



# The PATRIOT

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## Greetings from President Kenneth Lawrence

Greetings Compatriots!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, it is hard to believe that fall is upon us.

We are gearing up for what will be a very busy fall program for our chapter. Please plan on joining us for what will be an exciting and rewarding program of events. Please pay close attention to our events calendar and make plans to attend.

I just returned from a trip to southern France. While all our stops along the way were all beautiful and educational, I was struck by the respect the French people of southern France had for the American military. Celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of southern France were held all along our journey. We found French reenactors dressed as American G.I.'s, U.S. military equipment of that era put on display along with parades, ceremonies, fireworks, and American Flags flying high. It was truly heartwarming and gratifying to see that level of gratitude and respect existing some 75 years later.

We all know about northern France, D-Day, the Normandy beaches and the many sacrifices U.S. forces made establishing those beachheads on that fateful day as that battle gains most notoriety. But there was also a U.S. invasion of southern France that occurred. Operation Dragoon was the code name for that invasion that occurred on August 15, 1944. It was originally planned in conjunction with the landing in Normandy on June 6, 1944, but due to a lack of resources and difficulties in Italy, it was postponed until August 15. The goal of the invasion was to secure the ports of the French Mediterranean Coast and to open another front that the Germans would have to defend.

The invasion force was made up of troops from the successful northern African campaign. The invasion began on August 15, 1944. Allied air superiority and large scale uprisings of the French resistance

## Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

The guest speaker is Michael Sweeney, Missouri Bicentennial Coordinator for The State Historical Society of Missouri.

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quickly defeated the German forces and they withdrew to the Rhone valley.

Operation Dragoon lasted only four weeks inflicting heavy German casualties in the process and liberating most of southern France, opening ports crucial for solving logistical supply problems.

Our history with France is long and rich with both of our nations sharing a mutual belief in Independence and liberty. While we sometimes grumble and spar with each other, we still maintain mutual respect and admiration for each other.

Our fight for Independence and struggle for liberty would have never been successful without the help from France. And conversely, France would have never survived WW II without the sacrifice of American blood and treasure in the fight for their country's liberty.

America and France historically, are old friends and blood brothers.

See you at the next event!

Ken

### Deborah Sampson - Hero of the American Revolution.

She disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces. She became the only woman to earn a full military pension for her participation in the Revolutionary army.

Deborah was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on December 17, 1760. At the young age of eight, Deborah became an indentured servant due to her father abandoning the family and her mother in poor health and unable to support the children. She worked in the household of Jeremiah Thomas and his ten sons. For ten years she worked on the farm, developing her physical strength from hard labor. She would grow to the height of five feet eight inches, a foot taller than the average woman of her day, and taller than the average man.

She educated herself by reviewing the studies of the Thomas sons after her daily chores were complete. At age eighteen she was released from her indentured servitude. Deborah took a position as a schoolteacher and supplemented her income by spinning and weaving at Sproats Tavern where she was influenced by the heroics of the battles of the Revolutionary War.

At the age of 21, she disguised herself as a man and enlisted in the army on May 20, 1782, under an alias name of **Robert Shurtliff**. Her physical attributes and muscular build helped with her disguise. She dressed in male clothing and was never suspected by her enlisting officers. She would serve for seven months.

Although Cornwallis had already surrendered at Yorktown the previous October, guerilla warfare was still being fought by Tories. Deborah was chosen for the Light Infantry Company of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment, which consisted of sixty men. She demonstrated her courage, strength and fighting abilities in skirmishes with Tory units where hand-to-hand combat was required.

Her first battle was on July 3, 1782, in Terrytown, New York. Deborah received two musket balls in her thigh and a forehead wound from a saber slash. She begged her fellow soldier's to just let her die and not take her to the hospital so that she would not be discovered, but they refused.

A soldier put her on his horse and they rode six miles to a hospital.

Doctors treated her head wound, but Deborah did not tell the doctors of her bullet wounds. She limped out of the hospital and removed one of the musket balls herself with a penknife and a sewing needle. Her leg never fully healed and would bother her for the rest of her life. After a period of recovery, she rejoined her unit.

On April 1, 1783, Deborah was promoted and spent seven months as a personal orderly to General John Patterson which provided her a better quality of life.

During the summer of 1783, she was overcome with malignant

fever and the doctor that cared for her discovered her secret. He did not betray her and brought her to his home for recuperation where his wife and daughters continued to believe she was a man.

