

# THE PATRIOT



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## The President's Message

*By President Crismon Brayman*

Compatriots, our OMCSAR members keep marching on. I am sure that our chapter's efforts in May left lasting impressions upon many. In May, we again presented numerous awards, assisted with honor flight, helped other chapters to recover and/or to charter a new chapter, encouraged new citizens of our nation, and performed two of the most intriguing and effective events I have witnessed as we honored the heroism and the lives of both our more recent veterans and many revolutionary warriors who fought at the Battle of Fort San Carlos.

**We continue to recognize young patriots.** May was another month of encouraging the young patriots in our JROTC and ROTC units. These included Forsyth MCJROTC (Compatriot Brayman), Republic AFJROTC (Compatriot Piedlow), Hillcrest AJROTC (Compatriot Knowlton), and the Gold commissioning program of the College of the Ozarks (Compatriot Hathcock).

**We continue to recognize current and past patriots/veterans.** We conducted two amazing patriotic events in May. Many of us traveled to Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, with Compatriot Fisk's guidance, to participate in the honoring and grave

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marking of ten patriots, who fought in the Battle of Fort San Carlos, which was the Westernmost battle of the American Revolution. We were assisted by Branson Air Force JROTC cadets as well. Back here in Springfield, Compatriot McMillan led us in a Memorial Day Veteran's event at the Springfield National Cemetery. Hundreds of people gathered to watch many veteran organizations march with the Sons and honor veterans past and present. Compatriot Colonel David Appleby also delivered a

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memorable speech while Compatriot Perkins closed the day with a volley from his musket. KY3 TV captured the event. It was beautiful and I was proud that we led such a meaningful and effective event.

**Other Patriotic Events.** We also brought prestige and honor to the Naturalization Ceremony in Diamond, Missouri. Compatriot Knowlton led the effort in Diamond as we welcomed 55 new citizens to the United States of America. And, we attending an Honor Flight send-off for veterans returning to France to visit Normandy. It is also notable that we recognize the ongoing duties of our officers, especially the CDC (Chapter Development Committee), led by Compatriot Edmondson, that does the preponderance of planning and keeps our chapter focused for the mission.

**Our Mission.** As always, I want to remind us all to keep our mission at the forefront:

1. **Execute the mission of the SAR** (promote patriotism and honor our patriot ancestors).
2. **Acknowledge and celebrate our heritage** (enjoy our time together, appreciate our freedom, and relish the blessing of our honorable forefathers).
3. **Serve our own members** (we are human and have needs for support, companionship, group camaraderie, and fun).
4. **Improve efficiency and effectiveness** of our efforts, to include administrative tools, a new website and online capabilities. BTW, I am still looking for ideas to help us gain funds/ contributions. We cannot continue to pay for the awesome awards and equipment required to perform our mission.

To that end, I will again ask that all members try to make it to the monthly meetings and do what you can to help. I am a busy man, with family and duty obligations so I know how tough it may be to attend and support the chapter, but remember that YOU have a heritage that deserves the honor of being

discussed. **We are obligated by our heritage and by honor, to remind our citizens how we earned our status as a great nation and how we must all work to perpetuate the nation and the freedom our forefathers fought for.** I also believe it brings satisfaction and pride to each of us to participate, teach, inform. I know this is repetitive, but I am sure that each of you have a special talent or a capability that would help our chapter perform the mission of the SAR. So don't be shy ... reach out and offer to lead or assist on a project and let us use your talents to better perform our mission. For starters, you don't have to do much ... seriously, just come, listen, shake hands and get the picture of what is happening. Let's make the chapter and our efforts what you want it to be. Sound familiar?

**On the Horizon.** Please review the calendar at [www.ozarkmountainsar.org](http://www.ozarkmountainsar.org) and come to our next General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 17 June, 0900, at the Ozark Technical College Commons, 1001 E Chestnut Expy, in Springfield. As always, it will be very cool and very patriotic. This month, we will likely have more new compatriots to induct, and **we will hear a awesome presentation by U.S. Air Force Major Roger Robinson, PhD, as he discusses the "Education System of our Founders."** Also, on the far horizon, PLEASE plan to attend our October Chapter Meeting -- this gathering is being planned especially for our families, to see what we are about, while enjoying a great feast and some fun and educational events. The Missouri State SAR President will also be there. See you there Compatriots!

