



The PATRIOT Newsletter

Ozark Mountain Chapter Springfield, Missouri

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Missouri Society

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President's Letter

President J. Howard Fisk



November Message of Thanksgiving

Following our Annual Meeting, I gave considerable thought to the message of Dr. Spence and his interpretation of the values demonstrated by our founding fathers. When I look at the entirety of their lives, I am a bit confused, but none the less fascinated by their willingness to strike off into the wilderness and establish new colonies and when their religious freedom was challenged, initiate a war against the greatest power in the world. This spirit of adventure lives in all of us through our genetic makeup. David Appleby believes that the genetic memory of our Patriot Ancestors lives in all of us and that we should embrace their lives as we live our own.

In 1789 George Washington issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation, the first such proclamation from the government of the newly formed United States under its new Constitution. Washington issued the proclamation at the request of both houses of Congress, which is interesting considering the modern day belief that the Founders advocated a complete separation of all things religious from the government.

Washington declared Thursday the 26th day of November, 1789 "to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

In the address, Washington asked Americans to "thank God for His blessings, for civil and religious freedom and for His hand in the recently finished war." He also asks them to "pray for God's continued favor, prosperity, peace and good government, and that America will always be a nation of wise, just and constitutional laws."

Washington believed that Devine Providence brought independence to this new country through the long war with Great Britain and only through our righteous action were we granted victory. "In pursuit of an army of righteous soldiers of He, who would bring victory to the fledgling American Colonies," Washington had standing orders. Officers at home or away from camp would dress in uniform and present themselves in church on Sunday and every camp would have adequate chaplains to conduct services for all faithful soldiers.

When we pause at Thanksgiving this year, we probably did so without understanding the importance placed in the thoughtful, grateful attitude of gratitude that Washington placed on our victory over the British and desire to continue our peaceful governance through grace.

Compatriots, I wish you a peace filled and joyful Christmas season and ask you to carry with you the spirit of our Patriot Ancestors who gave so much for the life we enjoy today.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Saturday Dec 16, 2017 at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

Special Event

27th Annual Veterans Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club

Nov 18, 2017

The Ozark Mountain Chapter sponsored the meeting this year, with the Rachel Donelson Chapter in Springfield, Missouri and the Isaac Garrison Chapter in Nixa, Missouri attending. Eighty four members and guests attended the luncheon.

President J. Howard Fisk called the meeting to order at 12 noon to begin the Veterans Luncheon. Compatriot Dan Philbrick delivered the invocation. Compatriot Gerald McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Compatriot Norman Knowlton led the Pledge to the SAR.

Missouri Society President Dennis Hahn brought greetings from SAR.

Regent Janis Wrather brought greetings from Rachel Donelson Chapter and Dee Dosch, Vice Regent of the Isaac Garrison Chapter also brought greetings from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2018

President - George Swales
Vice-President - Ken Lawrence
Secretary—Norman Knowlton -
Treasurer - Glenn Gohr
Chaplain - Dan Philbrick
Chancellor - Gary Bishop
Genealogist - Steven Perkins
Historian - J. Howard Fisk, Interim
Editor - Tom Sentman
Sgt. at Arms - Charles McMillan

The chapter membership will vote on the proposed officer slate during the December 16th meeting.

The Ozark Mountain Chapter won the National SAR President General Streamer Americanism Award for 2016. The Certificate and Streamer was awarded to OMC for participating with chapters whose membership is 50-99 members. More than 80 chapters in SAR competed for the award. Congratulations OMC!

2016 President General Streamer Results			
	1-49 members		50-99 members
1	Alamance Battleground (NC)	4,920	Ozark Mountain (MO)
			5,970



December Birthdays



Ronald	Greene	Dec 14
Dan	Philbrick	Dec 15
Wm Cody	Walker	Dec 21
Willi	Walker	Dec 21
John	Allen	Dec 28

Dues are Due for 2018

Our chapter gets points for the Josiah Fogg (Best Chapter) Award at MOSSAR and the Americanism Award at NSSAR for each member's dues that are paid early or on time. The sooner the dues are paid, the more points our chapter receives. **Please pay your 2018 dues by December 31.**

The 2018 dues are \$71.00=Regular Dues; 25.00=Junior Membership.

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Chapter Events

Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony at Ozarks Technical College



The OMC Color Guard participated opened the ceremony of Veterans Remembrance Event at OTC November 10, 2017.



