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## Greetings from President Kenneth

### Greetings Compatriots,

I want to begin by thanking everyone for their attendance at our Veterans Day Luncheon.

I especially would like to thank those of you who worked so hard to make this a successful event.

Special thanks go to Howard Fisk and the chapter development committee for putting together our luncheon program. OMC Treasurer, John McAlear for his collecting registrations and paying expenses, Hickory Hills for providing our delicious menu selection and beautiful venue.

Thanks to all the presenters, performers, fellow Compatriots, and dignitaries.

Those individuals include the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard, performers Charlotte and Darla Bauer, OMC Secretary, Dr. Norman Knowlton, OMC Chaplain, Dan Philbrick, Representative and OMC Historian Curtis Trent, Rachael Donelson Regent Kay Clothiaux, our keynote speaker, Dr. Jerry Davis from the College of the Ozarks, Representative Craig Fischel, Former President General and OMC Compatriot, David Appleby and OMC Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles McMillan, and lastly to Tom Sentman and Margaret Swales for being our photographers.

This event would not have been possible without the involvement and participation of those mentioned above. So again, Thank you!

Not having a formal November Chapter meeting leaves a bit of a gap between our October meeting until our December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. So, as we begin closing out the year, I will keep everyone abreast of our coming activities via e-mail.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a warm and joyous holiday season.

## Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

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**Captain Jeremiah O'Brien (1744-1818)** was a captain in the Massachusetts State Navy. Prior to its existence (or that of the Continental Navy), he commanded the sloop *Unity* when he captured the British armed schooner HMS *Margaretta* in the **Battle of Machias**, the first naval battle of the American Revolutionary War. He also led the first American attack on Nova Scotia in the Raid on St. John (1775).

Reports of the battles of Lexington and Concord reached Machias in early May 1775 and put the people of Machias in a precarious position. Continued trade with Boston or Halifax would supply the British forces that controlled both ports. Yet without that commerce,

they would starve. Benjamin Foster rallied Machias residents at Job Burnham's tavern and erected a liberty pole.

In late May, Machias merchant Captain Ichabod Jones, who was a loyalist, met with British General Thomas Gage who was mustering supplies in Boston. Jones sailed his ships, the *Unity* and *Polly* to Boston with a cargo of lumber and purchased food for sale in Machias. British troops encouraged Jones to deliver another cargo of lumber for construction of their barracks in Boston.

British Admiral Samuel Graves ordered *HMS Margaretta*, under the command of James Moore, to accompany Jones' ships to discourage interference from Machias rebels. When the ships reached Machias on June 2, 1775, James Moore ordered the liberty pole removed; and Machias townspeople refused to load the lumber. Foster plotted to capture the British officers when they attended church on 11 June, but the British avoided capture and retreated downriver aboard *Margaretta*. On 12 June Foster pursued *Margaretta* aboard the boat *Falmouth*. After *Falmouth* ran aground, O'Brien and his five brothers, Gideon, John, William, Dennis and Joseph, seized the *Unity*.

Under the command of Jeremiah O'Brien, thirty-one townsmen sailed aboard *Unity* armed with guns, swords, axes, and pitch forks and captured *Margaretta* in an hour-long battle after *Margaretta* had threatened to bombard the town. John O'Brien jumped aboard *Margaretta* as the two ships closed, but was forced to jump overboard by the British crew. After rescuing John, *Unity* again closed *Margaretta* until their rigging became entangled. *Unity* was bombarded by grenades from the British ship, but *Margaretta* surrendered after James Moore was mortally wounded.

This battle is often considered the first time British colors were struck to those of the United States, even though the Continental Navy did not exist at the time. The United States Merchant Marine claims *Unity* as its member and this incident as their beginning.

Jeremiah O'Brien was appointed captain of the *Polly*, the most seaworthy of the towns three-vessel fleet which was renamed "Machias Liberty", for two years, and received the first captain's commission in the Massachusetts State Navy in 1775 as part of the naval militia.

**O'Brien** has been the name of six United States ships in honor of Jeremiah O'Brien.

## Happy December Birthdays

December 2 John Hume  
December 8 Lee Viorel IV  
December 14 Ronald Green  
December 15 Dan Philbrick  
December 20 Steven Rinker  
December 21 William Walker  
December 28 John Allen



## 2019-2020 Officers

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## Proposed OMCSAR Officers Slate

### 2020-2021

President - Gary Gift  
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**Editor: Tom Sentman 417-823-3902**

## Sergeant's Corner

By Charles McMillan



Communication during a Revolution can make a huge difference in the outcome of the war.