After Deborah recovered, she returned to the army for a short time. In September 1783, peace was assured through the signing of the Treaty of Paris. On October 25, 1783, General Henry Knox honorably discharged Deborah Sampson from the Army and she returned to Plymouth.

After her mother's disapproval of her dressing like a male, she went to live with her aunt where after meeting Benjamin Garrett she discarded the male garb and dressed as a female. She and Benjamin soon became engaged and were married on April 7, 1785. They lived on a small unproductive farm. The couple had three children, lived in poverty and were in debt.

In January 1792, Deborah petitioned the Massachusetts State Legislature for back pay, which the army had withheld because she was a woman. Her petition passed and was signed by Governor John Hancock.

On January 19, 1792, the legislature granted Deborah thirty-four pounds with interest from 1783. A document praising her service was sent with the pension stating, "Deborah Sampson exhibited an extraordinary instance of feminine heroism by discharging the duties of a faithful, gallant soldier, and at the same time preserving the virtue and chastity of her sex unsuspected and unblemished and was discharged from the service with a fair and honorable character."

After several years of financial struggles, Deborah collaborated with an author in writing a book documenting her story and eventually performed a patriotic oration of her experiences in the army to audiences across Massachusetts.

Deborah had become acquainted with Paul Revere who was sympathetic to her plight. In 1804 Revere requested Congress grant her a military pension for her service during the war. This had never been requested before for a woman.

On March 11, 1805, Congress placed her on the Invalid Pension Roll and began paying her four dollars a month and back pay of forty-eight dollars for each of the two preceding years.

After being denied a petition to congress for a pension that would commence at the time of her discharge in 1809, the petition was approved in 1816. Congress awarded her seventy-six dollars and eighty cents a year. With this award, she repaid all of her family debt.

Deborah Sampson died on April 29, 1827, at the age of 66 from yellow mountain fever and was memorialized in 1983 when Governor Michael Dukakis proclaimed her the Official Heroine of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## Minutes of the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting

Saturday, September 14, 2019.

**President Ken Lawrence** called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM at Ozarks Technical College with 21 members and 7 guests.

He then asked **Compatriot Dan Philbrick** to give the Invocation, then **Compatriot Charles McMillan** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and then **Compatriot Norman Knowlton** to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

He then asked for guests to be introduced and they were acknowledged.

He asked new member Matthew Brunner to come forward and be sworn into our OMC. Matt teaches Civics and History at Willard High School and has already participated in several of our programs at the History Explorer programs we have had at the Springfield Library. He was sworn in by his father-in-law, our own NSSAR Past President General, David Appleby and witnessed by David's wife Raylene Appleby.

Following being sworn, Matt was presented his OMC Challenge Coin and Certificate of membership. His wife was unable to attend since she was attending their sick child at home. It was announced that his mentor from our chapter would be his father in law David Appleby.

**Vice - President—Gary Gift** then introduced the guest speaker **Jeanette Alston**, the sister on OMC Compatriot James Haas and the wife of Colonel Max Alston. Jeanette discussed his military career and career with the US State Department.

She was born in Springfield, Missouri and went to Drury College there she was a biology major. She graduated from Emory University where she received her Master of Science Degree and worked for 30 years for the National Academy of Science. She retired after being a National Financial advisor.



When her husband died, she moved back to Springfield. She is a member of the Rachel Donaldson Chapter of the DAR, she is a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists, the Colonial Dames of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, and the Daughters of the Union Veterans. She also has a private pilots license and a motorcycle license.

**James Robert Maxwell Alston, Jr.** was Jeanette Alston's husband and she started her presentation relaying that her brother James Haas is a present member of the OMC of the Sons of the American Revolution and James Robert Maxwell Alston's patriot was John Thompson from Ipswich Massachusetts.

He was called "Max" and he was a voracious reader of history. Max's father served the US Army and entered the

World War II and landed on D-Day plus 23 as a Lt. Colonel as a commander of the Antiaircraft unit and died during his participation during General Patton's breakout early in August of 1944.

