

# THE PATRIOT

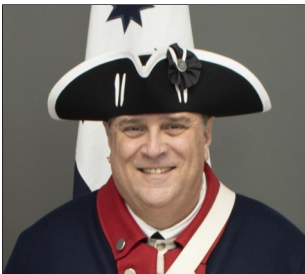


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## The Presidents Message

*By President Gary Gift*

Greetings everyone. Wow!

What a year we have had so far. I hope this finds everyone doing well and safe. Our lives have changed dramatically in the last three months. And even though the Corona Virus has affected our organization and how we do things please be assured we have still been doing everything we can do to effectively carry on our missions of education and recognition of our great American Patriots.

In May we conducted our first Chapter Development Committee virtually using Zoom. It took a little bit of getting used to but we had a very effective meeting and we made plans on how to move forward.

We also were able to present our Outstanding ROTC Cadet award to Cadet Loren Brayman of Branson High School Air Force ROTC. Loren was also the State award recipient so he was awarded both awards at a ceremony hosted by Compatriot



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Howard Fisk as his offices. This presentation was recorded along with a recitation of the essay written by Loren. We are trying to get it uploaded to our website so those of us who were unable to attend can also hear him.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter was able to hold a brief memorial and wreath laying at the Springfield National Cemetery on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. In honor of all those who have died that have served our country in the United States Armed

Forces. *-Continued on Page 2-*

On Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sargent Justin Gargas at the Springfield Police and Fire Training Center on Battlefield Road.

There will also be a ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup> celebrating Flag Day at the Green County Courthouse Rotunda. We will

be presenting Flag certificates to the three Greene County Commissioners and there will be a State Silver Good Citizenship Medal presented to Commissioner Harold Bengsch who will be retiring soon.

We have heard from the National Office and there have been a few announcements. The National Congress which was scheduled for July in Richmond Virginia has been cancelled. According to the NSSAAR bylaws the current General Officers and Trustees will remain in office until the next congress which will be held in 2021. They have resumed most of their activities but there is a large backlog of applications that they need to work through. With the protest and civil unrest that has taken place in Louisville they have taken steps to secure the library and have moved the artifacts to a secure area just in case there are any incidents. The area around the national headquarters has remained untouched. These museum and library are national treasures and we hope and pray they are protected against any type of damage.

Our next Ozark Mountain Chapter meeting will be held at 9:00 at the offices of Fisk Transportation at 2001 East Trafficway. The Ozarks Technical Community College facilities remain closed and are not available to use at this time. There is a large meeting area there and we will be able to meet



and still practice safe social distancing. Everyone should bring a mask to wear and we will all be sitting at least six feet apart. We will also make the meeting available to those who are unable or uncomfortable attending via Zoom. An email will be sent out closer to the date with instructions on how to join us virtually via Zoom.

Our State President and Chapter Member Howard



Fisk was sworn into office and is encouraging all Chapters in the State to come up with ways to carry on our missions and not just take the rest of the year off. We have important jobs to do and our country needs our leadership now more than

ever.

Take care and I look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting back to work. And seeing many of you at the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.





## The Sargent's Corner

By Charles McMillian

My journey with the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) began 06 Jun 2011... as President Tom Sentman presented my acceptance certificate and George Washington rosette.

On 20 Feb 2016 I joined the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Color Guard under Commander Gerald McCoy and OMC President Dan Philbrick. I proudly wore my first uniform representing my 4th Great-grandfather Archibald McMillen of New Boston, NH.

And now 25 April 2020, I was selected as Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) Color Guardsman of the year 2019-2020. I would hope Archibald could see me now and be proud that I stand for America and Freedom... Freedom he suffered and fought for at the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775.

Archibald served a Mighty God and with determination and passion stood against all odds to persevere.

Let us persevere in our steadfastness and support of a Mighty God and great country.

