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Greetings from President George Swales

The howling winds and bitter cold of past Januarys have returned to the Ozarks this year. As winter storms spread across the Country, Com-patriot thoughts return to the years of our Ancestors. What was normally a time to wait out winter in camp, instead found Patriots 238 years ago engaged in a battle, whose outcome would raise their winter spirits.

The Battle of Cowpens was fought on January 17, 1781, in the hills north of the town of Cowpens, South Carolina. American forces of approximately 1900 men led by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan opposed British forces of approximately 1150 troops led by Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton. Tarleton, a 26-year old aggressive commander, was known for his brutal treatment of enemy soldiers.

General Morgan's "double envelopment" defenses were unique. According to historian John Buchanan, Morgan may have been "the only General in the American Revolution, on either side, to produce a significant original tactical thought". Tarleton's army with little sleep and exhaustive marching, arrived at the battlefield malnourished and heavily fatigued. Tarleton attacked immediately, but American defenses absorbed the impact, went on the offensive, and dealt the British a stunning defeat.

The Battle lasted less than an hour and was a decisive victory for the Americans. Americans took minimal casualties, while the British suffered 110 dead, over 200 wounded, and hundreds more taken prisoner. Tarleton was one of around 200 British troops to escape. More importantly than winning the battle, victory gave Americans in the South a renewed sense of confidence that they could win the war. Strategically, Tarleton's defeat was significant toward ending the war. When coupled with the British defeat at the Battle of Kings Mountain, it was a serious setback to Cornwallis. He would later meet Nathanael Greene at Guilford Court House winning the battle, but his badly damaged army subsequent-

Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.
The Guest Speaker is Les Mironuck, author of 'Irreconcilable Differences' - Profiles of the Founding Fathers 1750-1776.

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ly withdrew to Yorktown, Virginia. Washington seized the opportunity to trap and defeat Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown. In the opinion of John Marshall, "Seldom has a battle, in which greater numbers were not engaged, been so important in its consequences as Cowpens."

A Look Back at 2018: Ozark Mountain Chapter, SAR, focused on five key initiatives: 1) Writing and Submitting to National, our Patriot Biographies; 2) Mentoring New Members; 3) Visiting and Marking Revolutionary Patriot Graves in our immediate area; 4) Cleaning Gravestones; and 5) Presenting Flag Awards to Increase Recognition of those flying the U.S.A. Flag.

Accomplishing these initiatives was a group effort. Last year, Chapter Members submitted four Patriot Biographies to Ken Lawrence and National. Genealogist, Steve Perkins, developed an OMCSAR Brochure to distribute to New Members, as well as obtained and successfully tested a cleaning solution for gravestones. Ozark Mountain Chapter marked and visited several Patriot Graves in our immediate area. Thanks to the efforts of Howard Fisk and Charles McMillan, the Chapter presented 48 Flag Certificates--a considerable increase in number of such Flag Certificates over prior years.

The Chapter continues to grow and reach new highs. During 2018, OMCSAR membership grew from 82

members to 94 members. The Color Guard participation continues to be outstanding, with appearances at most of OMCSAR events. The Color Guard is the most recognizable group of our Chapter. Color Guard Commander Howard Fisk continues to lead the group.

Dan McMurray, Vice-President General, South Central District, and Howard Fisk, who chairs the Chapter Development Committee, have presented many ground-breaking programs to the WOLF and Summit Schools. Ken Lawrence, as Vice President, provided an interesting, varied array of speakers. Norm Knowlton, Secretary, wrote the Chapter Meeting Minutes for each month, as well as participated in many events. John McAlear has been a great steward of our Chapter money, serving as Treasurer, and will continue to do so next year. Chancellor Gary Bishop continued to support the Eagle Scout and other programs. Historian Gary Gift was integral in establishing our first Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop. Steve Perkins has undertaken and will continue to pursue the outstanding search for our Patriots, serving as Chapter Genealogist. Chaplain Dan Philbricks kind words, and uplifting voice helped soothe the Spirit, while providing inspiration for all of us. Sergeant-At-Arms, Charles McMillan, has been instrumental in the Color Guard and in recognizing organizations flying the American Flag. Tom Sentman, OMCSAR Editor, with untiring effort each month produces the OMCSAR Patriot Newsletter, arguably Best in Missouri and the Nation. All of the above Chapter Compatriots have volunteered hundreds of hours to participate in and achieve OMCSAR programs and events to Honor our Nation, Patriots, and educate each new Generation about America's History. There are other Chapter Members, too many to name, who have helped OMCSAR achieve our voluminous Chapter initiatives. All OMCSAR's note-worthy Accomplishments are truly made by group effort. Any achieved accolades go to the Entire Group of Compassionate Compatriots.