Max was born in a small town in Alabama and with the death of his father was raised and supported by the community. He attended Saint Andrews in Delaware and on to Princeton University where he majored in Political Science. While attending Princeton he enrolled in the Army Reserves. He started working in the Pentagon in intelligence during one of his summers, and also supervised a road crew in Alabama where he gained the respect of those he supervised. He went onto the University of Alabama and earned a Law Degree. Following getting his degree in law he worked as a corporate lawyer for Southern Natural Gas and worked in collections, and during that time he learned to work with people who were survivors of disasters. He, as an Army Reservist, helped train Green Berets at Fort Benning Georgia during the Vietnam era.

He came to Greenville as an Associate General Counsel for Daniel Construction Company in June of 1969. As a Counsel in the Army Reserves, he left Greenville in September 1978 to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) where he graduated in June 1979. From 1983-86 he worked with the Pentagon officials of the Reagan Administration as the liaison officer for the Department of Defense with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In 1986, Max became a U.S. civil servant continuing to work in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1982, he was selected to lead a U.S. Defense Department initiative for the Civil Defense with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). His Defense Department career included serving as the Director for Emergency Planning in the Office of the Deputy Secretary of the Defense for Policy and as the Chief of Civil-Military Emergency Planning in the Department of the Army. In those roles he had broad responsibility in the area of civil-military emergency preparedness both domestically and with international partners. Upon his retirement, he was honored with the Department of the Army's highest civilian service award recognizing the global impact of his work and his "inspiring leadership (that) contributed greatly to building partner capacity throughout the world".

John Robert Maxwell Alston, Jr. was born August 13, 1936, and died June 9, 2014. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

For her presentation, Mrs. Jeanette Alston was presented a OMC Challenge Coin and pictures were taken.

## Officers Reports

**Vice-President Report—Gary Gift** reminded the members of the scheduled Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop planned for November 2 this fall at OTC and encouraged any and all to attend and assist.

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**Treasurer Report—John McAlear** The total funds we have as of this date consists of \$7,531.31 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,186.48 in an interest-bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$16,717.79. He reminded all that dues statements have been sent and he would encourage all to get them in by the end of September to best qualify for additional points for the chapter in the Americanism Award. A motion to accept this report and file this with the auditor report was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Auditor's Report—George Swales** presented the quarterly audit report and stated we are presently within the guidelines and accurate from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30th of this year

**Secretary Report—Norman Knowlton.** The minutes from the last meeting were published and included with the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. Seeing none, it was moved and seconded and passed as written.

He gave a brief update from the July 26 MOSSAR meeting in Columbia, Missouri where they asked for chapters and individual member who might consider donating to the NSSAR Library fund \$25 to preserve our SAR history. The National organization in digitalizing and storing our records for posterity. We also now have 5 members on the MOSSAR Board and our chapter is very well represented. The next meeting is scheduled for MOSSAR on Saturday, October 26 in Columbia, Missouri.

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

**Editor Report—Tom Sentman** presented an excerpt from Volume 8, Issue 2 of the NSSAR Colorguardsman Magazine. Photos included OMC activities in the Missouri SAR section and were made by photographers Charles McMillan and Margaret Swales. Tom also stated that Missouri received the first place in the Americanism President's General Cup. He was Missouri SAR Chairman of the Americanism Award and submitted the award nomination for the state.

**Historian Report—Curtis Trent** encouraged all to get any event information to him for the compilation of this years' Yearbook. He suggested that if you wish to contact him it would be best to call or text him since he does get a large number of emails and he can't respond as quickly because of the volume of his emails.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report—Charles McMillan.** Since he also serves as the MOSSAR Sergeant-at-Arms, he presented the MOSSAR Banner used by our organization at our state functions.

He is also in charge of the JROTC and ROTC Awards and encouraged all to participate in



the upcoming events in the next years' awards and showed a sample of the certificate that is presented with the Bronze Medal. He also is in charge of printing all of the certificates for the entire states' ROTC and JROTC Awards.

He then presented an update of the history of the Continental Congress which stated on September 5, 1774. As a result of the Coercive Acts, or the Intolerable Acts, 54 delegates met at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Each colony except Georgia was represented. Many of our founding fathers attended. This resulted in the creation of the Suffolk Resolves to have each of the colonies establish their own separate governments, to boycott British goods, disobedience to the Coercive Acts, and to have each colony develop their own militia. It also wrote letters to neighboring colonies to encourage them to participate in the resistance to the King. As a result of the King not agreeing to the colonists demands the Second Continental Congress convened in May 1775. A copy of the report and presentation was presented.

