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Greetings from President George Swales

Although the weather outside may be frightful, spending the Holidays with Family and Friends is delightful. Winter has definitely arrived in the Ozarks. We have been spoiled the past several years with relatively mild winters. This current winter appears to be different. The mountains of Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York have already received heavy snows, but snow accumulations have thus far bypassed our region.

Our Colonial Ancestors in those regions were not only fighting the winter weather, but also the British. The Battle of Mount Holly, New Jersey, and the surprise crossing of the Delaware River by George Washington's troops highlight the determination of the Colonists to turn the tide in their favor and win the Revolutionary War.

The Battle of Mount Holly, New Jersey, also known as the Battle of Iron Works Hill, took place on December 22 and 23, 1776. Approximately 600 Colony militia fought a series of minor skirmishes against a force of over 2,000 Hessians and British regulars commanded by Colonel Carl von Donop. Although fighting an overwhelming force, the delaying actions of the Colonists prevented the British and Hessians from reaching Bordentown, New Jersey, to help a brigade stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. The combined Hessian and British forces bivouacked in Mount Holly, with Carl von Donop finding quarters in a house described as belonging to an "exceedingly beautiful widow of a doctor". Speculation still abounds as to who the widow was, but the diversion was enough to delay movement of the combined force to Trenton for another day.

Meanwhile, George Washington, crossed the Delaware River from Pennsylvania to New Jersey during the frigid, snowy night of December 25, 1776. Due to inclement weather, only 2,400 of the force of over 5,000 men were able to cross the river. Colonial American troops marched nine miles to Trenton and attacked Hessian mercenaries garrisoned there. Washington's forces caught them off guard and after a short, fierce fight, most Hessians surrendered, but over a third managed to escape. This American victory raised morale and inspired soldiers to reenlist and other colonists to join the cause and their ranks.

Next Chapter Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at Ozarks Technical College, Room 108.

Install OMC Officers for 2019-2020

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As this year draws to a close, Ozark Mountain Chapter can look back on a job "well done". Throughout the year, our Chapter have sought and successfully accomplished SAR Patriotic, Educational, and Historical Mission and Goals. "The Patriot" Newsletter has documented superb efforts to achieve these Goals. Each Newsletter issue is filled with events depicting our Color Guard, outreach to the Community, commemoration of Historical and Patriot Events related to the American Revolution, and sponsoring and teaching students and the public our American Heritage through Historical and Patriotic themed programs and events. Much remains to be done in upcoming years.

My continued thanks to each of you for your participation and support of OMCSAR events and activities. Giving of your time to participate in chapter events and activities helps make Ozark Mountain Chapter, SAR, a recognized and outstanding chapter. I wish you good health and happiness in this holiday season!

Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting December 15, 2018.

President George Swales called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at Ozarks Technical College, Room 108, with 27 members and four guests present.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick delivered the Invocation. President Swales then asked Compatriot John McAlear to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Norm Knowlton to lead the Pledge to the SAR.

President George Swales introduced Compatriot Russ DeVenney, his Wife Laura DeVenney, and his Granddaughter, Gracie DeVenney, Children of the American Revolution (CAR), State President, Compatriot Russ DeVenney spoke briefly and congratulated OMC for its outstanding participation in SAR. He also spoke of the large number of OMC Compatriots that are George Washington Fellows. Russ presented Vice President Ken Lawrence with a Certificate for becoming a recent Fellow in the George Washington Fund. Russ described the purpose of the George Washington Fund is to provide funds to support unfunded and underfunded projects and programs of National SAR. This year, the Fund provided over \$50,000 to various programs across the Country. He encouraged all to support this Fund, which requires a commitment of \$200 dollars per year for five years (a total commitment of \$1000) to become a George Washington Fellow. A picture was taken of the entire group of OMC George Washington Fellows with Compatriot Russ DeVenney.