Respectfully,  
Crismon A. Brayman, President

**Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting****Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023****Next Scheduled Meeting:** June 17h, 2023, at Ozark Technical College 1001 E Chestnut Express Way, Springfield, MO 65802: at 9:00 AM**Call to Order:** President Crismon Brayman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Meeting audience with 24 members and 8 guest.**Presentation of Colors:** Branson High School Air Force JROTC Honor Guard.**Invocation:** Performed by Dan Philbrick**Introduction of Cadet Corps Honor Guard:**

Performed by President Crismon Brayman

Irelyn Mosanel – Cadet Corps Commander for 2023-24.

Lecksi Derboam – Mission Support Squadron Commander

Darras Dunnihou - Cadet Major, in charge of marksmanship team and air commando team that competes in physical events with other schools. Selected as the Operations Office for this year.

Ethan Zirkel - Freshman and new Honor Guard Member

**Recognition of Guests:** Performed by President Crismon Brayman

Mrs. Brayman

Jim Robinette wife, Carol Ann (DAR) who will be giving the presentation today on genealogy.

Winston and Phyllis Burton (SAR)

Jim Clements – new OMSAR member

Jesse Jones – new OMSAR member

Johnny Williams – application recently approved.

Josh Crocker - application recently approved.

James Curl – new OMSAR member

**Chapter Highlights:** Recent events:

Who has been doing any missions this week.

Norm Knowlton – 1) present at Hillcrest High School, the only Springfield school that participates in JROTC. 2) participated in the Honor Flight program at the Springfield airport.

Crismon Brayman attended the JROTC SAR award

ceremony at the Forsyth High School.

Steve Perkins – 1) Lead Color Guard at the state conference, 2) Lead Color Guard at a ceremony at the Harry S Truman Library. 3) Conducted a safety training in muskets for 20 students in St. James, Mo.

Upcoming events:

Fort San Carlos Festival at St. Genevieve, Mo. May 27 – 28, need 14 flag carriers for the event.

Memorial Day event at Springfield National Ceremony at 11:00AM

OMSAR family event on Oct. 21, starting at 11:00. This is a picnic, bring family and friends.

August – birthday celebration of Nathaniel Greene birthday celebration.

Jun 14 Flag Day celebration

Nov 8 the team luncheon, and Veterans luncheon

Dec 15 CAR dinner

**Office & Committee Reports****1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Charles McMillan – Out ill.**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Jim Robinette –

Made suggestions for future programs:

1. Board games of the Revolution
2. Prof. Bill Piston
3. Others as suggested by members.

**Treasurer:** The chapter sons of the American Revolution Treasurer's Report in May 2020 23, the total funds we have as of today consists of \$8,073.50 in our best bank checking out and \$9,549.69 in interest bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$17,623.19**Audit report:**

As requested, I have examined the January one March 31, 2023. Ozark Mountain chapter, financial records provided me by Treasurer John X. The records consisted of the check register Arvest Bank statements, Community Foundation, the Ozarks quarterly statements, photocopies of support for deposits and disbursements and the Ozark Mountain

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chapter. Treasurer's Report. My opinion based on the documents provided to me it's reading from reports from January one, 2023, through March 30 123. fairly presented financial position to Ozark Mountain Chapter of the American Revolution, with the exception of your late deposit reported the audit of last quarter and a small math here what's called the RFS bank account balance to be understated by \$955 on January 28 2,000.3 credit this error was caused after January 20 meeting and all credit reports have since been accurate.

**Secretary:** Len Slovensky—The minutes from the last meeting are published and included in the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections.

**Editor/ Newsletter:** Crismon Brayman : Dan Piedlow is not here today. But I will report for him something I have seen. Dan is doing a newsletter that is beyond what he wants but it is outstanding. I do not know how he has time to do it. It is beautiful. He is transitioning into an E magazine where you can go in there and flip the pages, it is beautiful.

**Website/ Media:** Website- Dan Piedlow is working forward and working with Howard and his daughter on the website and moving that forward. We are taking all the great stuff that's on the website, and we'll move to something a little faster. We might even get a separate email.

**Genealogist:** It has been busy at National with genealogy. In the last 60 days, we've had seven prospects come to us. We have four currently pending and national. And we have three supplements memorials that are still pending. They take a while to work through.

DOD MWR Libraries

[Dodmwrlibraries.org](http://Dodmwrlibraries.org)

Log in with your DOD identification number and birth date. Authorized Patrons include retired military, excluding retired from Reserves and National Guard. Eligible members who are ID card holders' access to Ancestry, Gale-In-Context: Biography, and Fold3.

