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## The President's Message

*By President Crismon Brayman*

**Introduction.** Well, so much for October! It was a great month, but gone too soon. However, November is a great month also and brings us Thanksgiving, Veterans Month and usually, more beautiful weather. I am still thinking about changes to help our

chapter. We do so many great things and we continue to meet the mission of the National Society of the SAR, but we must also care for our

chapter and our members and find ways to do effective fundraising, to help purchase and upgrade needed equipment as well as the ongoing awards, certificates and presentations we offer. We must also do more together. I believe we must also be in service to each other and our families. Being in the SAR is a gift from our ancestors, a great privilege and honor, and we should take time to enjoy what we have been given. Several of our officers and members are working on ideas to make these things happen. We need your ideas and assistance as well. My email is [CRISBRAYMAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CRISBRAYMAN@GMAIL.COM). Feel free



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## Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 18th, 2023 at Our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club at 11:30 AM

**First Vice-President Charles McMillan** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM via with 22 members and 8 guests.

He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation, then he led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Pledge to the SAR.

**First Vice-President Charles McMillan** introduced **The Springfield DAR Rachel Donelson Chapter Regent, Pat Haas**, as our guest speaker of the day.

She thanked the OMC for allowing her to come today to speak for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She acknowledged the other DAR members in the audience today. She stated she appreciated and enjoyed working with the OMC in various events and projects and thanked the OMC Color Guard for its participation in the recent event at the Maple Park Cemetery. She stated that recently the DAR inducted Margaret Swales, the wife of our MOSSAR Past President George Swales. Into the Rachel Donalson Chapter.

The NADAR was founded on October 11th, 1890, and has approximately 190,000 members and over 3000 chapters, and has chapters in 8 foreign countries. Missouri has 102 chapters and the local chapter of Rachel Donalson was founded on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1910 and has 249 members and is the largest chapter in the state. Their Missions are Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. She told a story of one of the founders, Eugenia Washington, who stated they wanted a society that was founded on service and thus encouraged all its members to volunteer for service in whatever way they wanted to do so in their community. Across the US members have volunteered in the US for more than 2.5 million hours of service this year. Most of the work locally is done through committees and their chapter has nearly 50 committees. They do have a SAR/DAR Liaison and their chairwoman is our own Anita Philbrick.

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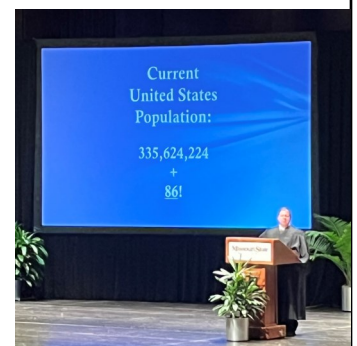


honored Revolutionary Warriors and enjoyed a large crowd, an elementary school choir, veteran performers and our



own Color Guard and Musket Tribute by Steve Perkins (this event was coordinated and led by Compatriots Howard Fisk and Gary Gift).

We also assisted with a Color Guard as the Rachel Donaldson Chapter of the DAR held a plaque dedication at Maple Park Cemetery on 8 October (thanks much to Compatriot 'FireDan' Piedlow). We supported yet another Naturalization Ceremony on 19 October (led by Compatriot Norm Knowlton). Finally, we had another great session for the History Explorers program, this time highlighting



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Young Patriots of the Revolution and presented by Branson High School's AFJROTC cadets, on 26 October. What a month of service and success!



**Our Mission.** As always, I want to remind us all to keep our mission at the forefront:

1. **Execute the mission of the SAR** (promote patriotism and honor our patriot ancestors).
2. **Acknowledge and celebrate our heritage** (enjoy our time together, appreciate our freedom, and relish the blessing of our honorable forefathers).
3. **Serve our members** (we all need support, companionship, group camaraderie, and we need to enjoy our meetings together).
4. **Improve efficiency and effectiveness** of our efforts, to include administrative tools, a new website and enhanced online capabilities. Some officers met to discuss this fundraising and we will be acting on those ideas soon. Keep ideas flowing; else, we cannot continue to pay for the awesome awards, buy equipment, and properly honor our outstanding members and citizens.