For example, you might send a petition to the King of England on the next ship going from Boston and you might not get an answer for 6 months.

I got on my ham radio (two meters) tonight and talked with people in Odin, MO, Nixa, MO., and Springfield, MO.

Two days ago I was on my 20 meter High Frequency radio and talked with a guy from Fairfield, California and in both cases it was immediate. I didn't have to wait hours or days or weeks or months. It was here and now.

During the French and Indian nine years war (1754 –1763), a British expedition was sent to attack the Spanish possessions in the Philippines. They attacked the port in Manila after the peace process had taken place and a treaty had been signed. Oops!

Sorry.

### Chapter Activity November 23, 2019



OMC Compatriot Dan Piedlow participated in a podcast with Nick Reed on KSGF Radio on November 23, 2019. The interview covered the NSSAR, the Missouri Society SAR, and the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

You can hear it at this link: <https://www.ksgf.com/episode/podcast-11-15-the-locke-and-smith-foundation-fill-in-for-nick-reed-hour-3/>





## Chapter Activity November 2, 2019

### Scouts Merit Badge Workshop



Originally, 42 Scouts registered with 38 in attendance. Three were only there for the morning session so we gave instruction with the possibility of 73 merit badges being earned although a few of them did not complete the requirements.

An estimated 60-65 merit badges were earned that day by the 38 Scouts.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard Members participating were:

**Left** Gary Gift, J. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, and Steven Perkins.

Other OMC compatriots included: Gary Bishop, Lee Viorel, John Charles, John Allen, Norman Knowlton, and John McAlear who handled all the registrations.

### AMERICAN PATRIOT MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
A 250th Anniversary Program of the Ozark Mountain Chapter

OZARK TRAILS COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
**WHERE: OTC - OZARK TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**1001 E. CHESTNUT EXPRESSWAY, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802**

*The Workshop provides the Scout an opportunity to EARN TWO BADGES through their attendance at the morning and afternoon sessions. All prerequisites must be completed prior to the Workshop.*

**MERIT BADGES OFFERED: AMERICAN HERITAGE - GENEALOGY - LAW**  
**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

- ▶ Must be 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout or above
- ▶ Read the Merit Badge Book for Course - Current Edition
- ▶ Bring COMPLETED & SIGNED Blue Merit Badge Card to the Workshop

Scouts must have requirements signed off and blue card with them in order to take classes.

- American Heritage requirements: 1, 2, 4, 5
- Genealogy requirements: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
- Law requirements: 4, 6

▶ Scout Advancement Chairman Review Merit Badge Work Sheet & Advise

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

<p>8:00 AM 8:05 AM   8:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:45 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Flag Ceremony &amp; Group Photo - Color Guard</p> <p>Welcome &amp; Introductions - Gary Gift  <i>(these instructors will teach both AM and PM sessions)</i></p> <p>American Heritage Instruction - Dr. Norm Knowlton              Genealogy Merit Badge Instruction - Steve Perkins              Law Merit Badge Instruction - Gary Bishop &amp; Lee Viorel</p> <p>8:20 AM Assemble Scouts for Merit Badge Classes</p> <p>Classes Begin</p> <p>Lunch on your own / pack a lunch - drink machines on site</p> <p>Assemble for Merit Badge Classes</p> <p>Classes Begin</p> <p>Presentation of Awards - Instructors</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Gary Gift</p>
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**Registration deadline:**  
**October 15, 2019**  
 1st Class Scouts and above  
 Subject to availability  
 \$1.00 per merit badge  
 ALL courses available AM & PM  
 Sessions.

