

THE PATRIOT

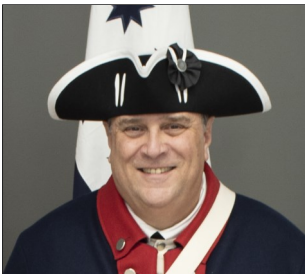


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The Presidents Message

By President Gary Gift

Greetings Compatriots,

June was a month of trying to get back to some semblance of normalcy.

We started the month off with a Flag Day Ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse where we presented Flag Certificates to the three Greene County Commissioners. And State President Fisk present the Silver Good Citizenship Award to retiring Commissioner Harold Bensch.

We held our first chapter meeting in three months. It was great to get back together and see each other again.



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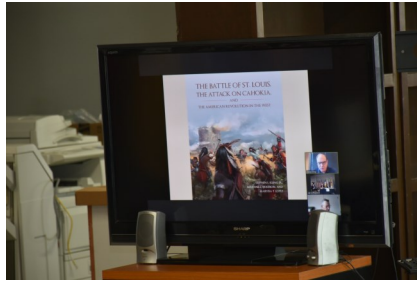
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Our speaker Steven L. Kling gave a great zoom presentation on his book, "The Battle of St. Louis, The Attack on Cahokia The American Revolution in The West." Thank you, Vice President Curtis Trent

for setting up such a great speaker. We also got to induct two new compatriots James Gift and Don Higgeson.



Compatriot Dan McCreary will also swear in new Compatriot Robert Bramley who was unable to attend. Please welcome these three new compatriots to our chapter.

Thank you, Compatriot Howard Fisk for providing such a great facility to have our meeting. Our next meeting will be on July 18th at the offices of Fisk Transportation. A virtual zoom meeting will be set up for those who cannot or are not comfortable attending in person. Please watch your e-mail for instructions.



State President Howard Fisk has chal-



lenged all chapters to not just take the rest of the year off. He is urging all chapters to invent ways to still be relevant in our respective communities. We are working on many new projects as we try to maintain a safe environment and do our best to continue our missions of education and promoting patriotism. We are looking into ways that we can still conduct our American Patriot Merit Badge Workshop using a virtual platform. We are still moving forward with the Legends of Conservation program and will make decisions as we get closer. We are

planning a field trip in August to visit the Webster County Historical Society Museum in Marshfield and then visit the grave of a potential revolutionary war patriot. More information will be available at our July chapter meeting.

These are trying times for our country. We are in the midst of a global pandemic which appears to be spreading and getting worse. We don't know to what extent this will eventually affect us. We hope and pray that the scientific community is able to come up with a vaccine and effective treatments for those infected.

We are also in the middle of massive protest and social discourse. We must remember that we are all Americans and the right to peaceful public protest has been an important right since the founding of our nation. That however does not give anyone or group the right to infringe upon the rights of other citizens or destroy the property of others. It is during these times that our missions become even more important. The mission of educating the public about our great American history and the mission of promoting patriotism. We must remember that we are all Americans and we must have tolerance of all viewpoints especially when they are different than our own. This too will pass and hopefully we will all come out better in the end. The great experiment is still alive and well.

I am in total amazement at the amount of dedication and compassion our chapter has shown at accomplishing the task at hand. When a lot of other chapters just basically shut down, we were looking for ways to continue and to do it safely for our members and the public. I couldn't be prouder of all we have done. As stated by former State President Gerald McCoy, "If not us then who."



The Sargent's Corner

By Charles McMillan

Colonial Life

I've wondered how our involvement in the American Revolution affected the daily lives of the soldier, families, children.

According to pafoodways.omeka.net

"Officially, soldiers were to be issued daily rations that were to include meat (often beef or pork), bread (often hardtack), dry beans or peas, and a gill of rum or beer. Salted and dried foods were necessary because there were no other practical means of **food** preservation."

Personally, that menu doesn't sound too bad.

Children were involved in the War as drummers, buglers, and even soldiers. They got sick and hurt and suffered emotionally and physically.

I think we overuse the word "Hero" today. Not everyone that wears a uniform is a hero... I wore a military uniform for 24 years. I wasn't a hero. I did my job.

If you want to tag someone as a hero... I suppose it would be the men, women and children of the American Revolution. They really gave of themselves for the cause. They gave themselves for survival... for personal reasons... for a better way of life.