**Attend and Engage.** As always, I ask that all members try to make it to the monthly meetings and do what you can to help accomplish our mission. Though the meetings are important, the educational and patriotic events are also critical. Many of us are busy, with family and duty obligations so I know how tough it can be to find time to support the chapter. However, keep trying and please remember the following: **We are obligated by our heritage and by honor, to remind or teach our citizens how we earned our independence and our status as a great nation. And, we absolutely must fight to perpetuate our nation, the principles of our constitutional republic, and the freedom our forefathers fought for.** I also believe it brings satisfaction and pride to each of us to participate, teach, and inform. I know this part of



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my message is repetitive, but we really need help. I am sure that each of you have a special talent, a capability, or ideas that will help us perform the mission of the SAR. So, don't be shy ... reach out. You don't have to know everything -- just come, listen, shake hands and get the picture of what is happening and go from there. Find a mission element that you are good at. Let's share the burden and the rewards and make our chapter what you want it to be. I am doing all I can to keep it interesting and fun. We must enjoy what we are doing while we appreciate the positions for which we are endowed.

**Cats & Dogs.** I am repeating some info here ... The 2024 dues drive is underway. You should have already seen a notice to pay your dues. If you have not responded, please do that ASAP. The national dues have increased from \$35 per year to \$50 per year. Sorry about that...it is the way of things these days. It is a large increase but thankfully, it is the first increase in 7 years. In any case, thank you for paying up so national, state, and chapter activities/support can continue. Another issue involves the Sgt Ariel Nims Chapter, Joplin: In 2024 OMC members living in the greater Joplin area can anticipate growth in the Nims chapter, and that those OMC members closer to Joplin will be encourage to become dual members, and to assist with the rebuilding effort. Finally, concerning the Future West Plains chapter: OMC members who live closer to West Plains can anticipate creation of a new chapter in West Plains. Our Registrar, Compatriot Steve Perkins, is sending out information concerning these chapters and dual membership issues. Those OMC members will be encouraged to become primary chapter members in the new chapter, while maintaining a dual membership with OMC for several years.

**On the Horizon.** Please review the calendar at [www.ozarkmountainsar.org](http://www.ozarkmountainsar.org) (yes, the new website is still in progress). Looking into November, you will see that we have our CDC meeting at the Perkins home on 9 November. Our next General Membership Meeting is on Saturday, 18 November. Note that the November meeting is also a Veterans Recognition Luncheon at the Hickory Hills Country

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Club at 3909 E Cherry St, in Springfield. Seats are limited and there is a significant cost for the meal. If you haven't secured a seat yet but would like to attend, please contact Treasurer John Angst. We also have several other veterans' events to accomplish in November. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NEWSLETTER to see what is coming.  
Respectfully,  
Crismon A. Brayman, President

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She introduced some coming events:

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM, is their local chapter meeting at Christ Episcopal Church and their guest speaker is Kavan Stull who is the Historic Interpreter for Captain Harry S Truman as a World War I Soldier.

This past year the DAR celebrated the Boston Tea Party. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> will be the 250 anniversary of this event. The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum has asked those who are interested in participating by sending loose-leaf tea to them. By sending them your loose-leaf tea, they will throw them into the Boston Harbor on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be part of their celebration with the reenactment of the Boston Tea Party. For those that send in some tea, you will receive a certificate of recognition that you did participate. She made available fliers for this event.

America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding they will be part of the Missouri's 250<sup>th</sup> Commission and their project they will be planting a tree and placing a marker at the Greene County Court House on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. They will be contacting us for our involvement.

She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and an OMC Challenge Coin. Pictures were taken with all the other DAR members present.

**First-Vice- President Charles McMillan** had guests introduced two new members to OMC including Don King who just completed his application from Marshfield, MO, and Mark Blount from Georgia who is transferring his membership to the OMC.

**Officer Reports**

**First Vice-President Charles McMillan** reported on

his recent trip to Yorktown, VA, and described the affairs of the celebration. He called the Battle a "Siege". He was impressed by the means by which the Colonists choked the British and described the redoubt positions by the British which were taken by Alexander Hamilton (redoubt #10) and Marquis de Lafayette (redoubt #9). He encouraged all to visit the YouTube documentation of not only Yorktown but also other Battles. Then he went on to visit Jamestown, Virginia.

**Second Vice-President- Jim Robinette** – not present- no report

**Treasurer – John Angst**—The total funds we have as of today consist of \$13,809.00 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,776.18 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These accounts total \$23,585.18. The report was to be sent to the audit committee for review.

**Audit Report—John McAlear**—as requested, he has examined the July 1, 2023 –September 30, 2023 OMCSAR financial records to him by Treasurer John Angst. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for deposits and disbursements, and the OMCSAR Treasurer's Reports.

It was, of his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR. This report was moved seconded and passed.