▶ **SCOUT LEADERS MUST BE ON SITE FOR THE DURATION OF THE DAY.**

To register for the American Patriot Merit Badge Workshop send this FORM & FEES to:  
 OMC SAR PO BOX 1421 SPRINGFIELD, MO 65801

For more information or questions, contact Gary Gift at [gary.gift@hotmail.com](mailto:gary.gift@hotmail.com) or 417-860-5886

SCOUT NAME	UNIT #	MERIT BADGE: 1ST CHOICE	MERIT BADGE: 2ND CHOICE	SCOUT RANK

LEADER NAME	UNIT #	POSITION	EMAIL	PHONE

SCOUTMASTER PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUTMASTER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCOUTMASTER PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCOUTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00/BADGE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : OMC SAR  
 REGISTRATION FORM SUBMITTED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
OZARK TRAILS COUNCIL

**The Scouting News** October 2019

GREAT THINGS ARE ON THE MOUNTAIN

THE SCOUTING NEWS  
OCTOBER 2019

Calendar of Events

- October 15th: Zoo Venture Crew Orientation
- October 28: College Scout Reunion at Zenith
- November 2: SARS American Patriot MBU
- December 13-14 or 21: Incredible Pizza \$750 Club
- December 16: Family Fun Event
- January 11th: \$2500 Club at Wonders of Wildlife



## Chapter Activity November 9, 2019

### Veterans Day 2019

On November 11, we are called to honor those that have served our country in the United State Armed Forces.

Originally known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day began as a commemoration of the end of World War I. An armistice in fighting took place on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson delivered a message to American's describing the importance of Armistice Day:

“To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.”

It became an official holiday by Congress in 1938. However, after World War II and the Korean War, there were veteran's service organizations that were interested in making the holiday inclusive to those who served in the U.S. military at all periods, not just World War I. Congress responded with legislation on June 1, 1953, by changing the word “Armistice” to “Veterans”. On October 8 of that year United States President and SAR member Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation, saying:

“On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

On this Veterans Day, let us all gather together to honor our many veterans, from those that helped found our country to those still with us today. On behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution, I offer my deepest thanks to all our veterans, on this day and each day.

John T. Manning  
President General  
Sons of the American Revolution



## **President Ken Lawrence Address Veterans Day Luncheon 2019**



On behalf of the Rachael Donelson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, I would like to welcome everyone to the 30th anniversary of the annual SAR/DAR Veterans Day Luncheon. The Rachel Donelson Chapter and the Ozark Mountain Chapter began the remembrance of Veterans Day with an annual luncheon in November 1989 and it continues today.

I would like to begin by introducing our special guests, our keynote speaker, College of the Ozarks president, Dr. Jerry C. Davis. WWII honoree veteran, James Harrison Dowell. And Republic High School JROTC instructor, Lt. Col. Patrick Sanders.

Thank you all, for being here today.

On the 11th hour.... of the 11th day.... of the 11th month.... World War one ended in 1918.

At the conclusion of the War to end all Wars, November 11th became a universally recognized day of celebration.

The day was originally declared “Armistice Day” eight years after the end of World War I and honored only veterans of that war. Then in 1954 after World War II and the Korean War, it was renamed “Veterans Day” to honor all veterans who served America and defended democracy and liberty.

So, today we honor all veterans who unselfishly placed their lives on the lines for our freedom.

Those men and women were ordinary people with ordinary lives who when their country called them to duty, they answered, leaving their families.... their home....and their lives.... not for recognition or fame

but to protect our way of life. And because of that, we honor and salute our veterans today and thank them by living in the freedom they protected and by teaching our children and future generations what is means to be an American.

Veterans day isn’t just a day for veterans.... It’s a day for all Americans to reflect on the sacrifices that our veterans made in the cause of freedom. We are humbled by your service to this nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to thank each of you for taking time out of your day to stand with us in recognition of our veteran’s service on this special day.... Would all our veterans please rise so that we may properly thank you?

Thank you for your service to our nation.

Today we recognize two local heroes and honorees, WW II veterans, James Harrison Dowell and Bruce Benson and we will honor Republic JROTC instructor Lt. Col. Patrick Sanders for his expertise in training our youth to be tomorrows leaders.

Kenneth Lawrence, President  
Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR



**Chapter Activity November 9, 2019**  
**2019 Annual Veterans Day Luncheon**  
**Hickory Hills Country Club**



Hickory Hills CC Welcome



Veterans Uniforms Display with Memorabilia.



Awards To Be Presented



Presentation of the Colors

Left: Dan McMurray, Charles McMillan, and Steven Perkins



President Kenneth Lawrence welcomes  
DAR and SAR members and guests.



Kaye Clothiaux, Regent of the Rachel Donel-  
son Chapter, brought DAR Greetings.



