

# MISSOURI COMPATRIOT



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## *Missouri honors Jackson and Truman*

### Harry S. Truman Courthouse Re-dedicated in the County named for Andrew Jackson

September 7 – Independence, It is a warm evening as guests gather under the large tent erected across the street from the courthouse. Music plays gently and people make introductions and get comfortable. MOSSAR President Richard T. Bryant and President General Joseph Dooley lead a contingent of SAR officers that include: Clifford Olsen, National Trustee, Russ DeVenney, Honorary Vice President, and James Osbourn, Secretary.



President Bryant says, "This is a Nationally significant event. This is the 80th Anniversary rededication of the Harry Truman Historic Courthouse. The Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. President General Joe Dooley will be here and on Friday evening before the ribbon cutting ceremony, will have presented the MOSSAR and SAR plaque honoring Patriot Hero Andrew Jackson and SAR member Harry S Truman. This plaque represents our Missouri response to the PG's Challenge to each state:

**From July 11, 2013 through July 15, 2014, every State Society and Chapter that erects a permanent memorial, a marker or a monument to honor a person, place, event or document associated with the American Revolution shall be awarded an NSSAR streamer."**

Indeed, the event has brought President Truman's grandson, Clifton Truman Daniels, to tell about his grandparents and read portions of a  
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### Missouri Society's Color Guard embodies the SAR.

The most recognized efforts of our Missouri Society often are those of our Color Guard. The number and quality of the events in 2013 are impressive.

September – 19 events/places:

09-02, Labor Day parade, KC, MO

09-07, Independence Court House

09-08, Bud Marks, Colors

09-09, FDL Meeting

09-11, Honor Flight, MCI Airport, KC, MO

09-13, Belton, MO parade

09-14, HST Meeting.

09-14, DAR Blue Spring, MO

09-14, Acts of Congress, HST Library

09-16 Independence City Hall, Constitution Proclamation, TV

09-17, HST Library, Naturalization

09-17, HST Library, Constitution

09-19 DAR Midwest District Meeting.

09-19, Blackwater, MO Grave dedication

09-21, SSL Meeting

09-21, MWC Meeting

09-21, IPC Meeting

09-21, DAR Fort Osage Blue Springs

09-28, Constitution Lincoln, MO

09-28, Leadership/Trustee Meeting, Louisville

Oct – 15 events/places –

10-02 Honor Flight, MCI, KCMO

10-05 Pt. Pleasant, WV Battle Days

10-05 Pecan Parade, Brunswick, MO

10-06 Honor Flight Luncheon

10-08 Honor Flight, MCI, KCMO

10-11 Home School, MO State University Springfield

10-12 WCC Meeting

10-12 HST Meeting

10-14 FDL Meeting

10-16 DAR Independence Memorial, Slaughter

10-19 SSL Meeting

10-19 IPC Meeting

10-26 MOSSAR Board of Management, Columbia

10-27 DAR Marker, Dover, Williamsburg

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Nov – 22 events/places –

11-05 Voted in uniform – Scott  
 11-05 Voted in Uniform – Mathews  
 11-05 Voted in uniform - Grover  
 11-05 ED St. Paul Lutheran Ch. B8-05  
 11-05 Election Day Delta Woods School  
 11-05 ED Van Spears Jr. Elem. Pct 27  
 11-05 ED Meadows Baptist Church #7  
 11-05 ED Midwest Gen'l Center B5-09  
 11-05 ED Midwest Gen'l Center B8-01  
 11-05 ED Conv Estates Baptist Ch B8-03  
 11-05 ED Conv Estates Baptist Ch B8-04  
 11-05 ED Conv Estates Baptist Church  
 11-09 OMC Veterans Lunch  
 11-09 AMC Chapter – Memorial George Hicks  
 11-09 HST Meeting  
 11-09 Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis  
 11-10 DAR St. Clair Grave Marking  
 11-11 Vietnam Memorial, KC  
 11-11 Honor Flight, MCI Airport  
 11-16 MGC Meeting  
 11-16 MWC Meeting  
 11-16 IPC Meeting

December – 10 event/places:

12-07 Jefferson Barracks Nat'l Cemetery  
 12-08 DAR Headquarters Open House, Boonville  
 12-09 FDL Meeting  
 12-14 WAA Jefferson Barrack Nat'l Cemetery  
 12-14 AMC Meeting  
 12-14 HST Meeting  
 12-14 WWA Swan Lake, Grain Valley  
 12-20 SSL Flag Certificate Gateway Science  
 12-21 STL Meeting  
 12-21 IPC Meeting





## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS....