**Secretary report- Norm Knowlton**-acting as Secretary –no new report. He did describe the symbol of the Poppy and its meaning from World War I and the establishment of the remembrance for those who served and died in the US Military and the proclamation of Armistice Day to Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM on 1918.

**Editor Report—Dan Piedlow**- he apologized for the delay in getting last month's Newsletter out because of delays in getting reports to him. Told all to get pictures of events that members are involved in and get them to him and our Historian for documentation. He will be changing the form of the

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Newsletter into an E-Magazine in the future.

**Genealogist Report**—Steve Perkins- we will be inducting 6 new members today into the OMC but there will be others from the past and others in the future since he has been very busy. We have had 2 new approvals in the past couple of weeks. MOSSAR will establish a new chapter in the West Plains area in 2024. Three of today's inductees will transfer primary chapter membership to the new chapter. Those that are already members of OMC who reside closer to West Plains will be asked to make the new chapter their primary chapter. They will also be retained in the OMC with a two-year no-cost dual membership. We have had 4 new submissions to the MOSSAR. It takes about 6-8 weeks for approval to research these applications

He continued with a **Color Guard report**-they participated in the Maple Park ceremony-October 8<sup>th</sup> and he received a nice card from the DAR for our OMC participation. He encouraged all to attend the Color Guard events or consider becoming a member in the Color Guard. For the SAR this is "Our Face" with the community. We have 134 members in the OMC.

**Please pay your dues.**

**First Vice President Charles McMillan** also stated that there is a Memorial Application membership for those who have passed away. He received one for his father from his ancestor and Patriot Archibald McMillan.

**Historian Report—Jeremy Boes** —not present- no new report. Please get pictures and documentation of events that you might participate to Jeremy as well as Dan Piedlow.

**Sgt.-at-Arms Report—Dan Piedlow**—no new report

**Chapter Development Committee Report-Ben Edmondson**—he announced the upcoming events:

October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM the History Explorers Program at the Brentwood Library on "Young Patriots" and will be presented by the JROTC Cadets from the Branson High School,

Later that evening on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM The

Honor Flight will be arriving in Springfield National Airport with Veterans returning from their visit to Washington D.C.

October 28<sup>th</sup> in St Louis at the Westport Sheraton Inn there will be the Quarterly meeting of the MOSSAR at 4:00 PM in conjunction with their program that weekend

November 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a flag retirement program at Camp Arrowhead being headed up by Compatriot Gary Gift

November 9<sup>th</sup> will be the next Chapter Development Committee meeting at 6:30 PM at Compatriot Steve Perkin's residence

November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veterans Day Parade in Joplin, MO at 10:00 AM, and Compatriot Steve Perkins is heading this event

November 13<sup>th</sup> is the Veterans recognition event at OTC at 11:00 AM where we will recognize their outstanding Veteran from their student body

November 18<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club at 11:00 AM with a luncheon to follow. The invitations and selections of one's lunch are available through Charles McMillan with menus provided

We then had an Intermission.

**New Business**

**Compatriot John Hathcock- the Chairman of the Veterans Recognition Committee for MOSSAR-**

He recommended the formation of a Veterans Recognition Committee at each MOSSAR chapter including our OMC. It was determined that we already had one but with a unanimous vote, John Hathcock was elected to be the Chair of the OMC VRC.

**Compatriot Norm Knowlton** announced that the OMC will be hosting the 2026 Annual MOSSAR meeting here in Springfield at the University Plaza Hotel the last weekend in April 2026. At that function, there will be included many activities including the Naturalization Ceremony of over 180 new citizens presided over by the Honorable Judge

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Doug Harpool. Please put it on your calendar for that event. We will also be presenting a plaque at the Greene County Court House with the names of all the Patriots that are buried in Greene County. We will also be celebrating Patriots Day at Phelps Grove Park.

**First Vice President Charles McMillan Inducted New Members:**

**Drew Zimmer (William Zimmer)**

**Ricky G. Pirch (Joseph Whiteley)**

**Garry Pirch (Joseph Whiteley)**

**Steven Lee Lawson (Thomas Gaines)**

**Jeffrey Craig Settle (James Craig)**

**Brian Howard Felt (Samuel Felt)**

They were given the Oath to the SAR. He asked them to help preserve and enrich our American Heritage by supporting our patriotic historical and educational events with their time and talents. Attend all the events.

He went on to describe the history of the SAR and the meaning of its symbol and logo.