Above and Left: Compatriot and President J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence and Charles McMillan presented the colors for the opening ceremony



Left: Chancellor Hal Higdon presented the keynote speech.



OTC student Charles Doug Carrell received a Certificate for Outstanding Veteran Student.



Taps



OTC Veterans Students Association members. More than 900 OTC students are veterans.



Chapter Events

November 11, 10:00 AM Living Memorial Park Harry S. Truman Dedication



The Living Memorial Park in Springfield, Missouri was dedicated Nov. 11, 1958, Veterans Day, by former President Harry Truman in honor of American veterans.



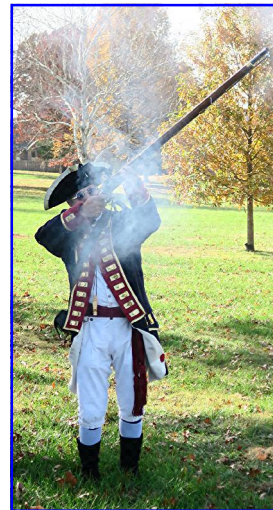
OMC Color Guard and others participate in recognizing the Living Memorial Park in Springfield, Missouri.



President Fisk reads the proclamation to celebrate the event.

President Harry S. Truman World War I Veteran

Former President Harry S. Truman visited Springfield to dedicate the Living Memorial Park near U.S. 60 and 65 in honor of America's veterans. Truman arrived in Springfield on Nov. 10 and was the guest of honor at Hickory Hills Country Club for the Marine Corps birthday party. The next morning he attended a special breakfast program at the Colonial Hotel and visited the National Cemetery on his way to the park. Truman began his speech almost 40 years to the minute after he heard the guns fall silent in France during World War I while commanding an artillery unit. In his remarks, President Truman said, "This Living Memorial is a wonderful thing in memory of those men who gave so much for our country. It is a compliment to the great state of Missouri. You have set an example here that I hope others will follow. I am pleased and happy to be part of its dedication." Springfield Leader & Press Nov. 11, 1958



Compatriot Steven Perkins fires a volley salute to commemorate the Living Memorial Park, dedicated November 11, 1958, by President Harry S. Truman.



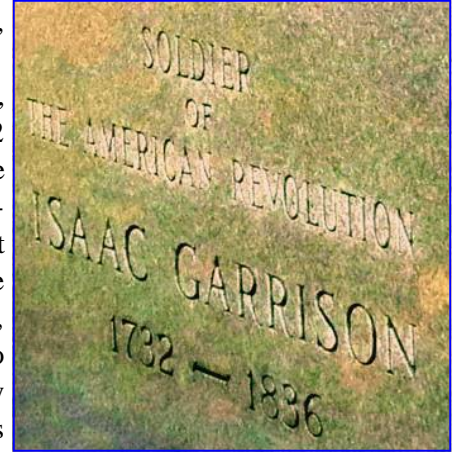
Left: Dan Philbrick, Steven Perkins, Ken Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, Gerald McCoy, George Swales, Dan McMurray and Charles McMillan, drummer.



Isaac Garrison Wreath Laying November 11, 11:30 AM Richwood Cemetery



Isaac Garrison, Revolutionary War Patriot, was born 1732 in Virginia. He lived in Tennessee and at age 100, he left Tennessee, and came to Missouri by buggy with his sons Joseph, James and William in 1832. He lived four more years and died at age 104 in 1836. He is buried in Richwood Cemetery in Christian County.



Left: OMC Color Guard members Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Gerald McCoy, J. Howard Fisk, Compatriot George Swales, and Steven Perkins.

The Isaac Garrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Nixa is named after him.

Timothy Scruggs Wreath Laying November 11, 12:30 AM Griffin Cemetery



Revolutionary War Patriot Timothy Scruggs was born 1761 in Virginia and died in Missouri in 1853. He is buried in the Griffin Cemetery in Greene County, South of Battlefield.

The stone marker was placed on his grave in 1911; a ceremony with the Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR and the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR took place in 1993. OMC marked the grave again Nov 11, 2017.



A grave marking ceremony was held November 11, 2017, to remember him. Left: Compatriots Ken Lawrence, Gerald McCoy, J. Howard Fisk, George Swales and Charles McMillan.



A Flag Certificate was presented to Tony and Jean Hartfield for their support of the Timothy Scruggs grave and other markers in the Griffin Cemetery.



Chapter Events

November 18 Annual Joint Meeting 12:00 PM Hickory Hills Country Club Dr.



