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NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Next scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled Meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held Saturday, December 17, 2016, at the Ozarks Technical College. The meeting begins at 9:00 am in Room 8.

There was no chapter meeting for November 2016.

The 27th Annual Veteran's Luncheon, co-sponsored by the OMCSAR, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Rachel Donelson Chapter of NSDAR was the meeting for November. The luncheon was held Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 12:30 P.M. at the Tower Club, Starlight Room. Thirteen (13) members and 12 guests attended the luncheon.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the December 2016 chapter meeting is Richard L. Schnake. He emphasizes appellate practice in both Missouri and federal courts.

His practice also includes trademarks, copyrights, and litigation.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017

President - Howard Fisk
Vice-President - George Swales
Secretary - Ken Lawrence
Treasurer - Glenn Gohr
Chaplain - Dan Philbrick
Chancellor - Gary Bishop
Genealogist - Dan McMurray
Historian - Norm Knowlton
Editor - Tom Sentman
Sgt. at Arms - Charles McMillian

The chapter membership will vote on proposed officer slate during the December 17th meeting.

Dues are Due.

It is annual dues time again. Our chapter gets points for the Josiah Fogg (Best Chapter) Award and the Americanism Award for each member's dues that are paid early.

\$71.00=Regular Dues for 2017

Please send checks to:

Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR
P.O. Box 1421
Springfield, MO 65801

Ed. Note: Your dues paid early (by Dec 1) would wrap up our chapter award qualifications.



Compatriot Birthdays in December

Joel	Pebsworth *	12/08/2016
Ronald	Green	12/14/2016
Dan	Philbrick	12/15/2015
Howard	Williams *	12/19/2016
William	Walker	12/21/2016
Tim	McCoy	12/22/2016
Paul	Williams *	12/24/2016
John	Allen	12/28/2016
John	Williams *	12/30/2016

* New Members

Welcome to the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR

November 2016 Ozark Mountain Chapter Events

Fire Safety Commendation Medal awarded to Assistant Fire Chief David Pennington, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield, MO. The presentation was made by the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR on November 3, 2016.

Chief Pennington is fully committed to the safety and protection of the citizens of Springfield. He began as a Springfield firefighter on March 16, 1998, and worked his way up through the ranks to rescue specialist, truck captain, station captain, battalion chief, and administrative battalion chief to his current position of assistant fire chief where he oversees the operations division. In this position, he oversees all aspects of emergency response, fire stations, fire equipment, and over 200 personnel.

Chief Pennington works tirelessly to develop the Operations Division. He is a continuous force in pushing the development of the individual firefighter, officer, and command staff personnel. He is the strongest advocate for developing ways to improve the consistency of services through operational guidelines and policy development. He spends countless hours on and off-duty to achieve the goals for the department.

Chief Pennington has worked on many visible projects within the department from purchasing the new red fire engines to getting new roofs on the fire stations; however, most of what he does is behind the scenes. He works to create a professional workforce that is dedicated to serving our community. Cultural changes are very difficult to achieve and take many years. Chief Pennington has continued this transformation so effectively, that he was selected by the rank and file awards committee to receive the Fire Officer of the Year award for 2016. This speaks to his ability to have others see the vision and understand why change is necessary.

Chief Pennington is not only improving our community through the fire department, he is also active in various community organizations. He has been active as a leader in the Boy Scouts and serves on the Boy Scouts of American Ozarks Trail Council. He also serves as an active member of the Board of Directors of Leadership Springfield. Chief Pennington works tirelessly to make our community a better place to live.



L-R: Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray presented the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation Award to Chief David Pennington, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield, MO.



L-R: Chapter Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Fire Chief David Hall, and Chief David Pennington, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield, MO.



L-R: Chapter Compatriots J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Fire Chief David Hall, Chief David Pennington, Springfield Fire Department, Ken Lawrence and George Swales.

Photos by Margaret Swales

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Veterans Day Event at Ozarks Technical College (OTC) November 11, 2016.

The OTC Springfield Campus ceremony began at 11 a.m. The event featured a speech by U.S. Army veteran Ron Timmins, the Safety and Security Supervisor at OTC's centers in Lebanon and Waynesville. The ceremony featured the presentation of the colors by the Sons of the American Revolution. The Ozark Mountain Chapter presented the Outstanding Veteran award to OTC student Jonathon Letner, USMC. Additionally, the OTC Concert Choir and Central Middle Years Choir performed patriotic music.



Left: The OMC Color Guard presented the colors at the opening ceremonies.



Above L-R: Dan McMurray, J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins, Gerald McCoy, Glenn Gohr, and Charles McMillan (behind flag).



Military veteran students attended the OTC Veterans Day event.



Above: Army Veteran Ron Timmins, addresses veterans, staff members, and guests at the Veterans Day event held at the Ozarks Technical College.



L-R: Color Guard member Glenn Gohr and Central Middle Years Choir repeat the Pledge of Allegiance during opening ceremonies.



OTC Concert Choir



Taps performed by Philip Forrester, OTC music instructor.



OMC J. Howard Fisk addresses OTC student veterans and guests. More than 1,000 veterans are enrolled in classes at the campuses.



