

2010 MOSSAR

The 120th Missouri Society Annual Convention was held April 23rd and 24th, at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. The M. Graham Clark Chapter was host, with Russell eVenney and J. Bragg Stanley as Convention Chairmen.

Honored guests included **President General (2008-09) and MOSSAR Honorary Vice President David Appleby and Secretary General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution J. David Sympson** and his wife **Evelyn Sympson, National President of the SAR Ladies Auxiliary.**

The **Missouri Society, Children of the American Revolution** was represented by **Senior President Rachael Thomas** and **MSSCAR President Brian Burkett.** The **Missouri Society, Daughters of the Revolution Regent Lemira Stubbs Parks** headed the DAR members in attendance.

Other SAR officers in attendance included: **MOSSAR National Trustee and MOSSAR Honorary Vice President Russell DeVenney, Jr., NSSAR German Society Trustee, MOSSAR Surgeon and Honorary Vice President Stephen M. Baldwin,** and **MOSSAR Honorary Vice Presidents James L. Boyd, Jr., Gerald McCoy, James Shelby, Keith K. Brown, and Robert L Grover**

MOSSAR Awards Chairman Romie Carr announced several special awards

Compatriot Wayne S. Davis received the **Silver CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.** Compatriot Davis has provided

outstanding leadership to the Alexander McNair Society in St Louis and to the Missouri State Society throughout a tenure of fifteen years of service to CAR.

Pam Davis was presented the **Martha Washington Medal** for exceptional and faithful service to the Missouri Society Children of the American Revolution. Pam has served in numerous Senior State offices and Chairmanships. All four of Pam and Wayne's children have served as President of Alexander McNair Society and three are Honorary State Presidents and Past National Vice-Presidents, Great Plains Region. The youngest is currently CAR State Treasurer.

The next awards were to members of the DAR who have worked hard to increase the membership rolls of SAR.

Karen Luzzo received the **Martha Washington Medal** for recruiting 3 new SAR members.

Nancy Thomas received an **Oak Leaf Cluster** for her **Martha Washington Medal,** having now provided us with a total of 6 new members.

Laura DeVenney has brought us 11 new members. Laura was awarded the **Medal of Appreciation** for the most recent new members, having previously received the Martha Washington Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for her first six additions,

Anne W Sizemore has recruited 13 new SAR members. She was awarded an **SAR Medal of Appreciation** with **Oak Leaf Cluster** to add to the Martha Washington Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded for her efforts and support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Friday evening's program was by William T. Stolz, Assistant Director, Western Historical Manuscript Collection at Missouri University. His slide presentation was titled "The last decade: Missouri Life 1889-1899".

On Saturday morning, **MOSSAR Chaplain J. Wayne Merrill** conducted a **Memorial Service** for Missouri Society Compatriots who passed away during the previous twelve months.

The focus of the **Saturday Awards Luncheon** was to recognize individuals who have excelled in our youth programs, in education, in community service, and in support of our organization.

The **Eagle Scout State Award** was presented by Chairman **Melvin McNeal, to Taran Ray Winnie..** Taran has earned a total of 36 merit badges, including the American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law badges. He has a 4.0 grade point average at Kearney High School and is a member of the of the Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City. He was sponsored by the William C. Corum Chapter. Mr. Winnie received Eagle Scout Trophy and a check for \$500. He read his essay on "Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity of 1777" to the convention.

Joshua K. Boyer, senior student at Jefferson City High School, was the winner of MOSSAR's **Knight Essay contest.** Joshua was presented the State Essay medal and an award of \$500 by **Committee Chairman Clifford Olsen.** He read his winning essay—"Life as a Revolutionary War Soldier".



Compatriot Melvin McNeal presents the Eagle Scout Trophy to MOSSAR winner Taran Winnie



President Daniel R. McMurray led the Convention