

# THE PATRIOT



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## The President's Message

*By President Ben Edmondson*

Compatriots, I want to thank last years President Curtis Trent and all of the other officers that continued the high standards set by prior leadership.

As we begin the New Year we should all be open to the wonderful opportunities that lay ahead of us all. Just as our ancestors faced the new opportunities following the revolution, we can succeed by applying ourselves dutifully to the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This means we will all work tirelessly to inspire our communities with the principles on which our nation was founded. Our chapter members and color guard will continue to participate in or acknowledge civic and patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War. Each year the SAR National Congress passes resolutions to stimulate personal and national action based on these principles.

We will strive to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. In 1994, the SAR

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## Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting January 22nd, 2022

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 19th, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. at Ozark Technical College, Springfield, Missouri

Please note we will having a ceremony for Washington's Birthday at Washington Park in Springfield, Missouri immediately following the OMC meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will be a Color Guard Event.

**President Curtis Trent**-- called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. at Ozark Technical College with 26 members and 5 guests attending.

**Compatriot Dan Philbrick**-- delivered the

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formed a Task Force to preserve U.S. History to help focus public attention on profound problems in some proposed national standards for teaching pre-college U.S. history.

We will work to carry out the promises expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.

We shall provide recognition for public service. The state-level societies and chapters of the SAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets, and midshipmen.

And we shall strive to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

With all of us working together we can achieve the mission of the SAR and strengthen the foundations prior leadership has laid for the future of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

Ben Edmondson

President OMCSAR

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Invocation. **President Curtis Trent** led the Pledge of Allegiance and led the Pledge to the SAR.

**President Curtis Trent asked Compatriot Gary Bishop** to introduce this years' Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award from the OMC. Gary has been involved for about 15 years as our OMC Chairman of the Eagle Scout Recognition Award. He corresponds with the local Scout Troops and the local Scout Council for those individuals that have achieved the rank of Eagle and sends out a mailing for application for this Award. It is a definite distinction to become an Eagle Scout with but only about 4% of all scouts achieving this

rank. It takes 21 selected merit badges to gain this rank. There are 137 different merit badges that a scout can obtain. This years' applicant earned them

all. In the entire history of the Boy Scouts of America since 1910 there have only been 474 scouts who have been able to achieve all of the merit badges that have been available. That is fewer than all of the astronauts that have gone into space. He then went on to introduce this years' awardee

**Jackson Baskins**. He is from Boy Scout Troop 200 from Nixa, Missouri of Nixa Christian Church and is 17 years of age and earned his

Eagle when he was 12 years old. He introduced Jackson's Father and Mother, Jeffery and Sandy Baskins.

He was given his award, his new NSSAR patch for receiving all three of the required Law, American



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Heritage, and Genealogy badges, his Medal, and a check for \$250. He has also has previously achieved 21 Palms along with his Eagle Scout rank.

Pictures were taken.

He then proceeded to give his oration presentation to the entire audience with the title of "I choose to be a Patriot". He was well acknowledged and applauded.

President Cutis Trent went on to present Certificates to:

Certificates of Appreciation:

Jan Fisk

Margaret Swales                      Pictures were taken

Certificates of Distinguished Service:

Dan Philbrick

Dan McMurray    Also a Letter from US Senator Roy Blunt for him being selected as the Outstanding Veteran of the Year. The Proclamation was read.

Steve Perkins

Charles McMillan                      Pictures were taken

Bronze Roger Sherman Medals:

Ben Edmondson

Don Higginson

Gary Gift                                      Pictures were taken

Meritorious Service Medals:

John Charles

Dan Piedlow                              Pictures were taken

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal:

Gary Bishop                              Pictures were taken

Missouri Society SAR Bronze Medals:

Tom Sentman

Ken Lawrence

Pictures were taken

**Past President Gary Gift had Compatriot J.**

**Howard Fisk to**

come forward and presented him with a photo replica of the plaque that is to be presented nationally. He is the Vice Chairman of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee in charge of

Merchandising and Programs

(Merchandising for the NSSAR and he is in charge of Programs for the

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee) and we wanted to recognize him for all of the work he has done not only for our OMC but for the entire NSSAR. This will be the first of its kind in our organization.

**Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** thanked our entire chapter and individuals who have been instrumental in this endeavor. In bringing some form of patriotism to our community, we do this collectively. He especially has been pleased with the planting the Nathanael Greene Patriot Tree on the Greene County Courthouse lawn with the Granite marker from the OMC SAR. This tree and marker will be here for over 100 years and 1000s will get a chance to see our contribution.

