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The President's Message

By President Ben Edmondson

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, I for one am grateful it is fall.

We are gearing up for what will be a 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 as many of the events as you are able.

In a few days the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be upon us. This is particularly special to me as several of my ancestors participated in the victory that took place there.

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DEATH OF COLONEL FERGUSON AT KING'S MOUNTAIN.

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**Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter
Meeting Saturday, September 17th, 2022**

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 15th, 2022

The next meeting will be at the Catt-Crawford Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Missouri. For those who wish to carpool, we will be meeting at the OTC parking lot at 9:00 AM, where we will carpool to Mount Vernon to participate at the Cemetery. This will also be a Color Guard event. Our meeting will be held in conjunction with this event.

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In 1930 President Herbert Hoover spoke at the 150th anniversary of the battle. The following are a few excerpts from his speech.

“My fellow countrymen:

This is a place of inspiring memories. Here less than a thousand men, inspired by the urge of freedom, defeated a superior force entrenched in this strategic position. This small band of patriots turned back a dangerous invasion well designed to separate and dismember the united Colonies. It was a little army and a little battle, but it was of mighty portent. History has done scant justice to its significance, which rightly should place it beside Lexington and Bunker Hill, Trenton and Yorktown, as one of the crucial engagements in our long struggle for independence.

The Battle of Kings Mountain stands out in our national memory not only because of the valor of the men of the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia, who trod here 150 years ago, and because of the brilliant leadership of Colonel [William] Campbell, but also because the devotion of those men revived the courage of the despondent Colonies and set a nation upon the road of final triumph in American independence.”

...”Our political system was a revolt from dictatorship, whether by individuals or classes. It was rounded upon the conception that freedom was inalienable, and that liberty and freedom should rest upon law, and that law should spring from the expressed wisdom of the representatives of the majority of the people themselves. ...Under them we hold that all men are created equal, that they are equal before the law, and that they should be safeguarded in liberty and, as we express it latterly, in equality of opportunity to every individual that he

may achieve for himself and for the community the best to which his character, his ability, and his ambition entitle him.”

Let the best to which OUR character and ability allow us to pursue the goals of the SAR. Let us continue to preserve our history and educate our fellow Americans.

Ben Edmondson
President OMCSAR

Just prior to our meeting we held a Memorial Service for our lost member **Lt. Colonel Harold Thomas Sentman.**

First Vice President Cris Braymann called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM with 22 members and 12 guests.



Compatriot Dan Philbrick gave the invocation. **Compatriot Don Higginson** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Compatriot Jim Robinette** led the Pledge to the SAR. He proceeded to ask for guests to introduce themselves. New members were introduced including James Appleby and Matthew Bowman. Each were introduced and presented a brief history of their Patriots. Those written histories will be provided to our OMC so as to be publicized in our OMC Newsletter.

2nd -Vice President – Jim Robinette—after the social media technical difficulty was addressed- he asked for Eugene Robinette to come forward to participate in the program for the day. **Eugene Robinette** was the grandson of the individual and the great uncle of Jim Robinette, **Paul Jones Robinett**. You might notice that the “e” is not on his name, but was missed during the transcription of papers from his school diploma. The story is told by

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Editor: Daniel Piedlow

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both Eugene and Jim Robinette.

Paul Jones Robinett was born on a farm 6 miles east of Hartville, Missouri on the family farm on Robinett Road, on the Gasconade River. He was born on September 18th, 1894. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 30th, 1914. He ran away from the farm to chase Poncho Villa with the U.S. Army. While he was there he was in charge of guarding prisoners when he was younger than 18. He left the U.S. Army on one day and enlisted in the Marines the next day. He wanted to fight. He joined the Marines on April 6th, 1917. He was on the Marine Rifle team and was an excellent shot. He could, at 600 yards, shoot a group of 6 shots, using open sights of a Springfield, in a pattern that would fit inside the palm of your hand.

(Marine Det USS Wyoming). Landed in France on December 31st, 1917 (17th Co = Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment).

