# The Patriot

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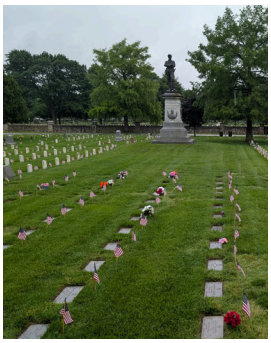
## MEMBERS

**Please notify chapter registrar Steve Perkins Patriotmarcher @ fastmail .com of any recent or anticipated change to contact information: address, phone, e-mail**

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

**On the Cover**
Springfield National Cemetery on Memorial Day.



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**Editor:** Daniel Piedlow

# The President's Message

By President J. Howard Fisk

Greetings Compatriots,

If you will recall, I said that the Ozark Mountain Chapter was going to have a busy period, well, I was correct. Please take a look at the following events and make plans to begin participating in the events in the future.

Flag Award to Jimmy Michel Motors Aurora Missouri May 22, 2022

This award for proper display and care of the American Flag which is an important SAR duty to honor those who perform this important patriotic duty. We present 20 to 40 Flag Certificates each year honoring local groups who proudly display the American Flag.

United States Naturalization Ceremony George Washington Carver Museum Diamond, Missouri May 22, 2025

The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard was the escort of honor for the new United States Citizens following their swearing in by U. S. District Judge Doug Harpool. Following the ceremony, the Color Guard answered questions about their uniforms and posed for photos.

Battle of Fort San Carlos Festival, Sainte Genievieve May 25, 2025

In 2022 the Ozark Mountain Chapter began planning with the Sainte Genevieve Militia, the Museum of Colonial Life and others to determine the feasibility of the event and the manner in which we could come together. The OTC concept brought together in 2022 our Color Guard members executed for the third time with nearly 40 additional SAR Compatriots from several states.

Memorial Day at the Springfield National Cemetery May 26, 2025

Ozarks Honor Flight May 28, 2025

Several times each year the local Honor Flight team takes local veterans to Washington D C to honor their service to our country by sharing our national military landmarks which for most will be their first introduction to Washington and her precious historic sites. At first only WWII veterans made the Honor Flight journey and with the passage of time they have no remaining veterans of that period and primarily serve veterans of Korea and VietNam.

This is just a week in the life of the Ozark Mountain Chapter and I hope that you have a growing pride in the accomplishments of our members.I invite you to come along on one of the events to see what it's all about.

J. Howard Fisk, President

SAR Minuteman

**Minutes of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**
**May 17, 20225**
**9:33 A.M. to 10:32 A.M.**
**Concourse, Information Commons West**
**Ozark Technical Community College**
**Minutes recorded by Don King Secretary**

President J. Howard Fisk opened the meeting at 9:34 A.M.

There were 22 members and 6 visitors in attendance

Keith Jones read from an issue of the Revolutionary Times Newsletter, which summarized the timeline of major events from Lexington and Concord to the war's end.

Len Levinsky spoke about the chaplains of the American Revolution and their impact on the conflict on and off the battlefield.

Dan Piedlow gave an update on the Newsletter on how it was growing in size. He requested those submitting photographs that members not send them in text as texting compresses the image and makes it hard to enlarge to useable size for the newsletter, also, there is no need to crop them just leave them big and also, do a write up with the photo and please use a word document and not a PDF.

President Fisk reiterated the importance of attending functions and doing so in uniform, if not the revolutionary type, then the Blue Blazer, a uniform of sorts for the organization.

The genealogy report was given as follows:

Current membership: 115, which makes us the largest

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# Doctors of the Deep Blue Sea

A Brief History of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps

The U.S. Navy Medical Corps has a history that evolves from a humble beginning during the Revolutionary War to its current role as a vital component of modern military medicine. The Medical Corps ensures the health and well-being of sailors, Marines, and their families, while contributing to public health and advancements in medical science.

**Origins in the Revolutionary War**

The roots of Navy medicine trace back to the Revolutionary War, when medical care aboard ships was primitive at best. Shipboard surgeons, often lacking formal medical training, treated injuries and disease with the limited tools and knowledge available to them. In the early days of the U.S. Navy, physicians served without formal commissions, often receiving temporary appointments for specific cruises. Their primary tasks included amputations, treating infections, and caring for diseases like scurvy and dysentery.

