



# The PATRIOT Newsletter

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### Message From Ozark Mountain Chapter President J. Howard Fisk



### Armed Forces Day

After the great national conflict of the Civil War, Union officers, determined to maintain the union of our Nation, joined together for the preservation of peace. Over 125 years ago the Sons of the American Revolution was formed with the goal of patriotic service through youth education, and advocacy for a sustained union.

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### Next Scheduled Meeting

Saturday June 17, 2017 at the Ozarks Technical College Room 108 9:00 A.M.

### Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 20 2017

President Fisk called the Meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 18 members and five guests present.

Compatriot Chaplain Philbrick delivered the Invocation. Compatriots Knowlton and Sentman lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR, respectively.

A Tribute to Armed Forces Day was delivered by Compatriot and former President General David Appleby.



David noted May is Military Appreciation Month. Four days during May are special and related to the military: Memorial Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, VE Day, and Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day goes largely unnoticed in Springfield, but larger cities, such as Chicago, have large celebrations. Gerald McCoy, while State President, in travels around the State had a

theme: "If not us, then who?" "If we don't do it, who is going to remember?" David talked about the Pentagon being built and establishment of the Department of Defense in 1949, formerly the War Department, that served to combine all American forces under one roof. President Truman, in 1950, made Armed Forces Day a National Holiday. The Holiday shows appreciation for the military and gives the military the opportunity to "show off" their capabilities. What we need to do is treat every day as Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Fly the flag and Thank a Serviceman for their service daily. A discussion followed.

Guests, spouses, and pending members, and others were then introduced.

### Officer Reports

**Vice-President Swales** reported the July 2017 speaker would be Tom Peters, Dean of Library Services at Missouri State University, who will talk about the Ozarks Jubilee.

**Treasurer Glenn Gohr** read the Treasurer's report. Since the April meeting, we have four new members. The April, 2017, total balance in all accounts was \$10,459.54. For May, 2017, disbursements include \$210 for new member rosettes. May Interest was \$0.08. Checking and Savings Account Balances were \$713.31 and \$9,636.39, respectively, for a total of \$10,349.70.

Compatriot Knowlton asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of April Meeting as distributed in the Patriot Newsletter. The Motion was Seconded by Vice-President Swales and passed unanimously.

**Historian Norman Knowlton** noted the Vietnam Wall had returned to Missouri from Texas and was reported in the Rural Missourian. Norman's research and presentation was on Etymology, the study of words. His focus was on where and how the 13 original colonies got their names, beginning with Connecticut and continuing through Virginia. Of the fifty states, eleven were named after a person. A short discussion followed.

President Fisk reported that Dan McMurray and his wife have been taken away by their children to Florida to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Vice-President Swales, in Genealogist McMurray's absence, reported since January 2017, 17 potential memberships have been received: two (2) have been approved, five (5) are awaiting approval at NSSAR, one (1) is awaiting signature and checks, and 9 are in various states of completion.

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Many of our Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots were dedicated to improving the lives of others through their leadership while in military service. They are those Americans who are dedicated to the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and the mission of defending our American Flag.

For this reason, the Sons of the American Revolution, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, recognize you, our fellow Compatriots, for service to your country and your pledge to defend and protect the flag of the United States of America and all that it represents, against every foe.

The Sons of the American Revolution has a proud tradition of military service by our Compatriots. Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to celebrate our steadfast commitment to our Patriot ancestors by saying thank you to our own Compatriot veterans.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter has a proud history of service. I am proud to say that the SAR National Veterans Corps Roster lists 6 Korean War Veterans in the Missouri Society with two from Ozark Mountain Chapter. Eleven Missouri Society Compatriots serving in Viet Nam and 6 are Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots.



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**Sergeant-at-Arms Charles McMillan** gave a report on the differences between ROTC and JROTC programs and the Awards presented this year. Charles asked for those wanting to volunteer next year to contact him. President Fisk noted, thanks to Charles, we do a better job at managing the program than any other Chapter in the State. Howard also noted the Commander in Willard, who has done exceptionally well with the students, has been invited to our annual meeting in November for an award presentation. President Fisk asked for names of outstanding military individuals to invite to that event.