**Historian:** Jeremy Boes – Jeremy just asked everyone

to please continue to send him events and pictures and stuff like that incorporated into the into the yearbook.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dan J Piedlow, Sr. - Things are going well, and do not have anything to report.

**Committees:** CDC - Chairperson: Ben Edmondson—CDC: we had our monthly meeting, and we went over through 2023.

Family picnic on Oct. 21, the October event is going to be a new thing for our families. We are going to really push that up and try to get everybody's email and their phone to say please bring your family bring your children. We going to make the event also a meeting that will be informal and quick and it will be mostly fun and there'll be some good historical data, which we will work on will be presented.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** No new business

**Awards and New Membership: New Members**

James Curl  
Joshua Crocker  
Winston Burton

**Highlights of MOSSAR State Awards**

Daniel McMurray – Distinguished Service Certificate  
Norman Knowlton and Charles McMillan – Silver Good Citizenship Medal  
Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Award – Steve Perkins  
Silver Roger Sherman Award – John Hathcock  
Meritorious Service Medal – Dan F. Piedlow and Gary Gift  
MOSSAR Faithful Service Trophy – Howard Fisk and Steve Perkins  
Missouri Gold Medal – George Swales  
Missouri Distinguished Service Medal – Ken Lawrence

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/"Ayes"

**Benediction:** Dan Philbrick

**Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales,**

**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**

## CODE FOR WEARING MEDALS, DECORATIONS, BADGES, AND INSIGNIA

The prestige and influence of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution depend largely upon the loyalty of its members. It is important that every member should use the emblems and insignia of the Society in an appropriate manner on all suitable occasions. All Compatriots are encouraged to purchase and possess the Society's insignia. It is recommended that on all public patriotic occasions, Compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution be properly recognized as representatives of our Patriot ancestors.

Volume IV, Official SAR Handbook, explains the protocols of wearing medals, badges, and neck ribbons. The entire handbook can be downloaded at the sar.org site. A short primer begins with the SAR Member Badge, a Maltese Cross with George Washington's bust in the center. The badge is worn on either a neck ribbon or chest ribbon, and only worn at SAR events, or the funeral of an SAR member. Any member may wear a chest ribbon and is only to be worn on the left breast of a suit or blazer. The chest ribbon may only be adorned with supplement stars.

The neck ribbon badge may only be worn by certain authorized persons to include (1) current and former General Officers, including Vice President Generals, (2) current and former National Trustees (3) former State Society Presidents, and current and former Chapter Presidents. The neck ribbon with full-sized medal is worn at SAR events, or the funeral of an SAR member. The neck ribbon is worn only when dressed in a suit or blazer. They may also wear with a knit collared shirt at summer outdoor events. When worn with a dress shirt, the neck ribbon should be worn (1) drawn up to within one inch below the bowtie or four-in hand tie and (2) either: (i) over the tie and under the turned over collar or (ii) over a button-down collar. A chest ribbon and neck ribbon should not be worn together.

No more than three NSSAR officer pins may be attached to and worn on the neck ribbon. Examples are chapter President pin, or state President pin. Pins should be worn in precedent i.e. Past State President

pins is at the center of the "V", then next in precedent is on the ribbon arm on the wearer's right. Supplemental ancestor stars may be worn above the officer pins equally divided on the left and right ribbon arms.

### Other Pins

The George Washington Fellow Pin, the Friends of the Library pin, SAR Foundation donation pins, the Outstanding Citizenship Pin, the Five-year or higher year Membership Pin, Life Membership Pin, and Eagle Scout Pin are authorized to be worn on the left lapel of a blazer or suit coat to inform the public about the SAR honors conferred. In addition, the Purple Heart Pin (see Volume V, "War Service Medal" or "Military Service Medal") may be worn on the lapel by any Compatriot entitled to wear the Purple Heart. State Society pins may also be worn.

## Birthdays

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Melvin McNeal     | May 6   |
| Joel Monteith     | May 8   |
| Ian Shepherd      | May 8   |
| Jeremy Boes       | May 10  |
| Daniel F. Piedlow | May 14  |
| Donal Stanton     | May 19  |
| Lee Viorel        | May 19  |
| Robert Grover     | May 21  |
| William Walker    | May 23  |
| Brett Knowlton    | May 26  |
| James Haas        | May 28  |
| Alec Wade         | May 29  |
| George Swales     | June 8  |
| Steven Perkins    | June 10 |
| Matthew Geery     | June 10 |
| John Lewis        | June 13 |
| Alexander Primm   | June 21 |
| James Gift        | June 23 |
| Ronald Brown      | June 24 |
| Richard Harvey    | June 24 |
| John Wade         | June 24 |
| Kenneth Lawrence  | June 30 |



## MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION 2023

Memorial Day is designated to honor veterans who died in service to our nation. The first veterans were our Patriot Ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War. We remember with gratitude the sacrifices of those Patriots and all the nation's veterans who placed themselves in harm's way to obtain and preserve our freedom.

