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The President's Message

By President Crismon Brayman

I am honored by your nomination,
and I humbly accept your

appointment as President of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the SAR. I am not just the Chapter President, but I am YOUR Chapter President, which makes me duty-bound to seek your input and to serve you and serve with you honorably. I must tell you, that I was uncertain whether I should be the president of this vibrant chapter. As I observed meetings and events over this past year, it kept coming to me, that I did not know enough and that I could never keep up with these people unless I quit my 'day job.' But gradually, the hard-headed American Patriot in me took over. Now I think perhaps I can be the poster child for new members! And, as is the case with patriots, it is in my nature/our nature, to *refuse to be overwhelmed but rather, to overcome*. Also, as a red-blooded American, I refuse to be 'burdened by what has been.' **So, you can expect me to act with reverence for what others have done, but to also act with resolve for what should and must be done.**

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Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, January 21st, 2023

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 18th, 2023 at
Ozark Technical College at 9:00 AM

President Ben Edmondson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM via with 25 members and 5 guests.

He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation, then had **Compatriot Cris Brayman** lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and then has **Compatriot Gary Gift** lead the Pledge to the SAR.

President Ben Edmondson thanked our guests for attending. He then introduced **Compatriot Gary Gift** and **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** to present a special award. They presented **John and Billie Fulton** an award for their Catts-Crawford event they have had

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Let me begin my tour by acknowledging the many wonderful patriots who serve this chapter, this community, and this nation and have thus, lifted us up. I know that I will miss some names and efforts of those who served well before I was here to observe it or were slugging it out in the trenches doing God's work unbeknownst to me.

Thank you, Ben Edmondson, for teaching me the ways and priorities of the chapter and for reminding me to be calm about things I cannot control. And now, you take over as the Chapter Development Committee, which is our engine of progress, you will help us to continue... to have a more positive impact.

While we are on the CDC, thank you Gary Gift for leading the many discussions, managing the amazing list of events and accomplishments, and finding members to make it all happen. These things you have done, bring honor to our chapter and patriotism to our community.

To Howard Fisk, thank you for your boundless energy and ideas, which I can see, have brought years of success to this chapter and to the MOSSAR. I expect you will continue to bless us with your experience, ideas, and valuable connections.

To our editor, historian, treasurer, secretary, and chaplain, who thank God, keep us informed, accountable, and remind us of WHO is REALLY in charge.

To the Chapter officers, including Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, John Hathcock, and Charles McMillan, who encouraged me, and brought me, my son Loran, and many other cadets so much pride.

To my wife, Michelle, who started this experience by helping me learn about my family's history, which amazingly led to my connection with original patriot Richard French. You must know that I am proud of only a few things, but among those things

are my service to this nation, my dedication to family, and even though it is only a matter of birthright and nothing I have earned, being a legitimate member of the Sons of the American Revolution completes who I am, what I do, and why I serve.

Looking forward, I have several concepts I wish present soon. Some are ideas that may come with taskings in the future, but I have been diligent in working on administrative and organizational ideas to reduce the effort required to perform our mission and to accomplish our objectives. These ideas are not just mine, but many officers have shared their inputs, especially Ben Edmondson (our outgoing President) and Charles McMillan (our new 1st VP). I believe these ideas will ease our efforts, thereby enabling us to serve even more effectively. But today, I will focus on my objectives for the Ozark Mountain Chapter for 2023. I will then ask for everyone's help in accomplishing these objectives:

1. **Do as we believe our Patriot Forefathers would have done...** with the same patriotic objectives. Let our efforts be not for ourselves, but for the perpetuity of our republic and of our freedoms, so that those that will call us their forefathers, will do so with deserved reverence. Let's engage in activities that matter greatly for our youth, our community, and our nation!
2. **Simplify Organization, Duties, and Communications.** We will ease our workload and effort by using online connections and communications, to include accessible document drives and calendars and standardized event worksheets and programs, using among others, the Google family of tools. Don't be intimidated if you are not a

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geek. We will keep it simple *and* offer critical information manually.