On June 5th, 1918 his Regiment went into France just west of Belleau, France. On June 6th, 1918 the 5th and 6th Marines (4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division) counter-attacked the German line on Hill 142, following a German offensive attack. The Germans, after humbling the Russians on the Eastern front, moved their Armies to the Western front here near Belleau. During this Battle, he was a Sergeant in charge and was wounded by 2 machine bullets. The exact location has been identified by their new friend Alain Romelot who owns the land on Hill 142. He had done lots of research on the Battle of this location. While searching the area in February 2010



he found the Dog Tag of Paul Jones Robinett. Alain Romelot joined the Brigade Facebook page because of his interest and knowledge of this Battle. Jim Robinette joined the Brigade Facebook page in 2018 when he was soon to be taking a new job in Germany. Soon thereafter, Alain Romelot comes onto the page with a picture of the Dog Tag of Paul Jones Robinett and the two of them got together socially. Eugene informed us that he already had a set of Dog Tags, one of a set of two from Paul's participation in the Army, but another one of his Dog Tags from his participation in the Marines. It was not until this time that he realized this was the other Dog Tag from the Marines. They were invited on November 9th, 2018 to go to France by Alain Romelot to visit. While there they visited Alain's home in Montgeux, near Troye, and the area of the Battle. They then visited the church where Paul Robinett was cared for following his injuries at the Battle. Near this same church is where President Theodore Roosevelt's son was killed while flying a plane in World War I, and the Roosevelt family helped restore the church to the condition it was at that time.

He then went on to show the topographical maps of the positions of the troops at the time of the Battle.

On November 10th, 2018 the Dog Tags were reunited with the Robinette family after more than 100 years. Then they visited the exact location on the Romelot property where the Dog Tag was found. The tree right next to the location is now called the "Robinette Oak". The remnants of the Battle are still able to be identified with the trenches and the barbed wire still present. They then were surprised with a visit by the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Joseph Dunford, of the Marines. They had a pleasant visit and were able to tell him the story of the Dog Tag and show him the Tags. The General thanked Alain for his research

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and what he had done.

On November 11th.2018, on Veterans Day, they visited the Memorial at the U.S. Cemetery. Then they went to the Village of Belleau to the Memorial at Belleau Cemetery. They proceeded to the reception at the Mairie de Belleau-in his office they had many of the Indian Head 2nd Division Patches. Following this was a presentation at the U.S. Cemetery where Alain formally presented the Dog Tag back to the Robinette family with a reception following at the Chateau de Belleau.

History has it that 50% of those Americans that fought at the Battle of Belleau Woods died. They were very thankful that Paul Jones Robinette was able to come home. Many did not.

“Mort pour la France”

1st Vice President Cris Brayman thanked them for their presentation.

1st Vice President Cris Brayman had **Compatriot Steve Perkins** come forward to induct the new members into the OMC. Matthew Bowman and James Appleby came forward for their induction. This is a great moment for this chapter. It is an even greater moment for these new members after they have successfully established a lineage to somebody who served for the cause of our independence.

The Oath was taken and Membership Certificates were presented. Their sponsors Steve Perkins and Les Slovensky were also recognized. They were both presented with the SAR Rosette which is the original recognition emblem of the SAR. Their Blue and Buff colors represent the colors of General George Washington’s uniform. He welcomed them to the OMC Chapter. He encouraged them to participate in our activities and to become active in our events. He asked them to submit their Patriot’s biography for documentation.

Pictures were taken. They were congratulated by all.

Officer Reports:

President Report—Ben Edmondson – was not present— presently inflicted with COVID--no report

1st Vice-President Report—Cris Brayman—had no additional report

2nd Vice President –Jim Robinette—no additional report

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

Treasurer Report—John Angst—we have presently have \$7,453.70 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,328.23 in our interest-bearing, guaranteed fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks fund. These two accounts total \$16,781.93. This report was accepted and passed unanimously and was sent on to the audit committee. Dues for 2023 for the SAR are now due. Please send them to John Angst as soon as possible. The amount is \$71 dollars,

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Important Dates in History

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

October 7 - Battle of Kings Mountain 1780

October 9 - Battle of Yorktown 1781

October 10 - Point Pleasant Battle (first battle of war) 1774

October 13 - The U.S. Navy is established 1775

October 19 - Articles of Capitulation Signed ending war 1781

October 30 - John Adams Birthday 1735

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which includes the OMC, the MOSSAR, and NSSAR dues.

