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The President's Message

By President Ben Edmondson

What a year we have had so far. It's already the beginning of June. I hope this finds all of you doing well and enjoying good health.

We have had a very eventful year so far participating in several events both local, regionally and nationally. I would like to challenge you all, my fellow compatriots to join us on occasion in events other than our monthly meetings. Not only will this help you but will help others.

As we continue to support our community through our ongoing efforts to recognize public service, the service of our veterans and inspire them with the principles on which our nation was founded. Your participation will be of benefit.

Please refer to the upcoming events listed within this newsletter to determine weather you are available to participate.

In just a short month we will be celebrating the 4th of July. I often find that most citizens of our country can recite the beginning of the Declaration of Independence. It then becomes a question of how much they remember. I myself do no memorize things well. That being said I do remember a

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section that most do not remember. That may be because it struck a chord with me when I read it. It also happens to be in the last sentence. "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor. We will help each other means a lot when I need help or my neighbors need help. It means we aren't in it alone.

I look forward to seeing you at any of our upcoming events and our meeting on June 18th.

Ben Edmondson
President OMCSAR

**Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting
Saturday, May 21st. 2022**

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 18th, 2022

Next month our chapter meeting we will be held at Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Missouri.

Prior to this mornings' meeting we held a Memorial Service honoring Compatriot William Earl Carr, William Freeman Memorial, and Orion P. Howe Veterans Remembrance Day event here at OTC.



1st Vice President

Cris Brayman called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM via with 25 members and 5 guests being present.



He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation. This was followed by presentation and the posting of the Colors by the Branson High School JROTC Honor Guard Cadets. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and then **Compatriot Steve Perkins** led the Pledge to the SAR.



He then introduced guests including **Past MOSSAR President George Swales** and a new prospective member Steve Lawson. Two new members were not present but will be sworn in later.

He then reintroduced **Past MOSSAR President George Swales** to present several of the OMC Awards that were presented at the MOSSAR Annual Meeting.



Compatriot Gary Gift was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal- pictures were taken
The Josiah Fogg Award for 2021 was awarded to the OMC.

The YOHE Yearbook Award for the Large Chapters for 2021- 1st Place to OMC-**Compatriot Don Higgerson**

MOSSAR Americanism Award awarded the OMC for 3rd Place for 2021

MOSSAR Flag Certificates for the year 2021 2nd Place

The YOHE Yearbook Award for Large Chapters for 2020 2nd Place to OMC- **Compatriot Ben Edmondson**

The YOHE Yearbook Award for Large Chapters for 2019 1st Place to OMC- **Compatriot Curtis Trent, Compatriot Charles McMillan** recognized **Compatriot James Mason** for his participation in the digital posting for his PRS Input with more than 2200 applications with his Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. Charles himself has posted over 13,000 applications and congratulated by **Past President Swales** and our chapter.

Past President George Swales gave a review of this Past Year from the OMC as well as the MOSSAR.

An overview of MOSSAR from April 2021 to April 2022 included:

As a result of COVID we only had one face to face meeting here in Springfield last October, but we did have monthly Zoom meetings.

April of 2022 was our first face to face meeting in St Louis in the past 2 years. People enjoyed themselves and had over 100 participants including 16 members from the OMC. The NSSAR Goals are Patriotic, Historic and Educational. He set up 4 Objectives for his tenure as President which included: 1) Increased participation in Youth Programs, 2) Increased participation by schools across the state, 3) Increased recruitment of members across the state, and 4) Increased number of Flag Awards. We attained all but the recruitment goal- this being because of COVID and similar to other states. We presented many awards for Life Saving, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMT, and Heroism. We honored Veterans, we marked graves, and had a great year with our

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MOSSAR Color Guard. He kept up monthly meetings which were established by his predecessor Past President J. Howard Fisk in order to continue good communication not only for the executive board but for the general board. We reestablished the publication of the Missouri Patriot after a seven year absence. Set a plaque at the Truman Library. We established a new MOSSAR Logo. We changed some Bylaws. Reenergized the funding of the YOHE and Pershing funds. **MOSSAR President Michael Robertson** and **Compatriot Ken Lawrence** spearheaded these two funds and their growth. A new Budget was created for guidelines for the coming years. Membership in MOSSAR is now 751 from 721 for the year, as compared to 803 in 2021 before the COVID. The OMC membership is now listed at 103. And at the MOSSAR Annual meeting the OMC was awarded over 30 awards to its members and spouses. At this time 5 of the 15 MOSSAR officers on the Board are from the OMC.

