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The President's Message

By President Ben Edmondson

Greetings Compatriots

August tends to be a slow month for our Chapter since

we do not have a regularly scheduled meeting. We do still have activities. This year we have the Nathaniel Greene event at the Historic Greene County Courthouse on the 8th and a tour of the Greene County Archives scheduled on the 20th.

We will resume our scheduled monthly meetings in September on the 17th.

It is my sincerest hope that everyone had a joyous Fourth of July. Hopefully many of you were fortunate enough to spend that time with family and friends.

What makes a nation great, and what factors or qualities contributed towards making the United States the envy of others in the world? In the poem A Nation's Strength the poet William Ralph Emerson – a key figure in the American Transcendentalist movement – asks if gold, the sword, or pride make a nation powerful, before concluding that the most important thing is the men and women – 'who for truth and honor's sake Stand fast and suffer long. Brave men who work while others sleep, Who dare while others fly... They build a nation's pillars deep And lift

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them to the sky.'

Let us do our best to contribute as best we can to this our forebears greatest legacy. Supporting the pillars of our great nation and lifting them higher to the sky for all to see.

Ben Edmondson



Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting July 16th, 2022

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 17, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. at OTC in Springfield

Since we normally do not meet in August for our OMC Monthly meetings, we will have a Site visit to the Greene County Archives at 9:00 AM

President Ben Edmondson-- called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M with 22 members and 5 guests.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick-- delivered the Invocation. He then asked **Compatriot Dan McMurray** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and **Compatriot Jim Robinette** to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

President Ben Edmondson introduced our guests visiting us today and then had **Compatriot Norm Knowlton** introduce our Guest Speaker, **Jack Hamlin**.

Jack Hamlin is an extraordinary individual who served in the United States Coast Guard during World War



II. He participated in Operation Overlord on D-Day on June 6th, 1944. As a Member of the Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla was called into action by having a rope tied around his waist, while not wearing a wet suit like today, wearing pants and tennis shoes, dove into the cold waters to pull out the wounded, shot, dying, and dead from the waters on Omaha Beach.

At that time there were 176,000 soldiers that participated in D-Day with 79,000 being Americans. They landed on Utah and Omaha Beaches while other nations participated on the Beaches of Gold, Sword, and Juno. Of those that participated there are but less than 2500 still alive, with less than 100 who are capable of traveling to Normandy for its annual celebration. This year Jack was one of the 50 that did go to Normandy for its celebration. Norm Knowlton went as one of his

escorts, along with Jack's daughter, Julie Hamlin. There are a number of groups that sponsor World War Veterans to come to Normandy each year. The group that sponsored Jack was the Liberty Jump Team, which is a group of Parachutists who help to raise money to pay for these visits. Of the 16 million U.S. Veterans that were in uniform during World War II, less than 200,000 are still living. Very few are capable of making a long trip like the one we took. We were treated like royalty and stayed in host's homes. All meals, transportation, activities were paid for by these supporting groups. The Veterans are considered "Liberators" by the people of Normandy.

I had the pleasure of being his Physician for the past several decades and he was nice enough to ask me to escort him last year and again this year to Normandy for their 78th-anniversary celebration.

First, he wanted to thank our organization for the invitation to be here. For the last two months he has been treated very well including being with John Sellars of the History Museum, where he took a history of his entire life from his youth to the present. The day before this he was honored to go to the National Guard Helicopter Plant just north of the Springfield airport where they work on helicopters with Greg McManus. He was a Colonel in the Army helicopter division and he had survived being shot down 6 times while serving. They maintain and paint the military helicopters. He was so pleased to be allowed to be able to do this because of his personal history.

On his trip, he was escorted by Norm Knowlton and Jack's daughter, Julie Hamlin, which were also loved by the French of Normandy. He was kissed by so many of the French people that it was too hard to keep track, but well over 500 times. The people around Normandy are the most wonderful people in the world. He related a short story of Christie Seyglinski who is 27 years old, who had friended Jack on Facebook, whom he had never met. She is a graduate of Rutgers University in history. She came unchaperoned from New Jersey

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to Normandy to be with Jack. She has personally collected the largest collection of memorabilia of the Titanic. She arranged her own way there and stayed by Jack's side throughout the entire visit. He had women on each wing the entire time of this visit. She came, after being on Facebook with Jack for three years, to walk with him on Omaha Beach.