I pray that God would show the people of today, 2020, that if we don't remember our history that we will be prone to repeat it. Wake up America!

Important Dates in History

June 1 - Intolerable Acts 1774
 June 6 - Americans retake Augusta, GA 1781
 June 7 - Lee Resolution 1776
 June 14 - U.S. Army created 1775
 June 14 - Flag Resolution 1777
 June 15 - George Washington named Commander-In-Chief 1775
 June 17 - Battle of Bunker Hill 1775
 June 18 - British abandon Philadelphia, Continental Army marches out of Valley Forge 1778

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

Birthday's

George Swales	June 8
Steven Perkins	June 10
Matthew Geery	June 10
John Lewis	June 13
Lincoln Hough	June 17
Ronald Brown	June 24
Richard Harvey	June 24
William Elliott	June 26
Charles Crandell	June 29
Kenneth Lawrence	June 30
Branden George	July 1
Grant Knowlton	July 2
Curtis Trent	July 4
Carroll Laramore	July 13
Larrie Boner	July 20
Daniel McMurray	July 20
Charles McMillan	July 25

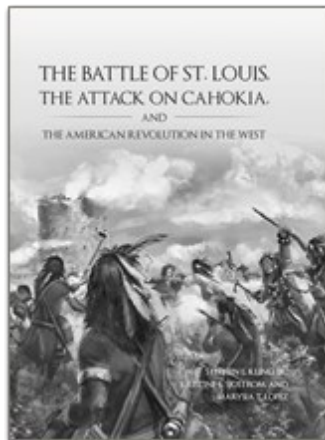
About the Speaker

Stephen L. Kling, Jr. is a practicing attorney and president of Jenkins & Kling, P.C. in St. Louis. He obtained a master in finance and a law degree from St. Louis University and has been recognized in the peer reviewed *Best Lawyers in America* for over a decade.

Author, artist and long-time student of 18th-century history, particularly military history, Steve will focus on the relatively unknown story of the unsuccessful attack on St. Louis in 1780 — part of the British plan to conquer the entire Mississippi River Valley. He will relate how British Indian Department with its British officers and agents were instrumental in keeping the local Indians allied with the British and were responsible for organizing the attack on St. Louis led by Emmanuel Hesse, a local trader and former lieutenant in the British Army.

Steve's PowerPoint presentation drew on information from his recently published book, ***Battle of St. Louis, the Attack on Cahokia***, as well as his further research about people who were at the battle — British, Spanish, French, Native American and African American. This history of the American Revolution in the West focuses on British attacks on St. Louis and Cahokia, events leading up to the attacks, the Spanish Mississippi River and Gulf Coast campaigns, the attack on Arkansas Post, and the counterattacks by the Americans and Spanish along the upper Mississippi River. A biography of the St. Louis commandant, Fernando de Leyba, is also in the book. Note that ESU members will be able to place orders for the book and enjoy a few related artifacts from Steve's large collection — to be in a coming museum exhibit — including a solid silver gorget, an Indian trade musket and some Indian made weapons.

As a direct descendant of Joseph Robidoux, who was in the local St. Louis militia at the time of the attack and later became a prominent fur trader and merchant with a store on Main Street, Steve speaks with both academic and personal interest — certainly not-to-be-missed!



Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday June 20th, 2020

President Gary Gift called the meeting to order 9:05 AM with 14 members and 4 guests practicing social distancing and precautions. The meeting was also done using zoom so other members could participate. **Compatriot Steve Perkins** gave the invocation. **Compatriot Don Higginson** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Compatriot Norman Knowlton** led the Pledge to the SAR. He proceeded to have guests introduce themselves.

Vice President Curtis Trent introduced the guest speaker of the day **Steven L. Kling, Jr.**, via Zoom. He is a practicing attorney and President of Jenkins & Kling, P.C. in St. Louis. He obtained a Master in Finance and a Law degree from St. Louis University and has been recognized in the peer reviewed *Best Lawyers in America* for over a decade.