To see more on the D-Day invasion and prayer, check out these links:

<http://www.abmc.gov/multimedia/videos/normandy-american-cemetery>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2IRcc-5RgA&feature=youtu.be>

## Birthday's

Melvin McNeal	May 6
Joel Monteith	May 8
Ian Shepherd	May 8
Daniel Piedlow	May 14
Murray Bussard	May 19
Donal Stanton	May 19
Lee Viorel	May 19
Robert Grover	May 21
William Walker	May 23
Brett Knowlton	May 26
James Haas	May 28
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

## Important Dates

May 10 - Tea Act 1773

May 10 - Second Continental Congress 1775

May 10 - Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga 1775

May 29 - Patrick Henry Birthday 1736

May 29 - Virginia Resolves 1765

June 1 - Intolerable Acts 1774

June 7 - Lee Resolution 1776

June 14 - U.S. Army created 1775

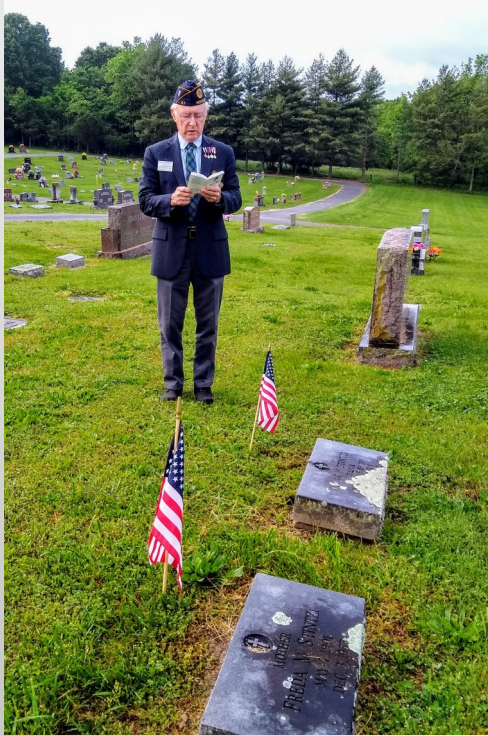
June 14 - Flag Resolution 1777

June 15 - George Washington named Commander-In-Chief 1775

June 17 - Battle of Bunker Hill 1775



Anxious to do something for Memorial Day, this morning we went alone to Oak Hill Cemetery in Cassville, located two veteran's graves which looked like they had no one to care for them for a long time, and read the SAR Memorial Service over them. Likely they were husband and wife, both veterans.



From the Chaplain General, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them....

Ask NOT what our country can do for you, but what YOU can do for your country!" President John F Kennedy.

"John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." Jesus of Nazareth.

1 John 3:16 "By this we know love, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

John Adams, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson. Rev Dr John K Witherspoon, Rev James Caldwell, Rev David Avery, Rev Hezekiah Smith, My 6th great Grandfather Samuel Weaver who fought with "The Swamp Fox" Francis Marion, your Patriot ancestors, my Uncle Clarence and Father-in-Law Charles, my brother Robert, and your brothers and close relatives, my friend Robert, and your friends.

Women like Mercy Otis Warren the writer, the governor's wife Hannah Winthrop, Abigail Adams John's wife, Sybil Luddington the young female Paul Revere who finished the ride through Putnam and Dutchess Counties to warn the militia that British troops were burning Danbury, Connecticut, Catherine (Kate) Barry who roused troops and furnished invaluable intelligence that won the "Battle of Cowpens."

ALL gave their lives in some way so that we today may be free, even in this day of COVID-19, wearing masks, social distancing, staying home from public functions as much as possible.

Do not forget to say a deep, heartfelt "Thank you" to all, and then to act like you really appreciate what they have done for you. God bless you all.

"TEN-HUT, SALUTE! " Reverent "At Ease!"

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA !

*Dave*  
*Rev David J Felts*  
*Chaplain General NSSAR*



## George Washington's Bell

The Sons of the American Revolution, Ozark Mountain Chapter pause to pay tribute to George Washington, the father of our country, the citizen warrior and first president, who offered his life in service to his fellow man. We do so every time we celebrate the life of a Revolutionary Patriot.

George Washington, through Devine providence, led us through the Revolutionary War to victory and retired to his beloved Mount Vernon estate in Virginia to return to the agrarian life that he loved. A grateful nation unanimously reached out to Washington once again to lead the country through the trials of establishing a new nation and bringing domestic order as the first President of these United States.