Audit Report—presented by Compatriot Norm Knowlton for Compatriot John McAlear---as requested, he has examined the April 1st, 2022-- June 30th, 2022 OMSAR financial records provided to him by Treasurer John Angst. The records consisted of the check register, Arvest and CFO bank statements, photocopies of support for deposits and distributions, and the OMCSAR Treasurer's Reports.

It is of his opinion, based on the documents provided to him, the Treasurer's Reports from April 1st, 2022, through June 30th, 2022 accurately reflect the financial position of the OMCSAR. A motion to accept this report was made, seconded, and passed.

Genealogist Report – Steve Perkins—has a total of 20 active prospects with 3 new prospects this month. He has 5 pending supplemental applications with NASAR, 6 new member applications sent to State/ National, and 7 recent member approvals. Of those 7 we have two of those individuals here today.

Those who have been approved by National are: Steven Lawson, Jeremy Boes, Keith Moore, Matthew Bowman, Doug Healy, Robert Hammerschmidt, and Caleb Jones.

Editor Report—Dan Piedlow Sr. -- no new report

Historian—Don Higginson—no report

Sgt. at Arms—Dan Piedlow Sr.—no report

Chapter Development Committee—Compatriot Ken Lawrence gave the report of this last meeting on the upcoming events:

A report from **Compatriot Dan McMurray** of the South Central District meeting last month in Bentonville, Arkansas. It was attended by Compatriots Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence, and Steve Perkins. A number of individuals that are running for offices in the NSSAR attended. The President General was also in attendance.

September 29th 2022 will be the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky

October 3rd, 2022 the Chapter Development Committee will meet at 6:30 PM at the Mexican Villa on South Campbell

October 15th, 2022 we will be having our OMC monthly meeting in conjunction with the Catt-Crawford Cemetery Ceremony in Mount Vernon, Missouri. The event will start at about 10:00 AM, but those wishing to carpool to the event. We will be organizing at OTC at 9:00 AM to caravan to this event. It will be a Color Guard event and encourage all to attend. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony during this event, also with Color Guard members from other chapters present. **Compatriot Dan Piedlow** will be organizing the Musket Salute and **Compatriot George Swales** will present the history of each of the flags.

October 29th, 2022, at 10:00 AM will be the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri at the Hawthorn Bank.

November 5th, 2022, Saturday, at 6:30 PM, we will be presenting a Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony and Presentation of Flag Awards at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield, Missouri at the Webelos Woods Camporee.

November 11th, 2022, Friday, at 8:30 AM at the Greenwood Lab School the Opening Flag Ceremony with our OMC Color Guard.

November 11th, 2022, Friday following the Greenwood event, at 11:00 AM, we will participate in The Veterans Day Celebration by presenting the Outstanding Student Veteran of the OTC Campus.

November 19th, 2022 –instead of our monthly meeting, we will be having a Veterans Day Luncheon to honor our Veterans, and especially the World War II Veterans, at Hickory Hills Country Club at 11:00 AM.

A flyer will be sent out concerning cost and participants by **Compatriot John Hathcock**.

Compatriot Ken Lawrence spoke on the 250th Anniversary Award and Medals. He described the basis of these awards and how they can be achieved. Several of our members have already

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received the gold medals, and he was encouraging all to keep track of ones events attended, participated in, or organized to very easily achieve these medals. These awards are to help promote activities that celebrate our country's 250th anniversary. Information will be included.

He then spoke about our chapter participation in the SAR Youth Awards. Our chapter has to have our nominees to the state by the end of the year to be eligible for these awards. Our nominees should be at our OMC December meeting so we can recognize them and present them to the state MOSSAR in January. He was looking for others that can help us get these nominees to be able to award these scholarships.