In 1798, Congress formally established the Department of the Navy, creating the foundation for organized medical care within the naval service. Surgeon Edward Cutbush published the first American text on naval medicine in 1808. The Naval Hospital Act of 1811 marked another milestone, authorizing the construction of naval hospitals to support the growing fleet.

**Establishment of the Navy Medical Corps (1871)**

The U.S. Navy Medical Corps was officially established on March 3, 1871, by an act of Congress. This legislation created a formal medical staff to support the Navy, setting standards for the recruiting and training naval physicians. These physicians were initially known as “Surgeons” and “Assistant Surgeons,” tasked with providing care on ships and at naval hospitals. The act granted Navy physicians rank relative to their line counterparts, acknowledged their role as a staff corps, and established the title of "Surgeon General" for the Navy's senior medical officer.

During this period, the Navy Medical Corps began to expand its scope. It embraced emerging medical technologies and scientific discoveries, setting the stage for its later contributions to public health and medical innovation.

**The Navy Hospital Corps**

The U.S. Navy Hospital Corps was established on June 17, 1898. Its creation was prompted by the increased medical needs during the Spanish-American War. Since then, the enlisted corpsmen have served in every conflict involving the United States, providing critical medical care on battlefields, aboard ships, and in hospitals worldwide.

Corpsmen are trained to perform a wide range of medical tasks, including emergency battlefield triage and treatment, surgery assistance, and disease prevention. They are often embedded directly with Marine Corps units, making them indispensable on the battlefield.

The Hospital Corps is the most decorated group in the U.S. Navy. To date, its members have earned numerous high-level awards for valor, including: 22 Medals of Honor, 182 Navy Crosses, 946 Silver Stars, and 1,582 Bronze Stars.

**World Wars and the Expansion of Military Medicine**

Both World War I and World War II were transformative for the Navy Medical Corps. During World War I, Navy medical personnel treated injuries and illnesses both aboard ships and in field hospitals. Their efforts were instrumental in managing wartime epidemics, including the devastating 1918 influenza pandemic.

World War II brought further advancements. The Navy Medical Corps played a pivotal role in addressing the challenges of warfare in diverse climates, including tropical diseases in the Pacific Theater. It also pioneered methods for treating trauma, burns, and psychiatric conditions.

**Cold War Era and Modernization**

The Cold War era marked a time of significant innovation for the Navy Medical Corps. The establishment of the Navy Medical Research Institutes advanced studies in areas such as tropical medicine, submarine medicine, and aerospace medicine. These efforts supported the Navy's global missions and contributed to broader medical advancements.

In the latter half of the 20th century, Navy medical personnel became key players in humanitarian missions, responding to natural disasters and providing aid in conflict zones. Their expertise in public health, infectious disease control, and trauma care enhanced the Navy's ability to spread goodwill worldwide.

**Modern Contributions and Future Challenges**

Today, the Navy Medical Corps supports both military readiness and global health. Its personnel provide care on ships, submarines, aircraft carriers, for Marine Corps forces, and at shore-based facilities. They also participate in humanitarian missions and disaster response, reflecting the Navy's commitment to a broader vision of security and well-being.

In recent years, Navy medicine has faced challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing mental health issues among service members, and adapting to emerging threats like climate change and cyber warfare defense. These challenges underscore the evolving role of the Navy Medical Corps in a complex world.

From its early days of rudimentary care to its modern role in global health and innovation, the U.S. Navy Medical Corps has been a cornerstone of military medicine. Its contributions extend beyond the battlefield, shaping public health, medical research, and humanitarian efforts worldwide.

As the Navy Medical Corps continues to adapt to new challenges, it remains a testament to the enduring value of medical service in the defense of the nation and the promotion of global health.