He then went on to review what the OMC did this past year:

Brochure and Poster contest-first place

JROTC Outstanding Cadet –first place

Vance Website award for the support of scouting-1st place

YOHE Award 2019 1st place

2020 2nd place

2021 1st place

Flag Certificates Award -2nd place

Certificate of Appreciation- Compatriot John Hathcock

Distinguish Service Certificate-Lafayette Volunteer Awards -4 out of 9- Compatriot Charles McMillan

Ben Franklin Award- Compatriot Norm Knowlton

Tom Sentman Award- Compatriot Dan Piedlow

Silver Color Guard Medal-Compatriot Dan McMurray

David Appleby JROTC Award – Compatriot Cris Brayman

Silver Good Citizenship Medal- Compatriot Ken Lawrence

Silver Roger Sherman Medal- Compatriot Dan Piedlow and Compatriot Gary Gift

Meritorious Service Award Medal- Compatriot Norm Knowlton

Missouri Silver Medals- Compatriot Tom Sentman and Compatriot Charles McMillan

MOSSAR Distinguished Service Medal- Compatriot J. Howard Fisk

Past President's Pin and Patriot Medal- Past President George Swales

We have five OMC Members who are officers on the MOSSAR Board :

J.Howard Fisk Trustee

Dan Philbrick Chaplain

Tom Sentman Historian

Norm Knowlton Surgeon

Dan Piedlow Sergeant at Arms

Go Ozark Mountain Chapter!!

Officers Reports

1st Vice-President Report—Cris Brayman--spoke briefly and thanked all who have helped him.

2nd Vice President Report—Jim Robinette—No Report

Treasurer Report—John Angst— the total funds we have as of this date consists of \$8,119.11 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,310.48 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$17,429.59. This report was moved and seconded to be sent to be filed for audit. The motion passed.

Auditor's Report—Norm Knowlton for John McAlear—As requested, he has examined the January 1-March 31, 2022, OMCSAR financial records provided to him by Treasurer John Angst. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO Bank statements, photocopies of support

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for deposits and disbursements, and the OMCSAR Treasurer’s Reports.

In his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer’s Reports from January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022, accurately reflect the financial position of OMCSAR. This report was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton—The minutes from last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. With but minor corrections, it was moved and seconded and passed as written.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—he has 5 new prospects in the past 45 days with a total of 17 prospects upon which he is working. There are 2 supplemental applications sent to national and 5 new applications which have been sent to national. There have been 5 recent new member approvals by NSSAR which will need to be sworn in at future meetings.

He also reported on the OMC Color Guard participation for this past year. So far this year to date they have participated in 13 events, with 2 more in the near future. OMC Color Guard members have earned a total of 740 points and 595 National points. We have had 12 participants with the highest individual point score being 150 points. The Van Steuben Medal (which requires 500 points in less than 5 years) was received by Compatriots Charles McMillan, Steven Perkins, and Ken Lawrence. The Silver Medal was awarded to Compatriots Gary Gift and Dan McMurray.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow- he requested anyone who has pictures of any of our events to forward them to him with identification of the participants. Any other event that members might be included please forward him the info and pictures.