## Chapter Activity November 9, 2019

# 2019 Annual Veterans Day Luncheon

## Hickory Hills Country Club



Dr. Jerry Davis, President of the College of the Ozarks presented the Keynote Address.



Liberty Bell



President Kenneth Lawrence presented a Liberty Bell and a Flag Certificate to Dr. Jerry Davis for his presentation and in recognition for his patriotic work at the College of the Ozarks.



WWII veteran James Harrison Dowell was presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his service. He also received a proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives in recognition for his service to our country and our State. Also, he was presented a flag that was flown over the State capital. Dr. Jerry Davis and OMC Vice President Gary Gift look on.



Good Citizenship Medal



LTC Patrick Sanders received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his work developing our youth into tomorrows leaders as Senior Instructor of the Republic High School Air Force JROTC program. OMC Charles McMillan presented the award.

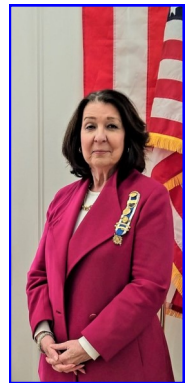


**Left:** SAR Past President General David Appleby presented a SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Proclamation, and flag to WWII veteran Bruce Benson for his service. Mr. Benson, 94 years young, was unable to attend. His medal and flag will be presented at a later date.



## Chapter Activity November 9, 2019

# 2019 Annual Veterans Day Luncheon





## Chapter Activity November 9, 2019

### 2019 Annual Veterans Day Luncheon



Members from the following DAR chapters attended: Rachel Donelson, Isaac Garrison, and Taneycomo. Regents Dee Davidson Dosch, Isaac Garrison Chapter and Kaye Clothiaux, Rachel Donelson Chapter, are seated third and fourth from the left respectively.



**Seated:** Pletcher Rogers

**Standing From Left:** Will Carr, Kenneth Lawrence, James Haas, David Appleby, George Swales, Dan Philbrick, Charles McMillan, Gary Bishop, John Charles, Don Lucietta, Steven Perkins, Dan McMurray, Dan Piedlow, John Hume, John McAlear, Tom Sentman, and Norman Knowlton.

*Photos courtesy of Sally McAlear—Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR*



## Chapter Activity November 11, 2019

### OMC Presents 2019 Outstanding Veteran Award



Ozarks Technical Community College honored veterans on Monday, November 11, 2019 on its Springfield campus. Participants included the Sons of the American Revolution, the OTC Concert Choir, and guest speakers. John Lopes, founder of the K9s for Camo organization, was the keynote speaker.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Veterans Affairs chairman, J. Howard Fisk, presented the Outstanding Student Veteran award to Reza Gilman.



#### The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

##### OTC Outstanding Student Veteran 2019

Reza Gilman enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1995, and served in the infantry overseas, where he earned his Army Service ribbon, Overseas Service ribbon, and Expert Marksman qualification, and was honorably discharged in the later part of 1997.

Reza is a First Generation college student who completed his Associates of Applied Science in Welding. He is currently enrolled in the Drafting and Design program. As a welding student, he represented OTC at the Skills USA competition, and led his team to second place in the nationwide event.

He has a passion for supporting others, often spending his free time assisting faculty and students. Early in his coursework in our Welding program, Reza realized some students could not afford to purchase quality welding hoods to protect their eyes while working, so he started a scholarship to fund welding hoods for those in need. Using the skills he had learned in class, and scraps he had available, he created a custom-designed welded-steel fire pit. The proceeds were used to fund the 10 scholarships to future welding students. He has continued to mentor and encourage OTC Welding students, and has even been invited to aid in instruction, as a program graduate.

Reza is an advocate and role-model for our Student Veterans. He participates in Student Veteran Organization activities and meetings, and has participated in the college's Veterans Upward Bound program. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his time as a student, and has been on the Chancellor's List for the past three semesters.

Reza loves to share his passion for good BBQ – even building his own smoker. To the delight of faculty, staff and students, he brings in his latest smoked meat creations for sampling. His latest project dream is to lead collaboration between OTC's Drafting and Design, Welding, and Culinary programs to establish a one-of-a-kind OTC BBQ team.

Reza is the type of student that makes a real difference, and one that we can all be proud of in recognizing as a Veteran and as part of the OTC family.

