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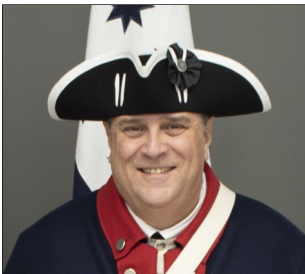


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The Presidents Message

By President Gary Gift

We are getting closer to the end of the year and this has been a busy month for the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

We started off the month on November 9th with a presentation of our EMS Public Service Award to Dr. Tom Lewis, MD. He is the director of Mercy EMS services. We had several chapter members attend this event and we are very grateful to Dr. Lewis for the great job he has done with the EMS services.

Our Chapter development meeting was held virtually on the evening of November 9th. This meeting was chaired by Compatriot Ken Lawrence. We discussed the upcoming activities for the month and the agenda for the Chapter meeting on November 21st. We recognized the OTC



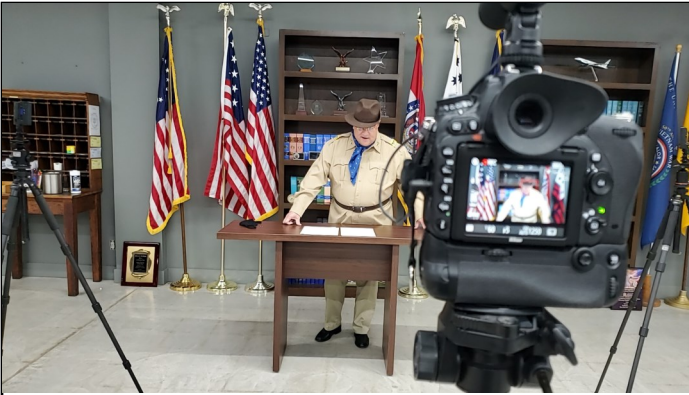
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Outstanding Student Veteran for 2020, Robert Border along with all Veterans on November 11th, Veterans Day. Robert is an 8 year veteran of the Marine Corps and has had deployments in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He is training to become a physical therapy technician and was selected by the Veteran Affairs Office of OTC. We also honored all Veterans

On November 12th Compatriots Howard Fisk, Jeff Patrick, Gary Gift and Dan McMurray portrayed several key players in the Spanish American War for the November History Explorer Program. They

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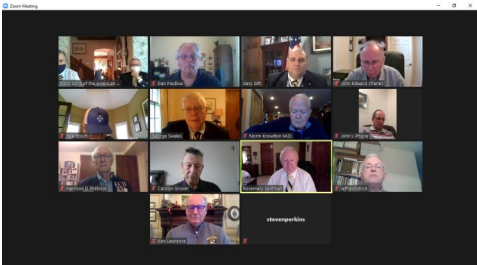


were accompanied by Dr. Gilbert Brown who is a professor at Missouri State University who portrayed a Buffalo Soldier of the 9th Colored Cavalry who fought along with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Cuban Campaign. It was a very interesting and fun project to participate in. The video can be seen on our website and Facebook page. It should be up on the Greene County Library webpage shortly.

We presented the Fire Safety Public Service Award on November 21st to Robert Manley. Robert is a Fire Safety Officer with the Springfield Missouri Fire Department. He came highly recommended by Springfield Fire Department Chief Pennington.



We held our Chapter Meeting on November 21st. It was a virtual meeting. Our guest speaker was retired Northeastern University Professor of Engineering, Dr. Carmine Vittoria. Dr.



Vittoria spoke about a book he has written titled "Bitter Chicory and Sweet Espresso." The book is about his experiences growing up in the Italian Village of Avella during World War II. He did a great job of presenting his book and I would recommend it to anyone who is interested. It can be found on Amazon. There were several other topics discussed including a proposal to change our bylaws to create a new office of 2nd Vice President.

This proposal will be voted on at our December Meeting. We also presented our first Chapter Distinguished Veteran Award to Com-patriot Colonel David Appleby.



There were several other events which were originally planned for the Month of November which we were unable to accomplish due to the Covid pandemic. We had planned to hold our third American Patriot Merit Badge Workshop on November 7th. We also had to cancel our annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon which we normally host with the Daughters of The American Revolution on November 14th. Another event which we were unable to host was the 2020 Legends of Conservation program. We fully expect to be able to and are very much looking forward to continuing all of these programs next year when it is safe.