Vice-President Ken Lawrence then introduced the guest speaker of the day: Gracie DeVenney. She is the Granddaughter of Russ and Laura DeVenney of Columbia, Missouri. Gracie is State President of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). She has been involved with the SAR since she was six months of age. She comes from a great pedigree with her Grandmother Laura DeVenney and her Grandfather Russ DeVenney, who have both long- served SAR and DAR in many ways, including the quilts that Laura has given across the State of Missouri and to OMC Veterans. Gracie was a Charter Member of the Corps of the Discoveries of the CAR in Kansas City at the ripe old age of 6 months. Her family moved from Kansas City to Columbia, Missouri. She then transferred her membership to the Crockett Society in Columbia, where she held most of the CAR office positions, including that Society's President for more than one term. She has been on many state committees. At the age of 5 Gracie gave a

welcoming speech and a bouquet of flowers to the DAR Regent at the DAR/SAR State Convention. A year later she served as the Page to the DAR National President at the Midwest Regional meeting. Gracie was elected as the MSSCAR President in March of this year and was sworn in to that office at Mount Vernon, Virginia, during the CAR National Congress in April of this year. Gracie is now a Freshman at Columbia Hickman High School in Columbia, Missouri, where she is a cheerleader and also the manager of their boys wrestling team. Recently she joined the Hickman's girls wrestling program. So, don't mess with Gracie.

Gracie then went on to introduce her CAR program--Kids Helping Kids--"Prosthetics for Children". This project idea started with a friend of Gracie, who has only one arm and Gracie then decided to have CAR help support the fund-raising for kids at Shriners Hospital to provide prostheses for children. She went on to describe how we might help support their program. Her goal is to raise \$5000 dollars for this program and told us that they have already raised almost \$4000 dollars. We could support this program by buying one of their pins that Gracie designed for her fund. Gracie's Grandmother, Laura DeVenney, went on to tell the story of Gracie's dress, made by Myrna Cindrich from our OMC, that Gracie wore when she presented flowers at five years old and the dress was like the dress worn by Martha Washington at her wedding. President George Swales introduced Compatriot John McAlear, who presented Gracie DeVenney and her CAR program a check from OMC for \$100 and encouraged our membership to purchase one of Gracie's pins for \$10 dollars to support her project.

Compatriot J. Howard Fisk then acknowledged the CAR youth program and encouraged any member of SAR that might have been contacted by the CAR or its Adult Sponsors to try to become one of the Senior Committee Chairmen to help and support our partnership organization.

Compatriot Russ DeVenney, Gracie's Grandfather, also put in a plug for SAR members, who have Grandsons, to consider registering them to become CAR members. The cost is \$5 dollars per year for the State SAR and \$5 dollars per year for the National SAR, increasing to \$10 dollars per year until they turn 18 when they might become full members in SAR. Russ himself has had 11 Grandchildren become CAR members.

President George Swales introduced our newest member **Martin Capages, Jr.**

Vice-President Ken Lawrence swore in the newest member, Martin Capages, Jr., who was pinned by Genealogist Steve Perkins. Photos were taken. Martin then gave a brief history of his patriot.

His great, great, great grandfather was John Dillard. He was a Minuteman with service from a Pennsylvania county, served at Petersburg and Williamsburg, Virginia, Little York, and Chesapeake Bay. John Dillard then volunteered to serve under his father, Captain Thomas Dillard, Jr. and marched to Boone's Ford on the Kentucky River and later to the Falls of the Ohio in 1778 and 1789. Finally, the whole militia was ordered to oppose the progress of Lord Cornwallis. He fought as a Lieutenant under General Greene in a Virginia Regiment in Halifax, Virginia. He was one of the founders of Raven County, Georgia, and helped establish Asheville, North Carolina.

Compatriot John Charles was presented his Second Supplemental Membership in SAR by Vice-President Ken Lawrence and photos were taken. He then presented his Patriot's history. His Patriot was William Means who was on his Dad's side. He was born May 3rd, 1763 in Stanton, Virginia. He was the son of William Means and Nancy Symington. He married first Nancy McElroy. Most of his Revolutionary War experience was documented in Illinois. Around January 1, 1780, he volunteered as a Private and placed under the command of Captain Robert Farris. He served as a baggage guard at the Battle of Cowpens, Jan 17th, 1781, with Brigadier General Daniel Morgan who defeated the British forces in the campaign of the Carolinas. Later, under the command of James Crawford, he served as a scout for almost two months. He marched to the village of Orangeburg on the Edison River of South Carolina. On the last of September or November 1, 1781, he volunteered as a Private attached to General Andrew Pickens Brigade, where he marched to several towns to seek out and destroy the Indians. The Indians surrendered seven white men, three of them were hanged by General Pickens and the rest were turned over. No reasons for the hangings were described. William continued to reside in South Carolina for another 12-15 years after the War before moving to Adams County, Ohio, where he resided for another 23 years before moving to Edgar County, Illinois. This was his final place of residence where he farmed. After the death of his first wife, he married Susan Seal Chetleleft, who appears on his pension. William Means died June 11th, 1848, in Edgar County, Illinois.

