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Welcome! This is the first issue of what is hoped to be many more of the reinstated

Missouri Compatriot!

The President's Message



President George Swales

Welcome to the first issue of the re-established *Missouri Compatriot*! After a long absence, the Missouri State SAR publication has returned. The last issue was published in 2014, but through the diligence and determination of Daniel R. Evans, Jr., Chairman of the Publicity Committee, and his fellow Committee Compatriots, we are back.

A special recognition goes to Compatriot Dan Evans and Publicity Committee members Dennis Hahn, James Osbourn, Steve Perkins, Dan Piedlow, Michael Robertson, and Tom Sentman. This publication would not have been possible without their active participation, support, and insightful ideas. Thanks to all!

I encourage all Compatriots and their respective Missouri SAR Chapters to submit news stories and articles to Dan Evans that can be published in the *Missouri Compatriot*. It is only through your active participation the publication can be successful. Future issues are to be published online three times per year. Questions regarding the publication can be directed to Compatriot Dan Evans. When in doubt, don't drop out, but instead contact Dan Evans at:

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As you are probably aware, the Sons of the American Revolution goals are Patriotic, Historic, and Educational. To help reach these goals in 2021-2022, we strive to work together to achieve our four objectives:

- Increase Participation in our youth programs.
- Enhance Educational Outreach to schools across the State.
- Increase our Recruitment and Retention efforts.
- Increase the number of Flag Awards presented to members of our communities.

The underlying theme for accomplishing these goals and objectives is good, enhanced communication. *Missouri Compatriot* seeks to achieve greater internal and external Compatriot communications across the State of Missouri. The exchanging and free flow of information, ideas, and suggestions that Chapters publish in the *Missouri Compatriot* are vital tools to help us attain these objectives and goals. Thanks again for everyone's submissions!

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Board of Directors Report

The Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution, under the direction of President George Swales, conducted the quarterly Board of Directors meeting on January 29, 2022. The meeting was conducted via Zoom, due to the continuing concern over in-person meetings due to Covid. Twenty-five of the forty-eight voting members were present. To be a voting member, a compatriot must be a chapter president, a state officer, or a state honorary vice-president.

Several state officers presented a written report of their activities for the previous quarter, and some also gave verbal reports. Additionally, some chapters presented written reports, but there were no verbal reports. Numerous committee chairmen presented written reports, with some following up with verbal presentations and/or motions.

Honorary Vice President (HVP) James Osbourn reported on the upcoming Annual Meeting which will be held in St. Louis, at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel on April 29-30, 2022. There are great rates on the rooms, and registration is open during February and March. The Missouri Society webpage has information on meeting registration and hotel registration. All Missouri Society compatriots are encouraged to attend.

In old business, the Board voted to continue the use of plaques for both the Yohe Year Book Award and the Josiah Fogg Award winning chapters. President Swales commended (HVP) Dennis Hahn for his excellent reporting of color guard activities and the great coverage the Missouri Society receives as a result. Executive Vice President (EVP) Michael Robertson presented a report and motion from the annual meeting host chapter committee which will guide the selection of any chapters wishing to be placed on the host list. The list currently contains 7 Missouri Society chapters, and rotates from chapter to chapter. EVP Robertson also informed the Board that a fund to endow the Yohe Fund Raising Project is up and running. New donors will be recognized at the April Annual Meeting.

In an effort to bring Board of Directors meetings closer to the center of the state, Second Vice President Michael Powers reported that the location he had secured in Jefferson City has since decided to close their facility to all outside groups. The search for a suitable location starting in July continues.

First Vice President David Shaul reminded everyone who has any contact with youth through SAR that Youth Protection Training is a mandate. Once the very brief training is completed, each compatriot should copy the certificate of completion and forward a copy to the Missouri Society secretary.

As officers change, it is imperative that a Change of Officer form be completed and submitted to the Missouri Society

Secretary each time any officer changes occur. He will then inform the National Society, the State Registrar and the Webmaster so that everyone is on the same page. The form is on the NSSAR website.

HVP J. Howard Fisk updated the Board concerning the new plaque at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, MO. The plaque memorializes President Truman's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and is located adjacent to Truman's statue. Once the library reopens, compatriots are encouraged to tour and make note of the plaque.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2022-2023. The nominees are: President-J. Michael Robertson, EVP-David R. Shaul, 1st VP-Michael H. Powers, 2nd VP-Steven E. Biggs, Secretary-Walter E. (Gene) Henry, Treasurer-John L. Bedell, Genealogist-W. Christian Sizemore, Registrar-Kirk T. Walker, Chancellor-Ronald L. Hack, Chaplain-H. Dan Philbrick, Historian -- Harold T. (Tom) Sentman, Surgeon-Norman P. Knowlton, III, M.D., and Sergeant-at-Arms-Daniel F. Piedlow. Officers will be elected and installed at the April 29-30 meeting in St. Louis.

