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The President's Message

By President Curtis Trent

Warm Regards,

Every June 17 we remember the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the most famous engagements in the Revolutionary

War. In 1775 the war was still in its early stages, but this pyrrhic victory for the British was a prelude for how costly, protracted, and ultimately futile the war to retain the colonies would be. Much has been written about the tactical disposition of the battle, but there were significant political ramifications as well.

Following the battle the Crown issued its Proclamation of Rebellion, which effectively answered the Olive Branch petition that had recently been issued by the Continental Congress. However, it is questionable whether the Crown would have ever considered the Olive Branch Petition as having been offered in good faith. The King, in a Throne Speech, suggested the American independence movement was a conspiracy led by individuals seeking to create their own competing empire.

Both sides of the emerging conflict seemed at times to frame the situation as a civil war, which harkened back to the Wars of the Three Kingdoms which had seen the abolition and restoration of the monarchy in a series of conflicts. England's Whigs and Tories were as divided as American patriots and loyalists about how the colonies should be treated.

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Ultimately the Whig vision of the future would win, both in America and in England. The American revolution would accomplish through force of arms what would eventually be achieved by political outcome in England. The end of the ancient monarchy as sovereign government. Many other countries would eventually follow America's lead as Whig politics toppled sovereigns throughout the West.

Today, the experiment still continues. Only a tiny fraction of human political experience has existed outside of the monarchical system of government and like any chapter of human history, it is difficult to tally the final score until our present becomes someone else's past.

Curtis Trent
OMCSAR President

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday May 15th, 2021

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Lindsey Chapel Cemetery in Republic, Missouri

Next meeting will be at the grave marking celebration at the cemetery in conjunction with the 1812 organization and will be honoring our nations' first Patriot Sons Dedication. With the ongoing Covid virus pandemic facemasks are optional since we will be outdoors and still suggesting social distancing.

President Curtis Trent called the meeting to order 9:05 AM with 21 members and 1 guest via zoom. The meeting was done using zoom so more members could participate. **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** gave the invocation. **Compatriot John Hathcock** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Compatriot Ben Edmondson** led the Pledge to the SAR. He proceeded to have guests introduce themselves.

Compatriot Gary Gift introduced the guest speaker of the day **Michael Price** via Zoom. He is local history librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library and he presented the history of Greene County during World War I.

He introduced himself as a librarian who works at the Springfield-Greene County Library in the local history and genealogy department. He has been proud to have worked on the project that documented Missouri's experiences during World War I. He had been working on this since 2013-2014 by traveling around the state and gathering information from various sources including the World War I Museum in Kansas City. He researched the history of Springfield during that time period and he believes this is one of the most interesting time periods in Springfield's history.

He went on to describe some of the more interesting things that were occurring during this time. In April 1917 was the time when there was one flag, one country, one people, and one party. Springfield organized a chapter of the Red Cross, but the city was embroiled in a labor strike.

It was a diverse town with diversified interests and talents. At this time there were 11 banks, 5 hospitals, and 8 theaters. The Frisco Railroad was the largest employer which dominated Springfield's north side. There were 2 newspapers-the Republican and the News Leader which kept the locals up on the War. The President Woodrow Wilson declared neutrality when the Germany invaded Belgium in 1914, but after the sinking of the British Lusitania in May of 1915 it tested President Wilson. There were almost 1200 passengers killed including 128 Americans. With the War in Mexico and the simultaneous war in Europe, Americans wanted to witness the events and so Wilson gave them permission to travel in the war zones. The government did pay for safe passage for the Americans who wished to leave those war areas. War was inevitable.

During this time the military had to rely on Horses and Mules to support their efforts in transporting men and equipment. This provided a lucrative business for the Springfield's livestock dealers. Over 14,000 mules and horses were sent to assist the war effort in 1916. While the war waged in Europe, on October 6th, 1916 the division 691 of the amalgamated association of electrical and railway workers began a strike against the Springfield Traction Company. The workers had widespread community support which caused this strike to last for months. Violence occurred throughout Springfield. During this time the Presidential election took place. Wilson lost Greene County by 362 votes against the Republican challenger Charles Hughes, but won the election nationally. Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany in April of 1917. The strike divided Springfield with the north side in favor of the strikers and the south side's more affluent in favor of the Traction Company.