Ozark Mountain Chapter continues to strive to achieve SAR National's Patriotic, Educational, and Historical Mission. 2018 was a busy, very successful year! Thanks to all of you, whose efforts made accomplishing the SAR Mission and OMCSAR initiatives possible. It has been my Honor and Privilege to serve as 2018-2019 OMCSAR President. Please join me in welcoming and supporting our new President, Ken Lawrence, in his 2019-2020 endeavors to move the OMCSAR Chapter forward.

OMCSAR January 19, 2019, Chapter Minutes

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 16, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

The meeting was preceded with a commemoration with our Color Guard of the Battle of Cowpens directed by President George Swales.

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting January 19, 2018

President George Swales called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 19 members and one guest.

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

President George Swales reported that due to the inclement weather, the Youth Program Awards will be postponed until our February OMC meeting. Also, the induction of our newest member Larry Boner was postponed until our OMC February meeting. He then introduced Compatriot Dan McMurray to present the story of the 1812 Society.

South Central District SAR Vice- President and 1812 Society State President Dan McMurray presented the story of the 1812 Society. It is an organization like SAR with National, State, and local Chapters. There are four chapters in Missouri with Major Nathan Boone being our local chapter. It currently has 15 members and OMC SAR Compatriot Willie Walker is its local President. It also participates in many of the same programs as the SAR including grave markings, community projects, and state events.



Dan McMurray,
Vice President
South Central District SAR.

It holds its meetings locally every quarter and has one state meeting each year. It is not as large as its sister SAR organization, but it requires most of the same genealogic background as the SAR. Its members are approved at the State level rather at the National level as is the case with SAR. It is more similar than it is different. If questions or if one is interested in joining the 1812 Society, please contact him.

President - George Swales then went on to thank all those that participated in the History Explorer Program at the Springfield Library this week on "Ben Franklin" with an attendance of 60 persons. It was very well received, and many questions were entertained. The next History Explorer Program will be on April 16th, and the topic will be "Thomas Jefferson's Parlor." He reminded all that we will be participating in the History Day Program on February 15th at Missouri State University and are looking for volunteers to help judge these presentations by Southwest Missouri High School students and their projects. He thanked all of the OMC members for all their participation this year during

his term as its President.

Vice – President-- Ken Lawrence—had no report.

Treasurer—John McAlear—gave an update on our finances. We have \$7428.94 in our checking account and \$9110.08 in our interest-bearing account, with a total of \$16,539.02 in our accounts. He gave an update in our total number of our members. Last year at this time we had 82 members with 1 additional dual member. As of September 2018, we had 95 members. As of January, we have 89 renewed members with three new members, two transfers into our chapter and one dual member—for a total of 94 members. This includes three Junior members. He then made a motion to have the Junior membership dues for our local chapter of OMC to be reduced to Zero from \$15, and that we mail back their already paid dues for 2019 retroactively. The State and National SAR dues would still be the same at \$5 for each. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

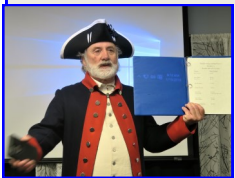
Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—He reported that he is actively working and seeking new applicants to our chapter. He is working on 19 prospects. Three of these have suggested interest in Arial Nims chapter due to proximity. There are three new applications received at National in the past 30 days including James Schad, Ed Gwinn, and George Swales supplemental application. Ben Edmondson's supplemental application has been received at the State.