- 3. Secure a long-term dedicated facility.** We need to be able to meet anytime, unlock the door, store our equipment, and have unfettered access to audio-visual equipment AND COFFEE! This might be a church, a library, a public building, or a private enterprise, but we need stability, and we need to spend less time reinventing the wheel. I am asking all to think about what that facility might be.
- 4. Involve the entire chapter membership** when and where possible by making information available, accessible, and clear. I know that this is easily said and not so easily done... but we shall try. As one who drives a while to get here for every event and meeting, I get that logistics is a factor for many.
- 5. Stick to our Roots.** This objective is the input of compatriot Charles McMillan and I totally agree. We want our Chapter to keep at the forefront, who we are and what we are organized for; that is, to accomplish the SAR mission and uphold the SAR values. We want our meetings to be **patriotic, dynamic, and enjoyable**. We plan to have an Honor Guard present the colors at every meeting possible. We will also emphasize having meaningful historical and patriotic presentations and speakers every month. And we would like to see large displays of our Pledges and Mottos, and Flags always in the background.
- 6. What I am saying is: let's be the most patriotic, most effective, and most enjoyable SAR Chapter in the nation! In a nutshell, my intent is to "enjoy patriotic camaraderie, while serving in a manner that honors our forefathers and each other."**

And finally, I issue a challenge to the 'blue coats' like me... I am about to put \$1000 dollars to good use... purchasing a Colonial Uniform. I would love to see colonials on every member in this Chapter so that our citizens take greater notice of all the wonderful things we do. Presenting ourselves in that manner may say more in a moment than we could speak in a lifetime.

Thank you!

Cris Brayman, President, OMCSAR, 2023

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over the past 5 years at their farmstead in Lawrence County. Each year they have had this event to honor the Veterans that are buried on their farm.

Their grandson, Tate Ledbetter, asked them for the history of the Veterans that are buried



on their farm. From that question, these two have provided a ceremony to honor these individuals and have had a tremendous patriotic event. This past fall there were over 250 persons attending including the Mount Vernon High School Choir and their local Boy Scout Troop. The

event included a Flag Retirement Ceremony which was enjoyed by all. For providing this event and including the OMC we are honoring them with Flag Certificates, including children and grandchildren who participated in this



event **Silas Garrett, Pricilla Garrett, Prue Ledbetter,**

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Lidia Garrett, and Tate Ledbetter. They were also awarded a Flag Retirement Certificate for providing such a great event. Pictures were taken.

They encouraged all to have their youths participate in any of our events.

President Ben Edmondson introduced new member **Johnathan Saunders** to come forward. **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** as

his sponsor and

Compatriot Steve Perkins

the genealogist to assist in the presentation.

He was sworn in by President

Ben Edmondson and given his official SAR Certificate and the SAR Rosette. He was also given a challenge coin from the **MOSSAR President Michael**

Robertson. He went on to describe the history of the SAR Emblems. Pictures were taken. His patriot's biography will be submitted and included in the Newsletter.

President Ben Edmondson introduced **Compatriot J.**



Howard Fisk as the guest speaker. His topic was The Society of the War of 1812. Today this program of the Nathan Boone Chapter of the

Society of the War of 1812 on two events. The first being an event in a small town in Michigan in January 210 years ago when the Americans had a victory, but 4 days later the British aggregated over 1000 Native American tribesmen to retake the town. The second is the story of the USS Constitution. It was commanded by Commodore William Bainbridge-it had about 450 men and 55 guns. After its first encounter with the British, they were never challenged again while patrolling the Atlantic coast.

He invited all to attend the meeting of the Society of

the War of 1812 which will follow immediately after the OMC meeting.

Officers Reports

1st Vice-President Report—Cris Brayman—no new report

2nd Vice President Report—Jim Robinette-- not present—no report.