Compatriot George Swales informed the chapter, Rosemary Sentman has donated, on behalf of Tom Sentman, a donation to the OMC Youth Awards.

Committee Report—No additional reports

Old Business—Still encouraging all OMC members to complete the SAR and Boy Scout Youth Protection Certifications online soon in order to be able to be involved with these youths.

New Business—**1st Vice President Cris Brayman** invited us to participate in the Branson High School JROTC Program on November 15th at the Branson High School at 10:00 AM.

Compatriot John Hathcock informed us that there is now a new senior army instructor at Nixa High School for the JROTC Program. They lost Lt. Colonel Henry Aton because of health reasons and is being replaced by Vernon Cook from Monett.

He is also looking for any Veterans from our OMC to document their military history, as well as their personal pleasures, to be included in our Newsletter.

He is also looking for World War II Veterans to participate in our Veterans Day event on November 19th. We will provide their meals to the first 10 Veterans.

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

Compatriot Ken Lawrence led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick provided the Benediction.

The Meeting ended at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

Birthdays

Charles Craft	September 2
Joseph Fisk	September 3
Amos Walden	September 11
Justin Mutrux	September 17
Glen Gohr	September 18
Nelson Hermilla	September 22
John McAlear	September 23
James Whited	September 28
Eugene Smith	September 29
Philip Reinbold	September 30
Gabriel Schnelle	October 2
John Hathcock	October 5
Stephen Brake	October 6
Guy Mikesell	October 12
William Carr	October 17
Nicholas Brake	October 18
James Robinette	October 19
Benjamin Edmundson	October 22
John Charles	October 29
John Jehle	October 29



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Nathaniel Greene Birthday Celebration and Purple Heart Ceremony August 8, 2022 at the Greene County Courthouse.



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

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OMC Visits Greene County Archives



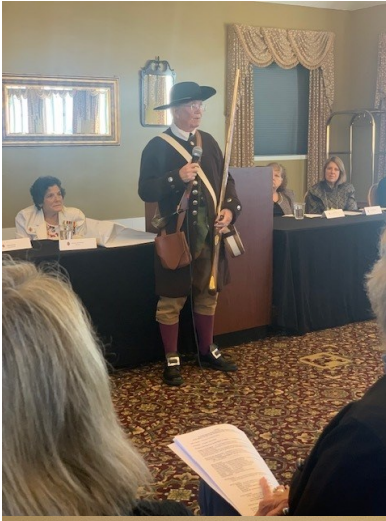
Several members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, SAR, and the Auxiliary visited the Greene County Archives Office of the Greene County Clerk, Springfield, MO, on August 20, 2022. The Public Research Room and 2010 Archive Expansion Project was dedicated to Linda S. Montgomery, Greene County Recorder of Deeds. The facility received an achievement Award in 2019 for its leadership, service, and collaboration with museums and archives throughout Missouri. Archivist Connie Yen led the extended tour of the facility. Older court records, pictures, and other artifacts are kept and displayed in the building, some of which were highlighted and discussed by Ms. Yen. Chapter members expressed their appreciation for all the work Ms. Yen has done through the years and presented her with an Outstanding Citizenship Award Certificate and Challenge Coin.

OMC Members Attend the South Central District Meeting



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Members of the Ozark Mountain chapter attended the South-Central District meeting on August 26 & 27, held at the Double Tree Hotel in Bentonville Arkansas. Representatives from the five district states of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas (MOKAT), were present in sufficient numbers to constitute a quorum. Among the primary topics of the meeting: hearing from national officer candidates after which the SCD voted on the suggested preferred candidates for the 2023 election.



The PG C. Bruce Pickette attended and was quite complimentary of the SCD, the only of 13 districts, that completes a ceremonial flag raising at the hotel facility: lowering the hotel flag and raising an SAR flag. It remains until noon the next day. This year, the SAR 250th anniversary flag was hoisted up their 25-foot pole. The Color Guard receive PG accolades for its march in the hotel corridors to the front entrance and out to the flag poles to the drum of Charles McMillan and a bagpiper from the area. Festive and high-spirited can best describe the moment. The SCD meeting in 2023 will be the last Friday-Saturday of August in Wichita.



