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President's Message

George Swales

Welcome to July in the Ozarks! Hot as a fire-cracker and dry. We need rain to help gardens, shrubs, and trees grow. I hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth of July family celebrations and was able to pause to reflect on gifts given us by our Forefathers and the responsibilities placed upon us and future generations.

Activities of the Patriots, Tories, Indians, and British troops during the American Revolutionary War did not cool off or cease in the July or August heat.

Fort Laurens, located near Bolivar, Ohio, built in 1778, was the only fort built in the Ohio Country during the Revolutionary War. The fort was named after Henry Laurens, president of the Continental Congress from South Carolina. It was originally to serve as a staging area for American forces to attack the British garrison at Detroit. Although over 2,000 men and women from Fort Pitt helped build the fort, a large majority of the force withdrew after its completion, leaving only 176 men and five women behind. During the bitter winter of 1778/1779, conditions deteriorated rapidly with provisions scarce. In February 1779, the British together with their Indian warriors, sensing worsening conditions at the Fort, began a siege. British and Indian forces also suffered during the harsh winter weather, choosing to lift the siege on March 20, 1779. American reinforcements from Fort Pitt arrived several days later, but the commander of Fort Pitt later determined the fort would not be adequate for mounting an attack on Detroit. The fort was abandoned on August 2, 1779.

The Battle of Colson's Mill was fought July 21, 1780, in present-day Stanly County, North Carolina. The engagement involved about Six Hundred Patriot militia and several Hundred Loyalists. The militia attempted to surround the enemy, but the Loyalists escaped.

Casualties were light on both sides and the Colonist Militia notched another victory.

Next Chapter Meeting

Sept 15, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at
Ozarks Technical College, Room 108

Our guest speaker for September will be Mike Boatright, a retired Secret Service Agent, who will be speaking on "The History of the Secret Service".

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The Battle followed the American's thrashing of the British at Ramsour's Mill on June 20, and dampened Tory support for the British movement into the Carolinas and Lord Cornwallis' southern campaign.

The Battle of Musgrove Mill, South Carolina, was fought August 19, 1780. On the hot August day, in a battle that lasted only about an hour, 200 Patriot militiamen defeated a force of over 500 Loyalist militiamen and provincial regulars. Patriot casualties were light with only an estimated four dead, but sixty-three Tories were killed and an additional seventy taken prisoner.

No Chapter August meeting is scheduled. However, several August activities are planned, including Nathaniel Greene's Birthday celebration, a field trip to several Patriot graves, and hosting the South-Central District Meeting the last weekend of August. Each of you, please join your Member Compatriots at any or all these events. Continued Member Support is crucial for an active chapter!

Have a safe, cool, enjoyable summer!

Minutes from OMCSAR Chapter Meeting July 21, 2018

President George Swales called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M. at Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 24 members and 7 guests present.

Compatriot George Swales delivered the Invocation. He then asked for a moment of silence for the families and victims of the Branson Ride The Ducks Boat tragedy this week. Compatriot John McAlear led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Norman Knowlton led the Pledge to the SAR.

President George Swales, starting at the back of the room, had each attendee stand up, state name, and give very brief self-introduction.

Vice-President Ken Lawrence introduced the guest speaker of the day: Fred Hall, a long-time Attorney here in Springfield. Fred presented Part One of his program last month on the Articles of Confederation and today presents Part Two, talking about the Articles themselves and the struggles to get them adopted.

See page five (5) for the presentation.

President Report-President George Swales introduced our own **Past President General, Compatriot David Appleby**, who gave an informative introduction to our Special Guest, President of SAR in France, Martin Boyer, from Paris, France. Martin has been a member of SAR for 38 years, has been an active traveler in the United States and elsewhere with regard to SAR, speaks numerous languages, and is currently serving as President of the Society of SAR of France. He spoke on the Society of France, since it is unique-not a State Society.

Martin Boyer, President of the Society of SAR of France, spoke of the Houston National Convention of SAR and his pleasure of attending and participating. He noticed at the Congress, there was a French Flag next to the U.S. Flag. His ancestor was a Captain in the French

Royal Navy and took part in many battles. Martin has in his possession the log book in which his ancestor recorded events each day. His ancestor was in command of a ship called

Hercules.

