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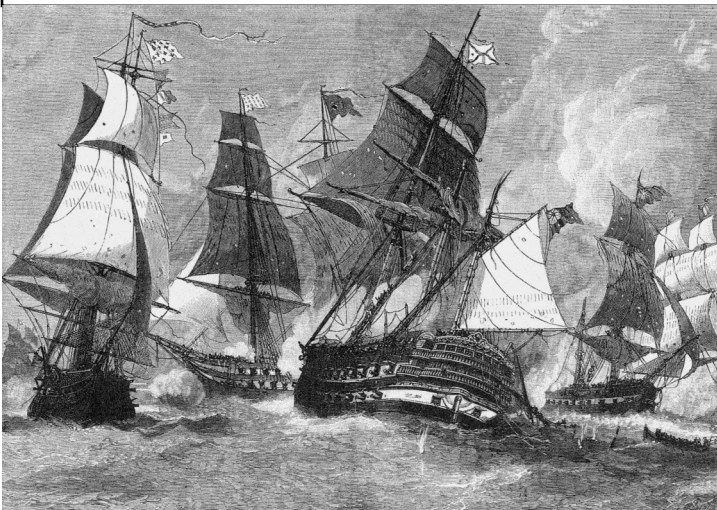
## The President's Message

*By President Curtis Trent*

Fall is upon us, and we will soon be entering a busier time for the chapter as several major events will occur over the next few weeks. I hope everyone is able to attend our monthly meetings for more information and participate in these events as well.

Fall also saw several important battles during the course of the Revolutionary War. Once such battle was the naval engagement at the Chesapeake Bay on September 5, 1781. A British fleet of nineteen ships of the line, intended to relieve General Cornwallis at -

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Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Ozark Technical College

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Ozark Technical College at Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at 10:00 AM

**President Curtis Trent** called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM via Zoom with 25 and 2 guests.

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

**President Curtis Trent** then introduced the guest speaker of the day: **Bill Nash** who is presently a Park Ranger at Wilson's Creek National Park.

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Yorktown, was intercepted by twenty-four French ships. The fleets were fairly similar in overall strength and did not fully engage, but multiple ships were damaged on both sides and the British fleet was forced to scuttle one vessel.

The battle stretched out over an entire day, with much of the time spent simply moving to engage after the forces spotted each other. Though the British had the initiative, the French force was able to fire on opposing vessels from a superior angle. Raking fire across several British bows inflicted damage to their ability to hold position in the battle line with two ships, *Intrepid* and *Shrewsbury* falling away before fighting ended. Night ended active engagement, although over the next few days both fleets exchanged long range fire and attempted to gain advantage for a renewed attack. Ultimately, the British fleet determined that no successful attack could be mounted and, after scuttling the warship *Terrible*, returned to New York.

French victory completed the encirclement of General Cornwallis and infused the besieging land army with new troops, heavy guns, and control over surrounding sea lanes. While not apparent at the time, the engagement would prove to be decisive in ultimate American victory and successful conclusion of the war. It is the same for us today; we never know when our actions or successes will have an outsized influence on the future, so we should take care to always be diligent. I hope everyone has a good month.

Curtis Trent

OMCSAR President



Bill Nash has been with the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield for six years as lead distribution assistant and has served as an interpreter of regional caves.

He has worked in interpretation now for 20 years and most of that

has been underneath the ground where we now sit and has been in hundreds of caves across the country, but his opportunity to work for the National Park Service came up and he took that chance. He has been there for 6 years, very much enjoys it, and is looking to move on within the Park Service.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek has been a big part of Missouri's history. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1861 is when the battle took place. This year is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this battle. COVID kept this years' observance down from previous years, but they did have 80 reenactors on the field and several firing

demonstrations. Their last artillery demonstration will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. There will be two cannons in this demonstration.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek was on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1861 and was the second largest battle at that time. It was very early in the War, just 3 weeks after the first Manassas. It drew national attention. Soldiers were signing up for 90 day enlistments because they thought this war would be over very quickly. Most people even today think of the Civil War was primarily on the east coast i.e. Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh and Fredericksburg. This battle drew national attention because