Historian Report— Don Higgeson--Not Present— No Report

Sgt.-at-Arms Report—Danny Piedlow – No report

Chapter Development Committee Report- Gary

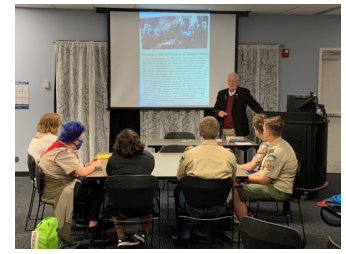
Gift-He presented an update on the activities in which our chapter has been involved since our last meeting:

May 5th-- we participated at the Naturalization Ceremony at Wilsons Creek where 61 became new U.S. citizens from

31 counties. Color Guard members that were involved were **Compatriots Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, Steven Perkins, Dan McMurray, and Daniel Piedlow.**



May 7th—we had the American Patriots Merit Badge Workshop where we had 6 Boy Scouts earned their merit badges in American Heritage, Law and Genealogy.



May 7th—**Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** was the host for the National History Cemetery Tour which included a presentation by John Sellars. He was able to include a pitch for the NSSAR 250th Anniversary while visiting the National Cemetery.

May 7th—we participated in the cornerstone laying event in Lebanon, Missouri



May 10th—we had 5 members attend the airport greeting of the Honor Flight of the Ozarks where Veterans spent a day in Washington D.C. visiting our National Memorials.

OMC Color Guardsmen Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan and Steven



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Perkins participated along with **OMC Compatriots Don Higgeson and Norm Knowlton.**

May 14th –we participated with Isaac Garrison DAR Chapter in a

flag history in Nixa Missouri. Histories of 19 flags

were presented. **Past President George Swales** narrated the event. Compatriots that participated were **J. Howard Fisk, Charles McMillan, Don Higgeson, Steve Perkins, Dan Piedlow, and George Swales.**



They included the 250th Anniversary Flag as part of the display. Anniversary Coins were also presented to the Regent and Vice Regent of their DAR Chapter. He recommended all that participate to keep track of their points of participation for the 250th Medals. Our OMC is second behind North Carolina in these Gold medals nationally.

Today May 21st—before our monthly meeting we had our Memorial Day Service at OTC

May 31st we are asking those who wish, including the OMC Color Guard, to participate in the departure of Jack Hamlin, World War II Veteran and D-Day Survivor, to Normandy, France on Tuesday May 31st at 9:00 AM at the Montclair Senior Center. He will be returning on Tuesday June 7th.

June 14th—we will have Flag Day Ceremony at the Greene County Court House in the Rotunda at 10:00 AM. We will be presenting 250th Bronze Medals to each of the County Commissioners.

June 18th—our OMC monthly meeting at OTC at 9:00 AM.

The Law Enforcement Award will be presented at a near date when it can be arranged.

Compatriot John Angst mentioned the

participation of the **Compatriots Dan Piedlow and Charles McMillan** at the corner stone brick laying in Lebanon for the Alumni Association Plaza and how much it was appreciated by the community and with hopes of trying to get new members from that area to join the SAR. This was live streamed on U-tube.



All events are included on our Website with our calendar of events and also are included in our monthly OMC Newsletter.

Compatriot Gary Gift presented **MOSSAR Past President J. Howard Fisk** with a plaque for his work on the 250th

Anniversary of our country. His is presently the Vice Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee for the NSSAR. He acknowledged several members



from the OMC for their leadership and developing new ideas that are being used in his endeavor.

Compatriot Steve Perkins for his development of the Color Guard Manual, **Compatriot Gary Gift** in the Merit Badge Workshops, the Development of the JROTC Medals, and many others. This is because of the support he has gotten from this chapter. Pictures were taken.

He encouraged all to participate by promoting this 250th Anniversary for patriotism, education, and history around our country. This can be done by dreaming, planning, creating, and recreating for our country and our youth to carry forward.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—**Compatriot Dan Piedlow** reintroduced our clothing line with the SAR Logos

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embossed and had examples on our members from Missouri Embroidery. Pictures were taken.

**New Business—
Compatriot Dan**

McMurray is going to inform our OMC about plans for celebrating with some form of memorial for our lost member **Compatriot Colonel Will Carr**. We will plan on having his wife and family participate in a memorial service at one of our next couple OMC meetings when arrangements are made.