The ship's firepower was more than the entire firepower of General Washington at Yorktown. The French King sent over 36 ships and their total firepower was just barely enough to turn the entire British Fleet away. The French played



a pivotal role in the Battle of Yorktown. One can only imagine that without their support the Battle might have been different. And that is why the French Flag is standing next to the American Flag at the SAR Congress.

The French Society of the SAR was first established in the nineteenth century, and revived in the 1920's. Currently, the Society has about 670 members. They have monthly meetings, organize exhibitions, and sometimes have visitors they might take to various points of interest. This past month was the Centennial of World War I and they took visitors to the 1917 battlefields where U.S. Troops fought. They visited trenches, bunkers, cemeteries, the areas where battles took place, and where the first U.S. troops landed. There is a Statute and U.S. Flag at that site. The French SAR has been doing all they can to enhance the Franco-American relationship. They keep in close contact with the U.S. Ambassador to France, Mrs. Jamie McCourt, who came to France at age 18 and has good memories of that time. On the 4th of July, Martin was invited to the U.S. Embassy in Paris. Fred Hall, our guest speaker, reinforced comments on the presentation of Martin Boyer and support of the French in the American Revolution, and expansion of the West with the input of the French.

Martin thanked Fred Hall for his interesting speech and comments. He noted when the delegates decided to add new territories, they had forgotten the Indians who were already living there. They also forgot about the French, since France owned the Louisiana Territory from New Orleans to the Great Lakes. The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 doubled the U.S. territory overnight. It had belonged to France. Since then, the U.S. has paid its debt with participation in World War II and thanks were given for saving France, not only in 1917, but also in June, 1944. He again thanked our Chapter and David Appleby for the warm hospitality.

For participation in our program and for all he has done for SAR, Past President General, David Appleby, presented Martin Boyer an Honorary Life Membership in Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

President George Swales participated in the presentation.



Compatriot Curtis Trent, one of our Missouri State Representatives, in conjunction with this morning's program on history of the Articles of Confederation and expansion West, will introduce a Resolution in January 2019, based on the concept of a National American History Month, with Ozark Mountain Chapter as first Chapter, Missouri Legislature as first Legislature, and hopefully our United States Legislature support of this Proposal across our Country. The Proclamation proclaims November each year as National American History Month. This Proposal was Moved, Seconded, Passed and will be proposed to the Missouri State SAR for endorsement.



President General David Appleby presented the history of this movement, starting with Dr. Jack London and his wife, Jennifer London, in Washington D.C., who took the Proposal to President Trump for consideration. David is proposing that we, as one of the State's Chapters in SAR, pass this on through our Chapter to the State and on to our National organization; eventually through the U.S. Legislature.

***Note:** President George Swales brought the proposal to the Missouri Society Board which unanimously approved the proposal July 28, 2018, which reads: "The Missouri Society Supports the proposal to proclaim November of each year as National American History Month."*

Vice-President Report-Ken Lawrence We will not be meeting in August. 2018. Our guest speaker for September will be Mike Boatright, a retired Secret Service Agent, who will be speaking on "The History of the Secret Service". Our October guest speaker will be John Sellars, speaking on the "History Museum".

Chapter Development Committee Report-Vice-President Ken Lawrence. Next weekend is the Missouri Society Meeting, July 28, 2018, in Columbia, MO, at 10:00 A.M.

August 16, 2018, Nathanael Greene, 276th Birthday, Greene County Courthouse, 10:00 A.M.

August 18, 2018, Patriot Discovery-- a bus or van trip to visit 3 Patriot graves in Southwest Missouri, leaving from Fisk Limo, Saturday, 8:00 A.M. (Replaces Monthly Meeting).

We will visit the Mount Vernon Veterans Home in Mount Vernon to pay tribute to our Veterans, celebrate Purple Heart Day (August 7th), and visit with OMC Compatriot Murray Bussard, a resident. Then proceed to lunch in Mount Vernon. Next, we visit our first OMC President's grave, Charles W. Calef, outside of Halltown, MO.

August 24-25, 2018, South Central District SAR meeting, University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO. Our Chapter hosts this event. Our own Dan McMurray is Vice-President General of the Organization.

NSSAR President General, Warren Alter, will be present with many other candidates for National Offices.

September 19, 2018, Naturalization Ceremony, MSU Plaster Student Union, 11:30 A.M.

