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President's Letter President J. Howard Fisk



We welcome our new President General Larry Guzy to office with great enthusiasm. His message in Knoxville was to recruit and retain members in a professional manner. Growth of our organization is the key to success for the Sons of the American Revolution. We must grow in numbers and influence to fully execute our mission across America. The current goal is for the SAR to have 64,000 members by the celebration of our 250th Anniversary in 2026.

President General Guzy asks that public awareness be the key to our success as we brand our chapters as organizations dedicated to serving others. Youth awards, local service awards, patriotic education for youth and public awareness of our Patriot ancestors are all part of our outreach mission.

We will present awards in the presence of the recipients peers, continue our displays at community events, and expand our speakers' bureau while providing training to our members in ways to engage the community. We will take every opportunity to work the DAR, Boy Scouts, veterans' organizations and mission and enhance our

President Howard Fisk invited everyone to an "OMCSAR Field Trip" at the Ozarks Genealogical Society Library, 534 W Catalpa at 9:00 AM on August 19th.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Saturday Sept 16, 2017 at the Ozarks Technical College Room 108 9:00 am.

Guest Speaker for September will be Brooks Blevins, MSU professor of History. His topic will be "The Ozarks as Indian Nation—Quatawapea's Failed Dream."

Chapter Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2017

President Howard Fisk called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 17 members and 4 guests.

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

President Howard Fisk invited members and guests to introduce themselves and their wives.

President Howard Fisk ask Compatriot Dan McMurray to speak on encouraging members to make a contribution in support of the SAR museum which is responsible for honoring our patriotic ancestors by preserving and promoting the storytelling history of our American Revolution.

Vice President George Swales introduced our speaker, Tom Peters, Dean of Library Services at MSU.

His subject was the history of "The Ozarks Jubilee." See page 4 for this presentation.

Vice President George Swales presented Tom Peters with a challenge coin in appreciation for his presentation.

Compatriots Steve Perkins and Dan

McMurray returned from the National SAR Congress in Knoxville, TN and report news to our members.

Steven Perkins presented President Howard Fisk and past President Dan Philbrick a certificate for "Partners in Patriotism" recognition in patriotic outreach for 2016-2017. NSSAR recognized the Ozark Mountain Chapter for working with veteran's groups in pursuit of a common goal. This award is also connected to our participation in the JROTC program administered by our Sgt. of Arms, Charles McMillan.

Dan McMurray reported a new cut-off date of September 1 would be in effect for all new applicant's dues. Thus, no additional dues would be collected until the following year.

Attendance to this year's congress was 634 attendees of which there were 347 members with 331 being delegates. Past Missouri State President Dale Schmidt was sworn in as Missouri's Trustee.

Dan then announced the new national officers for 2017-2018. Larry Guzy, President General; Walter Alter, Secretary General; Jack Manning, Treasurer General; Davis Wright, Chancellor General; John Sink, Genealogist General; Bruce Picket, Registrar General; John Thornhill, Historian General; Douglas Collins, Librarian General; John Wakefield, Chaplain General and Matthew Barlow, is the new Surgeon General.

Dan stated the goal of President General Larry Guzy is to have 64,000 SAR members by 2026 for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Steven described a field trip members took to "Martin Station" in the Cumberland Mountains. Martin Station is a recreated representation of what life as a mountian man living in the wilderness was like during that period.

He gave a report on passage of a provision in the "Bylaws" of the Constitution for "Last Known Service."

This adopted provision lessens the requirement of an ancestor to show "loyalty" when applying for SAR membership.

He then made a plea to our members to become a "Friend of the Library" with a \$25.00 contribution to the SAR Genealogy Library.

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our brand.

We will promote the History Explorer and Revolutionary Families programs so that we become a well-known and respected organization in the region as we work toward recruiting new members, who have something to offer the SAR from the standpoint of knowledge, skill or prominence in the region. We recruit new partners in our enterprise to fulfill our mission statement and take leadership positions to fulfill our programs.