The new members were pinned with their rosettes by their sponsors and family. They were given their Certificate of Membership, an OMC Challenge Coin, and a copy of their Application. Pictures were taken individually and in group

He invited the inductees to give some information about their ancestors.

Ricky Pirch gave his ancestor/patriot story from Joseph Whiteley.

Jeffrey Settle gave his ancestor/patriot story from James Craig.

It was asked of all the new members to submit their patriot history to our Historian and Editor for publication and remembrance.

**Compatriot Steve Perkins** displayed a Patriot Logo that was made by **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** to be used at Grave Markings of Patriot's and Patriot's Sons and Daughters. He thanked him for his production and had him come in front for pictures of

his gift

**Compatriot J. Howard Fisk**- since COVID our membership is now starting to grow back. We do 60 to 80 events per year and encourage all to partake. He encouraged all to come to our History Explorer program this week-this being one of the 24 quarterly events that we have had at the Library.

**Committee Report**—No additional reports

**Old Business**—No Old Business

**New Business**—No New Business

A motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and passed

**Chaplain Dan Philbrick** gave the Benediction

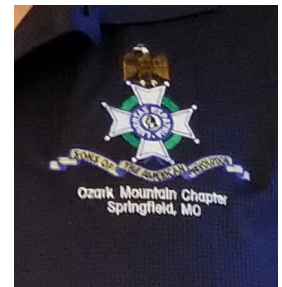
The Meeting ended at 10:24 AM

Respectfully submitted.

**Norman Knowlton, Acting Secretary**

**REMINDER**

All OMC members who have had a change of contact information are requested to notify chapter registrar Steve Perkins (patriotmarcher @ fastmail . com) and provide updated address, phone, or e-mail address. This will greatly aid OMC in its endeavors toward keeping communication current with members.



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.

## George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

Transcript of President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 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 tranquility, 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 enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to

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 shown 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 increase 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.

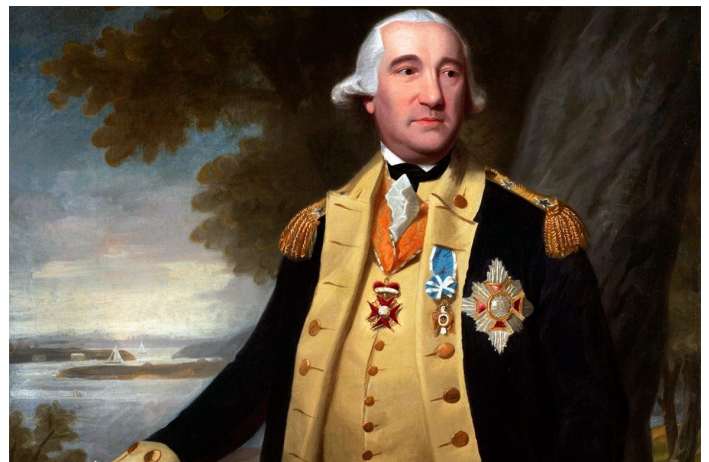
Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go. Washington

## At Ease: Baron von Steuben's Final Resting Place

by Alexandra I. Griffeth

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2023/08/at-ease-baron-von-steubens-final-resting-place/>



Portrait of Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben by Ralph Earl. (Yale University Art Gallery)

Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, more commonly known as Baron von Steuben, served as a military officer in both the Prussian and American armies. He fought in the Prussian army for sixteen years, rising through the ranks from cadet in 1747 to adjutant

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general on the king's staff in 1759. In 1762, he served as aide-de-camp to King Frederick II.[1] With the end of the Seven Years' War, Steuben resigned his commission and spent his time at court and traveling.

In September 1777, Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane recommended von Steuben's services to George Washington. They detailed his lengthy service with the Prussian king and had the recommendation of the French foreign minister, Comte de Vergennes and minister of war Comte de St. Germain. Franklin and Deane described von Steuben as having "a true Zeal for our Cause, and a View of engaging in it, and rendering it all the Service in his Power." [2] In his own letter to Washington, von Steuben offered to serve as a volunteer, and stated, "the Object of my greatest Ambition is to render your Country all the Services in my Power." [3]

General Washington recognized the value of Baron von Steuben's military experience and appointed him inspector general of the Continental Army. Von Steuben utilized the Commander in Chief's Guard to build a model company of soldiers, [4] used to train the rest of the army. The Baron's drill manual, called the Blue Book because early editions were printed with blue covers, provided the foundation of training that has evolved and endured in the U.S. Army. The book given to new recruits upon entering basic training is still called *The Soldier's Blue Book*. [5]



Despite his legacy and fame as a Founding Father, Baron von Steuben's life after the Revolutionary War is less familiar. He received property from various states as thanks for his patriotic service, though like much of the Continental Army, he never received all the pay he was due. New

Jersey granted him the use of a house which had formerly belonged to Jan Zabriskie, a Loyalist. Five years later, von Steuben sold the house and lands

back to the Zabriskie family to pay debts. [6] He wrote to William North, a former aide-de-camp, that as soon as the house was sold, the proceeds would "immediately pay to you the money, you so



generously lend me." [7] After leaving New Jersey, von Steuben moved to land he owned in the state of New York, which he had used as a summer residence.