1st Vice President Cris Brayman introduced **Compatriot Gary Gift** to read a Proclamation from the NSSAR President General for Memorial Day. This is included:

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

1st Vice President Cris Brayman led the SAR Recessional.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:15AM

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

**Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow,
Margaret Swales, Dan Piedlow Jr.**

Editor: Daniel Piedlow

The Gaspee Affair

On June 9, 1772, a group of prominent Rhode Islanders rowed out to the British schooner *Gaspee*, which had run aground south of Providence while on an anti-smuggling patrol. After threatening and shooting its commanding officer, the raiders looted then burned the vessel. Despite colony-wide sympathy for the raid, neither the government in Providence nor authorities in London could let this pass without a response. As a result, a Royal Commission of Inquiry headed by Rhode Island governor Joseph Wanton zealously investigated the incident. What started out as a

customs battle over the seizure of a prominent citizen's rum was soon transformed into one of the sparks that ignited patriot



fervor in the years leading up to the Revolutionary



The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are \$30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and \$35.00 if he has to mail it to you.

A Message from MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins

Greetings Missouri Colorguardsman.

I have a lot to cover to bring members current following the state conference this past weekend in St. Louis.

Issues discussed at the Color Guard meeting were (1) musket safety training for those who fire squib loads, (2) insurance, (3) point system for scoring and qualifying for medals (4) Color Guard Regulations.

1. **Training** for those who shoot the musket is required to be completed in 2022. A question was raised as to why someone who has been shooting for many years needs training. The primary objective is to ensure those who shoot do so safely, and all in the state follow the same commands that meet National Park standards. There are important legal reasons for certification and safety. Just trust me on this. Someone may have far greater musket shooting experience than I do. That isn't the point. When MOSAR CG musket men are safety certified, they receive a card, and they will fall within the protection of insurance coverage. Recertification is every three years. To drive the final point on this: no one will be allowed to discharge their musket at an SAR event in 2023 if they have not taken the musket safety training course. Watch for a training opportunity near you.

2. **Insurance.** The state society has changed its insurance carrier and achieved significant savings. I've reviewed the general liability coverage part and find no exclusions applicable to Color Guard activities, including firing squib loads. My professional career was in commercial insurance, largely property coverage, but I have experience at reading contracts. I don't want to get into the weeds in legalize discussion other than to say this: firearms are generally perceived by society as an inherently dangerous instrument and the handler of such an item is strictly liable for any

harm arising from the careless handling of that firearm. The burden is placed on the user to take every measure possible to ensure they cause no harm to others. This is a higher degree of care than typically imposed upon people for their actions. For this reason, rules have been developed for the safe use of firearms. If any person who fires squib loads wishes to purchase additional personal coverage, they have that option to do so at their expense.

3. **Point system and color guard medals.** District managers should receive on an annual basis, or more frequent if they request it, each member's score sheet for events in when they participate. This can be done either by the member using an individual score sheet, or by the chapter captain. I provide a scoring sheet for your use if you wish. The elements found in this score sheet must be included in whatever format you decide to use. The national color guard manual describes in detail the criteria for earning medals. Guardsmen are rewarded for their sustained, long-term participation at national events.

4. **Color Guard Regulations** : articles and sections were reviewed, questions answered, and the motion to approve was seconded, and unanimously approved. It was agreed for the 2022 state conference that article V section III be waived so that persons wearing medals at that time could do so. Thereafter, the article/section will apply. There was another point touched on briefly. Youth Protection. All Color Guard members must take the SAR youth protection training course. It is online. It is easy to access and complete. This is essential because of the frequent interaction with the public and youth in the various school programs, scouts and JROTC. This is for your safety just as much as anything else. The Regulations have some minor changes, which when put into a final form will be sent to the state board for their ratification at the next board meeting. Following that, they will be distributed.