Members from Missouri included James Osbourn and wife Becky, President Michael Robertson and wife Jerre, Russ Devenney and Laura, James Coonrod and friend Christy Marsh, Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Mike Hahn, Steve Sullins, Steve, and Debbie Perkins, Dan McMurray, and Peter and Becky Reynolds.



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2021 YOHE Yearbook 1st place award to OMC at the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting.

On September 11, 2022, the Agnes Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from Phillipsburg, Missouri dedicated a marker at the grave site of Sergeant Robert Williams in Nashville, Tennessee.

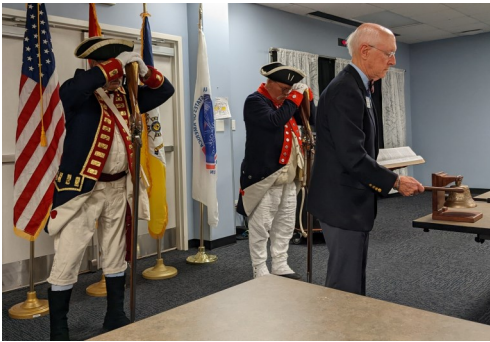
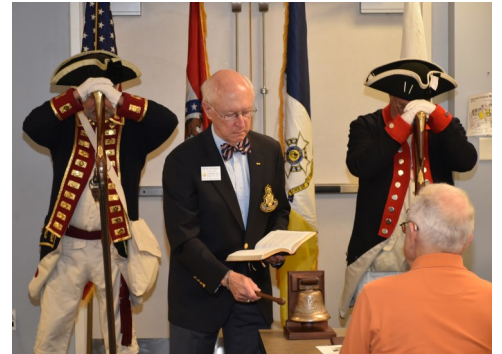
Two members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, SAR were in attendance, Treasurer John Angst and member Jason Stewart.

Robert Williams video: <https://youtu.be/5ftxRV3tZoU>



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September Monthly Meeting and Tom Sentman Memorial



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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.

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New members James Appleby (Left), and Matthew Bowman (Right) with 1st Vice President Cris Brayman after they were sworn in as new members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



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Tomb Guard General George Washington Mt. Vernon, Virginia

By Charles McMillan

I would like to share my experience of being a Tomb Guard and encourage every Color Guard member to consider doing it someday. It was surreal in a way. I flew to Washington DC



got a rental car and stayed in Alexandria, VA. I donned my 1st Regiment New Hampshire uniform and made it to Mt. Vernon in time to join several other members from around the nation. Brooks Lyles, National Color guard Commander, said that the last time they had a representative from Missouri was with Russel Devinney. That has been a while.

We took turns standing guard with our muskets (I borrowed one from Brooks). Every 15 minutes we had a formal changing of the guard.



I signed up for the 2nd watch and the last watch. I must say it was awe-inspiring to think I was standing guard with a Brown Bess at the Tomb of George Washington, General and 1st President of the United States.

How many people get to do that? I shifted my footing every so often because it wasn't that easy for an old man with a heavy long arm to be comfortable. Insert laugh emoji.



Visitors were allowed to take photos of us with them but were not allowed to talk with us. They could ask questions with the guardsmen that weren't on duty and in the area at the time.

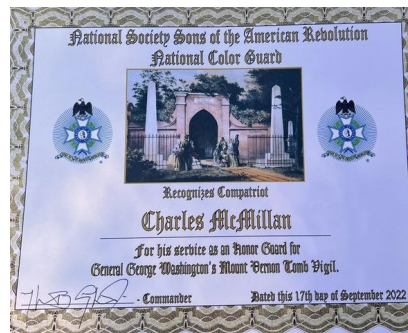
A sense of humble reverence was felt. At the end of the day, we fell in line with the other guardsmen that had signed up to march back to the starting place. As you can see in the one photo, I am bringing up the rear with another 70+ year old soldier. We made it.