Pictures were taken

**Past President Gary Gift** and Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the Nominations for the Officers for the OMC for the 2022-2023 year:

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President	Ben Edmondson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Cris Brayman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	James Robinette
Treasurer	John Angst
Secretary	Norman Knowlton
Genealogist	Steve Perkins
Assistant Genealogist	Len Slovensky
Historian	Don Higgeson
Chancellor	Gary Bishop
Editor	Dan Piedlow
Chaplain	Dan Philbrick
Sgt. at Arms	Dan Piedlow

Additional Nominations from the floor were asked three times. Since there were no additional nominations for these positions a motion was made and seconded to accept this slate of officers from the nominating committee. This list of nominations was passed unanimously.



**MOSSAR President George Swales** served to swear in these new officers and also swore in the

new **OMC President, Compatriot Ben Edmondson.** He then presented him with the OMC Gavel.



Pictures were taken

**Officer Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Report—Ben Edmondson—No Report**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report—Jeff Patrick—No Report**

**Treasurer Report—John Charles**—The total funds consists of \$8,756.61 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,303.92 in an interest-bearing, This year-end membership dues report shows:

guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$18,060.53.

A total of 95 members renewed their membership for 2022-2023.

This report was accepted and passed unanimously. This report was sent onto the audit committee.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS:**

**Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR**

**Post Office Box 11014**

**Springfield, Missouri 65808**

**Audit Report—Compatriot Norman Knowlton read the report of Auditor John McAlear--**—As requested he has examined the October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 OMCSAR financial records provided to him by Treasurer John Charles. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for

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deposits and disbursements, and the OMCSAR Treasurer's Reports.

In his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR.

**Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton**—A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2020 minutes as distributed in the December Newsletter was made, seconded and passed.

**Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins**—We now have 26 active accounts as prospective candidates for membership. We have 10 new prospects in the past 90 days. We have 4 submissions this past month, and just received approval of 2 supplementals and approval of 2 new members. We have in the past 6 weeks 4 applications that have gone through their final review and have been sent to state genealogist. Both the state and national have been backlogged but are trying to catch up.

**Editor Report—Dan Piedlow**—No report

**Historian Report—Don Higgeson**- he is working on this year's yearbook. He also asked for any personal involvements to forward your participation in chapter activities to him.

**Sgt-at-Arms Report—Danny Piedlow**—No report

**Chapter Development Committee Report- Gary Gift**- following next month's meeting we will be commemorating George Washington's Birthday at the Washington Park immediately after our monthly meeting here at OTC. That will also be a Color Guard event.

He reported about the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals Committee and he encouraged all members to apply for this Medal once they have obtained the appropriate points for their participation in events. He directed those interested to go the NSSAR Website under the Program tab to gain additional information about this Medal.

The March OMC meeting will not be held at OTC because of their Spring Vacation and the location of the meeting will be announced later.

**Our Future Chapter Development Committee meetings this year will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM by Zoom.** On the Holiday Mondays there will be an announcement of the changes as they occur.

He then presented our **Color Commander Steven Perkins** with a copy of the Drill and Ceremony Manual of the US Army by General Von Steuben "The Revolutionary War Drill Manual".



**President Curtis Trent** gave a few closing remarks. First, he thanked our chapter members who made his job easier and provided so much support to help him in his duties. He feels this chapter has many accomplishments this past year, even in this year of the COVID pandemic. Including the Eagle Scout presentations, the cemetery dedications, and other community events. Our genealogy report demonstrates a lot of interest in what we do as a chapter. We have challenges, but we face them and continue to persevere. He spoke briefly about Duty. We are in the current of the river and there is an upstream and a downstream. The upstream is the ancestors that have provided us with what we have. The downstream is the descendants who will come later in life and we have a duty to leave them something that they will want to inherit. This organization embodies this more than any other organization in how we approach community service and our relationships. Therefore, it has been a tremendous honor to serve as the OMC as its President. He looks forward to continue with his involvement in the OMC in the future.

**President Ben Edmondson**- Presented **Past President Curtis Trent** with the Meritorious Service Medal for his service this past year.

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Pictures were taken

He then presented **Compatriot Norman Knowlton** the Distinguished Service Medal-this being only one that can be given in any one year for his distinguished service provided to the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Pictures were taken



He then wished to thank all of the members of the OMC for giving him this honor to serve as its President. He looks forward to this year.