We have spent the last two years on the path to building a new community awareness and brand for the Ozark Mountain Chapter and I think that we have been successful. We followed the lead of PG Lawrence to get into the community and become involved with the programs of the DAR. We adopted PG Tomme's plan for educational outreach and have been successful in connecting with many friends in the community.

Now we must recruit new leaders for our chapter; men who can lead us to the future of the SAR to the 250th Anniversary and beyond. We must expand our Color Guard, the "calling card", of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, so that we can be in more places of importance. The growth of Color Guard ceremonies has grown significantly over the last two years and we need new blood and new energy to continue the pace of events.

We are fortunate to live in a country that allows us to meet freely, worship as we please and pursue the occupation of our choice. The men who gave us this opportunity deserve our loyalty and I have every confidence that we will continue to excel thanks to your hard work and dedication.

Officer Reports

Vice-President Report: George Swales announced the speaker for September will be Brooks Blevins, MSU professor of History. His topic will be "The Ozarks as Indian Nation."

Treasurer Report: Secretary Ken Lawrence gave the Treasures Report in the absence of Treasurer Glen Gohr. It read as follows;

June	Total	Balance
\$10,289.69;	July Savings Account	\$9,636.46;
July Checking Account	\$623.31.	The July Total Balance is \$10,259.77

Secretary Report: Ken Lawrence requested a motion to approve the June meeting minutes published in the Patriot Newsletter. Compatriot Norman Knowlton made the motion which was seconded and approved for the members.

Genealogist Report: Dan McMurray conveyed he is presently working on 9 membership applications, one approved, one completed awaiting signature, four applications are at National for approval, one is being reviewed by our state genealogist. Five new prospects are awaiting application details.

Editor Report: Tom Sentman announced that the newsletters will now be searchable PDF files for those not wanting a printed copy. This file will be uploaded to our website as a recruitment tool and allowing for a more permanent archiving record of our chapter's history. The searchable text capability follows the precedent of The SAR Magazine and the Colorguardsman Magazine.

Historian Report: Norm Knowlton began by recognizing our chapter's 36th birthday, July 18, 1981, as Founders Day.

Norm disseminated a document to attendees with our chapters history, along with the original officers and founding members.

Norman mentioned that July 27th will be a remembrance of the National Korean War Armistice day.

Compatriot Knowlton commenced his presentation on "The Battle of Springfield". Not Springfield Missouri but Springfield, New Jersey. This battle was called "Crossroads of the Revolution". *See page 5 presentation.*

Sgt. of Arms Report: Charles McMillan reported he was gearing up for the upcoming JROTC season and that there still no commandant in Mt. Grove for this year. Charles ask that we have two members to attend the awards ceremonies as presenters, in effort to get more chapter members involved with the program.

Committee Report: No committee reports.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business

Compatriot Sentman presented a community project he is leading to support an Ozark Mountain Chapter project to document and report information on 13 Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Southwest Missouri, specifically in the Springfield area.

This is an initiative for "Revolutionary Families", a proposed chapter project for the upcoming 250th anniversary of our nation for the Semiquincentennial in 2026. "Revolutionary Families" is a project to provide a permanent revolutionary family record for future generations to access. The project goal is to strengthen and preserve our American heritage while attracting and educating our youth on Liberty, Freedom, and Patriotism. Additionally, the project may serve to recruit new members. Tom asked for volunteers to man a table at the Ozarks Genealogical Society Conference Saturday, September 16, 2017, at the Events Center at the Relics Antique Mall. OMCSAR volunteers will provide information on Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the Springfield Area. Conference attendees will be exposed to the Revolutionary Families project.

Historian Knowlton asked members that wanted to donate old historical books or magazines to be delivered to the Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon in honor of Purple Heart Day on August 7th. He asks all donations be brought to Fisk Limousine where he will collect and distribute.

