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Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Ozarks Technical College (OTC), Room 108, Springfield, Missouri, at 9:00 A.M.

The speaker for June will be Michael Harris. His presentation will be "Death Chants and Powder Kegs: The Battle of the Sinkhole". This battle was fought between Missouri Rangers and Chief Black Hawk and is believed by some historians to be the last battle of the War of 1812.

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting, May 21, 2016

President Philbrick called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 123C, with 19 members and 8 guests present.

Compatriot Bishop delivered the Invocation, Compatriot McMurray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Lawrence led the Pledge to the SAR.

Two new members, **Ray Irwin** (Right) & **Todd Wilkinson** (Lower Right), were inducted into SAR.

President Philbrick recited the oath and presented the new members with their certificate of membership, record copies of their application, a rosette pin and a challenge coin. Compatriots Irwin and Wilkinson briefly talked about their ancestors.



President Philbrick introduced several guests: Mrs. Wilkinson, Tiffany Brunner, Margaret Swales, and John Charles. President Philbrick mentioned several wives of compatriot members expressed an interest in forming an OMC Auxiliary and that more information should be forthcoming.

Compatriot Fisk introduced Matt Brunner, History teacher, as the OMCSAR guest speaker this month. Matt discussed how history, in general, and The Constitution, in particular, are taught in schools today.

Mr. Brunner discussed how he tries to reach students in his History classes, usually starting with a picture as an entry point. He noted students today are very different than when we were in high school. They want to know what is important and why they need to know it. He tries to show relevancy and emotion of a concept to draw the students into discussion. If he can make it local to them, the students are a lot more interested in the subject matter.



Mr. Brunner talked about a recent event in Hollister, Missouri, which he used as a discussion point about the Constitution with his students. Matt has a daily objective that he wants students work toward and achieve before they leave the classroom. Vocabulary words are also emphasized. He provided an example of how students in his high school classes learn vocabulary words today, which include an element of critical thinking. He stressed the importance of establishing a connection between the student and the word or event to enhance their learning, using a technique called "Four Square Vocabulary Builder". An example of the technique was used in our meeting, which generated vigorous discussion among the group's members.

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Mr. Brunner talked about the court case “Town of Greece v. Galloway”, argued before the Supreme Court, November 6, 2013, and decided, April 22, 2014. Discussion followed.



Matt presented a “fun fact” picture, which turned out not to be Dan Philbrick's grandfather, but was John Tyler, our 10th President, who has two living grandchildren today.

President Philbrick thanked Mr. Brunner for his presentation and presented him with a challenge coin.

President Philbrick moved for the Minutes of our prior meeting be approved as posted. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

President Philbrick noted our Chapter did very well at the Missouri meeting. He then called on compatriot Sentman to talk about the meeting.

Tom Sentman discussed the Americanism and Yohe Awards. The OMCSAR was ranked First for the Yohe Award of the six Chapters that participated this year. Tom Sentman graciously recognized Compatriot Swales for his efforts on the Chapter's Yearbook. He noted the CD and Patriot Biographies included with the OMCSAR 2015



Left: President Dan Philbrick, George Swales holding the Missouri Society 1st Place Lloyd Yohe Plaque with the OMC 2015 tab and Past President Phil Reinbold.

Yearbook were not provided by other Chapters.

President Philbrick discussed the 2015 Fogg Award, and the OMCSAR First Place Flag Award.

Compatriot Swales noted it was interesting to see what others across the State were doing in their respective Chapters. He related his experiences in producing the Yearbook and of using the “Publisher” software to pull everything together. Compatriot Fisk remarked on the disciplined and orderliness of the publication. Compatriot Appleby noted that we have a great Chapter and are involved in many events.

Compatriot Fisk commented Margaret Swales is at every activity, taking photographs, and is a team member. She is always there and very supportive.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Gohr reported a Checking Account balance of \$1,716.68, with \$9,006.37 in the Savings Account for a total of \$10,723.05. One member was recently reinstated.

Vice-President Fisk thanked everyone who went to the State meeting. OMCSAR's delegation was larger than other Chapters that attended. He reviewed the names of our Chapter members who will hold 2016/2017 State officer positions. Compatriot McMurray is the new 1812 President for the State of Missouri and that organization will provide the June, 2016, speaker. July's speaker will discuss collections of objects. The August meeting will be held at the MSU Meyer Library to delve into OMCSAR archives. He is working on a speaker for our anniversary luncheon.

Secretary Swales mentioned he would be meeting with the MSU History Department in June, 2016, to discuss how OMCSAR can be involved with their February “History Day” activities. This year, “History Day” had approximately 200 students of all ages active in various competitions at the event.

