



# The PATRIOT

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## Greetings from President Kenneth Lawrence

As I close out my term as your President, I want to take this opportunity to statistically wrap up our year and offer a "thank-you" to those that served me so well this past year.

As a chapter, our members should be very proud of our success and achievements that we attained in 2019.

We added four new members to our ranks and two members provided supplementals for two additional patriot ancestors.

Our Chapter ended the year with 90 active members. We had six individuals who did not renew their membership and we sadly lost two members who departed this life.

We will continue to actively seek and enlist new members for 2020.

Our year-end treasury report is sound with a positive balance sheet and a solvent cash flow to finance our ongoing missions.

Our chapter and our *OMC Color Guard* were very active, participating in over 95 public events.

The National SAR outlines three chapter missions and goals that we continually strive for as we move forward. The Ozark Mountain Chapter works diligently to expand our educational outreach to both public school students and adults with our *History Explorers* series, *Wolf School* education, and the *MSU History Day* event. These are in conjunction with the SAR mission to provide public **Education Goals**. The Ozark Mountain Chapter presented nine *Public Service* awards as well as maintaining a robust relationship with the *Boy Scouts* and with our *ROTC/JROTC* school partners under the SAR mission of **Patriotic Goals**. The Ozark Mountain Chapter will con-

## Next Chapter Meeting

Next Meeting: February 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

Two Branson High School Air Force JROTC cadets will be the guest speakers. They will be accompanied by JROTC cadets following the Washington Birthday event at Washington Park in Springfield at 9:00 a.m.

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tinue commemorating our patriots and compatriots service to our nation as our chapter held four grave *Wreath Laying Ceremonies*, thus satisfying our third mission of **Historical Goals**.

We should all be very proud of these accomplishments.

For the following compatriots, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for their service to our organization.

**Vice-President Gary Gift** presided over another successful Scouting 'Merit Badge Workshop'. He delivered 28 merit badges to 16 scouts while playing a vital role as our Vice-President lining up educational speakers for our chapter meetings and providing counsel to me. Thank you, and I look forward to assisting you and your Presidency as you have with me this past year.

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**Treasurer John McAlear** oversaw our fiscal health, handling the financial duties of our chapter in all capacities. He also served as the chapter registrar, managing all membership changes. John has left our chapter finances in good stead moving forward into next year.

This is a tremendous job and he handled it with skill and professionalism.

John has decided to retire from his duties as treasurer, and we wish him well and thank him very much for his service.

**Auditor George Swales** took on the role of overseeing our financial records. This very important position ensures that our chapter's finances are being properly maintained and cared for. Kudos George!

**Secretary Norm Knowlton** has recorded our minutes for the last two years and will continue in that capacity this coming year. Norm is a very active participant and an integral part of our success as a chapter, and we appreciate his dedication and skill.

Norm, thanks for all you do for the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

**Genealogist Steve Perkins's** position is integral to the survival of our chapter. Without his skill in researching our ancestral lines and bringing new members into our ranks, our chapter would wither away. Steve, thank you for your service as our chapter genealogist and your reliable participation at our events.

**Editor Tom Sentman** for your excellent expertise in recording and publishing our chapter events in *The Patriot* newsletter. You have made our newsletter the envy of every chapter in the country. Tom has decided to step down from his position as editor. **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** will take on the editor's position beginning in February. Thank-you Dan for possessing the skill-set to maintain and expand the quality of our newsletter that we have come to expect.

Tom, the Ozark Mountain Chapter is grateful beyond words for your many contributions to the Ozark Mountain Chapter and for setting the bar on how a newsletter should be published. Thank you very much for all you have done for the Ozark Mountain Chapter!

**Margaret Swales** attended almost every event with her camera and recorded our chapter's history in photos for *The Patriot* newsletter. Thank you so much!

**Historian Curtis Trent's** responsibility is to gather and compile all documents regarding the Ozark Mountain Chapter's participation during the year and assemble

those archives into a concise record of activities. As a past Historian, I know what a big job it is and I want Curtis to know how much we appreciate his stepping up to take on this challenge.