During this time period was the infamous kidnapping of the infant of prominent businessman Lloyd Keats who was kidnapped from his crib on May the 30th of 1917. The result was the body of the infant was found at the bottom of a well several days later. Claude Pearsall was almost killed by the mob

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Claude Pearsall was almost killed by the mob for this shocking crime. Two other men were also charged for abetting this crime. Pearsall spent 30 years in prison for this event.

Sympathy, for some reason, resulted in favor of the union workers and led to the Traction Company capitulating on June 16th, 1917. The local Red Cross helped provide for the War efforts by providing socks and hospital supplies, but still there was conflicting efforts on both sides. The Lipscomb family came to Springfield from Kansas where he had started a grain company and even lost a run for governor. He was a devout socialist, but still opened Lipscomb Grain and Seed Company in Springfield in 1915 as a pacifist. Rose Patton Stokes tried to give an anti-war speech on March 22nd, 1918, but was forced to give this outside the Diemer Theater.

German Americans underwent extreme discrimination across the country but not much in Missouri unless they were felt to be disloyal to the US. In Springfield in 1917 there was about 600 German Americans which were prominently in support of President Wilson and the War. Springfield's German Americans community patriotically supported the War even with the government viewing them with suspicion. Wilson signed the Declaration of War on April 6th, 1917. After the War started most German Americans registered to be naturalized. Most German Americans were very patriotic and supported the War.

The worldwide flu pandemic struck in October of 1918 and Springfield adapted. The Red Cross started an emergency hospital at Southside Christian Church and all war activities were halted to work on the pandemic. All public activities were band from October 2nd to November 2nd of 1918.

Armistice Day was November 11th, 1918, but it was not celebrated in Springfield until November the 12th. Springfield residents participated in the War in the 2nd Missouri Infantry and were transferred to the 35th Machine gun Battalion as part of the National Guard Division. Also there was an Engineering Company from Springfield that fought as well as did some from the 89th Division of the Regulars. A monument was presented to Springfield

including those that died in World War I and still stands in Grants Beach Park here in Springfield.

He is proud that Springfield Greene County Library was able to pull this off to document the efforts of Springfield and Missouri in the World War I. More information for this can be found on MissouriOverThere.org and he encourages all to visit this site which includes photos, diaries, papers, and important letters of this time period.

Discussion of the Keats kidnapping was reviewed in detail. They have the copy of the transcripts included in their files. Some felt it was related to the streetcar strike breakers of the time with the Traction Company. No one was ever found guilty for the murder of this infant but Pearsall was found guilty for kidnapping and served 30 years in prison.

He was thanked for his presentation.

Officers Reports:

President Report—Curtis Trent—with technical difficulties no new report was given

First Vice-President Report—Ben Edmondson—had no new report.

Second Vice-President Report—Jeff Patrick---was absent—no new report

Secretary Report – Norman Knowlton—The minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. Seeing none, it was moved and seconded and passed as written.

Treasurer Report—John Charles—we have presently \$12,465.23 in our Arvest Bank checking account, \$9286.30 in our interest bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks fund. These two accounts total \$21,751.53. This report was moved, seconded, and accepted and sent to the audit committee.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—he had no formal report but did state that we have 5 pending supplemental applications and 1 new member application which have been received by national.

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Editor Report—Dan Piedlow reported that our OMC is getting busier recently and to be sure that all events are photographed so as to be placed in our Newsletter. Remember the 5 “W-s”—Who, What, When, Where, and Why?

Historian Report—Don Higginson—he requested any materials or programs from any of our events to be sent to him for the yearbook.