Publicity Committee Chairman Dan Evans reported on the reestablishment of The Missouri Compatriot, which will enhance the ability to inform compatriots and others of the activities and events of the Missouri Society and its chapters.

A motion was made and seconded to require National and State Life Members to remain chapter members also, by amending the Society's By-Laws. The vote on this motion will be conducted at the April meeting. This will have no effect on the 6 current MOSSAR compatriots who are members-at-large. That grouping was frozen at an earlier meeting, meaning there will be no additional members-at-large. An additional motion to amend the By-Laws will also be voted upon at the April meeting. That proposed amendment will include the requirement that chapter By-Laws will be archived at the State Historical Society.

Following the business meeting, Phil Bloyd, from the National Society Education Center and Museum gave an interesting power point presentation showing the remodeling of the facility. Phil's primary responsibility is fund raising and he mentioned numerous potential large donors to the National Society to enhance operations.

Gene Henry
Secretary



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Missouri SAR Annual Meeting — April 29th and 30th, 2022

2022 Missouri Society Annual Meeting Registration is open!



President George Swales invites members and their guests to attend the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting hosted by the Spirit of St Louis Chapter. This event will offer a long awaited return to in-person meetings, and we have some special plans for you!

The conference will open on Friday, April 29th with a Reception Dinner. Our speaker will be Dr. Kent Gregory, Chairman of the SAR Museum Board. This evening will be in celebration of the SAR Education Center and Museum. We will certainly enjoy learning about this major project.

Our State Chaplain, H Dan Philbrick, will lead us in a Memorial Breakfast on Saturday morning, followed by the Quarterly Missouri Board meeting. All members are invited to attend because the floor will be opened for Nominations and other membership business. We will recognize the contestants at the Youth Awards Luncheon. The closing event will be the Installation Banquet where our honored guest will be NSSAR Secretary General, C. Bruce Pickette.

Please reserve your room and register for the meeting as soon as possible. The [Hotel has arranged a block of rooms for extended stays](#), in case you want to enjoy Saint Louis before or after the meeting:

Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis for \$119 per night

Start Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022

End Date: Monday, May 2, 2022

Last Day to Book: April 8, 2022

Book your group rate for your hotel room and download your meeting registration form at <http://mossar.org/>



Secretary General Bruce Pickette is a 1968 ROTC graduate of Jacksonville State University in Alabama. His degrees include a B.S. in Secondary Education with a major in History, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Masters in Library Science. He was commissioned in the Signal Corps and spent 24 years in the Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. After his military career, he worked full-time in the information technology field for defense contractor companies for 15 years, retiring again in 2007. He became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2002. He served as his chapter president in 2006 and as Alabama Society state president in 2010-2011. Bruce has served as the National Society's Librarian General, Registrar General, Treasurer General and is currently serving as Secretary General of the SAR.

Color Guard Report

It is my pleasure as State Color Guard Commander to share some information about the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. For those who do not know me or not met me, I would like to offer a bit of an introduction. I became a member of the SAR in 2004 while living in Massachusetts. I am a Nebraska native and, in my 38+ career years moved around from Missouri (Springfield, Kansas City and St. Charles), Wisconsin and Massachusetts. My 16 years in the Boston (2000-2016) area was wonderful for getting exposed to history, and the SAR. I retired a little early and moved back to Springfield.

I became a MOSSAR Color Guard member in 2008, and concurrently served in a variety of offices at the chapter and state level, including state secretary for 4 years and state President for 18 months until relocation to Missouri. It is common in Massachusetts for the President to serve 2 or more years. I was the Commander of the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard for 1 year before becoming State President.

Currently, I am the chapter genealogist for Ozark Mountain Chapter, as well as the State Commander. These are my areas of focus and pleasure.

In Massachusetts, in the winter of 2016, the Guard began training to National Park Service standards. This was all by design so that the Guard could reinstitute what they did 25 years earlier: fire ceremonial musket volleys from the north bridge in Concord, the very location where the war for independence officially began. This also allowed the Guard to fire a triple volley at the Bunker Hill national park at the June 17 ceremony.

I want to train our Guardsmen to the same standards here in Missouri. It is not difficult, it does require some training, but once completed, they are certified to NPS standards. Training to this standard goes beyond perceived compliance. It provides a level of consistency across all chapters so that when a state or national event occurs, all who fire their musket do so in a safe and uniform manner. To the spectator, it is awesome to see, and instills pride within the Guardsman.