October 3, 2018, History Explorer Program at Springfield Library Center, 7:00 P.M. on George Washington's Cabinet with Willard High School History Team performing.

October 6, 2018, Catt/Crawford Veteran Reunion 10:00 A.M wreath-laying for 1812/Civil War event.

October 20, 2018, Annual remembrance of Isaac Garrison with DAR, Richmond Cemetery, 12:00.

October 27, 2018, Boy Scout Seminar and Workshop for 3 Merit Badges: American History, Genealogy, and Law. (Norm Knowlton, Steve Perkins, and Gary Bishop will lead the subjects.).

We are looking for others to assist in this Boy Scout event. Compatriot Gary Gift will run the event.

We have other events in the offing and plan to continue Wolf School education programs with up to 10 programs this next year. They have been a great success with participation by individuals like Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins, Dan McMurray, and Ken Lawrence.

Compatriot Gerald McCoy asked to be relieved of his duty as Commander of Southern District of Missouri Color Guard and nominated Compatriot J. Howard Fisk to replace him. Our Executive Committee endorsed this nomination and asked for Chapter Approval, which was Moved, Seconded and Passed.

Secretary Report - Norman Knowlton Minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. Norman asked for any additions or corrections. Seeing none, Minutes were Moved, Seconded and Passed as Written.

Treasurer Report-John McAlear We presently have \$4,311.19 in our checking account, \$1,200.00 in a new South Central account, and \$9,044.43 in our interest-bearing fund account. This gives us a total of \$14,634.63. This Report was Accepted and Passed Unanimously.

Compatriot David Appleby invited all OMC members and spouses to his residence on Thursday, August 23, (night prior to South Central meeting in Springfield), for a reception for New President General Warren Alter and his wife, Nancy Alter. Time of Event and particulars will be sent out shortly.

Genealogist Report - Steve Perkins Ten prospects have expressed an interest in SAR membership.

A supplemental application was recently submitted for Ben Edmondson and, if approved, perhaps we can have him share a brief story of the lineage to his Patriot.

John Hume's application was Approved on June 15; thus we have a new member, who will be sworn in at a future meeting when all paperwork is complete. Likewise, I hope we will find an opportunity for him to share with us information about his Patriot. There were quite a few zigs and zags through the maternal side, making for an interesting research opportunity.

A new application for Martin Capages has been prepared and will be sent to State next week. Martin is a very interesting person, who has written a number of books, is involved with the Missouri Constitutional Convention movement, and has a close friendship with another author, Leslie G. Mironuck, who lives in Waynesville, MO. Both are prospective speakers for future Chapter meetings. Leslie Mironuck focuses directly on subjects relating to the Revolutionary War and the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He has done original research, documented, and written books. Steve purchased and is reading one of his books titled "Irreconcilable Differences, Profiles of the Founding Fathers 1750 to 1776".

Editor Report-Tom Sentman He is back in the fold and is going to be putting out the July through December 2018 newsletters. There will not be a Patriot Newsletter published for August 2018.

Historian Report-Gary Gift Absent with No Report

Sgt-at-Arms Report-Charles McMillan He wanted to Honor the French who came to our rescue. Charles carried a replica of the musket provided by the French in the thousands to Gen-

eral George Washington because they wanted us to win. Charles had the Honor of attending his first National Congress. Charles represented the State of Missouri and Ozark Mountain Chapter by carrying his musket in the Color Guard Procession. He had Compatriot Gerald McCoy transport the musket for him to the Congress. For some reason, United Airlines did not want the musket on their express jet. Charles participated in the Color Guard at Congress, with Paul McClanahan's permission. Charles proudly led the Procession into the Congress on the very first day and enjoyed representing all of us at this event.

South Central District Convention-Dan McMurray He reiterated the August 24-25, 2018, dates at University Plaza, Springfield, MO, for the upcoming SAR South Central District meeting hosted by our own OMC. Dan gave a brief outline of the agenda and events, and encouraged all members to attend and help. The event should conclude by noon on Saturday. Dan was installed as Vice-President General of the South Central District this past week. This District includes Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Dan McMurray stated we were well represented at the National Congress by Gerald McCoy, David Appleby, Charles McMillan, and him.

Committee Reports No additional reports

Old Business None **New Business** None

Motion to Adjourn was Made, Seconded and Passed.