It is always important that we take time to recognize and appreciate all the Veterans who have served our country in the Armed Services. Veterans Day is set aside for this purpose and our Chapter has always done a great job in honoring our Veterans. December is also a month that we remember all those who have served and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom with Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th

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and the Wreaths across America program.

As we finish up 2020 let us celebrate the accomplishments we have made in the face of much adversity. I am truly astonished and thankful for all the work and efforts our chapter has done to remain relevant in our community and as we continue to promote patriotism and our nations history. Well done Compatriots.

Important Dates in History

November 10 – U.S. Marine Corps founded 1775

November 13 - Americans take Montreal

November 19-21 - First Siege of Ninety Six, SC

November 25 – British Evacuate New York City 1783

November 28 – U.S. Navy created 1775

November 30 – British and Americans sign preliminary Articles of Peace 1782

December 4 – Washington bids farewell to his officers in New York City 1783

December 15 - Last State Signed the Bill of Rights 1791

December 17 - Boston Tea Party 1773

December 19 - Washington and his army winter in Valley Forge 1777

December 22 - Continental Navy Created 1775

December 23 – Washington Resigns as Commander in Annapolis, MD

December 26 - Battle of Trenton 1776

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting November 20, 2020 by Zoom

President Gary Gift-- called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M by Zoom with 16 members and 1 guest.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick-- delivered the Invocation. He then asked **Compatriot Jeff Patrick** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and **President Gary Gift** to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

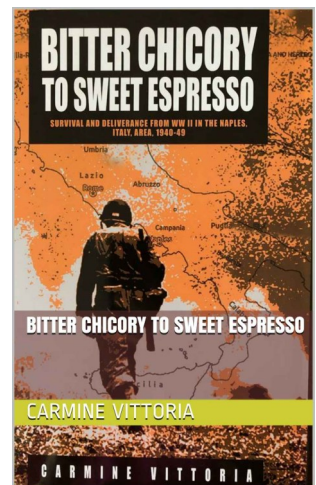
President Gary Gift-- had **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** introduce a new resolution for the

Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Outstanding Veteran Award. The resolution was read and presented to **Compatriot David Appleby**. A Plaque and a Medal were also given along with the resolution. He was additionally given a Missouri Bicentennial Medal for his service. **Compatriot David Appleby** acknowledged and thanked the chapter for this inaugural award but also wished to thank all those who have served in the military. A copy of the resolution is included.

President Gary Gift introduced the speaker of the day, **Dr. Carmine Vittoria**, Professor Emeritus in the studies of microwave magnetic materials at Northeastern University. He is the author of 3 scientific books, one soccer book, and over 400 scientific publications in peer reviewed journals. He recently retired from Northeastern University of Boston Massachusetts. He is a life fellow of the Institute of Electronic and Molecular Engineering, Fellow of the American Physical Society, and has received many scientific awards. He received his PhD in Quantum Physics in 1970 from Yale University. This is the first non-scientific book he has written and is about the history of World War II in Italy. The title of the book is "Bitter Chicory to Sweet Espresso". This is a metaphor.

The meaning of the book is because during the World War II in Italy there were no coffee beans and no sugar so at that time people made coffee out of dried chicory. This coffee was very bitter and reflected the times which were indeed bitter. At the end of the War there was sweet espresso which could be smelled throughout the country and towns. This reflected the good times after the War.

The book reveals the human spirit in the face of adversity. The book covers the history of the retreat of the German Army from Sicily to Rome during the Allies advancement in retaking Italy,



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from the “toe of Italy” to the Alps. His talk was on this time in southern Italy. He emphasized the human spirit and how it was over the centuries this area became a melting pot of all that lived in this part of the world. This started with the invasion of the Allied Army at Salerno after invading Sicily in August of 1943. The story was centered around his uncle and his family. His uncle was loaded onto a truck by the Germans to be taken back to Germany to work with the other captives in the German factories. He told the story of the retreat path that the Germans took returning to Germany with their captives including his uncle. He told of his uncle escaping from the Germans, along with others, and the means and directions they were able to avoid their captures. He described the history of the valleys and area through this region going back to the times before Christ and the Romans. This area was important to many great empires throughout history. They all survived this region because of their spirit. His uncle was able to avoid recapture by going a different direction from the German troops circumventing this valley and mountains. He told the story of his paternal grandfather, his hometown of Avella, and the German occupation of the region. His grandfather tried to redirect the Germans away from the caves, amphitheaters, and colosseums which were used by many historical groups dating back before Christ. He related how he and his grandfather would register to even get a loaf of bread from the more hospitable British when the German left. He then went on to tell the story of the Invasion of the Valley by multiple cultures including the Comares, who were from North Africa. On January 22nd, 1944 the Allies landed at Anzio and were able to control the Valley along with the British after bloody battles. This led to the Allies being able to take Rome and the Valley. The result, after the War, led to Communists killing many of the Fascists, but eventually leading to the Democrats taking control of Italy in 1948.