## Important Dates in History

**May 10**: Tea Act 1773
**May 10**: Second Continental Congress 1775
**May 10**: Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga 1775
**May 11–13**: Major General Augustin Prévost breaks his siege when American forces under Major General Lincoln approach 1779
**May 12**: British capture Charleston, SC 1780
**May 20**: Battle of Barren Hill, Pennsylvania. Lafayette with 500 men and about 50 Oneida Indians successfully evade British onslaught 1778
**May 20**: Administration of Justice Act, one of the "Intolerable Acts" 1774
**May 20**: Massachusetts Government Act, one of the "Intolerable Acts" 1774
**May 20**: Treaty of DeWitt's Corner, SC: Cherokees lose most of their land east of the mountains 1777
**May 26**: Battle of Fort San Carlos St. Louis, Missouri 1780
**May 29**: Patrick Henry’s Birthday 1736
**May 29**: Virginia Resolves 1765
**May 29**: Patrick Henry's "If this be treason, make the most of it!" speech 1765
**May 29**: British crush Americans at Waxhaw Creek, SC 1780

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

# Dual Membership

by Charles G McMillan, Past President

What is dual membership and why would anyone want one?

I can answer this question from personal experience.

WHAT: Dual membership is you applying for membership in another Society and Chapter. Most Societies do not allow "at large" membership… you must choose a Chapter.

WHY:

I feel connected to the Society and local Chapter in that Society by having membership… being assigned a number that identifies me as part of those entities.

I am a member of the Indiana Society, Alexis Coquillard Chapter, South Bend, Indiana. I was born in Indiana.

I am a member of the New Hampshire Society… no Chapters. My patriot was from New Boston, NH

I am a member of the Pennsylvania Society, George Washington Chapter. I have a supplemental that means a lot to me because it was so involved to prove.

I pay dues in each Society and Chapter. They are at a reduced rate.

I was privileged to attend a Chapter meeting in Mishawaka, IN in May. I presented the Chapter President a Challenge coin from the Ozark Mountain Chapter.

If You feel you want to join anoher Society/ Chapter just contact the Secretary of that Society/Chapter and they will ensure you have the correct form and $ amount needed for dues.

Alexis Coquillard Chapter President Gregory A. Moody and OMC Compatriot Charles McMillan.

## Profiles of Valor: Capt. Lance Sijan, USAF

How one man's love of country and determination defined "unbroken will."

by Mark Alexander

For the last two years of our son's appointment at the Air Force Academy, he resided in Sijan Hall, named for USAFA graduate Lance Sijan ('65). This inspired me to learn how Sijan became the exemplar for this Academy building.

Lance Sijan was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the oldest of three children of Serbian immigrants who came to the U.S. seeking refuge during World War I. He was driven to serve the country that had given his family shelter. After graduating high school, he was admitted to the Naval Academy Preparatory School. The service academies have prep schools where students who missed appointments during their senior year can take another year of classes to be considered in the next cycle of appointments.

After graduating from the NAPC, Sijan qualified for appointment to the Air Force Academy. He graduated from the USAFA in 1965 and, upon completing his fighter pilot training, was assigned to the 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 366th Fighter Wing, stationed at Da Nang Air Base in South Vietnam. He flew missions as an F-4 Phantom pilot and weapons systems officer.

On his 67th combat mission, November 9, 1967, then 1st Lt Sijan and his F-4C pilot, Lt Col John Armstrong, were hitting targets along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos, a major resupply line for the North Vietnamese Army. As they made their second low target pass, they were hit by anti-aircraft fire, causing an onboard explosion. Armstrong took their Phantom to about 10,000 feet before it lost all flight controls, rolled back toward the ground, and ultimately crashed in

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# Bunker Hill: The U.S. Army's Baptism By Fire

On June 17, 1775, British infantrymen assembled at the base of Breed's Hill, one of two promontories that comprised the Charlestown Heights outside of Boston. The other, Bunker Hill, saw little fighting, yet lent its name to the battle that began 250 years of illustrious history for one of the world's greatest fighting forces. The clash that afternoon marked the first major engagement for the colonial militiamen besieging the city, all of whom were, only three days earlier, officially inducted, by an act of the Second Continental Congress, into the newly formed Continental Army.

At the top of the hill waited more than 2,000 fighting men, all volunteers from surrounding towns, counties and colonies who had marched in response to the alarm raised after the "shot heard round the world" was fired at Lexington nearly two months before. The previous night, they had dug defensive positions in anticipation of the assault, which began in the late afternoon with the beat of drums and the shrill whistle of fifes as nearly 2,000 red-clad British regulars, led by bearskin-capped grenadiers at their center, began a cadenced climb toward the entrenched colonials.