Editor Report – Tom Sentman-- photos of the new officers will be made immediately after the meeting.

Historian Report – Gary Gift was absent, so there was no report.

Sergeant At Arms Report – Charles McMillan – He stated he had sent into NSSAR our USS Stark Memorial report for our service of our U.S. Veterans in our area. He received a nice reply from Scott Terry Giltner of NSSAR.

He mentioned if any member who wishes to visit with Veterans at the Hospital, or a Nursing Home or even in their own home, or you took a Veteran out to dinner and a ride this would be credited to our chapter for points and he would keep track of those visits. Also if a member helps a Veteran with their genealogy, this would



Charles McMillan also contribute to this endeavor. He also started a Veterans appreciation by visiting Veterans at Republic Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. There are 10 Veterans at this facility which would very much enjoy our visiting. This would brighten up their day.

President—George Swales—presented Certificates of Merit for their participation in the Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop to Compatriots John Allen, John McAlear, Norman Knowlton, and Steve Perkins. Those others receiving their certificates that were

not present include Compatriots Gary Gift, John Charles and Gary Bishop. He then presented Awards to the following Compatriots: Dan McMurray-Distinguished Service Medal, John McAlear-Meritorious Service Award Medal, Steve Perkins-Oak Leaf Cluster, Dan Philbrick-Meritorious Service Award Medal, Charles McMillan-Roger Sherman Award Medal, J. Howard Fisk-Bronze Citizenship Award Medal, Norman Knowlton-Meritorious Service Award Medal, Tom Sentman-Roger Sherman Award Medal Oak Leaf Cluster, Ken Lawrence- Roger Sherman Award Medal, Gerald McCoy-Liberty Medal, and Margaret Swales-Bronze Missouri Medal.

Election of Officers- Compatriot J. Howard Fisk as part of the nominating committee consisting of himself, Phil Reinbold, and Dan Philbrick nominated the slate of officers for the year 2019 as presented last month at our membership meeting in December. He asked for additional nominations from the floor three times. Seeing none, he moved and was seconded the following list of officers: President- Ken Lawrence, Vice President-Gary Gift Secretary -Norman Knowlton, Treasurer-John McAlear, Genealogist-Steve Perkins, Historian-Curtis Trent, Patriot Editor-Tom Sentman, Chaplain-Dan Philbrick, and Sergeant-At-Arms-Charles McMillan. The vote was unanimous in favor of this slate. He then went on to swear in the new officers as a group and then swore in the new President Ken Lawrence as the 2019-2020 President of the Ozark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Past President George Swales then presented newly elected President Ken Lawrence with his Medal and Ribbon signifying his position and the OMC gavel. President Ken Lawrence then, in turn, presented Past President George Swales with his Past President pin and a Roger Sherman Award Medal. He then went on to thank all the members and officers who helped make last year so great including the work that Steve Perkins did in genealogy and creating the new membership guide. He does not want to change the events that were done this past year and wants to include those into the already full calendar this year. We will not only duplicate this past year but continue to add in all of these events. He wants to try to start a new Mentoring of our new members to guide them in our organization. This may nudge these new members to become more involved in our activities. Compatriots George Swales and Mel McNeal will serve to expedite and assist new members in getting them to our meetings and events. We need new blood and new ideas. This will be his major goal for the year. He grew up with his parents telling him “don’t join an organization unless you participate in it.” This is good advice, then and now, to get more people involved this year with what we do. Also to become involved with our Color Guard.

Committee Report

Other Committee Reports—None; Old Business—None; New Business —None.

A motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Compatriot John McAlear led the Recessional.; Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 9:55 A.M.



Sergeant's Corner

January 2019

Welcome to Sergeant's Corner. As a way of introduction, I am MSgt. Charles G. McMillan, (retired USAF).

I refueled airplanes on Guam during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1972. Then I was in Accounting and Finance at other locations around the world until retirement in 1992.