President George Swales then thanked those who attended and participated in this morning's events, including the

Commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day at the National Cemetery, the Celebration of Compatriot William Freeman at the National Cemetery, and the National Wreaths Across America Program at the Springfield National Cemetery.

President Report—President George Swales-- He again asked members to quickly provide a Bio of their Patriot to Ken Lawrence, who will forward the document to SAR National by the end of the year for inclusion in the Patriots file. He also asked members to participate in the Grave Marking of Revolutionary War Veteran, Samuel Steele, at Mount Comfort Cemetery following this meeting. He again thanked those members who attended last night's dinner hosted by OMC for CAR President Gracie DeVenney at Hickory Hills Country Club, which also included members from Local and State DAR.

Vice-President Report—Ken Lawrence--- Congratulated Compatriots Norman Knowlton III and himself (Ken Lawrence) for their participation in the John Pershing Fund. This Fund helps provide money for various Missouri youth state events sponsored by SAR. Donations from \$50 to \$10,000 dollars are appreciated. Certificates were presented by Compatriot Russ DeVenney and photos were taken.

Secretary Report---Norman Knowlton—The Minutes from our October meeting were published and included in the October Patriot Newsletter and events from November were also published in this past month's Newsletter. He asked for any additions or corrections. Seeing none, it was Moved and Seconded and Minutes Passed as written.

Treasurer Report—John McAlear—we have presently \$8533.38 in our checking account and \$9073.75 in our interest-bearing fund account for a total of \$17,607.13 in our accounts. He informed the membership that dues are still being accepted. Eighty-six of our 95 members have paid, but John would like to see all pay up soon. We lost Compatriot James Winborne this year. This report was Accepted and Passed Unanimously.

Genealogist Report---Steve Perkins—There are 21 prospects, who have expressed an interest in OMCSAR: seven are active and the remainder have not advanced beyond initial inquiry and presenting them with materials and forms. Recent inquiries were received from Brian Hood, Terry Bible, Gerald Vick, and Norman Washington. Applications for Ed Gwin and James Schad were sent to State within the past weeks. OMC received a new member to our ranks by transfer from Big Sky Country of Montana, the Big Horn

Basin Chapter---Frank J. Snelson, who presently lives in Rolla, Missouri. Frank spoke briefly about his ancestor, John Thomas Snelson, and his grave in Phelps County, Missouri, near Rolla, Missouri.

Editor Report—Tom Sentman-- reported he sent a copy of the November 2018, OMC Newsletter to NSSAR to be considered for the Carl F. Bessent Award. A chapter can send only one issue per year to apply for this Award. Some 350 chapters across the Country will also apply for the Award in this National competition.

Historian Report—Gary Gift—reported on the Boy Scout Merit Badge Seminar to be given again on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, at OTC at 8:00 A.M. He also reported the planned Flag Day activity on June 15th, 2019, at Phelps Grove Park, which will include the methods of destroying old American Flags.

Missouri State Representative and Compatriot Curtis Trent spoke briefly about the upcoming Legislative activity in Jefferson City, Missouri, which starts January 9th, 2019.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report—Charles McMillan reported on the Flag Awards given to 33 Kum and Go Store Managers and their CEO for displaying large American Flags at their stores. The event was held at 7:00 A.M., November 30, 2018, at the University Plaza in Springfield, Missouri.

He is still working with multiple Boy Scout Troops regarding their participation in our functions and their Eagle Scout Courts of Honors.

He put out a plea for our members to continue to participate in our ROTC and JROTC program this Spring.

MOSSAR and OMC Chaplain Dan Philbrick—spoke of the loss of one of our Chapter members, James Cavin Winborne. He read the Obituary and recited James Cavin Winborne's role and participation with OMC in Springfield, Missouri, and noted his upbringing in Colorado to Kansas to Forsyth, Missouri. A letter of condolence was sent to his daughter, Heather Milhoan, from our Chaplain Dan Philbrick. She acknowledged this with an excellent response of a letter, stating how much she and her father were privileged to have learned of our American Heritage, along with the OMCSAR and to carry on the love of our Country. Dan led us in prayer for Compatriot Winborne.