**Editor Tom Sentman** noted it is the Chapter's activities that get reported and he appreciates all of the help he has received. A special edition Newsletter on the annual meeting will be forthcoming. Tom asked those who wanted a copy of the group photo made at the annual meeting to write their information on the back of the photo he passed around the room. President Fisk noted the Convention website has archived OMCSAR Newsletters and other photos on it.

#### No Committee Reports

#### Old Business

President Fisk reported on events, such as Pearl Harbor Day, Wreaths Across America, Old Salem Cemetery, Patriots Day, Eagle Scout of Honor, Missouri DAR Convention, Nathan Boone 1812 and SAR Revolutionary Plaques, and Armed Forces Day Muster. Our next ceremony is May 27, 2017, and includes a service for William Freeman and Orion Howe. June events and the April State Convention were discussed. New members were asked to provide an e-mail address to Tom so the Chapter Newsletter can be sent to them.

#### New Business

Notice was given that a new Budget Proposal and Duties of Patriot Editor, distributed to those in attendance, will be discussed and voted on next month.

President Fisk presented Compatriot Steve Perkins a Color Guard Certificate and Handbook.



**Left:** Color Guard Charles McMillan, Steven Perkins and J. Howard Fisk.

A Color Guard Certificate and Handbook was presented to Steven Perkins, newest member of the OMC Color Guard.

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

Compatriot Knowlton led the Recessional; Compatriot Chaplain Philbrick led the Benediction.

The meeting ended at 10:16 AM



### June Birthdays

6/8/2017	George S.	Swales
6/10/2017	Steven G.	Perkins
6/13/2017	John T.	Lewis
6/18/2017	Harold W.	Fitch
6/23/2017	William A.	Elliot
6/24/2017	Robert E.	Brown
6/24/2017	Richard W.	Harvey
6/24/2017	Todd J.	Wilkinson
6/29/2017	Charles H.	Crandell
6/30/2017	Kenneth W.	Lawrence

#### June Events

<b>June 8</b>	<b>Law Enforcement Medal Presentation</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
Greene County Sheriff Promotion Ceremony Judicial Facility 1010 N. Booneville Springfield, MO.		
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Grave Marking Ceremony</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
DAR Matilda Polk Campbell Chapter Private Morris Mitchell Grave Marking Mitchell Campground Cemetery Aldrich, MO.		
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Flag Day Remembrances</b>	<b>10: 00 am</b>
Rotunda of Greene County Courthouse		
<b>June 17</b>	<b>OMC Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>June 29 - July 2 Vietnam Memorial Wall</b>		
Warrensburg, MO. <a href="http://www.visitwarrensburg.com/the-wall-that-heals-2017">http://www.visitwarrensburg.com/the-wall-that-heals-2017</a>		

*Photos by Margaret Swales*

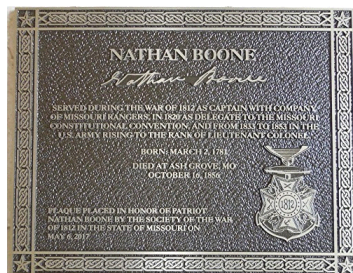
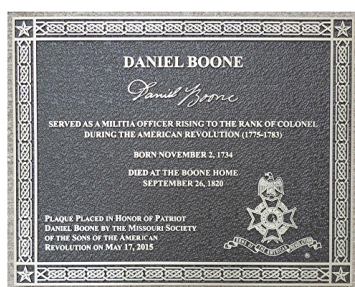
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**Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri (1812) Dedication of Daniel Boone and Nathan Boone Plaques at the Daniel Boone Home at Lindenwood Park near Defiance, Missouri. Hosted by the St. Charles County Parks Department May 6, 2017 Photos by Compatriot Greg Landrum (Greg Landrum Photo) and others. (Editor Note: All material courtesy of MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn)**



Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri attendees. Left to right: Charles Lilly, General Daniel Bissell Chapter, St. Louis; Sumner Hunnewell, Bissell Chapter; Brian Smarker, Captain Daniel Morgan Boone Chapter, Kansas City; Bill Slinkard, Bissell Chapter; Dan McMurray, Major Nathan Boone Chapter, Springfield; Dennis Hahn, Bissell Chapter; Roy Hutchinson, Daniel Morgan Boone Chapter; and J. Wayne Merrill, Ira P. Nash Chapter, Columbia. Photo by Nancy Lee Gomer.



Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution President Dennis J. Hahn presenting the Daniel Boone Plaque.



Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri President Daniel R. McMurray presenting the Nathan Boone Plaque.



# **Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

**Presented to**

**Officer Michael Ramsey**

**Presented at the Springfield Police Department May 17, 2017**



**Officer Michael Ramsey**

## **Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

The Sons of the American Revolution present the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service of accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.

Today we honor Officer Michael Ramsey as we present him with this award. In his brief tenure with Springfield Police, Officer Ramsey spent extended hours investigating nearly 200 important cases that involved working with many city departments and community groups simultaneously. Officer Ramsey works for long term solutions for the northwest area of the city as he serves as a PAR Officer. That is why he has dedicated so many hours to the citizens of Springfield. Officer Ramsey is an exceptional officer because he takes extra steps and unique approaches to find long term solutions so that they can be applied to future community needs.

Officer Michael Ramsey is assigned to the Community Services Section and serves as a north side Police Area Representative Officer. He has been a Springfield Police Officer for five years and was a Bolivar Police Officer prior to joining the Springfield Police. Officer Ramsey is well respected by his peers and always reflects a professional image for SPD through his impeccable dress and mannerism. Officer Ramsey has taken on the extra responsibility of being a Major Crime Investigator, Field Training Officer and a member of the Special Response Team. These extra responsibilities are prime examples of Officer Ramsey's dedication to the Springfield Police Department and the citizens of Springfield.

For your leadership in keeping our community safe while performing community service in a variety of projects, we the Sons of the American Revolution, Ozark Mountain Chapter honor you by awarding you the

## **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

J. Howard Fisk, President

### **Left to Right:**

Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams, Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Officer Michael Ramsey, Compatriot George Swales, and J. Howard Fisk, President of the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR.





## Chapter Events and News

### Sons of the American Revolution Flag Award Certificate

#### Presented to

**Judy Ryan, President of General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri**

**GFWC of Missouri State Convention**

**May 10, 2017**

General Federation of Women's Clubs Missouri is composed of women of all ages and interests that participate in local GFWC MO clubs for volunteer and service opportunities.

GFWC of Missouri is composed of women of all ages, interests, and experiences. Local clubs partner with hospitals, local government, schools, and businesses to assist our communities in becoming better places to live. GFWC is distinguished by their outreach - spanning all areas of the lives of members and their families.



**Left:** Ann Spence, Amy Davis Boone, Dr. Susan Gettys, Janet Ryan, Bonnie Tillman, Judy Gustafson, and Donna Calvin.



The OMC Color Guard presented the colors for the opening of the GFWC of Missouri State Convention.



**Left:** Norman Knowlton, Judy Ryan, and George Swales

State President  
Judy Ryan  
receives a Flag  
Award Certificate  
for her  
work.



#### **Right:**

**Back Row:** OMC Color Guard members Dan McMurray, J. Howard Fisk, and Steven Perkins.

**Front Row:** Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Judy Ryan and George Swales.





## Chapter Events and News

### Armed Forces Day Presentation

#### Sons of the American Revolution Flag Award Certificate

Presented to

**CDR James F. Griffin, Officer in Charge, Naval Reserve Training Center**

Springfield, Missouri

May 20, 2017



CDR James F. Griffin



**Left:** Compatriots Dan Philbrick, Norman Knowlton, George Swales and CDR James F. Griffin at the Flag Award ceremony.



**Compatriot Norman Knowlton (Second from Left) reads the Armed Forces Day Proclamation.**

**Left:** Compatriots George Swales, Norman Knowlton, Dan Philbrick, CDR James Griffin, and Color Guard members Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Charles McMillan, and Glenn Gohr.