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He introduced his book with an offer to provide an email address for the possible purchase of this book. His coauthor was Christine who lives in Seville, Spain and she was able to provide and translate a number of papers that were essential for this documentary. It has taken a number of years to be able to uncover the information that resulted in this event. In 1932 a librarian at the Missouri Historical Society discovered this information and other records that were stored after the American and Spanish War in Seville, Spain. Geographically he explained the existence of the history of the French, the Spanish, and the British claim to the area at the time of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. During the Seven Years War the French and the Spanish lost, thus the British controlled Canada and the lands to the east of the Mississippi River and Florida and transferred the land to the west of the Mississippi to Spain. The territory of Louisiana was controlled by Spain and it governed from New Orleans.

In 1780 the city of St. Louis was attacked by the

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British for several reasons. The first was when Colonel George Rogers Clark was ordered to attack the British in the Illinois country (Southern Illinois and Indiana) and secured lands that the British had tried to defend. Secondly the Spanish did not allow the British to trade up or down the Mississippi River which was a trade route the British dearly wished to control. Thirdly, the Spanish were secretly supplying the American colonists with necessities along the entire Mississippi and Ohio chains. And lastly is when in 1779 Spain entered the Revolution allied with the Colonists against England.

From records from George Roger Clark showed the Spanish had supplied St. Louis with the "Continental Store" which included uniforms, buttons, rum, muskets, and powder. At that time the Lieutenant Governor of Spanish territory was Fernando de Leyba. Lord George Germaine who was the commander in chief of the North American theatre sent out his "Grand Plan" to take over the Mississippi Valley and sent out his General Campbell to take New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Natchez from the South and join with the British forces from the North from Detroit, Mackinaw, and Niagara. The Lieutenant Governor of Mackinaw, Patrick Sinclair, ordered Emmanuel Hesse to proceed from the North and with about 1000 men and numerous Native American Indians with whom the British had commissioned from the Sioux and Chippewa tribes.

The information of the possible attack on St. Louis was exposed and thus led to the initiation of the defense of the city. They had 6 weeks to set up their defenses and it was provided by Lieutenant Governor Fernando de Leyba who had been commissioned a Captain in the Spanish Army. He built a series of 2000 yards of trenches around the Fort San Carlos and a great stone tower. Militia and farmers were called into the city for defense. They were able to acquire several cannons that were placed on the top of the tower and other supplies from St. Genevieve. The construction started on April 17th, 1780. The tower was located at the site of the present day Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis.

The attack started from the north on land and lasted about 2 hours before the Native Indians from the Sac and the Fox tribes retreated after the musket firings from the militia from within the trenches. This led to a more general retreat that ended that Battle. The majority of the casualties

occurred in the farms around the area where several deaths occurred as a result of the event. He presented pictures of paintings and drawings of the event. He also related stories from several historians about persons around the event including the strawberry patch. Casualties included 22 dead, 7 wounded and 25 prisoners, while the British reported 4 dead and 4 wounded (all Winnebagos). There was a bell that rang out after the battle that was made in 1772 and still exists and is located downtown St. Louis at the Old Cathedral. He also related the story of the Rigache family and their participation which even led to the first girls school in St. Louis. There was a "Mad dash to the gate" of farmers to try to get into the Fort during the attack and a story ensued.

Fernando de Leyba, the Lieutenant Governor, also participated from St. Genevieve (which at that time was about the same size as St. Louis and also part of Spain) and brought up to St. Louis the cannons and 60 militia to help support in the Battle of San Carlos.

About 1000 British attackers of which 750 attacked St. Louis and about another 250 attacked Cahokia. He went on to describe the Cahokia Battle event, how it was defended around the Mission with the assistance of French militia, the Kaskaskia warriors, and with the help of George Rogers Clark and his troops. The attack was repulsed and the colonists, with the assistance of George Rogers Clark, pursued the British back north along the Mississippi and the Illinois Rivers. After pursuing the British back toward Chicago and Detroit the Sac and the Fox Native American changed their support to the colonials and were even rewarded with medals and commissions.

He then showed a trailer of the history of these events. He also stated there will be historical event which will be attended by many local and national dignitaries and the opening of the museum commemorating these events in the Spring of 2021. He will be sending a link for those who wish to purchase his book. Questions were entertained and he was thanked for his excellent presentation by Zoom.

President Gary Gift then called new members Don Higgerson and James Dowell Gift to come forward and to be sworn in as new members, gave them their OMC Challenge Coins, gave them their

SAR Certificates, gave them a copy of their SAR applications, and were pinned by their family members of their SAR pins. Pictures were taken. They both later gave brief histories of their respective Patriots.

