



The Compatriot Reporter
 Monthly Newsletter for the
The Cpl. Braxton C. Pollard Chapter
 of the Sons of the American Revolution

January 17, 2009

Fjeld Arms
 Center Kirksville



A total of 12 persons attended the January 17 meeting. Doris provided a tasty dinner for the group.



Above Left Photo: Compatriot Carol Bland (center) gave the program today on his experiences as a combat veteran in Europe during WW II. He served three years as gunner and radio operator as part of a four-man team in a light tank in the 12th Armored Division, which was part of General Patton's Third Army. The Hellcats, as Carol's 12th Armored Division was known, fought their way across western France, on across the Rhine River and through Germany, engaging in fierce fighting along the way. In one pitched battle, engaged to protect a critical bridge, 77 light U.S. tanks were destroyed by withering Nazi fire, and many good patriotic men lost their lives. However, the allies prevailed and the bridge was saved allowing rapid advance to continue. The Hellcats were feared and respected by the enemy for their aggressive fighting. By late in the war, his unit had reached deep into Germany and liberated eleven German death camps, two of which Carol witnessed. He saw horrific human condition and misery of the prisoners at those camps that no words can adequately describe. Also pictured are Doris Bland, Carol's wife, and Gary Lloyd, newly elected president of the group.

Above right photo: On behalf of the Cpl. Braxton C. Pollard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), member Pat Richardson (right) honored his father, George Richardson (center), for his exemplary patriotism on January 17th with a Certificate of Commendation. On his own volition, George flies a U.S. Flag at his residence near Martinstown seven days per week, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year in full compliance with established procedures. Also pictured is Evelyn Richardson, George's wife.

Guests

George and Evelyn Richardson, Carol Wison, Claire Lloyd and Doris Bland (*Doris provided the meals and Claire served as Secretary so both go well beyond being a guest*)

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 21 - The Smithsonian's New Harmonies Exhibit that is coming to KV - Debi Boughton
 March 21 - Carol Bland in uniform as his Rev. War Patriot.
 Apr. 18 - The Civil War in KV - Gene Schneider (unconfirmed as of this writing)



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Program: "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music" Exhibition

Debra "Debi" Boughton, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce tourism director, spoke about this Smithsonian Institution exhibition which will debut in Kirksville, the first

in the state, before being shown serially in five other small cities during the year. The exhibit, sponsored by the Kirksville Arts Association and the Adair County Historical Society, will be at the Kirksville Arts Center, 117 South Franklin, Kirksville, from **March 21 - May 2, 2009**.

In addition to the many exhibits supplied by the Smithsonian, there will be exhibits supplied locally of musical instruments, sheet music, recordings and information on noted performers from this area.

Numerous events are planned in conjunction with the exhibition. There is an opening reception scheduled for March 20, 5-7 p.m. at the Kirksville Arts Center. A dozen musical events, workshop, and speaking engagements and five "Lunch and Learn" events will follow. After the exhibition leaves, there will be a concert by Rhonda Vincent and the Rage Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at Rotary Park amphitheater (rain site: TSU Baldwin Hall). There will be no admission charged for the exhibition or events, except the "lunch and learn" series (\$10 each or 5/\$45).

The Arts Association is looking for volunteers to help staff the exhibit during its run to serve as docents as well as to provide security for the materials exhibited.

Debi, pictured above with our Sergeant at Arms **Boyd Bissell** (left) and Vice President **Brent Karhoff** (right), explained the importance of such events for Kirksville tourism. There are bus groups already scheduled to come here because of this exhibition which helps our local economy.

Guests:

John Tillotson (prospective member)
 Linda Tillotson
 Wendy Richardson & daughter
 Doris Bland (who provided meals)
 Claire Lloyd (who served as Secretary)

Upcoming Programs:

March 21 - Carol Bland in uniform as his Rev. War Patriot
April 18 - Gene Schneider, Battle of Kirksville
May 16 - Pending
June 20 - Bob Kilmer, Lewis and Clark Expedition



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**COMPATRIOT CAROLD BLAND
 PART OF COLOR GUARD**

Photo on Left: On March 6th, Compatriot Bland, in Revolutionary War uniform, led the Color Guard at the State Assembly of Daughters of American Colonists held at the Days Inn in Kirksville, Missouri.

A total of 10 persons attended today's meeting. Doris and Carol provided a tasty meal for the group.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: CAROLD BLAND AS HIS REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTOR

Carol Bland assumed the role of his Revolutionary War Soldier ancestor, Ezekiel Billington, complete with uniform, powder horn, haversack and wooden canteen. (In right photo, Compatriot Bland is pictured with Club President Gary Lloyd. Photo below shows soldier's equipment.)

Ezekiel enlisted in the Militia in Newark, New Jersey. After enduring several battles and the hardships associated with the underfed and under-clothed soldiers of the times, he was captured by the British. They held along with several other captured soldiers in a sugar house with no windows, under very crowded conditions and with no toilet facilities. As his compatriot prisoners died one by one, he volunteered for burial duty to get out into the fresh air. Eventually, he was faced with the choice of either joining the British Army or die. He chose the former and made plans to escape when he had a chance. After one of his friends, whom he thought was trustworthy, revealed his plan, he was wounded badly enough that he escaped execution. He was sent to the West Indies and eventually made his escape then went on to serve with the Continental Army for several more years. After five years of heroic service, he was finally discharged, after the war was winding down.



Guests:

- John Tillotson (prospective member)
- Linda Tillotson
- Carol Wilson
- Doris Bland (who provided meals)
- Claire Lloyd (who served as secretary)

Upcoming Programs:

- April 18: Gene Schneider/Battle of Kirksville
- May 16: History Professor Mark Hanley
- June 20: Bob Kilmer/Lewis and Clark Expedition



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A total of 10 persons attended the April 18th meeting. Doris provided a tasty dinner for the group.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

George Michael "Mike" Richardson (left in left photo) was inducted by Chapter President Compatriot Gary Lloyd at today's meeting.

Mike Richardson, a Hannibal, Missouri resident, descends from Revolutionary War Soldier Ezekiel Billington.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: GENE SCHNEIDER ON "THE BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE"

Gene Schneider spoke on the Battle of Kirksville fought on August 6, 1862, and the events leading up to it as well as its aftermath. He explained why the Union under Col. John McNeil won the battle in spite of far superior Confederate numbers led by Col. Joseph Porter. The Confederate troops were mostly freshly recruited farm boys that had had little to no military training with more than half unarmed. Porter had been recruiting men in northeast Missouri to take to Arkansas for military training. The aftermath was that the Confederates were unable to conduct large scale recruiting efforts in the area. After the battle, McNeil ordered the execution of several previously captured Confederates for having violated their oath to never fight the Union army again.



Speaker Gene Schneider (left) and Chapter Chancellor Pat Richardson

A CHANGE IS COMING: Doris will serve the meal for the last time at our June meeting. Beginning in September, we will have to make other plans. Options will be discussed at the next two meetings. These include (1) changing the meeting time from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. so a local restaurant (Rosie's Northtown Cafe) could devote a room for our sole use; (2) try to get Ponderosa to close a partition so our small group could meet in privacy; (3) meet at Fjeld Arms or other place but not provide lunch (DAR members, for example, meet in the afternoon and members take turns serving coffee and pastries.). Having a meal for our small group catered would not be workable since we would have to know exactly how many are going to attend. (Special Note: We sincerely appreciate all the meals Doris has prepared for us! This also has served as a fundraiser since she donates all funds over costs.)

Guests:

- John Tillotson** (prospective member)
- Doris Bland** (who provided the meal)
- Claire Lloyd** (who served as secretary)

Upcoming Programs:

- May 16:** Gary Lloyd on biographies of Rev. War Soldiers buried in Adair County.
- June 20:** Bob Kilmer/Lewis & Clark Expedition
(NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST)
- Sept. 19:** History Professor Dr. Mark Hanley



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CADET CURTIS WESTBAY IS RECIPIENT OF 2009 SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

At a ROTC awards ceremony on April 30, Chapter President Gary G. Lloyd (left) presented a medal to Curtis Westbay, a freshman at Truman State University and member of TSU's "Bulldog Battalion" (United States Army ROTC program). Cadet Westbay, from Carthage, Missouri, was appreciative of this special recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution.

NEW MEETING TIME BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

President Gary presented several future meeting options for member consideration in advance of the meeting. After some discussion, compatriot Brent Karhoff moved that we meet at 11:00 a.m. at Fjeld Arms Center. Pat Richardson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. After the meeting, we could then eat together at a local restaurant to be decided at each meeting.

PROGRAM: PRESIDENT GARY LLOYD ON THE TWO REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS BURIED IN ADAIR COUNTY, THOMAS LAY AND JAMES FLETCHER

Patriot Lay of North Carolina enlisted in the North Carolina State Troops for one year in 1780 and engaged in several skirmishes against the Tories. He later moved first to Claiborne County then Grainger County, Tennessee before moving on in 1843 to the Morrow township area of Adair County, Missouri. Patriot Lay, born in 1763, died between December 23, 1844 and March 4, 1845 and was buried in the Collett Cemetery near the first white settlement in Adair County. Patriotic citizens erected a monument there in his honor on October 10, 1890.



[President Gary and Walter Davison (left) who conducted much of the research.]

Patriot Fletcher of Virginia first enlisted in the Virginia State Troops in 1777 and then served two full three-month terms one year apart and later part of a third. He participated in no battles but did capture a deserter from the Continental Army whom he delivered to the recruiting post at Winchester, Virginia, 70 miles away. Fletcher later moved to North Carolina then to Hart County, Kentucky before moving on to Randolph County, Missouri in 1830. By 1840 he had moved to a site that became a part of Adair County when it was formed in 1841. Fletcher was buried in what is now an isolated area, one-half mile from the nearest road, one mile east of Yarrow on a wooded hill owned by Ron Weber. At the time, there was probably a cabin there where, in 1840, he had been living with the family of his son, Elias Fletcher. A monument was erected in his honor there on August 30, 1892, by the G.A.R. with a great celebration attended by almost 1,000 people. The monument is inscribed: "*James Fletcher, A Revolutionary War Soldier, Born April 29, 1758. Died Sept. 27, 1845. Rest Soldier Rest. Thy Warfare's o'er*". [Since 1966, it has been widely reported that a third such Revolutionary War patriot was buried in Adair County by the name of Thomas Fletcher who was said to be a brother of the aforesaid Patriot James Fletcher and buried near him. However, no evidence has been found to support that contention.]

Guests:

Doris Bland (who prepared the meal)
Claire Lloyd (who took the minutes)

(There were 7 members in attendance today.)

Upcoming Programs:

June 20: Bob Kilmer/Lewis & Clark Expedition
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Sept. 19: History Professor Dr. Mark Hanley



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COMPATRIOT BLAND GIVES TWO PROGRAMS IN JUNE



At the June 12th meeting of the Ann Haynes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Carold Bland (center, left photo) gave a program entitled "Meet a Continental Soldier." Compatriot Bland, a life member and past president of our chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, is pictured with DAR members Marilyn Cowan (left), chair of



the program committee, and Betty Swisher, chapter regent. Compatriot Bland also gave this program at the First United Methodist Church men's club June 15th meeting and is pictured in right photo with member Graydon Berry.

SEPTEMBER 19TH MEETING, 11 A.M., FJELD ARMS: After that meeting, we will have lunch at Rosie's Northtown Cafe. (The restaurant for October will be determined later.) We decided to set a basket up at the door for voluntary contributions for speaker's meals.



TWO NEW MEMBERS

MOSSAR President Daniel R. McMurray (right), from Springfield, MO, inducted John Tillotson of Green Castle, MO and Rochester, MN (left) and Richard Sears of Atlanta, MO today.

MOSSAR PRESIDENT VISITS OUR CHAPTER!

We were very pleased to welcome Dan McMurray, from Springfield, MO on his first official visit to another chapter after his appointment as MOSSAR President. He said he was impressed with our chapter, particularly its membership growth. He is also impressed with our members expressed interest in serving as color guards - an important exposure for SAR. He spoke about the July, 2013 National Congress to be held in Kansas City, MO. He said \$20,000 needs to be raised to get the Congress going and spoke of ways MOSSAR plans to raise money. Chapter presidents are members of the board and may vote. However, all members are welcome to attend board meetings in Columbia (future meetings: 7/25, 10/31, and 1/30/10).



MOSSAR President Dan McMurray (right), presenting a Certificate of Appreciation (Josiah Fogg Award) to Past President Carold Bland for the chapter's accomplishments during his tenure as president.

Guests:

MOSSAR President Daniel R. McMurray
 John Sparks, Linda Tillotson, Doris Bland
 Susan Sears and Claire Lloyd

THERE WERE 8 MEMBERS AT TODAY'S MEETING.

Announcements:

NO MEETINGS JULY AND AUGUST.

Upcoming Programs:

Sept. 19: Dr. Mark Hanley, History Professor
 Oct. 17: To be announced



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DR. MARK HANLEY ON GEORGE WASHINGTON

Dr. Mark Hanley (left), professor of history at TSU, spoke today about why he ranks George Washington as the best president the nation has ever produced. He said that in any presidential rankings by historians, Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt are always within the top three, but Lincoln is sometimes listed first. Dr. Hanley said that although there were many outstanding leaders that founded the country, he cannot imagine anyone but Washington who could have brought and kept all those men together long enough to found and preside over a new country

that was unlike any that existed before. While Washington was not an intellectual like Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton and others, he was a very wise man who got the major decisions right. His integrity was beyond reproach, he was brave in battle and his appearance commanded tremendous respect by all. In the talks and negotiations throughout the founding process, he stayed above the fray, making him an acceptable leader to all. He was, of course, a man and therefore imperfect (he had a bad temper, and perhaps pondered issues to an unnecessary depth). Washington appointed some members of his cabinet who were bitter enemies, such as Adams and Jefferson, because he wanted to hear all sides of an issue before making a decision. That was also practiced by another great president, Abraham Lincoln. The speaker is pictured with SAR Chapter President Gary G. Lloyd.

Volunteer Chairmen Sought: Compatriot Lloyd sought a volunteer chair for the Teacher of the Year Award at the high school and middle school levels and also for the Eagle Scout Award. Pat Richardson took materials on the Teacher of the Year Award to review and will decide whether to chair that undertaking for a limited number of local counties. Information about both these matters is on the NSSAR and MOSSAR web sites.

Our Sympathy to Compatriot Orville Bowers on the loss of his wife, Lila, on September 18th. The funeral is Tuesday, September 22, 2 p.m., at the Church of the Nazarene, Kirksville with the visitation there immediately preceding the funeral.

Get Well Soon, Compatriot Bland: Carol Bland is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia for which he had been hospitalized. We hope to see Compatriot Bland at our next meeting if his health allows.

Message from the President: We met for the first time at 11:00 a.m. at Fjeld Arms with lunch at a restaurant afterwards. It went smoothly, and we had a great program by Dr. Hanley. Afterwards, 7 of the 11 attendees retreated to Rosie's Uptown Cafe for lunch. The fellowship at the restaurant was great, but it was limited to those at your booth. I got to socialize very little with most of the attendees. I personally missed the fellowship of the entire group before and during lunch. If others felt the same way, we need to stay receptive to new ideas (Bring your own lunch, and meet at noon would be one idea. Any others?). In October, we'll meet at 11:00 a.m. at Fjeld Arms and take lunch at Ponderosa afterwards.

Guests:

John Sparks (prospective member)
Susan Sears (wife of Richard)
Claire Lloyd (who acted as secretary)

(There were 11 people at today's meeting.)

Upcoming Program:

October 17: Gene Schneider on Adair
County History



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PROGRAM: HISTORY OF ADAIR COUNTY

Gene Schneider (right) spoke to us today on the history of Adair County. His talk addressed its main events starting with the first white settlement in 1828 on what was to later become the Collett farm, then proceeded chronologically to current times. He reported on a skirmish with the Indians who had entered the area to hunt in violation of an earlier treaty. Both whites and Indians were killed in the fight which occurred near the Chariton River east of what is now Connelsville. Schneider told of the building of the triangular

shaped Ft. Clark in 1832, also at the Collett site, and of Ft. Matson, built in the east side of the Adair County. Both forts were a result of the Black Hawk War and were soon found to be unneeded and abandoned. He told of the founding and naming of Kirksville and the building of the first courthouse near the site of the current Bank Midwest. The second courthouse was on the site occupied by the current courthouse which was a park at the time. It accidentally burned in 1865. Schneider spoke of the effort to get a bond passed for several decades to build the third and current courthouse. A bond finally passed in 1897 and construction began in 1898. It was among the first in the state to be equipped with modern plumbing and electricity. He described the terribly destructive tornado of April 1899 that swept through the eastern side of Kirksville. The founding of osteopathy by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still was another topic described. Schneider's talk was very interesting and informative, but by necessity had to be brief. He did not cover the Battle of Kirksville, since he had previously spoke on that event at an earlier meeting. Also pictured is SAR member Pat Richardson, chancellor of the Chapter.

CHANGE IN MEETING TIME: Chapter President Gary expressed his concern about our current arrangement of meeting at 11 a.m. and having lunch together after the meeting. Our local restaurants are busy around the noon hour on Saturdays and we cannot all sit together. Therefore, we give up the opportunity for fellowship with those seated at other tables. Several options were discussed, including changing our meeting time at Fjeld Arms to 1:30 p.m. We would have coffee available and try to have a baked item available for snacking. The meeting would start at 2:00 p.m. Compatriot Bland moved that we make this change to our meeting time which was seconded by Compatriot Pat Richardson; the motion carried. It will be implemented at our November 21st meeting.

CHECK TO FJELD ARMS: In the past we have donated \$100 a year to Fjeld Arms for the use of their meeting room. It was the consensus of the group that we continue this practice, and Treasurer Davison will write a check to Fjeld Arms by November 1st.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Mike Greenwell of Shelbina will serve as our chair for this December 12th event at the Jacksonville, MO veterans cemetery.

SAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 31: Compatriot Lloyd and wife, Claire, will attend.

Guests:

Gene Schneider (speaker); **John Sparks**, **Doris Bland**, and **Claire Lloyd** (who served as secretary)

TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 9

Upcoming Program:

November 21: "The Life and Times of Tom Horn (1860-1903), a Native of Scotland County" by Compatriot Boyd Bissell



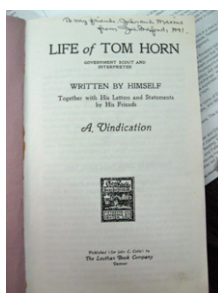
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Boyd Bissell (on right in photo), one of our own, gave the program on **Tom Horn, a native of Scotland Co., Missouri** (pictured below). Horn was born to a farmer there in 1860. He left home at age 14, probably because of an abusive father as well to seek adventure in the west. He at first got a job with a freight company out of Kansas City serving in various capacities. At age 16, he headed southwest and became involved with the Apache wars and eventually negotiated the surrender of Geronimo. He later quit the Army and became a ranch hand and a world class rodeo steer wrestler. Horn became an expert tracker and marksman and hired out his skills to the cattlemen and sheepmen wars in AZ, later became a deputy sheriff in Colorado. Due to his tracking skills he was later hired by the Pinkerton detective agency. He worked out of the Denver office and did investigations mostly in Colorado and Wyoming. After leaving that agency he became a “Range Detective” for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.



Some say his actual job was “Killer for Hire,” to eliminate known cattle rustlers and robbers. Although several were found dead and Horn was suspected, he was not convicted of any of those murders. During the Spanish American War he left that work and joined the U.S. Army and at one point delivered mules to Teddy Roosevelt who used them to storm San Juan Hill in Puerto Rico. Horn contracted malaria and when his health recovered, returned to Wyoming. While there, a 14-year-old son of a shepherding rancher was murdered and Horn was arrested. Because of statements made while he was intoxicated, and perjured testimony by two witnesses and planted evidence, he was convicted of that crime and hung in 1903, one day before his 43rd birthday. It has been said that he was likely guilty of several murders but not that one. A mock trial conducted in Cheyenne in 1993 found Horn not guilty due to the lack of evidence. There were two movies made on his life; the latest movie, in 1980, starred Steve McQueen.

MEMBERS NEEDED: Chapter President Lloyd asked our members to help seek potential new members. He suggested contacting DAR members who might identify contacts for us.

CATALOG FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR UNIFORMS: Pat will speak with his brother, Mike, about bringing his catalog on Thanksgiving Day.

Attendance:

Five members & one guest

Guests:

Claire Lloyd (who served as secretary)

Upcoming Programs:

December 16: Todd Kuhns on the Restoration of the Pickler's Famous Building

In the Spring, a possible program and meal at Boyd & Jeannie Bissell's Memphis, MO home.



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2009
Special Edition

"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY JACKSONVILLE, MISSOURI



On December 12th, Mike Greenwell of Shelbina, Missouri, a member of our club, read the 2009 SAR Proclamation (for text, see pdf attached to cover email) at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, Missouri "Wreaths Across America" ceremony. This annual event is held simultaneously at National and State veterans cemeteries throughout the nation to honor the sacrifices of our veterans. During the ceremony, seven wreaths were hung, one to represent each branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines) plus one for POW/MIAs. Missouri has six state veterans cemeteries with Jacksonville being the only one north of the Missouri River.