Treasurer's Report---John Angst— not present -- report mailed --The total funds we have as of today consists of \$10,693.41 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,456.16 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$20,149.57

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

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins— he has 9 new prospects over the past 90 days. He has 8 new submissions in the last 2 months. He has 3 supplement/memorials applications pending. He has a total of 18 active prospects. Recent new members include Johnathan Saunders and Steele Zinser.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow- no new report

Historian Report—Don Higginson—he has completed this last years' YOHE Yearbook. He wanted to thank **President Ben Edmondson** for his development of the digitalization of the yearbook so that it will continue to be easier each year to follow.

Sgt.-at-Arms Report—Dan Piedlow—no new report

Chapter Development Committee Report-Gary Gift—he updated the upcoming events:

On **January 12th** we had our last CDC Meeting at Steve Perkins home.

January 25th we will be renewing our History Explorer programs at the Brentwood Library here in Springfield at 6:30 PM on the 4 Major Generals of George Washington.

February 18th will be our next OMC meeting at OTC at 9:00 AM

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February 18th immediately following our monthly meeting we will be holding a George Washington Birthday celebration at Washington Park here in Springfield. This will include the Branson High School JROTC Honor Guard in their colonial uniforms.

March 11th we will be partaking in our 5th annual American Patriot Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop where we will again be counseling the Law, Genealogy, and American Heritage merit badges at OTC at 8:00 AM. These are the ones that help in the National King Award. Next OMC Meeting we will be presenting our OMC nominee for this award.

April 28-29 is the MOSSAR Annual meeting in Independence, MO.

April 28th there will also be a Naturalization Program in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom Festival in Marshfield, MO where we greet the newly naturalized citizens. This is headed up by one of our members-**Compatriot Jacob Inman**.

On May 25th will be another Naturalization program will be held at the George Washington Carver National Monument.

May 27-28th Fort San Carlos National Color Guard event

On May 29th we will be providing the program for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery. It is being chaired by our own **Compatriot Charles McMillan**

Compatriot Gary Gift presented his biography of **Balthasar Lybrook**, his Patriot, used for his Supplemental Membership. That biography is included.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick—reported on **Compatriot Wayne Jones** who was severely burned, hospitalized, and now at home. We will be sending him a card to get well and asked all to sign.

Committee Report - President Ben Edmondson announced that the OMC Bylaws will be sent out to all OMC members to review and vote on them next meeting in February. Additions or amendments may be offered at the next meeting to be considered at a later date.

Old Business—MOSSAR Past-President George Swales presented and read the proposed OMC bylaws changes that were presented last month for consideration. The bylaws changes were emailed to our membership and included in our Patriot Newsletter last month. Discussion was entertained. Motion to accept the bylaws changes was made, seconded, and passed.

New Business—President Ben Edmondson-presented **Compatriot Gerald McCoy** with his Supplemental membership for his **Patriot Jacob Workman**. He gave the biography of his Patriot. He was complimented for his involvement in the SAR for all he has done by **Past OMC President Mel McNeal**. While serving together in the OMC Color Guard they participated in many events including presenting the Colors for the SMS Basketball games, the Springfield Lasers Tennis matches, the Kansas City Royals baseball games, and the Kansas City Chiefs football games. Gerald McCoy is one of very few that have received the Minuteman Award from the National Society of the SAR. Pictures were taken.

President Ben Edmondson presenting the following Awards:

Compatriot Kavan Stull was given a Certificate of Appreciation from the MOSSAR for his program and participation at the Harry S, Truman World War I event. Pictures were taken.

Margaret Swales was given the Bronze Good Citizen Medal. Pictures were taken.

Compatriot Cris Brayman was given Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. Pictures were taken.

Compatriots Norm Knowlton, Dan Philbrick, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan George Swales, J. Howard Fisk and Steve Perkins were given the Meritorious Service Medal Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. Pictures were taken.

Compatriot Don Higgerson was given the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal. Pictures were taken.