Compatriot John Allen led the Recessional. **Compatriot George Swales** led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:20 A.M.



South Central District Meeting

August 24-25, 2018

Springfield, Missouri



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NEW WEBSITE**

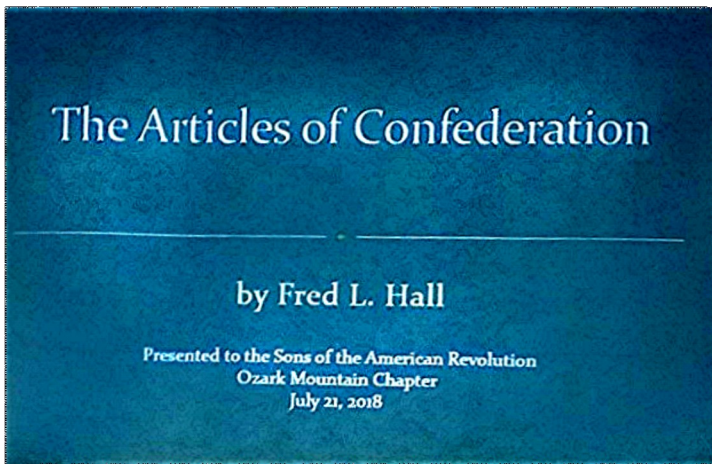
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**Photos by: Margaret Swales, Norman Knowlton,
and Charles McMillan.**

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Articles of Confederation Part II



Mr. Hall presented a quick review of last month's presentation about troubles encountered with trying to get the colonists together on what kind of government they were going to develop. The colonists realized they would be better off staying united, rather than being divided, and would be less likely taken in by their neighbors. So even with War going on, they were trying to put together some Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation was a loose organization because some people were not sure what this new organization was going to be. Some people presently had good positions (like Governors and Judges) and were not sure they wanted to jump off into this Revolution, leave the Crown, and be on their own. Some other people were pleased because they had little stake and no standing in the society, (some were day laborers) and were looking forward to an enhancement in their position. Some were fearful and others hopeful. They adopted the Articles of Confederation in November 1777. Maryland was the last State to approve them. Maryland was concerned because Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina had an almost unlimited backdoor to the West. The Charter to Virginia from the Crown said their Western border went to the South Seas. So Virginia could claim all the wealth to the Mississippi River and maybe to the Pacific. States like Maryland and Delaware, being landlocked, would be concerned. The Articles were finally Approved in 1781. That same year, about eight months later, General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. The United States Constitution was finally Adopted almost nine years later and the Articles of Confederation were used in its creation. The

Bill of Rights almost a year

There were concerns about the Confederation. Would each be represented in this? Big states argued representation.



Guest Speaker Mr. Fred Hall

each State represented-

was Adopted later.

several concerns about the Articles of First, how State be represented new government and little for their own

With the Articles decided would be

ed by 2 to 7 individuals to the Congress, paid for by that State. Each State would have just one vote. Another issue was taxation. In raising money for the Army and Navy, how much would each State pay? Little States, Maryland and Delaware, were concerned about land volume, since New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania had lots of land, and felt big States should have to pay more. The matter was settled, based on land values and improvements of each state, with each state contributing only when it was requested. This became an issue because States with an unlimited border to the West did not pay their fair share. Eventually, the issue was passed on to the Congress to make a decision. For this reason, Maryland finally decided to sign the Articles of Confederation.

Some bad news from the Articles was they provided an extremely limited central government. It had trouble acting. There was no Executive or Judicial branches, only a Legislative branch. There was a President, but he was to serve one year and was termed-limited. It took a vote of nine of the thirteen colonies to function and, thus, not much was accomplished. The U.S. could raise money only by requesting the States to provide it, but sometimes that did not come. Both George Washington and Nathanael Greene were frustrated with lack of funds to support troops and as a result were close to defeat due to lack of financial support. Foreign policy was put on the back burner because the person in charge would only be in office for one year. Limiting agreements, trade, and economic problems would be difficult to resolve. Even though they passed the Articles, many concerns still needed to be ironed out. George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, George Knox, and Nathanael Greene were some people, who helped take the Articles to create the Constitution.