2022 is the year for re-certification and training for the new "musketier" to a level recommended by the national Color Guard. We are also preparing regulations for Color Guard, and safety protocols and procedures. This will bring the Guard into full compliance with national recommendations. When the training opportunity arises, commit, and participate.

To a different thought. Chapter invigoration and participation. I would like to see all chapters in Missouri have at least two Color Guard members. A militia outfit is not nearly as expensive as a formal uniform, such as that worn by the Continental Army soldier, or that which I wear. I will discuss uniform options with anyone interested in becoming a Color Guard member. The important point: **join**. We are the public face of the SAR. We participate in many events in this State. This link below will take you to the current issue of the national ColorGuardsman magazine. Be proud at how many events the Show Me state does. Yet we can do more, and we can educate more in areas currently lacking a Color Guard presence. Magazine link:

[36-ColorGuardsman v10-i4.pdf \(sar.org\)](#)

Steven Perkins
State Color Guard Commander, Missouri Society



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration -- November 7, 2021

Maple Park Cemetery - Springfield, MO Remarks by Paul Frinsthal

Former Sentinel and Commander of the First Relief

In just 4 days it will be the 100th anniversary of the burial of the World War 1 unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). I am humbled by the names and titles of all those present who have taken time today for this remembrance of someone we do not know...an American soldier who sacrificed his life...that we may have this country...this land we call home.

ANC has been a national cemetery since 1864. Abraham Lincoln had a lot to do with this.

The civil war was about to break loose.

In July of 1861 President Lincoln invited Robert E. Lee to the white house to ask him to be the ranking general of the union army. Lee turned Lincoln down. Lee was living in Virginia, and it became a confederate state. Both men were very polite about this decision. However, cabinet members Montgomery Meigs and Edwin Stanton, who hated Lee, were constantly on the lookout for ways to hurt him.

Many terrible battles happened within a few miles of Arlington. Eventually, Meigs & Stanton started burying troops from both sides in and around the Lee property. From a number of battlefields unknown union and confederate soldiers were buried in Lee's back yard. In a grave measuring 50'x50'x10' the first unknowns (2,111) were buried at ANC.

Today there are 155 national military cemeteries in 42 states...some are very small. Most are maintained by the states where they are found. History reveals that the first unknown soldier memorial site was established in Denmark in 1849.

Our nation did not consider having an unknown soldier memorial...until after England established such a site in 1919.

Our first unknown soldier came about in 1921 in the following way:

- * Four French battlefield cemeteries were selected.
- * From each of these, one unknown American soldier was exhumed
- * The remains of each were placed in four identical coffins
- * Our most decorated American soldier, Sgt. Edward Younger was chosen to pick one of these four to be the WWI American unknown.

This unknown was taken from France to Washington DC where he was taken to lie in state in the rotunda of our nation's capital before he was taken the next day to ANC.

He was buried at a prepared site near the entrance to the memorial amphitheater.

President Warren G. Harding officiated at the internment on the 11th hour...of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1921.

- * From 1921 to 1925 the tomb was unprotected
- * From 1925 to 1937 a military guard was in place when the cemetery was open to the public
- * From 1937 to this very moment a military guard has been present every second.
- * The WWI tomb we see today was dedicated in 1932: 7 pieces of marble: at about 80 tons
- * It is cleaned and inspected every year

The number one question wherever I go...is how the sentinels are selected for this honor.

In my time they were picked by current guards and honor guard ranking personal. We were trained at night and on week-ends...then we were tried...then we were accepted or rejected.

On July 7, 1965...I was in the prep room at the tomb. In just a few minutes at 1:00 pm, I would walk the mat in front of the tomb for the first time. I was being tried. My clothes and buttons and shoes and all other uniform parts were carefully checked by me and others...over and over again...they were perfect...they had to be...I felt great...I was ready. Then the commander of the first relief...who does all the guard changes...said to me as he went out the door:

"Frinsthal...this is it.... remember...as a tomb guard you only get one chance to make your final mistake" My rifle was handed to me...along with encouragement from other guards...I was ready!!!

Then it hit me.... what was I about to do...I was about to do things I knew I couldn't do...I was never able to give a speech and in basketball, I was too nervous to shoot the ball or carry the ball with everyone looking at me. Once again...I now had the ball...everyone (about 1,500 people) ...and their cameras would all be focused on me.

Somewhere over 1,200+ guard changes later...I was still a little nervous...but I got through it because what I was doing was not for me...the crowd.... the Sgt. of the guard.... or any military-minded person from the pentagon who might have a note pad and a stopwatch to make sure we were doing our job.

What I was doing was for all the unknowns...who had no name on their white stone...but they deserved this honor because of their ultimate sacrifice.