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### **Sons of the American Revolution Armed Forces Day Flag Award Presentation**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Flag Day. The Sons of the American Revolution commemorate the adoption of the Flag of the United States in 1777 by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress led by John Hancock.

After the great national conflict of the Civil War, Union officers, determined to maintain the union of our Nation, joined together for the preservation of peace. Over 125 years ago the Sons of the American Revolution was formed with the goal of patriotic service through youth education, and advocacy for a sustained union.

Sons of the American Revolution founders wanted to support and advocate for the vision of our patriot ancestors who risked their lives and fortunes to form a new, more perfect nation. The vision was based on the Jeffersonian ideal of equality for all by a citizen led, democratically ruled government and a free and open system of education to train those citizen leaders.

The color red in our flag represents the blood spilled by the patriots led by Washington, John Paul Jones and Nathaniel Greene at the founding of our country.

That same blood was spilled at the Battles of Springfield, Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge and on many other battlefields as we struggled to maintain the union some 80 years after the revolution. The Civil War cannon at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield are a constant reminder of that great conflict and the cost to our union in American lives.

The white of our Flag is the symbol of purity of purpose and the traditional color of flowers used to mourn those lives lost in the defense of our American Flag and all that it represents.

The blue in our Flag represent the expansiveness of the heavens, the depths of the seas and the spirit of an America without limits, which educates our youth to be patriotic citizens.

We as sailors think of the Battles of Midway, Leyte Gulf and of course the attack on Pearl Harbor. What we may not remember are the Battles of the Chesapeake, Block Island, Nassau, Delaware Bay, Cape St. Vincent and Fort Royal. During all of these conflicts, American sailors defended our nation and American patriotic values dedicated to a free democratic republic, serving with honor, courage and commitment.

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Commander James F. Griffin is dedicated to improving the lives of others through his leadership. He is one of those Americans who is dedicated to the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and the mission of defending our American Flag.

For this reason, the Sons of the American Revolution, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, recognize you, Commander Griffin for service to your country and your pledge to defend and protect the flag of the United States of America and all that it represents, against every foe. We, therefore, present you with this Certificate of Recognition today.

J. Howard Fisk, Chairman Flag Commemoration Committee

# Memorial Day Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman

Springfield National Cemetery

May 27, 2017

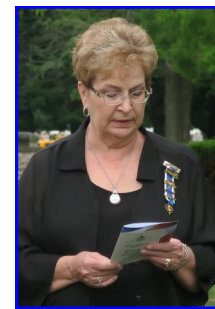


## Memorial Day Remembrance of Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman

**Left:** OMC President J. Howard Fisk, Color Guard member Charles McMillan, Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Boy Scout Carson J. Warner, Pack 116 (with wreath), Gerald McCoy, Steven Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Compatriot Gary Gift, Boy Scout James Sanders, Pack 116, Compatriot George Swales, Ron McCall, Sons of the Union Veterans, John Rutherford, Sons of the Union Veterans, Springfield Mayor Ken McClure, Jan Fisk, Mayor Pro Tem and member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR), Margaret Teague, Chaplain, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR) and Patricia Sneed, Regent of the Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR).



Margaret Teague, Chaplain of the Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR) delivered the Invocation (Second from Right).



Patricia Sneed, Regent of the Isaac Garrison Chapter recites the DAR "Americans Creed".



Gary Gift recites "Why We Remember".



Jan Fisk, descendant of William Freeman and member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR), recounts information on Patriot William Freeman and his revolutionary war service.