We are turning in front of Washington's Mt. Vernon home. It is good to remember the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

An interesting note: My National number is 179699... 1796... He announced his decision not to seek a third term

1799.. He passed away at his home in Mt. Vernon...

And this is how I remembered my number 179699.



These are available only to Compatriots who stand guard.



The Tuneful Tale of "Taps"



How a Back-of-an Envelope Inspiration Became an Anthem

Ever wonder about the bugle call performed on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and at almost every military funeral? Here's the tale of "Taps" ...

By the start of the U.S. Civil War (1861–65), Daniel S. Butterfield, a successful New York City lawyer and financier, had been a member of the New York militia since 1854. He soon found himself going into action



as a colonel of the 12th New York, leading his troops across the historic Long Bridge from Washington, D.C., into Virginia.

Butterfield became a brigadier general and then a major general. At times, he served as chief of staff for generals Joseph Hooker and George Meade. A man of spirit and courage,

Butterfield would be

awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle of Gaines's Mill, Virginia, on June 27, 1862.

But his very considerable talents were not all tactical or administrative. He had a creative bent. Among other things, he was the originator of the "shoulder patch," or badge, which he designed

to identify the soldiers of his unit and which is now in use by armies all over the world.

Although without formal musical training, Butterfield had an extraordinary ear for music, and he indulged that instinct by composing trumpet calls: first, variations of some of the regular calls; later, original compositions. In the first case, necessity was the mother of his creativeness, for, in the maelstrom of battle, he often found his brigade responding to other brigade calls and vice versa. At times, the confusion was costly. His revision of the calls put an end to that.

"Too Formal"

One night in July 1862, while with Maj. Gen. George McClellan's army at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, Butterfield was in the company of Brig. Gen. Daniel Sickles and several other officers. (The Landing is the site of Berkeley Plantation, where more than 100,000 soldiers camped for 45 days in the summer of 1862.) When the bugler sounded the final call of the day—"Extinguish Lights"—Butterfield listened critically. "I don't like the sound of that call," he said. "It's too formal. More like a trumpeting welcome to a foreign potentate than a soldier's good-night."

In the morning, after mail call, Butterfield scribbled some musical notes—a revision of an old French bugle call—on the back of an envelope and then summoned the brigade bugler, Pvt. Oliver W. Norton, of the 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry.

Butterfield handed Norton the envelope and asked him to blow the notes. Not quite satisfied with the first trial, Butterfield made a minor correction and gestured for Norton to repeat the call. Again, he changed a note or two—the composition had 24 notes in all—and that was that.

After the bugler had spent 2 days familiarizing himself with the new call, which had been tentatively titled "Lights Out," Butterfield ordered it used as the last call of the day in his brigade.

A Call for All

A short time later, the call was first played at a military funeral, a service for a Union cannoneer killed

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in battle. Capt. John Tidball, the soldier's commanding officer, chose to honor the man with Butterfield's call instead of the customary three rifle shots. He did not want the nearby enemy to interpret the volleys as the beginning of an attack.

The appeal of Butterfield's call cannot be overstated. No other unpublished piece of music in history ever spread with such rapidity. Within a matter of weeks, it had been adopted by all Union armies in the East, and within a month or two—thanks to captured buglers or merely by virtue of having had its mystical strains heard as they drifted over enemy lines at night—the call became official in all of the camps of the Confederates as well. There may have been profound political and economic differences between these men, but there was never a doubt about the universal beauty of the call.

How "Taps" Got Its Name

Prior to Butterfield's arrangement, the lights-out bugle call for soldiers, known as "The Taps," was concluded with three drum beats, aka "Drum Taps." When Butterfield's treatment replaced this, the name "Taps" stuck—but unofficially. In American military manuals, the call was known officially as "Extinguish Lights" until 1891.

How "Taps" Unified Civil War Veterans

A quarter of a century after the titanic struggle at Gettysburg, a reunion of veterans of both the North and South took place there. Soldiers who had survived those three terrible July days came from all over the land. But even after the passing of the years, there still remained a considerable residue of bitterness, as tramping over the familiar fields brought back memories. For a while, it appeared that the reunion might fail in its purpose of reconciliation.