Two experiences happened to me at the tomb that I cannot forget:

Night duty...with my friends.

After the cemetery would close each day...the tomb guards would start 2-hour shifts until 7 am the next morning...not formal...but demanding.

You're in the middle of a large cemetery and there is not another living person to talk to...you hear sounds...you see things move...you're a bit tired.

On some evenings I would pass the time away by talking to the unknowns...I know what you're thinking...for the record... no! They did not respond.

But I always felt that somehow, they knew I was there...it was a good...friendly feeling. Such thoughts touched my heart.

One other experience I will share: On a regular day...about 200 people gathered...the guard change was over and I was beginning my 60-minute walk.... then at one end of the plaza I spotted an older couple. The man had a cane he leaned on, and the woman had a hanky she kept wiping her eyes.

I never gave it much thought until that evening. It came to me...just maybe this couple had a son who fought in WWI. And maybe he never came home. Could it be that this couple thought the unknown buried there was possibly their son?

As this tribute ends, I want you to know and consider the motto of the tomb guards both active and retired: "Soldiers never die...until they are forgotten...tomb guards never forget"

Many of you here this day also believe this with all your heart...thank you.

No place that honors our veterans in America is more special than others...but only one has chosen for the past 84 years to honor our unknowns...as is done at Arlington...in doing so we encourage the living to never let this remembrance die...since 1937.

This special guard unit understands completely their call to duty and the impact of these words found upon the tomb of the WWI unknown:

Here rests in honored glory

An American soldier

Known but to God

I truly believe that somewhere in God's eternity for us...if so blessed...I will meet the soldier we honor today...first a salute... then a soldier's hug.

On veteran's day, in a quiet moment, we...from our hearts might ask God to bless this day of remembrance. Under the shadow of freedom and liberty provided by our veterans whose names are often found on white marble markers...all across this land and around the world...and lest we forget...our thanks to the thousands of lives whose stones are simply marked...Unknown American Soldier.

Our freedoms and liberty...might encourage us to say...from our hearts: God bless moments of remembrance like this
God bless our veterans, God bless the DAR and all patriotic Americans who will never forget!

And God bless America!

This was provided by the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Many thanks!

Geographical Chapter Listing

- CAPE GIRARDEAU - Allen Laws Oliver Chapter
- COLUMBIA - M. Graham Clark Chapter
- HARRISONVILLE - Spirit of 76 Chapter
- INDEPENDENCE - Harry S. Truman Chapter
- INDEPENDENCE - Independence Patriots Chapter
- JEFFERSON CITY - Christopher Casey Chapter
- JOPLIN - Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter
- KANSAS CITY - Alexander Majors Chapter
- KIRKSVILLE - Cpl Braxton C. Pollard Chapter
- LIBERTY - William C. Corum Chapter
- ROLLA - Ozark Patriots Chapter
- SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter
- ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter
- ST. LOUIS - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter
- WARRENSBURG - Martin Warren Chapter

News — From the Chapters

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Allen Laws Oliver Chapter

We restarted our meetings in September 2021 having last met in February of 2020. With Covid-19 abated, we sponsored our biggest event and sole fundraiser for the year with a Presidents Day 5k Race on Saturday, 19 February 2022.



Photo from our past race.

We recently presented a General George Washington portrait to the Poplar Bluff High School Army JROTC. They have proudly displayed the portrait in their “Chain of Command” gallery.



ALO Chapter President James W. Bizzell presenting a George Washington portrait to E troop of the Poplar Bluff High School Army JROTC.



Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Roderick (Left) and Lt. Col. Kulla showing where the portrait will be displayed.

We are actively expanding our outreach in our communities by initiating an email campaign to inform appropriate organizations of our recognition certificates to the local police and firefighters, high school JROTC, and flag certificates to our citizenry who “fly the colors” daily.

These endeavors are aimed at one objective—that of increasing our membership. With a larger chapter membership, we will be able to stage the kind of celebrations worthy of our Nation’s 250th birthday in 2026.

James Bizzell, President

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INDEPENDENCE - Harry S. Truman Chapter

On January 8, 2022, the Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented Dee Wolf with a Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR/DAR medal set for appreciation. Dee has been a huge asset to the chapter providing educational presentations and attending chapter events.



Robert Grover, Dee Wolfe, and Past President James Coonrod .

New officers for 2022 were sworn in on January 8.

The new officers are:

Dawson Ballard Jr-President

Keith Adams-Secretary

Courtney Sloan-Treasurer

Brian Smarker-Genealogist/Register

Thomas Barden-Surgeon

Kenneth Bailey-Chaplin

John Stewart-Sargent-at-Arms/Honorary VP

James Coonrod-Historian



News — From the Chapters

LIBERTY - William C. Corum Chapter



On Saturday, September 18th, 2021, the William C. Corum Chapter held the grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Davis led by chapter President, Michael Robertson.