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TODD KUHNS ON PICKLER'S FAMOUS: Todd, TSU web services manager and Kirksville's mayor pro tem, spoke about the restoration of Pickler's Famous building in Kirksville that he and his business partner, Dr. Justin Puckett, own. Among their goals is to establish a new business there and restore the exterior of the building to its appearance in the 1880's when it was owned by Samuel Pickler who operated a mercantile business there known as "Picklers Famous." Their business plans for the building include, along with other as yet undisclosed uses, an ice cream parlor, lunch counter and bakery featuring artisan breads. Todd showed early and recent photos of the building. It has been an arduous task uncovering and restoring the original facade where upper floor windows had been hidden for many years. It has been even worse repairing and restoring the interior and roof supports. He and his partner have also navigated through the time consuming process of seeking historic status for the building. Once the old facade was uncovered, they were able to get a historic district designation for the north side of the square. Todd also provided some history of the building and also Samuel Pickler. He was born in Indiana on November 6, 1846; his family later settled in Davis Co., Iowa, before moving to Kirksville in 1866, where his father operated a dry goods store. Samuel took some advanced courses at the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College (now Truman State University) during its first year of operation and the following year joined the faculty as an assistant. He became a regular instructor (teaching bookkeeping, mathematics, elocution, logic and penmanship) when it became a state school in 1870. Among his business undertakings was operating the Journal Printing Company for eight years (1873-1881). In 1879, Journal Printing was the first area newspaper to install a steam engine driven printing press. He operated a successful mercantile business at Pickler's Famous from the 1880's through the 1890's. In 1899, the business was sold to Murphy-Mills & Garges. In 1911, George Lehr bought the building and ran a furniture store there. The building housed Mart Super Drug in the 1960's; in the 1990's Radio Shack occupied the space and Lawson Hill later took over the space until 2006. (The speaker is pictured above with SAR VP Brent Karhoff.)

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS: Brent Karhoff moved that the 2009 officers be reinstated for 2010 (Boyd Bissell seconded the motion; it carried.): **President:** Gary G. Lloyd; **Vice President:** Brent Karhoff; **Secretary:** vacant (Claire Lloyd serving); **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Boyd Bissell; **Chaplain:** Mike Richardson (b/u Brent Karhoff); **Registrar/Genealogist:** Orville Bowers (inactive due to health); **Chancellor:** Patrick Richardson; **Historian:** vacant (Carold Bland has agreed to serve at program chair for 2010.)

DONATION TO SAR NATIONAL LIBRARY: The DVD from NSSAR President Ed Butler was viewed. After discussion, Walter Davison moved that our chapter donate \$100 to the SAR National Library. Boyd Bissell seconded the motion; it carried.

There were 12 people (five members and seven guests) present at today's meeting.

Guests:

Jeannie Bissell, Eric Tillotson, Linda Tillotson, John Sparks, Bich Kuhns, Todd Kuhns (speaker); Claire Lloyd (who provided treats and took minutes)

Upcoming Program:

January 16: Duane Crawford/Flight 11 crash near Unionville in the 1960's



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Compatriot Boyd Edwin Bissell of Memphis (left) received a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution certifying that he is a descendant of James Martindale, a Revolutionary War patriot. Boyd is pictured with Chapter President Gary G. Lloyd who presented the certificate at today's meeting. It was also reported today that the supplemental application of Compatriot Robert Neesom has now been approved.

A Thank You Letter from SAR Foundation: NSSAR Executive Director Joe E. Harris expressed his appreciation for our chapter's \$100 donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, SAR's national genealogy library.

CRASH OF FLIGHT #11

Duane Crawford of Unionville (right in right photo) spoke about the May 22, 1962 crash at Unionville of Continental Airlines Flight #11, a Boeing 707 aircraft with 45 persons on board (37 passengers and 8 crew members). The flight began in Chicago and was scheduled to stop at Kansas City before proceeding on to Los Angeles. The crash, from which there were no survivors, resulted from an explosive carried by a passenger in his briefcase which he ignited in the tail section of the airplane. The fuselage from the crash landed in farmland about six miles northwest of Unionville. From pieces caught in the jet stream, wreckage was scattered over a wide area, including as far away as Iowa City, Iowa. This was the first bombing of a civilian commercial passenger aircraft in our country's history. The FBI determined that the explosive had no timing device which shows that the bomber was on the plane. The FBI investigation revealed that Kansas City, Kansas passenger Thomas G. Doty purchased six sticks of dynamite prior to the flight and also bought a large travel insurance policy before boarding. Doty had recently been arrested for armed robbery and a preliminary hearing on this charge was scheduled for May 25. The Putnam County Historical Society will place a memorial on the square in Unionville, which will be dedicated on the 48th anniversary of the tragedy, May 22, 2010. Numerous family members of the deceased are expected to attend the dedication. The speaker is pictured with SAR Compatriot Carol D Bland who introduced him.



Guests:

John Sparks, Doris Bland, Carol Wilson, Speaker Duane Crawford and Claire Lloyd (who provided treats and recorded the minutes)

FIVE MEMBERS ATTENDED TODAY'S MEETING.

Upcoming Programs:

February, March, April, May and June:
 To Be Announced

The chapter does not meet in July and August.



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DONATION OF BOOKS: On February 2, Gina Rybkowski (right), reference librarian at the Adair County Public Library, received our donation of three volumes of local history books related to Putnam County, Missouri. These books, written by Duane Crawford of Unionville, contain articles and stories concerning events, people, families, towns, businesses and places. Mr. Crawford gave these books to the Library through our chapter. Our President, Gary G. Lloyd, also pictured, made the presentation.

BRENT KARHOFF TO PRESENT SAR AWARD AT TSU-ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY
 Pat Richardson has agreed to be Brent's backup if Brent can't make this April 29th event.

CONNIE OLSON ON JICARILLA APACHE INDIANS

Connie spoke about her experiences during the five years she and her husband, Ronnie, served as missionaries on an Indian Reservation for Jicarilla Apache Indians in northern New Mexico. The reservation, with a population of between 2,000-3000 individuals, encompasses an area of about 20 by 70 miles. She spoke about the customs and superstitions of the people. She also spoke about the drug and alcoholism problem on the reservation and the high murder and suicide rates. Part of the problem may be the steady income received from oil revenues which removes some of the incentive to be productive citizens. The Indians do, however, honor their service in the military. [The speaker is pictured in right photo with her cousins, SAR members Pat Richardson (left) and Mike Richardson (right).]



Carold & Doris Bland w/ their daughter, Connie Olson (center)



(center photo): speaker displaying Indian dress;



(photos immediate left): Indian jewelry, photos and other materials from Connie and Ronnie's mission

Guests:

- Doris Bland (who provided treats)
- Claire Lloyd (who took minutes)
- Connie Olson (speaker)

There were seven members at today's meeting.

Upcoming Programs:

- March 20:** Roger Moore, MO State Parks
- April 17:** TBA
- May 15:** Meeting in Memphis
- June 19:** Meeting in Baring



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VICE PRESIDENT BRENT KARHOFF will represent the SAR at the annual ROTC awards ceremony on April 29th. He will present the award to the student selected by TSU. Chapter President Gary will also attend and take photos.

SAR CONVENTION, COLUMBIA, MO 4/23-24/10: Compatriot Bland would like to attend this event if another member or two could carpool with him and his wife. If you are interested, contact Carol at 660-947-3012 or <cbeezerb@nemr.net>. The two-day event at Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LaMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia begins with a dinner Friday evening and concludes with an installation banquet Saturday evening. Registration deadline is April 2nd (full meeting registration cost: \$110). Hotel reservations need to be made by calling 573-443-8000 by April 9th.



ROGER MOORE
MO STATE PARK RANGER

Missouri State Park Ranger Roger Moore (right) spoke today and presented a slide show on Missouri State Parks and State Park Rangers in particular. The mission of the state park rangers is to provide professional law enforcement service and protection to all park visitors as well as protection of state park property and its cultural and natural resources. Created in 1967, the Missouri State Park Rangers began with ten commissioned officers (including four seasonal rangers) for the 1968 camping season. In the beginning, rangers had to provide their own weapons and were required to keep them locked in their vehicles. Today, rangers are issued a full complement of law enforcement equipment. Rangers are issued the .40 caliber Glock 22 pistol and the Remington 870 shotgun as their service weapons. In addition, the federal government will donate surplus automatic weapons that will be carried in the ranger's car when sufficient funds are secured for needed accessories.

[Mr. Moore serves at Thousand Hills State Park, one of 83 parks and historic sites operated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. He is pictured above with SAR Program Chair Carol Bland.]

Guests:

John Sparks
Claire Lloyd (who provided treats and recorded minutes)
There were five members present at today's meeting.

Upcoming Programs:

April 17: Carol Bland/Handwriting Analysis
May 15: Meeting in Memphis, MO
June 19: Meeting in Baring, MO



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WALTER DAVISON AWARDED BRONZE SERVICE MEDAL



Walter Davison (left), our chapter treasurer, received a Bronze Service Medal for a career in public service working for two city governments, Clinton and Kirksville, as well as for the USDA, a federal agency in Higginsville. He has also spent many years as a volunteer for non-profit organizations including the American Legion, Adair County Historical Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is pictured with Chapter President Gary Lloyd who presented the medal.

Claire Lloyd received a Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding volunteer service for the chapter. Though not a member, she is now serving a second year as acting secretary. In addition, she prepares the Chapter's monthly newsletter and provides refreshments at our meetings. Claire is pictured with Chapter Vice President Brent Karhoff who presented the medal and certificate.



MAY MEETING IS IN MEMPHIS at the home of Boyd and Jeanie Bissell, in Memphis (no street address). Be there by 11:30 (lunch is at noon). President Gary will email a map. (See program below.)

BRENT KARHOFF will present SAR medal to Cadet Nicholas Hooper at TSU/ROTC ceremony on April 29th. President Gary and his wife, Claire, will also attend.



Past President Carold Bland (left) spoke on determining personality traits from handwriting analysis. He has had extensive training on the subject and is certified by both the International Graphoanalysts Society and World Association of Document Examiners. Carold said handwriting analysis dates back to 4500 B.C., is reflected in Roman history in 99 A.D., and the first handwriting analysis publication dates to 1622. Studies of people who have a certain character trait, such as emotional instability or irritability, have been shown to share a particular writing characteristic. Examples include the slant of letters or how the letter "t" is crossed. In larger cities, it is sometimes used by employers in considering applicants for positions. (Bland is pictured above with fellow SAR member Frank Poland.)

Guests:

Doris Bland (who provided treats)
Claire Lloyd (who also provided treats and took the minutes)

There were 8 members present.

Upcoming Programs:

May 15: Memphis, MO - Charles Harris, WWII
Fighter Pilot
June 19: Baring, MO - Speaker TBA

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 Bissell Family
 Home
 Memphis, MO



OUR MEETING IN MEMPHIS

(Left photo, from top clockwise): Boyd & Jeanie Bissell (who prepared sumptuous meal); Carol



& Doris Bland; Mike Richardson & daughter, Anna; speaker Charles Harris; Gary Lloyd, John Tillotson; Walter Davison and Brent Karhoff. (Right photo): Jeanie Bissell (left), wife of Compatriot Boyd Bissell, and the Blands, along with their family dogs

NEW MANAGEMENT AT FJELD ARMS COULD IMPACT OUR MEETING SITE IN THE FALL: Members will be kept advised of any changes in the future.

CHARLES HARRIS, WWII NAVAL FIGHTER PILOT

Charles (on right), an 88-year-old Memphis resident, was a member of the "Fighting Five," serving on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin in Japan during WWII, principally flying a FG-1D Corsair fighter plane. He received an air medal for shooting down two Japanese aircraft. He also served as a photographing pilot. The Franklin was bombed by Japan on March 19, 1945 and 894 people were lost. After the war, the aircraft carrier was mothballed for a time then scrapped.



Charles graduated from high school in 1938 and immediately joined the Navy after graduating from college in 1942. He served for 3 1/2 years before returning to his hometown of Memphis. He provided us some history of Memphis dating back as early as the 1890s. Charles ran a Chevrolet dealership there which at one time was the oldest dealership in Missouri and the 14th oldest Chevrolet dealership in the United States. Pictured on left is Boyd Bissell, who introduced Charles.

Guests:

- Hostess Jeanie Bissell
- Doris Bland
- Anna Richardson (d/o of Michael)
- Claire Lloyd (who took minutes)

There were 7 members present.

Upcoming Programs:

- June 19:** At Baring (MO) Country Club
- Sept. 18:** In Unionville
 (Programs to be announced later)

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 Baring Country Club
 Baring, MO

A LUNCHEON ON THE LAKE! Vice President Brent Karhoff hosted this luncheon meeting at the Baring Country Club clubhouse and provided the meal which included delicious strawberry pies! (The tables were decorated with a patriotic theme.) Compatriot Karhoff provided the speaker and arranged for a pontoon boat ride for all afterwards. Thank you, Brent!



RETIRED CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE BRUCE NORMILE

Judge Normile (right), a graduate of MU Law School, served 30 years and five months as Circuit Court Judge beginning in 1967. He spoke on the U.S. Constitution (the oldest surviving constitution in the world!) which sets up the powers of our government and also the Bill of Rights which controls those powers. He spoke about the freedom of speech and the freedom to practice the religion of our choice (or no religion if we so choose). He ended by emphasizing the importance of sharing with new generations the legacy we have in the Constitution. Also pictured is Compatriot Brent Karhoff who introduced Judge Normile.



Waiting for the boat:
 Walter Davison, Linda Tillotson, Rita Davison, Gary Lloyd (Brent's sister Brenda in black from the back)

A PONTOON BOAT RIDE!

Boarding the pontoon boat: (Gary Lloyd and Linda Tillotson from back)



Walter & Rita Davison
 (Just Married 6/18/10!)



Brent Karhoff, John and Linda Tillotson



Ron, Brenda (boat owners) & Brent

Guests:

Rita Davison, Linda Tillotson, Doris Bland and Claire Lloyd (who took minutes)

There were five members present.

Upcoming Programs:

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Sept. 18: TBA - in Unionville, MO



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 2010
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CONNIE OLSON AWARDED MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL

At today's meeting held in Unionville, our Chapter issued a Martha Washington Medal to DAR member Connie Olson of Putnam County. This recognition was for recommending three members to SAR, all of whom were approved. Connie, a member of the Gen. John Sullivan Chapter of the DAR, is pictured with her father, SAR Past President Carol Bland, a Unionville resident.

MEMBERSHIP: Treasurer Walter Davison will be sending dues renewal information out shortly. To recruit new members, Connie suggested we set up a table with membership papers at local fairs.

HONORING ORVILLE BOWERS: At the close of our October meeting, we plan to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Orville at Twin Pines Care Center.



**PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
 UNIONVILLE, MISSOURI**

Curator Sandra S. Gadberry was kind enough to open the museum just for us and gave us a guided tour. Here's some of what we saw:



Piano is from Kirksville.



Old permanent wave equipment



The long black dress was worn to Truman's inauguration!



Note the antique funeral hearse!

Guests:

- Connie Olson**
- Ronnie Olson**
- Rita Davison**
- Doris Bland**
- Claire Lloyd** (who took minutes)
- There were four members present.**

Upcoming Program:

October 23 (Note change of meeting date):
 Presentation to Orville Bowers/Visit to A.T. Still Osteopathic Museum



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**ORVILLE BOWERS
 AWARDED CERTIFICATE
 OF APPRECIATION**



After today's meeting and museum tour, we visited Orville at Highland Crest Assisted Living and presented him this certificate in appreciation for his longtime service as registrar &



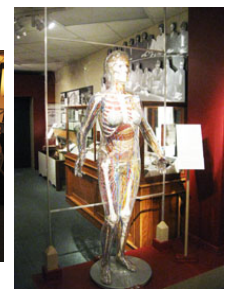
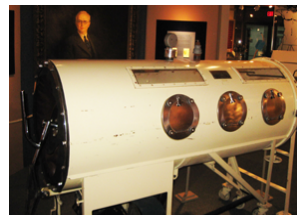
genealogist for our chapter. Orville, a WWII B-17 copilot and registrar and later professor at TSU, is pictured with fellow SAR members and spouses, all from Kirksville except where noted. From left: V.P. Brent Karhoff of Edina; Pres. Gary Lloyd and wife Claire; Orville Bowers; Past Pres. Carold Bland and wife Doris of Unionville; and Treasurer Walter Davison and wife Rita. (We are now seeking a volunteer to take Orville's place as registrar/genealogist.)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Compatriot Mike Greenwell has volunteered again to read SAR's proclamation at this December 11th ceremony at Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery.

REPORT ON FJELD ARMS AND ANNEX AS MEETING SITES: Pres. Gary visited County Presiding Commissioner Gary Jones and was informed that we would have to arrange separately for each use of the annex and a deposit is required. President Gary believes that continuing to meet at Fjeld Arms would be more convenient. Sara Sweet is their new manager and Helen Magruder is our contact for a key (apt. 2012B).

OUR TOUR OF A.T. STILL OSTEOPATHIC MUSEUM

Immediately after today's meeting, we were treated to a guided tour of this museum. (Osteopathic Medicine was founded in Kirksville in 1892 by Andrew Taylor Still.) Among the exhibits viewed were a complete nervous system teased out from a human cadaver, an iron lung, and a female anatomical figure.



Guests

Rita Davison, Doris Bland and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes and provided refreshments)

THERE WERE FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY.

Upcoming Programs:

November 20: To Be Announced

December 18: Brent Karhoff/History of Knox County



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COMPATRIOT ROBERT NEESON, SAR COLOR GUARD MEMBER

Descendants of Revolutionary War Veteran Leonard Keeling Bradley gathered Sunday, October 10, 2010 at his remote grave site in a very small cemetery located west of Clark, MO to honor him with a new stone complete with the DAR insignia. A military-type service was provided complete with honor guard, musket salute and Taps. Colors were provided by three members of the Sons of the American Revolution, including Compatriot Robert Neeson of Moberly (holding U.S. flag), a member of our chapter. The ceremony was courtesy of the Margaret Miller chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

MEETING SITE: With three voting members present, we decided to continue to meet at Fjeld Arms. Treasurer Walter Davison will provide them with a \$60 check to cover the limited number of meetings held there this year.



ELECTION OF 2011 OFFICERS - at next meeting

DEBI BOUGHTON ON FOREST-LLEWELLYN CEMETERY

Tourism Director Debi Boughton spoke to us about the Kirksville owned and managed Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. This is among the oldest pioneer cemeteries in Adair County that is still being used. The first burial there was about 1845 on a steep sided hill just west of the newly established town of Kirksville since that area was not suitable for town buildings or raising crops.

Most of the early leaders and notables of Adair County from the 19th century who died locally were buried there. Jesse Kirk, the city's namesake, is among them as is Andrew T. Still, founder of Osteopathy. Also interred in a mass grave there were 26 confederate soldiers killed during the Battle of Kirksville on August 6, 1862. Debi also spoke on the well received and attended annual Cemetery Theatre conducted each fourth of July weekend to raise money for the fireworks celebration which is not funded by the city or county. Interesting and/or notable citizens buried there are portrayed by actors, in period clothing, mostly from the non-profit Curtain Call Theatre Company.

Guests:

Linda Tillotson, Doris Bland, Rita Davison, and Claire Lloyd
 There were 4 members present.

Upcoming Program:

December 18: Brent Karhoff/History of Knox County



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2010 SAR PROCLAMATION AT "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"



On December 11th, Mike Greenwell (upper left photo) of Shelbina, Missouri, a member of our chapter, read the 2010 SAR Proclamation (for text, see pdf attached to cover email) at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, Missouri "Wreaths Across America" ceremony. This annual event is held simultaneously at



National and State veterans cemeteries throughout the nation

to honor the sacrifices of our veterans. During the ceremony, seven wreaths (lower left photo) were hung, one to represent each branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines) plus one for POW/MIAs. Missouri has six state veterans cemeteries with Jacksonville being the only one north of the Missouri River.



ELECTION OF 2011 OFFICERS: John Tillotson moved that the following slate of officers be approved: **Brent Karhoff, President; Gary Lloyd, Vice President; and Walter Davison, Treasurer.** The motion was seconded and it carried. (The position of secretary remains unfilled.)

THANKS FOR THE TREATS! Both Rita Davison (pictured left) and Mike Richardson brought treats for us to enjoy with our coffee today!

HISTORY OF KNOX COUNTY by BRENT KARHOFF

Newark, the first town in Knox county, was established in 1835. However, the county, established in 1845 from Scotland County, named Edina as its county seat. Edina was first laid out in 1839, with the post office established there in 1842, but was not incorporated until 1851. As with most counties with small populations, there were many small towns and rural schools established in the 19th century before all-weather roads made travel easy. When the east - west railroad was built in 1872 (initially named the Q.M.&P.), some towns were established along its track and others, not so fortunate, shriveled or died. In 1887 the Santa Fe railroad between Chicago and Kansas City was built through the northwest corner of the county. In the early 1980s the Q.M.&P. (by then named the Q.O.&K.C., nicknamed the "O.K.") was defunct and the Santa Fe became the only railroad remaining in the county. It still passes through Baring but no longer makes stops in either Knox or Adair counties. During the Civil War, the northern part of Knox county, settled by many German and Irish immigrants, leaned more toward the Union side and those settlers in the south part of the county that came mostly from Kentucky and Tennessee leaned toward the Confederate side. The rural schools were more and more consolidated and by 1963, the high schools were centralized and a new high school was built east of Edina. The county had a population of about 12,400 in 1910 and is currently at about 4,000. Many of its residents travel to Kirksville or Quincy for employment and shopping for items not available locally.



(Mike Richardson & Brent Karhoff)

Guests: Larry Potter, Rita Davison, Mary Slawson & Claire Lloyd (There were 6 members present today.)