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

Historian Norman Knowlton led the Recessional; Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Upcoming Events

July 29 MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting in Columbia. Assemble at Fisk Limousine for departure at 6:30 am.

August 3 Stroll in the Springfield National Cem. 7 pm
Sponsored by The Library Center. Speaker.

August 7 Distribute books and magazines to Mount Vernon Veterans Home.

August 19 Tour Ozarks Genealogical Society Library. 9am.

August 25-26 South Central District Annual Conference (SAR). Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, KS. (Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri Societies).

September 9 Speaker at OGS Meeting 10 am

September 16 OMC Chapter Meeting OTC 9 am

September 16 OGS Conference at Relics Event Center, 7:15 am to 4:30 pm. Volunteers for OMC table and display.

September 16 Presentation at Springfield Symphony 7:30 pm. Presentation to Conductor Kyle Wiley Pickett.

September 28 Fall Leadership Conference (SAR) Louisville, KY.

October 4 History Explorers "Revolutionary Families". Revolutionary War Patriots descendant families in the Springfield area in Southwest Missouri.

October 10 Korean War Veterans Luncheon Speaker 12 pm.

October 14 Patriot grave marking for Revolutionary Patriot Samuel Austin at 10:00 am. Part of the 150th Anniversary of Hazelwood Cemetery.

October 19 Battle of Yorktown Remembrance.

October 21 OMC Chapter Meeting OTC 9 am

October 28 MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting in Columbia.

November 10 Veterans Day Celebration 11:00 am at OTC.

November 18 Annual joint meeting with the DAR. Honoring Captain Steve Burnett, Navy JROTC Instructor at Willard High School, and Jack Hamlin, a WWII veteran, will receive a Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Hickory Hills Country Club at 12 noon.

December 16 Wreaths Across America 8 am
Springfield National Cemetery.

December 16 OMC Chapter Meeting OTC 9 am

August Birthdays



David	Healy	August 11
Joshua	Wheeler	August 11
Terry	Wood	August 17
John	Sayre	August 18
Norman	Knowlton	August 25
Zane	Wood	August 27
Robert	Clark	August 28

Interested In Becoming A Color Guard Member?

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Guest Speaker Tom Peters, Dean of Library Services at Missouri State University



Tom began his talk by speaking about the evolution of the Jubilee and how "Route 66" was the influence behind most economic development in this area. City leader John T. Woodruff was instrumental in procuring the mother road and making Springfield "The Birthplace of Route 66." Woodruff knew how important this corridor would be for the future of Springfield. His vision and commitment to our community set the ground work for what we appreciate today i.e. the Frisco Railway maintenance repair shops, the Federal Prison hospital, the Woodruff Building and the Kentwood Arms hotel. Tom said "Springfield would not be Springfield if it were not for John T. Woodruff."

Wayne Glenn, "the old record collector", revealed to Tom the availability at the UCLA television archives of "63 kinescopes of the Ozarks Jubilee." This program was a nationally televised live country music variety broadcast that originated here in Springfield from 1955 to 1960. This "live" weekly transmission was the first successful broadcast in television history and was a production marvel for its time. The result of which put Springfield on the map for a national audience of millions of people every Saturday night for a "Hillbilly Variety Show". This show attracted viewership from men, women and children from across the nation. Appealing to all three demographics was hard to accomplish at that time, until the Jubilee. The show featured entertainment for all ages, square dancing, child performers, comedy, local musical talent and of course the national recording stars of that era.

Tom contacted UCLA about the possibility of "digitizing" the kinescope performances and put them up on U-tube for everyone to enjoy. UCLA agreed and Tom began his project to preserve the "history and culture" of the Ozarks. The kinescope was a film recording of the television monitor of the show and was sent to the advertisers to prove their product had been exposed on that particular program.

In the late 40's and early 50's, Springfield was challenging Nashville to become "the center of country music."