Compatriot Will Carr—spoke briefly about the loss of his brother, Romie Carr. He was an active member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter. He was 86 years of age at the time of his death. Compatriot John McAlear, after discussion, made a Motion to start a new fund, called the Carr Memorial Veterans' Fund. Contributions designated to this fund would be restricted for expenditures related to the recognitions of and awards to Veterans' and Veterans' activities. He explained this would not be a separate account--- just a separate accounting of the restricted contributions and disbursements. The Motion was Seconded and Passed Unanimously.

Nominating Committee Chairman Compatriot J. Howard Fisk---presented the slate of nominees for Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR for the 2019-2020 term.

President---Ken Lawrence
Vice- President---Gary Gift
Secretary----Norman Knowlton
Historian---Curtis Trent
Treasurer---John McAlear
Genealogist---Steve Perkins
Patriot Editor---Tom Sentman
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This slate will be presented at our January 19, 2019, chapter meeting and nominations may be entered also at that time. Voting will take place on that day.

President George Swales---presented the 2019 Budget with proposed expenditures and income for 2019. The Budget included income of approximately 90 dues-paying members and pledges. This would leave us with a \$25 surplus. Proposed Budget was Moved, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously.

Compatriot Steve Perkins—reminded the Chapter we have a New Member Guide available for those wishing to have one. He developed this Guide from a composite of other Chapters and the National SAR.

Chapter Development Committee Report—J. Howard Fisk presented an update on the activities our Chapter has been involved with over the past year. Tom Sentman has documented the proceedings and events well. We still plan to be very active in our programs, including participation with CAR and DAR, Grave Markings, Scouting Programs, Wolf School, Community programs and celebrations, local school

and university programs, law enforcement, police and emergency responders, flag awards, park board programs, field trips, and much more. We have a very active Chapter and one of the most active in the Country. We still need further participation, membership, and more involvement from our growing Chapter. These activities are being well documented in our Newsletter and recorded on our web-site. Howard encouraged all to visit our website to keep abreast of our upcoming calendar of events.

Committee Report No additional reports

Old Business

None

New Business No new or additional reports

Motion to Adjourn was Made, Seconded and Passed Unanimously.

Compatriot Norman Knowlton led the Recessional.

Compatriot Dan Philbrick led the Benediction.

Meeting ended at 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Knowlton, Secretary

Photos

by: Margaret Swales, Norman Knowlton, Steven Perkins, Gary Gift, Charles McMillan, and Tom Sentman.

Editor: Tom Sentman 417-823-3902

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SAR Mission and Goals

Patriotic Historical Educational

Ozark Mountain Chapter Web Site

OMC Website

For events, activities, and monthly Patriot Newsletters, visit our OMC Website.

Calendar

For current events and dates, visit the direct link to our Calendar.

Chapter Meeting Events December 15, 2018

OMC New Member Martin Capages, Jr.



**Compatriot
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Left: Compatriots Gary Gift, Historian, George Swales, President, Steven Perkins, Genealogist, Martin Capages, Ken Lawrence Vice President, Norman Knowlton, Secretary, and Dan Philbrick, Chaplain.



Guest speaker Gracie DeVenney presents information about her CAR project "Kids Helping Kids."

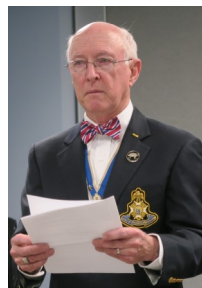


Compatriot Norman Knowlton III (left) and Ken Lawrence receive Certificates of Recognition for their participation in the John Pershing Fund. Russ DeVenney, Registrar General, presented the certificates.

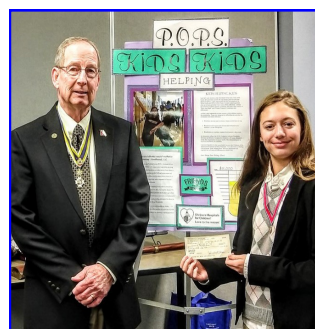
OMC CAR Committee Chairman J. Howard Fisk and Gracie DeVenney, Junior State President of CAR.



Compatriot John Charles received his second Supplemental Membership in SAR by Vice President Ken Lawrence.



Chaplain Dan Philbrick spoke of the loss of Compatriot James Calvin Winborne, who passed away December 8, 2018.



Treasurer John McAlear presented a check to Gracie DeVenney, Missouri SAR State President, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) during the December 18, 2018 chapter meeting.