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General Nathaniel Lyons was the first Union General killed in the War. Lincoln had 16,000 men out in the west and he just lost one of his Generals-thus gaining national attention. They realized that this War was going to be bigger and last a lot longer. The Governor of Missouri was wanting to join the South but General Lyons gave his speech saying "he would rather see every man, woman and child be dead before going to the South". These two men were going to meet and did so at Wilson's Creek. The Missouri State Guard with Governor Fox along with true Confederates out of Arkansas joined together to fight General Lyons. Lyon's troops were outnumbered by almost 3 to 1. The plan was, the night before the battle, he would split his forces, but because of lack of communication this failed. Franz Siegel was to take his men around the southern camp and attack from the south and Lyons was to attack from the north using both of the high grounds. Lyon was to start the attack and that was supposed to signal Siegel to attack from the south with the Confederates trapped in the middle. Siegel got confused in the battle and gave up their surprise. He saw men coming toward him wearing blue uniforms and mistook them for union troops from Iowa that were to reinforce his line. They were not, but instead were the 3<sup>rd</sup> Louisiana Pelicans who got to within 50 yards of his men when they opened fire on his troops. He instantly left the battlefield and retreated all the way back to Springfield. This left Lyon and his men by themselves at Bloody Hill to face all 12,000 Confederates and with him only having about 3500 men. He was severely outnumbered and he was eventually killed at about 11:00



in the morning. The battle was not very long. It started about daybreak and ended at noon. Both sides sustained very heavy casualties with each side losing about 25% of their forces. Lyons plan overall worked. He tried with his inferior troop number to attack the Southern and State Guard troops so hard and then retreat toward Rolla. He knew he would not be able to defeat them, but he could hurt them severely enough that they could not chase him down the old wire road to the rail head at Rolla and they might not have the forces necessary to take over the state of Missouri. This plan worked with the Confederates withdrawing to Arkansas while Price headed north. This left Missouri without a large number of Confederate troops until later in the War when General Marmaduke came into Missouri.



The Battle of Wilson's Creek is the reason that it is now a National Park. It did not occur for 100 years. This did not occur until 1960. The Foundation at Wilson's Creek had a lot to do with the funding for this Park. Funds for purchasing the land started in the 1950s even

with the Penny Brigade where young students raised money to help in this endeavor. The first purchased was Bloody Hill and later it became a National Park. He felt that Congress did not want to make this a National Park since there was

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already a National Park at Pea Ridge in Arkansas. These were the same Armies that fought here in Springfield 6 month later. This was considered a Confederate victory, but neither side truly won, but because the Union forces retreated, the battle has been consider a Confederate victory.

After they purchased the land, they proceeded to accumulate funds for the buildings, roads in the park, and even the Ray House in which persons lived in that facility until 1966. Plans to secure this house and the grounds went into effect to develop the Visitor Center. Now the park is 2200 acres. The roads in the park have been completed since 1985. The visitor center has had 4 major upgrades with the most recent just completed. The collection of many artifacts is now on display. They have two original cannons on display with an old map table which is under repair. They have presently tried to restore the actual site of the battle to its original landscape as much as possible including the trees. There were 31 cannons on the battlefield and they now have 26 in the Park. He mentioned briefly the story of Gipson Mill and Plummers Crossing.

He was thanked for his presentation and was given one of our OMC Anniversary Challenge Coins for his presentation by **President Curtis Trent**.

Pictures were then taken.

New Member **Paul Wilkerson** was presented with his new Certificate of Membership by **OMC President Curtis Trent**. He was given his certificate, our OMC pin, and pictures were taken. He was pinned by his sponsor **Compatriot Steve Perkins**.



## Officers Reports

**President Report Curtis Trent**—He showed the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin and the new Emblem for the OMC which can be purchased for 5 dollars. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at OTC Atrium on October the 16<sup>th</sup>.

At Jefferson City he reported they had their override session which was uneventful with none of the Governor's Vetoes being overridden.

He asked **Compatriot Steve Perkins** to talk about the Thomas Nathan Clifton Ceremony to be held at the Clifton Cemetery just south of Marshfield, Missouri. He is expecting a good turnout of State Representatives from this area along with family guests and friends. This will be a Color Guard event and we will be participating in this function by placing a new SAR medallion on Nathan Clifton's stone as well as medallions for two of his sons and his daughter who are Patriot Sons and Daughter of the Patriot.

This will be on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He encouraged all members to attend.

**First Vice-President Report—Ben Edmondson**—  
No new report

**Second Vice President Report---Jeff Patrick**—Was not present and there was no report

**Treasurer Report—John Charles**— The total funds we have as of this date consists of \$9,119.40 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,292.09 in an interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$18,441.49 He reminded all that dues statements have been sent and he would encourage all to get them in as soon as possible to best qualify

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for additional points for the chapter. A motion to accept this report and file this for audit was made, seconded and passed.