Tom Peters presented a photo from a broadcast that featured the Carter Sisters and Chet Atkins who were hired by KWTO radio to perform in Springfield. They stayed less than a year before returning to Nashville. Tom surmised that the failure of Ralph Foster and Si Simon to retain them on a permanent basis led the leadership team of KWTO to pursue television of which The Ozarks Jubilee was born. While other networks and their affiliates were concentrating on radio, the group from KWTO realized that television was where the entertainment industry was headed and sought to bring it to Springfield.

The concept was to combine local musicians from this area with star power from Nashville to perform a 90 minute live weekly broadcast from the Jewell theater here in Springfield, Mo. Porter Wagoner, a meat cutter from West Plains and Brenda Lee had their career breakthroughs here at the Jubilee.

KWTO's Si Simon would travel to Nashville to hire a "Star" to preside as the host of this new venture.

Red Foley was that man. On January 22, 1955, the first national broadcast of the Ozarks Jubilee was presented by the ABC television network. Each week for the first four months of production, the show was held at the KOMU-TV studios in Columbia, Mo. while technical transmission problems were being addressed in Springfield.


As the years passed, stars such as Porter Wagoner, Johnny Cash, Brenda Lee and others were lured to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry. The attrition of star talent and Red Foley's drinking problem led to the Jubilee's demise. On September 24, 1960, the final broadcast of the Ozarks Jubilee was telecast. Over the five-year period 297 episodes were produced, each 90 minute's long in 30 minute segments every Saturday night of the year.

Tom believes the Branson entertainment phenomenon and Silver Dollar City occurred due to the success of the Ozark Jubilee.

Tom Peters closed his presentation with three vignette clips from an actual Jubilee show from April 16, 1955, recorded on a kinescope. Tom showed performances by Red Foley, Porter Wagoner and Jean Shephard singing as a trio, a folksy country comedian, and a local square dancing group from the Lake of the Ozarks.

**The Ozark Jubilee:
Let's Bring the Jubilee
Back to the Ozarks!**

**A Talk Given by Tom Peters to the Ozark Mountain
Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution,
9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017
at the OTC Information Commons, Room 108**



Red Foley


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Ozark Jubilee
April 16, 1955
Segment 2

Presented at the
OMC Chapter
Meeting July 15,
2017

The Importance of the Ozark Jubilee

- Key program in the evolution from radio to TV
- Highlighted Ozarks musical talent
- Brought Springfield to the attention of a national audience
- Seeded the Branson Entertainment Phenomenon and Silver Dollar City
- Highlight of Ozarks History and Life



The Battle of Springfield

Presentation by Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Chapter Historian

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The Battle of Springfield was fought during the Revolutionary War on June 23, 1780. After the Battle of Connecticut Farms on June 7th, 1780, Lt General Wilhelm Baron Von Knyphausen with his Hessian troops tried to attack and capture General George Washington's arms and supplies at Morristown, New Jersey. Knyphausen and Lt General Sir Henry Clinton, British Commander in Chief in North America, decided a 2nd attempt. Although the British were able to advance, they were ultimately forced to withdraw in the face of newly arriving colonial forces, resulting in a Continental victory. The battle effectively ended the British ambitions in New Jersey.

Commander of the Continentals and the Militia was Nathaniel Greene and Col. Elvis Dayton of New Jersey. He had a force of 1500 reinforced by at least 500 New Jersey Militia. Knyphausen, with his Hessian troops and Clinton had a force of about 6000. The British troops were trying to take the town of Morristown, where General George Washington stored supplies and arms, but the New Jersey Militia and General Greene were able to successfully defend the attack. However, despite the American victory, the battle brought great tragedy to Springfield, while the British and Hessian troops retreated, they burned most of the homes in Springfield.