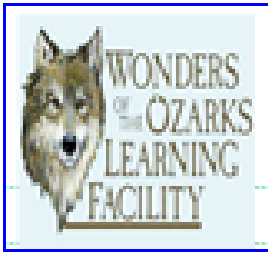
OMC George Washington Fellows



GW Fellows (From left): Gerald McCoy, Dan McMurray, George Swales, J. Howard Fisk, Russ DeVenney (M. Graham Clark Chapter), Ken Lawrence, Mel McNeal, and Norman Knowlton.



Vice President Ken Lawrence receives GW Fellow recognition from Russ DeVenney, Registrar General.



Chapter Event December 7, 2018

Wolf School Presentation “Genealogy”

Presented by Compatriot Dan McMurray



For the genealogy class at W.O.L.F. school on 7 Dec 2018, the teachers distributed four-generation lineage charts to the students so they could work on them during the Thanksgiving break. After coming back to school the teachers forwarded the charts to Howard and me. We looked them over and did some quick checks to see if any might have a Revolutionary War ancestor. One student already knew that there was a Patriot in his lineage. It was interesting that someone in the family was already a genealogist.

I found one student that had a Patriot ancestor. This student did not know about her Patriot and was very surprised.

Using this one lineage as an example, I showed the class what kind of documentation it takes to prove one's ancestry. We discussed the US Census, birth certificates, death certificates, wills, and other official documents. I also tried to stress how important it is to talk to older relatives in one's family. These students are young enough that most of their grandparents are still alive and those grandparents will probably know who their grandparents were, so that could go back five generations very quickly. Another point we discussed was working from the known to the unknown. In other words, start with yourself and then parents, grandparents, and continue back using the documents that we discussed.

After my part of the class, the students spent time working on their genealogy. I stayed for probably another 30-45 minutes answering questions from the students.

Chapter Event December 14, 2018



Reception for Gracie Laura DeVenney, CAR State President

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. Members gain valuable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences, the responsibility and privilege of selecting officers help members gain an understanding of the democratic process.

DAR, SAR & S.R. members who are 22 years of age or older have the opportunity to play an active role as senior leaders for C.A.R. The experience of mentoring a young person and seeing them develop self-confidence and leadership is a truly rewarding experience.

The support SAR has provided to M.S.S.C.A.R. has been paramount to the success of our members. Currently, 3 members serve in state-level leadership positions; James Osbourn as Senior State Registrar, Russell DeVenney as Senior State Librarian (and grandfather extraordinaire to our current state president), and Howard Fisk as Senior State Chairman, Veterans Committee. Many SAR Compatriots hold leadership or "Senior" positions in their local societies.

Courtesy Joanna Bradley, Regent, Isaac Garrison Chapter (DAR) and CAR Senior State President.



Left: J. Howard Fisk, Russ DeVenney, Registrar General, Miss DeVenney, Laura DeVenney, George Swales, and Charles McMillan, Missouri SAR and Ozark Mountain Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms.

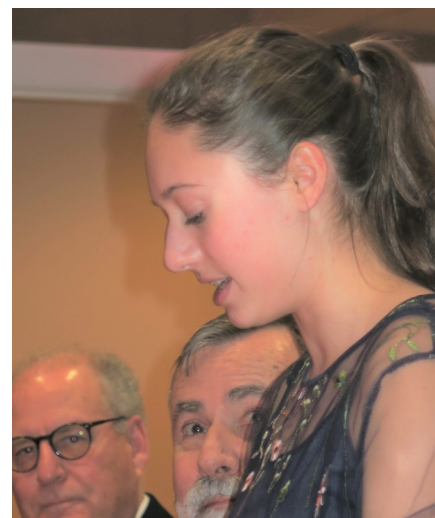


Compatriot Dan McMurray, South Central District Vice President poses with Miss DeVenney.



CAR Committee Chairman J. Howard Fisk and President George Swales present an Honorary Membership Certificate to Gracie DeVenney, CAR Missouri State Society President.

Grace DeVenney addresses the audience during the reception. Ken Lawrence (left) and J. Howard Fisk look on.