This book reveals the human spirit of these local people in the face of adversity and to adapt and to survive to live another day in freedom.

His book is “Bitter Chicory and Sweet Espresso” and can be purchased at Purpo Inc., 1111 Crandon Blvd., C806, Key Biscayne, FL., 33149 for \$10 dollars.

Vice President Report—Curtis Trent—
Absent—No report

Treasurer Report—John Charles The total funds we have as of today consists of \$14,106.22 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,272.16 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These totaled to \$23,378.38.

Dues collected for 2021: 84 members out of 103 members have renewed their memberships for 2021. He has not heard from 19 members yet. The Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit.

Auditor Report—John McAlear- after reviewing the documents provided by the OMCSAR Treasurer, the Treasurer’s Reports from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 accurately reflects the financial position of the OMCSAR.

Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton—The minutes were distributed in the September OMC Patriot Newsletter and he moved they be accepted as written. It was passed unanimously.

He briefly spoke on behalf of Dr. Thomas Jefferson Bailey and his donation for the creation of the Bailey Monument at the Springfield National Cemetery commemorating those that served in the Battle of Springfield during the Civil War. It is one of the largest of the monuments that stands in this cemetery.

Genealogist Report—Steve Perkins—His report for the period ending 11/1/2020 had 43 prospects. He purged the database of those who have either been approved, or where there has been no activity with/by the prospect. He has 26 prospects going forward, and another person who expressed interest but not called him to discuss further.

He has recently sent to national supplemental applications for Len Slovensky, Norm Knowlton, and James Whited. He has recently sent to national applications for new memberships for

Guy Mikesell, Charles L. Clark, and John Hathcock. They have been received and Charles L. Clark's application has been approved 10/23/2020.

Editor Report---Dan Peidlow---He gave an update on the recent video which he produced for the History Explorers. He is looking for information on any activities by our membership that he might include in the upcoming Patriot Newsletter. He spoke of the recent Black Flag Relay event at Branson High School where he,



Charles McMillan, and Steve Perkins participated in their High School JROTC program. It was an excellent event and he videoed the event and took pictures. This was quite a patriotic event with the cadets in their colonial dress on their football field. **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** went over the 18th Quarterly History Program that Dan Peidlow videoed on the Spanish American War. **Compatriot Jeff Patrick** gave an excellent introduction of U.S. involvement, **Compatriot Gary Gift** told the story of Theodore Roosevelt's involvement, **Compatriot Dan McMurray** gave the history of General Leonard Wood, Dr. Gilbert Brown told the story of the participation of the Buffalo Soldiers, and **Compatriot J. Howard Fisk** included the history of General MacArthur and our involvement in the Philippines.

Historian Report—Ben Edmondson—absent --In his absence there was no new report.

Sgt-at-Arms Report—Jeff Patrick--gave a short history of the events that occurred in the

month of November during the Revolutionary War. This was a stressful time in November of 1776 when General George Washington watched on as Fort Washington and Fort Mifflin were being taken by the British. He had to retreat and regroup across the Hudson River to eventually come back across the Delaware to take back Trenton and Princeton.

Chapter Development Committee Report-Ken Lawrence—He presented an update on the activities of our chapter even with the limited events secondary to the COVID-19.

On December 7th of this year we will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program at the Springfield National Cemetery at 9:00 AM, and will also be commemorating Pearl Harbor Day just following the Wreaths' ceremony.

On December 19th at 9:00 AM we will have our usual OMC monthly meeting, but by Zoom, with our guest speaker being the President of the State CAR where he will introduce his state project. At 10:00 AM following our local meeting, there will be the MOSSAR meeting also by Zoom. And following the MOSSAR meeting we have been invited to participate with the local DAR chapters in a ceremony at the Maple Park Cemetery in Springfield at 11:00 AM.

On January 9th we will be participating along with the 1812 organization in a grave marking ceremony for Josiah Edgars who is buried at Wilson Creek National Battlefield and commemorating the Battle of New Orleans.