We met old friends from before and met new friends. The entire visit was arranged by Colonel Peter Plank of Oklahoma; this was the 5th time back with Peter Plank, and it was Jack's 7th time returning to Normandy. He related that Jack and Norm were invited by Wanda Stump from West Virginia, all expenses paid, to come to the Netherlands for their celebration in September; but he turned them down since this would be strenuous for this 100-year-old. He was disappointed in not being able to go to La Fiere to see the parachutists jump because of the weather that morning, but otherwise, we experienced a great deal. We did attend the huge festival at Saint Mere Eglise which did not start until almost 10:00 PM, because of the late sunset, the fireworks were not completed until almost 1 o'clock. With some reservations from his Doctor, we still went on to enjoy the entire evening with food, drinks, and the marvelous fireworks.

He related meeting a good friend, Vince Speranza, known as "the Machine Gunner of Bastogne". It was a pleasure for him to go back to Normandy, even with the long flights over there, especially to see again his old friends from Normandy and elsewhere from Europe that came for these festivities.

Norm spoke about how well the Veterans are treated in Normandy. He told the story of the first Veteran to hit Omaha Beach on D-Day, Bill Parker, a Choctaw Native American. This was his first time back to Normandy for 78 years since he landed on that infamous day. He was greeted by the Mayor of Valognes where he apologized to the Mayor for his damage to that city and even killing people in his town. The Mayor told him not to regret it, because of him, they were Liberated and are Free

today.

He again told the story of Marie Legrand, a very wealthy French woman, who adopted Sir Chares Norman Shay, a Native American who was the first medic on Omaha Beach on D-Day. When he returned to the US after the war, he became the Chief of his tribe, but unfortunately, he lost his wife. He became very depressed. So Marie Legrand adopted Sir Charles, moved him to live with her in France and has continued to support any and all Veterans to come back to Normandy for D-Day. Last year, because of the Covid virus, Americans were not allowed to come to France and Omaha Beach, but since Sir Charles Shay was a resident of France, he was the only American to be allowed on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

Jack told the story of his girlfriend he had in Cherbourg while he was stationed in Normandy. After the War, his girlfriend, Jacqueline, who was a Nurse in Normandy, became a famous model in Paris. Marie Legrand's niece, Alice Fernandez, was, from a picture, able to locate his girlfriend. She unfortunately had passed away, but they were able to find her daughter and granddaughters and arranged for them to meet Jack last year at the Admiral of the Navy's Palace in Cherbourg. After the War and coming home and marrying, he named his first daughter Jacqueline.

On Christmas Eve 1944 he and another officer had their dates on his ship with food and drinks. Unfortunately while entertaining, he was summoned back to work to help rescue men of the USS Leopoldville which had been torpedoed by the Germans about 5 miles off of the coast. He had to rescue many of the troops that were stranded in the waters. There were 2200 members of the 66th Infantry on board. One of the stranded that was rescued by Jack and pulled out of the waters was a man named Williamson, the father of the President of Central Bank here in Springfield. We lost over 800 men that night, but he personally saved at least 50. That submarine that got the Leopoldville was later sunk by the Americans.

He did tell a story of meeting Kurt Keller, who was

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a German machine gunner, who fired upon Americans, and also at Jack, on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He has met him personally and does communicate with him regularly. He said that was his job to fire on the Americans when they landed on Omaha Beach.

Jack has been honored around the world including the French Medal of Honor and even attended an invitation of the Queen of England to have lunch with her. He is a celebrity and deserves all of these accolades. It is an honor to be with him on these trips. Photo books were passed around of the trips to Normandy.

The one place he wanted to attend on this trip was Pointe Du Hoc where the American Rangers had to climb the cliff to take out the German Artillery shooting at the arriving ships. He was in the waters off Omaha Beach and was looking back from the water last year, but he wanted to go to the monument overlooking the waters where he had been.

He entertained questions and was acknowledged for his presentation.

Compatriot John Hathcock also mentioned that the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor Awardee passed away this past week, Woody Williams. This awardee was also involved with Gold Star families and set up memorials across the country including one at the College of the Ozarks along with John Morris

President Ben Edmondson introduced **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** who invited Jack Hamlin to attend our annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club at 11:00 AM on November 19th and to include the DAR Chapters and CAR Chapters members.