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Thomas Lloyd Barden	H S Truman	Ebenezer S Barden
Stanley Eugene Bell	Ozark Mountain	Philip Crume
Jason Clifford Hatch	Wm C Corum	Jeremiah Hatch
Wayne McCormick Chauncey	Spirit of St Louis	John Taylor
Gregory Jon Watkins	Spirit of St Louis	Samuel Watkins
Edward Douglas Fitts	Christopher Casey	Richard Fitts
Walter Raymond Cherry	Christopher Casey	William Pile
Robert Dale Roney	Allen Laws Oliver	John Lucas
Ronald Dean Pennington	Fernando de Leyba	John Parker
Donald Blake Cospers	Ozark Mountain	George Click
Nathaniel Cody Cospers	Ozark Mountain	George Click
Mark Alan Bayles	Spirit of St Louis	Francis Covington
Timothy Raymond Norris	Wm C Corum	William Baker
Kenneth Michael Edmondson	Wm C Corum	Richard Edmondson
Reginald Allen Day	Harry S Truman	John Day
George Edward Christopher	Ozark Mountain	James Turner
Clark Edward Morrison	Spirit of St Louis	John Morrison
Kenneth A. Neth	Wm C Corum	James Crowley
David John Hoffman	Fernando de Leyba	John Journey
Leonard Joseph Kaffenberger	Alexander Major	Robert Shannon
Frederick Paul Kaffenberger IV	Alexander Major	Robert Shannon
James Scott Corum	Wm C Corum	William C. Corum
Robert Ervin Williams	Wm C Corum	Jonathan Wood
James Norvell Drane	M Graham Clark	William Short
Robert Layton Matzker	Spirit of St Louis	Thomas Keown
Richard Elroy Miller	Spirit of St Louis	Henry Etter Sr
Larry Dean Dietzel	M. Graham Clark	Christopher Harris Sr
Jacob Wesley Smith	Wm C Corum	Michael Crose
Gary Coleman Wilcoxson	Harry S Truman	John Wilcoxson

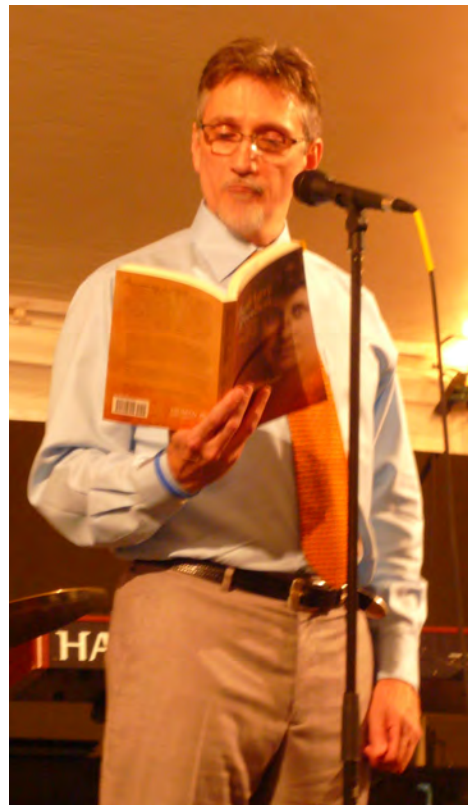
## IN MEMORIAM....

The following Compatriots have recently passed away:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>
Seth Bedford Caperton	Ozark Mountain	11 August 2013
Charles Morton Johnston	Member at Large	18 September 2013

## Harry S Truman (continued)

private family memoir describing family life, both humorous and touching. Dinner is accompanied by the sounds of good Kansas City jazz music. The MC, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders leads us through remarks by the Preservationists who have worked so hard to restore the courthouse. Its history is revisited and explained. The presentation of the SAR plaque took place at the exclusive preview of the Courthouse. A private tour of the revised facility followed the presentation of the plaque to the County Executive and to the Jackson County Historical Society representative, Steve Noll, by the President General and Missouri President. "By reopening the historic Truman Courthouse in downtown Independence, we are bringing the history of Jackson County and part of President Truman's legacy back to life," said Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders. "Our citizens as well as visitors from around the country will once again be able to see where Truman's remarkable career of public service began."



