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President's Message

George Swales

"When it rains, it pours", as the saying goes. That was certainly the case in August and remains so thus far in September. With another

growing season rapidly coming to an end, let the Fall Festivals begin! Although the Chapter did not have a scheduled August Meeting, members still actively participated in events throughout the month. As the Fall chill sets in, planned September activities have ratcheted up, as have requests for our Chapter participation in events throughout the remainder of the year. The following pages contain a plethora of images from August and September, 2018, events including the South Central District Convention.

Revolutionary War Era military activity did not diminish over the summer and into the early Fall. The Battles of Groton Heights and Saratoga are two examples of American Colonists' undaunted efforts to fight for Independence against the British.

The Battle of Groton Heights, also known as the Battle of Fort Griswold, was fought on September 6, 1781. A small force of Connecticut Militia engaged a much larger British force. The British were ordered to raid the Port of New London, Connecticut, in an attempt to divert General George Washington's Army away from marching against Lord Cornwallis's Army in Virginia. Although successful, the raid resulted in significant British casualties, including several high-ranking officers being killed or wounded. The Connecticut Militia strongly resisted, but eventually the British entered the force and massacred the defenders. The Battle was the last major military encounter of the War in the northern United States. Later, at the Battle of Yorktown, the Marquis de Lafayette reportedly yelled, "Remember Fort Griswold", as American and French forces stormed the redoubts.

The Battles of Saratoga occurred on September 19, 1777, and October 7, 1777. The British Army, under Command of General John Burgoyne, moved South from Canada, invading New York with the hope to meet similar forces marching Northward from New York City and Eastward from Lake Ontario. Those forces never arrived and Burgoyne's Army was surrounded by American forces in upstate New York. Two small battles were fought on the same ground eighteen days apart, but Burgoyne was never

Next Chapter Meeting

October 20, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at

Ozarks Technical College, Room 108

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able to break out. He retreated to Saratoga, surrendering his entire Army there on October 17, 1777. The surrender marked a turning point of the War, with the French shortly thereafter agreeing to join the American effort in their War for Independence from Britain.

Thank you for your continued support of this Chapter. We are a very active Chapter and, if you have not already done so, we encourage you to participate in our activities. Please remember to submit a short bio of your Patriot to Ken Lawrence who will send it to National for inclusion in the Patriot's file.

Minutes from OMCSAR Chapter Meeting September 15, 2018

President George Swales called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 20 members and four (4) guests. Compatriot Dan Philbrick delivered the invocation. Compatriot John McAlear led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice-President Ken Lawrence led the Pledge to the SAR.

Vice-President Ken Lawrence inducted three new OMCSAR members **Gary Dale Gift, John David Hume and Chris Alan Adcock** to our ranks. Each was presented with his membership certificates and was pinned with the SAR rosette by Compatriot Genealogist's Will Carr (Left) and Dan McMurray (Right).



Individually, the three new members gave a biographical account of their SAR Patriot to the membership and were asked to provide their patriot information electronically to Ken Lawrence for submission to the SAR National Patriot Data Base.

President George Swales invited **Compatriot and Missouri House of Representative Curtis Trent** to give an update to the current legislative "veto override session".

Curtis Trent reported that during the special session, no Governor vetoes were overturned. Two special session initiatives were discussed: First A bill for the promotion of "Stem Education" to attract students to the fields of science, technology and mathematics at the high school level. And second, "Drug Courts" to create spe-



cialized courts to handle non-violent drug cases and provide more rehabilitative support rather than institutional correction. This approach will give an opportunity for individuals to rehabilitate themselves back into society and the productive workforce.