The origins of Decoration Day, as this celebration was once known, dates to soon after the Civil War. In 1868 the Grand Army of the Republic began marking May 30th as the day to decorate the graves of those lost in that great war. After World War I that day was modified to include those that died in all American Wars. After World War II the name "Memorial Day" became more common than "Decoration Day" and it became officially designated so by law in 1967. Memorial Day was observed on May 30 until 1971 when it became a federal holiday under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

The willingness of brave souls to sacrifice for our country has earned them our everlasting respect and eternal gratitude on this Memorial Day as well as every other day of the year. We Americans are the beneficiaries of that legacy, regardless of our own heritage and ethnic origins. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution continues its efforts to mark the graves of our Revolutionary War patriots.

I invite you to attend local or state events in your communities in honor and support of Memorial Day.

God bless America,

C. Bruce Pickette  
President General (2022-2023)



C. Bruce Pickette  
President General, 2022-2023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution this twenty-first day of November, two thousand twenty-two and the two hundred and forty-seventh year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America.

## Memorial Day 29 May 2023

Your own OMC SAR chapter's Charles McMillan organized in coordination with Josh Glover, Director of the Springfield National Cemetery, a solemn remembrance of those who brought us liberty and fought for our freedoms. A detachment of the 135<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard brass band played military and patriotic songs. A procession of participating organizations was led by our own OMC Color Guard, and the Branson AFJROTC. Dan Philbrick delivered the invocation and benediction, Col. Crismon Brayman was the MC, and Col. David Appleby, past SAR President General, delivered the keynote address. At the conclusion, a single musket volley was fired by Steve Perkins then taps were played. It was a well-attended ceremony by the public and veterans.



Among the participating or processing groups: Republic JROTC, who raised and lowered to half-staff the large flag, DAR, War of 1812, John Phelps Tent Daughters of Union Veterans, John Phelps Camp Sons of Union Veterans, Reserve Officers Association, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Women Vets American Legion, Blue Star Mothers, 4H Lawrence County. Some of the organizations placed wreaths in front of the Rostrum.



### 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 15 - Quartering Act 1765
- 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
- June 29 - Townshend Revenue Act 1767

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## America

### Our Heritage

# 'Poison Peas' Plot to Kill George Washington



Traitors hatched **bizarre scheme** as British warships prepared to attack New York, says historian Craig Shirley.

**W**HEN WE THINK OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S command of the Continental Army during the American Revolution, we tend to give it short shrift, as in the battles of Boston and Yorktown.

There were of course many other clashes during those seven long years, and there was also a lot of high drama, too.

Washington, our first constitutional president, is now revered and beloved, has a city named after him, a state, and, for a time, a national holiday.

Hundreds of books have been written about him and even one about his mother, Mary Ball Washington, by yours truly.

Yet the highest drama of the war, besides the Declaration of Independence and the traitorous actions of Benedict Arnold, was the attempt by his own men to kill him in 1776 as a large fleet of British warships prepared to invade New York.

It was led by Thomas Hickey, a member of Washington's Life Guard, the elite squad tasked with protecting him. Hickey, who was born in Ireland, had once served in the British army, but joined the Connecticut militia the year before.

When Washington arrived in New York in anticipation of the invasion, the air was already thick with conspiracies. In fact, there were several other groups also seeking to eliminate or replace him.

Washington was the essential man; the Revolution might well have faltered without him. While others around bickered and complained and moaned, he kept his eye on the prize: the defeat of the British army and

the resulting independence.

The New York plot was in part about economics. Businessmen who depended on shipping wanted to keep existing relations with England for financial reasons.

Among the dozen or so conspirators were William Tryon, the governor of New York; David Matthews, the last colonial mayor of New York City; and Gen. Horatio "Granny" Gates, called Granny because of his premature gray hair, who commanded the Northern Army in the battles of Saratoga.

The only reason the plot failed was because Hickey was imprisoned for dealing in counterfeit money and blabbed the details to a cellmate who, in turn, trying to curry favor, told the authorities.