John Davis was born August 19th, 1753 in Prince William County VA. In the Spring of 1775 while living in Prince William County, he enlisted in the Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army. He served 3 months in Colonel Levin Powell's Virginia regiment in Captain Heatter's company. After that, he re-enlisted as a wagoner under Wagon Master John Morris and served for fifteen months. Again in 1780 John Davis enlisted for service this time from Rowan County, NC in Colonel Lytle's NC regiment in Captain Lowman's Company and one month in Captain Hendricks's Company. Following the war, he served an additional six months against the Tories and was taken prisoner at Charleston NC. He received his pension on August 10th, 1832 in Perry Township, Pickaway County, OH and moved to Washington Township, Buchanan County, MO in 1843. On May 31st, 1844, John Davis passed away and was buried at King Hill Cemetery with full military honors.



William C. Corum Chapter 40th Anniversary

On October 2nd, 2021, the William C. Corum chapter celebrated their 40th anniversary. In attendance were five of the original charter members; Compatriots Bruce Heavner, Robert Grover, Stuart Elliot, Bryan Corum and Robert Corum. The guest speaker for the event was Past President General Compatriot David Appleby and receiving special recognition was Compatriot Burton Mayfield, Past President of the Missouri Society of SAR when the chapter was formed.

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LIBERTY - William C. Corum Chapter Continued



At the December 2021 meeting Compatriot and Past Chapter President Robert Corum performed the swearing in for the new board. President Drew Kingery, Chancellor Roger Driskell, Historian Rick McMillan, Chaplain Mark Robertson, Secretary Jim Carlson and Vice President Kirk Walker.



President Drew Kingery pictured with outgoing President Michael Robertson.



News — From the Chapters

ROLLA - Ozark Patriots Chapter

October – December 2021 Activities

9th October 2021:

Program: Kelvin Erickson gave a presentation on the South Carolina Regulators and the battle of Alamance. The battle was on May 16, 1771. The Regulators had a larger force and though they lacked the leadership and ammunition that the British had (under the leadership of Governor William Tryon), the early course of the battle went well for the Regulators. However, they ran out of ammunition and then fled to field. Some consider the battle a warning of the coming Revolution

13th November 2021:

Program: Herb Turner gave an interesting talk about a new display at the Smithsonian. It is commemorating how important the Iroquois participated in the Revolutionary War. Something we seldom hear enough of.



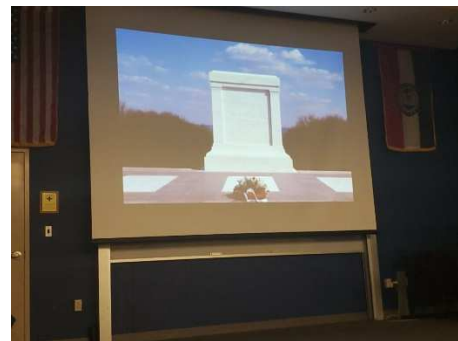
Don Turner, Brad Frazier, Michael Flowers at Nov. 11, 2021 Meeting



Brad Frazier, Michael Flowers, Dan Woodward, Danny Creason, Herb Turner at Nov. 11, 2021 Meeting

4th December 2021:

The SAR Ozark Patriots Chapter and the DAR Noah Coleman chapter held a joint meeting in Emerson Electric Co. Hall on the Missouri S&T Campus. Paul Frinsthal, from Kansas City and who served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, was the speaker. He gave an interesting presentation on the history of the tomb and his service as one of the guards.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Speaker Paul Frinsthal

ROLLA - Ozark Patriots Chapter continued

11th December 2021:

Program: Herb Turner gave an interesting talk on a battle that happened on Dec. 11, 1777 – the Battle of Matson's Ford. It happened as Washington was heading to Valley Forge to winter. It happened by accident when both armies were foraging and happened to meet each other. The Americans were overrun and the British met the main party at Matson's Ford as the Continental Army was crossing the Schuylkill River. The Americans retreated to the far side. The British left the area the next to forage elsewhere. The battle delayed the Americans by 2 weeks to the winter camp at Valley Forge.



Darrell Ownby, Michael Flowers, Brad Frazier, Danny Creason at Dec. 11, 2021 Meeting.

26th December 2021:

Ian Frazier, who is unable to attend regular meetings due to being resident in Montreal, was inducted by Kelvin Erickson, in the home of Ian's father, Brad Frazier



Ian Frazier (on left) being inducted by Kelvin Erickson.