Introduction of Speaker



Vice President Ken Lawrence introduced our speaker for the day, former secret service agent **Mike Boatright**. Mike had a long law enforcement career before his employment with the Secret Service, where he was on the detail team protecting President Ronald Reagan. Mike spoke today on the "History of the Secret Service". Mike began his talk with some background information on the origin of the Secret Service. This past July the Secret Service celebrated it is One Hundred Fifty-Fifth birthday. The organization was established in 1865. President Lincoln had the legislation to establish the secret service "on his desk" when he was assassinated. The agency was created to "suppress counterfeit money". Mike related that, back in the 1860's three-quarters of all currency was "counterfeit" and our government needed a way to combat it. They initially established this new law enforcement organization with 10 officers. In 1870 the Department of Justice opened their own investigative branch, and later in 1908 with the help of ten Secret Service personnel, created the FBI. Mike went on to explain how counterfeit money was produced. Years ago, counterfeiting money was an "art". One needed expertise in photography and printing. Counterfeiters would take a photograph of a current piece of currency. From the negative, the serial number and the Federal Reserve seal would be cut out and removed they would then burn the negative on a "plate burner" the resulting "tin plate" would be placed on an off-set printing press to print the counterfeit money. The front and back of the bills would be in black ink and the serial number and Treasury seal would be in green ink. With the invention of the color copier this method was rendered obsolete as all one had to do was take a photocopy of a bill, run off thousands of pages of copied money, cut them apart and try to pass them to unsuspecting businesses or individuals. Mike mentioned that Secret Service does not train a person to be an "expert in counterfeit money", they train you as an "expert in genuine currency". Paper for the currency is made in Dalton, Massachusetts at the Crane Paper Company. The currency paper is made by placing a bale of cotton in a vat of water and

blue and red rayon fibers are added to the mix. The water is removed, dried and the remaining residue is smoothed out to form the paper. The paper is then spun onto six-foot rolls that are then sent to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving for printing into genuine currency. In the event of a paper transfer, the Secret Service would only be used if there was a transportation break down. They would then be called to “guard” the truck. Mike then went on to chronicle the process of printing our currency. When plates for our currency are made, there are thirty-two images on each plate. Each plate contains a “quadrant” number.

Additionally, there is a front plate number, back plate number, one of the 12 Federal Reserve Bank locations and an interchangeable serial number inscribed for the printing process. Former agent Boatright spoke about where today’s counterfeiting is taking place. He described foreign governments such as Columbia, Iraq, Iran, and Eastern Europe as today’s culprits fabricating counterfeit money from sophisticated color printers. Mike then shifted his discussion to the other important duties of the Secret Service, the protection of the First Family and other dignitaries.

The Protection component of the Secret Service began after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901. The protection of vice-presidents and candidates that run for the presidency began after the assassination of Robert Kennedy. So, who else obtains protection? The President receives protection and the first family does while the President is in residence. Former Presidents and former first lady’s receive protection for the rest of their lives unless the former first lady remarries after the death of the former president. The children of the first family receive protection until the age of 16. The Vice-President and his or her family will receive protection while they are in office. Protection is also provided to heads of state that are here in our country and he went on to name a few that he has personally protected. Those include Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Menachem Begin of Israel, Indira Gandhi of India and various others from around the world. The agency is responsible for protecting all heads of state at the United Nations each year. Presently there are about 6000 agents in the bureau worldwide. Originally, the Secret Service was under the Treasury Department due to counterfeiting. After 9-11 the agency was brought in under Homeland Security so that information and coordination between all law enforcement agencies could be easily obtained. Mike shared some anecdotal stories of his time in the Secret Service chasing down counterfeiter’s, bank fraud, wire fraud, and computer forensics. He went on to explain the long demanding assignment shifts that an agent was expected to make to perform their duties as well as his ascent up the law enforcement ladder. However, most of his time he was a

limousine driver for President Reagan, which was his most endearing time as an agent in the Secret Service. He volunteered for that assignment because he knew he would only be working when the President was traveling. So, he had a little less demanding schedule than that of his fellow agents. As a member of the protection detail team, from November of 1979 to October 1980, Mike was the personal driver for then-candidate Ronald Reagan. During that period Mike and Governor Reagan became well acquainted as the two of them conversed daily. Mike would offer Candidate Reagan a “Halls Cough Drop” after giving a speech. After President Reagan was elected Mike was assigned to protect his son Michael Reagan in Los Angeles. He was later assigned to President Bush’s detail. Mike ended his discussion after fielding numerous questions from the audience. Vice-President Ken Lawrence presented Mike Boatright with a certificate in appreciation for his presentation.



Mike Boatright (Center) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Vice President Ken Lawrence (Left) and President George Swales (Right).

Officers Report

Vice-President Report: Vice President Ken Lawrence reported the October Speaker would be Springfield History Museum’s John Sellars. John will provide our members with some local history regarding our community.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer John McAlear reported \$4,141.48 in our OMCSAR Account. There is \$2,110.36 in a separate checking account that was used to administer the South-Central District Conference that was held in August and \$9,043.44 in an interest-bearing account. The total is \$15,295.28. John also announced upcoming dues notifications of \$71.00 are being sent to current

members. He is encouraging a prompt response from membership by October for early collection so that we can accrue additional Fogg Award Points for our chapter. He went on to state that to date, we have 95 members on our chapter roster.