Compatriot Fisk noted we should have four new members next month with possibly eight others somewhere in the system.

Historian Lawrence reviewed briefly the May, 2016 activities regarding the MOSSAR Congress, JROTC presentations, Eagle Scout Awards, Police and EMT Awards and a Good Citizenship Award.

Compatriot Fisk encouraged the Membership to take note of and forward to him any upcoming Community activities they feel OMCSAR should be involved in to expand our outreach and participation.

Mrs. Swales talked about having joint activities with young people, such as the JROTC Color Guard joining with the OMCSAR Color Guard, at some events.

Editor Sentman has been working hard on this month's Newsletter, which will be rather large.

Sergeant-at-Arms McMillan reported on JROTC Award Presentations. Mailing the Awards was successful. Compatriot Fisk relayed very positive comments made at the State Convention regarding our JROTC Awards participation.

Committee Reports

Compatriot Fisk reviewed upcoming events on Memorial Day weekend at the National Cemetery, Flag Day at Drury University, Isaac Garrison and James Barham Grave-Marking Ceremonies at cemeteries, and the July, 2016, "History Explorers" Event.

He also reported the Chapter Development Committee has a plan laid out for the 2017 Missouri Society Convention. The keynote speaker has been contacted and educational seminars on Americanism, Yohe and Youth Programs with presenters from other parts of the State, are in the works.

Old Business

Compatriot Fisk reviewed the Good Citizenship Award presented to LTC Anton in Nixa High School. His Cadet Corps is the top in the State. The Corps sets the standard of discipline for the School.

He also discussed how the EMT and Police Officer Award recipients were chosen.

President Philbrick noted how impressed our Eagle Scout Award recipient was at the State Meeting.

New Business

Compatriot Sentman introduced a guest, Dennis Hartman, who indicated he was at this meeting primarily to talk with Compatriot Carr, regarding his SAR application.

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Motion to adjourn was Made, Seconded and Passed unanimously.

Compatriot Allen led the Recessional. Compatriot Bishop led the Benediction.

The meeting ended at 10:37 AM.

Upcoming Events

June 14: Drury University Flag Day Ceremony
100th Anniversary. 10:00 AM Drury Science Center.

July 4: Independence Day.

July 26: History Explorers Performance



Compatriot Birthdays in June

George	Swales	Wednesday, June 8
Ronald	Brown	Friday, June 24
Charles	Crandell	Wednesday, June 29
Kenneth	Lawrence	Thursday, June 30

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Eagle Scout Court of Honor for the Swearengin Triplets Eagle Scouts Troop 1, Ozark Trails Council (BSA) May 1, 2016 Springfield, Missouri



Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition Presented

Left to Right: Gary Bishop, Ozark Mountain Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman, presented Certificates of Recognition to Logan, Ethan and Austin Swearengin during their Court of Honor Ceremony.



OMC Color Guard opened the Court of Honor Ceremony

Left to Right: Western Missouri Color Guard Commander and Ozark Mountain Color Guard Commander Gerald McCoy, Compatriot Ken Lawrence, and Missouri Society Eagle Scout Chairman, J. Howard Fisk.



From Left: Eagle Scouts Austin, Logan and Ethan Swearengin. Troop 1, Ozark Trails Council (BSA).



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Scoutmaster Mike Cosby (Right) presents the Eagle Charge to (From Left) Logan, Austin, and Ethan Swearengin.



Three Eagle Scout neckerchiefs and pins for three new Eagle Scouts.



Danielle Swearengin pins the Eagle medal on Logan Swearengin.



Danielle and Ron Swearengin, parents of the Swearengin Eagle Scouts: Remington, Ethan, Logan and Austin.



Some of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor attendees. The Court of Honor was held May 1, 2016 at the First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO.



Future Swearengin Eagle Scouts from Left: Logan, Remington, Ethan and Austin.

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Presented to Lt. Col. Henry Anton, Nixa High School Army JROTC, Nixa, Missouri

Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots J. Howard Fisk (Left) and Ken Lawrence (Right) presented the award during the 2016 Nixa High School JROTC awards ceremony May 10, 2016.

Col. Anton was honored for his leadership and outstanding citizenship in the example set for his cadets of the Nixa High School Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC).



Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Presented to Lt. Scott Kamykowski

Lt. Scott Kamykowski has been chosen by his peers to receive the 2016 Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots presented the award at the Springfield Police Department ceremony May 4, 2016. The award recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.