Sign up to attend the MOSSAR Annual Membership Meeting this April!

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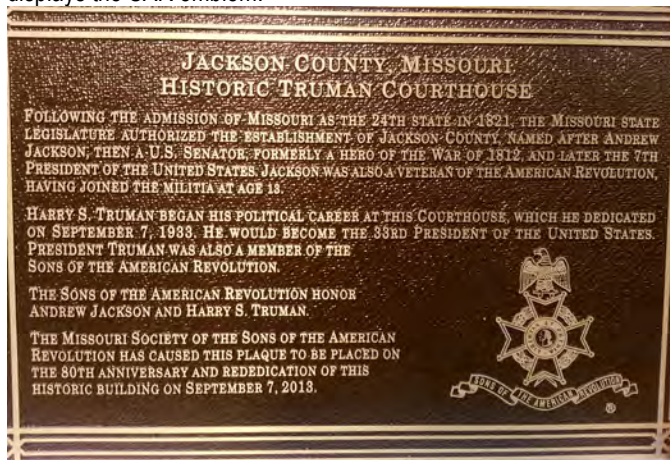


## Harry S Truman (continued)

At the rededication ceremony and ribbon cutting on Saturday, September 7, 2013, members of the Missouri and Kansas Color Guard joined with the Jackson County, Missouri Sheriff's Department Color Guard in commencement activities. The bell in the Courthouse's clocktower rang exactly at 2:00 p.m. to begin the ceremony which was followed by Kansas City music great Ida McBeth singing the National Anthem followed by comments by city and county executives. Members of the Color Guard served as volunteers, offering tours throughout the Courthouse following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, the building has undergone significant renovation work over the past seven years. This national landmark will now have a plaque honoring patriot Andrew Jackson and Missouri's most well known descendant of the heroes of the American Revolution Harry S. Truman. The bronze plaque, which honors Andrew Jackson along with Harry Truman, will remain on permanent display at this historic site.

The plaque, which was authorized by the Missouri Society in response to the Initiatives announced by the President General during the 2013 SAR Congress recites: "Following the admission of Missouri as the 24th state in 1821, the Missouri State Legislature authorized the establishment of Jackson County, named after Andrew Jackson, then a United States Senator, formerly a hero of the War of 1812 and later the seventh President of the United States. Jackson was also a veteran of the American Revolution, having joined the militia at age 13." The plaque further honors Harry S. Truman who began his political career in the Courthouse which he dedicated on September 7, 1933 and prominently displays the SAR emblem.





## Statia Day !



St. Eustatius, or Statia as it is more commonly referred, was sighted in 1493 by Christopher Columbus although its history goes back many years before. Colonized in 1636 with a mere 40 to 50 individuals—Zeelanders of the Dutch West Indies Trading Company, the island was the subject of conflict among the most powerful seafaring nations of the time—Dutch, Spanish and British. During these times of conflict, the island changed hands at least 22 times.

Because of a unique geography, early settlers determined the island would not support the growth of crops like cotton and tobacco. However, because of its unique location on trading routes created by wind and ocean current, its favorable tax treatment of industry and products, its status as a neutral trading hub and proximity to other islands, from 1636 forward the Dutch propelled Statia to become a major trading center in the Caribbean with as many as 22,000 inhabitants at one point and thousands of ships calling at her shores. Often there could be 200 ships at anchor in the harbor. In 1778 records reflect that 3182 ships arrived in Statia throughout the year. It is hard to imagine that this island which now has only 3300 inhabitants was once such a thriving and cosmopolitan port of call.

