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President's Letter President J. Howard Fisk



On a visit to Washington DC this week I visited the National Portrait Gallery. First on my mind was the return of the National Treasure of the "American Presidents" exhibit and a new temporary exhibit, "The Face of Battle: Americans at War."

These two exhibits are chilling to patriotic Americans, because of the power of the images of our American Presi-They were just dents. men, however the opportunity to stand right in front of the likeness of Washington or Lincoln had a profound affect on me as I contemplated the tumultuous times that they endured. But for these men our life today would be unknown.

"America's Presidents" lies at the very heart of the museum's mission to tell American through individuals who have shaped the country. It showcases multiple images of the past 44 U.S. presidents, starting with Washington and continuing to

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Next Scheduled Meeting

Saturday Oct 21, 2017 at the Ozarks Technical College Room 108 9:00 am.

MSU, ROTC Dept.

Chapter Meeting Minutes Sept 16, 2017

meeting to order at 9:02 AM at the Ozarks Technical College, Room tember Total Balance of \$9,951.67 108, with 17 members and 7 guests.

Compatriot George Swales delivered the invocation; Compatriot John McAlear led the Pledge of

Allegiance and Compatriot Norman Knowlton led the Pledge to the SAR.

Vice President George Swales introduced our speaker, Dr. Brooks Blevins, History Professor, MSU.

Dr. Blevins topic, "The Ozarks as Indian Nation: Quatawapea's Failed Dream." See page 3 for this report.

Vice President George Swales Pretation.

Howard Fisk introduced new mem-Viorel IV, and Gerald Noble Fowler to the membership. He invited the three new inductees to step forward youth programs that we endorse as a chapter. to take the oath as well as Julie Sgt. of Arms Report: Charles Viorel, wife and mother of the McMillan encouraged the new Viorels, to assist in the pinning of the rosettes. Vice-President George all Chapter activities and offic-Swales performed the duties of swearing in the three new members the membership for assistance and presented them with their certificates and challenge coins. President senter for the upcoming season. Fisk asked each member and guests to introduce themselves to the chap- Committee Report:

Compatriot David Appleby with a old business. story and childhood memory. A copy of an archived Ozark newspaper article and photo, that Will had

found of David as a youth, in the Ozark library.

Officer Reports

Vice-President Report: Vice-President Swales reported that the October speaker will be sponsored by The 1812 Society. Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Morris, President of the Springfield Chapter of the 1812 society, Dan McMurray conveyed that the presenter would be Lt. Col. Morris MSU, ROTC Dept.

> Treasurer Report: Treasurer Glen Gohr reported the September financials. They are as follows:

President Howard Fisk called the July Total Balance of \$10,259.77, September Savings Account \$9,641.61, September Checking Account \$310.06. Sep-

> President Fisk ask for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made, second and approved.

> Glenn announced that dues of \$71.00 are now being collected and that all dues collected in September will gain the chapter more points toward the state Fogg Award. With this goal in mind Glen asked and encouraged all to pay their dues this

> **Secretary Report:** Secretary Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the July minutes published in the newsletter. The motion was made and approved.

> Genealogist Report: Genealogist Dan McMurray announced five (5) completed applications, 6 applications being actively worked on, one application at National for approval, 7 applicants showing interest and one supplemental application.

sented Dr. Brooks Blevins a chal- Editor Report: Editor Sentman was absent from our meeting lenge coin in appreciation for his as he was manning our chapter's display/exhibit at the Ozarks interesting and informative presen- Genealogical Society Fall Conference. Our chapter, under Tom Sentman's lead, is promoting a program to identify family members on Patriots buried here in Southwest Missouri. bers Lee John Viorel III, Lee John The purpose of attending the conference as a vendor, was to attract genealogist participation for this endeavor. Tom also hoped this exposure would promote the SAR and the many

> members to become engaged in es. He made a plea for help to in being a JROTC awards pre-

were no committee reports.

Compatriot Will Carr presented Old Business: There was no

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Barack Obama. Six presidents are given expanded attention because of their significant impact on the office: George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan.

"The Face of Battle: Americans at War" is a contemporary view of the shock and awe of war and what it does to our young men and women. part of the exhibit shows black and white images of exhausted filthy, stress worn soldiers in brutal reality. Another section shows photos of the bedrooms of young men and women who didn't come home. High school posters and model cars on shelves with soccer trophies or the Teddy Bear perched upon a frilly bedspread and girly headbands by the mirror that will never again see the owners reflection. was the somber, tearful reality that these parents had closed off these sanctuaries to life interrupted and were incapable of dealing with the reality of the dreadful loss to their family.