Sgt-at-Arms Report—Danny Piedlow—he had no formal report

Chapter Development Committee Report- Gary Gift – reviewed the schedule of events upcoming:

Because of the weather the event that was to be held today at the Springfield National Cemetery will be postponed until next Saturday May 22th at 11:30 following the monthly MOSSAR meeting at 10:00 AM

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk is working on the Wonders of Wildlife program on the Legends of Conservation including presentations to be videoed and partaken by Theodore Roosevelt, John James Audubon, William Hornaday, Daniel Boone, and Meriwether Lewis. Others are also to be considered including Sacagewa and Nellie Hemingway.

May 23rd at 2:00 PM an event with the Daughters of the Union Veterans to help support them at the Mary Whitney Phelps Tent 22-at Hazelwood Cemetery

Monday June 14th Chapter Development meeting (note these meetings are now being changed to the 2nd Monday of each month)

Monday June 14th Flag Day Celebration at Greene County Courthouse at 10:00 AM with Commissioner Bob Dixon in the rotunda

Saturday June 19th at 10:00 AM at the Lindsey Chapel Cemetery in Republic, Missouri we will be marking the first of the nation Sons of Patriots Graves for Benjamin Hagewood and Lindsey Robertson. This is also an 1812 event and a Color Guard event. We will be having an informal OMC monthly meeting just following at this event.

Saturday July 3rd we will be participating with the Color Guard at the Branson Landing at their July 4th

event at dusk- this is being arranged by Compatriot Dan Piedlow.

Sunday July 4th will be participating in the 4th of July Parade at Meadowmere Place in Springfield at 2:00 PM because it is on a Sunday

Monday July 12th Chapter Development Committee at 6:30 PM

Saturday July 17th OMC Monthly meeting by Zoom at 9:00 AM

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business

Compatriot Steve Perkins spoke about:

On Saturday October 9th we will be marking the grave of Thomas Nathan Clifton who is a Revolutionary War Veteran who has not been marked previously because of limited records. This will be at the Clifton Cemetery in Webster County, Missouri 5 miles south of Marshfield, Missouri off KK highway at 11:00AM

This will be a major event with the Color Guard, possibly political participants, news and media event, possibly drum and fife event, MOSSAR event and probably a Patriot Son marking.

Compatriot Ben Edmondson spoke about:

This past Tuesday the 11th of May we participated with the Wolf school at the Gray-Campbell House and Liberty School at the Nathanael Greene Park for a flag raising event and the pledge of allegiance. We also commemorated the bench of Revolutionary War Veteran and 4th Great Grandfather of Ben Edmondson

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk stated the new OMC Challenge coins will be available next week at the National Cemetery event for purchase at \$5 per coin. These will be used at our events for presentations, gifts and honors.

New Business

At the October 30th MOSSAR quarterly meeting OMC will be hosting this event at the OTC and **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** moved that we provide

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a continental breakfast for those traveling to Springfield from around the state. It was seconded and passed. He will inquire as to the possibility of the OTC providing food for the event.

Compatriot Tom Sentman presented the new OMC Logo for consideration. He introduced the possibility of a new Logo for the OMC of SAR and proposed the color, the design, the lettering, and the scale for this. A motion was made to pass this new Logo, it was seconded and passed. It was suggested that this logo also be used to apply to an OMC Flag.

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

Compatriot Don Higginson led the Recessional.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk provided the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

Important Dates in History

May 10 - Tea Act 1773

May 10 - Second Continental Congress 1775

May 10 - Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga 1775

May 26 - Battle at St. Louis, Missouri 1780

May 29 - Patrick Henry Birthday 1736

May 29 - Virginia Resolves 1765

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

La Fayette Medal

“For all volunteers, this is a review of the process for recognition for Volunteering in the SAR.

The SAR Director of Education Center & Museum is responsible for identifying volunteers who assist the SAR and primarily in the Louisville area. Through an agreement established in about 2010, volunteers who contributed to the Patriot Index and its follow-on system, the Patriot Research System are also recognized.

At the end of September, I forward recommendations for those who have achieved 40 hours of volunteering in the PRS to the SAR Director of Education Center & Museum.

