

THE PATRIOT

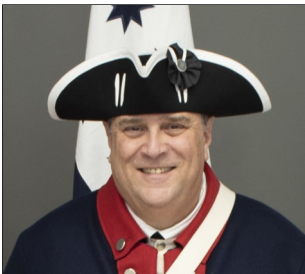


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The Presidents Message

By President Gary Gift

Greetings Compatriots,

October has passed and rather quickly it seemed. We are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. I have always liked the fall and the spring. It seems like it is always a nice break from the hot and sometimes lazy summer months. And it seems like things always start to get busy. The Ozark Mountain Chapter is no exception to this. We are getting into our busiest times and the months of October and November are always filled with activity.

We started off October with a Zoom Chapter Development meeting on October 12th. We had several members attend. It was going to be a busy month for several of our chapter members.

We held our regular monthly chapter meeting via Zoom on October 17th. We welcomed new transfer member Ron Ross who joined us from Murphy, North Carolina. We also recognized new supplemental patriots for Gary Gift, Charles McMillan and Ken Lawrence. Each member gave a short history of their supplemental patriot. Ron Ross also gave us a nice history of his patriot.

We had a great video zoom presentation on the role of the Black Soldiers in the Spanish American War by Dr. Gilbert Brown who is a Professor at Missouri State University. Dr. Brown is also going to help us in November with our History Explorers program which will be on The Spanish American War.

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Important Dates in History

- October 7 - Battle of Kings Mountain 1780
- October 9 - Battle of Yorktown 1781
- October 10 - Point Pleasant Battle (first battle of the war) 1774
- October 13 - The U.S. Navy is established 1775
- October 19 - Articles of Capitulation Signed ending the war 1781
- October 30 - John Adams Birthday 1735
- 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

We had two of our Color Guard members Ken Lawrence and Steve Perkins attend a SAR Patriot grave marking in Cole Camp, Missouri. The ceremony was zoomed live and several other members watched on line. They were Norm Knowlton, George Swales, Howard Fisk and Dan Piedlow.

There was also something very special that happened in our chapter that we found out about in October. One of our Junior members, Zane Wood of Marshfield, Missouri achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Zane's Eagle Scout board of review was on August 18th. I have mailed him a certificate of recognition and a letter congratulating him.



Congratulations Zane. We are all very proud of you in this accomplishment and we look forward to you someday becoming a regular member of our chapter.

November will be and usually is a very busy month for us. We will have our Chapter Development meeting on November 9th. We also have a presentation of our EMS Award to Dr. Tom Lewis on the 9th. We will have our presentation the award to the OTC Outstanding Veteran Award on Veterans Day, November 11th at the OTC campus at 11:00 am. The OTC Outstanding Veteran Award recipient this year is Robert Border. Robert served in the Marine Corps for more than eight years where he was honored with many medals and commendations. He is a outstanding Occupational Therapy major. His grades have earned him membership in the Phi Theta Kappa society and he is a key member of the Veteran Services Team. We congratulate Robert on the presentation of this award and we thank him for his service to our

country.

On November 17th we will present our Fire Safety community award. I will disclose the recipient of this award next month. All are welcome to attend any of these presentations. They are blue blazer uniforms and it is always good to get a good representation of our chapter.

There is good news coming out of the media as I write this concerning a possible vaccination for the Covid19 Virus. Hopefully we will be able to get back to our normal level of activities and I know I am looking back to my own normal activities. Everyone be safe and I am so grateful for the support and spirit of our chapter in doing what we have been able to do in serving our community. Even through all this we have made a difference and impact on our community. Well done.



Birthday's

Gabriel Schnelle	October 2
Stephen Brake	October 6
William Carr	October 17
William Bishop	October 18
Nicholas Brake	October 18
Benjamin Edmundson	October 22
John Charles	October 29
Donald Cosper	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

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 17, 2020

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 21st, 2020 via Zoom

President Gary Gift called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM via Zoom with 21 members and 2 guests.

He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation, then **Compatriot Ben Edmondson** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and then **Compatriot Gary Gift** led the Pledge to the SAR.

He then asked for guests to be introduced and they were acknowledged. New members Jesse Lee Martin and Howard Wayne Martin will be given their oath of the SAR at our next meeting in November. Dale Crandell has transferred into our chapter from Kansas City. He has retired and moved back to his home area in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

He introduced the recipients of Supplemental Memberships including Gary Gift, Charles McMillan, and Ken Lawrence. Each one gave a brief history of their Patriot.