President J. Howard Fisk offers opening remarks.



MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn presents SAR greetings.



Janis Walter, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter presents DAR greetings.



Dee Dosch, Vice Regent, Isaac Garrison Chapter presents greetings from the DAR.



Certificate of Appreciation presented to MOSSAR Society President Dennis Hahn by OMC president J. Howard Fisk.

Right: OMC Vice President George Swales introduced keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Spence, President Emeritus Evangel University.



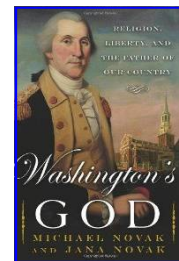
Dr. Spence's Key-note message was "Faith of Our Founding Fathers".



Dr. Robert Spence.



"Washington's God" book presented to Dr. Robert Spence by OMC president J. Howard Fisk.



OMC presented a SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award to veteran Jack Hamlin, a D-Day Veteran who was recognized by the United States and France for his "heroic actions in the face of mortal danger."



Attendees applaud WWII Veteran Jack Hamlin for his heroism and service.



JROTC and ROTC leaders were recognized for their support to SAR Youth Programs.



Awardees with Compatriot Ken Lawrence, MOSSAR Awards Chairman.



OMC Past President Dan Philbrick (Left) receives SAR Americanism Award for 2016 from MOSSAR President Dennis Hahn. Compatriot Kenneth Lawrence looks on.

Left: LTC Patrick Sanders, Air Force JROTC Sr. Instructor, Nixa High School; Captain Shea Leap, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Bear Battalion, Army ROTC, MSU; Major Robert Robinson, Air Force JROTC, Bolivar High School.



27th Annual Meeting November 18, 2017

Photo Sampler



"The POW MIA Remembrance Ceremony"

Presented at the Annual Veterans Luncheon

November 18, 2017

Let us now raise our water glasses in a toast to honor America's POW/MIAs and to the success of our efforts to account for them.

As you entered the banquet hall this afternoon, you may have noticed a small table in a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us this afternoon and so we remember them.

This Table, set for one, is small -- Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors. [Remember!](#)

The Tablecloth is white -- Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. [Remember!](#)

The single Red Rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our Comrades—in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. [Remember!](#)

The Yellow Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the yellow ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing. [Remember!](#)

The Candle, the candle is lit -- Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. [Remember!](#)

A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. [Remember!](#)

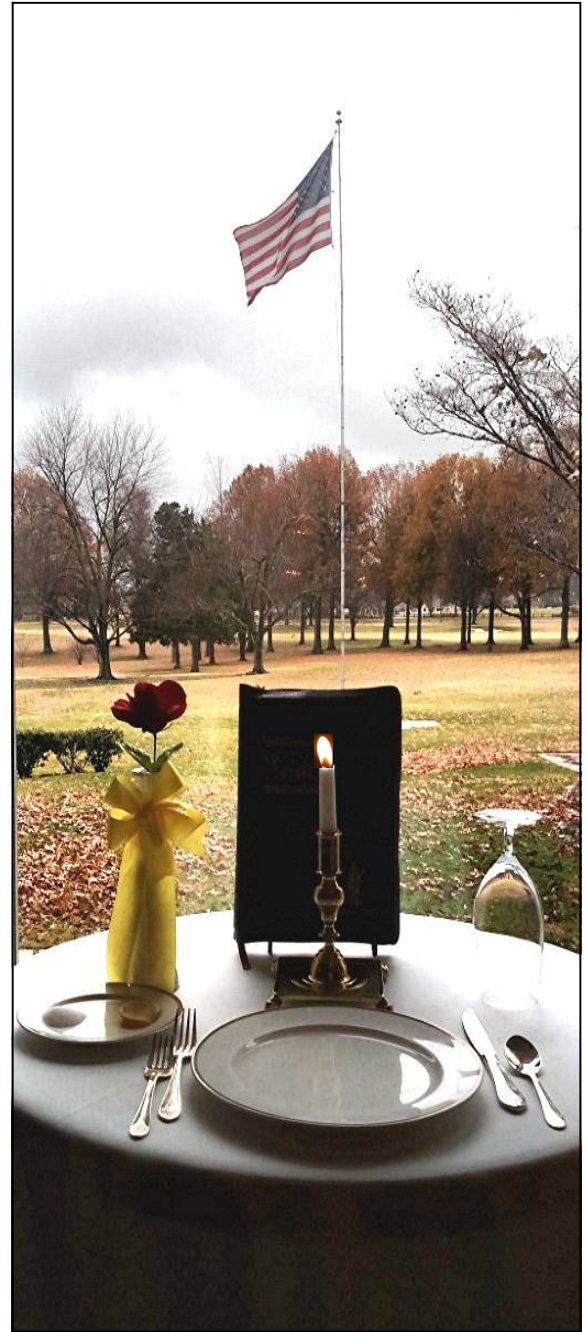
There is Salt upon the bread plate -- Symbolic of the families tears as they wait. [Remember!](#)