There will be awarded to the President and the Past President their Presidential Ribbon to President Ben Edmondson and the Past President pin to Past President Curtis Trent but these are on backorder and will be presented when they become available to our chapter.

**Compatriot Dan Piedlow** announced that he had the posters that were to be judged in the back of the meeting room and wished all to vote for their candidate for the Poster Award.

**Committee Report**—No additional reports.

**Old Business**—None

**New Business**—None

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

**President Ben Edmondson** led the Recessional

**Compatriot Dan Philbrick** gave the Benediction

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted.

**Norman Knowlton, Secretary**

## Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR has a New Embroidered Logo for Shirts

We have updated the logo for shirts. If you want to buy one of their shirts, prices will vary. If you bring in a shirt to have them embroider it, the cost is \$20.00.

The embroidery shop is the same as before, Missouri Embroidery located at 1307 S. Glenstone Ave. in Springfield, and their telephone number is: (417) 889-2221.

If you want the old logo, it is still available.



## Important Dates in History

January 3 - The Battle of Princeton 1777  
 January 11 - Alexander Hamilton Birthday 1755  
 January 17 - The Battle of Cowpens 1781  
 January 17 - Ben Franklin Birthday 1706  
 January 23 - John Hancock Birthday 1737

February 2 - Stamp Act 1765  
 February 6 - Aaron Burr Birthday 1756  
 February 6 - The United States and France become allies 1778  
 February 9 - Thomas Paine Birthday 1737  
 February 14 - Battle of Kettle Creek 1779  
 February 14 - Crossing of the Dan 1781  
 February 22 - George Washington Birthday 1732

Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, and Dan Piedlow

Editor: Daniel Piedlow



# Awards and Events



Certificates of Appreciation were given to Jan Fisk and Margaret Swales.



Certificates of Distinguished Service were given to Compatriots Dan Philbrick, Dan McMurray (along with an Outstanding Veteran of the Year from Senator Roy Blunt), Steve Perkins and Charles McMillan.



Meritorious Service Medals were given to Compatriots John Charles, and Dan Piedlow.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medals were given to Compatriots Ben Edmondson, Don Higgerson, and Gary Gift,