President J. Howard Fisk performed the Washington Bell Ceremony.





# Veterans Remembrance Day Springfield National Cemetery Springfield, Missouri May 27, 2017 Orion P. Howe Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

## Orion P. Howe

Howe, Orion P. (Section 4, Grave 207A)  
Musician, Company C. 55<sup>th</sup> Illinois Union Army  
Vicksburg, Mississippi, 19 May 1863.

A drummer boy, 14 years of age, and severely wounded, and exposed to a heavy fire from the enemy, he persistently remained upon the field of battle until he had reported to General William T. Sherman the necessity of supplying cartridges for the use of troops under command of Colonel Malmborg.

A historian wrote of Howe: "We could see him nearly all the way::... he ran through what seemed a hailstorm of canister and musket-balls, each throwing up its little puff of dust when it struck the dry hillside. Suddenly he dropped and hearts sank, but he had only tripped. Often he stumbled, sometimes he fell prostrate, but was quickly up again and he finally disappeared from us, limping over the summit and the 55th saw him no more for several months."

General Sherman wrote to Secretary of State Stanton about Howe and for his bravery President Abraham Lincoln appointed him to the United States Naval Academy. Following his graduation in 1870, he went to New York University Dental School and following his graduation settled in Springfield, Missouri to set up his practice.



Grave Marker  
Springfield National Cemetery



Orion P. Howe



Medal of Honor



The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard present the colors to open the ceremony.

OMC Color Guard members Ken Lawrence, Steven Perkins, Gerald McCoy, Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Color Guard members Charles McMillan and J. Howard Fisk.



The Pledge of Allegiance to open the ceremonies.

Left: Patricia Sneed, Regent, Isaac Garrison Chapter (DAR), George Swales (SAR) Margaret Teague, Chaplain, Rachael Donelson Chapter (DAR), Mayor Ken McClure, Ron McCall, Sons of the Union Veterans, Gary Gift (SAR), Boy Scout, Color Guard members Ken Lawrence, Steven Perkins and Gerald McCoy, Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Color Guard member Charles McMillan, and J. Howard Fisk, Color Guard member and President of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



Springfield Mayor Ken McClure reads a proclamation "Why We Remember".

Left: Ron McCall, Sons of Union Veterans, Jan Fisk, Mayor Pro Tem and member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR, Compatriot Gary Gift, Mayor Ken McClure, and Color Guard Members J. Howard Fisk and Steven Perkins.

## New Member Joins SAR and OMC

### Joseph Barrett Fisk Becomes the Newest Member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter

The event occurred at the Memorial Day Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman who is buried in the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.



Joseph Barrett Fisk repeats the oath of the Sons of the American Revolution.



SAR  
Rosette  
Pin



Jan Fisk pins the SAR Rosette Pin on Joseph Barrett Fisk.



J. Howard Fisk, Jan Fisk, and Barrett Fisk. The OMC Color Guard, compatriots, dignitaries from Springfield and the DAR, are in the background.

Joseph Barrett Fisk is a 6th generation descendant of William Freeman. His lineage comes through both his mother, Janice Strickland Fisk, and from his father, J. Howard Fisk, whose patriot ancestor was James Gambling. J. Howard Fisk is President of the Ozark Mountain Chapter (SAR).

Jan Fisk is a member of the Rachael Donelson Chapter DAR. Daughter Hillary Fisk is also involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as Vice Regent of the Eleanor Wilson Chapter in Washington, DC. Hillary aided her mother, father and brother with membership documents for their Revolutionary War Patriots and was the first local member to prove William Freeman as a DAR/SAR lineage link.

He (Barrett) took the SAR oath during a Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave site of William Freeman at the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri on May 27, 2017.

William Freeman, a North Carolina native, enlisted following the Battle of Moores Creek in North Carolina. He also served at Valley Forge, he was a scout for Washington, and he served with Nathaniel Greene at Guilford Courthouse and Camden South Carolina.