Veteran's Visitation

I have a place in my heart for all veterans and their families. I know firsthand what it is like to be in a situation without family. I spent 13 months in Korea alone.

There are other veterans I have met that are still experiencing being alone. I went to the Republic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Republic, Mo to visit a friend and while I was there, the idea came to me to start a program where we members of the OMCSAR could sit down and visit with these veterans in the Nursing Center.

I talked with the Center administration, and they welcomed the idea and provided a list of 10 veterans that we could visit.

Since starting this program, I have visited seven veterans and everyone without exception invited me back anytime. They hunger for contact with someone outside of the Center.

One member I visited was in the Army in Germany 1980-1984 and he was a truck driver. He stayed in Berlin for a while and married a German girl and they had children. Unfortunately, he came back to the States by himself and his family stayed there.

He suffered a stroke and sits in a darkened room with his bed and a curtain to separate him from a roommate. He plays video games. I talked with him and it is difficult to communicate, but if you listen and ask him to repeat you can understand him. He had a great sense of humor and said I could come back anytime to visit.

He has NO family and only sees the people that work in the Center.

We as OMC/SAR members can make a difference. I encourage anyone that wants to be part of that difference to contact me and I will go along on a visit with you and you can see if this Veterans visitation plan can be an area for you to serve.

Charles McMillan, Sergeant-At-Arms

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Meet Our Chapter Officers 2019-2020

President---Kenneth Lawrence
Vice- President---Gary Gift
Secretary----Norman Knowlton, III
Chancellor— Gary Bishop
Treasurer---John McAlear
Genealogist---Steve Perkins
Historian---Curtis Trent
Patriot Editor---Tom Sentman
Chaplain---Dan Philbrick
Sergeant-At-Arms---Charles McMillan

OMC Color Guard

J. Howard Fisk	Dan Piedlow
Ken Lawrence	Steven Perkins
Charles McMillan	Dan McMurray



Happy February Birthdays

Gary Bishop	Feb 20
Kirstin Cindrich	Feb 15
Charles Craft	Feb 21
Matthew Craft	Feb 4
J. Howard Fisk	Feb 27
Randall Thomas	Feb 15
Michael Williamson	Feb 5



**For events, activities, and
monthly Patriot Newsletters
visit our OMC Website.**

Photos

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Chapter Meeting Events January 19, 2019

Awards Presented to OMC Members for Service in 2018



Dan McMurray, Distinguished Service Medal.



Norman Knowlton, Award of Merit for Staff Support —Merit Badge Workshop.



John Allen, Award of Merit for Staff Support —Merit Badge Workshop.



Steven Perkins, Award of Merit for Staff Support —Merit Badge Workshop.



John McAlear, Award of Merit for Staff Support —Merit Badge Workshop.



J. Howard Fisk, Bronze Citizenship Medal.



Tom Sentman, Roger Sherman Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster.



Norman Knowlton, Meritorious Service Award.



Center: Steven Perkins, Meritorious Service Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster.



Charles McMillan, Roger Sherman Medal.



Ken Lawrence, Roger Sherman Medal.



John McAlear, Meritorious Service Medal.



Dan Philbrick, Meritorious Service Medal.



Gerald McCoy, Liberty Medal.



Dan McMurray, Distinguished Service Medal.

Chapter Meeting Events January 19, 2019

Swearing In Ceremony OMC



Swearing in Ceremony

J. Howard Fisk (L) administers the SAR Oath to Ken Lawrence, new OMC President while George Swales looks on.



**SAR Official Member
Badge and the official's
neck ribbon.**

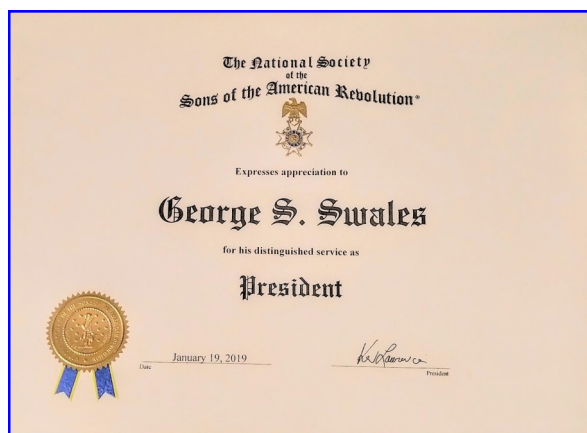


Passing the Gavel to new President Lawrence.