Outstanding Veteran award to OTC student and Marine Corps veteran Jonathon Letner. Presented by OMC compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

Photos Courtesy of OTC

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Veterans Luncheon at Tower Club



Presentation of the Colors

L-R: Color Guard Members Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, and Charles McMillan.



Compatriot J. Howard Fisk of the Ozark Mountain Chapter reads presentations of SAR Awards.

L-R: Rachel Donalson DAR Ladies: Margaret Maulin, Membership Committee, Mrs. Janis Wrather, Regent, and Kaye Clothiaux, Vice President.

Right: Bryce Lockwood, US Marine Corp. and members of the Killingsworth Chapter of The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) attended the luncheon.



LCDR Margaret Maulin, USN (retired) luncheon speaker, presented "Women in Uniform."



Good Citizen Award to Lloyd Hoover, USN, for his service during WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Wars.

L-R: Color Guard member J. Howard Fisk, MCPO Lloyd Hoover, and OMC President Dan Philbrick.



NSSAR Flag Award to Margaret Mullins in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism.

L-R: J. Howard Fisk, LTDR Margaret Maulin, and Dan Philbrick, OMC President

Photos by Margaret Swales

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R-L: Color Guard member Steve Perkins, DAR member, Ken Lawrence, Dan McMurray, J. Howard and Jan Fisk, Rachel Donalson Chapter DAR



Ian Shepherd (left) accepts the NSSAR Martha Washington Medal on behalf of his mother, Catherine Ann Williams Shepherd, member of the Rachel Donalson Chapter DAR. The presentation was made by OMC President Dan Philbrick.



L-R: Linda Reinbold and Phil Reinbold, John McAlear and Sally McAlear, Rachel Donalson Chapter DAR (behind John McAlear).



Music was provided by Debbie Horton and "Branson on the Road". Debbie Horton is a member of the Rachel Donalson Chapter DAR.



L-R: John Allen, Will and Dee Carr.

OMC In The News

The Joplin Globe July 3, 2016

Veterans of American Revolution buried in Southwest Missouri

Marking Gravesites

According to the U.S. Veterans Administration, 217,000 men fought in the American Revolution, and more than 4,000 of them died, leaving more than 212,000 to settle the new country. Many are buried back east, but untold numbers of them pushed westward.

The Sons of the American Revolution has been working to find and mark every Revolutionary War soldier's grave that it can identify.

The Sgt. Ariel Nims chapter, based in Joplin, has marked two graves in the area, but its officials believe there may be as many as 40 in all of Southwest Missouri, including the Springfield area.

Marking a grave is a long process, according to James Osbourn, vice president of the Missouri Society of SAR.

"It's not done helter-skelter," he said. "Considerable research has to be done to document the patriot."

The research is often driven by a descendant of the soldier, who brings information to the SAR and asks to have the grave marked, according to Osbourn.

Glenn Gohr, Patriot Graves chairman for the Missouri Society of SAR, said they started marking graves of Revolutionary War soldiers many years ago, and their work continues.

"We are looking to mark any in the area that have not been marked," Gohr said.

He said there are two soldiers who are thought to have died near Jasper County, whose burial places are still unknown. Often times, these soldiers were buried in family plots that are almost impossible to find, said Frank Shouse, president of the Sgt. Ariel Nims chapter.

Finding the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers is made more difficult by the fact that so few people were living in the area that long ago, according to Shouse.

He also said there may be more graves in the area to find, but added, "A lot of people have gone to a lot of cemeteries and haven't found anything."

The National SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) has to approve each grave before it can be marked with a special insignia.

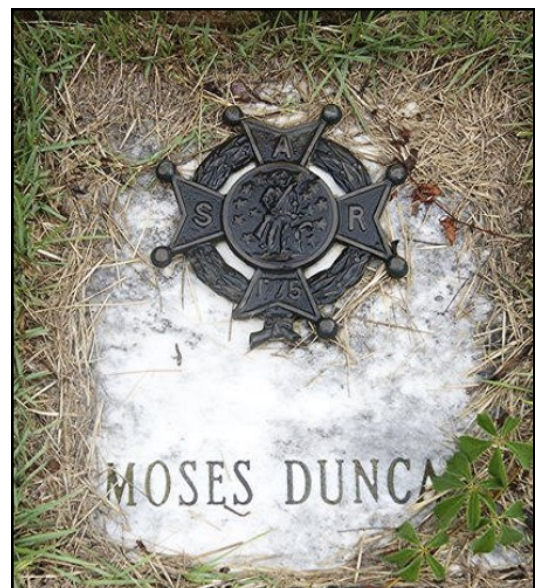


Helen Hunter places a flag on the grave of Revolutionary War soldier Moses Duncan at the Cave Springs Cemetery in La Belle, Lewis Co., MO.

"The patriot marker is restricted and very special and you have to go through a lot of proof to put it on soldiers' graves," Osbourn said.

"It's a big deal," he added. "There is usually a big celebration. We gather the color guard in uniform and get as many descendants there as we can."

The graves marked by the Ariel Nims chapter include that of Duncan and Thomas Ferrel.



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Photos and story by The Joplin Globe.