Kelvin Erickson
Secretary, Ozark Patriots Chapter
Missouri Society SAR

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SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter

Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard at Ozark Technical College for their Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th.



In attendance are (L to R): Charles McMillan, George Swales, Norm Knowlton, J. Howard Fisk, Dan Philbrick, Ken Lawrence, Don Higgerson, Gary Gift, Steve Perkins and Daniel Piedlow (photographer).



Ozark Mountain Chapter President Curtis Trent and J. Howard Fisk presenting the Ozark Technical College Student Veteran of the Year Award to Anthony Risvold.

Presenting the Colors at Greenwood Laboratory School for their Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th.



Left to Right: Compatriots Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Norm Knowlton, J. Howard Fisk, Steve Perkins, and Gary Gift.

The first official marking of Nathan Clifton's gravesite with a granite SAR marker, included no less than 21 descendants of Nathan Clifton came from Republic to the west and St. James from the east. Greetings were brought by the DAR Chapter Agnes Hill of Phillipsburg, one of several DAR Chapters represented, as well as a newly established HaHa Tonka CAR Chapter.



A triple musket volley was fired by OPC and OMC Color Guard members, following the laying of the wreath at Nathan's newly marked gravestone. The ceremony transitioned to a recognition of Patriot Sons and a Daughter, also buried there. Single musket shots were fired at the unveiling of the Patriot Sons/Daughters medallion placed on Eveline Clifton's gravestone, and also on Civil War Veterans Madison Clifton and Allison Clifton.



Here's the link for the video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yktwzwmw_dwg

News — From the Chapters

SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter — Continued

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration -- November 7, 2021



Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard present colors for the Tomb of the Unknown Ceremony.



Remarks by Paul Frinsthal Former Sentinel and Commander of the First Relief.



Attendees at the Tomb of the Unknown Ceremony at Maple Park Cemetery, Springfield, MO.

Recognizing Boy Scout Isaac Hillhouse for his exemplary service to his brother Trevor Hillhouse.

Isaac and Trevor Hillhouse were tubing and playing in two to three feet of water on a family river outing with their siblings and parents. After tubing for a while in shallow water the brothers began to walk back up stream to rejoin their family when Trevor stepped into a deep hole in the river that they weren't aware of. The deep, rapidly moving water swept Trevor away and he began to panic as the swift water was well above his head. Isaac wasted no time in jumping into the deep and dangerous water, risking his own life to save his brother. As a result of the heroic action of Isaac Hillhouse the life of his brother Trevor was saved.

This unselfish act of heroism brought Ozark Mountain Chapter to award Isaac Hillhouse the National Heroism Award from the Sons of the American Revolution on December 6th, 2021.



Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Isaac Hillhouse, George Swales, and Mr. Hillhouse.

News — From the Chapters

ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter



Saint Charles DAR Chapter Member Ms. Megan Atchley took photos of Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard Members Marvin Koechig and Charles Lilly at the Daniel Boone Home in St. Charles County, Missouri for use in painting a portrait to submit in the 2020-2021 DAR American Heritage Contest, an National DAR Award.

The theme of the contest is "Rise and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot". Due to health reasons, she was unable to complete a painting in time for the contest so instead she decided to submit one of the photos she took for the photography section of the DAR American Heritage Contest.

Ms. Atchley stated "Amazingly, I saw potential in an accidental picture I took of Marvin Koechig blinking, which has won 1st place for the black and white photography category in the contest! The accidental photo looked like my ancestor praying solemnly before the Battle of Saratoga. So, I aged it a bit and put it in black and white. Apparently, the judges liked it too! I titled it "A Moment of Prayer by Col. Latimer." I hope it evokes a moment where the Revolutionary War did not have a certain outcome and the struggles of war on what were effectively very brave but normal people."

Joint Meeting with St. Charles DAR

On October 16, 2021 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter held a joint meeting to serve as each organization's monthly meeting.

The meeting was held at the Community Room located in the Spencer Creek Library Branch. The meeting was well attended by members of both chapters. Both chapters initiated new members.



Left to right: Secretary Dan Evans, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, Casey Brizendine, President Jim Jackson, Saint Charles DAR Chapter Regent Gail Rea, Vice President Marvin Koechig, Chaplain Steve Baldwin, and Genealogist Doug Neff.

A portrait was presented to Compatriot Charles Lilly painted by DAR Member Megan Atchley.



Portrait Presentation by Artist Megan Atchley
The subject of the portrait is Compatriot Charles E. Lilly.

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ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter Continues

Veterans Memorial Dedication at Oak Grove Cemetery

St. Charles, Missouri

Members of the FDL Chapter Color Guard participated in the Veterans Memorial Dedication held on November 6, 2021, at the Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Charles.



