

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

### BRAXTON C. POLLARD CHAPTER

The May luncheon meeting was held in Memphis, MO at the home of Chapter member, Boyd Bissell and his wife, Jeanie. The speaker was Memphis resident, 88-year old Charles Harris, who served as a pilot of a *Corsair* fighter plane on the aircraft carrier *USS Franklin* during World War II. He received an air medal for shooting down two Japanese aircraft.

The June meeting, held at the clubhouse at the Baring Country Club, was sponsored by Chapter member Brent Karhoff. The program was given by Judge Bruce Normile who spoke on the U.S. Constitution which sets up the nation's powers and the Bill of Rights which controls those powers. The Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center in Kirksville, Missouri was named for Judge Normile, who served over 30 years as a Circuit Court Judge. After the meeting, the attendees took a pontoon boat ride around Baring Lake.

**Other activities:** On May 14th, Compatriot Carol Bland gave a talk to the local Ann Haynes DAR Chapter meeting. He told of his work in bringing our SAR chapter back from the brink of demise after he took over as president about three years ago.

Past President Carol Bland, representing the SAR, led the Memorial Day parade in Unionville, Missouri in his color guard uniform. His photograph appeared prominently in the local newspaper there.

Gary G. Lloyd, President

### ALEXANDER MAJORS CHAPTER

Members of the Alexander Majors Chapter honored deceased member Francis Todd Bryant at his graveside on August 14. His tombstone recently had the SAR medal

### ALLEN LAWS OLIVER CHAPTER

In April our dual member, Steve Baldwin, paid our chapter a visit and gave an update on what was going on at the state level and with the Color Guard. And, in general, gave us an old fashioned pep talk. He gave us a lot of good ideas to make our chapter better. We also held our routine business meeting and we began talking about different events associated with Independence Day celebrations.

In May, we suspended most of our routine business so we could have a special meeting. We welcomed our newest member Andrew David Blattner. We held a formal swearing in ceremony for Drew. This was something our last president had done away with. Drew, as he likes to be called, told us about himself and his Patriot ancestor. He also introduced his wife Ashley to our Chapter. Drew has already joined our color/honor guard and will be a good addition for our chapter.

Our activities for Independence Day began on Sunday June 27 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Wells, MO. Every year the congregation on the Sunday before Independence Day salutes the active duty service men and women and veterans of the

added, to commemorate Todd's membership in the SAR. Grave marking is a great way to honor past Compatriots.

Pictured at right are (*L to R*) Rick Osborn, Gerald Lawton Bennett, Glen W Osborn, Don Davis, Owen Neff, Chip Dickey, and Dick Bryant. Photos by Ron Erwin.

county with a special service to honor them. This is the second year that they have asked our color/honor guard to participate and it was a huge success! New Wells is an unincorporated town in Northern Cape Girardeau County with maybe only fifty people who live in the community. There were approximately 300 people who attended the service and afterward the congregation held a reception for all.

I must also report the death of chapter member Colin McLain NSSAR #163312 MOSSAR #2483. Colin died on July 6 in Mongolia. He was the son of Randy McLain our chapter's treasurer.

Steven Pledger, Chapter President

### INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS CHAPTER

On June 4th, Color Guardsmen Al Paris and James Scott joined Color Guard Commander Robert Grover in presenting colors for the DAR at the Osceola Missouri Cemetery. Al and James fired musket salutes. On June 13th, Al and James were musketmen for a DAR grave memorial at Longview Cemetery in Kansas City.

Our program for the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was on Flag Day history, Flag respect, and folding the Flag by the Color Guard.

James L Scott, President