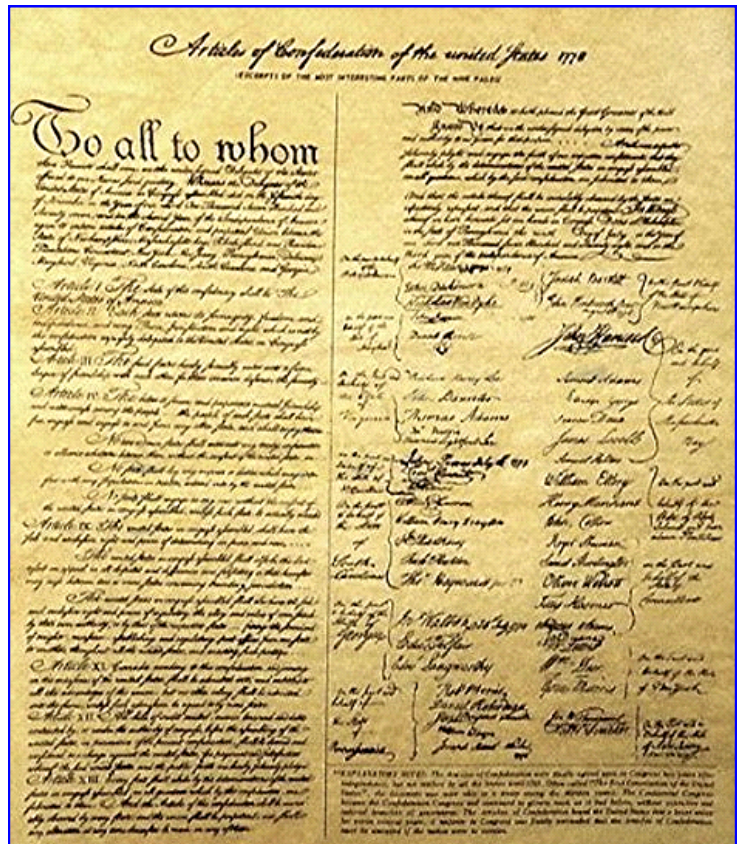
Good news about the Articles of Confederation was two-fold. First, was passage of the Land Ordinance of 1785, which described how townships and sections of land were laid out. Each section was a mile square. Second, in each township section 16, was dedicated to education. The Ordinance started the land policy for the entire United States west of the Appalachian Mountains and laid the groundwork for titles and deeds of properties. The Northwest Ordinance, enacted in 1787, helped define who was to get land to the West. It determined if this land was sold, it had to be sold to the United States Treasury. This requirement helped lower the Country's financial woes from the Revolution costs. It also was beneficial to some Northwest Territory states, including Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota, which were included in the Ordinance. These states were to be brought into the Union. In order to come into the Union and be equal to the original thirteen colonies, they had to do three things. First, Congress would appoint a Governor, a Secretary, and 3 Judges. (Later for the State of Missouri, Meriwether was appointed first Governor by Thomas Jefferson). Second, Congress provided when the adult white male population attained inhabitants of 5,000, the territory could set up a legislature and send a delegate to Congress, without the right to vote, but could speak. Third, when territory population reached 60,000, it could apply to be admitted as a State to the Union and would be equal to all other States in the Union. This Ordinance provided a requirement of Trial by Jury, Freedom of Religion, Prohibited Slavery, Fair Treatment of Indians, and encouraged the means for Education. This laid the groundwork for the addition of other States to join the Union. California and Texas had their pattern of government laid down from the Spanish.

Vice-President Ken Lawrence presented Fred Hall with a Certificate of our Appreciation for his History Presentation.



Left: Ken Lawrence, Fred Hall, and President George Swales.

Articles of Confederation



States representatives debate topics and activities.

Chapter Events July 4th

Independence Day Parade 10:00 A.M. Meadowmere Place



Left: Boy Scout James Sanders, Color Guard Members Dan McMurray, Gerald McCoy, J. Howard Fisk, Steven Perkins, Ken Lawrence, and Charles McMillan.



Steven Perkins performs a musket salute to open the parade.



Pledge of Allegiance. Right - Springfield Mayor Ken McClure. Compatriot J. Howard Fisk performed the Bell Ceremony.