It was there, at his summer estate, that he died in November 1794. Originally buried in a simple grave, in 1870, New York Governor Horatio Seymour laid the cornerstone for his current memorial. [8]

Of the 16,000 acres granted to von Steuben by the state of New York in gratitude for his services during the War, 53 acres are preserved as the Steuben Memorial State Historic Site. [9] Located amidst farmland in upstate New York, about a half-hour drive from Rome, New York, a simple sign at the head of a gravel lane marks the entrance to the park. The lane leads to a two-room log cabin which von Steuben used as a summer residence until his death. It is a humble abode, very different from the lifestyle he enjoyed as a minor aristocrat in the European courts. At the time of my visit, the entrance gate was unlocked and open, but the site itself was unstaffed and the cabin locked. The New York Parks and Recreation website notes that the Steuben Memorial State Historic site is co-managed with the staff from Fort Stanwix National Monument. [10] The site boasts some picnic tables near the cabin and hiking trails throughout the woods.



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A short walk through a lush forest leads to the Baron's grave. A large monument, simply carved with a wreath and his last name, flanked by four cannons, rests over his mortal remains. Nearby, a sign declares the name of the coppice to be the Sacred Grove. Various plaques throughout the property honor Baron von Steuben's work and legacy. While the Steuben Memorial State Historic Site is off the beaten path, it is well worth the drive. It is a peaceful and quiet place to enjoy the New York countryside while honoring the man who "gave military training and discipline to the citizen soldiers who achieved the independence of the United States." [11]

Steuben Memorial State Historic Site, 9941 Starr Hill Road, Remsen, NY 13438

[1] Dana W. Bigelow, "Baron Steuben, At Home, At Rest, In Oneida County," *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*, Vol. 14 (1915), 92.

[2] *The Papers of George Washington*, Revolutionary War Series, vol. 12, 26 October 1777 – 25 December 1777, ed. Frank E. Grizzard, Jr. and David R. Hoth (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2002), 567-568.

[3] Baron von Steuben to George Washington, December 6, 1777, [founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/03-12-02-0519](https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/03-12-02-0519).

[4] Valley Forge National Historical Park, "Commander in Chief's Guards," Exhibit Sign (2023).

[5] U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, *The Soldier's Blue Book: The Guide for Initial Entry Training Soldiers*, TRADOC Pamphlet 600-4 (Fort Eustis: Department of the Army, 2014).

[6] Carol Karels, *The Revolutionary War in Bergen County* (Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2017), 61.

[7] Kevin W. Wright, *The Bridge That Saved a Nation, Bergen County, New Bridge and the Hackensack Valley* (Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2019).

[8] New York State Education Department, "Steuben Memorial State Historic Site," Sign (1932).

[9] New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, "Steuben Memorial State Historic Site," Historic Sites (2023).

[10] New York State Parks, "Steuben Memorial State Historic Site" (2023).

[11] Engraving on the Baron von Steuben statue at Lafayette Park, Washington, DC.