**Sgt. At Arms Charles McMillan** set up and organized our meeting room each month with interesting military artifacts and memorabilia. This little touch adds an ambience of remembrance and appreciation of our past. Your color guard participation as our drummer is very much appreciated by those of us who have had no military training in keeping us in step. Finally, a big thanks to Charles for coordinating our ROTC/JROTC awards presentations. This is an essential program of which the Ozark Mountain Chapter can be proud of its participation.

**Chaplain Dan Philbrick** provided the divine words of inspiration to begin and end each meeting or event. You truly have a natural gift and voice that carries a spiritual message.

**Chancellor Gary Bishop**, as our resident attorney, is always there to help us navigate any legal challenges. We also appreciate your fine work in chairing our Boy Scout committee. Each year Gary produces an Eagle Scout candidate for our chapter. This nominee will go on to compete at the state and national levels. For this, we are grateful for your service and commitment to The Ozark Mountain Chapter.

**Chapter Development Chairman J. Howard Fisk** tirelessly works to put programs together each month to make the Ozark Mountain Chapter one of the best chapters in the nation. Howard has worked hard developing many new programs for the Ozark Mountain Chapter that other chapters across the nation are emulating. From his extensive contacts, Howard has garnered personal and professional resources both locally and throughout the State which he has used to help our chapter implement our programs. We are fortunate to have a man with such vision and skill as a member of our chapter.

For those members who have participated at any Ozark Mountain Chapter event or attended our monthly meetings, thank you as well!

It has truly been my honor and privilege to have served as your President this past year. I would ask you to give our new President Gary Gift the same level of support as the Ozark Mountain chapter continues to march forward in 2020.

Please join me in welcoming our new OMC President, Gary Gift and his officers for 2020.

## General Anthony Wayne

**General Anthony Wayne** knew the Philadelphia area well. His grandfather, a British Officer of distinction, purchased a large land grant in the farmlands west of the largest city in the Colonies. Anthony was born in the ancestral home, Waynesborough, in 1745. It is just three miles east of the Paoli Massacre site.

Wayne had many similarities to his commander-in-chief, George Washington. Both were large men. Both were from wealthy families but not educated at a college. Both preferred more active lives and became proficient surveyors. Both were keen students of military skills. Both were known for their personal bravery and strong sense of discipline. Both were extremely loyal to their subordinates and soldiers. Both cared far more for the ideals of liberty and civilian control than for personal gain or glory. Both had fiery tempers, although the older Washington had learned more composure. And both would rather attack the enemy than avoid them.

Wayne commanded the Pennsylvania Continental line, or military forces assigned to Washington. He commanded Fort Mifflin during the harsh winter after the failed Canadian campaign. His valor, astute leadership and the respect of many of the founding fathers caused him to rise rapidly to a brigadier general (one star) rank by 1777. However, throughout the rest of the war, Wayne stayed at that rank while commanding a force of men that called for at least a major general (2 star). Wayne used his connections to ensure the proper recognition of his officers and troops. Many of his letters to the Pennsylvania state assembly was for pay and supplies, which he rarely got. The early state structure consistently short-changed its citizen-soldiers.

The British surprise attack at Paoli was a dark moment for Wayne. He was accused by some of his officers of poorly handling the matter. Wayne's temper took hold and he demanded first an official inquiry and then a full Court Martial. The Court Martial unanimously exonerated his actions and Wayne still had the trust and support of George Washington.

Washington relied heavily on Wayne throughout the war. Before making strategic decisions, it was Washington's habit to have his top generals write out their suggestions. He could always count on Wayne to propose aggressive and well-organized plans. Wayne, like Washington, led from the front. His aggressive leadership was demonstrated at Brandywine, where his troops were opposite what Washington thought was the main British front. Later, at Monmouth, Wayne's rallying and counter-charge was pivotal in Washington's first major victory.