**Secretary Report---Norm Knowlton**—The minutes from last months' meeting were posted in this past months' Newsletter and he asked for a motion to accept them as written. It was moved, seconded and passed.

**Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins**—He presently has 34 prospects with 2 recent memberships applications to State, 2 new memberships applications to National, 2 supplementals to National pending, 3 supplementals approved by National, and 3 recent members approved by National. With the help of Len Slovensky they are proceeding to get caught up.

**Editor Report—Dan Piedlow**— He reminded all to get stories, pictures , names, and locations of any events members attended to him for the Newsletter

**Historian Report— Don Higgeson** —Encouraged all to get any event information to him for compilation of this years' Yearbook.

**Sgt.-at-Arms Report— Danny Piedlow-** there was no new report

**Chapter Development Committee Report—Gary Gift**

Today September 18<sup>th</sup> we have been asked to participate in the "Hooked on Fishing" with Bass Pro Shops for the Boy Scouts from just after our meeting today until 2 PM. This is located at The Bass Pro Shop Distribution Center on East Kearney in Springfield.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will participating in the Catt Crawford Ceremony just south of Mount Vernon -we will be marking with a medallion of a

## Important Dates in History

August 1 - Sons of Liberty Formed 1765

August 4 – Patriot Isaac Hayne is executed 1781

August 7 - Washington establishes the Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) 1782

August 19 – Battle of Blue Licks, KY 1782

August 27 – Battle of Brooklyn, NY 1776

September 3 - Treaty of Paris Signed 1783

September 5 - First Continental Congress 1774

September 11 - Annapolis Convention 1786

September 17 - Signing of the Constitution 1787

September 19 - Charles Carroll Birthday 1737

September 19 - Battle of Saratoga 1777

September 21 – Benedict Arnold commits treason 1780

September 22 – British execute Nathan Hale 1776

September 27 - Samuel Adams Birthday 1722

Patriot Son there and then moving on to south of Aurora, Missouri where we will also be placing another Patriot Son Medalion, and then on to just south of Marionville to mark a Real Patriot Grandson.

October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Marshfield as noted previously for the Thomas Nathan Clifton grave marking.

October 16<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 40 Anniversary of OMC at OTC at 10:00 AM at OTC Atrium. **Compatriot Tom Sentman** spoke briefly of the event and the displays he has produced for this event. Certificates of membership who have been members for their years of participation will be presented but must RSVP the event.

October 30<sup>th</sup> will be the MOSSAR State meeting here at OTC.

November 6<sup>th</sup> we will be putting on the third year of the Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop. He asked all that will be participating in

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Youth events to have completed their Youth Protection Training Programs by not only the Boy Scouts but also the SAR. We will again be providing the Workshop for Genealogy, Law, and American Heritage Merit Badges.

November 11<sup>th</sup> will be participating in the Veterans Day Celebration at OTC where we will be presenting the Outstanding Veteran Award on the front steps with Color Guard and any members who would like to attend.

November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Hickory Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed out soon.

December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be sponsoring a dinner at Hickory Hills Country Club for the Missouri CAR President who will be presenting his years' program.

December 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our OMC Chapter meeting at OTC with the CAR President presenting his program as our monthly program.

It was reminded all of our members to assist in obtaining nominees for Flag Awards.

We will be planning Life Saving, Fire Department, and EMT Public Service awards in the near future.

We will keep you informed as to time, date, location, and the recipients.

**Committee Report**—No additional reports

**Old Business**—None

**New Business**—None

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

**Compatriot Tom Sentman** led the Recessional.

**Chaplain Dan Philbrick** gave the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 10:02AM

Respectfully submitted.

**Norman Knowlton, Secretary**

### Birthdays

Terry Miller	Aug 1
Chris Adock	Aug 3
Ray Irwin	Aug 8
Wayne Jones	Aug 14
John Sayre	Aug 16
Terry Wood	Aug 17
Gary Gift	Aug 22
Norman Knowlton	Aug 25
Zane Wood	Aug 26
Robert Clark	Aug 28
Gerald Fowler	Aug 28
Jeffrey Patrick	Sep 2
Charles Craft	Sep 2
Joseph Fisk	Sep 3
Lewis Neblett	Sep 9
Clifton Smart	Sep 9
Amos Walden	Sep 11
Glenn Gohr	Sep 18
Nelson Hermilla	Sep 22
John McAlear	Sep 23
James Whited	Sep 28
Philip Reinbold	Sep 30

## Ozark Mountain Chapter Honors Revolutionary War Patriot Nathanael Greene at Liberty Tree Planting and Stone Marker Ceremony



Left: Color Guardsmen Charles McMillan, Daniel Piedlow, Gary Gift, Dan McMurray, Compatriot Dr. Norman Knowlton, Greene County Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan, OMC President Curtis Trent, Charlotte Bauer, Presiding Greene County Commissioner Bob Dixon, Darla Bauer, Greene County Commissioner John Russell, Color Guardsmen J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins, Missouri SAR President George S. Swales, and Compatriot Ben Edmundson.