## Important Dates in History

**Oct 1:** British Troops arrive in Boston 1768

**Oct 4:** Americans driven off at the Battle of Germantown 1777

**Oct 7–25:** The Stamp Act Congress 1765

**Oct 7:** Burgoyne loses second battle of Freeman's Farm, NY (at Bemis Heights) 1777

**Oct 7:** Battle of Kings Mountain 1780

**Oct 9:** American attempt to recapture Savannah, GA fails 1779

**Oct 9:** Battle of Yorktown 1781

**Oct 10:** Point Pleasant Battle (first battle of war) 1774

**Oct 11:** Benedict Arnold defeated at the Battle of Valcour Island (Lake Champlain) 1776

**Oct 13:** The U.S. Navy is established 1775

**Oct 14:** Washington names Nathanael Greene commander of the Southern Army 1780

**Oct 17:** Burgoyne surrenders to American General Gates at Saratoga, NY 1777

**Oct 19:** Articles of Capitulation Signed ending war 1781

**Oct 20:** The Association (prohibition of trade with Great Britain) 1774

**Oct 22:** Hessian attack on Fort Mercer, NJ repulsed 1777

**Oct 24:** Galloway's Plan rejected 1774

**Oct 28:** The Americans retreat from White Plains, New York. British 1776

**Oct 30:** John Adams Birthday 1735

**Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, and Margaret Swales**

**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**

# Awards and Events

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Missouri SAR kicked off the annual Catts-Crawford Festival & Chautauqua, Saturday, October 7, 2023. The event is hosted by and offered to the general public for historical and educational value, by John & Billie Fulton at their farm just south of Mount Vernon. The farm was first settled on by the descendants of a Patriot of the war of the revolution.

Color Guard, at President Cris Brayman's command, presented colors posting them with historic flags, including the Spain and France flags. President Cris Brayman then requested the Honors Choir from Miller Elementary School to sing the National Anthem. Navy Veteran Max Burson contributed by playing Amazing Grace on the clarinet. The other bookend to the opening of the Chautauqua was the playing of Taps by Logan Nied immediately after a musket salute. They were all presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

This years' program focus began with Steve Perkins' presentation on the Battle of Fort San Carlos, the most chronicled battle west of the Mississippi. Howard Fisk then shared more history and acknowledgment of the Osage Indian tribal lands throughout the region, including on the very ground on which we stood. He also gave a presentation on Spain's support to the war for American independence.

A flag determined no longer serviceable was retired in a ceremony led by Gary Gift. Numerous chapter members assisted, and area school children were given a stripe cut from the flag. The stripes and canton were then destroyed in the fire. It was a beautiful, crisp autumn day attended by just over 100 persons.



Inspection of the flag to be retired.



A red stripe from the flag is presented before placing in the fire.



The Honors Choir from Miller Elementary School from Miller, Missouri.



Compatriot Steve Perkins firing the musket.

# Awards and Events



Logan Nied playing taps at the Catts-Crawford event.



OMC President Cris Brayman presents Bill Catts a Certificate of Recognition.



OMC President Cris Brayman presents Navy Veteran Max Burson a Certificate of Recognition.



OMC President Cris Brayman presents land owners, John and Billie Fulton a Certificate of Recognition.



OMC President Cris Brayman presents Logan Nied a Certificate of Recognition.



OMC President Cris Brayman presents Miller Elementary School Honors Choir a Certificate of Appreciation.



The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are \$30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and \$35.00 if he has to mail it to you.

# Awards and Events

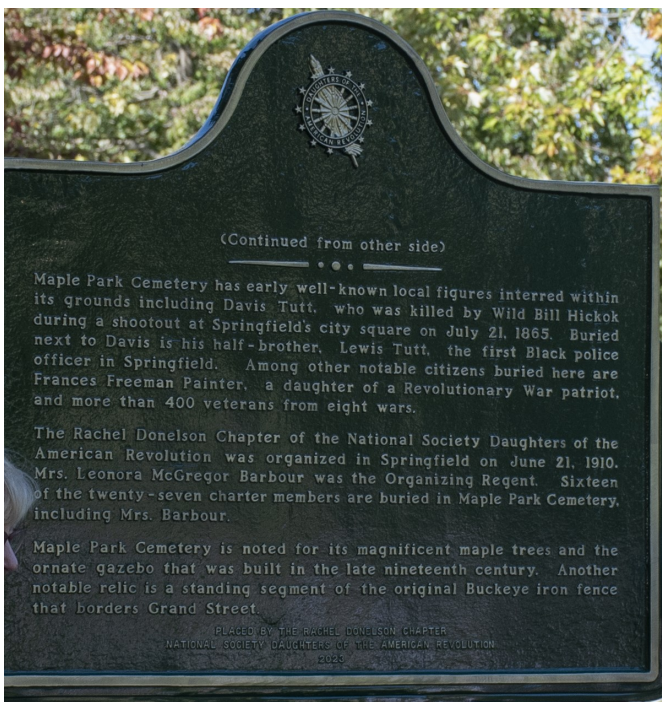
Sunday, October 8, the Ozark Mountain Chapter presented and retired colors for the Rachel Donelson Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution at the Historic Maple Park Cemetery. The DAR chapter unveiled a Historical Marker they dedicated to the Cemetery. OMC Compatriots in attendance were, Crismon Brayman, Gary Gift, J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins, Charles McMillan, and Daniel Piedlow (Photographer).