As we celebrate those who brought us a free country and maintained the Union, let us also remember those who continue to serve. We will all be the better for it.



New Business

Compatriot David Appleby presented to the membership the new finance program "Patriotic Youth and Service Program Patrons." This program involves individuals and corporate sponsors to purchase the different awards and contests that our chapter participates in. This allows funding for our community outreach, medals and contest scholarships without touching our existing bank account. David reported that the first phase of this new finance program has been 100% sold and we are totally funded for 2017-2018.

Compatriot Norman Knowlton requested Chapter and Color Guard participation on Sunday October 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the airport to honor Walt Cameron, Co-Founder and President of the Honor Flight of the Ozarks. We will present Walt with the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and certificate at a pre-flight program in front of veterans he serves.

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

Norman Knowlton led the Recessional; George Swales led the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:49 a.m.

September and October Birthdays

| LEWIS | NEBLETT | Sept. 9 | STEPHEN | BRAKE | Oct. 6 |
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| GLENN | GOHR | Sept. 18 | WILLIAM | CARR | Oct. 17 |
| NEIL | WHEELER | Sept. 19 | WILLIAM | BISHOP | Oct. 18 |
| NELSON | HERMILLA | Sept. 22 | NICHOLAS | BRAKE | Oct. 18 |
| JOHN | McALEAR | Sept. 23 | JOHN | CHARLES | Oct. 29 |
| JAMES | WHITED | Sept. 28 | | | |
| PHILIP | REINBOLD | Sept. 30 | | * | |

In Memoriam

I am sad to report that our compatriot and friend Robert D. Brannon passed away March 29, 2017.

He served on active duty in the Marine Corp. from 1966 to 1968, and Marine Reserve until 1972.

We knew him from Protem, MO. He was 70 years young!

Our condolences to his wife Kathleen Goyette, son Robert W. Brannon, and their families. Services were held at Canterbury, CT.

It is time for 2018 Dues

Our chapter gets points for the Josiah Fogg (Best Chapter) Award at MOSSAR and the Americanism Award at NSSAR for each member's dues that are paid early or on time. The sooner the dues are paid, the more points our chapter receives. You can help by paying dues now.

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

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Guest Speaker Dr. Brooks Blevins, History Professor, Missouri State University "The Ozarks as Indian Nation: Quatawapea's Failed Dream."



Dr. Blevins began his talk by telling a story of how different the Ozarks might have become if an idea of an Indian leader would have come to fruition. The Ozarks region at one time was a dumping ground for Indian migrants east of the Mississippi who were either pushed out or voluntarily left their homelands and found their way into the Ozarks.

The territory we call the Ozarks today was originally controlled by the Osage Indians as their hunting grounds. There was constant fighting among the Osage Indians and "immigrant Indians" such as the Cherokee, Shawnee and Delaware for control of what the Osage considered to be their land.

In the late 1700's groups like the Cherokee's, Shawnee's and Delaware's out east are feeling the pressure of white society moving into their area and they begin immigrating to the Ozarks.

Dr. Blevins continues stating that the territory which included the Ozarks at that time was owned by the Spanish. The Osage Indians and the Spanish did not get

along with one another. In attempt to remedy this problem, the Spanish invited the immigrant Indians into this area and gave them land grants to act as "buffer" between the Osage Indians in the Mississippi Valley where white communities lived. The Indian immigrants would initially settle around what is now Cape Girardeau. This immigration trend would continue as white encroachment continues out east. With the influx of immigrants, this area soon became an Indian territory with constant fighting against the Osage Indians for hunting privileges.

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson becomes President and purchase's the Louisiana Territory which includes the Ozarks. Jefferson envisioned the Louisiana territory would ideally be the area to move all eastern Indians due to white expansion. Here the Indians would live and after a few generations they would learn to "assimilate" into western culture and white society.

The problem was, the Indians did not want to assimilate, they wanted their own autonomy.

Around 1820 an immigrant Shawnee leader named Quatawapea, knowing the Indians wanted autonomy from white society, developed an idea as a compromise. His plan was to form an Indian nation here in the Ozarks white river valley.

The land was not that fruitful for farming but did provide hunting opportunities for his people.

Quatawapea befriends the Cherokee leader Takatoka, who agrees to the idea and the two Indian leaders set out to convince 11 other Indian tribes and the white fathers of this plan.

Quatawapea and Takatoka would travel to St. Louis with white wampum belts to meet with the Superintendent of Indian affairs, William Clark. The two chiefs presented their plan to William Clark and he approves the idea of an autonomous Indian nation with the caveat of approval from Washington DC.