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FEBRUARY 19 PROGRAM: Airport Director David Hall (left) spoke about the Kirksville Regional Airport, one of eight commercial service airports in the state of Missouri and the only one north of the I-70 corridor. Baggage can be checked through to your destination when connecting with any major airline at the St. Louis airport without any further security clearance. This and free parking add to the appeal of our

local air service which receives a federal subsidy under the Essential Air Service Act. The minimum of 593 passengers per month has been exceeded each month since the current airline, Cape Air, began service. Airfare is just \$49 and tickets can be purchased on line, at the downtown ticket office or by calling 1-866-Cape-Air. Mr. Hall, pictured with our Chapter Treasurer Walter Davison, also spoke briefly on the Kirksville Regional Air Festival to be held this year on Sunday, September 11th.

JANUARY 22 PROGRAM: Each member present was asked to give a short biography on his Revolutionary War ancestor as part of the program. Carol Bland spoke about his ancestor Ezekiel Billington Sr.; Boyd Bissell on his ancestor, James A. Martindale Sr.; Walter Davison on John Buchanan; and Brenton Karhoff on Moses Thomas.

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED BY MOSSAR: Larry and Anthony Potter. (They are now awaiting SAR National headquarters approval of their applications.)

IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS? President Brenton asked for ideas for programs for April and thereafter. For the March meeting, which falls just after St. Patrick's Day, President Brenton has scheduled John Haddick, an Irishman from Edina, as a speaker. Mr. Haddick served in the Irish Army, British RAF, Scotland Yard and as a Royal Family guard!

A CHAPTER PRESIDENT MEDALLION WITH THE NECK RIBBON: Past President Carol Bland moved that we purchase this item for new Chapter President Brenton. We have sufficient funds in our account to cover this expenditure and he said it would show our appreciation for individuals who are willing to step up to serve as president. Past President Gary Lloyd seconded the motion; it carried. Treasurer Walter Davison will place the order.

REFRESHMENTS: President Brenton thanked Doris and Reta for the refreshments at the January meeting and Doris, Reta and Claire, for the February meeting refreshments.

Guests:

Doris Bland & Reta Davison
(January meeting)
Larry Potter, Doris Bland, Reta Davison & Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes (February meeting)

Upcoming Program:

March 19: John Haddick/Experiences in Great Britain Military

There were four members present at the January meeting; six, at the February meeting.



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BRENTON KARHOFF DISPLAYS HIS CHAPTER PRESIDENT MEDALLION WITH NECK RIBBON received at an earlier meeting. Chapter President Brenton (right) is pictured with Past President Carol D. Bland.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS LARRY & ANTHONY POTTER

SPRING MEETINGS: President Brenton provided interesting and unusual facts on the American Revolution at the March 19th meeting. Matt Holt, Court Services Administrator for the Second Judicial District Court, presented the April 16th program on the Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center in Kirksville. At the May 21 meeting, David Snyder, "Jacob's Ladder Restoration Specialist" spoke on restoring turn-of-the-century and older tombstones. No June meeting was held. (There was no Spring Edition of the "The Compatriot Reporter.")



PICKLER'S FAMOUS - NEW MEETING SITE: The owners of Fjeld Arms Activity Center announced at our September meeting that we would no longer be able to meet there due to liability and health concerns. Our October meeting was held at Pickler's Famous, 114 W. Harrison, Kirksville and we voted to continue meeting there.

ATTEND OTHER MEETINGS: Compatriot Carol D. Bland encouraged members to attend the October 29 (9 a.m.) regional meeting of the Missouri Society in Columbia. He also would like three members to purchase Continental uniforms for a Color Guard. Chapter President Brenton Karhoff encouraged us to attend the 2013 National Convention in Kansas City. Compatriot Gary Lloyd said that the Louisville, Kentucky headquarters is also worth a visit.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - VERLEE DAUMA ON GENEALOGY: Verlee Dauma of Memphis, MO, the local registrar and genealogist for the DAR chapter in Memphis, spoke on her experiences in doing genealogy and some important things to consider in doing research. Among these are to document your sources and take good notes. She also mentioned how great a reference journals and diaries are in preparing family histories. Mrs. Dauma finished the program by discussing her ancestors and what she encountered in researching the different lines in her family.



COMPATRIOT GARY LLOYD GIVES OCTOBER PROGRAM: With set-up assistance from Pickler's Famous Co-Owner Todd Kuhns, Compatriot Gary was able to present a slide show he prepared on the 55-day Princess cruise he and Claire took from Singapore to Rome (2 segments of a world cruise) beginning March 10, 2011.

Guests: (October meeting)

Larry Mudd & Craig Comstock (Prospective Members); **Reta Davison, Doris Bland, Ron Brand, Robert Powell, Neva Powell, Claire Lloyd** (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE 6 MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

President Brenton asked for ideas for upcoming programs. He said he will ask Boyd about having a former WWII sniper give the November program. Mike Richardson said he could do a program. Larry Mudd suggested a Battle of Kirksville program for next year.



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WWII SNIPER TED GUNDY:

Compatriot Boyd Bissell of Memphis showed a video of a program which aired on the Outdoor Channel on fellow Memphis, MO resident Ted Gundy, a WWII sniper. Gundy, who served in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, was honored with a week-long visit to Fort Benning, GA in 2009, as a guest of the United States Army and Army Marksmanship Unit. Gundy was able to make his "dream shots" in which he successfully hit a small target three times

at 1,000 yards using a modern weapon. That was not possible during WWII. Compatriot Bissell said Gundy, who was hunting that day, would give a program in person on his WWII experiences at a later date. **Photos above:** upper left, President Brenton (left) and Boyd Bissell; lower left: WWII Sniper Ted Gundy; and right, at Ft. Benning, GA, SFC Jason St. John, SFC Robbie Johnson and Ted Gundy with the target.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (See below for details): Compatriot Larry Potter will take photos at the event. A SAR Proclamation will be read as part of the ceremony.

MOSSAR Quarterly Board Meeting: President Brenton attended the October 29th meeting. He showed us medals which are being sold as a fundraiser for the 2013 National Convention. A set (one small and one larger medal) sells for \$30.00.

Compatriot David McCann, MOSSAR State Geneologist, is retiring in June or July. He has been a great help to our prospective members and will be missed.

DUES: Treasurer Walter Davison, who is recovering from a broken wrist and missed today's meeting, advised by letter that they are due by year end. Dues may be given to Walter at the December meeting or mailed to him at 868 College Park Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501.

ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS: This will take place at our next meeting on December 17, noon at Pickler's Famous, Kirksville.

Guests:

Larry Mudd (prospective member)
Linda Tillotson
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

**THERE WERE 7 MEMBERS
PRESENT TODAY.**

Upcoming Event::

Wreaths Across America - December 10 at 11 a.m., Mo. Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, MO

Upcoming Programs:

To Be Announced. (Some suggestions offered again today.)



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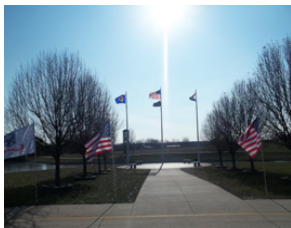
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PICKLER'S FAMOUS IS CLOSED: Our December meeting was held there after its closing on December 16. For future meetings, Todd Kuhns said he would require \$75 for a minimum of 10 people if he provides food; if food is not provided, the rent would be \$40 per meeting. Since we want food provided and attendance can sometime be light, the \$75.00 option would not work for us.

We agreed to meet on a trial basis at Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson, Kirksville, for our January 21st meeting. (A menu will be emailed to compatriots once arrangements are confirmed.)



"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA", MISSOURI STATE VETERANS CEMETERY, JACKSONVILLE, MO - DECEMBER 10, 2011: Compatriot Larry Potter spoke about the event and provided these photographs (sun shining on flags; 7 wreaths).

OFFICERS FOR 2012: The following officers and appointed positions were established at today's meeting: **President:** Brenton Karhoff; **Vice President:** Gary Lloyd; **Secretary:** none (Claire Lloyd, acting); **Treasurer:** Walter Davison; **Sergeant-At-Arms:** Boyd Bissell; **Chaplain:** Mike Richardson; **Registrar/Genealogist:** Larry Potter; **Historian:** Larry Mudd (acting).



JASON HAXTON AND THE DIBBUK BOX: Jason, curator of A. T. Still Osteopathic Museum, showed us a replica of a purported haunted Jewish wine box with indirect links to the Holocaust. He purchased the original box from a student who bought it at a garage sale. Strange things happened to those possessing the box, including Jason. After handling the box he experienced streaks on his face, a fever and hives. Jason said the symptoms may have been a reaction to some treatments applied to the box but said it is possible his symptoms represent the box's paranormal activity. He has published a book on the box. A movie based on the book will be out at Labor Day after the SYFY channel airs its show "Paranormal Witness." On 1/11/12, NatGeo is filming "America's Last Treasures" including the Dibbuk Box. (right photo): President Brenton (left) with speaker



Guests:

Reta Davison
Larry Mudd (prospective member)
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)
Jason Haxton (speaker)
SIX MEMBERS ATTENDED.

Announcements:

Our next meeting, January 21, will be held at Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson, Kirksville in the Patio on the ground floor. President Brenton will confirm arrangements. There will be no charge, but the attendees are expected to eat lunch there.



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Dukum Inn
Kirksville, MO



NEW MEETING SITE - DUKUM INN: After meeting on a trial basis today, members voted to continue meeting at the Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson (ground floor, patio room).

MOSSAR QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING will be held on January 28 at 10 a.m. at Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd, Columbia. All are welcome.

2011 YEARBOOK: Claire Lloyd prepared our annual yearbook and circulated it among the members and guests present today.



MIKE ON FLYING TIGER MEMORIAL IN CHINA:

Mike Richardson gave our program today concerning his visit to a Flying Tiger memorial in the interior of mainland China while visiting his wife's family. A private military contractor formed the Flying Tigers in 1941 in cooperation with the U.S. Government. It was formed in response to the

Japanese invasion of China and was made up mostly of pilots and support personnel from the U.S. Military. They flew fighter planes with large shark teeth painted on the nose of their planes making them look very fearsome. They were paid roughly three times what they were making in the U.S. forces and were paid a bonus by the Chinese for each Japanese airplane destroyed. During their service in China they destroyed 300 Japanese aircraft while losing only 14 of their own in combat. In July 1942, after the U.S. had declared war on Japan, the group was absorbed into the U.S. 14th Air Force and went on to achieve similar results while maintaining the nose art on their planes.

Guests

Larry Mudd
Linda, Eric and Eppy Tillotson
Wendy & Anna Richardson
Reta Davison
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

Upcoming Programs:

Two suggestions are being pursued by President Brenton for a possible program for our February 18th meeting honoring Presidents Day.

THERE WERE 5 MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY.



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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Larry Mudd (left) was inducted today as a member of our chapter by President Brenton.

OTHER PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: John Sparks now has his membership papers in order and will be submitting them shortly. Also, Larry Potter received a worksheet from Nicholas Vance Roberts who is interested in joining. Larry researched some marriage and census records for him and provided him information for his submission. Roberts is in the military and is currently deployed overseas.

CERTIFICATES OF PATRIOTISM AWARDED TO WWII VETERANS CAROLD BLAND AND FRANK WILFLEY

Chapter President Brenton presented the award to Past President Carol Bland (left). Compatriot Frank Wilfley was not in attendance; his certificate will be mailed to him.



(right) and Ed Turner, Brashear Cemetery board member, caretaker and cemetery theater performer, both of whom provided additional information. In right photo, Dale Watson shows exhibits including a portrait of his ancestor.

SPEAKER: VIRGINIA WATSON

Virginia Watson of Brashear presented a program on the third annual Brashear Cemetery Theater to be held this year on Friday, August 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., as part of the Battle of Kirksville 150th Anniversary events, August 3-5. She spoke about former "Civil War era" citizens buried at Brashear Cemetery who will be included in the cemetery theater program as well as other notable citizens buried there. She also spoke on Brashear's early history. Paultown, which was located about 2.5 miles northeast of Brashear, was settled in the late 1850s. It later became a ghost town when the new railroad depot was built on land donated by Richard M. Brashear - thus the new town's name. Virginia is pictured with her husband, Dale Watson



Guests:

Doris Bland, Reta Davison, Wendy & Anna Richardson, John Sparks, Ed Turner, Dale & Virginia Watson and Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes

EIGHT MEMBERS ATTENDED TODAY.

Upcoming Program:

March Meeting (see cover email about date):

MIKE RICHARDSON ON CHINA (continued from his January 21 talk)



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2012 ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY, APRIL 26, 3 p.m.: Larry Potter will present the SAR award on behalf of our chapter. This year's recipient is David Amrhein.



2013 NATIONAL CONGRESS, July 4-11, 2013, will be held in Kansas City, MO at the Downtown Marriott, 200 W. 12th Street.

CAROL WILSON RECEIVES MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

At today's meeting, Chapter President Brenton presented Carol Wilson, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), a Martha Washington medal and certificate of recognition. Male blood relatives of DAR members may use that relationship in part to base their qualification for SAR membership. The SAR provides a medal for any DAR member who has successfully recommended three such men for membership.

MIKE CONTINUES PROGRAM ON "FLYING TIGERS"

At our January meeting, our fellow chapter member, Mike Richardson, spoke about visiting the "Flying Tigers" Memorial in Zhijiang, Hunan Province, China including his problems getting there and about the "Flying Tigers" in general. He told us today that, although there are 11 museums in the world that include information on the Flying Tigers (including two in the U.S. and two others in China), the Memorial in Zhijiang is the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to that group. He spoke more today about the history of the 1st American Volunteer Group (AVG) nicknamed the "Flying Tigers." The AVG was principally the creation of Retired U.S. Army Air Corps Officer Claire L. Chennault who had worked in China beginning in August, 1937. This private group was formed with the blessing of president Roosevelt, but not publicly and without federal funding. The group was consisted mostly of pilots and support personnel and was in combat for the first time on December 20, 1941. Its members were a "special breed" of young, adventurous men who were highly paid for their services including a \$500 bounty for each Japanese aircraft destroyed. Mike spoke about their operations and the politics surrounding the group which was eventually absorbed in the U.S. 14th Air Force in July 1942. He circulated a list of the men who served in the Flying Tigers.



Guests

Doris Bland; Carol Wilson; Linda, Eric & Eppy Tillotson; Terrie Potter; Jude Potter, Stacy Tucker-Potter; John Sparks; Mike & Bonnie Kite; Wendy & Anna Richardson; Reta Davison and Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes.

Twenty four were in attendance today including nine members.

Upcoming Program:

To Be Announced Later by President Brenton.



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MEMBERSHIP: Eric Tillotson has applied for membership under the patriot George Morelock. Larry Potter and Anthony Potter have submitted applications for a supplemental patriot under James Rigdon.



SAR MEDAL PRESENTED TO ROTC CADET DAVID AMRHEIN at the April 26, 2012 Army ROTC Awards Ceremony at Truman State University. Compatriot Larry Potter (left in left photo) made the presentation.

APRIL AND MAY PROGRAMS: Due to Larry Mudd's hospitalization due to a stroke, he was unable to give his planned presentation at the April meeting. Instead the attending members gave speeches on their patriots and their contributions to the Revolutionary War. At the May meeting, Dr. Jeff Gall (pictured right), a history professor at Truman State University, gave an informative presentation on the book he authored, *Missouri Our Home*, a fourth grade social studies book on Missouri. Google books described the book as the combination of Missouri history with geography, government, civics and economics. The book is beautifully illustrated with colorful prints and is in an easy-to-read format.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO 2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE: MOSSAR requested that \$10 be donated by each member for this event. Members present at the May meeting voted on President Karhoff's motion that the funds be taken from our chapter's treasury. The motion passed.



JOHN SPARKS RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP, effective April 27, 2012. He is pictured in right photo with Chapter President Brenton Karhoff (right) and DAR member Margaret Mobley who assisted him with his paperwork.



SPEAKER: WWII SNIPER TED GUNDY. At our November 2011 meeting, Compatriot Boyd Bissell showed a video of a TV program on Memphis, MO resident Ted Gundy which aired on the Outdoor Channel. Gundy was honored with a weeklong visit to Fort Benning, GA in 2009 as a guest of the U.S. Army and Army Marksmanship Unit. He was able to make his "dream shots" in which he successfully hit a small target three times at 1,000 yards using a modern weapon! Although Gundy was not able to attend our November meeting (he was hunting that day), he promised to give us a program in person - which he did today! He spoke about enlisting in June of 1944 and shipping overseas in December of that year. He served in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. He was wounded in a Cologne plains battle where his entire squad of 12 soldiers was wiped out except for him and his buddy Charles Jones who Gundy credits with saving his life. Gundy tried to control the arterial bleeding of his leg with a belt as he had been trained but the belt buckle fell off! Jones risked his life to apply a tourniquet to Gundy's leg. He was flown to England where his foot turned black (dry gangrene). He eventually had his leg amputated just below the knee. He was able to reconnect with Charles Jones of Bloomfield, Missouri who died about three years ago. After leaving the service on April 6, 1946, he had trouble finding a job but ran for Scotland County Collector, where he served 5/4-yr. terms, followed by 30 years as a rural mail carrier.

GUESTS: (April): John Sparks, Eric & Eppie Tillotson, Terrie & Judie Potter, and Doris Bland; (May): Terrie Potter; (June): Elaine Mudd, Linda, Eric & Eppie Tillotson, Terrie Potter, Margaret Mobley, Bowen Goodall, Wendy & Anna Richardson, Ted Gundy, Reta Davison and Claire Lloyd (who took minutes)

MEMBERS PRESENT: APRIL MEETING, 5; MAY MEETING, 5; JUNE MEETING, 10

Upcoming Program:

SEPTEMBER: To Be Announced
(NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETINGS)



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2013 National Congress, July 4-11, 2013 to be held at the Downtown Marriott, 200 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO.

UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES:

- (1) President Brenton Karhoff reported that the Knox County Historical Society will be sponsoring Civil War music at the Extension Office on the east side of the square in Edina this Tuesday. Contact Compatriot Brent <knoxcoll@marktwain.net> for details.
- (2) Compatriot John Tillotson announced a Dedication Ceremony to be held at Morelock Cemetery (extreme northwest Adair County) on Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. Civil War Soldier David Bachman was buried there with an unmarked grave. A marker was provided by the government and it has placed at the gravesite. Civil War history and music are planned for the dedication.

PROGRAMS:

We had expected to have full access to our regular meeting site on the patio at the Dukum Inn; however, this was not provided. The Red Barn Arts and Crafts Fair was being held at the same time and we were forced to share our space with some of the hundreds of attendees. Due to the noise level, President Brent decided that Compatriot Bissell's audio program scheduled for today on the Civil War battle at Bible Grove, Missouri would be postponed to a later date (probably our December 15 meeting).

For our October 20 meeting, President Brenton is planning to have a County Clerk speak with us about election laws. Brenton has historical political information to share with us also.

Judge Russell Steele will speak at our November 17th meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Seven members attended today, Brenton Karhoff, Walter Davison, John Tillotson, Larry Mudd, John Sparks, Boyd Bissell and Gary Lloyd.

Guests were Reta Davison, Linda Tillotson, Eppy Tillotson, Elaine Mudd and Claire Lloyd.



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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery, December 15: Pictured (left photo) is Compatriot Larry Potter reading the 2012 SAR Proclamation. Pictured in right photo are wreaths representing the seven branches (including POW/MIAs). Kirksville resident Larry Page (far left in right photo), a Vietnam Veteran, lost his



son Lance Corporal Rex Allan Page to the Iraq war. He gave a solemn presentation

of his experience with the loss of Rex and his connection with the cemetery. Page has done over one hundred Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) missions for departed veterans providing flags for flag lines at veteran funerals.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER PROGRAMS: At the October 20 meeting, Judge Karl DeMarce of the Scotland County Associate Circuit Court, gave a presentation on the 2007 discovery of the missing St. Louis Probate Record Book A which gave a glimpse into the lives of both notable and ordinary people in the early history of Missouri and the rapid changes both socially and economically. The November 17th speaker was Missouri 2nd District Circuit Judge Russell Steele who gave a power point presentation on the history of the Federal Judiciary and some of the first Supreme Court cases that established the courts power as a viable branch of our federal government. He also gave a history of the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan and its success and how it has been copied by other states.



TODAY'S PROGRAM - SALVATION ARMY: Lt. Brian Bump of the local Salvation Army spoke about the annual Christmas kettle campaign and its history. In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee, resolving to provide a free Christmas dinner to the poor in San Francisco, remembered a sight he saw in Liverpool, England. From his days as a sailor McFee remembered a large pot displayed on a landing in which passersby threw in money for the poor. Taking this idea, McFee asked for permission from San Francisco authorities to place a crab pot and tripod at the Oakland ferry landing. The kettle - and McFee's call of "Keep the Pot Boiling" - drew in passengers and donations. The idea spread and is in use by many Salvation Army charities worldwide. Lt. Bump said his goal for the Kirksville kettle campaign this year is \$41,000 (part of \$90,000 for annual fundraising drive). The funds collected will not only provide Christmas food

baskets and toys for children but also gifts to nursing home residents. In addition, the Salvation Army provides help with utility payments and transportation assistance. Lt. Bump (right) is pictured above with Chapter Vice President Gary Lloyd, who conducted the meeting in Chapter President Brenton Karhoff's absence.

Guests:

Reta Davison, Linda Tillotson, Eric Tillotson, Eppy Tillotson & their infant son, guest speaker Lt. Brian Bump, and Claire Lloyd who recorded minutes (FIVE MEMBERS ATTENDED.)

Upcoming Programs:

Mark Your Calendars for **2013 National Congress, Kansas City, MO - July 4-11, 2013.**

January, 2013 Program: Information will be provided at a later date.