A year later, Washington and Wayne devised a daring raid that captured the supposedly impregnable British stronghold at Stony Point, NY. Washington had asked Wayne to form and command an elite "American Light Corps", the equivalent of today's Special Forces. Wayne used all his painfully learned lessons from Paoli, Germantown and Monmouth. Wayne led his

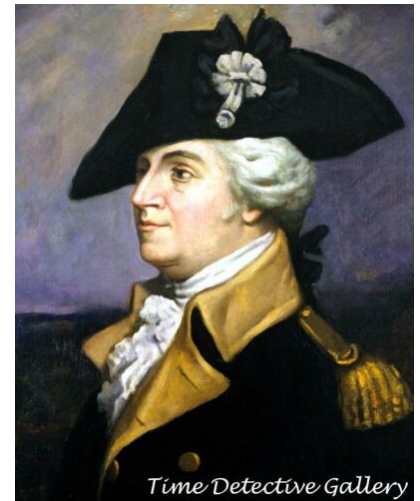
troops in a nighttime, surprise attack starting with a silent, bayonets only, assault. Wayne's attack was much more audacious since Stony Point was a heavily fortified stronghold on the top of steep Hudson River palisades, protected by artillery in the fort and across the Hudson. Despite the many physical obstacles, Wayne's assault was successful and in just a few hours had captured the fort and its occupants. It was widely recognized as one of the most brilliant maneuvers of the Revolutionary War.

Just before the battle of Yorktown, Wayne saved Lafayette from a trap set by Cornwallis near Williamsburg; Wayne's small contingent of 800 Pennsylvanians was the vanguard of the Continental forces. After passing over a swamp by a narrow causeway he was ambushed by over 4,000 British. Instead of retreating Wayne charged. This unexpected maneuver so surprised the enemy that they fell back confused, allowing the rest of Lafayette's command to avoid the trap.

After Yorktown, Wayne and his men conducted successful campaigns to dislodge large English and hostile Indian forces in Georgia and South Carolina. He remained in the South until the war officially ended with the treaty of Paris in 1783. Throughout the war, because of the way Congress set up promotions, Anthony Wayne had the duties and responsibilities of a major general but not the rank. Finally, he was awarded the rank of Brevet-Major General as the war closed.

When George Washington became our first president, his high regard for Wayne's military skills and judgment was demonstrated. In 1792, Washington appointed Wayne as the commander-in-chief of the American armies. Indian wars in the Northwest Territory had decimated frontier settlements and defeated two military campaigns. Wayne had to recruit, train and lead a new army to restore order and defeat the Indian confederacy that was secretly supported by the British Empire. In three years, Wayne had created a disciplined army, defeated the Indians at Fallen Timber, and negotiated a treaty that gained all the lands from the Ohio River to the Mississippi for the United States.

In 1796, Wayne visited an outpost on great lakes, Presqu'Isle, later to be Erie, PA. Wayne had suffered through the past years with a serious case of gout and he had a severe attack at the fort. He succumbed to complications from the disease and was initially buried at the fort. Later his son had his remains moved to St. David's church in Radnor.



**Minutes of the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting****Saturday, January 18, 2020.****By Norman Knowlton, Secretary**

**President Ken Lawrence** called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 26 members and 8 guests. He introduced guests, including the family of Christopher Anderson, who is our OMC Boy Scout Award. Also, new prospective member, Ron McBride, introduced himself.

**Chaplain Dan Philbrick** delivered the Invocation. Compatriot Norman Knowlton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ken Lawrence asked Compatriot Gary Bishop to present the OMC Boy Scout Award. This award is given for their character besides their merit badges. This year's recipient is Christopher Anderson from Joplin, Missouri. He is a member of Troop 77, located at College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, Missouri. He not only achieved 56 merit badges, but also participated in our chapters' Merit Badge Workshop, where he completed the American Heritage, Law, and Genealogy merit badges. These three merit badges are required badges for the National BSA Award. This award can be worn on the Boy Scout Uniform alongside the God and Country Badge. He was presented his award with his family present. He was also presented a check for \$250.