In 1834 Freeman moved to Greene County, Missouri and at death was buried on his farm. In 1912 the Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR applied for a government marker and had Freeman moved to the Springfield National Cemetery. Freeman is the only Revolutionary Patriot buried in the Springfield National Cemetery.

Greene County is populated with many notable descendants of William Freeman including the intermarried descendants of Patriot Samuel Austin, whose sons married Freeman daughters.



# JROTC and ROTC Medal Presentations for 2017



Willard High School Cadet Colby Simpson (Center) received the JROTC Award for his accomplishments.

Left: Compatriot Ken Lawrence and Charles McMillan (Right).



Dan McMurray presents the ROTC Award to Patrick Harp at Missouri State University.



Cadet Kal Lapaglia received the JROTC Award at Nixa High School from Compatriot Tom Sentman.



Left: Republic High School JROTC Cadet Dee Rice received the JROTC Award for his accomplishments.

Senior Instructor Lt. Col. Patrick Sanders received a SAR Flag Award Certificate for his leadership and furthering the goals of the Air Force JROTC program.

Nixa High School Senior Instructor LTC Henry Anton received a SAR Flag Award Certificate for his leadership and furthering the goals of the Army JROTC program.

School	Award Date	Presenters 2017	Recipient
Branson High School Army JROTC	08 April 2017 1700	John Allen	Evan Cardwell
Forsyth High School Army JROTC	01 May 2017 1800	George Cindrich	Hailey McPherson
Hillcrest High School Army JROTC	03 May 2017 1345	Gary Bishop	Cody Crim
Missouri State Univ. Army ROTC	04 April 2017 1530	Dan McMurray	Patrick Harp
Nixa High School Army JROTC	9 May 2017 0945	Tom Sentman	Kal Lapaglia
Ozark High School Army JROTC	25 April 2017 1800	Steve Perkins	Kenyon York
Republic High School AFJROTC	27 April 2017 1900	Tom Sentman	Dee Rice
Scott Regional Technology Cntr	27 April 2017 1830	Ray Elbert	Sam Masri
		Sgt Arial Nims Chapter	
Willard High School Navy JROTC	25 April 2017 1800	Charles McMillan	Colton Key
Bolivar High School AF JROTC	27 April 2017 1800	Willie Walker	Colby Simpson

# National Society Sons of the American Revolution Proclamation

## National Flag Day

June 14, 2017

June 14th is National Flag Day, a day when Americans celebrate the meaning of their nation's flag, honor the traditions associated with its care, and educate those around them to its significance. The Flag of the United States is to be honored and carries with it both history and traditions. There are three Flag Acts which are laws that sought to define the design of the flag of the United States.

### Flag Act of 1777

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an Official flag for the new nation, the Second Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

### Flag Act of 1794

The Flag Act of 1794 was signed into law by President George Washington on January 13, 1794. It changed the design of the flag to accommodate the admission into the Union of the states 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.

***Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,*** That from and after the first day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the flag of the United States, be fifteen stripes alternate red and white. That the Union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field.

### Flag Act of 1818

The Flag Act of 1818 was enacted by Congress on April 4, 1818. It provided 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.

***Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American, in Congress assembled,*** That from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field.

And be it further enacted, That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag, and that such additional shall take effect of the fourth day of July then next succeeding such 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 14<sup>th</sup> of each year National Flag Day. In 1966, Congress requested that the president issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

Flag Day is a time when American reflect on the foundation of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their beliefs in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

So, remember to raise your United States flag high on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and pay tribute to the symbol which means so much to all of us—our nation's flag.

Yours in Patriotism,



J. Michael Tomme, Sr.  
President General 2016-2017  
National Society Sons of the American Revolution



# National Flag Day

Wednesday, June 14, 2017



## Pledge of Allegiance To the Flag of the United States of America



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



# Missouri Society Annual Membership Meeting

April 28-29 2017

## Another Photo Sampler



Photos by David Eslick (David Eslick Photography)