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ELECTION OF 2013 OFFICERS: The 2012 slate of officers and positions was reinstated for 2013, either by motion or acclamation. The positions are as follows:

President: Brenton Karhoff
Vice President: Gary Lloyd
Secretary: None (Claire Lloyd, acting)
Treasurer: Walter Davison
Sargeant-At-Arms: Boyd Bissell
Chaplain: Mike Richardson
Registrar/Genealogist: Larry Potter
Chancellor: Pat Richardson
Historian: Larry Mudd

REGISTRAR REPORT: Larry Potter said he submitted the membership application of Robert Paul Bissell to MOSSAR. He also spoke about the availability of Korean War service medals. Compatriot Walter Davison served in this war, and possibly others. We will consider purchasing medal(s) at a later date.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Suggestions have been made for speakers for upcoming meetings. President Brenton has confirmed that our March 16 meeting will not conflict with a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Dukum Inn.

2013 NATIONAL CONGRESS - JULY 6-10, KANSAS CITY: A special SAR Medal for the Missouri Society has been approved. An order blank for this medal, along with SAR Name Badges and Revolutionary Ancestor name bars and Pistol Raffle Tickets, are all available at <http://hstchapter.com/2013nationalcongress.html>.



**PROGRAM: KNOX COUNTY
CORONER JEFF DOSS**

Jeff Doss (right) spoke about the duties of the office. After being elected, the position requires twenty hours of death investigation training at the state level. In absence of the coroner, the sheriff performs the duties. A county coroner has the authority to remove a sheriff from office. Doss said, contrary to what you see on TV crime shows, obtaining the results of DNA testing can take from two to four months. He is pictured with Chapter President Brenton Karhoff who introduced him.

Guests

Jeff Doss, Speaker
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

**THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS
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Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED



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NEW MEMBERS: Registrar Larry Potter reported Robert Bissell's materials were received by MOSSAR on January 29. He said Eric Tillotson's application has been approved; however, the bundle sent to us was damaged in the mail and returned to them. The package has been remailed. Hopefully, by our next meeting we can formally induct Eric.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD: Larry Potter will present the award at a ROTC Bulldog Battalion Awards Ceremony on May 2 at 3:00 p.m., Truman State University. This year's recipient is Cadet Michael Ellis.

SAR POSTER CONTEST: Chapter President Brenton received an email on the subject and will seek additional information. It appears to be a project for school children.



TODAY'S SPEAKER: LT. COL. BILL MINOR

WWII B-24 Bomber Pilot Bill Minor (pictured) of Kirksville spoke about conditions for civilians on the home front during the war. He told of shortages of many items because of their diversion to the military and in some cases, sources of imported material were cut off by the war. Anything in short supply was rationed with those in greatest need or who performed the most important services receiving highest priority. He also spoke about

labor shortages and that millions of women took many jobs such as welding and riveting normally performed by men. They did a great job. Bill will speak at later program on his war experiences including spending two years in a German prison camp after his B-24 was shot down, plus some pre-war and post war experiences. (Before his talk, Bill showed as a framed photo of the German pilot who shot down his plane!) His talk included two poems, one entitled "Was It Just Yesterday?" written by Bill himself (copy attached to cover mail).



Guests:

Bill Minor, speaker; **Claudia & Jim Minor** (children of speaker); **Grady Feldman** (grandson of speaker); **Anna Richardson** (d/o Mike); **Reta Davison** and **Claire Lloyd** (who recorded minutes)

EIGHT MEMBERS ATTENDED TODAY.

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

Proposals made for possible speakers.

July 6-10, 2013: National Conference, Kansas City, MO



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MOSSAR CONVENTION 2013 - APRIL 26 & 27: Chapter President Brenton distributed registration forms and agendas for the event to be held at Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO. Reservations and payment are due by April 10. The deadline for room reservations is the same; make room reservations directly with the hotel.

REMINDER: NATIONAL CONGRESS 2013, KANSAS CITY, MO, JULY 6-10.

REGISTRAR REPORT: Larry Potter reported that the papers for Eric Tillotson and Robert Bissell are in the possession of MOSSAR.



PROGRAM: CHAPLAIN LARRY PAGE ON PATRIOT GUARD

Chaplain Larry Page (center) spoke about the Patriot Guard, an interactive program where member veterans display flags at funerals and burials of fellow veterans. Larry Page has completed over 136 missions in Northeast Missouri providing flags for the Patriot Guard for Fallen Heroes and deceased Veterans. Turn out for Deceased Veterans by the Patriot Guard Riders averages around 10 to 30 Riders, while the turn out rate for Fallen Heroes could see up to 250 riders. Page began serving as a Chaplain

with the Patriot Guard after his son Marine Lance Corporal Rex Page was killed in action by sniper fire in Taqaddum, Iraq on June 28, 2006. Chaplain Page spoke about his "Hug A Veteran" project which will have its three year anniversary this Memorial Day. Whenever a veteran is spotted, he hugs or shakes their hands to thank him or her for their service. A good thing for others to practice. Page is pictured in above photo with Chapter President Brenton Karhoff (right) and Compatriot Larry Potter (left) who introduced the speaker and, in lower photo, with his wife Edie at a Rotary event on November 11, 2011. It was held at the Kirksville Arts Association which hosted a traveling exhibition "Remembering Our Fallen from Missouri." (Their son Rex is shown in the lower left poster.)



Guests: **Terri and Jude Potter**
Eppy and Ruben Tillotson
Bowen Goodall
Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes
THERE WERE FIVE MEMBERS
PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER



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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Robert Bissell was inducted today. Pictured is Compatriot Boyd Bissell (left) of Memphis accepting a certificate of membership from Chapter President Brenton Karhoff of Edina. Robert Bissell, Boyd's brother, is in poor health and was unable to attend the meeting.

**Mark Your Calendars: 2013 National
Conference, Kansas City, Missouri
July 6-10, 2013**

**PROGRAM: MISSOURI VETERANS
CEMETERY**

Today's speaker was Larry Carmer, Director of the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, MO. Director Carmer gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Veterans Cemetery highlighting the beautifully well kept grounds and of the Missouri Honor Guard demonstrating the Military Honors given to veterans. This cemetery, with a capacity of 40,000 burial sites, is one of five veterans cemeteries in Missouri. It is estimated that it will take about 120 years before the cemetery is filled. Veterans and their spouses wishing to be interred at the cemetery should preregister for approval because a DD 214 discharge must be provided for review. The Veterans Administration requires the veteran to be honorably discharged. On March 21 of this year the cemetery received an Excellence in Appearance Award from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The speaker is pictured with Compatriots John Sparks (left) and Larry Potter (right).



NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013 - DUKUM INN
PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE



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NEW MEMBER: Eric Tillotson was inducted today by Chapter Vice President Gary Lloyd. Eric qualified as a descendant of Revolutionary War Patriot George Morelock. Pictured (left to right): Gary Lloyd, Eric Tillotson holding his seven-month old son, Ruben, and Larry Potter who cosponsored Eric along with John Tillotson, Eric's father (not shown).

SAR MEDAL PRESENTED: Compatriot Larry Potter presented the medal to Cadet Michael Ellis at the Truman State University ROTC Bulldog Battalion Awards ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on May 2.

SPEAKER - COMPATRIOT LARRY POTTER ON HIS STUDEBAKER ANCESTORS:

Larry provided this summary of his very interesting talk: When I was a young boy my grandmother, Vivian Mahurin Cathey passed down an oral history of her grandmother, Julia Ann Studabaker Matter. Julia Studabaker's father, Henry Studabaker's (Studebaker) had family in Pennsylvania molested by the Indians where the mother and father were killed and the children were taken back to the Indian village. Once there the children were taken to an ice cold creek and dunked into the water. Whoever survived was adopted into the tribe. She was also related to the Studebaker wagon and automakers. In 2011 I began to research this story which led me to the Studebaker National Family Association and Volume 2 of "The Studebaker Family in America." The Studebaker book had the complete story of Henry's Grandfather Heinrich who migrated to America in 1736 with cousins Peter and Clement. The descendants of Clement started the wagon and Automobile Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



VP Gary Lloyd and Larry Potter



Among Exhibits for his Talk

On 3 March of 1756 in Cumberland County, Pa. Heinrich was killed and his wife and children, Joseph, Phillip and Elizabeth were taken captive by Chief Shingas of the Shawnee and Captain Jacobs of the Delaware raiding party. The wife with child, only known by her maiden name Kellough, was killed because she could not keep up with the over 200-mile journey through the mountainous landscape to the final destination, the Indian village of Kittanning. Henry's Father Phillip was released six years later and Joseph and Elizabeth three years after that. Elizabeth returned to the Shawnee. Phillip and Joseph were in Capt. Leech's Westmoreland County Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War. Joseph died in Westmoreland at an old age. Phillip died in Montgomery County Ohio, also at an old age. In 1813, a band of Shawnee traveled over 300 miles to Joseph's farm to give him the bad news of Elizabeth's death after falling from a horse. (L. Potter is Chapter Registrar/Genealogist.)

Guests

Eppy & Ruben Tillotson
Bowen Goodall
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE SIX MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Events /Programs:

June 15, 2013: Randy Hagerty/Federalist Papers?
July 6-10, 2013-2013 National
Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST



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BOYD BISSELL ON ROBERT BISSELL'S KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCES: Boyd said his 80-year-old brother Robert, a fellow chapter member, served in the Korean Conflict as a guard trained to protect several B-17 Superfortress heavy bomber aircraft on the ground in country. After an attack, the bombers were moved to England and Robert served there, living with a family rather than on base. Boyd said Robert and his family very much appreciated the Korean medal and bar, along with a certificate, sent to him by President Brenton Karhoff. Boyd particularly thanked Larry Potter for his efforts in establishing Robert's qualifications for the medal. Boyd is pictured with Vice President Gary Lloyd who conducted the meeting in President Karhoff's absence.

NOTABLE BISSELL ANCESTORS: Boyd said that sawdust was a big problem for **Melville R. Bissell** and his wife Anna in the small crockery shop they owned in Michigan until, in 1876, he invented a unique carpet sweeper and patented it. (Boyd displays the sweeper in right photo.) Customers and friends wanted to own one, so a new business was born. When Melville died in 1889, Anna stepped in to run the business, the first female CEO in America! The business has expanded and prospered to this day. Boyd also spoke about **William Henry Bissell** (1811-1860) who helped found the Republican party in Illinois and was the first Republican to sit as governor of the state.



LARRY POTTER IS AN ACTIVE REGISTRAR: He is currently working with four potential members on their membership qualifications, Gary See of Rutledge, MO (with help from DAR Member Verle Dauma); Charles Kerner of Kahoka, MO (a State referral), whose patriot is James Callaway of Howard Co, MO (served under Captain Daniel Boone); Mark Brewer of Chicago, IL, with help from DAR Member Louise Sitton (referred by Compatriot Randall Cone of Louisiana, MO); Brewer's patriot is George Souers; and, fourth, Bud Wilson who's patriot is Benjamin Wilson (no proof found yet). VP Gary Lloyd thanked Compatriot Potter for his diligence in carrying out his responsibilities.



JUNE SPEAKER: At the June 15 meeting, Brashear resident Michael Wood (right) spoke about his extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia and his interest in local history. He encouraged anyone interested in Civil War history to attend a meeting to be held in Brashear at the Keller Building on June 19th. The group meets periodically, with a newspaper ad reporting the time and date of the meeting. Wood is pictured with Chapter President Brenton Karhoff of Edina who introduced him.

Guests:

Linda Tillotson
Terri Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2013



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DUES ARE DUE: Chapter Treasurer Walter Davison is mailing letters to all of our compatriots.

SPEAKER: DEWAYNE WELLBORN ON ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN ADAIR, MO



(Thanks to Compatriot Larry Potter for the photo and the following report on Mr. Wellborn's talk.) Dewayne Wellborn of the Friends of St. Mary's, a nondenominational organization dedicated to the preservation of the historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, spoke about this church located in the village of Adair, Missouri. Listed in the National Historic Register, St. Mary's was built in 1904 at a cost of \$10,000. The Church was designed in a unique Roman style

with two towers along the front. One tower represents the Ionic while the other represents the Stoic architectural style. Another unique architectural feature is the three high windows representing the Holy Trinity. St. Mary's was the center of community for Adair's mostly Irish citizens. Adair was settled by a large number of Irish from Limerick, Ireland who sought escape from the great potato famine. Adair was once a bustling community with merchants and craftsman ranging from makers of hats, shoes, and brooms. The village's population went from over a hundred in the early 1900s, to just a few now. The last Mass was held in December of 1972. Mr. Wellborn encourages anyone wishing to take a tour of St. Mary's to contact him. He will either make arrangements to meet you there. Or just stop by his house and he will lend you a key for self-guided tours. Mr. Wellborn is pictured above with Chapter President Brent who introduced him.

Guests:

Dewayne Wellborn (guest speaker)
Reta Davison
Ronald Loges

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014: Chapter President Brent announced officers for the upcoming year will be elected at the December meeting. He hopes someone will volunteer to take over as president. Walter said someone else could serve as treasurer if there is an interest.

PLEASE SUBMIT DUES BY DECEMBER 31. Walter reported that a portion of the funds received to date has been forwarded to MOSSAR.



SPEAKER: DAVID O. ERWIN, ADAIR COUNTY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

David discussed the taxes that are collected by his office and how the proceeds are dispersed to the various entities in the county that depend on taxes for their operations. He said individual property taxes are calculated on the basis of each \$100 of assessed value. The appraised value of personal property or real estate is determined by the State or County Assessor. The assessed value is a percentage of the appraised value of the item; you do not pay taxes on the full value. Some examples: licensed vehicles - 33

1/3% of State appraised value; residential real estate - 19% of assessor appraised value; agricultural real estate - 12% of State assigned values per class (8 classes, with the best farmland being class 8 and land unsuitable for farming being class 1); and commercial real estate - 32% of assessor appraised value. He used as a specific example that the tax on a residential property located within the Kirksville city limits with an appraised value of \$100,000 would be \$1,074.77 ($\$100,000 \times 19\%/100 = 190 \times \$5.6567 = \$1074.77$). He had several handouts including a tax and assessed value comparison report covering yearly figures from 2006 to 2012. Total assessed values increased from \$228,946,910 to \$260,953,905 during that period. Beneficiaries of tax revenues include schools, roads, Twin Pines (or LaPlata) Nursing Home, the library, health department, ambulance, and SB-40 (handicapped services). David said all collectors in the state are required to take training classes each year for 20 hours to keep up to date on all changes. The session is held each Spring in Jefferson City. David has been involved in training newer collectors for the past several years. The county collector is an elected position. Pictured above are David Erwin (left) and Chapter President Brent Karhoff (Knox County Collector of Revenue).

Guests:

Terri Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)
David Erwin (speaker)

FIVE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED



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December 21, 2013
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MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: Predicted freezing rain led Chapter President Brenton Karhoff to cancel today's meeting (after consulting with proposed speaker and members). The election of 2014 officers will be delayed until the January meeting.

**"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"
MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY
JACKSONVILLE, MISSOURI**

On December 14th, Larry Potter (standing), a member of our club, read the 2013 SAR Proclamation (text below) at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, Missouri "Wreaths Across America" ceremony. This annual event is held simultaneously at National and State veterans cemeteries throughout the nation to honor the sacrifices of our veterans. During the ceremony, seven wreaths were hung, one to represent each branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines) plus one for POW/MIAs. Missouri has six state veterans cemeteries with Jacksonville being the only one north of the Missouri River.



**National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Proclamation
November 28, 2013**

In the rush of the holiday season, let each of us take a moment to think about those things in our lives that are really important. Let us reflect on the love of family and friends, and then remember that, in our Nation, we are free to worship God as our hearts may be inclined; we are free to speak our mind, and to vote as we choose; we are free to associate with whomever we wish. This is the legacy of a free country. This is our heritage as Americans.

As we consider these things, and in the midst of the joy of this time of year, let us also remember the brave men and women who have served our country, and who have passed onto their eternal rest. These men and women have made our freedom possible.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution celebrates and honors these brave men and women, who have given the last full measure of devotion so that we may be free. At national cemeteries and monuments across the nation, *Wreaths Across America* ceremonies are tokens of our remembrance and our thanks to those men and women who have defended and preserved our liberty.

All Americans are heirs to the legacy of the American Revolution. All Americans enjoy the civil liberties first procured by patriots of the American Revolution, and then preserved by subsequent generations of men and women who stood in harm's way so that we may continue to be free. It is good and proper that all Americans should honor them.

The members of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution are happy and proud to remember these dedicated men and women.

God Bless America,
Joseph W. Dooley
President General, 2013-2014



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014: The following officers were elected at today's meeting:

President: Larry Potter
Vice President: Gary Lloyd
Secretary: none (Claire Lloyd, acting)
Treasurer: Walter Davison
Sergeant-At-Arms: Boyd Bissell
Chaplain: Mike Richardson
Registrar/Genealogist: Larry Potter
Chancellor: Pat Richardson
Historian: Larry Mudd

NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Registrar Larry Potter announced that Mark Anthony Brewer of Chicago is our newest member.

SPEAKER - TERESA ATTEBERY ON ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM

Teresa Attebery, Administrative Assistant with the Kirksville Fire Department, spoke about this annual program jointly sponsored by the Fire Department, KTUF Radio and Adair County Family Support Division which provides Christmas gifts for needy Adair County children. The program began here in 1985 and has expanded from helping 144 kids in 1989 to a high of 382 in 2003. Family support screens the eligibility of children in two age groups, up to age 11 and 12-16 (older group handled by the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at ATSU). For the younger group, a child's wish list is aired on KTUF and individuals can call in to "adopt" that child by purchasing the gift or gifts. One can also be part of the program by making a monetary donation, donating wrapping paper and/or tape, items for stockings, toys to be



added to gifts or for door prizes, or cookies for the party. Teresa said, due to the size of the party, she rents the NEMO Fairgrounds facility for \$250 (receives \$100 from the hospital and other donations to offset costs). Santa comes in on a fire truck to distribute gifts to the children and refreshments are enjoyed. Teresa said some of her experiences have been heartwarming, making her efforts worthwhile. (Speaker is pictured above with VP Gary Lloyd who introduced her.)

Guests

Terri Potter, Rick Axley, Teresa Attebery, and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

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Upcoming Programs:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST PRESIDENT CAROLD BLAND! See attachment to cover email for information on his French Legion of Honor medal! We are very proud of you, Compatriot Bland!

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Walter Davison, in addition to providing our fund balance, advised us that 16 members have paid their dues to date. Members who have not paid their dues are encouraged to submit them promptly.

**JOHN MURPHY ON MO DEPT. OF
CONSERVATION PRIVATE LAND
SERVICES**

John Murphy (left), a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, serves as a private land conservationist at the DOC Northeast Regional Office, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville. He was one of 37 biologists hired in the state of Missouri when this program first began in 2000. The program's mission is to help landowners meet their land management objectives in ways that enhance fish, forest, and wildlife conservation. They work proactively with other government agencies and private sector groups to enhance conservation activities on private land. Their services are particularly important since over 93% of Missouri's land is privately owned and, in northeast Missouri, the figure is 98%. They aim to provide timely and quality service to all Missouri landowners requesting their services. These services include grassland, savanna, and woodland management as well as wildlife damage control and habitat restoration. There is also some activity in wetland restoration and management. Their activities follow certain seasons, with pond work dominating their work from June to August. John said every Missouri county has someone assigned to provide these services and encouraged us to contact their local agent. The speaker is pictured above with Chapter President Larry Potter who introduced him.



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NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER: At our March 15 meeting, Mark Applod, associate professor of philosophy and religion at Truman State University, will be our speaker. His topic of discussion will be the excavation work at Biblical Bethsaida Israel. Dr. Applod leads Truman students in a Study Abroad Course during the summer months to destinations such as Greece, Turkey and Israel.

Guests

Terri Potter

Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

**THERE WERE FIVE MEMBERS
PRESENT.**

Upcoming Programs:

March 15 - Mark Applod/Excavation Work at Biblical Bethsaida Israel

April 19 - Cpt. Stephen Fines or Ltc. Steven Peterson/TSU ROTC program

May 17 - Glenna Daniels Young/Novinger's Progress



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HARDEE'S, MEETING SITE FOR MAY: Larry Mudd said the Hardee's Restaurant at 1411 S. Baltimore in Kirksville has a private room accommodating 20 people that we can reserve for the 3rd Saturday each month. Anthony Potter moved that we test the location for our next meeting, May 17. Gary Lloyd seconded the motion and it carried. Gary said he will not change the website with respect to meeting place until the chapter makes its decision after having met at Hardees.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Treasurer Walter Davison reported two memberships received since the last meeting. Chapter President Larry Potter said See's application for membership has been approved, however, his certificate has not yet arrived. A formal presentation will be made when it is received.



CAPTAIN STEVEN FINES, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE, TRUMAN ROTC BULLDOG BATTALION ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS TRAINING:

Capt. Fine has been in the military for 14 years, the last two of which were served in Kirksville. In Fiscal Year 2012, there were 26,000 sexual assaults reported in the military. He said that prior to the program he conducted this January, there had been no such training at Truman ROTC. The program's principal mission is to instill strong values where individuals are treated with respect. He said sexual

assault awareness cannot be legislated, but must be a grass roots effort. (Pictured from left: Veteran Walter Davison, Capt. Fines, Veteran Larry Mudd and Chapter President Larry Potter)

MARCH PROGRAM: Dr. Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion at Truman State, leads students on a summer study course abroad to countries such as Greece, Turkey and Israel. The topic was the archeological digs at Biblical Bethsaida, located northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Bethsaida, which translated from Hebrew means house of the fisherman, was mentioned seven times in the New Testament with five disciples born there. Archeological digs have discovered an ancient city with walls fifteen feet thick and thirty to forty feet high before they were destroyed by past conquerors. Dr. Appold elaborated on archeologist approaches to uncovering material at ancient sites in order to advance the knowledge of history.