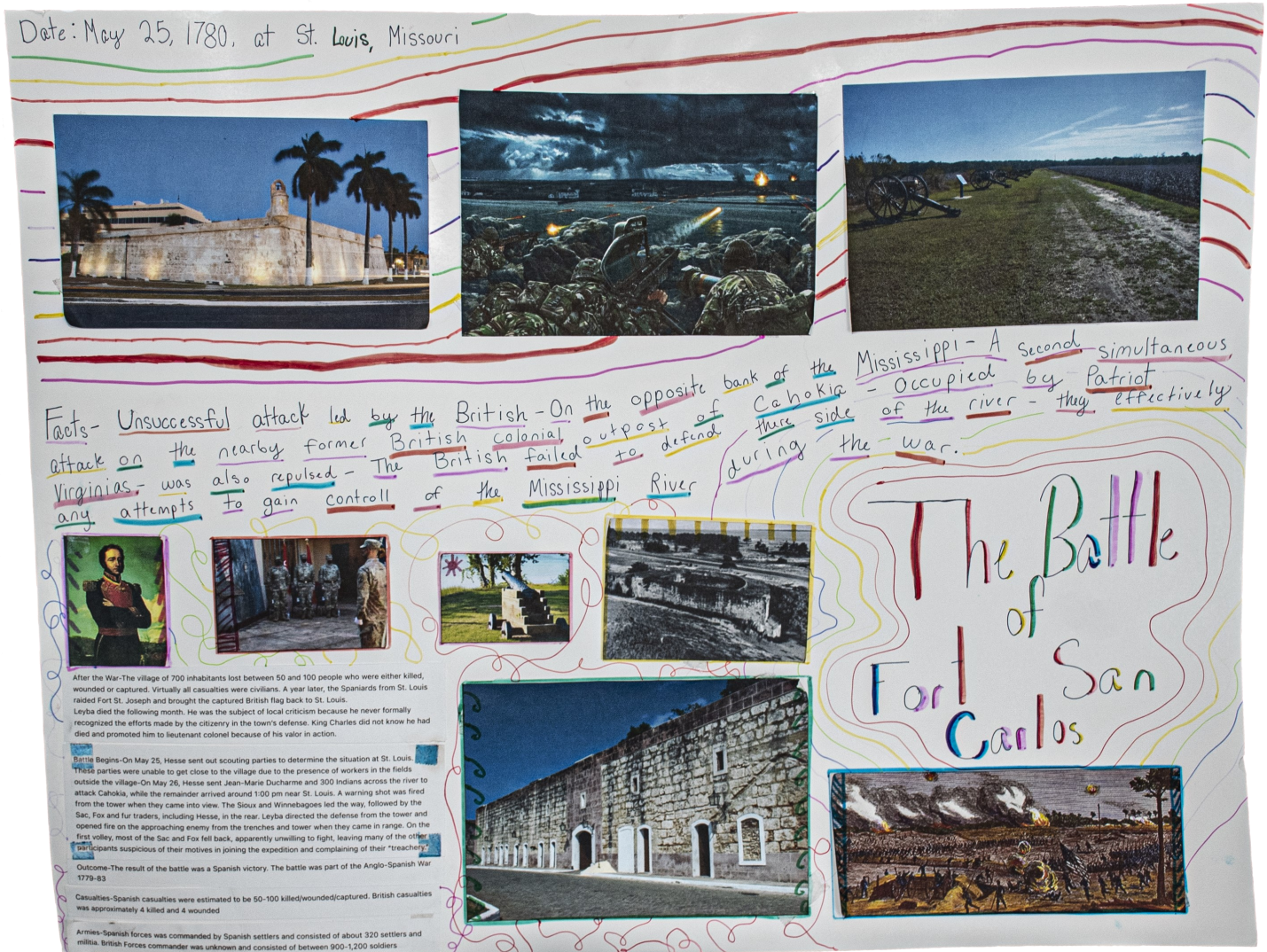


Missouri Society SAR Bronze Medals were given to Compatriots Tom Sentman, and Ken Lawrence

Bronze Goode Citizenship Medal was given to Compatriot Gary Bishop.



# Awards and Events



This years winner of the 5th Grade Poster Contest from New Covenant Academy



The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are \$30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and \$35.00 if he has to mail it to you.



The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.



## What is the Articles of Confederation?

After the United States gained independence from Great Britain, the Articles of Confederation served as the written document that established the functions of the national government.

The Articles of Confederation gave more power to the state governments than to the national government.



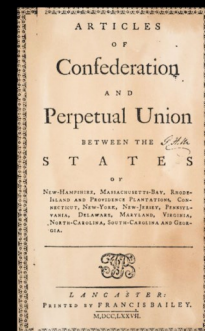
Isabel Insley  
8th Grade, Greenwood Laboratory School  
Tim Pfeil

Unit 2: Revolutionary America and the New Republic



## The Articles of Confederation

The First Constitution



## Weaknesses

The Articles of Confederation's flaw was that Congress lacked the power to enforce laws or raise taxes, making it difficult for the new nation to repay its Revolutionary War debts.

There was no executive or judicial part of government, two of the three branches of government we have today, to operate as a check and balance system.

There was also arguing among the states.

Almost every state had its own Militia, but the national government wasn't able to form its own national military

## Cool and Interesting Facts

- The Articles were written from 1776 to 1777

- The Articles were adopted by Congress on November 15, 1777

- However, the Articles weren't fully ratified until March 1, 1781

- The signers of the Articles of Confederation were never all present in the same room at the same time.

- The Articles of Confederation was only in effect for about 8 years before it was replaced by the Constitution

## Strengths

Congress could declare war and raise an army and navy to defend the country. They could make peace and sign treaties. They could take out loans. Congress was given power to Native American issues by the Articles of Confederation.

Encouraged coordination and cooperation, and Congress resolved state-to-state issues. It founded a postal service, admiralty courts, and coin money.

The winner of this years 8th Grade Brochure Contest.

## Youth Protection Training

A reminder concerning the Youth Protection Training (YPT). The YPT course can be accessed by going to the SAR website, logging in, and selecting eLearning from the menu at the top of the page. Also, one can access the YPT course using the following link in your web browser search window: [sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/](http://sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/) or <https://america250sar.org/> and clicking on the "Youth Protection Training."

This training takes just a few minutes to complete and is an important reminder of our responsibility. **Anyone who is in contact with children during an SAR event MUST take this training.**

Be sure that you register as you begin so that you can print out a certificate with your name.

Missouri SAR has asked all of our board members and committee chairmen to take this training. We scan a copy of our certificate and forward to our Missouri Secretary who keeps a google spreadsheet record with the date of completion.