Compatriot Dan Piedlow was given the OMC Distinguished Service Medal. Pictures were taken.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence- Chairman of the Nominating Committee- presented the nominated

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slate of officers for the 2023 year of the OMC.

President- Cris Brayman

1st Vice President- Charles McMillan

2nd Vice President- Jim Robinette

Treasurer- John Angst

Secretary- Len Slovensky

Genealogist- Steve Perkins

Assistant Genealogist- Len Slovensky

Historian- Jeremy Boes

Editor- Dan Piedlow

Sgt. At Arms- Dan Piedlow

Chaplain- Dan Philbrick

Chancellor-Gary Bishop, Esq.

President Ben Edmondson asked for any nominations from the floor three times. Seeing none the slate was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. He then went on to swear in the new officers. Pictures were taken.

He then swore in the newly elected **OMC President Cris Brayman**. He was then given the OMC gavel and his President Neck Medal.

President Cris Brayman gave his inaugural speech:

He is honored to be in this position. He is willing to keep up to the standards that have been established. He wanted to thank Compatriot John Hathcock for getting him into this position. His wife started the research of his family back to the Revolutionary time. He then thanked Compatriot Steve Perkins for his extensive work to get his membership. He owes this to his nation and he owes it to his forefathers to do right by them. He will act with reverence for what has gone on before him but he will act with resolve to do what must be done. He wanted to be more efficient and to make our efforts somewhat easier in the organization and administration so as to continue to do the wonderful things we are doing.

His first objective is to do what our forefathers would have done with the same patriotic objectives. Let our objective not be for ourselves but for the

perpetuity of our nation and of our freedom so that someday one may call us their forefathers and will do so with reverence. Let's engage in those activities which matter to our youth and to our community and to our nation.

Secondly, he wants to simplify organization, administration, duties, and communications. Thanks to **Compatriot Ben Edmonson** for starting this already. We will ease our workload by using online connections and communications including documents, calendars, standardized event sheets, and programs. We need to move on with the newer technology.

He wants to move on to secure a long-term standing facility to be easier to be able to unlock the facility at any time, to store our equipment, to have a meeting as we wish, and to have audiovisual capabilities and coffee.

He wants to involve the entire membership in what we do, especially for those that have to travel distances to these events. This is to tell all what we are doing and how we are doing it.

He wants to stick to our roots to tell what we are and why we are doing this-this is to accomplish the SAR Mission and to uphold the SAR values.

We want to have fun and keep up the laughter.

He wants to have an Honor Guard to present Colors at every event and have flags behind what we are doing.

We need to continue emphasizing meaningful and patriotic presentations.

He wants to have the most patriotic and effective chapter in the United States.

He wants to use the bylaws that teach our members what we are about and how we accomplish things.

To enjoy patriotic comradery while serving in a matter that honors our forefathers and each other.

He issued a challenge to have all members join the Color (Honor) Guard.

He is so honored but he wants to try to make it easier to do. Let's get on with it!

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President Cris Brayman thanked **Compatriot Ben Edmondson** for his past work. He presented him with his Past President pin and the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate. Pictures were taken.

Compatriot Dan Piedlow asked all before they leave to review and vote for the poster candidates.

A motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and passed

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:14 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary



Birthdays

Donald Higgeson	January 2
Roy Blunt	January 10
Gerald McCoy	January 12
Harold Finch	January 18
Pletcher Rogers	January 19
Gary Yadon	January 25
Peter Rea	January 28
Richard Snelson	January 31
Robert Hammerschmidt	February 2
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

Balthasar Lybrook

Balthasar Lybrook was born in 1736 in Linbach Germany. His parents were Georg and Eva Lybrook. He was baptized as an adult in the Lutheran Church on April 25, 1750. Balthasar immigrated to America in August 1750 and he arrived in Philadelphia on the boat "Bennett Gallery". He settled in Lancaster Pennsylvania and became a member of the First Reformed Church. He married Catherine Reim on May 4, 1753. Catherine was born on October 10, 1731 in Nuenschweiler, Pfalz, Bayern, Germany. Together they had 11 Children. Six who lived till adulthood. Catherine died on March 10, 1813 in Montgomery County, Virginia.