Past President Pin

President Kenneth Lawrence presents the Certificate and Past President Pin to George Swales for his service as Chapter President for 2018-2019.



President Kenneth Lawrence addresses OMC members and guests while Past President George Swales (L) and Color Guard Commander J. Howard Fisk look on.

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History Explorers Presents: Benjamin Franklin

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Scientist, inventor, diplomat and statesman Benjamin Franklin came from modest means to become one of our nation's Founding Fathers. Learn about the man who helped draft the Declaration of Independence and negotiated the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War, and discover his role at the convention that produced the U.S. Constitution. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.

History Explorers Program

Benjamin Franklin

January 15, 2019



J. Howard Fisk opened and closed the presentation with comments on this great American.

Norman Knowlton provided in-depth information on Benjamin Franklin's early years.



George Swales discussed Franklin's career as a printer, publisher, and businessman in the colonies.

Happenings @ the Library

- Members of the Willard High School History Club participated in the Benjamin Franklin program Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Library Center. The program, hosted by History Explorers, covered all facets of Franklin's life and careers with presenters Dr.



George Swales, J. Howard Fisk, Dr. Norman Knowlton and Tom Sentman.



Willard High School History Club presented "Poor Richards Almanack."

From Left: Bethany Burke, Heaven Woodrow, Kale Harris, Jackie Pence, Mikayla Westberg, Tyler Simpson, Savanna Jones, Brooke Williamson, Ethan Gambriel, and Jayce Burney.



Tom Sentman discussed Franklin's inventions as well as his contributions to science, diplomacy, and statesmanship.

Photos by Margaret Swales

Chapter Events

Ozark Mountain Chapter Officer Installation January 19, 2019

Meet OMC Officers 2019-2020



L-R: Outgoing President George Swales, incoming President Kenneth Lawrence, Secretary Norman Knowlton, Treasurer John McAlear, Chaplain Dan Philbrick, Genealogist Steven Perkins, Editor Tom Sentman, and Charles McMillan, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Vice President Gary Gift and Chancellor Gary Bishop were unable to attend. Historian Curtis Trent was present.



Curtis Trent



President George Swales 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 Missouri SAR Quarterly Meeting In Columbia, MO. January 26, 2019



OMC members who hold Missouri SAR Positions

From Left:

Charles McMillan, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Tom Sentman, Americanism Chapter and State Award Chairman; Yohe Chapter Yearbook Award Chairman.

Dan Philbrick, Chaplain.

George Swales, New Chapters Chairman; Second Vice President; Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Award Chairman; Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Award Chairman; Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest Award Chairman.

Kenneth Lawrence, Medals and Awards Chairman; General John J. Pershing Fund Chairman; ROTC/JROTC Awards Chairman.

J. Howard Fisk, Membership, Recruiting, and Retention Chairman; First Vice President, Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Chairman.

Norman Knowlton, Surgeon.

Upcoming Events



Chapter Development Committee Meeting February 11 6:30 pm

1435 E Independence St #110, Springfield, MO 65804



History Day Program on Friday, February 15 at Missouri State University 8:00 am.

Southwest Missouri High School Students—History Projects

OMC members will participate as judges.



Washington Birthday Ceremony Saturday, February 16, 8am – 9 am.

Washington Park, 1600 N Summit Ave, Springfield, MO 65803



OMC Chapter Meeting Saturday, February 16 9:00 am at OTC Room 108.

1001 E Chestnut Expy, Springfield, MO 65802



SAR National Leadership Meeting Thursday, February 28 at Louisville, KY.

6:30am – 10:30pm