Lt. Scott Kamykowski and Barb Kamykowski

Lt. Kamykowski has served over 25 honorable years as a police officer for the Citizens of Springfield and is still as passionate about the job today as he was when he started. First serving as a patrol officer, and D.A.R.E. officer, as a Corporal he transferred to the Crimes against Children unit. In 2000, he moved to the Crimes against Persons Unit, where he led investigations for sexual assault, robbery and serious assaults, and then transferred to the Robbery/Homicide Unit where he was the lead investigator on 10 homicides. After promotion to Sergeant, Kamykowski supervised a patrol squad, the Property Crimes Unit and the Financial Crimes Unit over the next decade. Upon promotion to Lieutenant, Kamykowski became a patrol commander, where he has served for the last two years.

Lt. Kamykowski has been an outstanding leader in the department and has served with distinction and devotion to the Citizens of Springfield, Missouri.



Left to Right: Jan Fisk (DAR), Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Lt. Scott Kamykowski, Barb Kamykowski, and Compatriots Dan Philbrick, George Swales and J. Howard Fisk.

Photos by Margaret Swales

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Emergency Medical Service Award Presented to Ryan Verch EMT

Ryan Verch was selected by his peers to receive the 2016 NSSAR Emergency Medical Service Award.

Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Compatriots presented the award at the Cox Emergency Ambulatory Post ceremony May 18, 2016 in Springfield, Missouri. The award recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the emergency medical service.



Ryan Verch and EMS Award

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution awards this Medal to Ryan Verch for having served with distinction and devotion the Citizens of Springfield. This medal recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of emergency medical services.

Ryan Verch has served over 18 honorable years as a paramedic for the Citizens of Springfield and dedicated to providing first responder care. First hired as an EMT and then completing his advanced Paramedic Training, he moved to a Paramedic position with CoxHealth. Ryan was later promoted to Field Supervisor due to his expertise and dedication to CoxHealth and his community.

Ryan was hired as the Regional Manager for the Greene County EMS system, due to his broad scope of understanding of the industry and the needs of a growing community system.



Left: Amanda Hedgepath, VP of Clinical Services, Ryan Verch EMT and Mark Alexander, Director of Emergency Services. CoxHealth Ambulance is in the background.

Photo by Norman Knowlton



Left: OMC Compatriots Ken Lawrence, George Swales, Awardee Ryan Verch, Compatriot Norman Knowlton and Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

Photo by Margaret Swales

Ozark Mountain Chapter JROTC-ROTC Award Presentations April –May 2016



Hillcrest High School Army JROTC Apr 28, 2016
Compatriot Gary Bishop to Awardee Cadet Timothy Duncan accepted by Cadet Sierra Goslee



Republic High School Air Force JROTC Apr 28, 2016
Compatriot Colonel Will Carr and Cadet Summer Anderson



Ozark High School Army JROTC Apr 21, 2016
Compatriot Charles McMillan and Cadet Brandon Thompson



Scott Regional Technology Army JROTC Apr 21, 2016
Compatriot Dan Philbrick and Cadet Logan Roberson

Ozark Mountain Chapter JROTC-ROTC Award Presentations April –May 2016



Willard High School Navy JROTC Apr 18, 2016

Cadet Jacob Shackelford and Compatriot Charles McMillan



Mtn. Grove High School Marine Corps JROTC May 5, 2016

Cadet Joseph M. Santos and Compatriot Tom Sentman



Nixa High School Army JROTC May 10, 2016

Compatriot Tom Sentman, Cadet Chase Keller,
and LTC Henry Anton, Sr. Instructor



Bolivar High School Air Force JROTC Apr 26, 2016

Compatriot Charles McMillan and Cadet Jaren Hurd

Additional JROTC/ ROTC Awards Presented - Images not available:

Branson High School Air Force JROTC Apr 16, 2016 Presented by Compatriot John Allen to Cadet Benjamin Aumiller

Forsyth High School Marine Corps JROTC May 3, 2016 Presented by staff to Cadet Shane Lesley (Not notified by School of Date)

Missouri State University ROTC May 5, 2016 Presented by Compatriot Dan McMurray to Nathan Wilkerson

Memorial Day Flag Award Ceremony

With Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR) and Ozark Mountain Chapter (SAR)

May 28, 2016 Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri

The Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC), Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented a Flag Certificate to Doris Janet Dreier Jones, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR) at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery.

Springfield, Missouri, has been the home of the Rachel Donelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for over 100 years. Regent Doris Jones has helped set the example in the steadfast support of our government and our citizen leaders, who represent the spirit of our American Founding Fathers. Citizen government is the bedrock of American success and of a free society as represented by the American Flag.