Secretary Report: Acting Secretary Ken Lawrence ask for a motion to accept the July minutes. A motion was made and passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting as published in the July newsletter. There was no Secretary report due to Secretary Norm Knowlton's absence.

Genealogist Report: In Genealogist Steve Perkins absence President George Swales read Steve's report that he is currently working on 15 prospects, and four supplementals. He is currently working on two transfers and reinstatement and three research applications. Will Carr stated he was working on four (4) applications and some supplementals. Dan McMurray has three possible applications he is working on.

Editor Report: Editor Tom Sentman announced a newsletter is coming out October 2nd for all activities that occurred in August. Tom went on to announce the upcoming History Explorers event on October 3rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Library Center. The Willard High School History Club will present a program on Washington's Cabinet of Jefferson, Hamilton, Knox and Randolph.

Historian Report Gary Gift ask members to make sure he obtains any historical documents so that he might add them to our yearbook. He also reported to the membership about the upcoming "Ozark Trails Council Heritage Merit Badge Workshop" that our chapter is hosting on October 27, 2018 at 7:30. There are currently 14 participants registered for this event. Four scouts are registered for the genealogy workshop, the rest for law and American Patriot merit badges.

Sgt. at Arms Report: Sgt. at Arms Charles McMillan had nothing new to report.

President George Swales ask **Vice-President General Dan McMurray** to give members a recap of the events at the South-Central District Meeting. Dan detailed the activities of the weekend with President General Warren Alter and thanked all members that helped stage the event.

Committee Report

President George Swales announced some upcoming events that were discussed at the last Chapter Development Committee Meeting.

Our Chapter will be participating in a **Naturalization Ceremony** September 19, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. on the third floor of the Plaster Student Union at MSU.

On Friday September 21, 2018 at 8:30 A.M. we will present a **Fire Service Award** at the Fire Department Headquarters at City Hall.

We will participate at an **Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony** on Sunday September 23, 2018, at 5:00 PM. at the Twin Oaks Country Club.

On November 10, 2018, at 11:30 A.M., our annual **Veterans Luncheon** will be at Highland Springs Country Club in conjunction with the Rachael Donelson Chapter of the DAR.

Old Business and New Business

There was no Old Business or New Business. A motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Compatriot Dan McMurray led the Recessional; Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Special Note of Thanks to Gary Gift Scout Coordinator

Gary orchestrated the events for the Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel. Leaders and Scouts from Troops 34, 55, 98 and Pack 98 participated.

Troop 34: Scoutmaster Rodney Bechdoldt and Mitch Jarvis—Troop Organization Head provided the leadership. Scouts Jesse Noah, Casey Casady, Daniel Bechdoldt, David Bechdoldt, Aidan Richmond, Dillan Russell, Andrew Scoggin, Andy Winslow-Kephart, Ryan Winslow-Kephart, and Lucas Ruth participated.

Troop 55: Scoutmaster Mark Thompson. Scouts Robert Thompson, Jackson Thompson, Jack Fairman, Brody English, Dylan Tyler, and Jared Harvey participated. Troops 34 and 55 are from Neosho, Missouri.

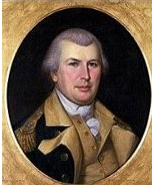
Troop 98: Scoutmaster Lance Piatt and Scout Kaleb Piatt.

Pack 98: Webelos Leader Mark Walburn, Lance Piatt, Cubmaster Webelos 1, and Denton Piatt. Parent Burk White attended also. Troop 98 and Pack 98 are from Stella, Missouri.

A note of thanks to all the scouts and their leaders for a job well done!

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Chapter Events August 16

Nathanael Greene 276th Birthday Celebration



The Greene County Commissioners prepared a proclamation to declare August 2018 as Nathanael Greene Remembrance Month in Greene County, Missouri. Greene County Missouri is named after General Greene.