An apocryphal story holds that the order, "Don't fire 'til you see the whites of their eyes!" was shouted out to the defenders at the hill's peak. But regardless of whether or not such exact words were ever uttered, the stalwart defenders held their fire until the British assault wave closed in. Finally, the first order to fire given to the new American army echoed down the line, opening a violent volley of musketry that swept like a scythe across the advancing attackers.

After two hours of heavy fighting, during which time the British assault waves ebbed and flowed around the Breed's Hill redoubt, the colonials had exhausted nearly their entire supply of ammunition. A third and final assault by British infantry and Marines, with their bayonets charged, cleared the Army from its defenses, but at a heavy cost. More than 1,000 British soldiers lay dead and wounded on the sloping hill. American losses totaled about 450 men, including 34-year-old Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren, one of the most talented young leaders among the founding generation. For the British army, Bunker Hill proved to be a pyrrhic victory, as it suffered more casualties in that single afternoon than it would in any engagement during the rest of its war in America. What's more, the battle proved that Americans had the resolve to fight, even in the face of tremendous odds.

—Evan J. Brune, Executive Editor

Painting by E. Percy Moran

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the dense jungle. At the time, no parachutes were observed, and no emergency beacons were detected.

However, early in the morning two days later, voice contact was established with 25-year-old Sijan by a pilot flying over the crash site. After confirming contact, the Air Force launched a massive search and rescue effort to find Sijan.

Subsequently, more than 20 aircraft were damaged by enemy fire during that effort, including an A-1H Skyraider that was shot down. Fortunately, the A-1H pilot was rescued by SAR aircraft in the area. At dusk on November 10th, a CH-3 Jolly Green Giant rescue helicopter was able to drop a jungle penetrator cable near where they believed Sijan to be. Despite his severe injuries after his low-level ejection, including a compound fracture of his left leg and skull fracture, Sijan refused the assistance of any Para-Jumpers being lowered because of the danger. After more than 30 minutes on station near where they estimated Sijan's location, the CH-3 SAR helicopter was ordered to pull back to avoid the risk of being shot down.

The SAR attempt would resume the next morning, but there was no further radio contact with Sijan. Both he and Armstrong were then listed as missing in action. Though Sijan had no contact with Armstrong after the ejection, there were varying reports later that he might have survived, but none of those reports could be authenticated. He became one of more than 600 Americans MIA in Laos.

Despite his severe injuries and with little food and water, Sijan successfully evaded capture for 46 days until Christmas Day, when North Vietnamese soldiers found him unconscious near the Ho Chi Minh Trail, about three miles from where he had been shot down. He was initially placed into a nearby POW holding camp and, despite his condition, managed to disable one of his guards and crawl back into the jungle. He was captured again several hours later and beaten as a result.

Sijan was then transported to another POW holding camp where he was cared for by two USAF prisoners, Maj Robert Craner and Capt Guy Gruters. They would later confirm he had been severely tortured by his captors and that he had revealed no information other than his name, date of birth, service, rank, and service number in accordance with the Geneva Convention. The three POWs were then transported to the infamous Hoa Lo prison (a.k.a. "Hanoi Hilton"), where Sijan told his fellow POWs details of his ejection and evasion and even enlisted their support to escape again, despite his severely disabled condition.

Lest anyone ever forget, Hoa Lo prison was the location of "Hanoi Jane" Fonda's anti-war propaganda photo op, laughing as she posed on an NVA anti-aircraft gun just a few yards away from where American POWs were being tortured. That would include three personal friends who were held at Hoa Lo: Medal of Honor recipient Col Leo Thorsness, Col Roger Ingvalson, and Lt Col Bill Gauntt. Each of these men were mild-tempered unless there was mention of Fonda's name.

On January 22, 1968, eight days after reaching Hanoi but receiving no medical assistance, Lance Sijan died. He was one of 65 POWs known to have died in captivity during the Vietnam War. Lt Sijan was posthumously promoted to Captain in 1968, and his remains were positively identified and repatriated in March 1974.