Chapter Event December 15, 2018

Wreaths Across America

Springfield National Cemetery Springfield, Missouri

Proclamation

The Sons of the American Revolution Wreaths Across America Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Wreaths Across America organization was formed in 2007 as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project of 1992, where wreaths were laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wreaths Across America organization is to REMEMBER the fallen, to HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, each year, Wreaths Across America chooses a new theme to help supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities and has chosen the theme for 2018 is "BE THEIR WITNESS"; and

WHEREAS, each year, this mission is carried out by the coordination of wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at veteran's cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond; and

WHEREAS, one of the patriotic goals of the Sons of the American Revolution is to honor, respect, and support veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution fosters cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations such as the Wreaths Across America organization in pursuit of our common goals; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 15th, 2018 has been designated by the Wreaths Across America organization as the date for these ceremonies to occur;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Warren M. Alter, President General Sons of the American Revolution, encourage all members of our Society (SAR) to join with Wreaths Across America, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Daughters of the American Revolution DAR, and other patriotic and veteran's organizations, on this solemn day of remembrance, and to participate and "BE THEIR WITNESS" in these ceremonies throughout our great nation.



Warren M. Alter

Warren M Alter
SAR President General
December 3, 2018



The Ozark Mountain Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

Left: Color Guard members Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Kenneth Lawrence, Russ DeVenney, Registrar General, Charles McMillan, and Patriots George Swales, Gary Gift, Norman Knowlton, Gracie DeVenney, C.A.R. State President, Dan Philbrick, John McAlear, Anita Philbrick, and Dee Dorch, Isaac Garrison Chapter (DAR).



Chapter Event December 15, 2018

Pearl Harbor Remembrance and Wreath Laying Ceremony



Wreaths Across America Grave Marking Ceremony December 15 at 8:00 am.
OMC Color Guard and OMC personnel attended.

Left to Right: OMC Compatriots Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, Dan McMurray, Russ DeVenney, Charles McMillan, and Coast Guard Commander Todd Wilkerson.





Chapter Event December 15, 2018

Wreaths Across America Grave Marking Ceremony at Springfield National Cemetery.

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Left to right: Commander Todd Dickerson, OMC Compatriots Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, Gracie DeVenney, C.A.R. Missouri State President, Compatriots Dan McMurray, Russ DeVenney, SAR Register General, and Charles McMillan.

2018 National Wreaths Across America Day Sees the Placement of 1,800,000 Veterans' Wreaths at 1,640 Participating Cemeteries.

The Springfield National Cemetery received 1,200 wreaths and a separate donation of 4,400 wreaths. All 5,600 were placed on the veterans graves.



Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman



Chapter Event December 15, 2018

Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel Steele Wreath Laying Ceremony

Mount Comfort Church Cemetery

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard laid wreaths at the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel Steele who moved from North Carolina to Missouri.

He is buried in the Mount Comfort Church Cemetery in Greene Co., MO.

For more information on this Patriot and family members, press the link below.

[Press Here](#)



Left to Right: OMC Compatriots Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, Dan McMurray and Charles McMillan.

Samuel Steele

Samuel Steele was born in 1762 in Pennsylvania. As a child, Samuel moved with his parents to Burke County, North Carolina and while still a teenager, he enlisted in the North Carolina Militia and served in the Revolutionary War.

Following the war he married Jannett "Jane" Luckey and remained in Burke County for many years. Family traditions indicate the Steele family and the Elisha Headlee family were neighbors and close friends. Five of Samuel Steele's daughters married five of Elisha Headlee's sons married.

Both Steele and the Headlee families moved to Maury County, Tennessee and lived near each other. Many of the early settlers of Springfield area came from Maury County. Elisa Headlee's son John moved to the area in 1832 and other Headlee brothers and Steele sisters followed. Elisa Headlee moved to Greene County in 1836 and Samuel Steele moved to Greene County in 1840 so that he could be where most of the rest of his family lived following the death of his wife Jane.

Samuel Steele died August 18, 1847, and was buried in the rural Mount Comfort cemetery about 8 miles north of Springfield, Missouri.



SAR Marker

Condolences

Remembrance for James Cavin Winborne

September 3, 1956 ~ December 8, 2018 (age 62)

James Cavin Winborne was born September 3, 1956 to Claude Dell (Jr) and Gretta Faye (Cavin) Winborne in Sterling, Colorado. Jim passed into his Savior's arms on December 8, 2018. He is survived by his mother, Gretta Winborne of Cunningham, KS; wife, Shirley Winborne of Forsyth, MO; brother, Dell and wife Sharon Winborne of Pratt, KS; children, Heather Milhoan and husband Brandon of Taneyville, MO and Joshua Winborne of Springfield, MO; and grandchildren, Jeremy Chase and Hallie Faye Evans.



Jim joined Ozark Mountain Chapter in 2017. Anita remarked how thrilled he always seemed to be part of our chapter.