Treasurer Report—John Charles—we currently have as of today \$12,312.36 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,257.84 in an interest-bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$21,570.20. A motion to forward this report to our audit committee was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Secretary Report – Norman Knowlton – the minutes of our previous OMC meeting from February of this year were included in the previous *Patriot Newsletter* and a motion to accept these moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

He asked a trivia question concerning the Peggy Stewart Day in Maryland. No one remembered this event, so it was discussed. Charles Carroll was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and was at that time the wealthiest man in the colonies. On October 19th, 1774 in Annapolis, Maryland in the Chesapeake Bay, the cargo ship, “Peggy Stewart” that was full of tea was burned for punishment and retaliation for the treatment of the people of Boston following the Boston Tea Party. The Tea Act of 1773 allowed only one company, the British East India Company, to sell tea in America without paying tax. Charles Carroll played an important roll in the burning of the “Peggy Stewart” which had been carrying tea to Maryland and was destroyed as a part of the tea party protests against British excise duties. The day of the burnings is commemorated in Maryland by a state holiday and is known as the “Peggy Stewart Day” on October 19th each year.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—There has been a lot of activity since the end of January. Seven supplement applications have been sent to the State MOSSAR for approval and are received at national. Three new member applications are at national with two waiting for approval and James Dowell Gift having been just recently being approved. Six new member prospects have been provided documents to get underway, one of which seems to have significant genealogical research completed. We have other members with supplements that have a brick wall challenge and/or lack solid source documentation to tie the bloodline together to meet SAR standards. He continues to periodically work on those to seek other potential resources.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow—He is still looking for information on our roles in which we participate to add to our Newsletter. He displayed new clothing with our OMC logo which can be purchased at Missouri Embroidery on Glenstone. He also explained our participation at the Branson Landing Fourth of July event on July 3rd and was requesting Color Guard participation as well. Time and other info will be sent later,

His son explained his role in social media endeavors and is looking for more involvement

Historian Report—Ben Edmondson--. No report

Sgt-at-Arms Report—Charles McMillan--. No Report

Chapter Development Committee Report—Ken Lawrence—he gave an update on our events calendar—4th of July at 10 AM Parade at Meadownmere at Howard Fisk’s residence with a musket firing at its start—OMC chapter meeting will also be in July by Zoom at Fisk Transportation—we will be presenting a Heroism Award and a Life Saving Award at our July meeting—we will be participating in the ceremony commemorating Nathanael Greene’s Birthday and Purple Heart Day at the Greene County Courthouse on August 7th-- we will be possibly hosting the Merit Badge Workshop virtually in November—still planning on an event at Nathan Clifton’s grave in Marshfield, Missouri when arrangements can be made—still planning participating in the Crawford Farm event in Mount Vernon in October—on November 2nd and 3rd we will be hosting the “Legends in Conservation” at the White River facility at Wonders of Wildlife with already over 1200 students from southwest Missouri enrolled—November 11th we will be involved with the OTC Veterans Day awarding outstanding Veterans—November 12th we will be hosting our History Explorers event at the Library on the Spanish American War—On November 14 there will be a program on “Discovering Andrew Jackson” event—looking into a field trip in August, since we do not have a monthly meeting in August, to Marshfield Historical Society

Committee Report - No additional reports

Old Business—Compatriot Curtis Trent brought his 2019 Yohe Yearbook for demonstration so attendees could view his work before the judging at the October MOSSAR meeting

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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

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Compatriot Steve Perkins provided the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary



Pictures from June Events



Compatriots Dr. George Swales, Charles McMillan and Ken Lawrence present the Law Enforcement Officer Commendation Medal to retiring Springfield Police Sargent Justin Gargus.



Compatriots Dr. George Swales, Norman Knowlton, Curtis Trent, Ken Lawrence and J. Howard Fisk present colors at the Flag Day Ceremony.



Compatriot and Missouri State SAR President J. Howard Fisk receives a Flag Day Proclamation from Greene County Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon.



Compatriots Dr. George Swales and OMC President Gary Gift prepare to open our first meeting since February.



The June meeting in progress with Zoom participants.



Missouri State Meeting held on June 27. this meeting was also conducted on Zoom.



Compatriot Tom Sentman and Missouri State SAR President J. Howard Fisk with Tom's Outstanding Service Medal.



Compatriot Tom Sentman receiving the Outstanding Service Medal from Missouri State SAR President J. Howard Fisk.