The Sons of the American Revolution celebrate the life of George Washington, with every Revolutionary Memorial Ceremony. He was eulogized by Henry Lee as, "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen".

We peal the bell 13 times at these ceremonies for the life committed to give us 13 free and independent United States.

We peal the bell a 14<sup>th</sup> time to recognize George Washington for his life of service to his fellow man. Washington, much like the citizen ruler, Cincinnatus, longed for his home and returned to a simple life in rural Virginia following his service, and chose not to continue governing as a king or ruler over others.

J Howard Fisk, President  
Missouri SAR



## Revolutionary Prophecies Available for Pre-Order

Many of you are familiar with the books that are published, based on papers presented at the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution.

I am happy to inform you that the papers presented at the 2013 SAR Annual Conference will be published by the University of Virginia Press by the end of this year under the title "Revolutionary Prophecies: The Founders and America's Future."

"Revolutionary Prophecies" is available for pre-order now. Please go to:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolutionary-prophecies-robert-m-s-mcdonald/1136784099?ean=9780813944494>

For more information about the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution, please go to:

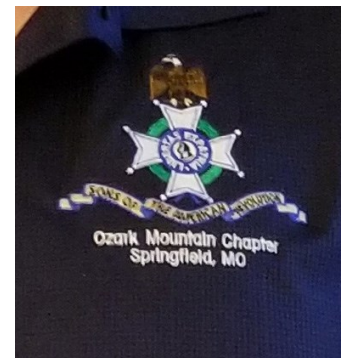
<https://www.sarfoundation.org/education/sar-annual-conference-on-the-american-revolution/>

Happy Memorial Day!  
Joe Dooley

## OMCSAR Shirts are Ready

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.





Greetings Compatriots,

Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR met at Springfield National Cemetery to celebrate the service of America's veterans. We gathered at the Grave of Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman, the only Revolutionary Patriot buried at Springfield National Cemetery.

Compatriot Jeff Patrick led the assembled body in the Pledge of Allegiance to our American flag, Missouri SAR President J Howard Fisk carried a Betsy Ross flag for the ceremony. Missouri SAR Vice President George Swales delivered the SAR National Memorial Day Mes-

sage from President General Jack Manning. A memorial wreath was laid by Councilwoman Jan Fisk, member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR and Hillary Fisk, Regent of the Eleanor Wilson Chapter DAR, Washington DC, descendant of Patriot William Freeman. Missouri SAR Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins concludes the ceremony with Washington's Bell. Other attendees included Margaret Swales, Treasurer of the Missouri SAR Ladies Auxiliary and Dan Piedlow, OMC Patriot Newsletter Editor.

J Howard Fisk





## Photo's of the Installation of J. Howard Fisk as Missouri SAR President



## NSSAR Headquarters Building Spared from the Riots

Dear Compatriots:

Like you, we have seen the recent footage from Louisville of protestors damaging the statue of King Louis XVI. I am writing to let you know that our property remains unscathed by the recent protests and riots in Louisville. Security cameras have shown that our end of Main Street has been calm. However, as a precaution, staff have moved all artifacts off the ground floor spaces and secured them in the preparation room, a separately secured brick room in the basement of headquarters. Movement off the ground floor is restricted due to security features; we are investigating additional security measures.

Importantly, neither the SAR Headquarters Building nor the SAR Genealogical Library were breached during the recent unrest in the City of Louisville. Our Minuteman Statue is undamaged. All staff are safe. We continue to monitor the situation, including any business restrictions, curfews, or requests for individuals to avoid coming in to Louisville. We appreciate your concern.

Sincerely,

Don Shaw  
Executive Director



Missouri State SAR Colorguard Commander Steven Perkins presenting Compatriot Charles McMillian with the Colorguardsman of the Year Award.

## Battle of Savannah

Compatriots,

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

## What's Happening



June 15th Flag Day celebration at the Green County Courthouse Rotunda.



The June 20th meeting will be held at Fisk Transportation located at 2001 East Trafficway at 9:00 A.M.