Late on the second day, a bugler—his name now lost to obscurity—went to Little Round Top, stood at attention, raised his trumpet to his lips, and blew Butterfield's call.

As the notes sounded over the Peach Orchard and onto grim Cemetery Ridge, to echo across Willoughby Run, re-echo on Culp's Hill, along McPherson's

Ridge, and then over Big Round Top, every veteran came to attention, listening. A little of the grimness left their faces. A kind of hope fought with old fears and hatreds. When the final note had died away, groups coalesced and moved in unison toward Little Round Top, instinctively answering that "last call."

There had been no rehearsal; the bugler's action had been personal and spontaneous. But as a result, softening attitudes were everywhere apparent. Gone was talk of victory or defeat at Gettysburg. Talk was of the heroic dead, of the tragedy on both sides, and soon there was talk of no sides at that reunion.

General Butterfield himself was one of those present. His papers show how that sounding of his call by the unknown bugler had affected him. "Somehow," he wrote, "in a way that I cannot explain, it removed from my mind the last trace of bitterness carried over from the battlefields. When I reached Little Round Top, I saw no blue or gray uniforms, just ... old comrades."

"Comfort and Peace"

Butterfield died on July 17, 1901, and became one of the few soldiers not graduated from West Point to be interred there. He was buried with full military honors, and his tomb is the most ornate in the cemetery—yet there is nothing on it that mentions "Taps" or Butterfield's association with it. (A monument at Berkeley Plantation commemorates the call's origin.) Curiously enough, because of its rock formations, the Point is perhaps the finest place in the world to listen to the call of "Taps."

It was inevitable that "Taps" should come to be sounded over the graves of soldiers and sailors. Its dignity, its majesty, and the fact that it is the "last call of the day" made such use a foregone conclusion. But to regard it in any sense as a dirge would not be the correct appraisal. At least, that would not be Butterfield's appraisal. Though sad in the sense that twilight is sad, the overtones are reassuring.

Butterfield said that he meant the call to be one of

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“comfort and peace” to the soldier, no matter how hard the fighting, how exhausting the forced marching, or other harassments. This was his call to rest, to serenity and faith, implicit in its assurance of renewed strength with the coming of dawn. All this from two brief lines of musical notes scrawled on the back of an envelope: a call that can be identified around the world by its first three notes.



Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.

Youth Protection Training

A reminder concerning the Youth Protection Training (YPT). The YPT course can be accessed by going to the SAR website, logging in, and selecting eLearning from the menu at the top of the page. Also, one can access the YPT course using the following link in your web browser search window: sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/ or <https://america250sar.org/> and click on the “Youth Protection Training.”

This training takes just a few minutes to complete and is an important reminder of our responsibility. **Anyone who is in contact with children during an SAR event MUST take this training.**

Be sure that you register as you begin so that you can print out a certificate with your name.

Missouri SAR has asked all of our board members and committee chairmen to take this training. We scan a copy of our certificate and forward it to our Missouri Secretary who keeps a google spreadsheet record with the date of completion.

If you participate in a Scouting event, it is required that you also take the Boy Scout Youth Protection Training at: <https://my.scouting.org/>



The Ozark Mountain Chapter’s picture scribe (a.k.a. Daniel Piedlow) with his ammo bag full of “Nikon.”

Upcoming Events



Chapter Development Meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 P.M. located at Mexican South Villa Restaurant, 2755 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield.



Naturalization Ceremony on Monday, October 11th at 11:30 A.M. located at Missouri State University, Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, 525 John Q. Hammons Pkwy., Springfield.



Catt Crawford Flag History and Flag Retirement on Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 A.M. located at the Fulton Homestead in Lawrence County, Missouri. Exact address will be sent out before the event.



Missouri State SAR meeting on Saturday, October 29th at 10:00 A.M. located at 3600 Amazonas Dr., Jefferson City.



Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, November 5th at 6:00 P.M. located at Boy Scout Camp Arrowhead, 4202 State Hwy DD, Marshfield, MO.