The Glass is inverted -- They cannot toast with us this night. [Remember!](#)

The Chair -- The chair is empty. They are not here. [Remember!](#)

All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. [Remember!](#)

Until the day they come home, [Remember!](#)



A bell toll was sounded at each [Remember!](#)



DAR Presentations

Rachel Donelson Chapter

Janis Wrather's Greetings

2017 DAR/SAR Veterans' Luncheon

November 18, 2017

Hickory Hills Country Club

Welcome everyone! My name is Janis Wrather and I am Regent of the Rachel Donelson Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. I bring you greetings today on behalf of the 199 members of the Rachel Donelson Chapter. I am glad you are here today as we spend time together honoring and remembering the United States Veterans – from the Revolutionary War to the present.

We are thankful for those who have served and continue to do so today. I am grateful to be part of an organization that celebrates our nation's freedom and those who fought for that freedom and those still fighting today to keep it. I am also thankful for two special people in the DAR and SAR: Ms. Bette Nelson and Mr. Del Bishop.

Twenty-seven years ago, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Bishop met together to organize what would become this DAR/SAR Veterans' Luncheon. Bette was the Regent of the Rachel Donelson DAR Chapter at that time and Del was the President of the Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter.

The first meeting was held November 10, 1990, in the Garden Room of the Heer's Store. The Springfield newspaper sent a photographer to be there that day. The Honorable Roy Blunt, Missouri Secretary of State was the guest speaker. He was gifted the book "Pillars of Patriotism" by the Rachel Donelson Chapter Regent, Bette Nelson. There were 80 members and guests in attendance that year.

Although Del is no longer with us, Ms. Bette is currently a life member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter; unfortunately she is not able to attend meetings anymore. The National Society DAR magazine published an article on the first luncheon and when I visited with Ms. Bette about it, she said she was amazed that the luncheon tradition has continued and endured all these years.

And today, 27 years later, we continue, with humble hearts and grateful spirits, honoring the American Veteran. Thank you.

Isaac Garrison Chapter

Dee Dosch's Greetings

2017 DAR/SAR Veterans' Luncheon

November 18, 2017

Hickory Hills Country Club

I am Dee Dosch. Our Regent, Joanna Bradley was unable to come due to illness and that I was the Vice-Regent taking her place.

I bring you greetings from the Isaac Garrison Chapter DAR.

We were organized in 2009 so we are less than 10 years old. We were started for the working women as we meet on the second Saturday of the month in Nixa MO.

There were 20 charter members and we now we have over 50 members and still growing.

We were named for Isaac Garrison, a Revolutionary War Patriot who is buried in Christian County, MO.

His grave has been marked by both the local DAR and the SAR.

My revolutionary ancestor, Colonel David Condit, was killed during the war leaving a widow with 9 children. One of the objects of DAR is to remember our veterans as we continue to do so today.

Thank you.



Chapter Events

November 18 Annual DAR and SAR Meeting 12:00 PM Hickory Hills Country Club Dr.

Veterans Luncheon Program

The program for the Annual Meeting was produced by OMC Compatriot and President of the Society of the War of 1812, Dan McMurray.

First Annual Meeting Excerpt from The News- Leader November 11, 1990

Local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution met in a joint luncheon Saturday to honor American veterans. It served as symbolic family reunion for descendants of those involved in America's fight for independence.

"Usually they meet and we meet, but we don't usually get together," said Delbert Bishop, president of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the SAR. His group and members of the Rachel Donelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the J. Parrino's Garden in Herr's Department Store on Park Central Square.

"It's an opportunity for our organizations to tell what the constitution means. We want to try to encourage people to be more aware and appreciate what they have in the United States."

Paul Butler, president of the Missouri Society of the SAR and Missouri Secretary of State Roy Blunt, were speakers at the first and establishing meeting of the luncheon on November 10, 1990.