OMC presented a Burr Oak tree and stone marker ceremony at the Historic Greene County Courthouse on August 10, 2021.

The occasion was the 279th Birthday of Major General Nathanael Greene, the namesake of Greene County, Missouri.

The event was also presented during the 200th Birthday of the founding of the State of Missouri on August 10, 1821.

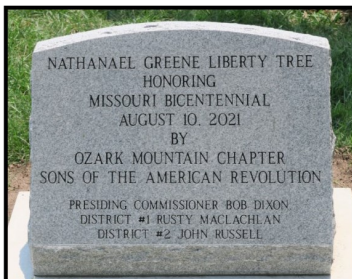
OMC Color Guard members, Greene County Commissioners, Compatriots, and guests attended the event.



Liberty Tree



Charlotte (left) and Darla Bauer sang the National Anthem.



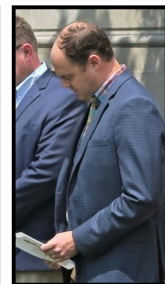
Stone Marker



Commissioner Bob Dixon presented a proclamation to President Curtis Trent.



Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon welcomed attendees.



Commissioner John Russell delivered the Invocation.



OMC President Curtis Trent provided the biography of Nathanael Greene.



George Swales provided Purple Heart Honors.



# Awards and Events



More pictures from the tree planting event at the Greene County Courthouse on August 10.



Patriot Son Grave Marking Ceremony for Major Nathan Boone, son of Patriot Daniel Boone. The event was on August 21, 2021 at the Nathan Boone homestead in Ash Grove, MO and included Sumner Hunnewell, President of the Missouri Society War of 1812 (right middle) and Mel McNeal of the Nathan Boone 1812 Militiaman (left middle picture, 5th from right).





# Awards and Events



On September 15th the OMC SAR attended a Naturalization Ceremony at Hammons Hall at MSU. The Honorable Judge M. Douglas Harpool conducted the ceremony for sixty two new citizens. In attendance from our chapter were: (right picture) Daniel Piedlow, Norman Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, Steven Perkins and Charles McMillan with Judge Harpool in the center.



Missouri SAR members who attended the South Central District meeting on August 27 in Texas.

Left to Right: Russ DeVenney, Laura DeVenney, Dan McMurray, Becky Osbourne, James Osbourne



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.

**Photographs for this issue provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Dan Piedlow, Tom Sentman, Margret Swales**

**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**

# In Memoriam



## Harold Kerr II Funeral 8-16-21

The Colorguard members were J Wayne Merrill, M Graham Clark (MGC), Russell De Venaney, MGC, John Coutts and Bruce Hillis of MGC, Stephen Sullins from Independence Patriots Chapter, Jim Baker of CCC (Christopher Casey Chapter), and Charles McMillan, of Ozark Mtn Chapter.

Other people in the photo were Harold's sister, Mary Ellen Kerr, and his nephew Morgan.



## Murray Bussard

A very nice service August 24, at Greenlawn South celebrated the long life of Murray Bussard (1924-2021). As one extended family member put it, nearly all his friends have died which would portend a sparsely attended, but no less moving ceremony. Half a dozen OMC members paid their respects and heard several heart-warming messages from the pastorate of his church, and an illuminating eulogy from Murray's grandson Shawn Sned. Murray's wishes were fulfilled with solos of two hymns Just A Closer Walk With Thee, and Just As I Am. A chapter member and one of "The Greatest Generation" has departed Life Militant to Life Eternal.





# Upcoming Events



October 9 at 11:00 A.M. Patriot Nathan Clifton and Patriot Sons and Daughters grave marking at the Clifton Cemetery in Marshfield, MO. All color guard who want to participate arrive at 9:30 for instruction and drill. Those who want to help in other ways please arrive at 9:30.