Compatriot George Swales—introduced the guest speaker of the day Dr. George Connor, Professor and Department Head of Political Science at Missouri State University.

Dr. Conner began by stating this is his third time to speak to the OMC, the first time being in 1992. Today, the topic is "Un-Locke-ing the American Experience." Thomas Jefferson was influenced by John Locke in writing the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

He drilled down to four principles of the Declaration of Independence.

The first Principle



is Popular Sovereignty. This is the peoples' right to rule. The right of one people to dissolve the right to band together. It is the right of the people to establish or dissolve the government. The right as a whole and not as an individual.

The second Principle is of Representation, not only from England but also their own representation in the colonies.

The third Principle is Political Equality. Not all men are created equal, but at that time, all Full Citizens were felt to be created equal. At that time "equal" did not include slaves, indentured servants, whites without property, and women.

The fourth Principle is the Government of Laws. As examples of this, rather than the government of the people. Changes in the rules are the usual, but looking for stability and permanence of the laws was the goal.

These Principles come from John Locke's 2nd Treatise on Government-Chapter 19, The Dissolution of Government, includes all four of these Principles. In the Declaration of Independence these principles are written verbatim by Thomas Jefferson.

Dr. Conner asked "Where did this all begin"? It started at the Mayflower Compact in 1620, where they established popular sovereignty "We the People" and "Just and Equal Laws" as popular equality. At that time, however, the laws did not include anyone who was not a full citizen.

The government of Portsmouth of 1639 was the first time the decision of majority rules were introduced and also used the principle of political equality. This only works if everyone's vote is equal.

In 1639 the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut from the Constitution State was considered the first constitution. This is where towns or cities could come together to have single representation.

It also introduced the concept of Federalism, where there was a separate power over an entire unit. Also, to be a freeman in Connecticut, one did not have to belong to a church or religious organization—thus introducing the concept of church versus state.

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In 1641, the Massachusetts Bodies of Liberties introduced the first ideas of the Bill of Rights that limited the government and promoted the rights of full citizens.

John Locke was born in 1632. At the age of 7, he influenced the writings of the Government of Portsmouth and the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut. At the age of 9, he influenced the writings of the Massachusetts Bodies of Liberties. The Principles that are contained in the Declaration of Independence were present before John Locke. The Declaration of Independence enshrined those four Principles that were already in place from 1620. We have developed and changed, refined, and expanded these principles since that time. Thus, we did not get these ideas from John Locke, but these ideas came from much earlier. We stole the words and language from John Locke, who wrote and refined these principles in his own writings.

Dr. Connor answered questions from the floor. He was then presented a Certificate of Appreciation from President Ken Lawrence.



President Lawrence then presented Compatriot John Charles with his Supplemental Membership in The Sons of the American Revolution.



His Patriot was William Cooley, who was Charles's 5th Great Grandfather on his maternal Grandmothers side of his family. He was born March 17th, 1736 in Windsor, Connecticut. He died on April 14th, 1825 in Granville, Massachusetts, where he is also buried.

John gave a brief presentation of his history and a copy will be sent to our editor Compatriot Dan Piedlow for our permanent records.

**Vice-President Report—Gary Gift**—The next History Explorers presentation is scheduled for February 12. The topic is the Lewis and Clark Exposition. It will be presented by John Rutherford at the Library Center at 7:00 PM.

For future planning, we will again be hosting the American Heritage Merit Badge Workshop at OTC on Saturday, November 7.

Next month, February 15, our monthly meeting will

start at 10:00AM. We will be hosting the Washington Birthday event at Washington Park in Springfield at 9:00 AM with participation by the Branson High School JROTC cadets in revolutionary uniforms. The program for our chapter meeting will be presented by these JROTC program cadets.

We will also be distributing the next in the series of BroadSides from State President James Osbourn on the Battle of Golden Hill at the February events. This is in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independents.

