger Sherman Medal to Past President J. Howard Fisk.

Chapter Events

Ozark Mountain Chapter Officer Installation 2018



Past President General David N. Appleby swears in officers for 2018-2019

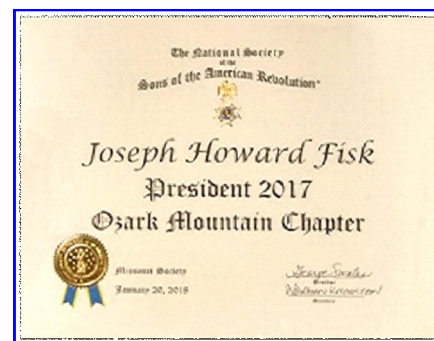


Meet OMC Officers 2018-2019

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



Certificate and Past President Pin
Awarded to J. Howard Fisk for
his service as Chapter President
for 2017-2018.



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



Chapter Events

OMC Members Attended the MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting In Columbia, MO. Jan 27, 2018



Left: George Swales MOSSAR Secretary, Kenneth Lawrence MOSSAR Awards And Medals, Tom Sentman, Yohe Yearbook and Americanism Award Chairman, J. Howard Fisk, 2nd Vice President, Daniel McMurray Southwest District Vice President (elect), Charles McMillan MOSSAR Sgt At Arms, and Steven Perkins OMC Genealogist.

MOSSAR Compatriots Recognized For Contributions to the George Washington Endowment Fund



Left: Steve Baldwin, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Russ DeVenney, Bruce McNeel, Dick Bryant, Wayne Merrill, William Coram, and Mike Schmidt.



Chapter Events

OMC Compatriot Charles McMillan Participated In the Honor Flight of the Ozarks on October 24.

Cover

Gov. Eric Greitens welcomed MVI III Charles McMillan back at Springfield-Branson National Airport when the Honor Flight of the Ozarks returned.

"It Was An Honor To Be Aboard This Flight!"

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

I was selected to go on the Honor Flight for October 2017 provided by the Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam wars are provided the great honor of seeing the nation's capital and surrounding memorials.

Lift off by American Airlines A320 was around 5:30 a.m. We had to be at the airport at 3:30 a.m. Makes for a long, but eventful day.

We are assigned "guardians" to cater to our every need on the one-day trip. Taylor, my guardian, did an awesome job of trying to keep up with me. Having been a guardian myself, I knew what to expect ... and we saw things the others didn't see (i.e. the tomb of Robert, Mary and Abraham II Lincoln in Arlington Cemetery, FBI Headquarters, Trump Hotel ... but, I digress.) She was dutiful to stay on my heels.

I entered the military in April 1968. Spent my first Christmas on Guam refueling B52s that went from Andersen AFB to Vietnam. There were five airplanes to a sortie and they flew five sorties each day. It was sad, also, to see the C141 medivacs with wounded soldiers heading stateside for medical care. I had the privilege of seeing Bob Hope and Miss World and the Gold Diggers as they performed for us. I remember shaking hands with Spiro Agnew on his visit to Guam.



This sign greeted the veterans when they disembarked from the Honor Flight.

In my 24-year career with the United States Air Force I visited 28 foreign countries. I was stationed on Guam, Korea, and Crete. Other assignments were TDY or temporary duty locations.

I'm now in my 25th year with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. To be honest, I don't feel as old as I am. Well, maybe I have some aches and pains I didn't have as a 19-year-old enlisted man. I retired from the Air Force in 1992, with the rank of master sergeant.

The Honor Flight group visited the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall and Memorial, WWII and Korean

memorials, and Arlington Cemetery. While at Arlington I saw Audie Murphy's grave (highly decorated WWII veteran and Medal of Honor recipient), and Astronaut John Glenn's grave. I was humbled by the changing of the guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. I found a classmate's name on the Vietnam Wall ... he was in the U.S. Army and was killed while on patrol. The memorial that I really liked the most was the Korean Memorial. I spent 13 months at Osan AB, Korea, without my family.

As I reflect on the day's events and the reason I was selected to go, I am honored and really don't feel worthy. But, I'm glad I went. We arrived back at the Springfield-Branson National Airport at around 9:45 p.m. and as I walked the long corridor to enter the airport I was met by Governor Eric Greitens. Yes, it was a personal meeting as he embraced me with a hug and a, "Welcome back." I had my picture taken and said, "Thanks."

As all 186 people entered the airport, we walked as a group and were met with cheers from a huge crowd of civilians, prior military, current military, law enforcement, and others. They carried placards saying, "Welcome back, Veterans!" There was a band playing a brisk tune. I shook hands with many people, including children who had stayed up past their bedtime to greet all the veterans.

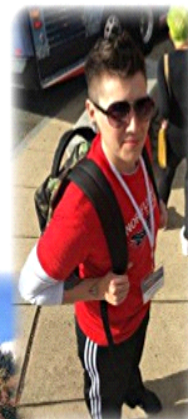
I was truly honored to have been on this flight.



The official Publication of the Missouri State Highway Patrol



MVI III Charles McMillan, Troop D, was especially moved by the Korean War Memorial.



Taylor, who served as guardian for his Honor Flight experience, had to work to keep up with MVI III Charles McMillan.

February Events

February 12, 12:30 PM Wolf School Speakers Bureau
George Washington, First President

February 17, 8:00 AM Washington Park Springfield
President Washington's 286th Birthday

February 17, 9:00 AM Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting
Ozarks Technical College (OTC), Room 108.

February 22, 12:30 PM Wolf School Speakers Bureau
Thomas Jefferson, Declaration of Independence

February 27, 12:30 PM Wolf School Speakers Bureau
James Madison, The Constitution

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