In February we will be putting on a program for the History Explorers program at the Danforth Plantation and farm with speakers from the involvement of slaves who helped settling the site, the Shawnee Indian involvement of the Trail of Tears, as well as the history of the site itself. This is a planned video performance.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—None

New Business

President Gary Gift introduced a new bylaw change resolution concerning the

establishment of the new positions of first and second vice president of the OMC. The resolution is included and will be subject to review by all members of the OMC and will be voted upon at our next monthly meeting.

MOSSAR State President J. Howard Fisk wanted to recognize several of our members for their longstanding participation in our local, state as well as national activities.

First, he recognized **Compatriot Bob Grover** who has represented our organization by being one of the previous MOSSAR State Presidents, but also serving as the MOSSAR State Commander of the Missouri SAR Color Guard, and has contributed in multiple capacities to our National SAR.

Secondly, he recognized **Compatriot Tom Sentman** for his contribution to the OMC in providing his leadership and his development of the Patriot Newsletter for his 55 issues that he produced for our chapter. As a result of his leadership he was able to produce one of the best documentations of our chapter's events, ceremonies, and awards leading to naming the MOSSAR Editor's award in his name, The Tom Sentman Editor's Award. The torch has been passed on to Dan Peidlow who is doing an excellent job in his creation of the present Patriot Newsletter.

Thirdly, he recognized **Compatriot David Appleby** for leadership in the JROTC program which has led to the naming of the new award for the outstanding Commander of the JROTC programs in the state. This will be called the Colonel David Nels Appleby Award to the most outstanding Commander of a JROTC program in the state for their guidance and inspiration to the youths of our state. **Compatriot David Appleby** spoke briefly on the crisis today in our country concerning education of patriotic and American history, the loss of the American family, and the lack of integrity and responsibility of our youth. This award is for those Commanders that are in the forefront of the development of these young cadets and their education

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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary



Birthday's

Donald Cospers	November 2
Jon Lorenzino	November 8
Eric Griessel	November 20
John Vogt	November 24
Harold Burke	November 27
Kenton Miller	November 27
Donald Lucietta	November 28

John Hume	December 2
Lee Viorel	December 8
Harrison Philbrick	December 15
Steven Rinker	December 20
William Walker	December 21
John Allen	December 28
Matthew Brunner	December 28

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.



Zane Wood - New Eagle Scout of Troop 88 Marshfield Missouri.

Zane Wood - completed his Eagle project July 2020. The project was to construct two raised Flower beds 4 ft. wide x 8 ft length and over 1-foot depth.



It was constructed for the Marshfield Missouri Senior Center. The project included the planning, preparation, fund raising, building, installation and included the placing of soil and flowers including flowering bushes for the project.

He next completed his 1 1/2-hour Eagle Scout Board of Revue with Ozark Trails District officials and Troop 88 Adult Scout Leaders on August 18, 2020.

Zane's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held Sunday October 4, 2020 at the Marshfield United Methodist Church in Marshfield, Missouri.

Zane's Scouting career and Merit badges total the 13 required Eagle Scout Badges:

First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Personal Management, Swimming, Camping, and Family Life.

In addition, his other Merit badges include: Astronomy, Chemistry, Nuclear Science, Wilderness Survival, Orienteering, Fishing, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Indian Lore, Metalwork, Salesmanship, Pottery Making, and Music.

Zane is continually active in the Marshfield High School. This year his academics as a Sophomore include: Biology, English II, Geometry, Math, Wood Technology/ Shop, Nutrition/Cooking, Weight Lifting P.E., American History, High School Marching Band (1st Chair Trumpet), Concert Band (1st Chair Trumpet), Jazz Band (Bass Guitar and Upright Bass).

He is a junior member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (OMCSAR)



Cadet SCPO Marcus Musil from the Willard High School JROTC received the SAR JROTC Award.



Stephen Edwards received the SAR Good Citizenship Award and Medal on November 1st at Cox Medical.



OMCSAR Compatriot Charles McMillan received the Lafayette Distinguished Service Medal.



The Missouri 200th year medal is available for purchase. This medal can be worn with other medals. Compatriots can purchase them from MOSSAR President J. Howard Fisk for \$30.00



Veterans Day Ceremony at OTC honoring outstanding veteran student Robert Borders.



Branson High School Black Flag Rally (BFR) with Compatriots Steve Perkins (L) and Charles McMillan. Photos by Compatriot Dan Piedlow.