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE

WHEREAS, Nathanael Greene was known as the "Hero of the Southern Campaign" for his strategy against the British forces; and,

WHEREAS, Greene turned the tide of the Revolutionary War following his masterful command of troops at the Battle of Guildford Courthouse in 1781; and,

WHEREAS, Greene deployed troops in a manner that pushed the British to the Virginia Peninsula at Yorktown and trapped them for ultimate defeat, with minimal losses; and,

WHEREAS, George Washington said of Nathanael Greene that he was, "the greatest military genius of the war." His chief contribution to the American victory lay in his brilliant Southern Campaign; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County, Missouri, organized June 2, 1833 is named after Revolutionary War hero, Nathanael Greene,

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THE GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

Robert Cortin, Presiding Commissioner

Harold Bengsch, Dist. 1 Commissioner

Lincoln P. Hough, Dist. 2 Commissioner



District 1 Commissioner Harold Bengsch (Above Right) attended the ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse.

Left to Right:

Compatriots Dan McMurray, J. Howard Fisk, Lincoln P. Hough, District 2 Commissioner, Daniel Piedlow, and Norman Knowlton.





Chapter Events August 18, 2018

Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Remembrance Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel.

Thomas Ferrel was born about 1760 and during the American Revolutionary War he served in the South Carolina Militia as an artificer (a military or naval mechanic), repairing boats and other military duties in 1781 and 1782.

He moved into Missouri in 1836 and settled in Barry County on Shoal Creek in what later became Newton County. Thomas Ferrel was thus one of the original inhabitants of Newton County when it was formed in 1839. He died in 1841 and was buried in Macedonia Cemetery. At one time his grave was surrounded by an iron fence which eventually rusted away and disappeared. For many years the grave was lost.



Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel.

In the spring of 1983 the grave was located with the help of Mr. John Vanslyke and Mr. James Miles and on November 11, 1983 the Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter, Missouri Society, SAR held a memorial dedication ceremony and sponsored the securing of the Military Marker and the two dedication stones to permanently mark the grave of Patriot Thomas Ferrel. Through their diligent and professional research we are able to be here today to honor and pay respects this Patriot. Thomas Ferrel was the first Revolutionary War Patriots grave identified and marked in Newton County Missouri. He is buried in the Macedonia Cemetery near Stella, Missouri.

Scouts from Troops 34, 55, 98, and Pack 98 participated in a Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel. OMC Color Guardsmen J. Howard Fisk and Ken Lawrence performed the SAR ceremony in this photo. Scout and Webelos, leaders and other OMC compatriots assisted.



Scouts from Troops 34, 55, and 98 receive streamers for their troop flags.



Chapter Events August 18, 2018

The Missouri House of Representatives prepared a proclamation to Honor Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel.

The proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives believe it is essential that citizens have a clear understanding of our nation's past; believing it provides a better understanding and appreciation for the present, while also informing the direction of future progress; and

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events of the Sho-Me State organizations that are dedicated to maintaining an understanding of the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is approaching in 2026, and the Sons of the American Revolution wish to remind all citizens that they live a vast nation with significant differences culturally and physically, both of which have been uniquely held together by our common heritage and history; and

Whereas, the bicentennial of Missouri Statehood is approaching on August 21, 2021, reminding all of the struggle and sacrifice made in those early settlers of the Missouri Territory as they forged a new state out of the wilderness that was the land of the Louisiana Purchase; and

Whereas, American patriot Thomas Ferrel went to southern Missouri as one of the great generation of migrants who settled that Missouri Territory and forged a **new state** of hardy, independent Americans destined to bring civilization to a land of first nations people; and

Whereas, patriot Thomas Ferrel took with him the skill and bearing of the American patriot and joined his fellow patriots in settling the west; and

Whereas, patriot Thomas Ferrel now rests in the Macedonia Cemetery in Newton County, Missouri, where there will be a Thirty-fifth Anniversary celebration of his original grave marking by the Ariel Nims Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1983.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, join to recognize the late Thomas Ferrel and his fellow compatriots and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a successful Thirty-fifth Anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the late American Patriot Thomas Ferrel.



**Representative Bill Reinholdt
District No. 133**



Chapter Events August 18

Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Saturday, August 18th Revolutionary War Patriots Thomas Ferrel (*Continued*).



Compatriot Norm Knowlton reads the Benediction.



Proclamation Honoring Patriot Thomas Ferrel.

Left: John Charles, The Honorable Bill Reinboldt, Ken Lawrence, Mel McNeal, James Osbourn, Executive Vice President, MOSSAR SAR, Dan McMurray, Norman Knowlton, Charles McMillan and Steven Perkins.

Not pictured: J. Howard Fisk and Tom Sentman.



Compatriot John Charles reads The American's Creed.



OMC Color Guard members Steven Perkins, Ken Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, and Charles McMillan assembled to Commemorate Purple Heart Day.