I placed a condolence message on the funeral home website, and received a very gracious reply from his daughter. They are as follows:

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. We are proud to count him a compatriot and so enjoyed his time in our chapter. We know he was also proud to be a member. May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.
- Dan Philbrick, Chaplain, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

And I received this back:

Would you bow with me.

Father of all, we pray to you for Calvin Winborne and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

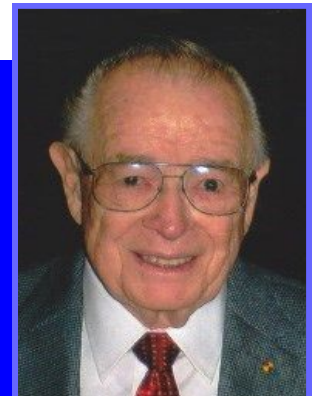
"Thank you, Dan. As your sister in DAR, you know how much our heritage meant to Dad. It is my privilege to carry on the love of our country that he instilled in me.

Please let his fellow SAR members know how much it meant to Dad to me counted among their numbers. He taught me from a young age what an amazing lineage I was blessed to carry. - Heather"

Remembrance for Romie Eldrew Carr

November 24, 1935—December 6, 2018 (aged 86)

Romie E. Carr, 86, was born in Grant County, Arkansas, the son of James and Velma and raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In 1952, Romie enlisted in the United States Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller. Romie is a distinguished veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He served proudly, retiring after 26 years as a Chief Master Sergeant. Romie began his second career with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Senior Regional Operation Officer retiring for the second time in 1999. During his retirement, he became a member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution where he accepted many responsibilities and key leadership roles. Romie loved researching his family's genealogy and he cherished time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He would often attend school and sporting activities with them.



Romie will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 65 years, Carolyn, his children, Sharon (Stan) and Susan (Dodd) as well as his grandchildren Ryan (Dan), Jordan, and Joshua and great grandchildren Gillian, Braeleigh and Dominik. Romie will also be remembered by his sister Margie and her children, his brother William (Dec) and their children as well as two step-grandchildren Dakota and Dylan.

Compatriot Will Carr—spoke briefly about the loss of his brother, Romie Carr. The chapter initiated a Carr Memorial Veterans' Fund. Contributions designated to this fund would be restricted for expenditures related to the recognitions of and awards to Veterans' and Veterans' activities.

Revolutionary War Events In December

Washington Crossing the Delaware River to Trenton, New Jersey



Hessians and the Continental Army Troops



George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River occurred on the night of December 25–26, 1776.



Hessian German Soldier



Emanuel Leutze painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware (1851 painting).

George Washington's crossings of the Delaware River

Washington Crossing the Delaware (1871), by George Caleb Bingham (narrative).

George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, which occurred on the night of December 25–26, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War, was the first move in a surprise attack organized by George Washington against the Hessian forces in Trenton, New Jersey, on the morning of December 26. Planned in partial secrecy, Washington led a column of Continental Army troops across the icy Delaware River in a logistically challenging and dangerous operation. Other planned crossings in support of the operation were either called off or ineffective, but this did not prevent Washington from surprising and defeating the troops of Johann Rall quartered in Trenton. The army crossed the river back to Pennsylvania, this time laden with prisoners and military stores taken as a result of the battle.

Washington's army then crossed the river a third time at the end of the year, under conditions made more difficult by the uncertain thickness of the ice on the river. They defeated British reinforcements under Lord Cornwallis at Trenton on January 2, 1777, and defeated his rear guard at Princeton on January 3, before retreating to winter quarters in Morristown, New Jersey.

Upcoming Events



Monday, January 14 Chapter Development Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Neighborhood Mill,



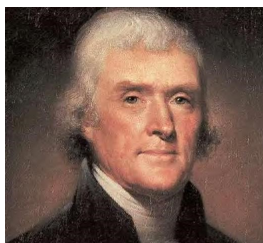
Tuesday, January 15, History Explorers **“Benjamin Franklin”**
7pm-9pm at the Library Center.



Saturday, January 19 OMC Chapter Meeting
OTC at 9:00 am Room 108



Saturday, January 26 Missouri SAR Quarterly Meeting
10:00 am Columbia, Missouri



Wednesday, January 30 **Wolf School**
12:30 pm -1:30 pm at Wonders Of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium.
“Thomas Jefferson, Declaration of Independence”