It is not clear how they were going to kill Washington, but the plan reportedly included feeding him poisoned peas.

Hickey was court-martialed and charged with "exciting and joining in a mutiny and sedition" and "treacherously corresponding with, enlisting among, and receiving pay from the enemies of the United Colonies."

He was hanged in front of 20,000 spectators on June 28, 1776 — the first Continental soldier to be executed for treason.

Meanwhile, Thomas Jefferson was in Philadelphia, together with Benjamin Franklin, toiling away on drafts of the Declaration of Independence.

A future governor of Massachusetts, William Eustis, was at Hickey's hanging and later said of the plot that it was "the greatest and vilest attempt ever made against our country . . . the plot, the infernal plot which has been contrived by our enemies."

But in character, Washington never mentioned the scheme in any of his letters, except he simply wrote of squelching the conspiracy.

"I am hopeful this example will produce many salutary consequences and deter others from entering into the like traitorous practices," he wrote.

And fortunately for all, the American Revolution was won. □



**TRAITORS** A conspiracy to assassinate Washington reportedly involved feeding him poisoned peas.

**Speech by President Brayman at Springfield  
National Cemetery  
Memorial Day  
May 29, 2023**

Good morning and welcome to the Springfield National Cemetery Memorial Day 2023 celebration of service! Thank you all for being here to honor our veterans past and present. I am Lt Colonel Cris Brayman, U.S. Air Force and commander of the air force JROTC program at Branson High School. I am also proud to serve as president of the Ozark Mountain chapter of the sons of the American Revolution, who is hosting this event. Before we get formally underway, I want to acknowledge the efforts of those who planned and organized this event. They are: SAR compatriots Charles McMillan, J Howard Fisk, and John Hathcock as well as National Cemetery Administration Specialist Joshua Glover. We should also give special thanks to Cox Health and the American Red Cross for providing emergency services for our ceremony. Finally, let's appreciate today's music by the 135<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Band, of the Missouri National Guard.

If you are able, please stand and join us as the air force JROTC cadets from Republic, Missouri led by AFJROTC Senior Instructor, Air Force Lt Colonel Patrick Sanders, raise the American flag.

Please join Colonel John D. Hathcock, U.S. Army (retired), as he leads us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance ... then remain standing for our National Anthem.

### **Parade of flags**

Leading the parade of flags today are members of the sons of the American revolution led by Ozark Mountain Chapter Vice President Charles McMillan.

Sar compatriots are carrying the current flag of the United States of America, the banner of the sons of the American Revolution, and the 250th Anniversary of Independence Flag.

The next flag is the 24-star flag flown at the time of Missouri statehood in 1821 accompanied by the Missouri state flag.

Next you see the Spanish Colonial flag flown over Missouri during the Revolutionary War – it represents many Spanish colonials who fought with us during the war.

The French Colonial flag represents Missouri Militiamen who fought the British at the Battle of Fort San Carlos the only major battle of the Revolution fought on Missouri soil.

The blue Bunker Hill flag was the battle flag flown in 1775 at what was "the battle" that let the British know that we were serious about our freedom and capable of defending our liberty.

The gold Gadsden flag was flown as the first navy flag representing the first Marine soldiers of the Revolution in 1775.

The Guilford Courthouse flag is the flag carried by the troops of General Nathanael Greene, the namesake of our county, during the battle in 1781. This flag was the North Carolina Militia flag and was adopted by Greene.

The next contingency is the Branson High School Colonial Honor Guard, commanded by Air Force JROTC Cadet Major Lecksi Deroboam -- they are carrying the flags of the Society of the Purple Heart, the MIA, POW flag that came about during the Vietnam era, and the Vietnam 75 anniversary flag.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are next led by Regent Pat Haas carrying the DAR banner.

The war of 1812 is represented by members of the Major Nathan Boone Chapter of the Society of the War of 1812. They are led by President J Howard Fisk. They carry "Old Glory" the 15-star flag, the National 1812 banner, and the Kentucky Militia flag where Boone served during part of the War of 1812.

The Mary Whitney Phelps tent #22 Daughters of Union Veterans is next, led by Dee Davidson Dosch carrying their flag.

The John Phelps camp #66 Sons of Union Veterans, led by Kirk Singleton follows their unit flag.

The next group is the Republic High School Air Force JROTC Cadet Corps led by program director Lt Colonel Patrick Sanders.