We briefly talked about "**Color Guard Unit Basic Safety and Drill Procedures**" which is forthcoming. It is by and large protocol and procedure we now follow, but by establishing a written document, it

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can be used as a refresher, and to provide consistency throughout the state. Everyone will soon receive a copy to review and retain. This includes a detailed drill procedure for handling the musket, and also basic commands of unit movement that are period accurate. I thank Brad Frazier, our Color Guard Safety Officer for consolidating a variety of resources, and with his immense personal knowledge from considerable reenactment experience, compiled this document. It includes much of what the national color guard was offering as a recommended safety policy 3 or 4 years ago.

For those who attended the state conference, thank you very much! We received some high words of praise from the PG elect Bruce Pickett, and other officers. When we all make a commitment to be spry and look smart, it has rewards. The few! The proud! The Color Guard!

For those who could not attend the banquet, the 2021 Missouri Colorguardsman of the Year is Charles Lilly from the Fernando de Leyba chapter. He was fully committed to the chapter, getting new members into the guard, and participating with another state society to mark and honor his patriot in West Virginia. If you have a chance to see or speak with him, congratulate him.

I will write again soon on upcoming musters and events where Color Guard can earn national points.

By the way, we have a new member in the eastern district. Jim Bizzell in the Allen Laws Oliver Chapter in Cape Girardeau has a uniform and will join in events. Welcome Jim! We also have an associate member, Kavan Stull, in Springfield.

YMHS,

Steven G Perkins
Missouri SAR, Ozark Mtn Chapter
Color Guard Commander

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



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.

National Armed Forces Day

The origin of the United States Army dates back to 1775 when the Continental Congress established the Continental Army, Continental Navy, and Continental Marines, commanded and led by General George Washington. This newly assembled military force fought the British during the American Revolutionary War with French soldiers by its side, leading to the Treaty of Paris and its independence. In 1789, the new Constitution delegated the president as the commander in chief of the military, with the authority to create laws, levy taxes, and declare war.

This holiday allows us to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. The President of the United States Harry S. Truman was the commander in chief exercised his authority through the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who supervises combat operations. Truman conceived National Armed Forces Day as a National Holiday in 1949. This one day celebration for all five branches of the United States military is due to the unification of all branches under the Department of Defense. Today, National Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of May.

Gardens of Stone "The Color Guard"

By J. Howard Fisk

Amid the dew and morning fog,
We tread the sacred soil en' mass

Through row on row of young lives lost,
A vast garden hewn of stone

We give thanks for lives cut short,
honoring lives given to save our own

As the wreath is laid in silent tribute,
We see our past as we look forward

Lifted by the spirit of our forefathers,
They solemnly walk with us today

Compatriots all both then and now,
We walk united here today in this Garden
of Stone

Only one of many Gardens,
Our history dwells in these Gardens of
Stone



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The SAR Silver Citizenship Medal and Certificate was presented to Officer Candidate Ethan Herman, College of the Ozarks, on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.



Compatriots Dan Philbrick and Guy Mikesell, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, along with LTC Brennan Cook, SAI, and CSM Garret Spencer, Army Instructor, present the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to US Army Junior ROTC Cadet Walker Bradow, at Scott Regional Technology Center, Monett, MO, on Thursday, April 21, 2022.



LTC Jacob Snapp, Four State Chapter, Military Officers Association of the United States (MOAA), presents the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze ROTC Medal to US Army Junior ROTC Cadet Ace Smith at Webb City High School on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.



Compatriot Don Higgerson, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Silver ROTC Medal to US Army ROTC Cadet Alonso S. Rueda, Missouri State University, on Friday, April 29,



The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

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Compatriot Charles McMillan, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to US Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Samantha Hanley, Forsyth High School, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.



The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR, participated in welcoming the newest citizens to naturalize Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield near Springfield. 131 persons from 61 countries were sworn in as the newest citizens who took an oath of allegiance given by the Honorable Judge Douglas Harpool of the US District Court. He commended these new citizens for their commitment and resolve to become citizens the right way. Among those who brought greetings and congratulations was the chapter's own Nicholas Inman, Secretary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



**Traditional Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony
Greene County Sheriff's Office & Jail**

Compatriots Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Don Higginson carry the colors as part of the Grand Procession for the \$150 million new Greene County Sheriff's Office and Jail.