Guests

Terrie Potter, Speaker Capt. Steven Fines,
Chuck Kirner (proposed member)
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE SIX MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

May 17: Glenna Daniels Young on Novinger, Missouri



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CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION: Members in attendance were satisfied with Hardee's as a meeting site. Gary moved that we meet there on a permanent basis. Walter seconded the motion and it carried.



ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY, THURSDAY, MAY 1: Chapter President Larry Potter (left in left photo) presented a SAR medal to Cadet Seth Kmetz, Truman State University's "Bulldog Battalion" (United States Army ROTC program) at this TSU Georgian Room event. Senior Military Science Instructor Brad Watson accepted the award on behalf of Cadet Kmetz who is away in basic training at this time. Larry Potter also presented a General Society of the War of 1812 ROTC Award to Cadet Rachel Cain (right photo).



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: President Larry discussed possible collaboration with DAR regarding sponsorship of branches of service wreaths for Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery. He said there was a struggle to find wreaths for Wreaths Across America last December. We would need to coordinate any donation towards wreaths with Larry Palmer, who is in charge of the program for the Jacksonville State Veterans Cemetery.



GARY G. LLOYD, PAST PRESIDENT: A past president certificate and pin were presented to Compatriot Gary G. Lloyd (left) who served from Jan. 2009 until Brenton Karhoff was elected in Jan. 2011. Treasurer Walter Davison is also pictured.

SUPPLEMENTAL SAR APPROVAL: President Larry said Tony and he were approved for a supplemental last March for John Matter/ Motter, Sr. of the Lancaster Co. PA. Militia and approved May 14th for a supplemental on Philip Studebaker of the Westmoreland Co., PA Militia.

GLENNA DANIELS YOUNG SPEAKS ABOUT NOVINGER AND NOVINGER RENEWAL

Glenna, pictured with President Larry, spoke about the history of Novinger and Novinger Renewal (NRI), a not-for-profit organization. (She was a "mover and shaker" in setting NRI up and has been extremely active ever since. She currently serves as treasurer and produces *Novinger Renewal News* several times each year.) Activities: Although NRI's Coal Miner Days will not be held this year, the Coal Miners Museum will be open from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 24 and the Log Homestead, from 2-4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, May 25. Novinger Renewal's next organized event is a hog roast on Sunday, July 27, beginning at 11 a.m. with a jam session following the meal.



Guests:

Glenna Young (speaker), Danny Young, Reta Davison, Terrie Potter and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE FOUR MEMBERS

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE (JUNE MEETING; NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST)



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BRENTON KARHOFF HONORED - Past President L. Brenton Karhoff (left) of Edina was honored for his service as chapter president from January, 2010 through December, 2013. He is pictured with Chapter Vice President Gary Lloyd who presented the pin and certificate in the absence of Chapter President Larry Potter.

MAJOR L. MICHAEL STANBERRY IS GUEST TODAY - Brent introduced his nephew, a Marine Corp recruiter based in Des Moines and a two-time recipient of the Bronze Star, the first for his service in Afghanistan. Major Stanberry suggested it would be nice to invite other servicemen to our meetings to honor their service.

SPEAKER - KIRKSVILLE FIRE CHIEF

Kirksville Fire Chief Tom Collins (right) spoke about the Fire Department generally and answered our many questions. After serving 27 years in Independence, he accepted the fire chief position here in February. He said his department has 18 full-time firefighters (including himself) working three shifts. The firefighters work 24 hours on, followed by 48 hours off. He said he is currently looking for paid on-call people. Civilians are being trained under a CER (Community Emergency Response) program. He said a MACC course is being considered for individuals 18 and older which would help not only recruitment of new city firefighters but also provide more training for rural fire departments. It would meet 2-3 nights per week and a couple of Saturdays. Asked whether volunteers would be welcomed in specific incidents, Chief Collins said yes. We should look for a firefighter with a white helmet or green light who would be able to tell us how we could help. We talked about the ladder fire truck purchased in recent years for \$600,000 (would now cost over \$ 1 million). Brent said, without this truck, Edina's church would have been lost to fire. Chief Collins said outside counties are not billed for their services but they reciprocate when needs arise. The speaker is pictured with Past Chapter President and WWII combat veteran Carol D Bland who currently lives at Lake Thunderhead in Putnam County.



Guests:

Doris Bland, Reta Davison, Michael Stanberry, Linda Tillotson, Speaker Tom Collins and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE 8 MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

Speaker for September 20 meeting will be announced at a later date.

NOTE: NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.



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NEW MEMBER INDUCTED IN APRIL: On April 26, Mark Anthony Brewer was inducted by Compatriot D. Randall Cone in the absence of Chapter President Larry Potter. The ceremony was held at a DAR meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana, MO where Compatriot Cone was pastor from January 1986 until his retirement in December 2006. In left photo,



Compatriot Cone presents Brewer his SAR Rosette pin. In right photo from left are Brewer's grandmother, DAR member Louise Sitton, Compatriot Brewer and Compatriot Cone.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Pat and Mike Richardson on the loss of their father, George Lee Richardson, on Tuesday, August 19; to Boyd Bissell on the death of his brother, Robert Bissell, a fellow chapter member, on August 22; and to the family of Compatriot Orville Bowers who passed away on September 9.

SPEAKER RESCHEDULED: Scott Meredith had to cancel at the last minute due to his presence required at an unanticipated Eagle Scout function. Mr. Meredith indicated he wished to reschedule for next month's meeting. President Potter briefly discussed the SAR's role in the Eagle Scout program and how we may consider becoming a partner. A SAR and Boy Scout informational brochure from the NSSAR web site was passed around for member's thoughts and consideration. Compatriot Karhoff suggested we may also wish to consider the NSSAR History Teacher Awards.

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER INDUCTED



Charles William Kerner (left in left photo) of Kahoka, Missouri was inducted today by Chapter President Potter. Compatriot Kerner's Patriot is Pvt. James Callaway of Virginia Regiment under Captains Henry Paulding and Daniel Boone from May, 1777 to February, 1778. Prisoner of War Feb. 1778 to Dec. 1871.



l. to r.: Charles Kerner; John, Linda & Eric Tillotson; John Sparks; Walter Davison; Brent Karhoff (mostly hidden)

Guests

**Linda Tillotson
 Terrie Potter**

EIGHT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

OCTOBER 18: SCOTT MEREDITH/SCOUTING



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ROTARIAN MARCY PALERMO ON GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO FRANCE: Marcy, a longtime friend of Larry and Terrie Potter, spoke about her experiences as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) to the French Riviera from October 2010 to March 2011. Rotary's GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The teams from different countries exchange visits for four to six weeks (or longer) to experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Marcy said the French people, Rotarians and Non-Rotarians alike, were very kind to her. She traveled extensively in France and Monaco, visiting various facilities including a call center located in a cave under a casino. The call center was of particular interest to Marcy since she has worked in that field. Marcy said the people of France greatly appreciate what the United States did for their country during World War II. The entire GSE experience was very rewarding for Marcy. She has been a member of the Rotary Club of Kirksville for several years now and has been giving back to the community. The GSE team from France visited several locations in Kirksville, including the Thousand Hills State Park, Round Barn, a Blues Festival, and, of course, our famous "Pancake City." They also visited Kansas City before returning to France.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM: President Larry shared information about how this chapter could partner with the Boy Scouts in this program. Compatriot Gary Lloyd suggested that our Chapter should come up with a budget to see if we afford participation without increasing dues. Gary said that an increase in dues might cause some members to resign. Gary said that while ours is not a service organization, he would not object if we can continue with our current use of funds and still provide some support for the Boy Scouts. President Larry said that we will discuss this more in the future and that the local regional Boy Scout leader, Scott Meredith will be our speaker in December.

LARRY MUDD showed us a 125-year-old ceremonial sword owned by William L. Daub, born 1852. He also talked about discovering he is a first cousin, six times removed, of Abraham Lincoln.

Guests:

Terrie Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE 7 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

Upcoming Programs:

November 22 - Troy Mihalevich/AEDs
December 20 - Scott Meredith/Eagle Scouts



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TREASURER'S REPORT: Walter Davison reported by mail on the chapter's account balance. He also reported there are 15 paid memberships with 5 membership dues not yet received.



PROGRAM: Our guest speaker was Troy Mihalevich, Director of EMS Education at the Adair County Ambulance District. Troy is also a Board Member of NEMO Heart Health, a nonprofit whose mission includes to create awareness, education and maintaining access to AED's or Automated External Defibrillators in Kirksville and the surrounding areas. Troy brought with him a CPR mannequin and a AED to demonstrate the ease of use of this life saving device. In his presentation he stressed the need for the community to familiarize itself with and use the AED's in

medical emergencies. "There were events in the community where someone was suffering a sudden cardiac arrest and the AED available was not used". At one business, an employee was suffering sudden cardiac arrest and with the quick thinking of fellow employees within minutes he was administered CPR in conjunction with the AED. This was a life saving event until the ambulance arrived. The ideal time is three minutes to start defibrillation and CPR after cardiac arrest, then the patient has a 70% chance of survival. For each minute the patient waits the chance of survival is reduced by 10%. NEMO heart Health has installed over 100 AED's in Kirksville and the surrounding area. Go to www.Nemohearthealth.com web site for more information about this organization and watch the tutorials on life saving techniques. Pictured from left are Troy Mihalevich and Chapter President Larry Potter.

Guest:

Terrie Potter

SIX MEMBERS WERE PRESENT TODAY.

Upcoming Program:

December 20: Scott Meredith, Scouting



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ELECTION OF 2015 OFFICERS: President Potter said he will call a motion to vote for Chapter Officers at January's meeting (January 17, 2015). MOSSAR requires the election must be held no later than February of each year.

SPEAKERS: There was no guest speaker this month. There will not be a guest speaker scheduled for the January meeting so we may conduct election of officers and discuss future plans and business.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014, MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY, JACKSONVILLE: Larry and Terrie Potter attended this ceremony where Compatriot Potter read the National Society's Wreaths Across America Proclamation from President General Lindsey Cook Brock (copy attached to cover email). President Potter gave a brief history of the Worcester Wreath Company who began this Ceremony of laying wreaths at the Arlington National Cemetery which became a nationwide movement to honor our veterans' graves. This year there were enough wreaths to lay on each head stone at the cemetery.



Guests

**Linda Tillotson
Terrie Potter**

FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: To Be Announced at a Later Date.



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BCP OFFICERS FOR 2015: The following slate of officers was approved today: **President:** Larry Potter; **Vice President:** Gary Lloyd; **Secretary:** none (Claire Lloyd acting); **Treasurer:** Larry Mudd; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Boyd Bissell; **Chaplain:** Mike Richardson; **Registrar/Genealogist:** Larry Potter; **Chancellor:** Pat Richardson; **Historian:** Position Open.

SARBROCHURE: President Potter provided copies of a brochure he prepared for fellow members to use in recruiting new members. Contact him if you would like to have more brochures.



2014 YEARBOOK: Claire Lloyd circulated for review the chapter's sixth annual yearbook. (The Lloyds are maintaining a binder containing all the yearbooks.)

LOCATION FOR A SPRING MEETING: President Potter suggested meeting at the Ruth Towne Museum, ACHS, or the Still Museum as an alternative to having a guest speaker for that month.



MILITARY SERVICE HONORED

Larry Mudd (left in left photo) and Charles Kerner (left in right photo) were honored today for their military service. They are pictured with Chapter Treasurer Walter Davison who presented the pins and certificates.



MOSSAR CHAPTERS: President Potter circulated a list of the 15 Missouri chapters, which had a total of 631 members as of July, 2014.

MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL AWARDED

Claire Lloyd received this honor for her outstanding volunteer service to the chapter. She previously received this honor on April 17, 2010. Claire is pictured in right photo with Chapter President Larry Potter who presented the pin and certificate.



Guests:

Terrie Potter

Linda Tillotson

Elaine Mudd

Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

**THERE WERE EIGHT MEMBERS
PRESENT.**

Upcoming Program:

February 21: TSU History Professor Mark Hanley on the
Last 10 Years of Abraham Lincoln's Life



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TREASURER'S REPORT: Compatriot Larry Mudd provided his first financial report as newly-elected treasurer. Papers have been filed with the IRS. Compatriot Mudd asked whether he could set up a petty cash account. Hardee's does not accept checks and setting up a petty cash account with \$20.00 will allow him to pay for speakers' meals. It was approved by consensus.

DONATION FOR BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE: Larry Mudd spoke about a fundraising effort for the Battle of Kirksville reenactment August 8-9. He said it will cost \$5,000 to put on the event and \$1,900 has been raised so far. The goal is to raise enough money to seek matching funds. Compatriot Gary Lloyd moved that the Chapter donate \$50.00 to the effort, which was seconded by Compatriot Eric Tillotson. The motion carried.



**TRUMAN HISTORY PROFESSOR MARK HANLEY
ON THE LAST 10 YEARS OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LIFE**

TSU History Professor Mark Hanley (right) spoke about Lincoln's evolution in thinking about equal rights and the issue of slavery between 1855-65. In the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debate, Douglas pressed Lincoln hard on the issue of equality for blacks which Lincoln did not support at that time. He said he would not touch slavery where it existed, but wanted to prevent its spread to new states as they were established. He believed if it were contained, slavery would eventually die out in the South. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Lincoln said it was not a war to end slavery, but was to save the Nation. After the victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, however, Lincoln began to develop new views towards freeing blacks and issued a proclamation to free blacks who lived in those states fighting the union. He later worked hard in getting a constitutional amendment passed for their freedom. John Wilkes Booth was an attendee at an April 11, 1865 session on voting rights for blacks. Booth assassinated the president three days later. Hanley said Abraham Lincoln was a remarkable president, willing to change and evolve as a leader. He wonders what more Lincoln would have accomplished if he had been able to finish his term as president. The speaker is pictured with Chapter President Larry Potter who introduced him.

Guests

Terrie Potter, Reta Davison, Elaine Mudd, Ruben Tillotson, and Claire Lloyd who recorded minutes

THERE WERE 10 MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

March and April: To Be Announced
May: Jimmy Coy is possible speaker



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**CECOLIA "SCOTTY" MIHALEVICH ON HISTORIC
 BEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**



Cecolia "Scotty" Mihalevich spoke about the Bear Creek Baptist Church and cemetery. The church, established in 1838/9 and identified as the oldest Christian church in Adair County, was placed on the National Historic Register on April 25, 1984. Construction of the church building began in 1860 and was completed by 1865. The last service was held there on February 7, 1914; however, burials have continued well beyond that date. Scotty said she believes there are 450-500 graves there, many of which are unmarked. The church has fallen into significant disrepair. The cemetery, however, has been well maintained. Scotty has had responsibility for the cemetery since 1976; she serves as treasurer of Bear Creek Cemetery Association of Adair County, a not-for-profit organization. Scotty is pictured above with Chapter President Larry Potter. (The photos of the church and marker were taken on Sunday, March 22.)



GUESTS AT APRIL 18 MEETING: President Larry said members of the Sons of Union Veterans will be guests at our next meeting.

Guests

Terrie Potter
Reta Davison
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

There were seven members present today.

Upcoming Programs:

To Be Announced.



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SAR ROTC AWARD: President Potter announced Cadet Isaac Goliday was selected as this year's recipient for the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC award at Truman State University. The Award ceremony will be at 3:00 pm on April 23, 2015 at the Student Union Building.

BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE REENACTMENT: Compatriot Larry Mudd gave members a preview of the new flyer announcing The Battle of Kirksville Reenactment to be held August 7th and 8th of this year at Rotary Park.



SPECIAL GUESTS: Members of the John H. McNeil Camp No. 62 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Vern Stottlemyre, Lonnie L. Dover, Mark Dover, Greg Walter, Ian Garr and Brian Hudnall attended our meeting today. (SAR members John Tillotson, Larry Mudd and Larry Potter are also members of this organization.) The SUV met this morning at Forest Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville to set four new grave stone for veterans of the Civil War. Some stones were in significant disrepair or just missing. SUV member Vern Stottlemyre said the stones were provided by the United States

Government through the efforts of Kirksville City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh. Mr. Stottlemyre indicated his camp has placed 17 stones at Forest Llewellyn Cemetery thus far. A dedication ceremony at the cemetery will be held Sunday May 17, 2015 with the John H. McNeil Camp providing honors with a cannon volley. He also announced the SUV will be present at a memorial ceremony May 23, 2015 at the Battle of Athens State Park. Members will place flags on Civil War Veterans graves and provide honors.

WELCOME BACK, COMPATRIOT BLAND! We were happy to have former Chapter President Carol Bland in attendance today. Compatriot Bland was responsible for the rebirth of the chapter after it almost ceased to exist several years ago. He is pictured with his wife, Doris.



Guests

Doris Bland
 Reta Davison
 SUV Members (named above)

Upcoming Programs:

TO BE ANNOUNCED



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GUEST SPEAKER: COL. JIMMIE DEAN COY (RET.)

Chapter President Larry Potter introduced Col. Jimmie Coy (retired), a Kirksville native and fellow SAR member. Compatriot Coy is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in Columbia, Missouri. A Vietnam veteran and physician, Col. Coy served as a member of the United States Army Special Ops and Special Forces. He retired in 2001. His family has a lot of military history. He and his two brothers (including Eldon who some of us knew)

have combined service of 93 years. His ancestors came to America in the mid-1600s and married people who came over on the Mayflower. His ancestors' military history began very early. (Pictured from left are Veteran Walter Davison, Col. Coy, Chapter President Larry Potter and Veteran Charles Kerner.)

Col. Coy is the author of a number books which he brought to the meeting today, including "Those Who Serve," "Valor - a Gathering of Eagles" and "Prisoners of Hope." This third book includes recollections of POWs including John McCain. Compatriot Coy said the key to surviving in captivity is a three-legged stool: Faith, Family and Friends. He added a fourth element, fun (humor). Captives were fed "one leaf cabbage soup" and grew to hate cabbage. They suggested that we bomb the cabbage patches!

Several books written by Dr. Jimmie and Vicki Coy were purchased by chapter members after the meeting.



Guests

**Terrie Potter, Linda Tillotson,
Vicki Coy and Claire Lloyd** (who recorded minutes)

EIGHT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT TODAY.

Upcoming Programs:

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Speaker: Major Jason G. Anderson, Assistant Professor of Military Science at Truman State University, on the mission of the United States Army

Major Anderson (left) came from Fort Leonard Wood as the Chief of the Technical Training Dept. in Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear School before his position at Truman State. A highly decorated officer, Major Anderson has conducted training and operations around the world. He was deployed in Kosovo, and served three tours in Iraq including Brigade Chemical Officer during the Iraqi Freedom Invasion. Compatriots were given an unclassified handout of an overview of the Army's role in an ever-changing world filled with unfolding crises. Challenged by government sequestrations and downsizing, the United States Army must adapt to fulfill its mission, "to fight and win the Nation's wars through prompt and sustained land combat, as part of the joint force." Major Anderson, pictured with Chapter President Larry Potter, assured Compatriots we still have the "Best Army in the world."



Treasurer Larry Mudd said request for 2016 members dues will be mailed out soon.

Wreaths Across America

President Potter handed out information on this year's fund drive for Wreaths Across America for the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Jacksonville, Mo. Compatriot Davison informed members his American Legion Post has contributed to this drive. After debate, President Potter solicited a motion to donate \$60.00 to this fund. Compatriot Karhoff called a motion; it was seconded by Compatriot Davison and voted overwhelmingly in favor by the membership.

Attendance:

THERE WERE EIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY.

Upcoming Programs:

October 17: Pat Shoush, Adair Country Recorder



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SPEAKER: ADAIR COUNTY RECORDER PAT SHOUSH



Pat Shoush, pictured with Chapter President Larry Potter, became Adair County Recorder in 2005, after 22 years serving as Deputy Recorder. (Earlier she was employed for over eight years in an abstract office.)

Pat spoke about the function of her office and the types of records maintained there. These include land records such as deeds, surveys and easements. Also maintained are tax liens, marriage licenses and military discharge records (if provided by the veteran). She said there are two search stations available for public use. Pat said our members are probably familiar with the holdings of her office since the research required to qualify as Sons of American Revolution members is very extensive.

Pat Shoush brought to our meeting a Civil War discharge book which we all found very interesting. Her office discovered these records in recent years. They had the pages laminated and put them in a new book. We greatly appreciated her bringing the book today.

Guests

Doris Bland, Claire Lloyd, Terrie Potter, Reta Davison, Stacy Tucker-Potter, Jude Potter and Joely Potter

There were six members present today.

Upcoming Program:

NOVEMBER 21: TO BE ANNOUNCED



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MISSOURI MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM



Marvin G. Flynn, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 48 adjutant, spoke about the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program. Honor services, which include salutes, readings, presenting arms and bugle "Taps," were provided for 20 local veterans in 2013 and 26 in 2014.

Flynn demonstrated the playing of recorded "Taps" which is triggered by action of the bugler. The recorder is located within the bugle and is powered by two 9-volt batteries. "Taps" in its present form originated during the Civil War.