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Following Republic High School AFJROTC is Boy Scout Troop 1001, led by Scoutmaster Aaron Van Amber.

Finally, we have the 4-h Club of Lawrence County led by Kim Duinwe.

**Tribute to veterans**

We now continue our parade of honor with tributes to veteran's groups present.

First, we have the Reserve Officers Association of America led by colonel Michael Clark.

You'll then see the Ozark Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association.

Following the MOAA, we have the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association.

Then, Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri, American Legion Post 1214 are marching with us.

Finally, we have our beloved Blue Star Mothers, led by Fran Davis.

Our thanks to all of the participants of today's parade of flags and veterans' tribute.

**Memorial Wreaths**

Please observe our memorial wreaths by the rostrum ... they have been placed by the following organizations:

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Rachel Donelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Major Nathan Boone Chapter of the Society of the War of 1812

Families of Antebellum Missouri

Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri, American Legion Post 1214

And, the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association

**Memorial Day Speaker**

Now, it is my honor to present our keynote speaker,

Colonel David Appleby, United States Army.

Colonel David Appleby, U.S. Army (retired) served on active duty and in the reserves as a special forces officer -- green berets, serving in the 82nd airborne division, 101st airborne divisions and numerous army and joint special forces units in Vietnam, Panama, South Korea, Germany and Belgium.

During his service, Colonel Appleby was awarded the legion of merit, bronze star and the combat infantryman's badge and numerous other medals and awards including the purple heart.

Colonel Appleby is the 6th generation of Appleby's who have actively served their country and is proud to have ancestors who served in the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and other military conflicts.

Colonel Appleby is one of only two Missourians who have served as the president general of the nearly 40,000 members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Colonel Appleby has served many patriotic, charitable, hereditary, fraternal and veterans organizations including: The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

**Closing**

We are coming to a close for this event, but before we depart, we will have a Benediction, a musket salute, and we will honor the veterans who have gone before us with taps.

Our Benediction is presented by Missouri SAR Chaplain Dan Philbrick, a U.S. Army Vietnam era veteran ... please join Chaplain Philbrick as he leads us in prayer ...

Musket salute: Commander Steve Perkins, Color Guard Commander of the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution, will now offer a salute of honor for our comrades who rest all around us.

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Finally, please stand for taps as we perform the final tribute today to our fallen comrades. Servicemen and women should render a salute and civilians should again place hand over heart during the playing of taps. Taps will be performed by trumpeter Philip Forester.

Ladies and gentlemen, military units, and patriotic organizations, young Americans, and all patriots present. We want to thank you again for joining us in remembrance of our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers who have given so much for our great country.

Travel home safely. God bless you all and God bless America!

## Awards and Events



On April 6, the SAR Service Award Certificate is presented to Bolivar AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Major Roger Robinson, by Lt Col Cris Brayman, President, Ozark Mountain Chapter for his years of faithful and excellent service bringing the JROTC leadership development program to his high school students.



The Nixa High School Army JROTC held its awards and recognition ceremony Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Seth Coker (center) received the Sons of the American Revolution

Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate, which was presented by the Nixa High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor, LTC Brennan Cook, U.S. Army (Ret.) (on left) and SFC Robert Hodapp, U.S. Army (Ret.)

This medal is presented to foster the principle of the citizen soldier exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution to JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.



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



# Awards and Events



Brigadier General James Schreffler presents the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Citizenship Award to Officer Candidate Ryan Wade. The College of the Ozarks Bobcat GOLD Program conducted this recognition ceremony and award of this honor at their department dinner on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Officer Candidate Wade is also a compatriot and member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, MOSSAR.

This medal is presented to foster the principle of the citizen soldier exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution to College of the Ozarks Bobcat GOLD Officer Candidates who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.

BG Schreffler is the Associate Professor of Military Science and Business, Applied and Technical Sciences Division Chair, for the Bobcat Army Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program.



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.



The Willard High School U.S. Navy JROTC held its awards and recognition ceremony Friday, April 28, 2023. Cadet LTJG Tyler Akeman (right) received the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate, which was presented by Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriot Johnathan Saunders.