In 1976, after full details of his actions were verified, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valiant effort to evade his captors despite his injuries, and moreover for his fierce resistance and refusal to release information that would compromise the 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron's mission and operations — despite being subject to severe torture. On March 4, 1976, President Gerald Ford presented his parents, Sylvester and Jane Sijan, with his Medal of Honor.

Sijan's Medal citation concludes, "Capt. Sijan's extraordinary heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the cost of his life are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Armed Forces."

Indeed.

Lance Sijan was the first and only Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. Sijan Hall was dedicated in his honor on Memorial Day 1976.

His legacy is that of an American Patriot with unbroken will.

Capt Lance Sijan: Your example of valor — a humble American Patriot defending Liberty for all above and beyond the call of duty and in disregard for the peril to your own life — is eternal.

"Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Live your life worthy of his sacrifice.

Semper Vigilans Fortis Paratus et Fidelis

Pro Deo et Libertate — 1776

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## Birthday's

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| Melvin McNeal | 5-6 |
| Joel Monteith | 5-8 |
| Jeremy Boes | 5-10 |
| Daniel F. Piedlow | 5-14 |
| Lee Viorel | 5-19 |
| Robert Grover | 5-21 |
| William Walker | 5-23 |
| John Hicks | 5-24 |
| Brett Knowlton | 5-26 |
| James Haas | 5-28 |
| Alec Wade | 5-29 |

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chapter in Missouri

Regular Members: 106

Dual Members 2 Interstate 1 in-state

Junior members 5

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

The Recessional was led by Gerald McCoy, 1st Vice President

No Treasurer report, secretary report, or historian report was given

## This Day in History

**May 10, 1869**

The first transcontinental railroad is completed with the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, Utah.

**May 13, 1846**

The United States declares war on Mexico, initiating the Mexican-American War. This conflict would lead to significant territorial gains for the U.S. under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

**May 14, 1804**

Lewis and Clark begin their expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase, departing from St. Louis, Missouri. The journey would provide valuable information about the geography, wildlife, and Native American tribes of the West.

**May 23, 1903**

The first automobile trip across the United States begins with H. Nelson Jackson and Sewall K. Crocker departing from San Francisco. They complete the journey to New York in 63 days, sparking interest in automobile travel.

**May 24, 1844**

Samuel Morse sends the first official telegraph message from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, Maryland. The message, "What hath God wrought?" marked the start of the modern telecommunications era.

**May 28, 1830**

President Andrew Jackson signs the Indian Removal Act, leading to the forced relocation of Native Americans from their ancestral lands. This act led to the tragic "Trail of Tears," affecting thousands of Native American lives.

# Tony Orlando (Michael Anthony Orlando Cassavitis)

Tony Orlando's tribute to America's Vietnam Veterans, "Tie A Yellow Ribbon," was the #1 Billboard Song of the Year 1973 and became Orlando's theme song and grew into an American anthem of hope, homecoming, and renewal for returning veterans.

Tony has performed to millions of troops on U.S. bases and around the world. He is the recipient of The Bob Hope Award for excellence in entertainment, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society honoring his efforts on behalf of our nation's veterans. 2023 marked the 50th Anniversary of 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon' and the celebration of the return of American POWs from Vietnam. At the invitation of Bob Hope, Tony performed the song at the Cotton Bowl in 1973 for nearly 600 Vietnam POWs and has been a part of their annual homecoming reunion for the past 50 years.

As a salute to our Nation's Vietnam POWs, Tony donated his gold record "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" to the Nixon Library as a salute to veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Tony has performed for our armed services around the globe, helping raise millions of dollars for Veterans and Military causes. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Eisenhower Foundation as well as the Tribute to Valor Foundation, an organization that inspires and influences young people through the values of character represented by the Medal of Honor.

Tony has served as Master of Ceremonies for Medal of Honor events in addition to serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the Secretary of Defense Freedom Awards at the Pentagon.

Few entertainers have excelled in so many realms as Tony has, a top-selling recording artist, songwriter, concert headliner, network television star, Motion Picture actor, Broadway performer, and author.

Tony has received many honors during his illustrious career, however, his service to America's War Veterans is his most distinct honor.

**Ladies and gentlemen, Tony Orlando**

**Patriotic American**

OMC President J. Howard Fisk reading the proclamation for Tony Orlando.