Quatawapea and Takatoka leave St. Louis for Washington DC to present their plan to the government and Takatoka dies in route in Illinois. Quatawapea finally makes it to Washington DC meets with President John Quincy Adams who likes the idea of an Indian nation and approves the plan, However, when the proposal was unveiled to the Secretary of War who is also the Vice-President elect, John C. Calhoun, he rejects Quatawapea's autonomous Indian nation dream.

After the U.S. government rejection, the Eastern Shawnee and Cherokee also decline Quatawapea's white wampum belts idea removing all hopes of one innovative Indian chief that if implemented would have completely changed the landscape of Ozarks that we know and love today.

Dr. Blevins concluded his presentation with information that by 1830, immigrant Indians were removed from the Ozarks and relocated in land in what is now Oklahoma.

Five Significant Historical Events That Occurred In the Month of September. Presentation by Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Chapter Historian

September 8, 1781---The Battle of Eutaw Springs

September 2-3 1777--- Fort Henry Days

September 6, 1781---The Battle of Groton Heights

September 16, 1780--- Gatherings at Sycamore Shoals

September 19, 1777--- Battles of Saratoga (Freeman's Farm)

Battle of Eutaw Springs was the last engagement of the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas at Eutawville, Orange County, South Carolina

Fort Henry Days is not a celebration of the Battle by General U.S. Grant of Union forces at Fort Henry during the Civil War, but a celebration of the Fort Henry on the Ohio River proposed by Governor Dunmore of the Colony of Virginia. Governor Dunmore of Williamsburg, Virginia in June of 1774 ordered the formation of a fort at the mouth of the Kanawha River along the Ohio River. It was first called Fort Fincastle but changed its name after Governor Dunmore was a loyalist and Patrick Henry became the first Governor of the Virginia in June of 1776 to Fort Henry. The Fort Henry served as a base for protection for Virginia from the Indians before the War as well as defensive outpost to keep the British/ Indians from taking the Western Frontier of Ohio up to the St Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War the Dominion of Canada, as it was called, claimed this territory for England. It was persons like Colonel George Rogers Clark in December of 1777, who undertook the Western conquests into the region north of the Ohio River with aggressive campaigns on behalf of all the colonies against the British/Indians in the Northwest and defend Kentucky.

The Battle of Groton Heights - also called Battle of Fort Griswold-was between 150 Connecticut Militia led by Lt Colonel William Ledyard against a British force of 1700 led by Brig. General Benedict Arnold. Lt. General Sir Henry Clinton ordered General Arnold to raid the Connecticut port of New London in an unsuccessful attempt to divert General George Washington from marching against Lord Cornwallis's Army in Virginia. The raid was a success, but the Connecticut Militia stubbornly resisted the British attempts to capture Fort Griswold in Groton. Many of the attacking British leader and officers were killed or wounds but much of the defending garrison was killed or captured when the Fort was stormed.

Gatherings at Sycamore Shoals. Tennessee

These shoals proved strategic militarily and shaped the coming of Tennessee and Kentucky. Initially it was called Watauga Old Fields in 1770 by its founder explorer James Robertson-who later was the founder of Nashville, Tennessee. The Watauga Association was one of the first constitutional governments west of the Appalachian Mountains-later to become Tennessee.

In 1775 Richard Henderson and Daniel Boone negotiated the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals-purchasing a large part of Kentucky and part of Tennessee from the Cherokee Indians.

In September, 1780 the frontier Militia known as the "Overmountain Men" mustered at Sycamore Shoals as they prepared to march across the Appalachian Mountains on route to victory over the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The Battles of Saratoga. This Battle started on September 19, 1777 and was called The Battle of Freeman's Farm. With unsuccessful attempts at the first Battle leading to the Second Battle in October leading to the colonists defeating the British and capturing General Bourgoyne when the British Armies were not timely in their arrivals.

Three new members were sworn in to Sons of the American Revolution September 16, 2017.



Lee John Viorel III

Meet Lee John Viorel III, Lee John Viorel IV and Gerald Noble Fowler.

They all reside in Springfield, Missouri. Their patriot ancestors served in Virginia.

President J. Howard Fisk (left) and Vice President George Swales welcomed them to the OMCSAR at the chapter meeting Sept. 16, 2017.



Lee John Viorel IV



Gerald Noble Fowler

Chapter Events

275th Anniversary of Nathanael Greene's Birth

General Nathanael Greene, friend and comrade-in-arms of President George Washington, is the namesake of Greene County Missouri.