Thanksgiving Proclamation, 3 October 1789

[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore 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, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—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.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to ena-

perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0091>

Jack Manning

President General

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

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The Surrender of General Burgoyne

October 17, 1777

The Story of British Major General William Phillips

The above painting of the Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga by artist John Trumbull was completed in 1821. The oil painting hangs in the rotunda of the United States Capital in Washington D.C.

Much has been written about British Lieutenant General John Burgoyne who was the commander of the Troops of the Convention who surrendered at Saratoga on October 17, 1777. But little has been written about his second in command Major General William Phillips who became commander of the Convention Troops upon Burgoyne's return to England following his surrender. Major General William Phillips is portrayed standing directly behind General Burgoyne in the

above painting.

Major General William Phillips is buried in an unmarked grave in the Old Blandford Church graveyard in Petersburg, Virginia. Little was written about him and he was not given much recognition by either the Americans or the British until 1914 when the Francis Bland Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a memorial outside the south wall of the Old Blandford Church, which simply states: Sacred to the memory of Maj. Gen. William Phillips of the British Army who died at "Bollingbrook" May 13, 1781 and whose remains lie buried in this church yard. Erected by the Frances Bland Randolph Chapter D.A.R. 1914. How did a Major General of the British Army end up in an unmarked grave in a Virginia church yard? It is quite an interesting story and one that needs to be told.

Even though William Phillips was a British Officer who fought against us in the Revolutionary War he is remembered on both sides as an officer of the highest integrity and honor. William Phillips was described by Thomas Jefferson as "the proudest man of the proudest nation on earth." During his captivity as a prisoner at Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville, Virginia General Phillips and his staff was often entertained by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. Jefferson and Phillips thoroughly enjoyed each other's company.

In late 1779 General Phillips along with his staff, was moved to New York and exchanged back into British hands.

The hospitality shown to him and his staff by Thomas Jefferson and the very civil treatment afforded his men would leave a lasting impression on Phillips and would cause him to issue standing orders to his army that the private property and the persons of individuals not taken in arms are to be under the protection of the troops. He held the view that the wanton destruction often seen carried out during the war by other British troops served no purpose and was much detrimental to their cause.

Following his exchange in 1779 General Phillips led many successful campaigns against the Americans. Even after many hard fought battles he never forgot the hospitality and kindness shown him by Thomas Jefferson. When his army would conquer a town or city, he made sure his army showed respect to the residents and their property.

It was during his last campaign that he came to be buried in the unmarked grave.

On April 18, 1781 Phillips began his campaign up the James River. During this campaign he struck at Yorktown, Williamsburg and the Virginia State

Naval Docks on the Chickahominy River. After landing and resting at the Westover Plantation he advanced his army to City Point. On April 25th he marched his army overland to his primary target Petersburg which was defended by Major General von Steuben with only 1000 Virginia militia against a Phillips 2500 regulars. The militia fought valiantly and was able to hold back the British for three hours before yielding the town. Phillips conquered Petersburg with little damage to the town or its residents. Later upon reaching Richmond, Phillips considering his campaign to have already been a great success ordered his army back down the James River to Portsmouth rather than engage General LaFayette's army protecting the city of Richmond, the capitol city of Virginia.

Orders arrived from General Cornwallis to meet him in Petersburg. During the movement down the James River General Phillips fell very ill with fever. It was believed he was suffering from either malaria or typhus. General Phillips arrived back in Petersburg on May 9th however the general was so ill that General Benedict Arnold had to assume command of his army. The army of General LaFayette arrived on the heights north of Petersburg on May 10th and began bombarding the British Army in the town including Bollingbrook, the home in which Phillips lay dying. On the morning of May 13th General Phillips died. His body was secretly taken to the Old Blandford Church graveyard and buried in an unmarked grave to prevent it from being taken by the advancing army. An epitaph written by Captain Johann Ewald of the German Jagers wrote this description of Phillips. "One saw in him and his precautions that he was worthy of commanding men, and one recognized in him the skillful and

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industrious officer. The general drove everyone zealously to his duty. But he was the most pleasant, unselfish and courteous man in the world.”

Major General William Phillips body remains to

this day in an unmarked grave in the Old Blandford Church yard. Unrecognized until 1914 by the Francis Band Randolph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Upcoming Events



December 19—Chapter meeting via Zoom



December 23—Heroism Award at Boy Scouts of America

Spanish American War Theater Commanders.



Admiral Dewey



General Arthur
MacArthur



General Leonard
Wood



Colonel Theodore
Roosevelt