If you participate in a Scouting event, it is required that you also take the Boy Scout Youth Protection Training at: <https://my.scouting.org/>

### Birthdays

Donald Higginson	January 2
Roy Blunt	January 10
Gerald McCoy	January 12
Harold Finch	January 18
Pletcher Rogers	January 19
Peter Rea	January 28
Richard Snelson	January 31
William Craft	February 4
Kristjan Cindrich	February 15
Gary Bishop	February 20
Matthew Craft	February 21
Paul Wilkerson	February 22
David Burke	February 23
Joseph Fisk	February 27

## WILLIAM EDMONDSON

William Edmondson (08 Nov 1764 – BFR 1833)

In 1822 William Edmondson gave a deposition in defense of Col William Campbell's honor, which had been called into question at that time. In his deposition, William states he was a private in Colonel William Campbell's regiment and a member of Captain David Beattie's Company of militia. William testifies in his deposition that he was present at King's Mountain and "the affair of Whitsett's Mill".

British Major Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Foot arrived in North Carolina in early September 1780 to recruit troops for the Loyalist militia and protect the flank of Lord Cornwallis' main force. Ferguson issued a challenge to the rebel militias to lay down their arms or suffer the consequences. In response, the Patriot militias led by Benjamin Cleveland, James Johnston, William Campbell, John Sevier, Joseph McDowell, and Isaac Shelby rallied for an attack on Ferguson.

These patriots were known as the Overmountain Men and hailed from parts of Virginia, North Carolina, and what is now Tennessee and Kentucky. William Campbell and his company of 400 Virginians, which included William Edmondson, gathered in Abingdon, VA on lands now known as the Abingdon Muster Grounds, on September 23, 1780.

On October 4, the Overmountain Men reached Ferguson's base at Gilbert Town, although Ferguson had evacuated eastward to be closer to the main British army.

With the Overmountain Men fast approaching,

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Ferguson decided to entrench his 1000-strong loyalist force atop Kings Mountain. Patriot forces reached Kings Mountain on the afternoon of October 7, and formed a U-shape around the mountain, effectively flanking the loyalists. Around 3 P.M., after several minutes of minor skirmishing, William Campbell told his men to "*shout like hell and fight like devils*," and two companies simultaneously opened fire on the loyalist positions. Shelby, Sevier, Williams, and Cleveland pushed from the north side of the mountain, while Campbell, Winston, and McDowell pushed from the south.

While Kings Mountain was difficult to scale, the mountain's slopes were heavily wooded, providing Patriot riflemen ample cover. Both Campbell and Shelby twice attempted to charge up the mountain, but were driven back by loyalist rifle fire. After about an hour, however, the frontier sharpshooters had taken a devastating toll on the loyalists' ranks, and Campbell and Shelby managed to reach the summit. Ferguson was killed by sharpshooters, and the remaining loyalists surrendered. Loyalist casualties included 157 killed, 163 so severely wounded they were left on the field, and 698 captured. Patriot casualties were 28 killed and 62 wounded.

His western flank now exposed, Cornwallis abandoned his invasion of North Carolina and fell back to Winnsboro, South Carolina.

The "affair at Wetzell's Mill" mentioned in William Edmondson's 1822 deposition is now referred to as the Battle of Wetzell's Mill. It was fought on March 6, 1781, between detachments of Nathanael Greene's Continental Army and militia and Banastre Tarleton's Loyalist provincial troops in Guilford County, North Carolina. This was a precursor to the key Battle of Guilford Courthouse fought nine days later on March 15.

# Upcoming Events



February 19, 2022 at Ozark Technical College, in the Atrium, at 9:00 AM is the monthly meeting.



February 19, 2022 at Washington Park, immediately after the monthly meeting, located at N. Sunshine St. and E. Locust St. in Springfield.



February 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM via Zoom is the Missouri SAR Meeting.



March 3-5, 2022 is the Spring Leadership at the National Headquarters in Louisville, KY.



Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom is the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Chapter Development Committee meeting.



March 19, 2022 at Fisk Limousine, located at 2001 E. Trafficway St., Springfield is the monthly meeting at 9:00 AM.

# Upcoming Events



Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom is the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Chapter Development Committee meeting.



April 16, 2022 at Ozark Technical College, in the Atrium, at 9:00 AM is the monthly meeting.



April 29—30 is the Missouri SAR Annual Meeting, hosted by The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and held in St. Louis.