After the colors were posted the Willard High School choir sang a Patriotic Medley.

The Masonic Lodges of Greene County performed the Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony.

Patriot George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, 18 Sep 1793.

The event was well attended. Some of those attendees were: Greene Co. Officeholders, Judges of the 31st Circuit, Staff Project Leadership Team, the Design Team and Construction Manager, the Masonic Lodges of Greene County, various local law enforcement agencies, District Commissioners, and the general public.

I am pictured with the Command Staff of MSHP Troop D Headquarters. Captain Justin McCullough, Lieutenants Jeff Johnson, and David Sater and the fellow in black (Fair Grove Colonel) is retired Captain John Enderle.

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Two more pictures of the Greene County Jail Cornerstone Laying.



May 14, 2022, the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR presented a history of the Flags of America to the Isaac Garrison Chapter DAR at the Aldersgate Methodist Church in Nixa (left and center). A rare picture of the Patriot Newsletter Editor, Daniel Piedlow ready for work.



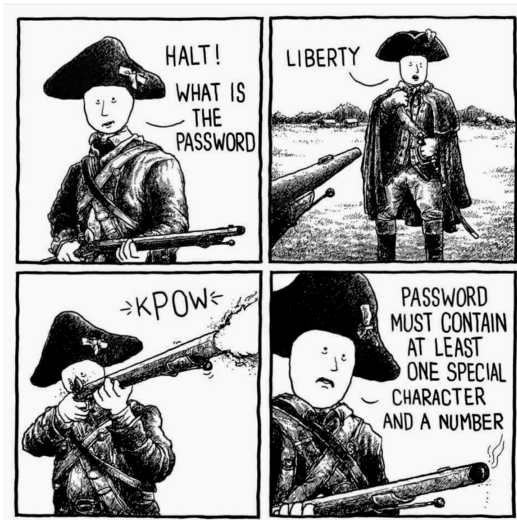
May 18, 2022, Compatriots Daniel Piedlow and Steve Perkins were at the New Covenant Academy presenting certificates to the second and third place poster contestants with the State winner Olivia Gilpin present.



Model of the Battle of Fort San Carlos fought on May 25, 1780, in the Old Court House in St. Louis, part of the national park.

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The Springfield National Cemetery was the setting for an early-morning muster on Saturday, May 28, 2022, of the Ozark Mountain Color Guard. Upon formation, they began a 300-yard march from their muster spot into the cemetery. It was punctuated by a continuous row of US flags flying on 12-foot poles, stepping off around the center island where the large US flag flies above those veterans laid to rest, and to the front of the pavilion. A Fields of Honor and Memorial ceremony was conducted. The ceremony also included reflections on the service of first responders. The ceremony was capped off with a poem by J Howard Fisk titled "Gardens of Stone", which was inspired by a stunning visual impact of his visit to the cemetery in recent years when the weather was cold, overcast, a few spits of sleet falling, and a low-lying ground fog embracing the grave stones.



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National Color Guard Event

2022 Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos

The most documented and chronicled significant battle west of the Mississippi river during the Revolutionary War (May 26, 1780) was commemorated at the St. Genevieve Catholic Church Sunday, May 29, 2022. SAR Color Guard from Missouri and Kentucky joined the St. Genevieve Militia. They mustered near the French Cultural History Museum and then while protected by 10 muskets marched 3 blocks to the church. The colors were carried forward into the sanctuary in great ceremony to bagpipes played by Wayne Davis of the SSL chapter, and Linda Hartung, also from St. Louis. After colors were posted at the altar rail, Margaret Carr, of the Fort San Carlos Society opened the ceremony with remarks and invited museum curator Geoff Giglierano to present a history of the battle. Over 300 of the men who fought off the British and native American allies at Fort San Carlos were from St. Genevieve. One of the principal militia men was Francois La Vallee. He and two sons, in European tradition, are buried beneath the sanctuary of the church. Following the commemoration, the colors were retired and led out of the church by the bagpipes. Those in attendance observed muskets from the militia and Color Guard each fire a separate single volley.