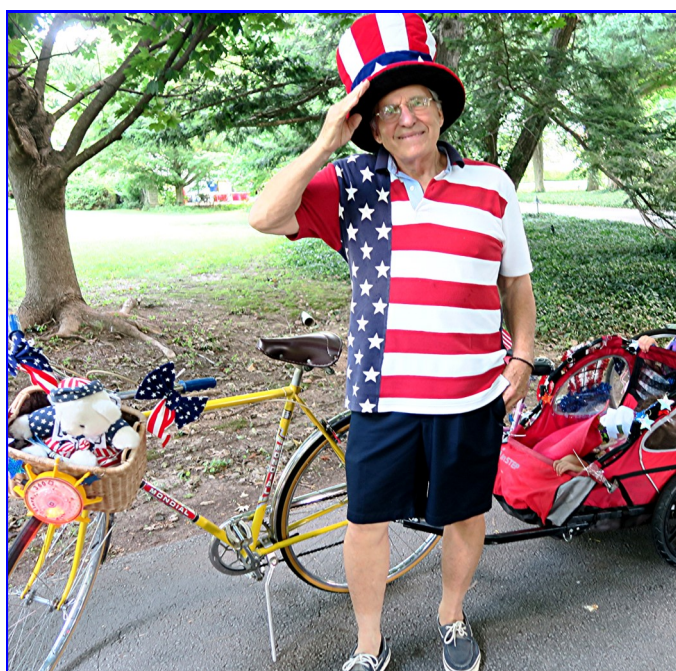


Above— Darby Vincent sang the National Anthem.



Chapter Events July 4th (Continued)

Independence Day Parade July 4, 10:00 A.M. Meadowmere Place



J. Howard and Jan Fisk

OMC support to the parade. Left: Norman Knowlton, George Swales, Steven Perkins, Dan McMurray, Kenneth Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, Charles McMillan, Scout James Sanders, Grandson of Gerald McCoy, Gerald McCoy, and Tom Sentman.



Chapter Events July 10

History Explorers 7:00 P.M. Library Center

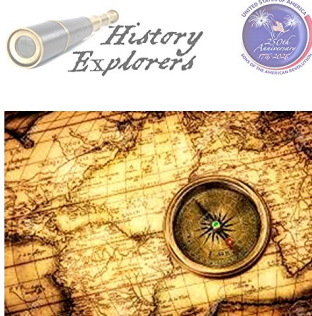
HENRY ROWE SCHOOLCRAFT - Ozarks Explorer

History Explorers Presents: Explorer Henry Schoolcraft



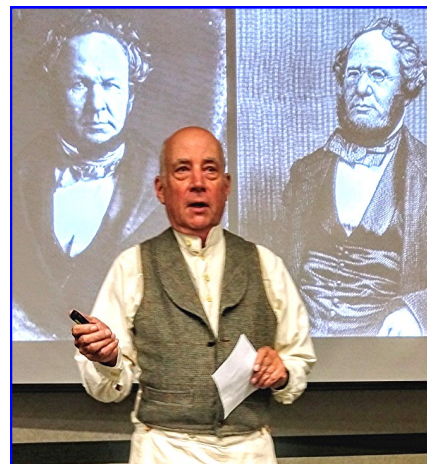
Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. 200 years ago, explorer Henry Schoolcraft traveled through Missouri — going from Potosi to Springfield, and down the White River into Arkansas

— to survey the area's geography, geology and mineralogy. Learn how Schoolcraft's discoveries promoted further development of lead mining in Missouri, making us the leading lead producer in the nation. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.



Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
A Journey Into
The Interior of Missouri
July 10, 2018

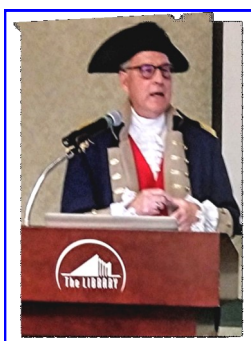
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Dr. Bob Kipfer portrayed explorer Henry Schoolcraft talking about his 1818–19 expedition through the Ozarks during a History Explorers program Tuesday, July 10, at the Library Center. About 75 people attended the event. Also at the program, Ken Lawrence gave a brief backstory of the Declaration of Independence and the men who signed it. Dan McMurray told a brief story of Nathan Boone he settled this area of Missouri.



J. Howard Fisk introduced the History Explorers program.



Ken Lawrence discussed the backstory of the Declaration of Independence.