In the course of the 18th century St. Eustatius developed close ties with many islands occupied by various nations. It was during this time it developed strong ties with North America colonists due, in part, to the various trade of goods. For a time St. Eustatius was the only link between Europe and the fledgling American colonies. Raw materials came from America while finished products came from abroad. Since the island sold arms and ammunition to anyone willing to pay, it was one of the few places from which the rebellious American Colonists could obtain weaponry. In time, it became the major supplier of arms and ammunition to the American Colonies. The British were so outraged by this practice that in 1774 they ordered the Dutch West Indies Trading Company to cease the transporting of munitions through Statia and on to America. This order was ignored however and the trade continued, under disguise. The local wealth, as a result of the lucrative trade in slaves and war supplies with the American colonies, turned Statia into the "Golden Rock of the Caribbean" The island was so well regarded by Americans that Benjamin Franklin had his mail routed through Statia to ensure its safe arrival.

This good relationship between St. Eustatius and the United States resulted in the now famous "First Salute." The Andrew Doria, named after 16th Century admiral Andrea Doria, was one of four ships authorized by the Continental Congress on October 13, 1775, to form the first Navy of the United States. On November 16, 1776 under command of Capt. Isaiah Robinson, the brig arrived in St. Eustatius to obtain munitions and military supplies for the Colonies. Immediately noticed by the commander of Fort Oranje, the Andrew Doria was flying a new flag—the Grand Union Flag—representing the newly independent Colonies. As it entered port at Oranje Bay the Andrew Doria fired its canons 13 times as a salute. Governor Johannes de Graaff of St. Eustatius authorized return of the salute fire by authorizing the firing of the cannons of Fort Oranje 11 times, the first international acknowledgment of the independence of the United States. While it was in fact a standard practice to return a salute with two less shots than a ship, the unique difference of this salute was that this was a true declaration of independence by Capt. Robinson, who also carried a unique and valuable cargo to the island—a copy of the Declaration of Independence—and the first official acknowledgement of the declaration by a foreign country. As such, this salute became known as "The Salute Heard Around The World".

The Governor of nearby St. Kitts immediately dispatched a ship to England to tell Parliament and the King that Holland had become the first foreign power to recognize the United States. The British were outraged and protested against the continuous trade between the United States and St. Eustatius. In 1778, Lord Stormont claimed in Parliament that, "if Sint Eustatius had sunk into the sea three years before, the United Kingdom would already have dealt with George Washington". The British added this event to a list of grievances against Holland that would later force them to declare war in 1781.

So it was to become that on November 16, 2013, The Island Governor of St. Eustatius, Mr. Gerald Berkel, officiated the Ceremony of the 237th Anniversary of the First Salute. Upon invitation of the Island Government and the St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation, Missouri President Richard T Bryant represented President General Joseph Dooley and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in honoring the salute of the ancestors of the island residents. The SAR Plaque, designed through the collaborative efforts of PG Dooley, Bryant, and Virginia Chancellor Mike Elston, commemorating the "First Salute" was presented to the Governor, at a sunrise ceremony on Statia-America Day at Fort Oranje. The plaque which displayed the SAR International Medal reads "The SAR International Medal, is presented to Mr. Gerald Berkel, Island Governor of Sint Eustatius, by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in commemoration of the first international recognition of the independence of the United States of America....On November 16, 1776, Johannes de Graff, Governor of St. Eustatius, ordered the guns of Fort Oranje to return a salute rendered by the United States brig Andrea Doria, thereby recognizing the sovereignty of the United States of America...Statia America Day 2013".

The Statia Day ceremony started at sunrise and among those in attendance were members of the Island Council members from Statia, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St Maarten and Aruba. U.S. Consul General James Moore who had traveled from Curacao was present as was the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Farallon which had sailed overnight from San Juan to recreate the 13 gun salute. This event followed a

weeklong series of concerts, feasts and other celebrations in honor of the holiday. A highlight event of the week was the visit of King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima in Statia the day before.

The hoisting of the flags of the Netherlands, the United States and Statia, accompanied by the singing of the Anthems of the countries confirmed the commencement of activities and was followed by speeches of the Governor, Island Council members, performances by musicians and dancers, and the formal presentation of the SAR Plaque. In his comments to the audience, Bryant spoke of the historical significance of Statia to the American Colonies, the lineage of members of the SAR and the existence of International Societies, and he invited descendents of the original 1776 Statia heroes to join the SAR and to form a Society. After Governor Berkel received his Plaque it was announced that the Coast Guard Cutter was in the harbor and the First Salute was re-enacted. The ceremony concluded with the inspection of uniformed groups after which the performers, musicians, uniformed groups and visitors paraded from Fort Oranje to The Old Gin House where the Governor treated all invited guests to a hearty breakfast and the opportunity to share time and experiences. Celebrations continued throughout the day and late into the evening.