Missouri State SAR President J. Howard Fisk presenting the Medal of Appreciation for Anita Philbrick (who was unable to attend).

Other News Bits

To watch the Ozarks First news story on the Flag Day Ceremony and award, click on this link: <https://www.ozarksfirst.com/local-news/harold-bengsch-awarded-during-greene-county-flag-day-celebration/>

A Prayer Video

I made a very brief video for a church here in Central Florida. They are dedicating a new flag for use in the church, and while the Boy Scouts are doing much of this dedication service, I was invited to do a prayer for the nation.

You can use this video in your own church online worship services, or in your online chapter meetings, or in any format. You may want to take the prayer and do your own video. I would like to know from folks how this is used.

The link to my video prayer is:

https://youtu.be/f_wGAp2T9HI

The prayer appears on a plaque in St. Paul's chapel in New York City as well as at a church in Fairfax County, Virginia, where Washington was a vestryman before, during, and after the War. The prayer is made up of his actual words from a circular he wrote to the

governors June 8, 1783, a couple of years after the victory at Yorktown and few months before the Treaty of Paris was signed. The words that were directed to the governors have traditionally been replaced with the words "The United States." Otherwise, the words are those of Washington's.

The Rev. Dr. W. Maynard Pittendreigh
Chapter President
Central Florida Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

The Battle for Savannah Video

As you know, the 2022 NSSAR Congress will be held in Savannah GA that summer.

Savannah is not just a beautiful city, but one filled with history, albeit, some inglorious.

Looking back to the Revolutionary War, Savannah was occupied by the British in December 1778.

In the fall of 1779, the Patriots along with the French, or vice versa, were determined to retake Savannah and laid siege to the city. On October 9th, the French and Patriots attacked. But they had piddled around and the British were able to bring in reinforcements and reinforce their defenses.

Learn the rest of the story at the link to an excellent video, courtesy of Compatriot Roger Coursey, Edward Telfair Chapter, GA SAR.

<https://youtu.be/yu5N1BJLrkY>

Savannah remained occupied by the British until the end of the war.

The Spring Hill Redoubt that was occupied by the British has been partially reconstructed and is accessible for visiting by the public.

Just one more thing to look forward to after this pandemic.

Ed Rigel, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer, Lyman Hall Chapter GA SAR

Our Patriot Ancestors

William Means

Revolutionary War ancestor of John Charles

National Number: 201933

State Number: 3346

William Means was born May 3, 1763 in Staunton, Virginia. He was the son of William Means and Nancy Simonton. He married first, Nancy McElroy from whom I am descended. Most of his Revolutionary War experience was listed in pension application files at the courthouse in Edgar County, Illinois. Around the first of January, 1780, William entered the "state service" as a volunteer private, placed under the command of Captain Robert Faris. He served as a baggage guard at the Battle of Cowpens on January 17, 1781, where Brigadier General Daniel Morgan defeated British forces under Sir Banastre Tarleton as part of the campaign in the Carolinas. Sometime later, he was placed under the command of James Crawford, Captain in Col. William Fair's regiment where, according to his pension application files, served in "scouting and ranging" about to prevent Tory depredations for his full term of two months. He was then placed under the command of James Crawford and marched to the village of Orangeburg on the Edison River in South Carolina and again engaged in what was called "scouting and ranging" in his pension application files. He again entered the State service on the last of September or the first of October 1781 as a volunteer private attached to Andrew Pickens brigade and was marched to several Indian towns to cut off and destroy the Indians. The Indians surrendered up seven white men three of whom were hanged by General Pickens and the rest turned over to General Clark of Georgia. William continued to reside in South Carolina for 12 or 15 years after the war ended and then moved to Adams County, Ohio, where he resided for about 23 years until he moved to Edgar County, Illinois--his final place of residence where he farmed for a living. After the death of his first wife, he married Susan Seal Chenoweth whose name appears in his pension application in Edgar County. William died Jun 11, 1848 in Edgar County, Illinois.

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.



Upcoming Events



Chapter Development Meeting on Zoom on Monday July 13th at 6:00 P.M.



Monthly Meeting at Fisk Transportation on Saturday July 18th at 9:00 A.M.
For those who would like to attend but need to quarantine due to Covid-19 concerns, the meeting will also be held on Zoom also.