**Treasurer Report—John McAlear**—The total funds consist of \$12,607.42 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,241.16 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$21,848.58.

This year- end membership dues report shows:

January 1, 2019 Beginning membership: 96  
(plus one dual member)

December 31, 2019 Year-end membership: 90  
(two are junior members)

Members not renewing membership: 6

The report was accepted and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by the Chapter Development Committee Chairman concerning the adjustment in reporting patriotic projects. In our reporting of these projects that are not fully funded, these categories be zeroed out with monies from our general fund. Future donations are to be directed to areas of need. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Audit Report—George Swales**—He reported that the Treasurers' report is accurate and thanked John McAlear for the great job that he has performed over the past several years

**Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton**—A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2019 minutes as distributed in the December newsletter was made, seconded, and passed.

**Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins**—We now have 25 active accounts as prospective candidates for membership. One supplemental application has recently been sent to the State SAR this week and should be approved soon. Great news for Don

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Higgerson that his application has now been accepted and he will be inducted as soon as the papers come back to us. He is still actively pursuing these other candidates.

**Editor Report—Tom Sentman**—He reported this will be his last Patriot Newsletter and he thanked all who helped him in this position. He thanked Margaret Swales for her photography. He produced 46 issues of the Patriot Newsletter from January 2016 through January 2020. Dan Piedlow will be the next Editor.

**Historian Report—Curtis Trent**—He asked for any pictures, programs or information on any projects from this past year be sent to him to report the events in this years' yearbook.

He mentioned 'Reviewing Capital and Legislative Report' which, included education, workforce, infrastructure, transportation, and tort reform. Additionally, he mentioned bills that include the Hyperloop and he discussed the plans on how it might help our state. *Editor Note: The Missouri Hyperloop is a proposed high-speed transportation route in the U.S. and across the state of Missouri.*

**Sergeant-At-Arms Report—Charles McMillan**—He reported we will be presenting 2020 ROTC and JROTC Awards and asked for volunteers to present and assist at these events.

He also asked for volunteers to participate in the documentation of Patriot Records by utilizing our home computers to help enter histories of our patriots into the National Records.



He finished his report by playing the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' on his harmonica for President Ken Lawrence.

### **Chapter Development Committee Report - J. Howard Fisk-**

The Wolf School program is January 24 at Bass Pro. Saturday, January 25, we will be attending the MOSSAR quarterly meeting in Jefferson City at the City Jail.

John Rutherford will be presenting the Lewis and Clark Exposition at our next History Explorers program at The Library Center Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 P.M. This is the 16th quarterly event. Gary

Gift stated that these events qualify for awards for the 250th Anniversary. He is responsible for issuing letters to those recipients receiving the Gold Medal Award. So far 22 persons nationally have received this gold medal and 13 have come from our chapter.

Howard again encouraged all to attend the George Washington celebration at Washington Park on Saturday, February 15.

He suggested all attend our State MOSSAR annual meeting in Columbia, Missouri April 24 and 25.

He again thanked Editor Tom Sentman for his excellent work the past four years and his gold standard for all newsletters across the country. He also thanked John McAlear for his time and his continued commitment as our treasurer but also for serving as our President .

**Society Media Report—Dan Piedlow**--- He introduced his son who is now actively involved with getting our website off the ground and introducing us to the social media. He has introduced our chapter to Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook and already has had over 830 hits.

**Committee Report:** No additional reports

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

President Ken Lawrence presented awards to those who helped and participated with the OMC this year.

**SAR Distinguished Service Certificates** were presented to: Dan McMurray, Gerald McCoy, Gary Bishop, David Appleby, Curtis Trent, and Will Carr (absent).

Margaret Swales was presented the **Good Citizen Pin** for her great photography this past year. She was pinned by her husband Compatriot George Swales.

**SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medals** were presented to John McAlear and DanPhilbrick.

**SAR Meritorious Service Medals** were presented to Charles McMillan. Gary Gift, and Steven Perkins (Oak Leaf Cluster).

**Missouri State Society Bronze Medals** were

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presented to George Swales and Dan Piedlow.