Four of their children Elizabeth (14), Daniel (1), another son (14) and a newborn daughter were killed by Shawnee Indians during the Sinking Creek Massacre in western Virginia on August 8, 1774. A fifth Lybrook child, Catherine (13), was close to being killed by the Indian who had killed and scalped 6 other children, including her two sisters and two brothers, when the family dog alarmed by all the noise arrived and attacked the Indian who had pinned her to the ground, allowing her to escape. There were six children among the victims killed during the massacre. Three young boys were also taken captive. Two of the boys were able to escape shortly after their abduction but the other boy remained with the Shawnee Indians for 14 years until he was liberated. The children had been playing in the creek on this hot summer day and were away from the watching eyes of their parents. The six children killed and the three boys who were abducted were all members of the Lybrook, McGriff and Snidow families.

Catherine who was saved by the family dog, was my 6th Great Grandmother who would later marry my 6th Great Grandfather Hezekiah Phillips on

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September 11, 1780. Hezekiah fought in the Revolutionary War as one of Morgan's Rifles.

Following the massacre Balthasar served in the Revolutionary War and fought against the Indians at the Battle of Point Pleasant, near the western Virginia/Ohio border along with his son Henry. He later supported the Revolutionary War effort with material support and supplies. He was later recorded in Montgomery County, Virginia as owning 175 acres near the New River in 1791. Balthasar lived in Montgomery County, Virginia until his death on January 21, 1804 at the age of 75.

Important Dates in History

January 3 - The Battle of Princeton 1777
 January 11 - Alexander Hamilton Birthday 1755 or 57
 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

Awards and Events



Compatriot Gerald McCoy receiving his Supplemental Certificate .



Compatriot Kevin Stull receiving his Certificate of Appreciation.



Margaret Swales and Compatriot Gary Gift receiving their Bronze Good Citizenship Medal's.



Compatriot Don Higerson receiving his Bronze Meritorious Service Medal.



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

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Compatriot Crisman Brayman receiving the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.



Compatriot Daniel Piedlow receiving the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.



L-R: President Ben Edmondson with the recipient's of the Meritorious Service Medal: Steven Perkins, George Swales, Ken Lawrence, Norman Knowlton, J. Howard Fisk, Dan Philbrick, and Charles McMillan.



Swearing in of the new officer's for 2023 by out going OMC President Ben Edmondson. L-R: Steven Perkins, Charles McMillan, Dan Philbrick, Jeremy Boes, and Daniel Piedlow.



Swearing in President Crisman Brayman by out going President Ben Edmondson.



Pinning on the Presidents Medallion onto President Crisman Brayman by Compatriot Gary Gift.



President Crisman Brayman.

Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Dan Piedlow Jr., George Swales.

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Past-President Ben Edmondson receiving the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal from President Crisman Brayman and Compatriot Gary Gift.



Posting the colors at the MOSSAR meeting on January 28th in Jefferson City.

Upcoming Events



Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 PM, the OMC Chapter Development Meeting at Steve Perkins home located at 3831 S. Virginia Pl., Springfield.



Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 AM, the OMC Monthly Meeting at Ozark Technical College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



Saturday, February 18 immediately after the meeting at OTC, a celebration of George Washington's birthday at Washington Park located at the corner of N. Summit Ave. and E. Locust St.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 AM the OMC will be giving the Law Enforcement Award at Springfield Police Headquarters, 321 E. Chestnut Expy.



Friday, March 3 at 1:00 PM the OMC Color Guard will be presenting colors for the Daughter of American Colonists meeting at the Oasis Convention Center located at 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield. We would like to have as many color guard members there as possible. **Muster is at 12:30 PM.**



Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM the Chapter Development Meeting will be held. Location to be determined.



Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 AM the OMC will be conducting a Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop at OTC.



Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 AM the OMC will be holding their monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.