Right—Dan McMurray discusses Nathan Boone in this area of Missouri.



Right – J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, George Swales, Steven Perkins, Norman Knowlton, and Ken Lawrence.



Chapter Events July 11

Emergency Medical Services Award - Cox Medical Center



EMS Award July 11, 8:30 A.M.

Cox Medical Center

Dr. Mathew Brandt (Center) receives the Sons of the American Revolution Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Medal from Ozark Mountain Chapter compatriot J. Howard Fisk. Fire Chief David Pennington looks on as the medal is presented during the ceremony.

More than 500 Cox Medical Center senior staff members attended the planning event.

The OMC presentation was part of a larger Cox Medical Center event.

Sons of the American Revolution Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Medal

Dr. Matthew Brandt, Critical Care Specialist, has been chosen by his peers to receive the 2018 Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Medal. We are honored to be here today to present Dr. Brandt with this Medal and Certificate of Commendation.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution awards this Medal to Dr. Matthew Brandt for service with distinction and devotion to the Citizens of Springfield, Missouri, and the Southwest Region. This Medal recognizes Leadership, Exceptional Service, and Accomplishment in the field of Emergency Medical Services.

Dr. Brandt continues to serve a critical role as Emergency Services Communication Committee Member for Springfield/Greene County area. A key contributor and subject matter expert in development of medical response protocols for active threat and mass casualty incidents; he is a founding member of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) and "Stop the Bleed" programs. In addition, he trains military community members to serve around the globe. Through Dr. Brandt's leadership, communities are more resilient in emergency times and Professional and Citizen Responders are better prepared.

Dr. Brandt is expert in handling conditions of an urgent and extremely dangerous nature. His cases involve cardiac distress, trauma, fractures, lacerations, and other acute conditions. He oversees emergency cases coming to Cox Medical Center from Counties across Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Patients count on him to properly diagnose and stabilize their conditions prior to transfer for more specialized treatment.

In addition to his leadership at Cox and on the Regional Emergency Medical Committee, Dr. Brandt is Director of Emergency Service at OTC. Regional EMT training takes place in Simulations Laboratories at OTC under Dr. Brandt's guidance, where he helps direct the curriculum. Monthly training usually involves about 180 professionals, improving their skills to save the lives of those they serve.

Dr. Matthew Brandt, for your leadership, keeping citizens safe, and performing at the pinnacle of professionalism, the Sons of the American Revolution, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Honor you by awarding you the

Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Medal

Dr. George Swales, President

Chapter Events July 21

The Missouri House of Representatives prepared a proclamation to declare November as National American History Month.

The proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to maintaining all understanding of the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, with the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence approaching in 2026, the members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution wish to remind all citizens that they live in a vast nation with significant differences culturally and geographically, both of which have been uniquely held together by our common heritage and history; and

Whereas, members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution envision a future where both educational organizations and service organizations support the education of this country's youth in the fields of American history, education, law, political sciences, and other related fields; and

Whereas, the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution believes that establishing a National American History Month would enhance public awareness and support through educational publications, programs, historic tours, and scholarships, as well as initiatives to encourage other organizations to engage in similar efforts; and

Whereas, the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has designated the month of November as National American History Month with the hope that it will bring together an understanding of our common heritage, promote patriotism and encourage continued respect for the character and heroism of the Founding Fathers and Patriots of America:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, join to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the month of November as National American History Month among all compatriots; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Representative Curtis Trent
District No. 133



Chapter News



Winner of the President General Robert B. Vance Award to the Chapter Internet web site which best represents the SAR, by providing the most useful information about activities and programs to our members and to the general public, using both a creative method of display and professional format

2017—2018



Hillary C. Fisk DAR is recognized for her outstanding support, contributions, and development of the OMC website.

Left: Gary Gift, Tom Sentman, Dan McMurray, J. Howard Fisk, David N. Appleby, Ms. Hillary Fisk, George Swales, Steven Perkins, and Gerald McCoy.



Color Guardsman Charles McMillan, MOSSAR Sgt-At-Arms, accepts a new 13-star flag from MOSSAR Color Guardsman James Scott and MOSSAR President J. Wayne Merrill during the MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting July 27, 2018.



Compatriot Dan McMurray became Vice President of the South Central District The Meeting ended at 10:20 A.M.