He then went on to give an update on the NSSAR National Congress in Savannah, Georgia which was attended by himself, Gerald McCoy, David Appleby, Dan McMurray, and Ken Lawrence. Missouri had about a dozen attending and was well recognized and awarded. He brought home some of the programs which were provided. He and Ken Lawrence attended a grave marking

ceremony of 5 graves, where they have identified 18 Revolutionary War graves in this old cemetery in Savannah. He learned that you need to know just the cemetery, not their exact location, where these Patriots are buried. He stated that our OMC was one of the very few chapters that gave all five of the Public Service Awards, and we were the only one from Missouri.

The South Central District Meeting of the SAR will be meeting on August 26th at Bentonville, Arkansas, and will include a possible visit to the Crystal Bridges Museum. It does house one of the ten copies of the Constitution and is part of their display. It does give SAR members a chance to meet and participate with the National and Regional officers. The MOSSAR Auxiliary will also be meeting simultaneously. We were one of 16 or 18 states that provided a state Awardee in the Advanced JROTC program: Cadet Sanchez was our nominee. We also will be having our MOSSAR quarterly meeting in Jefferson City on July 30th. The OMC has more state officers and more committee chairs than any other state chapter. We also have more OMC chapter committee members in NSSAR than any other chapter in America. There were over 650 SAR members that attended the NSSAR Congress at this meeting.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence acknowledged **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** for receiving the Gold Meritorious Medal, which is a very rare award from the NSSAR.

President Ben Edmondson introduced **Compatriot Charles**

McMillan to give his presentation of his recent trip to Massachusetts.

His goal was to encourage all to revisit their

Patriot. Reread what your Patriot did for the cause of the American Revolution, Your Patriot may have provided horses or cattle, or food, clothing or



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a myriad of other staples required to live to the militias or Continental Army for support. Your Patriot may have signed an oath of allegiance or served as a Committee member. Your Patriot might have fought as a soldier. Yes, there was a woman who disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces, Deborah Sampson is the only woman to earn a full military pension for participation in the Revolutionary army. She rests in Sharon, Massachusetts.

His Patriot was Archibald McMillen; he was a private in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment. He fought under Colonel John Stark who commanded 900 New Hampshire men at the rail fence and at the stone wall on the mystic river shore against the advancing British, this was the largest contingent of men from any of the colonies. They later assisted in the covering of the Colonial retreat in the last minutes of the battle.

It was his honor to be at the Bunker Hill ceremony on the 17th of June this year. He carried the 13-star colonial flag and

led a contingent of compatriots from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Hampshire. The musketeers provided 3 shots and a Huzzah. There are gates that lead up the Bunker Hill Monument. The New Hampshire



gate, the Connecticut gate. the United States gate, and the main gate of Massachusetts. They marched around to each gate and laid a wreath and shouted “hip hip huzzah”. The next day he travelled to Concord, Massachusetts to the north bridge and saw the minuteman statue and relived that historical moment. He had a meal at the Colonial Inn which is in Concord as well. It was built in 1716. It was used in 1775 as a storehouse for arms and provisions during the Revolutionary War. He then went to Merriam Corner where the

infamous “Battle Road” begins. He walked the 5 plus miles reading historical facts about what happened along this route the British took in retreat to Boston. At the end of the road he was tired and paid a young man \$10 dollars to drive him back to Merriam Corner to his car. He then started back to his hotel in Saugus, Massachusetts. He stopped at Lexington Green and saw the minuteman statue there. It was difficult to imagine it as having been a place where the townspeople met the British who were on their way to Concord looking for military supplies to the present day Lexington built around the green. He finished his day with a bowl of ‘Chowda” at the Warren Tavern in Charleston/Boston.

He encouraged all, who are able, to visit the area where one’s patriot served and refresh that piece of history in your mind. He presented pictures of this trip for our Newsletter.

President Ben Edmondson asked Compatriot Steve Perkins and Compatriot Gary Gift to come forward to swear in our new member Jeremy Boes. He was given the SAR Oath and presented by his sponsors

the SAR Rosette, which is the official recognition emblem of the SAR. The blue and musk colors represent the colors of the uniform of General George Washington. His Certificate was presented.



The rosette was placed by his wife Ruth Boes. Jeremy Boes will be providing a written summary of his Patriot, John Lowery, from Summerset, Maryland for publication. Pictures were taken. Gary Gift gave

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him his OMC Challenge coin and a lapel pin of our OMC. Steve Perkins supplied Jeromy his official copies of his application.

Officers Reports

1st Vice President Report—Cris Brayman—Absent-on Reserve Duty—No report

2nd Vice President—Jim Robinette-- reported that the programs until the end of the year are set and will continue to be updated in our Newsletter and on our website .