Greene County officials Bob Cirtin, Presiding County Commissioner, Commissioner Harold Bengsch and Commissioner Lincoln Hough, presented a City Proclamation commemorating the birth of Nathanael Greene. The event was held August 8, 2017.

Greene County Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin, and the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard, pose in front of the Nathanael Greene Memorial displayed at the Greene County Courthouse Rotunda, Mezzanine Level, in Springfield, Missouri.

Left to Right: Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin and OMC Color Guard members Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Kenneth Lawrence, and Charles McMillan.



OMC Compatriots Visit the Ozarks Genealogical Society Library—August 19, 2017



OMC compatriots visit the OGS Library in Springfield, Missouri.

From Left: Steven Perkins, J Howard Fisk, Norman Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, Gary Gift, Charles McMillan, George Swales, John Charles, John McAlear and Doris Wilson. She was our host and guide. Doris is a volunteer Librarian and is also committee chair of Outreach/ Publicity for the OGS.

Right: OMS members looked at rare maps, microfilm and other research materials that aren't available anywhere in Springfield.

The library is open Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month) and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Telephone: (417) 831-2773



Honor Flight—August 30, 2017

Springfield Honor Flight Reception

In 2016, a Good Citizen Award was presented to Lloyd Hoover, USN, for his service during WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars.



L-R: Color Guard member J. Howard Fisk, MCPO Lloyd Hoover, and OMC President Dan Philbrick.

Lloyd Hoo-(Left) ver with Compatriot Norman Knowlton. The Aug 30, 2017 Honor Flight departed Springfield for Washington. DC and later returned Springto field.



A Naturalization Ceremony was sponsored by Missouri State University Sept 13, 2017

Sixty (60) individuals from 27 countries became new citizens at this ceremony. The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in the event. After the swearing-in ceremony, many wanted to have their picture taken with the color guard members and the American Flag.



New Citizens Take the Oath of Allegiance.

(Courtesy of Office of Public Affairs Support and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.)





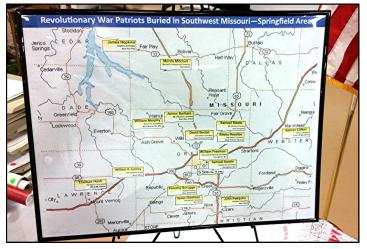
New citizen poses in front of the American Flag with OMC Color Guard members.

Left: Color Guard Members Dan McMurray, Kenneth Lawrence, a new citizen, and J. Howard Fisk.

Ozarks Genealogical Society 37th Annual Conference

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Exhibit/Display

September 16, 2017 Relics Event Center in Springfield, MO.



The OMC was invited to display/exhibit our chapter activities.

The theme of the display was **Revolutionary** War Soldiers Buried in Southwest Missouri—Springfield Area. Since the conference was held for genealogists, the display focused on the 14 Revolutionary War Patriots, their names and the collateral families.



"Our Patriots" is a program of work identifying descendants of patriot ancestors buried in the area and their family connections tween youth, their ancestors and America's founding fathers.

Visit Ourpatriots.com

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see

framed

up brochures.

Compatriot Charles McMillan works a shift. Other members at the display included: J. Howard Fisk, George Swales, Ken Lawrence, Dan McMurray, Norman Knowlton, John McAlear, John Charles and Tom Sentman.









The 2018 OGS Conbeing ference is planned.

Patriot Names Barham, James ousunnah E. Barham McXoir Thomas G. Barham Bedell, David Ruth Fairchild Bedell (Wife) Clifton, Nathan Madison Monroe Clifton Elder Alfred Clifton Sidney A. Clifton Sarah L. Clifton Ch Freeman, William Mary Bryan Freeman (Wife) John Freeman Lemuel B. Freeman Nancy Freeman Austin Reddick Freeman Wm. Freeman (Gr. Son of Reddick) Garrison, Isaac Jr. seph Garrison filliam Jacob Garriso ses Calvin Gar Hash, Thomas Conference attendees Headlee, Elisha and vendors came to display/ exhibit, asked ques-Hopkins, James tions, read the two display boards, and picked umley, William A.

Brochures displayed and available to attendees

OMC Color Guard Members Participate in Project Apple Seed—September 23. 2017 Presented by Compatriot Steven Perkins

In short, as their flyer states, their mission is to Discover the Heritage, Continue the Legacy, Experience the Rebirth.

Well-qualified instructors teach youth proper and safe use of firearms. It teaches fundamental skills of rifle marksmanship intertwined with history and heritage of our great nation. The Project feels rifle skills are becoming a lost art; however, it believes those skills are just as important today as they were April 19, 1775.



OMC Compatriots Steven Perkins (left) and Charles McMillan (right).