OMC visited the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, Missouri to recognize Purple Heart Day (August 7) and to recognize veterans who reside there.

The Purple Heart

United States Military Decoration



The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members – the only earlier award being the obsolete Fidelity Medallion. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York.

Chapter Events August 18

Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Saturday, August 18th Revolutionary War Patriot Moses Duncan

Moses Duncan was born in 1764. He served in the South Carolina Militia as a private under Colonel Benjamin Roebuck's Regiment, also known as Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment. The Regiment was established in July 1780 and fought in many famous battles of the American Revolution including Kings Mountain, Cowpens, the Siege of Ninety Six and the Battle of Eutaw Springs. The Regiments last reported battle was the Battle of Farrow's Spring on April 1, 1782.

Moses Duncan and his family moved on to Tennessee after the war and then to Illinois before settling at Cave Springs. At that time Cave Springs was located in Barry County which was later divided to form Jasper, Lawrence, Newton and several other counties.

Moses Duncan and his family were some of the first settlers in this region. Cave Springs was a popular stopping point for immigrant wagon trains moving west.

Moses Duncan died in 1845 and is buried in the Cave Spring Cemetery, Sarcxie, Jasper County, Missouri.

One of our greatest responsibilities as citizens is to honor and remember those who have sacrificed to make it possible for us to live in this great country. We especially remember those Patriots such as Thomas Ferrel, who stood up against a tyrannical and oppressive government so that we might live in a country dedicated to those "inalienable rights" of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

We owe so much to those first Patriots and the countless number of Patriots who have followed in their footsteps over the last 242 years. Those who served and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in freedom is one of our greatest responsibilities as citizens to make sure their sacrifices are honored and not forgotten.



Left: Compatriots John Charles, Color Guard J. Howard Fisk, Steven Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, Dan McMurray, and Compatriots Norman Knowlton and Mel McNeal conducted the ceremony.

Not pictured Tom Sentman.



Chapter Events August 18

Grave Marking Saturday, August 18th

Compatriot Charles W. Calef

Ozark Mountain Chapter History

In 1981, Compatriot Charles W. Calef, then a member of the Sergeant Ariel Nims Chapter Number I, was appointed by State President, Burton Mayfield to be the organizing officer of a new Chapter in Springfield, Missouri. Compatriot Calef was also encouraged by Seth Caperton, Past President of the Missouri Society, who at that time was serving as State Treasurer. After several organizing meetings, a sufficient number of Charter Members were available to begin the new Chapter. The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American-Revolution (OMCSAR), was chartered on July 18, 1981. The organizational meeting was held at Marketplace Cafeteria in Springfield, Missouri.

MOSSAR President Burton Mayfield	Fay G. Robb
MOSSAR Vice-President Merrill D. Berkeley	James M. Bever
MOSSAR Secretary Rylan NI. Rudy	Stewart W. Miller
MOSSAR Treasurer Seth Caperton	Paul W. Bennett
Charles W. Calef	Arthur R. Cahill
James B. Mason, Senior	Roy D. Tate
James B. Mason, Junior	Glenn W. Gohr
Charles Mason	Ralph W. Shaw
Reverend James R. Beck	William L. Wood
Joseph I. Straughan, Junior	

There were 19 signatures on the Charter Application of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

It is important to note that OMCSAR Chapter Compatriot M. Graham Clark later became President General of NSSAR. Compatriot Burton Mayfield was instrumental in forming five new Chapters as Missouri Society President in 1981 and in 2017, Burton celebrated 70 years of service to

Charles W. Caleb was the first president of the Ozark Mountain Chapter (1981) and later served as President of the Missouri Society SAR (1983). We honor him because of his leadership, spirit, and service to the Sons of the American Revolution.



Charles W. Calef is buried in the Miller Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Miller, Missouri.

Above Left: Color Guard members J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Steve Perkins stand at attention.





Chapter Events August 24-25

South Central District Conference SAR Held Friday, August 24-25th at the University Plaza Hotel Springfield, MO. The SCD is formed from Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Missouri Societies.



President General Warren M. Alter welcomes participants and attendees to the 2018 Annual SCD Conference.

SCD Vice President Dan McMurray (Left) and PG David Appleby look on.



Mayor Pro Tem, Jan Fisk welcomed SCD attendees and guests.

SCD Vice President Dan McMurray addresses the SCD business meeting.