Treasurer Report—John Angst-- The total funds we have as of today consists of \$7,529.33 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,328.23 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$16,857.56. A motion to accept this report was made and moved to file it for Audit which passed unanimously.

Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton—The minutes were distributed in the June OMC Patriot Newsletter and he moved they be accepted as written. It was passed unanimously.

Genealogist Report—Steve Perkins—His report for the month. We have had 4 new prospects in the last 30 days and have sent 3 new applications to the state genealogist. He is working on 18 active prospects at this time. There are 3 supplemental applications sent to National and waiting on approval. We have a recent new member approval of Doug Healy by National on the 1st of July.

His Color Guard Report—our chapter has participated in 19 events since the first of the year with 2 more coming up in July. As a chapter we have accrued 1510 points year to date. Out of those points 1325 have been national events points. We have 12 members that have participated in various events. Our highest point getter from our chapter is Compatriot Charles McMillan. We have 3 members that are close to having achieved the Van Steuben Color Guard Medal.

He had **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** come forward.

He has been a member of the Color Guard since 2012, starting with his participation in the Redlands Chapter in California.

While there he started getting involved with the schools and has been very active since then. He

has qualified for his Color Guard Bronze Medal. He was awarded his Medal and given his Certificate. Pictures were taken.



Editor Report---Dan Piedlow---he requested those who participate in any events to send him the information with names, pictures, and identification of these events to include them in our Newsletter.

Historian Report—Don Higginson—absent --In his absence there was no new report, but we were reminded to send him any information from events so he can include them in our Yearbook.

Sgt-at-Arms Report—Dan Piedlow—No report.

Chapter Development Committee Report-Gary Gift-he reported on the upcoming events

July 30th—MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in Jefferson City at 10:00 AM-we will probably be car pooling

August 8th—Celebrating Nathanael Greene's Birthday at the Greene County Courthouse at 10:00AM along with the Purple Heart Celebration

August 20th—since we normally do not meet in August we will be having a field trip to the Greene County Archives at 9:00 AM

August 26-27th—is the South Central District SAR meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas

September 17th—our OMC Meeting at OTC at 9:00AM and we will be having a Memorial for Tom Sentman

In October we will be presenting our Fire

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Protection Award that will be arranged via Chief Pennington

October 15th—rather than a meeting at OTC for our regular meeting we will be participating in the Catt-Crawford celebration in Mount Vernon, Missouri at 10:00AM with a flag retirement ceremony—we will be carpooling from here to Mount Vernon on that date

November 5th—we will be participating in the Webelos Woods flag retirement ceremony at the campfire with the Boy Scouts at Camp Arrowhead.

November 11th—is our OTC Outstanding Veteran Day Celebration at OTC at 10:00 AM. And we are working on a Flag Award Ceremony at the Greenwood Lab school that morning

November 19th—Our Veterans Day Luncheon with the DAR and CAR at Hickory Hills Country Club at 11:00 AM

December 7th—Celebrating Pearl Harbor Day at the Springfield National Cemetery at 9:00 AM

December 16th - will be having the State President of the CAR for a dinner at Hickory Hill Country Club

December 17th—Our monthly OMC meeting at OTC with guest speaker the CAR President at 9:00 AM and will participate in Wreaths across America before our meeting at Springfield National Cemetery at 8:00 AM

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—**President Ben Edmondson** reminded and encouraged all members to complete the Youth Protection Programs for both the SAR and the Boy Scouts.

SAR—<https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training>

Boy Scouts—<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection>

New Business—**Compatriot George Swales** reminded all members that there will be a celebration of life for our deceased member **Compatriot Will Carr** to be held this afternoon at 1:00 and the burial will be at 9:00 AM on Monday,

July 18th at The Springfield Veterans Cemetery.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence asked for solicitations for candidates for the Oration, Essay, and the Brochure Youth Awards thru any of the schools in the area.

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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

Important Dates in History

July 3 - George Washington assumes command of the Army outside Boston 1775

July 4 - Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence 1776

July 4 - George Rogers Clark captures Kaskaskia, in modern Illinois 1778

July 5 - Olive Branch Petition 1775

July 5 - British capture Fort Ticonderoga 1777

July 11 - French troops arrive at Newport, RI 1780

July 11 – British evacuate Savannah, GA 1782

August 1 - Sons of Liberty Formed 1765

August 4 – Patriot Isaac Hayne is executed 1781

August 7 - Washington establishes the Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) 1782

August 19 – Battle of Blue Licks, KY 1782

August 27 – Battle of Brooklyn, NY 1776

Providence: Jefferson and Adams Died on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

By Randy DeSoto July 2, 2022

There are several occurrences in American history that some would call coincidences, but those who believe in a God who ultimately governs over the affairs of this world would call providence.