The Director of Education Center & Museum compiles a list of volunteers and coordinates with the President General for a fall luncheon honoring the volunteers. The luncheon is held in Louisville.

After the luncheon, those who cannot attend the luncheon will have their certificates, medals and Oak Leaf Clusters sent to the respective state secretaries for distribution. This becomes a sticking point when the state secretary does not know what to do with the awards. It may take some questioning in your state society to find out when your state society will recognize the respective volunteers (you). Most state societies are conducting the recognition at Boards of Managers/Governors or Annual Meetings after Thanksgiving.”

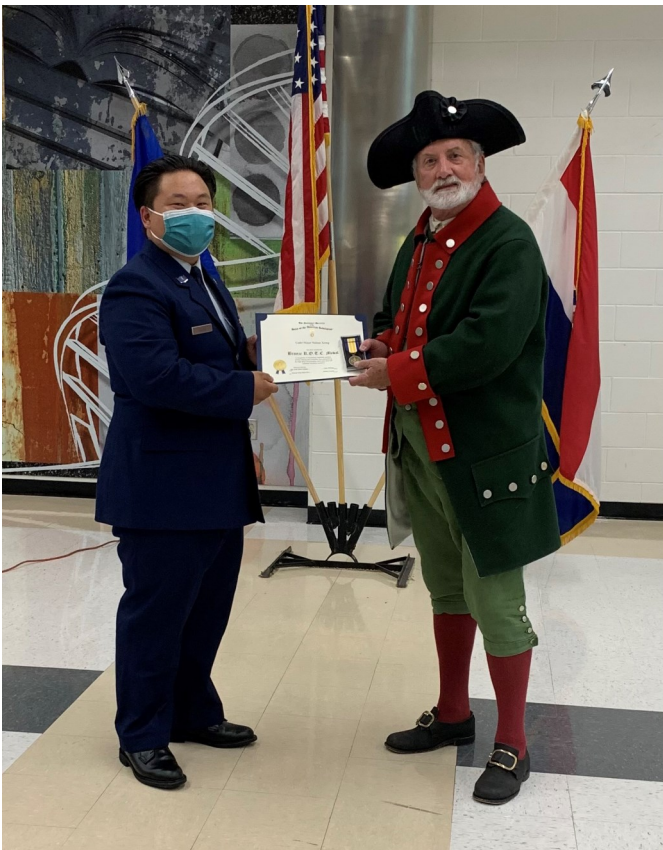
GARY O. GREEN, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Chairman, Patriot Records Committee



High School JROTC Awards in May



Compatriot Steve Perkins (left), Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Senior Airman Samuel Brayman, Branson High School Air Force Junior ROTC on Saturday, May 1, 2021. On the right is Compatriot John Hathcock, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.



On May 4, 2021, Compatriot Charles McMillan, MOSSAR R/JROTC Medals Chairman, presented the Bronze medal and certificate to Neosho High School Cadet Major Nathan Xiong.

The award was presented on behalf of Sgt Ariel Nims Chapter.



Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Army Junior ROTC Cadet SFC Wyatt Wirsén, Hillcrest High School on Friday, May 14, 2021.

May 11, 2021 Wolf School at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park





Birthdays

Melvin McNeal	May 6
Joel Monteith	May 8
Ian Shepherd	May 8
Daniel F. Piedlow (old)	May 14
Donal Stanton	May 19
Lee Viorel	May 19
Robert Grover	May 21
William Walker	May 23

George Swales	June 8
Steven Perkins	June 10
Matthew Geery	June 10
John Lewis	June 13
Ronald Brown	June 24
Richard Harvey	June 24
William Elliott	June 26
Kenneth Lawrence	June 30

Lt. William Bodenhamer Patriot Ceremony

May 11, 2021 Nathaniel Greene/Close Memorial Park

Excerpt from "Christian Bodenhamer of Rowan County, North Carolina, and his descendants" By Lois Lone Hotchkiss Heuss

William, son of Christian and Charity Bodenhamer, was born October 20, 1759 and died August 26 1834. While William was only 15 years of age when hostilities with Great Britain broke out, he served at some time during the war years. ...three of his pay vouchers have been preserved in the Raleigh Archives with one showing his rank as "Lieut."

