



## WHAT IS OPERATION ANCESTOR SEARCH (OAS)?

Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) is a free national genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors, their families, and caregivers.

OAS provides participants with the knowledge and tools to conduct their own genealogy research.

OAS was developed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) and is operated by the local state Chapters across the country and are fully staffed by volunteers.

### **OPERATING PRICIPALS:**

OAS is not a recruiting tool for the SAR.

OAS is based on the premise that the genealogy expertise within the SAR and DAR is a resource that can be used to give back to our service members who are injured in their service to our nation.

OAS provides injured service members with the knowledge and tools that allow them to conduct their own genealogy research.

SAR and DAR volunteers near VA Hospitals and Missouri Veteran's Homes provide training classes, work sessions, and individual assistance to the OAS participants.

### **GENEALOGY WORK SESSIONS:**

Conducted by knowledgeable volunteers as their own time permits.

Provides introduction to genealogy principals and how to conduct research.

Uses of online databases such as Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, etc. as well as national resources such as SAR and DAR libraries, Library of Congress and National Archives, plus local and state resources such as libraries, courthouses, and historical and genealogy societies.

Will have free handouts of family tree charts, etc.

For more information, contact MOSSAR OAS State Director Compatriot Doug Fitts at 314-605-1646 or [fitts@charter.net](mailto:fitts@charter.net) Please include **SAR** in your text or email subject.