Compatriot Tom Sentman is presented the SAR Patriot Medal by President Dennis Hahn (2017) and President J. Wayne Merrill during the Quarterly Meeting in Columbia, MO. July 27, 2018.



OMC members attended the Missouri Quarterly Meeting July 27. **Left:** Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan, George Swales, Steven Perkins, Dan Philbrick, and Tom Sentman.

Ozark Mountain Chapter First Place Awards

Missouri Society Award Plaques

Annual Membership Meeting April 28, 2018



**Left: COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD**

MISSOURI SOCIETY

2017 Winner Kenneth Lawrence

Ozark Mountain Chapter

Right: LLOYD YOHE AWARD

MISSOURI SOCIETY

BEST CHAPTER YEARBOOK

2017 Ozark Mountain Chapter

Published by Historian Norman Knowlton



Left: JOSHIA FOGG AWARD

MISSOURI SOCIETY

BEST CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

2017 Ozark Mountain Chapter

Prepared by President J. Howard Fisk



Chapter News

Missouri SAR At the 2018 Congress in Houston, TX July 6-10, 2018

SAR Color Guard Members Open the 128th Congress.

OMC Compatriot Charles McMillan (center) and Missouri SAR President J. Wayne Merrill (right of Charles McMillan) represented the Missouri SAR Color Guard.



SAR Members Attend the 2018 Congress

The Sons of the American Revolution has societies in 50 states and several international societies (including Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom).



Missouri SAR compatriots and wives pose for a photo during the 128th Congress.

OMC Members: Second Row L- R: Charles McMillan (Left), Dan McMurray (Fourth), President General David Appleby (Tenth), and Gerald McCoy (Right).

Flag Day Presentation



The local members of the Sons of the American Revolution gave a moving presentation in the Historic Courthouse on June 14. Several meaningful elements of the presentation link to our great country's history.



Flag: June 14, 2018 was the 102nd anniversary of National Flag Day, as determined by the 2nd Continental Congress, in the Flag Act of June 14, 1777, making the 13 red and white striped flag with 13 stars representing our first states on a field of blue. The Flag Act of 1794 was signed into law by President George Washington. The Act changed the design of the flag to accommodate the admission into the Union of Vermont and Kentucky. It provided for fifteen stripes as well as fifteen stars. This would be the only official flag of the United States not to have thirteen stripes.

The Flag Act of 1818 was enacted by Congress to provide for the modern rule of having thirteen stripes to represent the original thirteen colonies and having the number of stars match the number of states. It also provided that subsequent changes in the number of stars be made on July 4, Independence Day the year following admission.

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson called for the nation-wide observance of Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed congress' decree, making June 14th of each year National Flag Day, a time when Americans reflect on the foundation of our nation's freedom. Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their beliefs in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity. Our American Flag is our one enduring symbol of our Patriot ancestors and all that they gave so that we might freely meet.



White Carnations: These represent the purity of purpose of the American patriot who forges this new nation. It is also a reminder of absent comrades who will never return home to their loved ones having left their lives on battlefields around the world.

Bell: The 14 chimes on the bell symbolize the 13 colonies and the final chime is for the Commander of the Continental Army and the first President of this country, George Washington.



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Upcoming Events



Ozark Trails Council Roundtable August 2, 7:00 P.M.. First & Calvary Church Scoutmasters / Heritage Merit Badge Workshop Gary Gift & Howard Fisk.



Nathaniel Greene 276th Birthday Celebration at the Greene County Courthouse - August 16th, at 9:00 A.M.



Grave Site Field Trip and Markings Saturday, August 18th - 8:00 A.M. leaving by a Fisk limo for the day. We'll be visiting multiple grave sites in Southwest Missouri.



We will also visit the Veterans Home at Mt. Vernon to honor veterans Purple Heart Day (August 7th) as part of the event on August 18th.



South Central District Meeting of the SAR. Held Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th at the University Plaza- Springfield, MO. David Appleby will be providing a reception for the President General Elect at his home on Thursday, August 23rd.



Constitution & Citizenship Day September 18th

Speakers Bureau to Kickapoo High School History Club – George Swales.



Missouri State University Naturalization Ceremony September 19th at Plaster Student Union 11:30 A.M. Plaster Student Union.

Judge M. Douglas Harpool, Western District of Missouri



Gold Star Mother's Day September 24th.