Statia is easily reached by way of many daily flights from neighboring St. Maarten. It features historic sites, world class diving and sailing activities and excellent food and comfortable island accommodations. The citizens of Statia are most gracious and crime is virtually non-existent. The Governor and Tourism Development Director extend their invitation to SAR members to come to Statia to enjoy the hospitality of the island which first recognized our Independence.

His Excellency Rudolf Bekink, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the United States, also received an International Medal and Plaque recognizing Dutch-American Heritage Day in Washington, D.C. from President General Joe Dooley and Virginia Chancellor Mike Elston and commemorating the "First Salute".



Flags flying in celebration over Statia Day

## Tour of Missouri's French Heritage



In 2012, a member of the Rochambeau Chapter, DAR, in Paris, France, Madame Cary du Parc Lormaria, had a brainstorm. She wanted to lead a group of DAR ladies on a tour of Missouri to visit the historical sites that manifest the French heritage of our state. So, naturally, she reached out to her chapter's affiliate member, DAR State Treasurer, Becky Osbourn, for advice and help in making travel arrangements. This conversation led to a meeting over lunch in Paris with Mrs. Osbourn and her husband, Missouri Society Secretary, James E. Osbourn.

The result of that meeting was a rich tour for nine French DAR ladies across Missouri in October 2013, with James acting as their driver. In a large white passenger van, they visited the Holy Family Parish Log Church in Cahokia, Martin-Boismenu House in East Carondelet, Bolduc House and the Felix Valle House in Ste. Genevieve. Returning to St. Louis, they visited the Old Cathedral near the Arch and the Chatillon-DeMenil House. They arrived at the Statue of Lewis and Clark in St. Charles, where MOSSAR Executive Vice-president, Charles Lilly, greeted them on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution and presented them with Missouri Congress Medals as tokens of welcome. The evening the tour dined at the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne. They traveled West to the Daniel Boone Home in Defiance, William B. Sappington House outside of Arrow Rock, the Arrow Rock Tavern, attended Cameo Society Tea at Roslyn Heights, and Fort Osage. Spending a relaxing weekend in Kansas City, the ladies flew home to France with warm memories and a thorough understanding of how nice Americans can be.







**Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution**  
**2014 Annual Membership Convention**  
**Courtyard Marriott - Kansas City East & Adams Pointe Conference Center**  
**Blue Springs, Missouri**  
**April 25 & 26**  
**Hosted by Harry S. Truman Chapter**

**REGISTRATION**

SAR Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NSSAR / MOSSAR Office(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Each Attendee (SAR Member and Guest) must choose either a Full Convention Registration or an Individual Event Registration.

	Cost		Number of Tickets		Total
<b>FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION</b>	\$140	x	_____	=	\$ _____
[includes Registration Fee, Friday Dinner (Opening Session), Saturday Breakfast (Memorial Service), Saturday Lunch (Awards Ceremonies), Saturday Dinner (Installation Banquet)]					

**INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION**

Registration (required fee)	\$25	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Dinner (Opening Session)	\$40	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast (Memorial Service)	\$12	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch (Awards Ceremonies)	\$35	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner (Installation Banquet)	\$40	x	_____	=	\$ _____

**ADDITIONAL CONVENTION SUPPORT**

Patronage donations to support this convention are welcomed. Patrons will be recognized at the Convention and in the Missouri Compatriot. Thank you for your support!

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate menu preference for Friday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate menu preference for Saturday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRIME RIB \_\_\_\_\_ ARTICHOKE CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_  
 CRAB STUFFED SHRIMP \_\_\_\_\_ ATLANTIC SALMON \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROOM RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

Convention Room Rate - \$99.00 per night.  
 Hotel Code (MOSSAR)

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**We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.**

**Preamble to the United States Constitution  
(Our Government's "Mission Statement")**