Left to right: Bill Grote, Casey Brizendine, Marvin Koechig, and Jim Jackson.



FDL Chapter President Jim Jackson and Saint Charles DAR Chapter Regent Gail Rea.

A Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the Oak Grove Cemetery located in St. Charles, Missouri. Color Guard Members from the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and Spirit of St. Louis Chapter presented the Colors. The Memorial Stone was provided by several organizations and individuals including the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter.

Others participating in the dedication program were members of the Saint Charles DAR Chapter; American Legion Post 313 of St. Peters, Missouri; American Legion Post 312 of St. Charles, and the pastor of Calvary Temple Church. Over 100 people attended the dedication. Over 600 Veterans have been laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery. There are veterans from all wars buried in Oak Grove starting with Warren Cottle, Sr. from the American Revolution up to present day in Afghanistan.

Honoring our Retiring Genealogist



Left to right: Secretary Dan Evans, Genealogist Doug Neff, and President Jim Jackson. Genealogist Emeritus Certificate.

At the January 10th 2022 Chapter Meeting President Jim Jackson and Secretary Dan Evans presented retiring Genealogist Doug Neff a certificate selecting him Genealogist Emeritus for Fernando de Leyba Chapter for his meritorious and consistent fine service in the past years. The Chapter highly appreciates the fact that Doug will continue to be available as a member of the Genealogy Committee to assist application processes.



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ST. LOUIS - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter

Greetings Missouri Compatriots:

Recently our chapter's spectacular Patriot Grave Marking at Fee Fee Cemetery on October 23 was featured on the front page of a local newspaper as well as in the Missouri section of the SAR **COLORGUARDSMAN**. Committee Chair **Dr. Steven Nichols** deserves praise for a job well done. Additional help came from others too numerous to name here: a local municipality provided chairs and a public address system while MOSSAR Color Guardsmen from six different chapters were in attendance which included an impressive musket volley. We are thankful to MOSSAR State Color Guard Commander **Steve Perkins**, Publications Chair **Dennis Hahn**, and all those who helped make the day so successful.

In November SSL held a joint meeting with **C. A. R.** attended by their Missouri State President **Marcus Sammons** who spoke on "Feeding Fischer's Families" and the "Oscar Mike" program for handicapped veterans. SSL voted to make a cash donation and several SSL members also purchased large amounts of pecan bag fundraisers to help C. A. R. for the coming year. Our C. A. R. Chapter Chair **Wayne Davis** does a great deal to help C. A. R. members to find SSL when they are ready to transition. Later in the meeting, Bronze **250th Anniversary Medals** were awarded to Chapter Registrar **John Hundley** and Chapter Historian **Joe Burke**

In December's meeting, past SSL Chapter President and former MOSSAR President **Keith Brown** was remembered during a moment of silence. Then December's SSL chapter meeting was followed that day by **Wreaths across America** which SSL placed greenery on the graves of Revolutionary War Original Patriots and past SAR member Compatriots buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The locations of graves were also added to the Find-A-Grave GPS which is now part of the **Patriot Record System**. Chapter Genealogist **Doug Anderson** manages our chapter's part of the Patriot Record System and was recently notified he earned a prestigious **Lafayette Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters** from National for his work. MOSSAR will award him this honor during April's State Conference.

Also noteworthy is that planning has picked up for our chapter hosting the **2022 MOSSAR Annual State Conference** and Chapter Treasurer **John Bedell** says we're in a great financial position to host this fantastic event being held the final weekend of April this year. Convention Chairman **James Osbourn** is planning quite a memorable event which is hoped makes up for missing the past two years due to COVID. So please plan to meet me in St. Louis where friendships from across Missouri get renewed and enjoy the festivities along with the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven E. Biggs, Spirit of St. Louis Chapter President



News — From the Chapters

WARRENSBURG - Martin Warren Chapter

The Martin Warren Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, in conjunction with the Udolpho Miller Dorman and Henry County Chapters, DAR, honored World War 2 veteran George Lawrence Ragan prior to his 95th birthday on November 13, 2021. Other participants included the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Clinton High School JROTC, UCM ROTC, and the Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee.

George, who turned 95 on November 18, served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during the war, transporting supplies and personnel in the Pacific Theater. He enlisted on his 18th birthday and continued his service past the end of the war. He now resides in Clinton, Missouri.

Numerous family members joined in the celebration, which continued at his daughter's residence following the cake, cookies, punch and nuts earlier in the afternoon. George enjoyed the afternoon's activities, regaling the attendees with stories of his service and of family events.