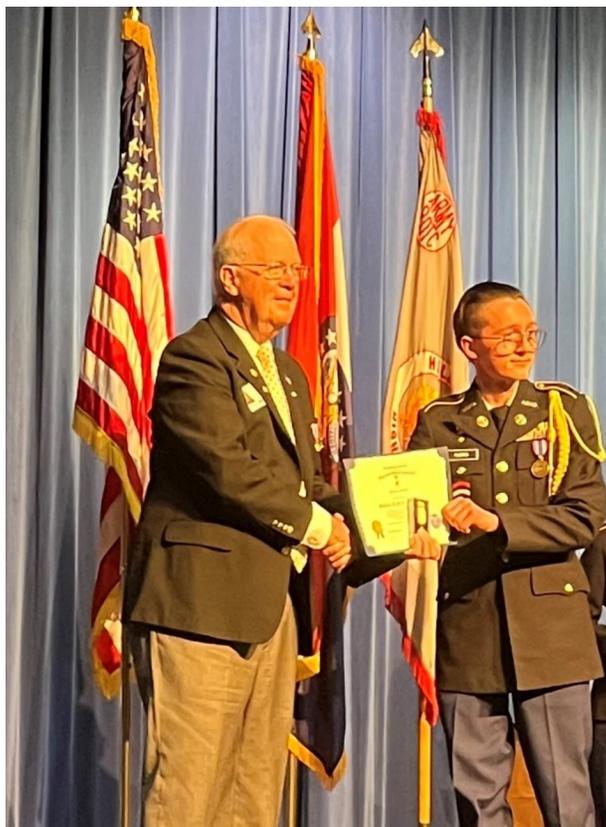
This award is presented by the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution to JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit, a high degree of all-around proficiency in Military studies, leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.



The Forsyth High School U.S. Marine Corps JROTC held its awards and recognition ceremony Wednesday, May 2, 2023. Cadet Dallas Duvall (left) received the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate, which was presented by Ozark Mountain Chapter President, Lt Col Cris Brayman, USAF (Ret.).

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The Hillcrest High School U.S. Army JROTC held its awards and recognition ceremony Wednesday, April 10, 2023. Cadet Major Ashton Flores (right) received the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate, which was presented by Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriot Norm Knowlton.

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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.



On May 6, the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR had a recruitment event in Carthage, Missouri. Present were Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Dan Piedlow Jr., Daniel Piedlow (photographer), Kavin Stull, and Jeremy Boes.

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On May 17th there was an honor flight and Compatriots Norman Knowlton and Charles McMillan attended. Charles was in uniform.



Branson High School AFJROTC Cadets presented Colors at the May meeting.



Compatriot Ken Lawrence with his Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate he received at the State Convention.



Compatriots Steve Perkins (left), and J. Howard Fisk (right) with their Faithful Service to the State trophy.



Compatriot Gary Gift with his Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate he received at the State Convention. Compatriot Daniel Piedlow also received a medal.



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Compatriot Jim Robinette with his Certificate of Appreciation he received at the State Convention.



Compatriot Don Higgenson with the Certificate for First Place in the Large Chapter Yearbook Award that we received at the State Convention.



On May 25th the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri. In attendance were (from left to right) Steve Perkins, Kavin Stull, Don Higgenson, Gary Gift, Charles McMillan with Judge Harpool in front and Norman Knowlton (not pictured).



Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard were instrumental in the organization and execution of the May 27 grave marking ceremonies held in Memorial Cemetery at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Two ceremonies, one in the morning and the afternoon, paid tribute to ten Frenchmen who answered the call to serve in the militia and help defend Fort San Carlos in the fledgling settlement of Saint Louis, May 26, 1780. Word came from New Orleans from Fernando de Leyba that British troops and native Americans were planning an attack, which ultimately was thwarted. These ceremonies recognized 10 of the roughly 300 who at various times served in the cause toward independence from the British Crown. About 40 color guard and Ste Genevieve Malice (militia), Branson AFJROTC cadets, CAR members, DAR in period attire made it a superb event. An array of photos depicts the events and the people behind it. A special thanks to Howard Fisk for his tireless efforts of pulling many together to make this a success.



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## Cemetery Ceremonies Group

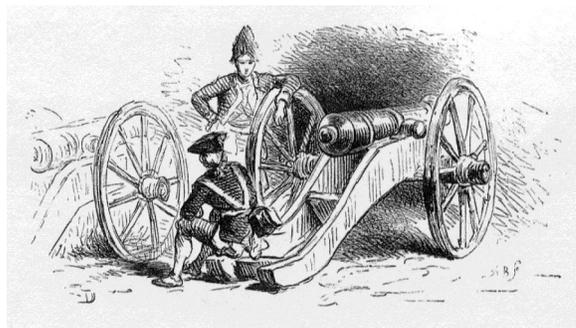
Kneeling on the wall far right: Steve Perkins, Ken Goodson. Front-steps: James Osbourn, 2nd tier steps-Doug Nicholson, Craig Crow, Gary LeClaire, Joe Sieber

Right of steps front row standing: Wayne Merrill, Steve Biggs, Russ DeVenney, Wayne Shumake. Second row left of steps: Deb Cameron, Pat McLemore.