Flag Award presented to the University Plaza Hotel.



PG Alter Addresses SCD Business Meeting.



Change of Command



Compatriot J. Howard Fisk (Left) receives the Commander's Ceremonial Sword as the new SCD Color Guard Commander from outgoing Color Guard Commander Gerald R. McCoy.

Color Guard Members of the SDC Societies Pose for a Group Photo



Left: James Scott, MO, Donald Turner, MO, Corey Burns, AR, Ken Lawrence, MO, J. Howard Fisk, MO, Steve Sullins, MO, Steve Perkins, MO, Charles McMillan, MO, Dennis Nelson, KS, Tom Jackson, TX, Brooks Lyle, KS, Bobbie Hulse, KS, Bob Grover, MO, Roy Hutchinson, MO, and Terry Holden, TX.



Chapter Events September 14, 2018

The Ozark Mountain Chapter initiated a quest to establish a **National American History Month**. The holiday, to be observed in November of each year, is moving forward. The proposed holiday is working its way to the Missouri Legislature and on to the national level.



Springfield businessman J. Howard Fisk, a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper with a certificate honoring the Library District as a National American History Month Partner. *Courtesy of Libwire Newsletter Volume 23, Number 37 September 14, 2018*

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Springfield Mayor Ken McClure presented a Certificate of Endorsement to Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.





Chapter Events September 21, 2018

OMC Awards Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Vice-President General Dan McMurray and Chapter President George Swales present the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Division Fire Chief Kevin Trogdon at Springfield Fire Department Headquarters Friday, September 21, 2018.



Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Son of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Division Fire Chief Kevin Trogdon is a 22-year veteran of the Springfield Fire Department. Chief Trogdon has overseen the reorganization of the Fire Prevention Division and the creation of the Community Risk Reduction Division, providing leadership that has been instrumental in its creation and development of a focus on the reduction of all risk in our community.

Chief Trogdon's leadership has empowered his teams to think outside the box, leading to the creation of monitoring systems that still make our community safer and at less risk of loss due to fires. Trogdon's attention to details has yielded a new fire code that is inclusive of the needs of development and partner agencies while providing a sound framework for the safety of the public. Chief Trogdon is a leader who develops others, and has provided strong and consistent leadership to the future leaders of the Springfield Fire Department. Trogdon directly impacts the safety of our children and our neighborhoods, coordinating Project RED Zone and tire and life safety education to ensure people are quickly alerted in the event of a fire, and they know how to properly respond.

Chief Trogdon, because of your steadfast dedication to your department and the improvement of fire safety within the Springfield community, and because you perform at the pinnacle of professionalism, we the Sons of the American Revolution, Ozark Mountain Chapter honor you by awarding you the

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

J. Howard Fisk, Chairman

Left: OMC President George Swales, Division Fire Chief Kevin Trogdon at the Springfield Fire Department, and Vice-President General Dan McMurray, South Central Division, SAR.





Chapter Events September 21, 2018

Naturalization Ceremony Held at Missouri State University at the Plaster Student Union 11:30 A.M.

Judge M. Douglas Harpool, Western District of Missouri Presided.



Judge M. Douglas Harpool, Western District of Missouri, administers the Oath of Allegiance to 95 new American Citizens who came from 32 different countries.



Left: Compatriots Steven Perkins, George Swales and Ken Lawrence.



New citizens and family members with Color Guard members Ken Lawrence and Steve Perkins (right).

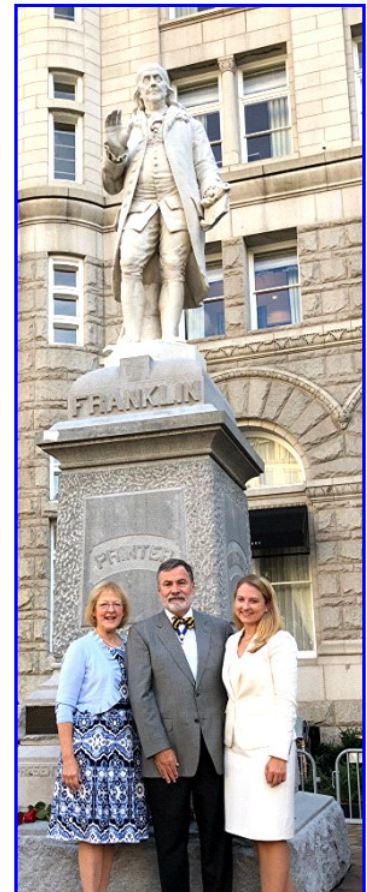
Chapter Events September 23, 2018



The Washington, DC Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter regents gathered on the steps of Old DC Post Office to celebrate Constitution Day.