Presentation of Colors.



DAR unveiling the marker.



Retiring Colors.

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On October 16th, Compatriot Daniel Piedlow visited the New Covenant Academy and presented the 5th grade class with the Poster Contest. There were approximately 60 students in attendance.



On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Ozark Mountain chapter members (MOSSAR) traveled to Aurora and Marionville Missouri where First Children/Grandchildren medallions were affixed to the grave markers of Samuel Phariss and his son Samuel M. The first stop was to the Samuel and Catherine Phariss Memorial Cemetery (FAG CemID 2686682) several miles north of Aurora.



Noralee Faulkner & Steve Perkins at Samuel & Catherine Phariss Memorial Cemetery



In October 2021, the Samuel & Catherine Phariss Memorial Cemetery was commemorated after being resurrected from heavy brush and trees by direct descendant DAR members Noralee Faulkner and Barbara Brauch. They crusaded and received lots of volunteers for a cause to honor the memory of these early settlers and their families who set down deep roots in Lawrence County, Missouri in the 1840's. One of the attendees commented that the Phariss's had an influence in the evolution of the county, and he pondered why a town did not bear the name "Phariss".

Patriot Samuel Phariss, was born 3 Feb 1741 in Virginia, likely the Shenandoah Valley and was a provisioner of beef to the Continental Army. His family, like many others that later moved to Missouri, first settled in Tennessee. Their presence in Cocke County is proved in early Baptist church records. By 1819 he and 3 sons moved on to Rhea County Tennessee, and an older son Samuel Jr. settled in nearby Sevier County. The patriot's death recorded in a surviving family Bible, was in 1836, and wife Elizabeth in 1841.

Son Samuel Jr was born in 1771 when the family was living in Fauquier County Virginia. Years after the family moved to Tennessee Samuel married Catherine McNabb and they owned 160 acres in Sevier County. There

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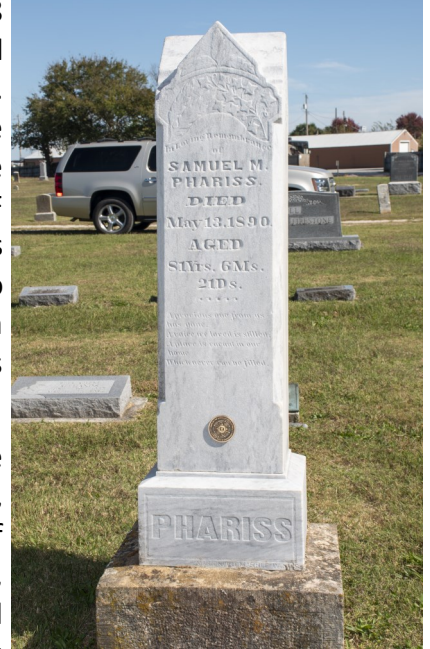
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was little available land for his nine children, so they with eight of the children removed to Southwest Missouri about 1838. He appeared in the 1940 census for Barry County in the part later set off to become Lawrence County. One of Samuel's sons, b. 1808



Bud Allhands, Larry Allhands, Steve Perkins, Noralee Faulkner,

was also named Samuel M. Phariss. He and wife Belle are buried in the Marionville IOOF Cemetery. His gravestone was also marked with a medallion. (photos by Dan Piedlow)



Societies west of the original colonies, especially west of the Mississippi river, have an increased

opportunity to recognize patriots by placing the Patriot's Sons and Daughters medallion on gravestones of the child or grandchild generation.



## Yorktown, VA 19 October 2023

Compatriot Charles McMillan had the honor of representing the Missouri Society and the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution by playing the drum in the Yorktown Day Commemoration. I also laid two wreaths at the grave of Virginia Militia Commander Thomas Nelson, Jr. He was a Governor of Virginia and most notably a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I hope to encourage our members to visit these battle sites and re-live the history.

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On October 19th, the Ozark Mountain Chapter participated in the Naturalization Ceremony that was held at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. In attendance were (from L-R): Compatriot Gary Gift, Judge Harpool, Compatriots Norman Knowlton, and Steve Perkins.



Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR Regent Pat Haas speaking at the Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR meeting (L). OMC Vice-President Charles McMillan presenting Regent Pat Haas with a Certificate of Appreciation .