Flynn, of Kirksville, a Marine Corp combat veteran of the Vietnam War (center, standing), is pictured with other veterans also standing from left: SAR members Walter Davison, and Larry Mudd, both of Kirksville; Joe Smith, visitor from Brookfield and SAR member Charles Kerner of Kahoka, along with Chapter President Larry Potter (seated).



ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS:

Gary Lloyd moved that the 2015 officers be reinstated for 2016 with the exception that Brenton Karhoff replace Gary Lloyd as vice president. Walter Davison seconded the motion and it carried.

Guests

Reta Davison, Joe Smith, Stacey Tucker-Potter and Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes

SEVEN MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

December 19: MO State Archivist Mary McIntosh



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**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
 MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY - JACKSONVILLE, MISSOURI**



There were again enough wreaths this year to place at each veterans grave. Mrs. Harriet Meyer thanked us for our donation. Chapter President Larry Potter is pictured reading the 2015 SAR President General's Proclamation.



MARY MC INTOSH, STATE ARCHIVIST: For the last 23 years, Mary has worked as a local records field archivist, a position she loves which requires extensive travel in northeast Missouri visiting courthouses and city halls. It involves organizing local records in preparation for microfilming and/or computer inventory. Missouri's program is one of only three in the United States. There are ten archivists in the State of Missouri and two individuals working in administration in Jefferson City. Mary's travel demands have been relieved somewhat since Truman's judicial archive internship program began in 2012. (She has an office in the former Grim Smith Hospital building.) Another archivist has taken over some of her workload because of the supervision demands of the internship program. Mary shared interesting stories about her work including sometimes encountering bats, mice and once a snake in records storage. She spoke about the 1999 Mississippi County courthouse fire;

records were not entirely destroyed but were covered in thick mold requiring the efforts of a large team of archivists. Mary brought numerous records for her talk which we were able to peruse after her presentation. Some records she has seen dealt with the slave and fur trades, records on the lawsuit brought against William Clark's estate by unpaid members of the Corp of Discovery, Dred Scott originals and a Clark Co. record signed by Robert E. Lee prior to the Civil War. Photos: Mary McIntosh with VP Gary Lloyd, acting in President Potter's absence; Brenton Karhoff and Charles Kerner viewing records.



Guests

Linda Tillotson
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

January 16 - TO BE ANNOUNCED



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MAYOR JEFF DODSON, CITY OF NOVINGER



After our business meeting, Chapter President Larry Potter introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Dodson (right). Dodson followed in the footsteps of his grandmother Juanita Summers who served as Novinger mayor for 13 years beginning in the 1970's and became Novinger's mayor himself in April, 2009. This was just before the significant tornado which struck Novinger (as well as Kirksville) on May 9, 2009. He credits the Novinger Volunteer Fire Department and other volunteers for the extraordinary recovery efforts. These volunteers were able to open all but one of Novinger's 27 roads and streets impacted by the tornado in record time. A fleet of trucks could be seen up and down Route 6 restoring all electric power in just five days. There were 500 outside volunteers from Iowa, South Missouri and Illinois helping with the recovery efforts. The community pulled together to provide meals for everyone! Unfortunately, this was not the end of hardships to hit Novinger. These include floods and a major fire on September 11, 2011 which destroyed several downtown buildings. Under Mayor Dodson's leadership,

the city has bounced back. In 2012, Novinger placed first in the Missouri Community Betterment competition in youth and community areas within its classification by size. Honors were repeated in 2013. Novinger has a Facebook page and a website <<http://www.cityofnovinger.com>>. In the last four years, seven new small businesses have been formed. Dodson was able to arrange for Tool Box Ministries out of Nashville, TN to complete \$230,000 worth of home and city improvement projects here. In just five weeks, he was able to raise \$16,000 for a full basketball court across the street from the school which was constructed by 60 volunteers. Extensive sewer system improvements have been made to meet EPA regulations and other water projects undertaken. A \$162,000 demolition grant has been obtained to remove eyesores and make available properties for development. A new duplex is planned and 25 applicants have expressed interest in renting (a three-bedroom apartment to rent for \$550/month). Increasing Novinger's population would help the school system greatly. Dodson is happy to report that, due to good management, Novinger is debt free and moving forward.

GUESTS:

Terrie Potter, Linda Tillotson and Claire Lloyd

THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS
PRESENT TODAY.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 20: Guardian Ad Litem Philip J. McIntosh

March 19: Director Jim Nugent/Missouri Veterans
Cemetery, Jacksonville, MO

April 16: The Pennsylvania Line/Pres. Larry Potter



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SPEAKER: GUARDIAN AD LITEM PHIL MC INTOSH

Phil spoke about his responsibilities as Guardian Ad Litem, a position he will have held for 19 years this July, which involves looking out for the best interest of children. His services are required by the court in adoption and guardianship cases. He interviews children who are victims of child abuse and neglect or are in homes where domestic violence is an issue. VSS statistics show that 89% of children in households where there is physical abuse between parents become abusers themselves; the figure was just 80% a few years ago. Drugs, alcohol, and prescription drug abuse are involved in many cases. He said unstable behavior is exhibited in 9 out of 10 children of alcoholics. Emotional abuse and sexual abuse are also problems. Toward the end of his talk, Phil had each of us guess the number of Skittles in a plastic container and write our answers on stickup notes. Guest Reta Davison was very close to guessing that there were 13,156 Skittles - a number that represents the children in foster care in Missouri. (Nationwide the figure is 1/2 a million.) Phil said there is a shortage of foster parents. He asked, if we know individuals with the heart and stamina for the job, that we encourage them to become foster parents. The speaker is pictured above with Chapter President Larry Potter (left) who introduced him.

NEW MEMBER: Scott Templeton (left in right photo) was inducted today by Chapter President Larry Potter. Scott, a Kirksville attorney, descends from Patriot Nathaniel Templeton who perished in the 1782 Battle of Crawford's Defeat on the western front, one of the American Revolutionary War's final battles. President Potter said only a small percentage of SAR members qualify under their own surname.

A PROPOSED MEMBER: President Potter said the application for Joe Smith is now ready for his signature.



Guests

Ron Loges, Reta Davison, Terrie Potter, and
Claire Lloyd

**THERE WERE 10 MEMBERS PRESENT
TODAY.**

Upcoming Programs:

March 19: The Pennsylvania Line/Pres. Larry Potter
April 16: Director Jim Nugent/Missouri Veterans
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APPLICATION OF JOE SMITH mailed to MOSSAR on 5 March according to Chapter President Potter.

CD ON CEMETERY RESTORATION, from NSSAR available for our review. Gary Lloyd will return it after he has viewed it.



**CHAPTER PRESIDENT LARRY POTTER ON
THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE**

Compatriot Potter spoke about his ancestor Peter Wyrick who enlisted 9 August 1776 at Pittsburgh, PA and served in the 8th Pennsylvania line for more than three years under Colonel McCoy and Col. Daniel Brodhead and was discharged by Colonel Byers. (Larry spoke about Peter's 1881 will which we found interesting. He left 25 acres each to four sons, a bed and a cow to each of four daughters when they married, and five shillings each to two more sons and another daughter.)

In July 1776 Mifflin's Division, 2nd Pennsylvania Brigade, 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, assembled at Kittanning, PA for the 300-mile march to Quibbletown/New Market, New Jersey beginning in January, 1777. (Larry showed us the trek on a large map.) From Quibbletown, they fought their first battle 13 April 1777 at Bound Brook, NJ. The troops were ill prepared - no blankets, kettles, tents, arms. A number of men died in battle and some deserted. They fought in the Battle of Brandywine 11 Sep 1777, where they were outnumbered and withdrew. The Battle of Paoli followed 21-22 Sep 1777 and the Battle of Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Of 11,000 men, 30 officers and 121 troops were killed, 521 were wounded and 400 were taken prisoners at Germantown. The British had 71 killed and 448 wounded. This regiment served in part of the Battle of Saratoga and was present but not engaged in the Battle of White Marsh. They wintered at Valley Forge, PA in 1777-78.

Compatriot Potter read several interesting orderly reports from Draper manuscripts, many of which dealt with firing of guns (for recreation) and supplying spirits, important to the troops. Larry Potter (left) is pictured with his first cousin Donald Potter who got Larry interested in his family's history and its military history.

Guests:

Donald Potter
Terrie Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

**THERE WERE FIVE MEMBERS
PRESENT.**

Upcoming Programs:

April 16: To Be Announced
May 21: Jim Nugent/Mo. Veterans Cemetery Director
(moved from April 16)
June 18: Doug Years/Patriot Guard Ride Captain



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**RON BROWN ON MEMPHIS, MO
BIPLANE**



Compatriot Boyd Bissell (right) introduced today's speaker, Ron Brown, who provided a history of The Pheasant Aircraft Co. of Memphis, MO and its biplane, the Pheasant H-10.

Pheasant H-10s were built between June of 1927 until May of 1929. The H-10 Pheasant was a tandem-seat conventional landing gear-equipped biplane with fabric covering built by Pheasant Aircraft Co. to compete in the crowded market of barnstorming biplanes.

The founder and first president, Lee R. Briggs, and a student pilot were killed in a tragic accident December 5, 1927. Pheasant test pilot Steve Wittman entered The H-10 in the September 8, 1928 Air Derby from New York to Los Angeles. Delayed due to radiator trouble in the desert, Wittman finished 12th out of 38 entries. Wittman raced again in the 1928 Air Derby from Los Angeles to Cincinnati and finished in 4th place. He also entered the H-10 in the 1929 National Air Races in Cleveland, OH.

The Scotland County Historical Society acquired one of the last three surviving Pheasant H-10 biplanes. Previously located in Long Island, NY, residents of the Memphis area donated over \$75,000 in 2012 to purchase and transport the H-10 back to the city of its manufacture. The plane is on display in the Wiggins Tractor Museum in Memphis, MO. According to Ron Brown, there is still one local individual alive who remembers actually seeing one of the planes in flight, Martin Guinn of Rutledge, MO.



Guests

Greg Walter, Ron Brown, Caleb Garr and Ian Garr

THERE WERE SIX MEMBERS PRESENT.
VP BRENTON KARHOFF CONDUCTED
THE MEETING.

Upcoming Programs:

May 21: Jim Nugent/Mo. Veterans Cemetery
Director

June 18: Doug Yearns/Patriot Guard Ride Captain



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2016 SAR ROTC AWARD PRESENTED TO REBECCA HUGHES

The ceremony was held at Truman State University on 18th April, 2016.
Pictured are Ms. Hughes and Chapter President Larry Potter.



**MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY
JACKSONVILLE, MISSOURI**



Director Jim Nugent provided a nice slide presentation of this beautiful 117-acre cemetery located between Macon and Moberly, Missouri. Since its opening in 2003, there have been 1460 interments. At full capacity there would be 40,000 burial sites. He described the free benefits offered for veterans which include, in addition to a gravesite, a military honors ceremony and all cemetery upkeep. It is state funded except for \$700 per burial received from the Veterans Administration. There is a gravesite locator on the grounds where you can obtain a computer generated map. The speaker is pictured with Compatriot Gary Lloyd (left) who conducted the meeting in the absence of President Larry Potter and VP Brenton Karhoff.



Guests

Linda Tillotson
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

June 18: Doug Yearnis/Patriot Guard Ride Captain

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Chapter President Larry Potter read the **SAR Memorial Day Proclamation** at the Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Left to right: Larry Kay, retired Brigadier General of the Missouri National Guard and current Mo. Veterans Commission Deputy Director, Larry Potter, and Jim Nugent Director of Missouri Veteran Cemetery at Jacksonville, Missouri.

Twenty-one chapter members: President Potter reported the death of member William Buckner of Marshall, MO, bringing our membership down to 21. Joe Smith's application is still pending.

ADAIR COUNTY REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN JAMES FLETCHER, JR.

Linda Hudnall, Regent, Ann Haynes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke to us today about undertaking a joint SAR/DAR project to preserve the gravesite of James Fletcher, Jr.

James is buried in Adair County on the old Amsbaugh Farm where he lived, now owned by the Weber family. He was born in 1758 and served as a private in the Virginia Militia, Continental Army. In about 1830, at age 72, he moved to Missouri with his son and family. He died September 27, 1845 at the age of 87. Linda thanked Gary Lloyd for his research into this soldier's history (see <https://sites.google.com/site/gllloyd/site/Home/adhistarticles>). She was able to share this information with his 5 times great granddaughter, Denise Knowles, who was interested in visiting Fletcher's grave. On Memorial Day weekend last year, Gary and Claire Lloyd led a group of DAR members and friends on a trek out to this remote gravesite. (Unfortunately, a family illness prevented Ms. Knowles from joining them.) For your information, Linda's remarks at the Fletcher grave are attached to cover email.



Linda said the Fletcher grave needs to be preserved and sought a joint SAR/DAR cooperative effort to do so. The barbed wire is down and the monument is deteriorating. Larry said he would send members an email about visiting the site and doing a cost analysis on fencing costs. Boyd Bissell offered use of his equipment. Scott Templeton will study a possible conveyance of title or easement in case the Weber's sell the property. Moving the gravestone to Forest Lewellyn was also mentioned but Linda thought Ms. Knowles would not approve. We look forward to working with the DAR on preserving this Revolutionary War soldier's memory.

Guests

Reta Davison
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT.

Upcoming Program Speakers:

September 17: Sheriff Hardwick
October 15: Dr. Wiggins
November 19: Doug Years/Patriot Guard Riders



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ADAIR COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT HARDWICK: Sheriff Hardwick, assisted by Deputy Dave Hurt, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the inner operational standards and procedures of the Sheriff's Office.

Before being elected sheriff in 2008, Sheriff Hardwick worked for the U.S. Border Service in Arizona. With a staff of 26 full time employees and eight volunteers, his office covers 569 square miles of Adair County with each deputy working 12 hour shifts. The Sheriff's office is a multifaceted law enforcement department which not only patrols the rural county but also provides security for all

county court proceedings, transports inmates, delivers summons for civil processes, enforces compliance of the sex offender's registration and maintains an aging correctional center. Sheriff Hardwick is pictured above with Chapter President Larry Potter (left).

NEW MEMBER: President Potter announced he mailed new member Joe Smith of Brookfield, his membership certificate last month.

MOSSAR PRESIDENT DALE SCHMIDT will be our guest at our March 18, 2017 meeting.

SEX OFFENDER BACKGROUND CHECK: The National Society has implemented a sex offender background check for any member who represents the SAR at any school event. This applies to any new potential member and is not limited in scope. The genealogist is responsible to check the national sex offender list as this applies.

CERTIFICATE AWARDED: Members were shown the Chapter's Veterans Award Certificate given by the NSSAR.

Guests

Terrie Potter, Jude Potter
Sheriff Robert Hardwick (speaker)
Sheriff Deputy Dave Hurt

FIVE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

October 15: Dr. Larry Wiggins/Original Scotland
County Courthouse



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**DR. LARRY WIGGINS ON THE OLD SCOTLAND
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND MORE**

Compatriot Boyd Bissell introduced today's guest speaker, Larry Wiggins, DVM, who spoke about the old Scotland County log courthouse, built in 1834, which had been at Sand Hill, Missouri, northwest of Rutledge under an old barn roof that had collapsed on it. On behalf of his Memphis museum group, Dr. Wiggins paid \$1500 for it with the purpose of moving it to Memphis. That has since been accomplished and reconstructed all by volunteers log by log within a new museum building there in order to preserve and display the 180-year-old courthouse. The oak logs weighed 900 pounds each!

Dr. Wiggins also spoke about plans to restore and similarly display (in Memphis) the Arbela depot and a filling station. (In addition to his museum and historical society work, Dr. Wiggins has an active veterinary practice and has 300 head of cattle.)

He spoke about the generosity of local residents as evidenced about them raising \$75,000 in the past to pay for a Pheasant bi-plane, which had been built in 1929 in Memphis. It is one of only three remaining Pheasant bi-planes and was brought to Memphis from Long Island, New York. The plane is on display in Memphis, along with other exhibition items which can be viewed by contacting someone from a list outside the museum. Dr. Wiggins said many large groups have viewed the museum exhibits.

Gary suggested maybe, if approved by the group, the chapter could visit Memphis in the spring, eating at a local restaurant, with a view toward seeing the museums. Dr. Wiggins said they have a meeting room we could use if we wanted.

Pictured above from left are Compatriot Boyd Bissell and Dr. Larry Wiggins.

Guests

Jeannie Bissell, Sheryl Hakala Smith, Dan Smith, Darlene Smith Allen, Dr. Larry Wiggins (speaker) & Claire Lloyd

SIX MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Program:

November 19: To Be Announced



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS: After discussion, Larry Potter agreed to continue serving as president next year provided members step up and run meetings for him when his job prevents his regular attendance. Gary Lloyd and Scott Templeton agreed to run the meeting if the VP is absent. We also discussed having fewer meetings and visiting sites to cut down the burden of lining up speakers. Scott Templeton said he would be interested in programs by members on their qualifying patriot ancestors. Larry said we have done some of these in the past. Also, Larry Mudd had declined to serve as treasurer next year. Tony Potter said he would consider the position; however, he would like more members to be able to vote on the slate of officers. (Attendance was down today due to icy conditions.)

SAR DIGITIZATION PROJECT: Gary said the latest issue of SAR Magazine describes a new fund devoted to digitizing genealogical records and is requesting individuals and chapters to consider donating to it. We should keep that in mind for a possible future donation.

JASON HAXTON, AUTHOR OF *ANDREW TAYLOR STILL - FATHER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE*

Dr. A. T. Still is now the subject of one of four new “Notable Missourians” books this year, part of a statewide children’s book series.

Jason spoke about how Andrew Taylor Still did not wish to follow in the footsteps of his physician father but instead wanted to be a farmer. After a disastrous hailstorm destroyed his crops and killed his animals, he rethought his decision. He decided to become a physician, but one of a different sort. This led him to found Osteopathy. It stresses the importance of diet, exercise, good thoughts, and putting things back in place (manipulation). At the conclusion of his talk, he gave a copy of his book to Tony’s son Jude which he autographed for him. Author Jason is pictured to right with his book and to the left with Chapter President Larry Potter.



Guests

Terrie Potter, Jude Potter, and Claire Lloyd

Five members were present today.

Upcoming Programs:

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CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2017: 2016 President Larry Potter presented the following slate of officers for 2017:

President: Larry Potter
Vice President: Brenton Karhoff
Secretary: none (Claire Lloyd, acting)
Treasurer: Larry Mudd
Sergeant-At-Arms: Boyd Bissell
Chaplain: Tony Potter
Registrar/Genealogist: Larry Potter
Chancellor: Pat Richardson
Historian: Vacant

Larry Mudd moved that the slate of officers be accepted; it was seconded by Gary Lloyd and it carried.

MEMBERSHIP: President Larry reported we have 21 paid members. He suggested we consider purchasing an ad in NEMO Trader with a logo of a minuteman to try to bring in new members. He will look into the cost.



2016 YEARBOOK: Claire Lloyd (pictured) displayed the yearbook for review by the members. The Lloyds maintain the yearbooks (2009/2016).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: President Larry reported that MOSSAR President Del Schmidt will be our guest at our March 18 meeting. For the April 22 meeting, we plan to visit the Scotland County Historical Society, which houses one of the last surviving Pheasant H-10 biplanes, among its many historic items. Jeannie Bissell, wife of Compatriot Boyd Bissell, offered to provide us a meal before we visit the museum. A map to find their Memphis home will be provided later. The original plan was to visit the museum at 1:00 p.m.

Guests:

Terrie Potter, Jeannie Bissell, Bill Richardson and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

SEVEN MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

March 18 and April 22: See details above

(The April meeting has been moved to April 22 because April 15 is Easter weekend.)



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AD IN NEMO TRADER: Chapter President Larry Potter researched the cost of various size ads and recommended that we order a 4x4 inch color ad as a tribute to veterans in a Memorial Day edition. The ad would cost \$108.00. He showed a proposed ad which includes a minuteman over a U.S. flag and contact information to boost membership. MOSSAR President Del Schmidt thought the ad is a great idea and recommended that Gary's SAR website address be included in the ad. Gary moved that Larry order a 4x4 ad as suggested; Larry Mudd seconded the motion and it carried.

FLETCHER GRAVESITE: President Larry said he has vacation time in April and plans to survey fencing and other needs to preserve the Revolutionary War veteran's gravesite. He said he plans to walk to the site which is about 1/2 mile from a road near Yarrow and invited others to join him if they wish. He will contact Linda Hudnall of DAR who initially expressed an interest in partnering with us on this project.



MOSSAR PRESIDENT DALE A. SCHMIDT

We were honored to have President Schmidt as our guest today. Ours is the 11th chapter he has visited of 15 total MOSSAR visits he has made as president. He said only one president had previously visited all MOSSAR chapters.

Major Schmidt retired from the Highway Patrol after 35 years service and serves as executive director of the Missouri Peace Officers Association. President Schmidt invited us to attend the Annual Membership Meeting to be held at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield on April 28-29, a meeting he might

have to miss since he will need to be in Lee's Summit for the birth of his first grandchild, a boy. (Hotel reservations are due by March 29.) NSSAR Congress will be held in Knoxville, TN from July 8-12 and we are welcome to attend that event as well.

MOSSAR added 71 members last year (mostly from just three chapters) and 10 new members this year. Unfortunately, 22 members died in 2016 and two this year. President Schmidt said membership is one of MOSSAR's principal missions. The other mission is educational in nature. He recommends we pursue patriotic and historical activities to enlighten the public, particularly youth. MOSSAR might be able to help us in setting up events. He encouraged us to recruit young people for our chapter and also consider joining the color guard. He said he might have a used uniform he could provide. He suggested promoting a history essay contest at our local public schools. All these efforts honor the sacrifices of our forefathers.