October 16 at 9:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter is having their monthly meeting and a 40th anniversary event at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium. **See page 12.**



October 30 at 10:00 A.M. the Missouri SAR is meeting in Springfield at the Ozark Technical College in the Atrium.



November 6 at 8:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter is conducting a Merit Badge Workshop for the Boy Scouts of America at Ozark Technical College in the Atrium. **See page 13 for sign up.**



November 7 at 2:00 P.M. the Daughters of the American Revolution and SAR is having a 100th Tomb of the Unknown Ceremony at Maple Park Cemetery.



November 11 at a time to be determined, a Veterans Day Ceremony at Ozark Technical College.



November 20 at 9:00 A.M. the Ozark Mountain Chapter is having their monthly meeting at the Ozark Technical College in the Atrium.



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



**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Ozarks Technical Community College Atrium  
1001 Chestnut Expressway  
Springfield, MO 65801**

*Original OMC Charter  
Year Books  
Archival Records*

**9:30 a.m. / Door open**

**10 a.m. / Event Meet**

**11 a.m. / Adjourn**

*Photo Poster Boards  
Proclamations  
Commemorative Items*

**Special Recognition**

**Compatriot Burton W. Mayfield  
Emeritus SAR**

- The event is free for all chapter members. Guests are welcome.
- Members who attend will receive a SAR Membership Award Certificate and an Ozark Mountain Chapter lapel pin (see above).
- New Ozark Mountain Chapter Challenge Coin will be available for \$5.

**Limited seating, please R.S.V.P. by October 1**

**Reservation to attend may be mailed or emailed to:**

**John Charles 2317 S Lexus Ave. Springfield, MO. 65807-8409 email: jchuck1@att.net**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest: \_\_\_\_\_**





# AMERICAN PATRIOT MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
A 250th Anniversary Program of the Ozark Mountain Chapter

OZARK TRAILS COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



**WHEN:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** OTC - OZARK TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
1001 E. CHESTNUT EXPRESSWAY, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802

The Workshop provides the Scout an opportunity to EARN TWO BADGES through their attendance at the morning and afternoon sessions. All prerequisites must be completed prior to the Workshop.

## MERIT BADGES OFFERED: AMERICAN HERITAGE - GENEALOGY - LAW

### COURSE PREREQUISITES:

- ▶ Must be 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout or above
- ▶ Read the Merit Badge Book for Course – Current Edition
- ▶ Bring COMPLETED & SIGNED Blue Merit Badge Card to the Workshop



Scouts must have requirements signed off and blue card with them in order to take classes.

- American Heritage requirements: 1, 2, 4, 5
- Genealogy requirements: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
- Law requirements: 4, 6, 7

- ▶ Scout Advancement Chairman Review Merit Badge Work Sheet & Advise

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:00 AM  
8:05 AM

Flag Ceremony & Group Photo - Color Guard  
Welcome & Introductions - Gary Gift

(these instructors will teach both AM and PM sessions)

American Heritage Instruction - Dr. Norm Knowlton

Genealogy Merit Badge Instruction - Steve Perkins

Law Merit Badge Instruction - Gary Bishop & Lee Viorel

8:20 AM Assemble Scouts for Merit Badge Classes

Classes Begin

8:30 AM

12:00 PM

Lunch on your own / pack a lunch – drink machines on site

12:45 PM

Assemble for Merit Badge Classes

1:00 PM

Classes Begin

4:00 PM

Presentation of Awards - Instructors

Closing Remarks - Gary Gift

## Registration deadline:

**October 14, 2021**

1st Class Scouts and above

Subject to availability

\$5.00 per merit badge

ALL courses available AM & PM Sessions.

- ▶ **SCOUT LEADERS MUST BE ON SITE FOR THE DURATION OF THE DAY.**

To register for the American Patriot Merit Badge Workshop send this FORM & FEES to:

OMC SAR PO BOX 1421 SPRINGFIELD, MO 65801

For more information or questions, contact Gary Gift at [gary.gift@hotmail.com](mailto:gary.gift@hotmail.com) or 417-860-5886

SCOUT NAME	UNIT #	MERIT BADGE: 1ST CHOICE	MERIT BADGE: 2ND CHOICE	SCOUT RANK

LEADER NAME	UNIT #	POSITION	EMAIL	PHONE

SCOUTMASTER PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUTMASTER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTMASTER PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCOUTS \_\_\_\_\_ X 5.00/BADGE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : OMC SAR

REGISTRATION FORM SUBMITTED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_