Second row steps/standing: Wyatt Nicholson, Mark Parks, Mark Reicker, Dan Evans, Rev. John Rice, Kevin Hulsey, Bradford Waters, Jim Jackson, Scott Bruton, Steve King, Ken Lawrence, Matthew Toeniskoetter, Charles McLemore, David Schaul. Third row: Bill McKnight, Geoff Gigliarano, Charles McMillan, Gary Schell, Michael Gerintano, Mark Diamond. Back row: (4 Cadets & 5 guardsman) JFROTC- Irelyn Mosandl, Rebecca Friend, Darrius Dunninghoo, Christian Kemp, Terry Grogan, Jim Bizzell. Not pictured: Howard Fisk, Rochelle Riggs-DAR, David Riggs and Rylee Riggs-CAR, Daniel Riggs-videographer/CAR, photographer Debbie Perkins.



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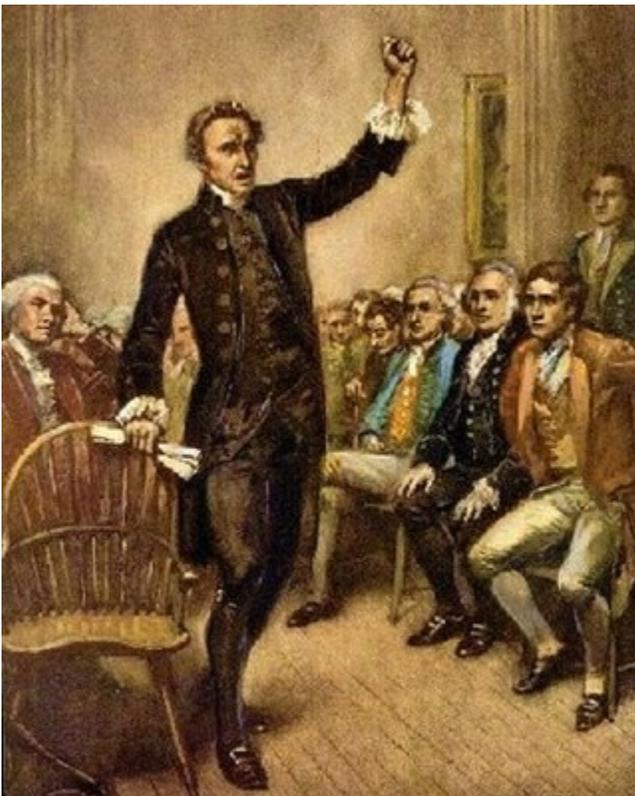


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More pictures from the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery.



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The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR at the send off for World War II veteran Jack Hamlin on May 31st. Jack and Compatriot Norman Knowlton traveled to France for the annual D-Day remembrance.

# Upcoming Events



On Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 AM, there will be a Flag Day Presentation at the Greene County Historic Courthouse located at 940 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield.



On Saturday June 17 at 9:00 AM, the monthly meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be at the Ozark Technical College, located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



On Monday, July 3 at 6:00 PM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard will be assisting the Branson High School AFJROTC Color Guard present Colors for the Independence Celebration at Branson Landing. Everyone is invited to attend the free concert and fireworks show.



On Tuesday, July 4 at 10:00 AM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard will open the parade on Meadowmere in Springfield. Color Guard are to assemble at 9:30 AM at Compatriot Fisk's home.



On Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 PM, the Chapter Development Committee will have their monthly meeting at Compatriot Steve Perkins home located at 3831 S. Virginia Pl., Springfield. All are welcome to attend.



On Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 AM, there will be a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony at the Steelville City Cemetery in Steelville, Missouri. All interested Color Guardsmen contact Steve Perkins for further details. All are invited to attend the event.

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On Friday, July 14, the National Congress starts in Orlando, Florida and goes until Thursday July 20.



On Saturday, July 15 at 9:00 AM, the monthly meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be at the Ozark Technical College, located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



On Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 PM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be having their next History Explorers presentation at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. The topic is: "Women of the Revolution." The library is located at 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd., Springfield.

