

## 2010 MOSSAR CONVENTION

The following Compatriots received **Certificates of Distinguished Service:** Executive Vice President, Knight Essay Contest Chairman, and Missouri State Medal Chairman **Clifford Olsen II**; Patriot's Trust Fund Committee member, Membership/Retention Chairman, and New Chapter Chairman **Keith K. Brown, Sr.**; Historian, Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, and Webmaster **William E. Carr**; Chancellor, 2013 National Congress Chairman, and State Medal Committee member **Richard Bryant**; Surgeon, Fogg Award Chairman, Patriot's Trust Fund Chairman, and Friends of the Library Chairman **Stephen M. Baldwin**; Color Guard Commander and Patriot's Trust Fund Committee Member **Robert L. Grover**; Veteran's Chairman **William L. Groth, Jr.**; Eagle Scout Chairman **Melvin J. McNeal, Jr.**; Flag Award Chairman **Bryan P. Bradford**; Second Vice President **Keith Bohacik**; and Registrar, Executive Secretary, and Newsletter Editor **H. Lee Capps**.

Compatriot **Denis R. Craft** was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal with 1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster** in recognition of his dedicated service as President of Ozark Mountain Chapter and in two terms as MOSSAR Chaplain. He has discharged his most recent responsibilities as First Vice President in an exceptional manner.

Compatriot **Charles E. Lilly** was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal** in recognition of his service as President of his Chapter and in the important position of

MOSSAR Secretary, He continues to excel in his commitment to our society.

Compatriot **Dirk A. Stapleton** was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal**. Compatriot Stapleton is in his second term of President of the Harry S Truman Chapter and serves MOSSAR Sergeant at Arms. He a senior officer in the Corps of Discovery Society, Children of the American Revolution.

A **Silver Good Citizenship Medal** was awarded to Compatriot **Russell DeVenney** for extraordinary service and leadership with several community organizations. In addition to SAR, he serves as a Board Member of the First Christian Church and on the Veteran Affairs and Veteran Services Board at Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital. He has been active in youth sports programs and because of his many years of involvement in youth wrestling he was the first selectee to the Missouri USA Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Compatriot **Romie E. Carr** was awarded the **State Medal of Distinguished Service**. Compatriot Carr has served several terms as Harry S. Truman Chapter President. A member of the Medals and Awards Committee for seven years, he has taken a personal interest in the ROTC and JROTC Recognition Programs. Compatriot Carr has recently completed three years as Chairman for the Annual Missouri-Kansas George Washington Birthday Celebration.

Compatriot **Courtney Sloan** was awarded the **Missouri Society Gold Medal**. Compatriot Sloan was elected State

Treasurer in the year 2000 and has now completed ten years in an that demanding position. The Treasurer is entrusted with all financial matters of this Society and Compatriot Sloan continues to excel in these responsibilities.

Compatriot **James Shelby** has been a mainstay of the SAR for thirty-three years. He became a member in 1977 and has been a strong and active supporter of our society since that time. He has served as MOSSAR President and as Vice President General of the South Central District. He was co-founder of the George Washington Birthday Celebration of Kansas City where the 25th annual luncheon will be held next year. For his long and active service James Shelby was awarded the **Missouri Society Gold Medal**.

The **Patriot Medal** for exceptional service to the State Society was presented to Compatriot **David McCann**. He has served as his Chapter's Genealogist and Registrar for twelve years and as MOSSAR Genealogist for the past four years. His untiring efforts and attitude have resulted in the growth in MOSSAR membership.

It was an honor to have **National Society Secretary General J. David Sympon** as the keynote speaker for this convention. He served the National Society, as Historian General, Registrar General, and now as Secretary General. He has numerous awards for his service including the highest award given by SAR, the Minuteman Award.

Secretary General Sympon spoke on



**Color Guard Commander Robert L. Grover (left) presents the 2010 Color Guardsman for the Year Award to William Groth**

the development of the new National Headquarters in Louisville, his visits to State Societies and his plans as the next President General.

Following his presentation, the Secretary General presided at the installation of Missouri Society officers for 2010-2011.

The Convention closed with the traditional exchange of responsibilities from Past **President Daniel McMurray** to to newly installed **President Clifford Olsen**. McMurray presented Olsen with the **Presidents Medal**.

President Olsen then presented his predecessor with a **Past President's Pin** and the **Liberty Medal**, citing his service in several offices at chapter and state level and the very successful completion of his term as President.

The new President made his inaugural remarks (see page 1) and formally closed the 2010 MOSSAR Convention.