The Cannon Ball House was one of the four homes to survive unburned. It was built in 1741. Interestingly, it was struck by a ball fired from an American cannon firing at the invading forces. The ball lodged in the wall where it remained for almost a century and a half. In 1924, with reconstruction to the house, the cannonball fell out. The original is still on display presently at this house in Springfield, New Jersey. The house was owned by Dr. Jonathan Dayton. His nephew was also a Jonathan Dayton who was one of the original signers of the Constitution.

Another interesting fact was during the Battle of Springfield, while engaging the British, the American artillery ran low on wadding. James Caldwell, the Continental Army Chaplain, who had lost his wife two weeks earlier at the Battle of Connecticut Farms, brought up a load of hymn books published by English Clergyman, Isaac Watts. He advised the American artillery to "Give 'em Watts Boys."

This was one of the last major engagements of the Revolutionary War in the North and affectively put an end to British ambitions in New Jersey. Because the decisive battles in New Jersey, the war moved further South and the Battle of Springfield became known as the "Forgotten Victory."

Washington praised the role of the New Jersey Militia in the Battle by writing: "They flew to arms universally and acted with a spirit equal to anything I have seen in the course of the war."

Casualties:

British/Hessians	125 Killed	234 Wounded	48 Missing
Continental	13 Killed	49 Wounded	9 Missing
Combined Colonial/ With New Jersey Militia	35 Killed	139 Wounded	22 Missing



July 4th Independence Day Parade in Springfield, Missouri

An old-fashioned neighborhood parade with a color guard, old cars, kids of all ages, bicycles, scooters, pets, boy scouts, and refreshments. The OMC Color Guard lead the Meadowmere Place Parade; 450+ people participated.



OMC Color Guard members J. Howard Fisk, Kenneth Lawrence, Steven Perkins and scouts from Troop 24 and Pack 116 lead the parade.



OMC Color Guard members and scouts from Troop 24 and Pack 116 display the parade flag.

Left: Scoutmaster Buddy Fay, Howard Fisk, Mitchell Parnell, Scout Leader Darren Terry, Julian Hom, Gerald McCoy, William DuBrul, Cooper Terry, Dylan Terry, Ken Lawrence and Steven Perkins. Cub Scout James Sanders, Cub Scout Pack 116 (foreground).



Sons of the American Revolution 2017 Congress



NSSAR Transfer of Leadership

Compatriot Larry Guzy (Left) being congratulated as President General by outgoing President General Michael Tomme. Mrs. Guzy and Mrs. Tomme look on.



OMC Compatriots Gerald McCoy, Dan McMurray, and Steven Perkins attended the 127th Congress in Knoxville.



Front row: (L-R) Nathanael E. DeVenney and C. Cortland DeVenney (MGC - Junior Members).

Second row: (L-R) Robert L. Grover (HST), Gerald R. McCoy (OMC), Steven G. Perkins (OMC) Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. (MGC) and James L. Scott (w/flag) (IPC)

Back row: (L-R) John O. Thornhill, (NC dual with MO-HST) NSSAR Historian General and Daniel R. McMurray (OMC).



Missouri Society compatriots and wives pose for a photo during the Congress.

Chapter Events

New American Citizen Noel Buella Duque, formerly of the Philippines, is presented a Citizenship Award from SAR and displays his American Citizenship Certificate. The presentation took place June 14, 2017.



Left: OMC President J. Howard Fisk, Springfield Mayor Pro-Tem Jan Fisk, Noel Duque, and Compatriot Norman Knowlton.



OMC Color Guard members honor the original Drafted Declaration of Independence July 2, 1776. The color guard welcomed members of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church on Sunday, July 2, 2017.

Left: J. Howard Fisk, Gerald McCoy, Senior Pastor Dr. Chad Grayson, and Steven Perkins.



Compatriot Steven Perkins (right) presented President Howard Fisk (center) and Past President Dan Philbrick a certificate for "Partners in Patriotism", NSSAR recognition in patriotic outreach for 2016-2017.