In attendance are from left to right, (front row) J. Howard Fisk, former Springfield Mayor Ken McClure, Norman Knowlton, Steve Perkins, Tony Orlando, Ken Lawrence, George Swales, Charles McMillan, (back row) John Hathcock, Cris Brayman, and Gary Gift. Photo's by Compatriot Daniel Piedlow.

# Awards and Events

OMC Color Guard members Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Steve Perkins supported The Warriors Journey by presenting colors at the opening of their Gala event Saturday evening, May 3, 2025. The event was held in the beautiful ballroom at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. OMC member Dr. Clarke was also at the dinner.

The Warriors Journey organization is about veterans helping veterans. From their website https://thewarriorsjourney.org/, their overarching mission is for Warriors helping Warriors. They are committed to helping one another through the invisible wounds with no bureaucracy and paperwork. Kevin Weaver is their President. Founded in 2016, they develop partnerships to help save thousands from emotional trauma, suicide, and waning hope.

It was our honor to present colors before roughly 300 people who gathered for this annual Gala dinner and fundraiser.

Kevin Sorbo is an actor who was best known for his role as Hercules in the hit TV series Hercules, 1995-1999. He is also a writer and director. He is an advocate for military veterans.

The Warrior's Journey at 3555 N Glenstone Ave. in Springfield is adding on to their building, which will provide a training room with internet access.

We, as a Chapter, will be supporting the veterans in this community by showing them how to research their families' ancestry online.

Compatriot Bryan Hood has volunteered to assist in this program when it becomes available.

OMC hosted a Patriot Merit Badge Workshop at OTC on May 3rd for Scouting USA.

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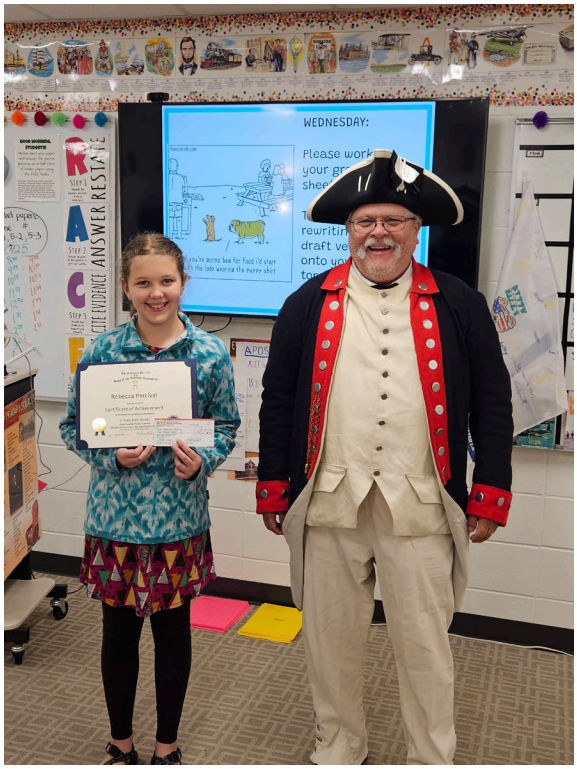
Compatriot Ken Lawrence awarding the SAR Bronze ROTC medal to Republic HS AFJROTC Cadet Patrick Shroyer, 2 May 2025.

Forsyth MCJROTC Awards Ceremony. Compatriot Cris Brayman awarding Cadet Joshua Coggins the ROTC Bronze certificate and medal. Also present were Senior Forsyth MCJROTC Instructor Major Matt Wagner and 1st Sergeant Marie Voegel. May 3.




On May 7th, Compatriot Daniel Piedlow presented Rebecca Percival with her certificate and check for first place in the MOSSAR 5th Grade Poster Contest.

Compatriot Len Slovenski talking about the “Chaplains of the Revolutionary War” during the meeting on May 17th.

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Compatriot Len Slovenski receiving an America 250 Challenge Coin “The Lamp of Knowledge” by 1st Vice-President Gerald McCoy with President J. Howard Fisk (L), and 2nd Vice-President Keith Jones (R).

Compatriot John Hathcock receiving the Missouri Silver Medal from OMC 1st Vice-President Gerald McCoy.