**Chapter Development Committee Report—J. Howard Fisk** presented an update on the activities our chapter has been involved and are planning to participate. He started by acknowledging Charles McMillan for his new Color Guard uniform representing his own patriot's uniform and again encouraged all to consider joining the Color Guard of our organization.

He also reminded us of what happened on September 14, 1814 when Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner while observing the Battle of Fort McHenry and in 1931 became our national anthem.

He reviewed the upcoming events of our chapter

- **Tuesday, September 17**, 9:30 AM-Flag Awards at BancorpSouth
- **Wednesday, September 18**, 9:00 AM Police Headquarters, Law Enforcement Medal
- **Wednesday, September 18**, 11:30 AM MSU Plaster Student Union-Naturalization Ceremony
- **Saturday, October 5**, 10:00 AM Fulton Family Farmstead Event in Miller MO  
Also possibly Patriot Grave Ceremonies of Hash and Lumbley near Mount Vernon
- **Tuesday, October 15**, 7:00 AM Clever MO Flag Certificate and Flag Retirement Troop 173

Other events are planned and he will keep us informed and encourages all to attend and have fun at these upcoming events.

**Compatriot Charles McMillan** announced that he and **Compatriot Steve Perkins** attended state Color Guard grave marking events in Warrensburg, Windsor, and Clinton, Missouri.

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**President Ken Lawrence** asked newly inducted member **Matt Brunner** to present his Patriot's History

Matt's patriot was Matthew Wallace who was a fifer in the North Carolina Regiment. He was born on January 8, 1756. He married Sarah Snead on January 5, 1787. The two engagements he was involved in were:

*Battle of Guilford Court House* where, even though this was a loss, it served to slow General Cornwallis's progress in the South

*Battle of the Siege of 96* occurred on May 22 and ended on June 18.

Both battles were led by General Nathanael Greene in Western South Carolina.



Matthew Wallace was discharged in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1782 and later moved to Wade County North Carolina. He died on September 26, 1821. His wife moved to Greene County Missouri.

He was asked by President Ken Lawrence to promote the youth education contests, especially the Rumbaugh Oration and Knight Essay contests. Compatriot Dan Piedlow, who had worked with these programs, is presently limited by his recent surgery.

**Compatriot Dan McMurray** presented a brief recap of the South Central Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He and Compatriot Charles McMillan attended the meeting. The new South Central President from Oklahoma presided and approximately 60-70 members attended. The meeting included a candidate forum where individuals who were running for national positions were able to speak on their behalf. The only contested position was for chaplain and no endorsement for that position was supported.



There was a review of the bylaws and was approved since it had not been done so since 1999. Next year's meeting will be in Texas.

### Committee Report

No additional reports

### Old Business

None

### New Business

**President Ken Lawrence** provided all in attendance a registration form for the Veterans Day event at Hickory Hills Country Club on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all to attend.

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

**Compatriot Matt Brunner** led the Recessional.

**Chaplain Dan Philbrick** gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted.

**Norman Knowlton, Secretary**





## It is time for SAR 2020 Dues

Our chapter receives 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. Compatriot dues are \$71.00 and Junior Membership dues are \$10, the same as last year!

Please mail your checks to:

**Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR  
P.O. Box 1421  
Springfield, MO 65801**

**Dues paid by Oct 1 receive the most points in October**

**Dues paid by Nov 1 receive less points in November**

**Dues paid by Dec 1 receive fewer points in December**

**Help OMC be 100% dues-paid by Dec 31!**

**Close out the year and feel great!**

### Happy October Birthdays

<b>Gabriel Schnell</b>	<b>October 2</b>
<b>Steven Brake</b>	<b>October 6</b>
<b>Will Carr</b>	<b>October 17</b>
<b>Joseph Whited</b>	<b>October 27</b>
<b>John Charles</b>	<b>October 29</b>



### OMCSAR Officers 2019-2020

<b>President</b>	<b>Ken Lawrence</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Gary Gift</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Norman Knowlton</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John McAlear</b>
<b>Genealogist</b>	<b>Steve Perkins</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Gary Bishop</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Curtis Trent</b>
<b>Editor</b>	<b>Tom Sentman</b>
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Charles McMillan</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Dan Philbrick</b>

### OMCSAR Officer Nominations for 2020-2021

The OMCSAR Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve as officers of the Ozark Mountain Chapter for the 2020-2021 year.