The deaths of Founders Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the

Declaration of Independence, is perhaps the top among them.

Both men served on the committee

charged with drafting the

document along with Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston.

The great orator and statesman Daniel

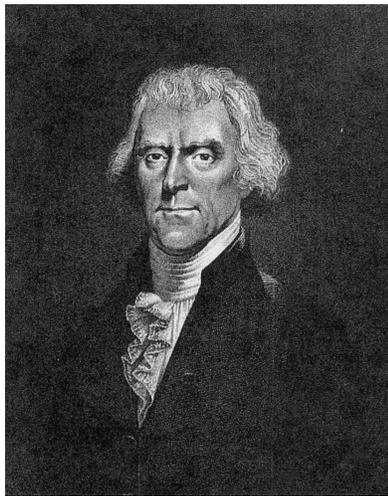
Webster said in a eulogy for Jefferson and Adams at the time, "Poetry itself has hardly

terminated illustrious lives, and finished the career of earthly renown, by such a consummation. If we had the power, we

could not wish to reverse this dispensation of the Divine Providence."

"[T]he concurrence of their death on the anniversary of Independence has naturally awakened stronger emotions," he added.

"It cannot but seem striking and extraordinary that these two should live to see the fiftieth year from the date of that act; that they should complete that year; and that then, on the day which had fast



Thomas Jefferson



John Adams

linked forever their own fame with their country's glory, the heavens should open to receive them both at once."

To Webster, it was a sign that God had taken Jefferson and Adams, whose lives had been "gifts of Providence," that Americans were still in God's care.

By July 4, 1826, only Jefferson, Adams, and Charles Carroll remained of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Fifty years earlier, after the Continental Congress had voted to break free from England, Adams had written his wife Abigail that the occasion would "be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival.

"It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

So he pretty much nailed how Independence Day is celebrated.

As Jefferson and Adams grew older slowly, but perceptibly, many of the actors in the great opening scenes of America's founding began to bow off the stage of this life: Franklin in 1790, Sherman in 1793, George Washington and Patrick Henry in 1799, Samuel Adams in 1803, Alexander Hamilton in 1804, and Livingston in 1813.

Then, most painfully for Adams, Abigail passed in 1818.

Jefferson and Adams had a political falling out in the late 1790s and into the early 1800s but reconciled and reconnected by letters for the last decade or more of their lives.

The two sages wrote each other several times a year. Sometimes in their correspondence, they speculated about the future of America.

In May 1821, Adams wrote Jefferson wondering if they must depart this life surrendering "all pleasing hopes of the progress of society."

"The Art of Lawgiving is not so easy as that of Architecture or Painting," he noted. "I may refine too much. I may be an Enthusiast. But I think a free

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Government is necessarily a complicated Piece of Machinery, the nice and exact Adjustment of whose Spring Wheels and Weights are not well comprehended by the Artists of the Age and still less by the People.”

Jefferson responded in September with confidence regarding freedom’s ultimate victory over tyranny thanks to what was unleashed with the signing of the Declaration.

“I will not believe our labors are lost. I shall not die without a hope that light and liberty are on a steady advance ... And even should the cloud of barbarism and despotism again obscure the science and liberties of Europe, this country remains to restore light and liberty to them,” he wrote.

“In short, the flames kindled on the 4th of July, 1776, have spread over too much of the globe to be extinguished by the feeble engines of despotism; on the contrary, they will consume these engines and all who work them.”

As providence would have it, Adams’ son John Quincy Adams was president in July 1826 as the nation celebrated its 50th anniversary of independence.

Not just in Washington, D.C., but throughout the country, people were gathering in public places to mark the special occasion.

No one could have known in the cities, towns, and hamlets throughout the U.S. that both Jefferson and Adams were soon to leave this earth.

Jefferson was falling in and out of consciousness at his home Monticello outside of Charlottesville, Virginia. In lucid moments he would ask “Is this the fourth?” To which those caring for him would respond, “No, Mr. Jefferson.”

Finally, he awoke and knew in his heart it was the day; “Today is the fourth.” “Yes, it is the fourth,” he was told.