Pictured from left above are Compatriots John Sparks, Gary Lloyd, MOSSAR President Dale A. Schmidt, Chapter President Larry Potter and Compatriots Charles Kerner and Larry Mudd.

Guests:

Phil Richardson, Terrie Potter, Claire Lloyd and Elaine Mudd

FIVE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

April 22 meeting in Memphis, MO: details will follow - no meeting on April 15 (Easter weekend)



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Wiggins Museum
Memphis, MO



The meeting was held in Memphis, Missouri, in order to allow for a tour of this museum located in Memphis at Highway 136 and Knott Street. (Jean and Boyd Bissell were gracious to provide a noontime meal for us at their lovely home. See photos on Page 2.) On display at the museum is a Pheasant H-10 biplane manufactured in Memphis in January 1928. With



fundraising beginning in 2012, the Scotland County Historical Society was able to purchase one of the last three surviving Pheasant H-10 biplanes in Long Island, New York and bring it back to Memphis. Also on display is a reconstructed log courthouse built in early 1840s, several dozen antique tractors, a few antique cars and a working miniature steam engine train. Pictured above in right photo is Larry Wiggins, DVM, with the Pheasant H-10 biplane.



Guests:

Cory Mudd, Norma Parrish, Terrie & Joely Potter, Dr. Larry Wiggins and Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes

SIX MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

May 20: To Be Announced

June 17: Ron Martin/Vietnam Veterans Organization
“Vets With a Mission”

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LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE JEAN AND BOYD BISSELL HOME IN
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“VETS WITH A MISSION”



Ron Martin (left) served as a data processing technician on the U.S.S. Niagara, a refrigerated supply ship replenishing aircraft carriers during the Vietnam War. He said the country is still recovering from the ravages of war and he wanted to help the South Vietnamese people. He became part of a veterans group, “Vets With A Mission,” a not-for-profit humanitarian organization and ministry. It began its humanitarian mission to Vietnam in January 1989 and it continues to be active today. Mr. Martin returned from a 2 1/2-week mission there on April 1, his second trip since 2016. His team provided support at three medical clinics outside Da Nang and he showed us a slideshow of the mission. He said Vietnam is 50% Buddhist and 10% Christian. Although private ownership is allowed in this communist



country, few can afford it. Martin said there are two classes of people in Vietnam and poverty is widespread. He is pictured with Chapter President Larry Potter who introduced him. Also pictured is Vietnamese currency, a 2000 Dong note, worth about eight cents in U.S. money.

THE FLETCHER GRAVESITE: Chapter President Larry Potter and his wife, Terrie, visited the gravesite on May 21. Larry believes fencing the gravesite is unnecessary and could draw attention to the site and result in vandalism. This is on everyone’s mind after the extensive recent vandalism of tombstones at the Forest Lewellyn Cemetery. There are no cattle on the Weber farm and haven’t been for years; however, Gary pointed out that fencing might not keep cows out anyway. Ninevah Cemetery was fenced several years ago allowing the grass to grow up high and lush. When the surrounding pasture was short and sparse, cattle knocked the fence down to get to the grass and broke most of the tombstones. Larry suggested we just weed eat there and possibly consider cleaning the stone. We would need to research cleaning techniques that wouldn’t degrade the stone and report back at our next meeting (in September). Members present agreed we shouldn’t fence at this time. Larry will talk with Linda Hudnall of DAR who proposed partnering with us on the gravesite improvements.

Guests

Terrie Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

Five members were present.

Upcoming Programs:

SEPTEMBER: TO BE ANNOUNCED



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WELCOME BACK AFTER SUMMER! Compatriot Gary Lloyd took this photo. Pictured clockwise from left are Ruben and Eric Tillotson, Terrie and Larry Potter, Charles Kerner and John Sparks.

JOHN TILLOTSON: President Larry Potter presented a receipt in the amount of \$65.61 for the flowers he purchased for the funeral of our fellow member in good standing, John Tillotson. Gary had earlier recommended that Larry go ahead and buy the flowers with the understanding that if the members did not approve the charge, Gary would reimburse Larry. This was discussed with the attendees during the meeting and a motion was made by Gary that the chapter reimburse Larry for the flowers. The motion was seconded by John Sparks and was unanimously approved. Gary said that

this would be put in the minutes of today's meeting and a copy sent to our treasurer Larry Mudd, who will then mail the check to Larry.

FLETCHER GRAVESITE: President Larry reported that his wife, Terrie discussed the results of our June meeting concerning the Fletcher gravesite with Linda Hudnell, her fellow DAR member. Linda had attended an earlier SAR meeting and had made a recommendation that the gravesite be fenced. When Linda found out in our chapter had no intention of fencing the gravesite she indicated that she would try to find another group to partner with DAR to get that done. Larry said that he intends to clean the stone after his recent injury to his shoulder has healed.

ATSU MUSEUM TOUR: John Sparks said he and the Potters enjoyed their tour of the museum after the meeting. Here are some file photos. Check it out on your own if you can - very interesting!



To the left: The cabin of Andrew T. Still's birth in Lee County, Virginia. Dr. Still was the founder of Osteopathy.

Below center: An iron lung can be seen in the adjacent room through the window.



Nerves teased out of a human body!

Guests:

Terrie Potter
 Ruben Tillotson

Five members were present.

Upcoming Programs:

October 21: To Be Announced
November 18: Air Force Recruiter



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**JAMIE LIVINGSTON, DIRECTOR
ADAIR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Jamie Livingston has served as library director since February 2016, replacing Glenda Hunt who retired. She previously served as library director in Centerville, Iowa and also in Unionville, MO. She holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Iowa. Jamie is an Iowa native who married a Missourian. They have a 20-year old daughter who attends Truman State University.

Jamie, one of only four full-time employees, began her talk by inviting us to visit www2.youseemore.com/adaircpl for information about the library. She said a lot of the library's programs are geared toward children, including a Teen Book Club and Lego and Pokemon events. Movie Night, however, last night drew 59 people of all ages for "Hocus Pocus." She said library cards need to be renewed yearly. As a cardholder, you can use the following sites at home: Heritage Quest, Learning Express, and EBSCOHost. The library has various genealogy resources including Ancestry.com. You can renew books, put a hold on books, or get books on an inter-library

loan (which takes about a week). Jamie spoke about their new microfilm equipment for which they got a grant for 75% of the cost. It can crop, enhance and print. You can use a flash drive or email items to yourself. The library subscribes to 72 magazines and four newspapers. In addition to standard books, they have free eBooks. They also have Music CDs and DVDs for adults and kids (including new releases) which you can check out for one week. Some unusual items you can check out: fishing poles with small tackle boxes and two American Girl dolls with outfits. Jamie expressed her appreciation of "Friends of the Adair County Public Library" which assists with the summer reading program and runs the monthly book sales. Friends membership is \$10/year. Jamie said the library is very short of storage space and she and the board are hoping to expand to their north side someday. However, that would require a voter approved increase in the tax levy. (Jamie Livingston is pictured above with Chapter President Larry Potter.)

After the program, Claire Lloyd read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved by affirmation. Treasurer Larry Mudd provided our checking account balance and reported that 14 members have paid their annual dues. President Larry Potter said he may not be able to attend the November meeting.

Guests:

Terrie Potter and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

Six members were present today.

Upcoming Programs:

November 18: Larry K. Wiggins, DVM

December 16: Dept. of Conservation

January 20, Feb. 17 & April 21: TBA

March 17 : State President

May 19: Air Force Recruiter



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DUES ARE DUE: Compatriot John Sparks reminded us that 2018 dues are due.



**LARRY WIGGINS SPEAKS
ABOUT LOG COURTHOUSE
AND
NEWLY MOVED WWI
MONUMENT**

Larry Wiggins, DVM, of Memphis, Missouri spoke about the Scotland County log courthouse built in 1834 which was moved log by log and reconstructed in the Wiggins Family Museum in Memphis. He also spoke about a monument to over 20 Scotland County soldiers who died in World War I. The monument, originally unveiled by the American Legion on May 29, 1921, was recently moved from the Barnett family property south of Memphis to a site near the Downing House in Memphis.

Both the log courthouse and the monument were moved with volunteer labor and donations from the community. Dr. Wiggins (right) is pictured above with Compatriot Boyd Bissell of Memphis who introduced him. Boyd conducted the meeting today in the absence of President Larry and VP Brenton.

Guests:

Wanda Parrish
Jeannie Bissell
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)
Three members were present.

Upcoming Programs:

December 16: Department of Conservation
January 20, Feb. 27 & April 21 - TBA
March 17: State President
May 19: Air Force Recruiter



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GET WELL SOON, WALTER!



After the meeting today, most of us visited longtime member and former treasurer Walter Davison who is recovering at Kirksville Manor Care from a stroke he had six weeks ago. It affected his right side but he is able to move his right hand some. Larry Mudd related his stroke experience 5 1/2 years ago and his recovery; he offered encouragement to Walter. Standing beside Walter (from left) are Brenton Karhoff, Terrie Potter, Gary Lloyd, Charles Kerner, John Sparks, Larry Potter and Larry Mudd. (Claire Lloyd took the photo.)

PROGRAMS: The Dept. of Conservation speaker was a “no show” today. (He thought the meeting was next month.) Larry will reschedule. Larry said January and February are open. Perhaps he could talk to us at one of those meetings or in April which is also open. Larry said members speaking about their patriot would be good to reinstate for a program. Brent suggested visiting the Knox County Historical Society Museum for our June meeting. We could have lunch in town there. Brent said Mrs. Kelly's 1880 home and its contents have been donated for the historical society museum. It is located on Highway 6 in Edina, one block east of the courthouse. Larry sought and obtained member approval for this visit as our June meeting.

AT THE MEETING: Treasurer Larry Mudd (left in right photo) reported we have 21 members. He will be sending a check to SAR today. Compatriot Eric Tillotson and his son Ruben are pictured; they were not able to visit the nursing home. (Compatriot Gary Lloyd is not in this photo.)

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!



Guests:

Terrie Potter, Ruben Tillotson, and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

Seven members were present today.

Upcoming Programs:

Jan. 20 & Feb. 17: TBA

Mar. 17: State President Visit

April 21: TBA

May 19: Air Force Recruiter

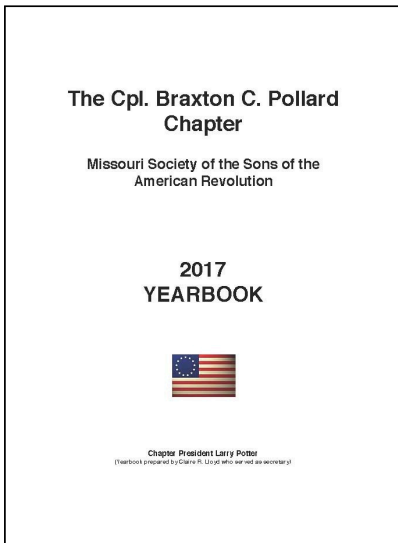
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YEARBOOK FOR 2017: Claire Lloyd produced the Ninth Annual Chapter Yearbook and shared it with members for review today. (She and her husband, Compatriot Gary Lloyd, maintain past yearbooks.)

OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS: On Chapter President Larry Potter's suggestion, today's program was discussion of our patriots.

Gary Lloyd said his patriot was his 7th great grandfather, Daniel Easley, Sr. (1720-1786). Daniel Easley was born and died in VA (Goochland County and Halifax County) and had civilian service in the American Revolution by provision of supplies. Gary's line runs through surnames Easley, Adams, Guffey and Lloyd.

John Sparks reported that his ancestor was Samuel Eason (1755-1813), from Washington County, Virginia, who enlisted late in 1778. He married in 1780. His widow was unable to draw a pension because she couldn't prove he served for at least six months. His wife moved to Schuyler County, Missouri in the 1840's. She tried several times to obtain her husband's pension without success. She was last rejected in 1845 and does not show up in the 1850 census.

Larry Potter spoke about his ancestor, Pvt. Peter Wyrick on the Pennsylvania Line and also about the Battle of Long Island, August 27-29, 1776. The British had them surrounded near the East River in Brooklyn and General Washington made his escape with his army by crossing the East River very quietly by night. Once across, they proceeded north to Fort Mifflin and then across the Delaware River to Lancaster and then to York, Pennsylvania. He left a contingent of soldiers behind to man the fort and the soldiers were all captured by the British and put in prison ships in the harbor.

(Attached is a list of each member's patriot.)



Guests:

Terrie Potter
Jude Potter
Joely Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)
FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 17: To Be Announced
Mar. 17: State President Visit
April 21: To Be Announced
May 19: Air Force Recruiter
June 16: Visit to Edina

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GREENWELL		CARL	MICHAEL	BENNETT GREENWELL	PRIVATE	MD
KARHOFF		LESLIE	BRENTON	MOSES THOMAS	PRIVATE	VA
KERNER		CHARLES	WILLIAM	JAMES CALLAWAY	PRIVATE	VA
LLOYD		GARY	GENE	DANIEL EASLEY, SR.	PRIVATE	VA
MUDD		LARRY	DALE	BENNRRTT MUDD	PRIVTE	MD
POLAND	II	FRANCIS	EVERETT	JOHN HART	PATRIOT	NJ
POTTER		ANTHONY	URIAH	PETER WYRICK	PRIVATE	PA
POTTER		LARRY	DOUGLAS	PETER WYRICK	PRIVATE	PA
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SMITH		PHILIP	JOE	WILLIAM RAMAGE	PRIVATE	PA
SPARKS		JOHN	EDWARD	SAMUEL EASON	PATRIOT	VA
TEMPLETON		SCOTT	LEE	NATHANIEL TEMPLETON	PRIVATE	PA/VA
TILLOTSON		JOHN	ERIC	GEORGE MORELOCK	PRIVATE	PA
TILLOTSON		JOHN	MARTIN	PETER BLANK	PRIVATE	PA
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Compatriot Gary Lloyd moved that the 2017 officers be reinstated for 2018. Compatriot Charles Kerner seconded the motion and it carried. Chapter President Larry Potter sought a volunteer to serve as historian and John Sparks accepted the position.

President: Larry Potter
Vice President: Brent Karhoff
Secretary: (Claire Lloyd, acting)
Treasurer: Larry Mudd
Sergeant-At-Arms: Boyd Bissell
Chaplain: Anthony Potter
Registrar/Genealogist: Larry Potter
Chancellor: Pat Richardson
Historian: John Sparks

SAR BROCHURE: President Potter circulated a color brochure prepared by the national headquarters, along with the brochure he prepared for our chapter.

DEDICATIONS IN FULTON, MARCH 10, 1 P.M.

The National Winston Churchill Museum, 501 Westminster Avenue, Fulton, Missouri

The museum is located in Fulton, the Missouri town where Churchill gave his famous Iron Curtain speech in 1946. President Harry Truman, a native of Missouri, put in a good word for Westminster College (where the museum is located), and on March 5, 1946, the revered statesman arrived on the campus to deliver the speech.

In addition to recognizing the Iron Curtain speech, there will be a dedication of a SAR plaque for Compatriot Sir Winston Churchill inside the Church of St. Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury at the National Winston Churchill Museum. Churchill was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through the lineage of his mother, an American born in Brooklyn, New York. We are invited to attend the dedications.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: We are looking forward to a visit by MOSSAR President Dennis Hahn at our March 17 meeting. President Potter will try again to schedule the Conservation agent to speak about hunter safety at our April 21 meeting. Gary suggested Emily Burke, naturalist at Thousand Hills State Park, would make a good speaker for some future date. See other programs listed below.

Guests

Terrie Potter
Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

FOUR MEMBERS ATTENDED TODAY.

Upcoming Programs:

March 17: MOSSAR President Dennis Hahn
April 21: To Be Announced
May 19: Tech. Sgt. Paul Simmons/U.S. Air Force
June 16: Knox Co. Historical Museum/Edina
Sept. 15: Col. Jimmie Dean Coy



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MOSSAR PRESIDENT DENNIS J. HAHN WELCOMED: Each of the seven members present introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their patriots. President Hahn from St. Charles, Missouri, a Truman graduate (Class of 1966), spoke about himself and his patriot. His patriot served both in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812. Pictured in photo at left: MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn with Chapter President Larry Potter.

President Hahn reported on the March 10 dedication that he led of the SAR Plaque Commemorating the “Iron Curtain Speech” and Honoring Compatriots Sir Winston Churchill and President Harry S. Truman. It was held at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton.

President Hahn provided some interesting information about the Missouri Society. It has 774 members including 48 life members and

32 junior members. That number does not include dual members of which there are four. There are 15 chapters (Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Harrisonville, Independence (2 chapters), Jefferson City, Joplin, Kansas City, Kirksville, Liberty, Rolla, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warrensburg) and range in size from 10 to 115 members. He said his chapter, which will be 21 years old in May, has 80 members. It has had 20 deaths in its 21-year history. The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution began in 1896 in St. Louis. There were no chapters at that time but Kansas City wanted a meeting place and one was set up. It became inactive in 1921 and there were no chapters between 1921-1965. Chapters existed between 1966-1970 but none between 1970-1976. Since 1976, chapters have existed continuously. Twenty chapters have existed since that time but five of them died out. The newest chapter, Rolla, is 10 years old. He introduced us to Braxton C. Pollard, our namesake, and directed us to the Find A Grave webpage on him (copied on Page 2). President Hahn is seeking an editor for MOSSAR’s publication which had its last edition in 2014. He also sought 2-3 pages on our chapter for an update on the MOSSAR Centennial book.

President Hahn invited us to attend the 128th Annual MOSSAR Membership Convention April 27-28, 2018 in St. Charles. In addition to activities outlined in the registration form, there will be three sessions on Friday (a DNA seminar, newsletter seminar, and a program on developing a website or Facebook page). President Hahn recommended getting our recruitment message out in newspapers or on Facebook, perhaps using a “Are you related to (names of patriots)?” approach. We also encouraged Color Guards for community exposure. (Pictured in the right photo from left are MOSSAR President Hahn with guest Terrie Potter & Chapter President Larry Potter and members Anthony Potter, Charles Kerner, Boyd Bissell, Scott Templeton, John Sparks and Gary Lloyd.)



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Guests

Terrie Potter
 Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

SEVEN MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

- April 21:** Dept. of Conservation Agent Garber/Hunting
- May 19:** Tech. Sgt. Paul Simmons/U.S. Air Force
- June 16:** Knox Co. Historical Museum/Edina
- Sept. 15:** Col. Jimmie Dean Coy

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Welcome to the new Find A Grave! Learn more about the changes or go back to the old site for now. SIGN IN



Photo added by Audrey

Corp Braxton C Pollard

BIRTH 25 Dec 1760
Loudoun County, Virginia, USA

DEATH 1 Nov 1840 (aged 79)
Monroe County, Missouri, USA

BURIAL [Florida Cemetery](#)
Florida, Monroe County, Missouri, USA

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Braxton Pollard served as corporal in Col. Charles Dabney's light dragoons, Virginia troops. He married Anna Guffee in 1788. The S.A.R. marker on his grave shows his death as September 1, 1840, however, the grave stone has Nov. 1, 1840.

The following was sent to me by email 17 April 2010:
The DAR has corrected the names of his 2 documented wives:
married 1st Elizabeth Brown 24 Jan 1787 Bourbon County, KY
married 2nd Mrs. Catherine "Kitty" Bailey Robb 3 Apr 1818 Harrison County, Kentucky
Source: DAR Genealogical Research System

Family Members

Children

[Thomas M Pollard*](#)
1791-1864

[Braxton C Pollard*](#)
1798-1880

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“FROM” SPOOFING - SPAMMERS SEND EMAIL THAT LOOKS LIKE IT CAME FROM YOU: Chapter President Larry Potter was a recent subject of this type of fraud. Our treasurer, Larry Mudd, received an email which appeared to be from President Larry requesting \$1100. When Larry Mudd checked with Larry Potter, he found the email to be bogus. Be aware that this fraud is out there!

JUNE 16 MEETING IN EDINA: After lunch at Lucky's or Blue Room, we will visit the Knox County Historical Society. Details will follow.

WALTER DAVISON: VP Brenton Karhoff reported that former Treasurer Walter Davison is a resident at the nursing home in Edina. We visited him at Kirksville's Manor Care facility in December.



TECHNICAL SERGEANT PAUL SIMMONS, AIR FORCE RECRUITER: President Larry said that it was highly appropriate to have Sgt. Simmons speak with us today since it is Armed Forces Day.

Sgt. Simmons, who joined the Air Force 15 years ago this August, has been a recruiter in Kirksville since last August. The office had been closed for five years before that date. Before becoming a recruiter, Sgt. Simmons, who hails from Wichita, Kansas, was involved with the Air Force in the field of avionics (repairing airplane controls). He outlined the many benefits of joining the Air Force, particularly on education. When you enlist in the Air Force, you are automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). It is the largest community college in the world and the only two-year institution exclusively serving enlisted members. Your college credits add up quickly for Basic Military Training, technical school and on-the-job training. Coupled with off-duty courses, you can easily earn an associate of applied science degree in your career field. They will accept transfer credits from other regionally accredited schools on a course-by-course basis. He said first term airmen can change their jobs at least once.

Sgt. Simmons provides lectures at high schools and has 30 minute and one hour programs. If you know anyone (from summer before senior year to age 39) interested in the Air Force, contact him at <paul.simmons.3@us.af.mil> or by phone (office) 660-956-0874 or (cell) 660-988-3730.

Guests

Terrie Potter, Phil Richardson and
Claire Lloyd, who recorded minutes.