Courtesy of Sally McAlear, Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR



**Sons of the American Revolution
Ozark Mountain Chapter
J Howard Fisk, President**

**Annual Meeting
November 18, 2018**

Hickory Hills Country Club

**Daughters of the American Revolution
Rachel Donelson Chapter, Janis Wrather
Isaac Garrison Chapter, Dee Dosch**

**General Society of the War of 1812
Dan McMurray, State President**



Robert H. Spence grew up in Montgomery, Ala., and earned his undergrad and graduate degrees from the University of Alabama. In 1956, he married Margaret "Anne" Tindol, and together they have three sons: Jonathan, David and Stephen. All three are Evangel graduates and each married an Evangel alumna. Spence and Anne have nine grandchildren.

An ordained minister, Spence held pastorates in four Assemblies of God churches throughout Alabama over the course of 20 years. He also taught in the Tuscaloosa, Ala., public school system and served for three years as the principal of a junior high school.

In addition, Spence served as a district presbyter in the Alabama Assemblies of God for seven years before beginning his time as a member of the Evangel College Board of Directors in 1968.

He accepted the presidency at Evangel in 1974, beginning his 40 years of service on May 1.



Mr. Hamlin is a veteran who served in the US Coast Guard. He found himself off the coast of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. He was a Boatswain's Mate First Class assigned to a US Coast Guard vessel and their job was to rescue and transfer the wounded and dying personnel to a hospital ship. Mr. Hamlin was tied, by rope, to his Coast Guard vessel and wearing a life vest he swam, in the 48 degree ocean, to the men floating in the water off the beach. He pulled them back to his vessel so they could be transferred to the hospital ship for treatment. There is no way to know how many lives Mr. Hamlin saved on that D-Day morning. As he has said "Those men needed me and I just had to do everything I could to save them."

It is with great pride that the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presents this award to Mr. Jack Hamlin in recognition of his brave acts on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Program of Events

Call to Order	J. Howard Fisk, President
Invocation	Dan Philbrick, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Gerald McCoy, Color Guard
SAR Pledge	Norm Knowlton, Historian
SAR Greetings	Dennis Hahn, State President
DAR Greetings	Janis Wrather, Regent Rachel Donelson Chapter Dee Dosch, Vice Regent Isaac Garrison Chapter

Lunch

Introduction	Dr. George Swales, Vice President
Keynote Address	Dr. Robert Spence President Emeritus Evangel University
Silver Good Citizenship Medal Presented to	Dennis Hahn, Missouri State President Jack Hamlin
ROTC / JROTC	Ken Lawrence, Secretary
Missing Man Table	Dan Philbrick, Chaplain



Chapter Events

Annual Holiday Dinner for Troop 200 in Nixa, Missouri

Our chapter presented a Flag Award to Eagle Scout Jackson Brewster for his diligence in supporting the history of our nation and for his efforts to participate at each of the events that we have had involving Boy Scouts. Eagle Scout Brewster also made a presentation to his history class on George Washington, wearing a Color Guard uniform. The Flag Award was for his efforts to support those historic elements of our past represented by the American Flag.



Left: Color Guard members Charles McMillan, Dan McMurray, Eagle Scout Jackson Brewster and OMC President J. Howard Fisk.



Troop 200 Scoutmaster Ron Bailey accepts a portrait of George Washington from President J. Howard Fisk.

We also presented the George Washington Award to Troop 200 for their efforts to resurrect Old Salem Cemetery in Northern Greene County and for helping us with other events, such as the 150th Anniversary of Hazelwood Cemetery Ceremony in Springfield, Missouri.



President George Washington



December Events

December 5, 11:30 AM College of the Ozarks Flag Ceremony

December 9, OMCSAR Sponsors a float in the Springfield

Christmas Parade.

December 12, 4:00 PM JROTC Award to Navy Captain Steven

Burnett, Senior Instructor, Navy JROTC at Willard High School

**December 15, 2017 6:00 PM Children of the American Revolution Dinner
Honoring Missouri Society President Edna Oswald**

December 16, 8:00 AM Wreaths Across America

December 16, 8:00 AM Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

December 16, 9:00 AM OTC Chapter Meeting

CAR President Edna Oswald Guest Speaker

December 25 –Christmas Day

Historical Events in December

**Washington crosses the Delaware Christmas eve 1776 & Captures Trenton
from the Hessians**

Washington winters his troops at Valley Forge December 19, 1777

British leave Charleston, SC after signing Articles of Peace December 14, 1782

Washington resigns as Commander December 23, 1783