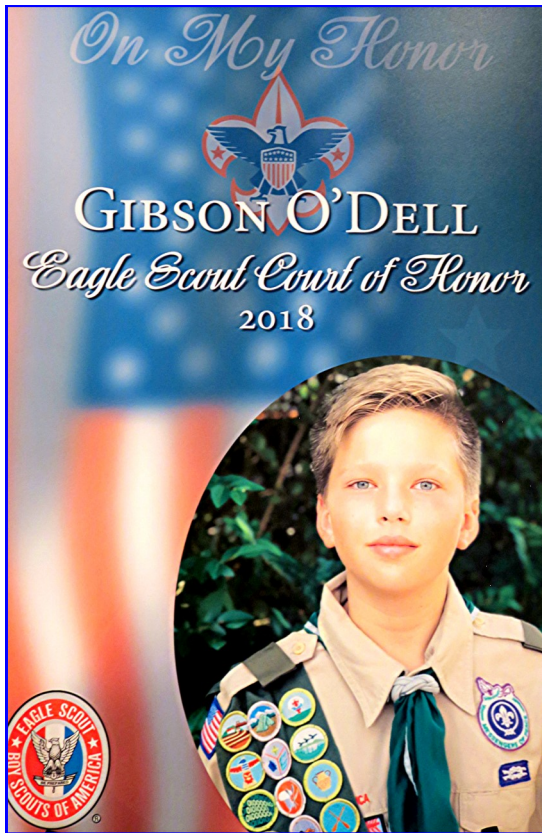
While vacationing in Paris, Compatriot Charles McMillan met with Martin Boyer, President of France SAR Society. Charles presented an American flag to President Boyer as a sign of our SAR friendship.



The DC State DAR celebrates Constitution Day each year with a ceremony at the Benjamin Franklin Memorial. This is the Franklin Memorial, our first Postmaster in front of the Old Washington, DC Post Office. Beverly Tomb, Past Regent of the Emily Wilson Chapter and Jacqueline Leahy, Regent of the Emily Nelson Chapter and event Page, and J. Howard Fisk OMC Compatriot pose for the event.

Chapter Events September 23, 2018

Scout Leaders and Scouts of Troop 239, Ozark Trails Council, family and friends gathered for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gibson O'Dell at the Oak Hills Country Club September 23, 2018.



OMC Eagle Recognition Certificate Presentation to Gibson O'Dell.

Left: OMC Color Guard member Gerald McCoy, Compatriot Norman Knowlton, Scout Gibson O'Dell, and Curtis Trent.



Display of some of the activities and events of Gibson O'Dell's trail to Eagle Scout.



Ozark Mountain Chapter Participants.

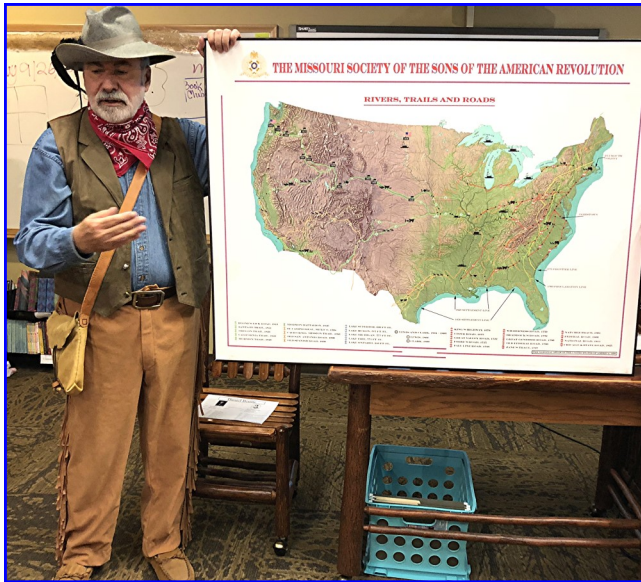
Left: Gerald McCoy, Steven Perkins, George Swales, Norman Knowlton, Dan McMurray, Curtis Trent, Tom Sentman, Gary Gift, and Ken Lawrence.