In the early afternoon of the fourth, Jefferson, 83, died the same afternoon that the Continental Congress had adopted the Declaration of Independence years before.

Who knows? Maybe down to the minute. Meanwhile, about this time to the north, John Adams, 90, uttered his last words, “Thomas

Jefferson still survives,” and died later that evening. He could not have known what he said was no longer true.

However, as has often been observed since, Adams was correct: Jefferson’s and the other Founders’ vision expressed in the Declaration of Independence still lives.

Portions of this article first appeared in the book “We Hold These Truths” by Randall DeSoto about the influence of the Declaration of Independence and instances of divine providence throughout American history.

Birthday’s

Branden George	July 1
Jason Stewart	July 1
Grant Knowlton	July 2
Curtis Trent	July 4
Matthew Bowman	July 8
Carroll Laramore	July 13
Daniel McMurray	July 20
Robert Brammel	July 21
Charles McMillan	July 25
Dale Brake	July 30

Terry Miller	August 1
Chris Adcock	August 3
Ray Irwin	August 8
Wayne Jones	August 14
John Sayre	August 16
Terry Wood	August 17
Gary Gift	August 22
Norman Knowlton	August 25
Zane Wood	August 26
Robert Clark	August 28
Gerald Fowler	August 28



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



The city of Carl Junction, Missouri has a unique public display area inside the City Hall and Community Center. I put together this display from my collection of Revolutionary War-era prints and paintings. The display will be available for public view during the month of July in remembrance of Independence Day.

Gaming the American Revolution – Ranking the Games We Have Played – 2022 Edition – The Players' Aid

The Player's Aid is two guys talking about wargames. Here's their blog post on gaming the Revolution, their top 15 games played this year.

<https://theplayersaid.com/2022/07/05/gaming-the-american-revolution-ranking-the-games-we-have-played-2022-edition/>

And if anyone wants to play Liberty or Death, Jim Robinette has a copy and has never played it, but would love to.

<https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/165872/liberty-or-death-american-insurrection>



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.



Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.

Awards and Events

Monday, July 18, 2022, Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield MO, was the venue for the last farewell and memorial to William E. Carr. Ozark Mountain Chapter members were in attendance among Will's widow Dee and his two daughters.



An Air Force honor guard presented the flag followed by taps, a rifle salute, and a Mourn Arms by a Color Guard member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Those in attendance made the short drive to the columbarium where the cremains were placed in the vault by a daughter.



Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Michael Martz, Dan Piedlow, Norm Knowlton, Cris Brayman

Editor: Daniel Piedlow

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July 3, 2022, Branson Landing, Branson Missouri

For the 4th year running, the Color Guard of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR joined with the Branson High School Air Force JROTC in presenting colors prior to the start of the annual Landing Fireworks demonstration. The national anthem was sung by a Branson native who has had a wide-ranging singing career with Branson musical acts. The color guard was led by the AFJROTC cadets in their colonial attire, followed by five members of the OMC Color Guard, musketeers Dan Piedlow and Danny Piedlow, Don Higginson with the Culpepper flag, Ken Lawrence with the Bennington flag, and State Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins calling the firing commands immediately following the anthem. The crowd of thousands were filled with patriotic fervor which lasted throughout the fireworks display.



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Branson Landing Celebration on July 3rd.



July 4, 2022: members of the Ozark Mountain chapter color guard attended the annual Meadowmere parade. The annual event began with the singing of the National anthem by two lovely young ladies from a local high school who delivered a beautiful a cappella rendition. The parade was jump-started with a musket salute by Dan Piedlow and Steve Perkins, then drummer Charles McMillan led with the US flag carried by Howard Fisk and musket guarded the flanks. The parade was attended by 260-300 neighborhood residents, their children, pets, and decorated floats for the ¼-mile march. Photo by Norm Knowlton. Pictured: McMillan, Fisk, Piedlow, Perkins.

Upcoming Events



Monday, August 8 at 11:00 AM, Major General Nathanael Greene Birthday and Purple Heart remembrance at the old Greene County Courthouse, 940 N. Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802.



Saturday, August 20 at 10:00 AM, the OMC is having a field trip to the Greene County Archives with Connie Yen. Greene County Archives, 1126 N. Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802.



Friday and Saturday, August 26-27 the SAR South Central District meeting in Bentonville AR.



Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM, the monthly Chapter Development Committee meeting at Mexican Villa South Restaurant, 2755 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65807.



Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 AM, the OMC Monthly Meeting at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy, Springfield, MO 65802.