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Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held on March 21, 2015 at the Heritage Cafeteria at 1364 East Battlefield in Springfield, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We would like to invite all members to be present.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by President, Phil Reinbold at 12:30 PM at Heritage Cafeteria.

President Reinbold opened the meeting with a historic sketch.

The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge February 27, 1776 Responding to the call of Josiah Martin, North Carolina royal governor, British Colonel Donald McLeod began marching 1000 Loyalists from Cross Creek, North Carolina to ward the coast where they were to rendezvous with other Loyalists and Redcoats at New Brunswick, North Carolina. When commander Richard Caswell and some 1000 patriots arrived at Moore's Creek Bridge along the Loyalists' route, near present day Wilmington, ahead of the British Loyalists, Caswell positioned his troops in the woods on either side of the bridge, awaiting the British with cannons and muskets at ready. There on February 27, 1776 the opposing forces met. The British had learned of the Patriot troops beforehand, but expecting a small force decided to advance across the bridge and attack. The Loyalists shouted, "King George and Broadswords!" as they moved across the bridge where they were rapidly cut down by a barrage of Patriot musket and cannon fire.

The Loyalists quickly surrendered giving the patriots a victory and an important morale boost. Patriot losses were one killed and one wounded, while Loyalists losses were 30-50 killed and wounded and 850 Loyalists captured. The victory also aborted British plans to land a force at Brunswick, and ended British authority in the colony. Within two months of the American victory, on April 12, 1776, North Carolina became the first colony to vote in favor of independence from the British.

Compatriot Chaplain Ron Albaugh opened the meeting with the Invocation.

Compatriot Historian George Swales led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Compatriot John McAlear led the SAR Pledge

David Appleby moved and Gerald McCoy seconded that we approve the January minutes as presented in the January Patriot.

President Reinbold made the Treasures report provided by Glenn Gohr.

Checking account balance \$994.32 / Savings account balance \$9,979.66.

Compatriot Historian George Swales reported on a new book:

George Washington's Revolution, by Robert Middlekauff

Potential member, Ken Lawrence was introduced as a guest of Howard Fisk.

Compatriot Chancellor and Eagle Scout representative, Gary Bishop introduced Barrett Barton the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Eagle Scout. Barrett wrote an essay on Greene County namesake Nathaniel Greene. Barrett, a Glendale High School student was presented a handsome medal to mark his patriotic service. Barrett is a member of Troop 7 that meets at Schweitzer United Methodist Church. Barrett also turned in his application to become a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

Compatriot Vice President, Dan Philbrick introduced Zac Smith, finalist of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Zac Smith a student at Nixa High School presented his competition essay on "American Heros". Following his presentation, it was moved by Compatriot Dan McMurry and seconded by Compatriot Dr. Norman Knowlton that we Zac to represent our Chapter at the state SAR contest. We wish him our best as he represents the Ozark Mountain Chapter at MOSAR April 21-25, 2015.

The Chapter officers will send news releases recognizing these two fine young men.

Compatriot Secretary Howard Fisk proposed the establishment of a Chapter Directory featuring all members of the organization and recognizing those who have risen to state and national prominence. Members will have the opportunity to be left out of the directory at their request.



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Compatriots Dan McMurry and Dr. Norman Knowlton moved and seconded that a directory be established and distributed to members.

Compatriot President General David Appleby gave notice that a Masonic Lodge honoring George Washington is being planned by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Membership will be of Master Masons who are members of the SAR. Compatriot Appleby will keep us apprised of the progress of this effort.

Compatriot Dan McMurry gave note of the Veterans Service Corps for members of the SAR who served in the armed forces and were honorably discharged. Acceptance in the VSC is recognized with a recognition document. Members are invited to visit with Dan about the recognition opportunity.

Compatriots Dan McMurry and David Appleby moved and seconded that we adjourn.

Compatriot Dr. Norman Knowlton led us in the SAR Recessional.

Compatriot Chaplain Ron Albaugh delivered the Benediction.



President Reinbold, Zac Smith, and Vice-President Philbrick



Compatriot Gary Bishop and Eagle Scout Barrett Barton

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