The **Bronze Good Citizen Medal** was presented to Norman Knowlton.

The **Bronze Children of the American Revolution (CAR) Medal of Appreciation** was presented to J. Howard Fisk.

A **Liberty Bell** Replica was presented to Tom Sentman for his outstanding work as Editor of the Patriot Newsletter. Gary Bishop, David Appleby, Mel McNeal, Dan McMurray, John McAlear, Phil Reinbold, Dan Philbrick, and J. Howard Fisk, OMC Past Presidents, were present and congratulated Tom for his excellent service.



President Ken Lawrence next introduced Compatriot George Swales of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers for the year 2020:

**President - Gary Gift**  
**Vice President - Curtis Trent**  
**Treasurer - John Charles**  
**Secretary - Norman Knowlton**  
**Genealogist - Steve Perkins**  
**Historian - Ben Edmondson**  
**Chancellor - Gary Bishop**  
**Editor - Dan Piedlow**  
**Chaplain - Dan Philbrick**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms - Charles McMillan**

As stipulated in the By-Laws, nominations from the floor were called for three times; seeing none; a motion to accept the slate of officers as nominated was moved, seconded, and passed.

Compatriot and Past President General David Appleby swore in the slate of officers, followed by swearing in new OMC President – Gary Gift.

New President Gary Gift was presented the OMC gavel and his President's Medal by Ken Lawrence.

President Gary Gift's first order of business was to present Past President Ken Lawrence the Past President Certificate and pin. Ken was also presented the SAR Distinguished Service Medal.

He then thanked all who helped this past year and wanted all to continue to help this year. "If not us, Who??" He plans to continue his 12 Scouting Laws as provided by the Boy Scouts of America and to do his best.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional; Compatriot Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

## Happy Birthday February 2020



William Craft	February 4
Michael Williamson	February 5
Kristan Cindrich	February 15
Randy Thomas	February 15
Gary Bishop	February 20
Charles Craft	February 21
J. Howard Fisk	February 27

### Photos

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*Margaret Swales, Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan, J. Howard Fisk, and Tom Sentman.*

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As I depart the position of OMC Editor of **The PATRIOT** newsletter, I want to thank the presidents I served under, past chapter presidents, and all the compatriots that offered invaluable thoughts, comments, and ideas for the newsletter.

I especially want to thank Margaret Swales for her tireless energy to provide outstanding images of OMC events and activities. A special thanks also to George Swales for providing the image files and text that made the monthly newsletter a reality.

I want to thank the compatriots who provided valuable insight to the workings of chapter, state, and national organizations. Additionally, my huge thanks to Dan Philbrick for giving me the opportunity to be the editor, and to President Kenneth Lawrence for his leadership in making the OMC move forward.

Lastly, my thanks to Howard Fisk for his forward momentum in developing and implementing the many programs that support the SAR mission and goals.

Thank you. I wish Dan Piedlow all the best as OMC Editor.

## Sergeant's Corner

By Charles McMillan



***"The time is always right to do what is right."***

--- Martin Luther King Jr.

We remember Dr. King Jr. as lover of human rights for everyone, a champion of people against discrimination.

We need to adopt those principles for our lives don't you think? After all our Patriots fought many, many battles; lost many lives; saved many lives doing the right thing.

I continue to input Patriot Biographies into the National Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Patriot Records System. I have read over 1,000 accounts of where the Patriots served to gain Independence. [Battle Hymn Of The Republic](#)

### **Eagle Scout Christopher Anderson Selected as OMCSAR Scout Winner**

The Ozark Mountain Chapter selected Eagle Scout Christopher Anderson as the OMC 2019 Winner. Eagle Scout Anderson is a member of Troop 77, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, Missouri. He achieved 56 merit badges.

The OMC presented Eagle Scout Anderson a Missouri Society Certificate of Recognition and check for \$250.