Reza, for all that you do and all that you represent, The Sons of the American Revolution recognize you today for your patriotic service to your fellow students and for your commitment to the United States of America. The Sons of the American Revolution have also contributed to your scholarship fund to purchase a welding helmet.



From Left: Dan Piedlow, Kenneth Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, and Jeffrey Patrick.

*Photos courtesy of OTC*

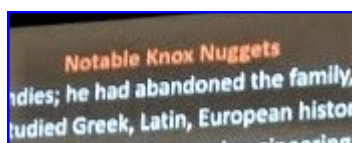
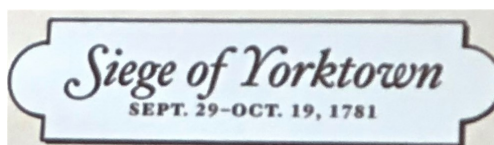
## Chapter Activity November 12, 2019

### History Explorers—Participants in the Battle of Yorktown

Ozark Mountain Chapter presented key players and their contributions to the defeat of the English at the Battle of Yorktown in Yorktown, Virginia October 19, 1781.



Steve Belko



#### The Presenters

George Washington-J. Howard Fisk  
Benjamin Lincoln-Steve Belko  
Nathanael Greene-Ken Lawrence,  
Henry Knox-Steve Perkins  
Frederick William Von Steuben-  
Charles McMillan  
Joseph Plumb Martin-Jeff Patrick

## Chapter Activity November 19, 2019

### Fire Safety Commendation Medal Awarded to Heather Parker Springfield Fire Department



The Sons of the American Revolution present the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to those Individuals who have served with distinction and devotion. The Medal is intended to honor exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of fire safety.

**Heather Parker**, is this year's recipient. Heather is the Fire and Life Safety Educator for the Springfield Missouri Fire Department. She has been transformative for the Community Risk Reduction Division, and has built an education platform that reached 11,122 students and teachers in the Springfield Public School system, delivering 901 presentations in 20 days in late September and October. Through Heather's work and collaboration, the fire safety curriculum has been shared with five adjoining fire districts, which has strengthened the departments working relationship with the Springfield Public Schools.

For her leadership and service to our community in educating our youth in our public schools with vital fire safety information, we, the Sons of the American Revolution, Ozark Mountain Chapter, honor, Heather Parker, with the National Society SAR Fire Safety Commendation award.



**Left:** Chief David Pennington, Springfield Fire Department, Heather Parker, OMC President Kenneth Lawrence, and J. Howard Fisk, OMC Color Guard Commander.



## President General Proclamation

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the harvest and give thanks. Thanksgiving celebrations in America have roots in Native American and Puritan customs, and although it has been debated when the first North American Thanksgiving took place, it's clear that celebrations of thanksgiving have been taking place for hundreds of years.

George Washington was an early proponent of celebrating Thanksgiving at the federal level in the United States. After Congress motioned that a day of Thanksgiving be held in 1789, Washington issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3, 1789 saying:

*"...I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being... for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us."*

Another President, however, made it a national holiday. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln, influenced by the Civil War and the lobbying of Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of multiple women's magazines, declared the fourth Thursday in November would be a national Thanksgiving Day. In 1941 Congress made Thanksgiving a legal holiday, ordering the fourth Thursday in November be marked annually as a day of thanks.

Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated with family, food and acknowledgement of all our country has to be thankful for. From all of us at the Sons of the American Revolution, we wish you and your family a peaceful and blessed day.

President General

John "Jack" T. Manning



## Upcoming Events

### December 2019



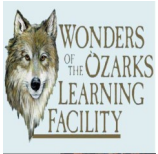
**Tuesday, December 10 6:30 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor**  
Clever, MO



**Wednesday, December 11 6:30 pm Chapter Development Committee**



**Saturday, December 14 10:00 am Wreaths Across America**



**Wednesday, December 18 12:30 pm Wolf School Genealogy**



**Friday, December 20 5:30 pm CAR President Dinner**



**Saturday, December 21 8:00 am CAR SAR William Freeman**



**Saturday, December 21 9:00 am Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting**

### January 2020



**Saturday, January 18 9:00 am Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting**  
**Election of OMC Officers 2020-2021**



**Saturday, January 25, 2020 10:00 am Missouri SAR Meeting**  
**New location: Jefferson City, Missouri**