FIVE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

Upcoming Programs:

June 16: Visit to Edina (see details above)

NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST



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COMPATRIOT CAROLD WELDON BLAND - 4/11/23 - 6/2/18



With much sadness we report the passing of this very special club member. If it weren't for Carol, our BCP Chapter would have completely died some time before 2007. It was through his efforts that he got it moved to Kirksville and managed to recruit enough new members to keep it alive. He served as our president until January 2009, when he was planning to move to Lake Thunderhead near Unionville. Carol was a World War II veteran, having served on a light tank crew through France and Germany and was one of the first to liberate and witness the horror of a German death facility. A life well lived! We will miss him. (At his June 6 visitation, Chapter President Larry Potter, part of an honor guard, placed a SAR rosette on Carol's lapel. Gary and Claire Lloyd attended his funeral in Unionville on June 7. Our chapter provided a peace lily plant.)

OUR VISIT TO EDINA! After meeting and lunch at the Blue Room, VP Brenton Karhoff led us on a tour of the Knox County Historical Society Museum. Brent, president of the Historical Society, provided the history of the museum (see plaque photo). After the tour, Larry Potter and his family as well as Gary and Claire Lloyd visited member and former treasurer Walter Davison at the Knox County Nursing Home. A great day of fellowship all around!



At Lunch



Compatriot Brenton Karhoff with GAR flag



Ella Ewing's Size 20 slipper!



Among Downstairs Exhibits in the Museum



Gary Lloyd and Walter Davison



Upstairs at the Museum

Guests

Terrie Potter, Emaleigh Kennedy, Joely Potter, Jude Potter, Elaine Mudd, Jeannie Bissell and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)
 There were seven members present plus an eighth member present at the museum.

Upcoming Programs:

NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

September 15: Col. Jimmy Coy



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DUES: President Potter announced he received notice from MOSSAR of upcoming membership dues. Treasurer Mudd indicated he has not received the dues packet yet. NSSAR dues for regular membership are \$51.00 plus \$10.00 chapter dues. Life members (National and State) have only \$10.00 chapter dues.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE: President Potter received a copy of the Cpl. Braxton C. Pollard Roster from MOSSAR. We have 19 members as of 25 July 2018. Genealogist Potter announced he is currently working on an application for Rodger Bland, the son of deceased Compatriot Carol Bland. Five members and one guest, Terrie Potter, attended today.

ADDRESS FOR WALTER? John Sparks indicated a letter sent to Compatriot Walter Davison was returned. His last known residence was the nursing home in Edina. If anyone knows of his current address please contact President Potter <ldp@nemr.net>.

HISTORY BOOK: President Potter announced MOSSAR has set up an e-mail account in conjunction with the Missouri Historical Society where chapter history can be submitted and archived forever. Submissions will be used for the MOSSAR's 130th year History Book. President Potter has sent the Winter, 2011 Compatriot Reporter by Claire Lloyd to this site with success. Claire Lloyd will submit more newsletters.

SPEAKER: Guest speaker Jimmie Coy cancelled his appearance at the last minute. Next speaker: To be announced. **Compatriot Larry Potter** (pictured) passed around a copy of his Great Grandfather's Grandfather, Peter Creason's will dated back to 1827 from Boone County, Missouri. This culminated in a brief discussion of forts erected along the Missouri River's Boonslick area during the War of 1812 for which Peter Creason participated. The early settlers response to Native American aggression and attacks was to erect a series of stockades along the Missouri River that stretch from the upper Boonslick area to present Boonville, Missouri. Fort Cooper was located two miles SW of Boonslick. Fort Kincaid was SE nine miles distance and one mile from Boonville RR bridge. Fort Hempstead was one and a half miles from Fort Kincaid. After organizing a Militia Sarshall Cooper was made Captain. A Draper Manuscript containing a Roster of Captain Cooper's men included Compatriot Potter's ancestor Peter Creason and another notable figure, Lindsey Carson, father of Kit Carson. The manuscript mentions Lindsey Carson was wounded in 1814 having his finger shot off by Indians. A bullet striking his hand just as he was beginning to shoot. By the Spring of 1814 a band of Fox and Sac attacked settlements along the Boonslick area with intensity. Governor Clark sent Col. Henry Dodge with 150 Rangers to help. Along with 50 Shawnee scouts and 90 of Captain Cooper's Militia they headed to the Piankeshaw Miami village near the town of present day Miami, Missouri. These were Indiana Indians removed by Harrison in 1811. Outnumbered, 150 Miami Indians surrendered with the promise they would not be harmed. The Boonslick Militia found a rifle belonging to Campbell Bolen who was slain earlier. The Boonslick Militia was prepared to massacre the Miami, but Dodge intervened. Daniel Morgan Boone arrived and backed Dodge. The Militia relented and was mustered out at Arrow Rock. Dodge escorted the Miami back to the Mississippi River to return to Indiana. Compatriot Potter noted his ancestor Peter Creason's name appears in a muster role in Lt. Col. Dodge's Command. Missouri Militia, War of 1812. It appears he backed Dodge as well. Captain Sarshall Cooper was later killed by an Indian who dug an opening in his cabin and shot and killed him as he was sitting in a chair. Compatriot Potter concluded this was just a peek into the history of the Boonslick area. He also noted Compatriot Charles Kerner's patriot ancestor, James Calloway (a compatriot of Daniel Boone) lived in the Boonslick area during this time. James Calloway was interred in the Boonslick Cemetery. Sources: www.friendsofarrowrock.org by Michael Dickey Map of Mo. Territory, www.boonslickhistoricalsociety.org Mural, Missouri State Capital Building. Public domain.





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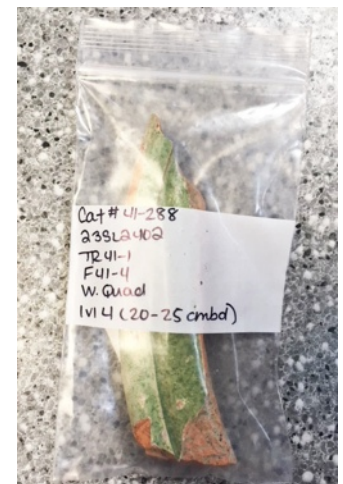
DONATION: Compatriot Gary Lloyd moved that the chapter donate \$250.00 to the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky; Compatriot Boyd Bissell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GENEALOGIST REPORT: Larry Potter said he is working on a supplemental application for Charles Kerner as well as on papers for Rodger Bland, son of Carol Bland.

MICHAEL J. MEYER, SENIOR HISTORICAL ARCHEOLOGIST of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Historic Preservation section, is pictured with Chapter President Larry Potter (right). Mr. Meyer is a Mizzou graduate who obtained his Master's degree from Florida State University. His career in archeology has taken him from Louisiana east to Virginia and every state in between. He returned to Missouri in 1999 and has been working in the St. Louis region since 2005. MoDOT complies with a 1966 Historical Preservation law that requires, before construction money is spent, that nothing historically important has been destroyed. He has a staff of 8-9 archeologists plus university students in the summer. Mr. Meyer said there have been two bridge projects, first the new Mississippi River bridge (Stan Musiel



Bridge) and then the Poplar Street bridge project, off and on since 2013 (see Page 2 for details). The Poplar Street bridge is located in the oldest part of St. Louis which has French Colonial history dating back to the 1770s and some before 1766. He circulated interesting artifacts, some of which are pictured, which were found at this site.



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Guests

Terrie Potter, Jeannie Bissell, Eppy Tillotson,
 Ruben Tillotson

There were eight members in attendance.

Upcoming Program:

November 17: Boyd Bissell on Col. Daniel Bissell

The Poplar Street Bridge Project



SITE

The Madam Haycraft Site (23SL2334)
The Louis Beaudoin Site (23SL2369)

LOCATION

St. Louis Area District
St. Louis City
St. Louis I-64

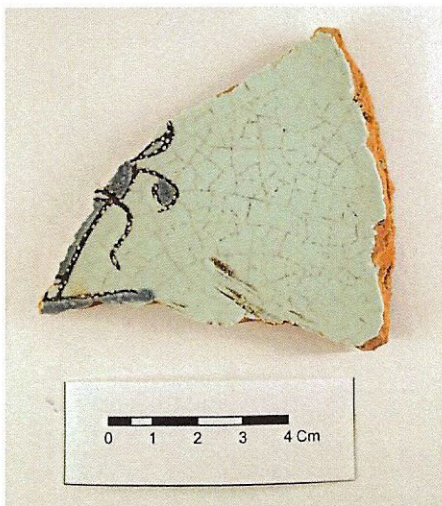
HIGHLIGHTS

Urban Archaeology
Historical Archaeology
French Colonial History

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A fragment of a *Rouen Blue on White faience* plate recovered from the Louis Beaudoin Site.

INTRODUCTION

The MoDOT Historic Preservation Section began conducting archaeological investigations in 2013 for proposed highway improvements in downtown St. Louis. The construction project is situated on the periphery of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and coincides with the location of the original village of St. Louis as platted in 1764. Although a preliminary analysis of the project area conducted in 2012 concluded that there was some potential for locating late-eighteenth century deposits, the actual results have been far more impressive.

THE EARLY YEARS OF ST. LOUIS

Excavation not only identified features associated with the mid-nineteenth century occupation of the area, but also remnants of three of the original French homes built in the 1770s. Results of the 2013 field season indicate that portions of two sites, the Madam Haycraft Site and the Louis Beaudoin Site, contain stratified cultural deposits dating to the French founding of the city. The discovery of the houses owned by Joseph Bouchard, Simon Coussot, and Louis Beaudoin, as well as associated features, provides hope that more evidence of the old French village will be uncovered.

Archaeological excavations of both the Haycraft and Beaudoin Sites are ongoing, and it is anticipated that additional evidence of the early occupation of St. Louis will be discovered in the coming months. Perhaps more importantly, however, it is expected that at the conclusion of the latest round of highway construction, intact remains of the French occupation of St. Louis will be safely encapsulated and preserved under pavement within MoDOT's right of way.



A series of wall trenches, thought to be associated with the house built by Joseph Bouchard in 1769, was uncovered during excavation of the Madam Haycraft Site.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

A report will be prepared (which will be available to the public) and professional papers will be presented, discussing various aspects of the site and of the excavation. In addition, an attempt will be made to publicly display artifacts recovered from the site in partnership with the National Park Service.



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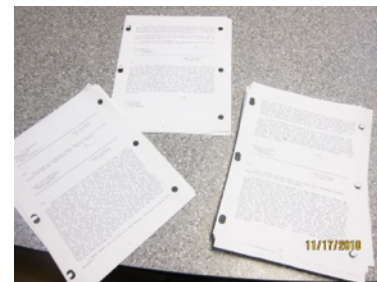
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DUES ARE DUE: In the absence of Treasurer Larry Mudd, Compatriot John Sparks reminded everyone of this.



COMPATRIOT BOYD BISSELL ON GENERAL DANIEL BISSELL AND FORT BELLE FONTAINE PARK

Although Boyd is not a direct descendant, General Daniel Bissell was a member of Boyd's Bissell family. General Bissell began his military career in the Connecticut State Militia as a fifer during the American Revolution. Following the war, Bissell became an officer in the United States Army on April 11, 1792. After several promotions he took command on May 20, 1809 of Fort Belle Fontaine in St. Louis, the first military fort west of the Mississippi River. On August 15, 1812, he was appointed to command the 5th Infantry Regiment with the rank of colonel. Daniel Bissell served with



distinction during the War of 1812 and was promoted to brigadier general on March 9, 1814. He commanded U.S. forces at the Battle of Cook's Mill on October 19, 1814. This minor battle was one of the few American land victories of the war. Boyd was provided a large stack of transcribed letters (see examples in photo) beginning in 1812 by the professor who oversees Fort Belle Fontaine Park in St. Louis, Missouri.

Fort Belle Fontaine established in 1805 has a long, interesting history. The site, named a St. Louis Park in 1986, covers more than 293 acres. It served as a launching or stop point for expeditions to the far-reaching American West. Captains Lewis and Clark and members of their "Corps of Discovery" camped across the river from this site at the start of their voyage on May 14, 1804 and camped at the fort on the last night of their journey on September 22, 1806. The land includes several structures with historical significance. The Works Progress Administration built limestone projects including the Grand Staircase between 1936-40 to enhance the Missouri Hills Home estate at the Park to attract visitors to the picturesque landscape. The Grand Staircase was shored up in 2011 using approximately 736 tons of rock costing \$12,414. On August 11, 2005 the area was certified as a Lewis and Clark Natural Heritage Site, an honor bestowed to only ten areas in the State of Missouri. The park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset with self-guided tours of the Grand Staircase and guided tours by appointment (314-544-5714). The park containing General Daniel Bissell House is also open to the public from 8 a.m. until half an hour after sunset and the house has guided tours by appointment (314-615-8800). A Google map of the the fort location and of General Bissell's house is attached.

Compatriot Boyd Bissell (right) is pictured above with Past President Gary Lloyd who conducted today's meeting at the request of Boyd.

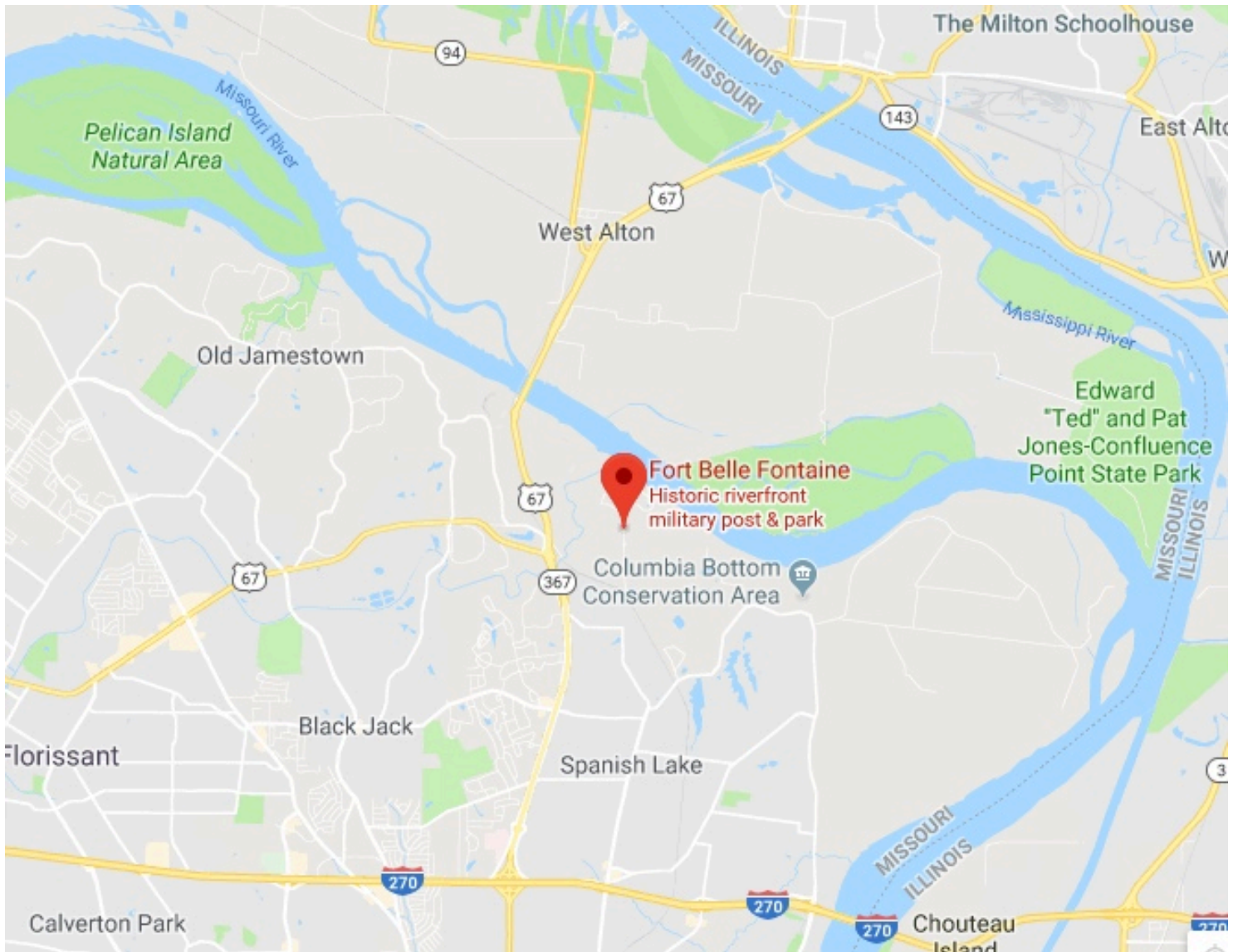
Guests

Jeannie Bissell and Claire Lloyd (who recorded minutes)

Four members were present.

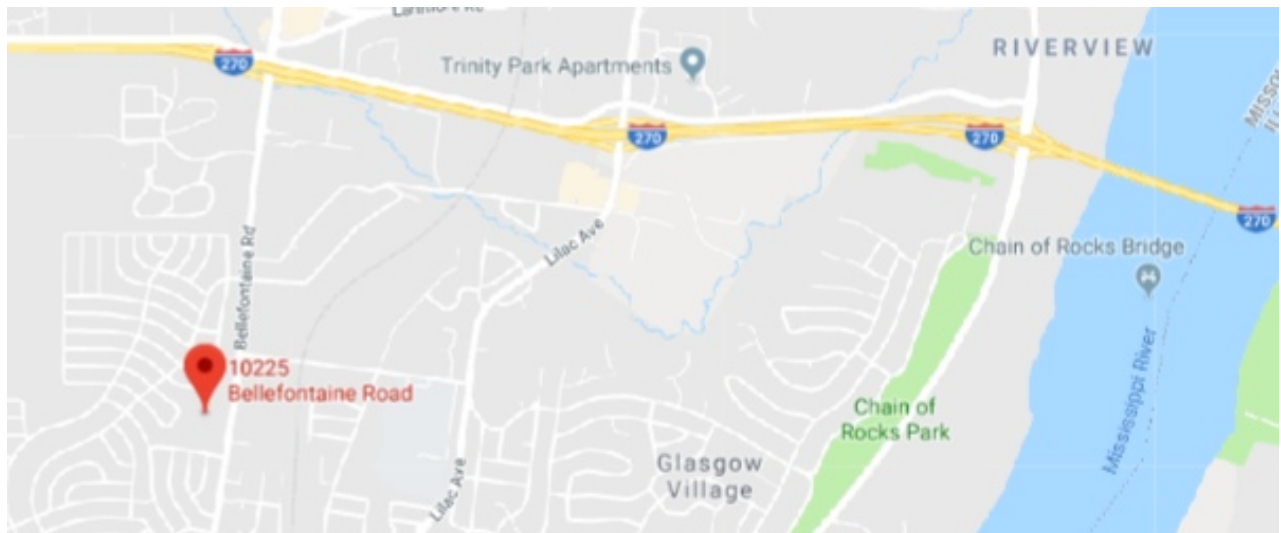
Upcoming Program:

December 15: To Be Announced



Above: Location of Fort Belle Fontaine Park, 13002 Bellefontaine Rd, St. Louis

Below: Location of General Daniel Bissell house, 10225 Bellefontane Rd. in St. Louis





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**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY
JACKSONVILLE, MISSOURI**



President Larry Potter and his wife, Terrie, represented the Braxton C. Pollard Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, at this special event held last Saturday which Potter called a humbling experience.

The following history is from Wikipedia: Morrill Worcester, owner of [Worcester Wreath Company](#) of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an

especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch, Inc., generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered with members of the community to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped to organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

SEE PRESIDENT POTTER'S PHOTOS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT ON PAGE 2.

Upcoming Programs: To Be Announced

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



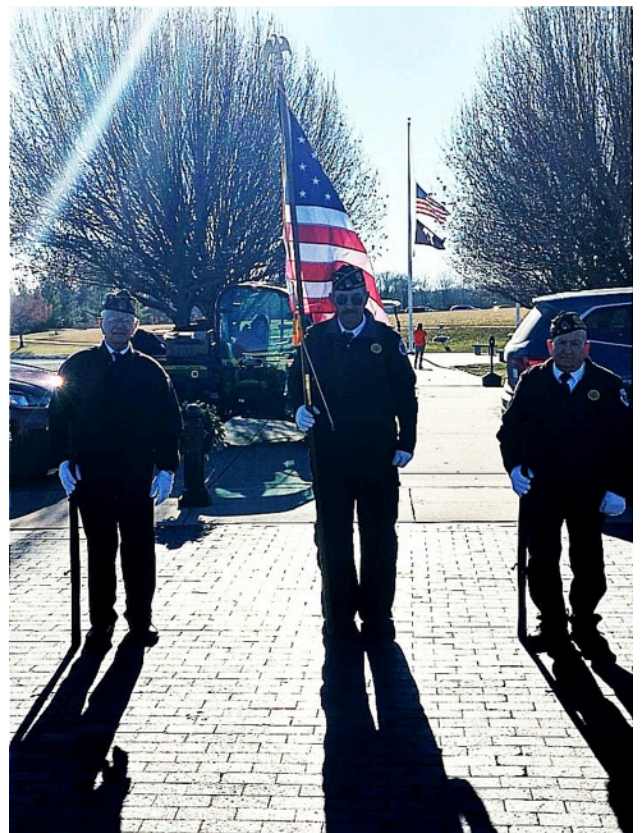
Wreath Laying at Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery -
December 15, 2018 - A Warm Day



Rev. Larry Page, Gold Star Father



Terrie Potter was a flag bearer.



The Ceremony!