At every Appleseed shooting match, target shoot is separated by a period of history instruction. This year, Charles and I were invited to join their event in Billings, and talk a bit about the SAR, and about our respective uniforms and land pattern long rifles. Charles shared information about his ancestor serving in the New Hampshire militia, and the Charleville musket. I described features of the 1752 Brown Bess replica that I brought to the range.

I spoke briefly about my uniform being patterned after that of Col. Henry Knox during his first command of an artillery regiment prior to becoming General Washington's Brigadier General of Artillery.

I shared a little information about Colonial idioms and sayings that come from the flintlock weapon (flag in the pan, don't go off half-cocked, lock stock & barrel), and then demonstrated typical commands given to a soldier with a musket.

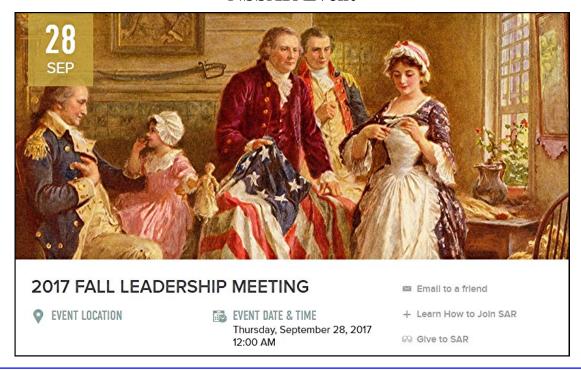
After demonstrating priming, loading and firing a powder cartridge, and how a cartridge is rolled, one of the parents and three of the youth were given the opportunity to fire the musket. The dirty work came later in the day when I spent 30-45 minutes cleaning the powder residue from the lock and barrel.

They were very thankful of our participation. Steven Perkins

For Information of Project Apple Seed visit https://appleseedinfo.org/

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NSSAR Event



OMC Members Attend the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY Sept 29-30, 2017



Left to right: Compatriots Gerald McCoy, J. Howard Fisk, David Appleby, Kenneth Lawrence and Dan McMurray. Compatriot Steven Perkins also attended the meeting.

Note: Six OMC members were part of the 14 attendees from the Missouri Society.

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Upcoming Events

President Fisk announced upcoming OMCSAR programs and invited chapter participation in these October events. The activities are as follows:

- October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. SAR Membership and Our Programs at the Library in conjunction with the Ozarks Genealogical Society meeting.
- October 3rd at 12:00 Noon 2017 Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Medal. Presentation. Mercy EMS Headquarters 1407 East St. Louis Street.
- October 4th at 7:00 p.m. History Explorers at the Library Center recognizing Revolutionary War Pa triots of Greene County their service and migration of the Patriots and their families.
- October 5, 1:30 p.m. Law Enforcement Recognition Presentation to Corporal Richard Cox at Sheriff's Conference Room, Judicial Courts Facility 1st Floor, 1010 North Boonville.
- October 7th at 10:00 a.m. Society of the War of 1812 with SAR Color Guard grave markings in Bolivar, MO. and 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke Cemetery just north and west of Marshfield.
- October 10th at 12:00 p.m. Korean War Veterans at the Elks Lodge. President Fisk will talk about Revo lutionary War Patriots.
- October 14th at 10:00 a.m. Hazelwood Cemetery 150th Anniversary and Samuel Austin grave marking with the DAR.
- October 14th at 2:00 p.m. Scott Turner Eagle Scout Court of Honor at First Baptist Church 525 South Avenue.
- October 15th at 1:00 p.m. Postponed to a Later Date. We will present the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Walt Cameron, Co-Founder and President of Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Springfield Branson Airport in the Board Room just inside the door on the east side of the Terminal.
- October 15th at 1:30 p.m. and October 19th at 9:00 p.m. Ozarks Watch Video Magazine Documentary
 highlighting the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the SAR with Dale Moore.
- October 17th at 2:00 p.m. The Fire Department is recognizing their newly promoted Fire Chiefs at the Busch Building. We were invited to make our presentation to the Outstanding Firefighter at that time.
- October 21, 9:00 a.m. Chapter Meeting.
- October 27, 3:00 p.m. Willard High School History Club President Fisk will portray Patriot William Freeman along with our Color Guard.
- October 28, 10:00 a.m. MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting at Columbia, MO.
- November 18th at 12:00 p.m. Annual Veterans Day joint meeting with the DAR at the Hickory Hills Country Club. Our Chapter will honor WW II veteran Jack Hamlin with the State Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Dr. Robert Spence will be the keynote speaker.