Compatriot Gary Gift's patriot is Hezekiah Phillips who was born in Wales, England in 1756 where he had immigrated with his father Zephania Phillips and his mother Catherine Scott Phillips to Massachusetts in 1761. His family moved to Virginia by the time of the American Revolution. He enlisted at the age of 17 and participated and fought in the march to Quebec under Captain Daniel Morgan and Colonel Benedict Arnold. He was known to be a very good rifleman. During this time he was shot in the shoulder and was as a result honorably discharged. He married Catherine Lybook in 1780. He later reenlisted under General Daniel Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens in 1781. He was again injured by being shot in the arm. He and his wife had several children, one of which was Gary Gift's seventh great grandmother Catherine Phillips. He then received a military land grant for his service and relocated his family to Winchester, now Gratis, Ohio where he died in 1811. Two of his sons went on to serve in the War of 1812.

Because of technical difficulties we were unable to hear the history of **Compatriot Charles McMillan's** Patriot but will have this presented at our next chapter meeting.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence's Patriot is William McCune who was born around 1750 or 1751 in Hopewell, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania to John and Agnes McCune.

After his father's death, William was raised by his mother until he petitioned the court to allow his half-brother John Hinkson to become his guardian until he became of age.

On or about 1769 William met and wed his wife Elizabeth. They moved to a large farm in Fairfield Township, Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania, where they had 6 children.

In 1780 William's half-brother, John Hinkson convinced William and his family to pull up stakes and move to Kentucky. After a brush with the Indians, the men left their families at the Fort at the Falls, Ohio. William and John began to trek into the interior of the frontier of Kentucky. They came to a fort called Ruddle's Station, commanded by Captain Isaac Ruddle. The fort held upwards of three hundred people. On June 24th, 1780 a force of over 1000 British regulars, Tories, Canadian volunteers and Indians quietly denuded upon them. The expedition led by Captain Henry Byrd of His Majesty's 8th Regiment, had travelled from Montreal to wreak havoc upon the Kentucky frontier. Adding to their great force, the British brought with them the first cannon ever used against log forts of the wilderness. It proved too much against flintlocks and ensured the outcome of the battle.

After destroying the fort, the Indians were allowed to plunder. After Ruddle's the British and the Indians moved on to another fort in the area and captured it as well. They captured over 450 people and forced them to march over 800 miles from the wilderness of Kentucky to Detroit. Many died or were killed along the way while the Indians carried others into captivity. John Hinkson managed to escape his captors. William McCune was not so lucky. He spent 20 months in captivity attempting to escape on at least one occasion. According to folklore William McCune was

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betrayed by none other than Captain Isaac Ruddle. Ruddle, hearing of the pending escape attempt, forewarned the British. McCune was placed in irons. Upon returning from captivity, McCune met Ruddle where he beat him badly with a hoop-pole.

After returning to Bourbon County, Kentucky William and Elizabeth settled into farm life raising their family the next several years William purchased several parcels of land. Sometime in 1817 William and his family moved from Kentucky to Pike County, Missouri. They established McCune's Station and farmed.

William McCune died on December 5th, 1830. Elizabeth McCune died November 9, 1835.

Compatriot Charles McMillan was to present his history of his Patriot but because of technical difficulties it will be presented at our next meeting in November

State President J. Howard Fisk then introduced the guest speaker of the day: **Dr. Gilbert Brown**, Professor MSU, on the topic of "Buffalo Soldiers during the Spanish American War". He has been the Professor of and in the Masters' Degree Program of the Student Affairs and Higher Education Program at MSU. He previously served as Dean of Students and Coordinator of Residents Life at Indiana University. He is from Kansas and he got his undergraduate degree from at Kansas University. He there met his wife Grace Jackson and have been married for 43 years. His wife is a Librarian at MSU. They have two adult children and 4 granddaughters. He loves history and will be presenting the story of the Buffalo Soldiers and their participation in the Spanish American War. His family is one of 13 families who settled Nicodemus, Kansas 140 years ago. He also comes from a family that military service has been a big part.