In March of 1781 William took part in the Battle of Guilford Court House. A 2,100-man British force under the command of Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis defeated Major General Nathanael Greene's 4,500 Americans. The British Army, however, suffered a considerable number of casualties during the battle (with estimates as high as 27% of their total force).

The battle was "the largest and most hotly contested action" in

the American Revolution's southern theater. Before the battle, the British had great success in conquering much of Georgia and South Carolina with the aid of strong Loyalist factions, and thought that North Carolina might be within their grasp. In fact, the British were in the process of heavy recruitment in North Carolina when this battle put an end to their recruiting drive. In the wake of the battle, Greene moved into South Carolina, while Cornwallis chose to march into Virginia and attempt to link up with roughly 3,500 men under British Major General Phillips and American turncoat Benedict Arnold. These decisions allowed Greene to unravel British control of the South, while leading Cornwallis to Yorktown where he was eventually forced to surrender to General George Washington and French Lieutenant General Comte de Rochambeau.

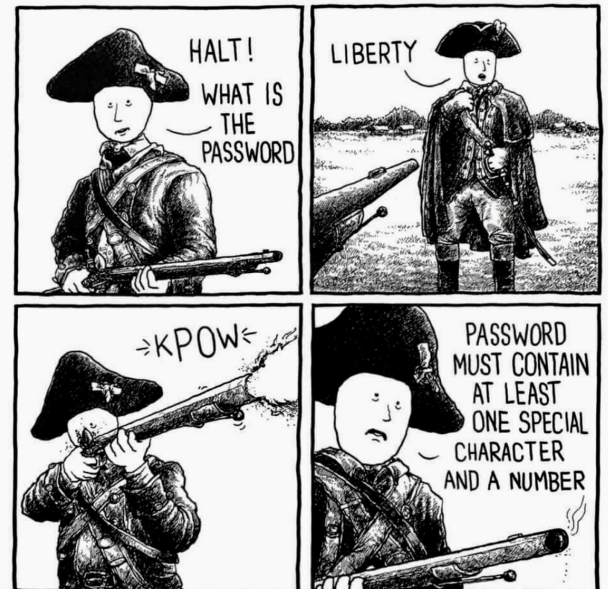
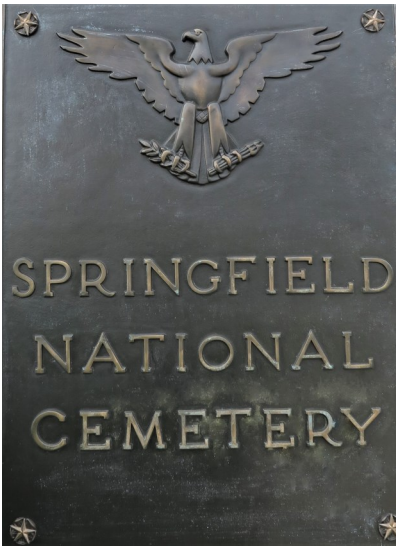


Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.



Memorial Day Remembrance

May 31, 2021







Upcoming Events



Monday, June 14th at 10:00 AM, **Flag Day Celebration** at the Greene County Court-house, 940 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.



Monday, June 14th at 6:30 PM, **Chapter Development Committee** meeting at Fisk Limousine, 2001 E Trafficway St, Springfield, MO 65802.



Saturday, June 19 at 9:00 AM, **Chapter meeting** at the Lindsey Cemetery, 650 S. Lynn Ave, Republic, MO 65738 followed at 10:00 AM by a Grave Marking of Benjamin Hage-wood.



Saturday June 26th at 10:00 AM, **Missouri SAR meeting** via Zoom.



Sunday, July 4th at 2:00 PM, **Independence Day Parade** at East Meadowmere Place, Springfield, MO 65802.