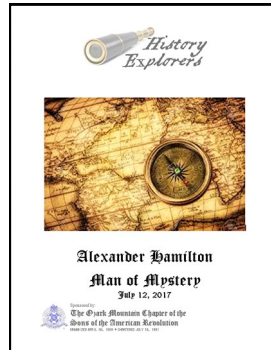


President Fisk presented information on the OMC "Revolutionary Families" to the Ozarks Genealogical Society meeting July 19 at the Library Center. This program supports the 250th Anniversary 1776—2026 Semiquincentennial in 2026.

History Explorers Presentation

Alexander Hamilton

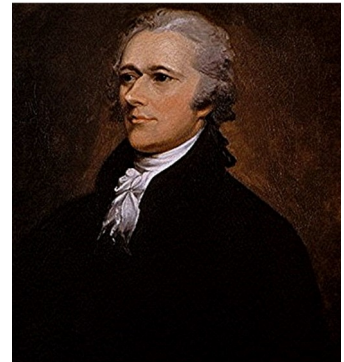
Man of Mystery



OMC President J. Howard Fisk opens the fourth in a series of the History Explorers Program. This program explored the many contributions of Alexander Hamilton. Attendees at the Library Center presentation on July 12, 2017, totaled 73 people from various organizations.

Mr. Loren Broaddus presented the details of Hamilton's significant contributions to the American Revolution. Mr. Broaddus is a history teacher at Kickapoo High School in Springfield.

Alexander Hamilton—Man of Mystery



He was a major influence in the Revolution as a senior officer who founded a militia group and

fought in many significant battles, in founding America's banking system as first Secretary of the Treasury, as a statesman he ran the Annapolis and Philadelphia Conventions and his considerable influence was responsible for 51 of the Federalist Papers.

George Washington said, "he lay the foundation of a new republic" _ yet he is known for his death by duel at the hand of Aaron Burr. Not to mention a hip hop version of American history.



Willard High School History Club members presented an informative program on the life of Alexander Hamilton, his contributions to the American Revolution, and the interaction rivalry between Hamilton and Aaron Burr. A pistol duel on July 11, 1804 ended the life of Alexander Hamilton and ended the fortunes of Aaron Burr.

Left: Carly Brown, Ashlyn Bradley, Bell Johnson and Alyssa Marshall.

Note: All four graduated from Willard High School in 2017 and are enrolled in colleges for Fall 2017.

NSSAR Awards Presented to the Missouri Society during the Quarterly Board Meeting in Columbia, Missouri July 29, 2017.

The awards consisted of a Certification of Participation and a Presidential Streamer.

Ozark Mountain Chapter compatriots received the awards as chairmen of MOSSAR Committees. The NSSAR awards were announced at the 127th Congress in Louisville, KY July 8, 2017.



OMC President Howard Fisk (left) accepts a NSSAR certificate and streamer from Clifford Olson, NSSAR Education Outreach Coordinator for MOSSAR. President Fisk is Chairman of the MOSSAR Eagle Scout Committee.



OMC President Howard Fisk (left) accepts a NSSAR certificate and streamer from Clifford Olson, NSSAR Education Outreach Coordinator for MOSSAR. President Fisk accepted the award for Ken Lawrence, Chairman of the MOSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee.



MOSSAR Lloyd C. Yohe 2016 Yearbook Awards

Left: William C. Coram Chapter, Mike Schmidt; Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, (2nd Place), Don Palmer; Ozark Patriots Chapter, Frank Furman, Fernando de Leyba Chapter, (3rd Place), Marvin Koechig; Ozark Mountain Chapter, (1st Place), George Swales, and Harry S. Truman Chapter, Courtney Sloan.



OMC Attendees at MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting July 29, 2017

Left: Historian Norman Knowlton, President J. Howard Fisk, Vice President George Swales, Dan Philbrick, Dan McMurray, and Tom Sentman, Editor.