Group photo – SAR CG participants L-R, back row/ front row kneeling

Steve Perkins, MOSSAR State Commander; Ken Lawrence (OMC), Bill Grote (SSL), Dan Evans (FDL), Mike Robertson, State President, Terry Grogan (SSL), Jim Bizzel (ALO), Dan Peidlow (OMC), Brad Frazier (OPC), Charles McMillan (OMC). Kneeling: Steve Sullins (IPC), Casey Brizendine (FDL), Patrick Wesolosky (KYSSAR), Don Turner (OPC), Jim Jackson (FDL). Not pictured and in uniform/period attire: Danny Piedlow, photographer; Marika Wesolosky, KYDAR.

Information overview

Web sources:

<https://emergingrevolutionarywar.org/2019/05/31/battle-of-fort-san-carlos-westernmost-battle-of-the-american-revolution/>

<http://www.battleoffortsancarlos.org/>

<https://revolutionarywar.us/year-1780/battle-st-louis/>

<https://visitstegen.com/bolduc-house-museum/>

<https://lewisandclark.travel/nomination/centre-for-french-colonial-life/>

Margaret Carr (DAR, 1812 Dames) is President of the Fort San Carlos Society.

The overall direction of the Society is to make the annual commemoration venue St. Genevieve, at the Catholic Church. The challenges of parking and accessibility to undertake the event in St. Louis is too great. Curator of the Centre for French Colonial Life, Geoff Giglierano, is also deeply involved with preserving the spirit and historical roots of the community pre-dating the Revolutionary War.

In 2023 the event will be held at St. Genevieve.



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More pictures from Ste. Genevieve color guard event celebrating the Battle of Fort San Carlos.



French Militia leads the procession to Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church for the ceremony.



OMC Compatriot Charles McMillan is one of the drummers for the procession.



Bag Pipes lead into the church.



MOSSAR President Michael Robinson



MOSSAR Color Guard fire their muskets.



Musketeers and flagbearer's at attention.

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May 31, 2022, the sendoff for World War II veteran, and hero, Jack Hamlin as he departs for Normandy, France. Jack was with the Coast Guard for the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944.



Jack Hamlin with OMCSAR Compatriot Charles McMillan. Jack is 100 years young.

Upcoming Events



Friday June 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM, Springfield Law Enforcement Award at the Springfield Art Museum, located at 1111 E. Brookside Dr., Springfield.



Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM, MOSSAR musket safety training at 1149 NE 800 Road, Windsor, MO.

Upcoming Events



Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM, OMC Chapter Development meeting at Mexican Villa South Restaurant located at 2755 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield.



Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM, Flag Day Ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse Rotunda located at 940 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield.



Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM, Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Branson Landing's 15th Annual Liberty Light Up Concert and Fireworks Show. Color Guard is requested for the singing of the National Anthem but all are invited to watch the show.



Monday, July 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM, Independence Day Parade on Meadowmere. Meet at Compatriot J. Howard Fisk residence before 10:00.



Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM, OMC Chapter Development meeting at Mexican Villa South Restaurant located at 2755 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield.

Upcoming Events



July 10-15, 2022 SAR National Congress in Savannah, Georgia.



Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM, Ozark Mountain Chapter monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.

Birthdays

Melvin McNeal	May 6	George Swales	June 8
Joel Monteith	May 8	Steven Perkins	June 10
Ian Shepherd	May 8	Matthew Geery	June 10
Daniel F. Piedlow	May 14	John Lewis	June 13
Donal Stanton	May 19	James Gift	June 23
Lee Viorel	May 19	Ronald Brown	June 24
Robert Grover	May 21	Richard Harvey	June 24
William Walker	May 23	Kenneth Lawrence	June 30
Brett Knowlton	May 26		
James Haas	May 28		