**Left:** Compatriot Gary Bishop, Eagle Scout Christopher Anderson, and President Kenneth Lawrence.

## Chapter Meeting Events January 18, 2020

### Awards Presented to OMC Members for Service in 2019

#### SAR Distinguished Service Certificates



**Left:** President Ken Lawrence, Past President General David Appleby, Curtis Trent, Dan McMurray, and Gary Bishop.

#### Missouri State Society Bronze Service Medal



**Left:** Dan Piedlow, George Swales, and President Ken Lawrence.

#### Good Citizen Pin



**Left:** Margaret Swales, President Ken Lawrence.

#### Bronze Good Citizen Medal



**Left:** Norman Knowlton and President Ken Lawrence.

#### SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medals



**Left:** President Ken Lawrence, John McAlear and Dan Philbrick.

#### Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation



**Left:** J. Howard Fisk and President Ken Lawrence.

#### SAR Meritorious Service Medals



**Left:** Steven Perkins, (Oak Leaf Cluster), Charles McMillan, Gary Gift, and President Ken Lawrence.

#### Liberty Bell Memento and Past Presidents Gathering



**Left:** Gary Bishop, David Appleby, Mel McNeal, Dan McMurray, John McAlear, Tom Sentman, Phil Reinbold, Dan Philbrick, J. Howard Fisk, George Swales, and Ken Lawrence

## Chapter Events

### Ozark Mountain Chapter Officer Installation 2019



#### Meet OMC Officers 2019-2020

**L-R:** Norman Knowlton, Secretary; Charles McMillan, Sergeant-At-Arms; Dan Piedlow, Editor; Gary Gift, President; David Appleby, SAR Past President General; Gary Bishop, Chancellor; Dan Philbrick, Chaplain; Curtis Trent, Vice President; Steven Perkins, Genealogist; John Charles, Treasurer; and Ben Edmondson, Historian.



Out-going President Ken Lawrence (left) presents new President Gary Gift a SAR member badge with neck ribbon and a Chapter President Certificate.



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



President Gift presented the Past Presidents Pin to President Kenneth Lawrence for his service 2019-2020.

## Our Revolutionary War Patriots



Tom Sentman

### Corporal William Denison

**Connecticut 3rd Regiment. Line member of Light Infantry detached 1781 to serve under General Marquis de Lafayette. Served at the Battle of Yorktown which ended with surrender of British forces under General Cornwallis Oct 19, 1781. Ancestor of Harold T. Sentman, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution.**

#### William Denison

**April 8, 1756—July 21, 1820**

William Denison was the compatriot cited for my membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was born April 8, 1756 at Stonington (New London County) Connecticut and died Jul. 21, 1820 at Muskingum County, Ohio. His parents were George Denison (1725 - 1808) and Jane Smith Denison (1731 - 1829) who were descended from the Dennison family who immigrated to America from England in 1631.

William Denison married Anna Slack on April 9, 1780 by Rev. Nathaniel Eells at the First Congregational Church in Stonington, Connecticut. Eight children were born between the years 1781 and 1797. He served in the revolutionary war and enlisted September 29, 1777; Appointed corporal January 1781, 3rd Regiment Connecticut. Member of Light Infantry detached 1781 to serve under Lafayette. He was present at the storming of the redoubt at Yorktown.

He settled in Salem Township, Muskingum County in 1810 on a war land grant. The

Muskingum County History states: "The first actual settler in this township, William Denison, came from Massachusetts, and located on the northeast quarter of section fifteen, in 1810. His son, William S. Denison, who later occupied the property, and claims that his father was the first actual settler in the present Salem Township.

Gurdon Denison, one of the eight children born to William and Jane Denison as noted above, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio in 1781 and died there in 1845.

Gurdon was a Commissary officer in the War of 1812, which began about two years after he located in the township. His four sons settled in Iowa.

One of his sons was Joseph B. Denison, my great, great, great grandfather.