He started by setting the context by telling who were the Buffalo Soldiers in American History. The Buffalo Soldiers were an all black military unit that was formed during the time of the American Civil War. They fought on both sides of that War, but most fought on the Union side. As persons moved West

these units were organized into all colored brigades. They originated at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. The major function of the Buffalo Soldiers was to protect the immigrants that settled in the West. They were sent to different outpost like Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas in order to protect the European immigrants. It was not until 1948 when President Truman issued an executive order that desegregated the US military. His relatives were in all Negro military units during World War II and the Buffalo Soldiers ceased to exist from that point. When Colin Powell was Secretary of Defense he established the Buffalo Soldier's Military Museum in Fort Leavenworth Kansas.

There is today a tremendous amount of pride in this history of the Buffalo Soldiers among the black community. They served in different capacities from the Civil War thru the World War II.

His soldier's name started as Lieutenant Albert Smith as part of the 25th Division-which was one the Buffalo Soldier's unit. He was born around 1862 to 1863 on a plantation where they did not keep track of birth records of slaves. He was born about that time on the Smith Plantation owned by Albert Smith near Georgetown, Kentucky. His parents felt that the slave owner was pretty good since he did not try to break up the families. After the Civil War, during that time a flier at the church about 160 acres of land to be had

for any hard working person under the Land Grant Act. This was available for even the colored at that time. An important man by the name of Pat Singleton came to the church and talked about getting out of the area around Kentucky and moving to Kansas to partake in this new land opportunity. His family moved to Kansas as he was only a boy. They moved to the area that was to be called Nicodemus. His grandfather was one of the original 13 black families to settle there. They were all ministers and Christian men and named the city after Nicodemus from the Bible. His grandfather had 160 acres and had cows, cattle, and chickens and would grow wheat. They did pretty well.

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His grandfather wanted him to be like Freddy Douglas's sons who were officers in the Union military, so he was sent to college at Howard College in the nation's capital. It was a college for the colored and he was only 14. His grandfather lost the farm so he only finished 2 years at college so at 18 he enlisted in the military. They moved him around from different bases including Fort Leavenworth, Texas and with the 25th Regiment was sent to New Mexico and participated in the Spanish American War. They moved them from Texas with not only the 25th Regiment of colored but also the 9th Regiment of colored. He stayed in the military for the rights of all colored folks. They got ready to leave Texas at San Antonio for Cuba but were not allowed to leave the base to enjoy themselves because the white folks did not want to see the colored military in uniforms and with weapons. They were transferred to Tampa to board ships for Cuba. They were treated the same. They were with Colonel Roosevelt and the Rough Riders at San Juan Hill and Kettlehook. They did not want them around. When the Spanish were getting the upper hand in the battle that is when they called in the 25th and 9th Regiments. A great number of them were killed but they showed they could fight and were not scared. They thought they would be good fighters because it was so hot down there and the black could withstand those hot conditions since their ancestors were from Africa. They also got sick including malaria. He could order the colored troops but could not give orders to the white troops. They did not respect the colored. They helped the Rough Riders and the US Army defeat the Spanish. After that they shipped them to the Philippines before returning home to Kansas. That is his story of Lieutenant Albert Smith.

He was thanked and will be presented one of our 250th Anniversary Pin for his presentation by **President Gary Gift**.

Dr. Gilbert Brown is also going to help us with our History Explorers program with his presentation of the Buffalo Soldiers by virtual and zoom.

President Gary Gift gave a brief history of one of new members Compatriot Ron Ross.

He was an old partner of Gary Gift where he retired and moved to Murphy, North Carolina. He has been a member of SAR for many years, but has not been active and wants to get back to active.

Officers Reports

Vice-President Report—Curtis Trent— he was not present but Gary Gift reminded the members of the scheduled meeting next month with the speaker talking about growing up in Italy as a boy during World War II.

Treasurer Report—John Charles— the total funds we have as of this date consists of \$14,328.22 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,265.15 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$23,593.37. He reminded all that dues statements have been sent and he would encourage all to get them in as soon as possible to best qualify for additional points for the chapter in the Americanism Award. We have 70 members who have renewed and paid so far. A motion to accept this report and file this with the auditor report was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins— was not present and there was no report.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow- was not present and there was no report

Historian Report—Ben Edmondson – encouraged all to get any event information to him for compilation of this year's Yearbook.

Sgt.-at-Arms Report—Jeff Patrick- was not present and there was no report

Chapter Development Committee Report—Ken Lawrence-we will be planning Life Saving, Fire Department, and EMT Public Service awards in the near future.