Compatriot Bradley Hodges receiving his membership certificate, challenge coin, and rosette from 1st Vice-President Gerald McCoy.

Compatriot Eric Sampson receiving his Southwest Asia Veterans Corps Certificate and Medal from 1st Vice-President Gerald McCoy.

Compatriot Joseph Walker receiving his Special Ops Veterans Corps Certificate from 1st Vice-President Gerald McCoy.

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Compatriot's Don Higgerson, Steve Perkins, Joe Walker, and Daniel Piedlow (photographer) presenting Mayse Automotive in Aurora with a Flag Certificate.

Compatriot's Keith Jones, Joe Walker, Don Higgerson, Norman Knowlton, Steve Perkins, and Sgt. Ariel Nims Compatriot Kavin Stull at the Natruralizartion Ceremony that was held at the George Washington Carver National Park in Diamond, MO.

DAR members from the Joplin and Neosho NSDAR Chapters.

Compatriots with Judge Harpool.

A challenge coin is available for the Boston Tea Party. They are $15.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

# Awards and Events

On May 25th, Colorguard present at the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort San Carlos in present day St. Louis. The event is held in Ste. Genevieve, MO to honor the French Milice (malita) members who faught in the battle. The French Malice are in the front with Captain Bill McKnight second from left. SAR Colorguard were from 8 states including Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Okllahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.

Compatriot's Norman Knowlton, and Joe Walker with the wreath OMC presented at the Battle of Fort San Carlos.

## Memorial Day 2025

by Charles G. McMillan, OMC Past Pres

For 3 years in a row, the Ozark Mountain Chapter has hosted the Memorial Day event at the National Cemetery in Springfield.

This event was threatened by inclement weather. Several groups did, in fact, cancel, not knowing how bad the rain would be. I don't blame them for sure.

We were most fortunate to have the rain, not torrential rain, but just a slight rain at the time of the parade of flags, and the parade went off very well. Thanks to Commander Steve Perkins for leading the group along the parade route.

The groups that made the parade were the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Rachel Donnelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the

# Awards and Events

U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Sons of Union Veterans Phelps Camp, and Daughters of the Union Veterans. I appreciate their effort.

Our speaker was former Army Captain Ken McClure, a past Springfield Mayor. He gave a thoughtful and moving speech on the sacrifices made by our veterans and how we should never forget.

Thanks to Colonel John Hathcock for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Norm Knowlton for being our Chaplain for the event, Dr. George Swales for being the MC, Dan Piedlow for photographs, and the 135th ANG Bugler for playing Taps.

The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are $30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and $35.00 if he has to mail it to you.

# Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 PM, the Chapter Development Committee will be held at Steve Perkins home.  All members are welcome to attend.

Friday, June 13, at 10:00 AM, there is a Flag Day Ceremony being held at the Greene County Historic Courthouse, located at 940 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield.  Colorguard should arrive at about 9:30 AM and everyone else arrive at 9:50 AM.

Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 AM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter is assisting the Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter with a Grave Marking for a Patriot Son.  The ceremony will be held at the Marlin Cemetery in Conway, MO 65632.  All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, June 21, at 9:30 AM, the monthly meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held at the Ozark Technical College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield.  All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, July 3, at 8:00 P.M., the OMC Color Guard will be assisting the Branson High School AFJROTC present Colors for the National Anthem at Branson Landing.  This is a public event and all people are invited to attend and enjoy the music and patriotism.

Friday, July 4, at 10:00 AM, the Ozark Mountain Chapter Colorguard will be leading the Independence Day Parade on Meadowmere Street.  All are welcome to attend. Colorguard please arrive at 9:30.

# *SAVE THE DATE*

## Saturday
## June 14th, 2025

# National SAR 250th Commemoration

# Birth of the United States Army

*and a celebration of*

## *George Washington as Commander-in-Chief*

## Special Grave Marking Ceremony for George and Martha Washington

## 250th Ceremony at Mount Vernon

*Revolutionary Encampment, Music, Luncheon*

## National Museum of the U.S. Army Tour

*New Revolutionary War 250 Special Exhibit*

## Gala Dinner Hosted by George Washington

*Registration opens the week of April 21*

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