If interested, please contact one of the Compatriot Nominating Committee Members:

<b>George Swales</b>	<b>417-894-5445</b>
<b>J. Howard Fisk</b>	<b>417-773-3733</b>
<b>Dan Philbrick</b>	<b>417-466-3023</b>

### Photos

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## Chapter Events September 14, 2019

### New Member Matthew Brunner Sworn In



Matthew Brunner being sworn-in to SAR by David N. Appleby, Past President General of SAR.



Raylene Appleby, Matthew Brunner with Certificate and Rosette Pin, and David N. Appleby.

Membership Rosette Pin



### Guest Speaker Janette Alston Presented the Career of James Robert Maxwell Alston, Jr.



Secretary of Defense awards and citations signed by Secretary Dick Cheney and others.

Three of the several displays chronicling the careers of John Maxwell Alston.



## Chapter Events August 27, 2019

### NSSAR Flag Certificate Presented to Peterbilt of Springfield, Missouri



**Left to Right:** Color Guard Charles McMillan, Norman Knowlton, Peterbilt International Chris Sai Sai—General Manager, Skip Wendt—General Manager (holding certificate), Brad Elzea—Controller, Color Guard Dan Piedlow, and J. Howard Fisk.

### NSSAR Flag Certificate Presented to Chick-Fil-A in Springfield, Missouri



**Left to Right:** Color Guard Charles McMillan, Norman Knowlton, Chick-Fil-A employees including Dan Kennedy—General Manager (holding certificate), J. Howard Fisk, and Color Guard Dan Piedlow.



## Chapter Event September 17, 2019

### Flag Award Certificate Ceremony for Bankcorp South Branches



**From Left:** OMC Color Guard Charles McMillan, George Swales, Sarah Schrader, First Vice President, J. Howard Fisk, Gayle Parker, Steven Pounds, Shelly Igert, Kyle Finke, Ken Lawrence, and Norman Knowlton.



Each BankcorpSouth branch displays the American Flag.

NSSAR Flag Award Certificates





## Chapter Events September 18, 2019



### Naturalization Ceremony Held at Missouri State University 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 82 new American Citizens who came from 40 different countries.



**Left:** Compatriots Norman Knowlton, John Hume, Ken Lawrence, Judge M. Douglas Harpool, Gary Gift, and Dan McMurray.



President Ken Lawrence presented a Certificate of Commendation to Judge M. Douglas Harpool after the Naturalization Ceremony.

## Chapter Events September 19, 2019

### OMC Presented NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal



OMC Compatriot Norman Knowlton (right) presents Sgt. Todd King the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his support to the Springfield Police Department.



**Left:** Chief of Police Paul F. Williams, Sgt. Todd King, and OMC Compatriot Norman Knowlton.



The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.



## Chapter Events September 20, 2019

### Missouri SAR Attendees at the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting



Charles McMillan, Drummer



Charles McMillan, J. Wayne Merrell, Michael Robertson, and Kenneth Lawrence.



**Left: Front Row:** Past President Gerald McCoy, President James E. Osbourn, and Past President J. Wayne Merrell.

**Back Row:** Past President Russ DeVenney, J. Howard Fisk, Past President Dan McMurray, and Kenneth Lawrence.



George Swales, Dave Shaul, J. Howard Fisk, and Michael Robertson.



**Left:** Past President Cliff Olson, Dave Shaul, Becky Osbourn, Margaret Swales, Charles McMillan, Dan McMurray, Kenneth Lawrence, J. Wayne Merrill, James E. Osbourn, and Michael Robertson.

## Upcoming Events for October and November



### Saturday, October 5

10:00am Lifestyle Exposition

### Monday, October 14

6:30pm Chapter Development Committee

### Tuesday, October 15

7:00pm Troop 173 Flag Cemetery

### Saturday, October 19

9:00am Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting

### Monday, October 21

7:00pm History Explorers Yorktown

### Saturday, October 26

10:00am Missouri SAR Quarterly

### Saturday, November 2

8:00am American Patriot Merit Badge Workshop

### Saturday, November 9

11:00am SAR Veterans Luncheon

### Monday, November 11

11:00am OTC Veterans Day Ceremony Outstanding Veteran

6:30pm Chapter Development Committee

### Saturday, November 16

9:00am Ozark Mountain Chapter Meeting

For more detail, visit the Ozark Mountain Chapter Website [ozarkmountainsar.org](http://ozarkmountainsar.org)