The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

## Birthday's

John Hathcock	10-5
Stephen Brake	10-6
Derrol Hutton	10-7
Guy Mikesell	10-12
Timothy Smith	10-13
William Bishop	10-18
Nicholas Brake	10-18
James Robinette	10-19
Ben Edmondson	10-22
John Charles	10-29
John Jehle	10-29
Jerrod Zimmer	10-29
Donald Cospier	11-2
Edward Gwin	11-6
John Crandell	11-8
Jon Lorenzino	11-8
Chrisman Brayman	11-14
Caleb Jones	11-14
Justin Baty	11-15
Brian Felt	11-15
James Robinette	11-19
Eric Griessel	11-20
Kenton Miller	11-27
Donald Lucietta	11-28
Kavin Stull	11-28
Joshua Crocker	11-29



DAR members present at our meeting with OMC Vice-President Charles McMillan .

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OMC's newest members with their spouse's, and sponsors.



Compatriot Daniel Piedlow presenting Compatriot Steve Perkins with the Patriot Marker medallion with the holder he made for marking patriot's grave sites during Marker Ceremonies.



On Wednesday, October 25, 2023 eighty-plus veterans were ushered to the Washington D. C. war monuments by Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Hundreds gathered at the Springfield-Branson national airport waiting patiently for the 10:45 p.m. procession of the returning veterans. Ken Lawrence and Charles McMillan of the Ozark Mountain chapter MOSSAR, along with the governor of Missouri Mike Parsons, were among the many organizations and members of the general public, who steadily cheered and welcomed the weary vets and their Guardians.



Several photos from the HFOTC facebook page are included. <https://>





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Cadet's from Branson High School JROTC program speaking at the History Explorers event titled "Young Patriots."



On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Compatriot Charles McMillan presented flag Certificates to Compatriot Dan Piedlow and his wife, Doris. He also presented Flag Certificates to their neighbors, Mike and Donna Brooks, and Andy Nusbaumer.

# Upcoming Events



On November 9, at 6:30 PM, the OMC will be having their monthly Chapter Development meeting at Compatriot Steve Perkins home located at 3831 S. Virginia Place, Springfield. All members are welcome to attend.



On November 11, at 10:00 AM, the OMC Color Guard will be marching in the 36th Annual American Legion Veteran's Day Parade in Joplin.



On November 13, at 11:00 AM, the OMC will be having their Veterans Recognition Ceremony for outstanding veteran student at Ozark Technical College, located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



On November 18, at 11:00 AM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be having their annual Veterans Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club located at 3909 E. Cherry St., Springfield. If you have not purchased your meal ticket yet, the form is on the second to last page.



On December 2, at 1:00 PM, there is the Christmas at the Courthouse. The Ozark Mountain Chapter will be there with a table, information, and items for the public. If you are interested in attending to help, contact Compatriot Charles McMillan. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend.



On December 7, at 12:45 PM, the OMC Color Guard will be honoring all casualties from the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941. This event will be at the Springfield National Cemetery located at 1702 E. Seminole St., Springfield. All are welcome to attend.

# Upcoming Events



On December 7, at 6:30 PM, the OMC will be having their monthly Chapter Development meeting at Compatriot Steve Perkins home located at 3831 S. Virginia Place, Springfield. All members are welcome to attend.



On December 15, at 6:00 PM, the OMC will be having their Annual OMC/CAR dinner at Hickory Hills Country Club located at 3909 E. Cherry St., Springfield. Reservation form will be out soon.



On December 16, at 8:00 AM, the OMC will be at the Springfield National Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America event. The cemetery is located at 1702 E. Seminole St., Springfield. All are welcome to attend.



On December 16, at 9:00 AM, the OMC will be having their monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.



The First Thanksgiving

# Ozark Mountain Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

## 42nd ANNUAL VETERANS' LUNCHEON

Hickory Hills Country Club Ballroom  
November 18, 2023

Welcome 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00 PM

Shane Schoeller  
Greene County Clerk

Honored WWII Veteran  
John Roy Dodson

JROTC Command Honoree Roger Robinson, Maj USAF  
Bolivar, High School AFJROTC

JROTC 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Recipient

Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Outstanding Veteran

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### Hickory Hills Patriot Lunch

Mango Glazed Salmon, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes & Southern Green Beans \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Bourbon Maple Glazed Pork, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes & Southern Green Beans \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify us with your reservation if a special diet is required.**

Served with House Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Coffee or Tea

**\$45.00 per person if received by November 1<sup>st</sup> / \$48.00 after 1<sup>st</sup> - no promise of late seating.  
Please indicate your entrée choice for each attendee, make check payable to OMCSAR, and  
mail: OMC SAR, PO Box 11014, Springfield, MO 65808**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_