#### Grave of William Denison.

**Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.**



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# Office of the Chaplaincy US Senate Building Washington, D.C.

By Chaplain Dan Philbrick

## Congressional Prayer Room

Near the Rotunda of the Capitol there is a room set apart for prayer. Its only purpose is to provide a quiet place where individual Representatives and Senators may withdraw to seek Divine strength and guidance, both in public affairs and in their own personal lives.

The prayer room was established by the passage in the House and Senate of House Concurrent Resolution 60 in 1954. Then Speaker of the House, Joseph W. Martin, Jr. offered space on the House side of the Capitol and the room opened for use in 1955.

In the design and decoration of the room, it was important that no part of the furnishings and no symbol used would give offense to members of any church. At the same time they wished to incorporate in the fabric and decoration of the room the basic unity of belief in God and His Providence that has characterized our history. The accent is on simplicity. An interfaith advisory committee, comprised of the House/Senate chaplains and a Catholic and Jewish representative, approved what was put in the room.

The room's inspirational lift comes from the stained glass window with George Washington kneeling in prayer as the focal point. Surrounding him are the words from Psalm 16:1, "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust." Above him are the words from Lincoln's Gettysburg address: "This Nation Under God."

Also incorporated into the window are the two sides from the Great Seal of the United States. The pyramid and eye contain the Latin phrases *Annuet Coeptus* (God has favored our undertakings) and *Novus Ordo Seclorum* (A new order of the ages is born). The Eagle, with the phrase *E Pluribus Unum* (from many, one). (In religion, it signifies America's faith in tolerance and mutual respect. In statecraft it signifies one nation out of thirteen colonies.)

The names of the thirteen original states are contained in the central portion of the window. The remaining states are listed in chronological order around the outside pane, starting in the lower left corner. The two lower panels of the window show the Holy Scriptures and a candle, signifying the light from God's law.

A Bible, usually opened to Psalm 23, sits on the altar underneath the window. Two prayer benches, six chairs, plants, two candles and an American flag complete the furnishings in the room.

The stained glass window was donated by craftsmen from California. It is dedicated "to those who have in the past sought God's guidance and to those who presently determine the destiny

of this Nation by the inspiration of their decisions." Illuminated from behind, the window provides an appropriate back drop for prayer.

Just as prayer was offered at the constitutional convention and is still offered today at the beginning of each session of Congress; just as the ministry of chaplains of all faiths serve our men and women in the military; just as our coinage, the Pledge of Allegiance and our postage stamps witness our faith in Divine Providence so, too, does the prayer room give the men and women who have the gravest decisions to make for America and the world an opportunity to be alone with God.

As befitting a place of prayer, this space is not open to tours or to visitors to the Capitol.

At the time of its establishment, Members had this to say about the prayer room:

"A lasting monument' to this government of ours which has ever been in the forefront of the fight for human liberties and particularly for the right to worship God in accordance with the dictates of one's own conscience."

"It is my hope that the establishment of the common room will serve not only to symbolize the diversity within unity that characterized the United States, but that it will serve also as an instrument for the advancement of understanding, of tolerance, and truth."



**George Washington Prayer Window; anonymous gift, 1955; Congressional Prayer Room; image courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.**



## Upcoming 2020 Events



### February 2020



**Saturday, February 8 7:00 p.m.—10 p.m. DAR SAR Gala**



**Ambassade de France / Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Rd NW, Washington, DC**



**Monday, February 10 Chapter Development Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Mill**



**Wednesday, February 12 7:00 p.m. History Explorers  
7:00 p. m The Library Center The Corps of Discovery**



**Saturday, February 15 9:00 a.m. Washington's Birthday  
9:00 a.m. Branson High School JROTC Color Guard Washington Park**



**Saturday, February 15 10:00 a.m. Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting**



**Thursday-Saturday, February 27-29 Spring Leadership Meeting  
NSSAR Louisville, KY**

For more detail, visit the Ozark Mountain Chapter Website [ozarkmountainsar.org](http://ozarkmountainsar.org)