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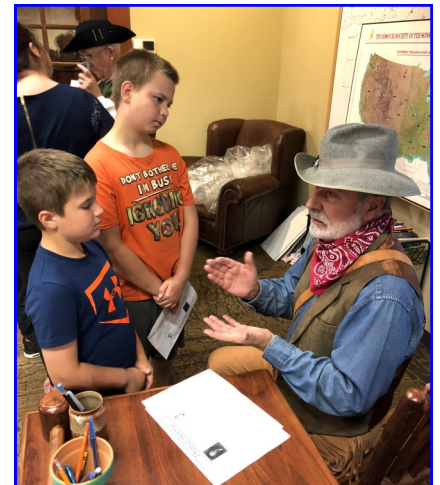
Presentation to Wolf School Students on Daniel Boone and Nathan Boone.

The WOLF School presentation was a sketch of Pioneer Militia leader Daniel Boone and all that he did as an American Patriot and the great impact he had on westward expansion through his mapping of the Wilderness Trail through the Cumberland Gap. Between 1773 and 1800 it is estimated that well over 200,000 pioneers used the Wilderness Trail to migrate to the lands west of the Appalachian Mountains. Boone lived the last years of his life in Nathan's home in Defiance, Missouri.

Nathan Boone, youngest son of Daniel, was a pioneer militia leader during the war of 1812 and beyond. He continued his military life as an important part of controlling First Nations tribes west of the Mississippi. He continued his patrols between Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma for the rest of his military career. Nathan Boone built a home on the prairie near what is now Ash Grove, Greene County, Missouri, where many of his descendants live today.



OMC Compatriots J. Howard Fisk (above) spoke about Daniel Boone and Dan McMurray spoke about Nathan Boone, son of Daniel. There were many questions from the 48 students who are enrolled in the special Wolf School program. The school is sponsored by the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium in Springfield, Missouri.



The Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium celebrated its one-year anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018. More than 1.6 million visitors have experienced the fascinating conservation attraction.

Chapter Events September 28-29, 2018

NATIONAL SAR Fall Leadership Meeting Louisville, Kentucky



President General David Appleby presented a copy of Dr. Norman Knowlton's family history to the National SAR Library on behalf of the Knowlton family.



Quilt presentation to Brandon Rhoads by the Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor for Veterans

Above Left: Russ DeVenney, J. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, Laura DeVenney, President of the Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor for Veterans, Brandon Rhoads, Steve Perkins, and Gerald McCoy.

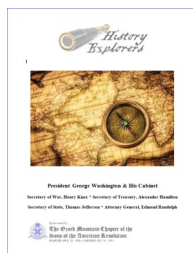
Did you know Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriots are members of 26 different National SAR committees and Chairman or Vice Chairman of eight (8) of those committees?



Missouri Delegation at the National SAR Fall Leadership Meeting

Left: J. Howard Fisk, Gerald McCoy, Cliff Olson, David Billings (Alabama SAR, native of Springfield), Dan McMurray, Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, David Shaul, David Appleby, and James Osbourn.

Upcoming Events



History Explorers Presentation - Washington's Cabinet

Future president Thomas Jefferson, statesman Alexander Hamilton, Knox, and Randolph are discussed. Library Center Wednesday, Oct 3, 2018 at 7 pm.



Isaac Garrison Remembrance Oct 13, 11:30 am at the Richmond Cemetery near Nixa.



Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting October 20 at OTC Room 108.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker for October will be Springfield History Museum's John Sellars. He will provide our members with some local history regarding our community.



Ozark Trails Council Heritage Merit Badge Workshop October 27 8:00 am at OTC Room 108. Scouts can work toward meeting the requirements for the American Heritage, Law, and Genealogy merit badges.



Missouri Society Quarterly Meeting Oct 27 at 10:00 am in Columbia, MO.



General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018.



28th Annual DAR and SAR Veterans Day Luncheon November 10 at 11:30 am at the Highland Springs Country Club.



Dinner at the Hickory Hills Country Club December 14, 2018. to recognize Missouri President Gracie DeVenney and the Children of the American Revolution Organization.



Wreaths Across America Grave Marking Ceremony December 15 at 8:00 am at the Springfield National Cemetery. Gracie DeVenney is the 2018 CAR Youth President and will be joining Russ and Laura in Springfield in December.



Children of the American Revolution Missouri President Gracie DeVenney will attend the Wreaths Across Grave Marking Ceremony above. She will then attend the OMC chapter meeting on December 15 at 9:00 am.