On Veterans Day, November 11th at 11AM we will be presenting the Outstanding Veteran Award at OTC on the front steps with color guard and any member who would like to attend.

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History Explorers will be November 12th via zoom.

Wreathes Across America at the Springfield National Cemetery will be December 21st at 8AM before our December OMC meeting.

We will have a Veterans Recognition award at our next months' meeting of the OMC

He thanked those that attended the zoom Grave Marking for George Caffey on October 3rd at Cole Camp Missouri to also let Gary Gift know if you had attended for Fogg award credit.

State President J. Howard Fisk spoke about Legends of Conservation at Wonders of Wildlife virtually and will be taped this year

On January 9th at 10:00 AM there will be an 1812 event at Wilsons Creek Battlefield for Josiah Edgars who is buried there. He is the descendent of a Patriot of the Revolutionary War. This will be the first award for the Patriot's Sons and Daughters Medallion in the country.

Compatriot Gary Bishop spoke briefly about the Eagle Scout Award. We will be contacting the area council offices to get lists of this years' Eagle Scouts but also those that have received their rank and are still under 18 years of age from previous years. This should be around 100-120 young men and maybe soon to be young women.

President Gary Gift –again connected with Compatriot Ronald Ross to give his history of his Patriot via zoom. He transferred from his Tulsa Chapter of the SAR

Ronald Ross #145098

His Patriot Ancestor ws Private Joseph Baker who served in the South Carolina 2nd Regiment, Colonel Francis Marion's Guerilla Fighters, Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery, 1776-1780. He fought in the Battles of Moultrie, Jackson, and Charleston. Joseph Baker's birth date is unknown but probably around 1765 in South Carolina and appears to have spent his entire life in South Carolina. He was married to Mary, maiden name unknown, in 1788 and died in probably 1826. He is buried in the Trinity

Methodist Church cemetery in Charleston, South Carolina.

Something interesting he found about Colonel Francis Marion. He was nicknamed "The Swamp Fox" for his use of guerilla warfare tactics, cunning, and resourcefulness. His legend was depicted and exaggerated by the character played by Mel Gibson in the movie "The Patriot".

Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton- the minutes from last months' meeting were included in the past months' Patriot Newsletter and he asks for a motion to accept them as written. The minutes were moved and seconded and passed.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—None

New Business—Compatriot George Swales spoke on behalf of the entire State SAR to all of our members who are participating in youth programs of all types to take the "Youth Protection Program" that is required to work with youths during our SAR programs. It does require some time of approximately 30 minutes and has included in it three parts and a test and certification is presented on completion. Upon completion you are to send or scan a copy of the printed certification to our Treasurer, John Charles, who will collate these and keep records for liability reasons. If there is difficulty in signing into the program contact George for help. There is still a certification program which is different and separate for the scouting participation certification. The SAR certification will be required to be updated every 3 years.

Compatriot Ben Edmondson has taken charge of the son of William Freeman who is buried at Union Camp Ground to have a ceremony for the Patriot's Sons and Daughters of Patriots.

Next months' meeting in November will include supplemental memberships for Joel Montieth, David Appleby, and Charles McMillan.

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

Compatriot Don Higginson led the Recessional.

Chaplain Dan Philbrick gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:02AM

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

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 Review 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 also a Scout "Order of The Arrow Scout," which is like a Scouts Honor Society. They must be invited and voted in by Peers and by Adult Scout Leaders.

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)

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.**



Here Ye! Here Ye!

It is annual dues time again (for 2021)

***Remember ... Ozark Mountain Chapter gets points toward the Josiah Fogg (Best Chapter) Award and the Americanism Award for each member who pays his dues on time as well as extra points for paying early (*the most points are earned for paying in September). All dues must be turned in by the end of the year.**

Regular Annual Dues cover the following:



\$35 to support the National Society SAR and receive the quarterly *SAR Magazine*

\$16 to support the Missouri State Society

\$20 to support the Ozark Mountain Chapter

\$71 = Total Regular Dues for 2021

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OR bring to the chapter meeting. If you have any questions, call Treasurer John Charles at 417-881-6060 or e-mail: jchuck1@att.net.

Upcoming Events



November 17—Fire Safety Award. Contact President Gift for more information to attend.



November 21—Ozark Mountain Chapter Monthly Meeting via Zoom. Information coming soon.