“God, Home and Country are pillars of our American Society as demonstrated by Regent Doris Jones and members of the Rachel Donelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Sons of the American Revolution recognize your support of the American Flag and all that it represents and proudly present you with this Certificate of Recognition today”.



Left: Color Guard members J. Howard Fisk and Glenn Gohr, Doris Janet Dreier Jones, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR), Color Guard members Gerald McCoy and Dan McMurray, Compatriot Norman Knowlton and Compatriot George Swales. OMC member attendees include James Haas, Dan Philbrick, Phil Reinbold, and John Allen.



OMC President Dan Philbrick presents a Flag Certificate Award to Doris Janet Dreier Jones, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



DAR and SAR Attendees

Photos by Margaret Swales

Ozark Mountain Chapter (SAR)
Wreath Laying Ceremony
For
Revolutionary War Compatriot William Freeman
May 28, 2016 Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri



Pvt. William Freeman is the only Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Springfield National Cemetery.

Each Memorial Day, color guard members of Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR take part in a special wreath laying at the grave of William Freeman.

On May 28, 2016, this annual ceremony was repeated.



Left: OMC President Dan Philbrick, Compatriot George Swales, Color Guard members J. Howard Fisk, Glenn Gohr, Gerald McCoy, Dan McMurray and Compatriot Norman Knowlton.

In front, facing the William Freeman grave, are Mr. Samuel Flavius Freeman II and Jan Fisk, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR). Jan Fisk is also a descendant of William Freeman.

Photos by Margaret Swales

Scenes from the Missouri Society Convention April 29-30, 2016. Held at Independence, Missouri at the Stony Creek Convention and Conference Center.



**Ozark Mountain Chapter
attendees at the
2016 MOSSAR Convention.**

From Left:

President Dan Philbrick, Past President Phil Reinbold, Secretary George Swales, Margaret Swales, Past President Mel McNeal, Denna McNeal, Past President George Cindrich, Myrna Cindrich, Anita Philbrick, Jan Fisk, Vice President J. Howard Fisk, Past President and Editor Tom Sentman.

Historian Ken Lawrence and Patty Lawrence attended the convention but left early for another engagement.

Eight OMC members and five spouses attended the 2016 Convention.

**Eight Ozark Mountain
Chapter Compatriots
attended the MOSSAR
Society Convention.**

From Left:

Mel McNeal,
Phil Reinbold,
George Swales,
George Cindrich,
Dan Philbrick,
J. Howard Fisk
Tom Sentman.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence attended but left early for another engagement.



Scenes from the Missouri Society Convention April 29-30, 2016 at Independence, Missouri.



J. Howard and Jan Fisk



Dan and Anita
Philbrick

Myrna and George
Cindrich



Margaret and George Swales

Deanna and Mel
McNeal



Left: Phil Reinbold, George and Margaret Swales,
Anita and Dan Philbrick.

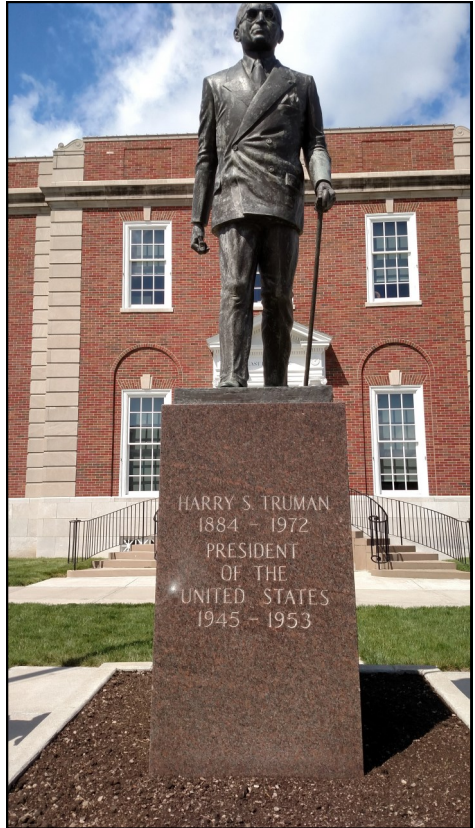


Ken and Patty
Lawrence

Scenes from the Missouri Society Convention April 29-30, 2016 Independence, Missouri



Missouri Society Color Guard



Harry S. Truman Statue
Independence, Missouri



Left: Missouri Society Eagle Scout Chairman J. Howard Fisk, Eagle Scout Alex Jimenez and OMC President Dan Philbrick.



Left: Prudencio, Eagle Scout Alex, Marisel, Bryan, Rachel and Lilie Jimenez.



2016 Missouri Society Eagle Scout winner Alex Jimenez and Color Guard.