All the organizations involved congratulate George on his service. Honoring our veterans is integral to the interests of each of the organizations and all were pleased to participate. Thanks to the members of all participating for honoring this deserving veteran.



L-R, Gene Henry, President, Martin Warren Chapter, SAR; Marilynn Henry, Regent Henry County Chapter, DAR; George Ragan; Nancy Summers, Recording Secretary, Udolpho Miller Dorman Chapter, DAR; Lana Whitworth, Henry County Chapter, DAR; and Shelia Wilson, Vice Regent Henry County Chapter, DAR.



Founding of the Missouri Society and the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

In 1883, the New York Society of the Sons of Revolution was organized by John Austin Stevens (1827-1910). In 1889, William Osborne McDowell (1848-1927), Josiah Collins Pumpelly (1839-1920) and General William Scudder Stryker (1838-1900), residents of New Jersey and members of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution organized the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution but were unwilling to accept the Sons of the Revolution requirement that other state societies be subordinate to the New York society.

As a result, McDowell organized the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at Fraunces Tavern in New York City on April 30, 1889. This date was the centennial for the inauguration of George Washington as the First President of the United States of America in 1789. The SAR was incorporated on January 17, 1890, in Connecticut and the first National Congress was held on April 30, 1890, in Louisville, Kentucky. A congressional charter was granted on June 9, 1906, and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the SAR.

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William Osborne McDowell
(1848-1927)



Josiah Collins Pumpelly
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General William Scudder Stryker
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The circular sent to Missouri Governor David Rowland Francis by William Osborne McDowell was the beginning of the thought to form a state society in Missouri.

The New Jersey Society called on all states to meet in New York City on April 30, 1889, and to form a national society. The circular set forth the objectives and aims of the proposed society. Governor Francis sent the circular and other papers to Josiah Fogg of St. Louis and stated that he had no objection to have the organization in St. Louis. Josiah Fogg immediately published a notice in the newspaper and met with interested men. He published a second notice resulting in nearly 50 men in attendance on April 23, 1889.

The previously appointed committee reported in favor of organizing and presented a constitution and bylaws. Those in attendance at the meeting voted in favor of organizing the proposed Missouri Society, SAR and adopted the constitution and bylaws. The Missouri Society, SAR, was officially organized on April 23, 1889. Officers elected were President. Josiah Fogg, Secretary Harmon J. Bliss, Registrar John M. Fulton, and Treasurer Dr. Charles E. Briggs. The Honorable Gaius Orville Paddock was duly elected to serve as a delegate to the meeting on April 30, 1889, in New York City at Fraunces Tavern.

Founding of the Missouri Society and the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Continued

After a two-day session, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), came into being and Gaius Orville Paddock of St. Louis was elected as Treasurer General. Missouri Governor David Rowland Francis was elected as a Vice President General for Missouri. The St. Louis City government and the Merchants Exchange jointly arranged to have a grand parade on April 30, 1889, in accordance with the recommendations of United States Congress to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first president of the United States. The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution voted to join the procession with their marshals, flags, and music, and to wear the old Continental hats. It was reported "the day was a delight, and nothing occurred to spoil the pleasure of the occasion". The Missouri Society hosted the 15th NSSAR Annual Congress at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.



Dr. Charles Edward Briggs
(1833-1894)



Gaius Orville Paddock
(1836-1936)



David Rowland Francis
(1850-1927)

(Haven't found a photo of Josiah Fogg, Harmon J. Bliss, or John M. Fulton.)

Compiled by Dennis J. Hahn, Honorary Vice President, Missouri Society, Chairman - Historic Sites Committee



In Memorium

Compatriots Lost During 2021

W. Todd Akin	Fernando de Leyba	3-Oct-2021
Ronald Kraus Albaugh	Ozark Mountain	16-Jul-2021
John Francis Attaway	Fernando de Leyba	14-Jul-2021
Herbert William Beck	Allen Laws Oliver	31-Aug-2021
Keith K. Brown Sr.	Spirit of St Louis	6-Dec-2021
Murray Eugene Bussard	Ozark Mountain	14-Aug-2021
John Hardin Chance	M Graham Clark	12-Feb-2021
George Edward Christopher	Ozark Mountain	19-Mar-2021
William L. Groth Jr.	Spirit of St Louis	15-Jan-2021
Harold Henry Kerr II	M Graham Clark	7-Aug-2021
Ronald Edward Knudsen	M Graham Clark	26-Jun-2021
Donald Eugene Lee	William C Corum	1-Feb-2021
David Donald Leight	Spirit of 76	17-Aug-2021
Lewis Wellington McCorkle	William C Corum	13-Jun-2021
George Allen Morgan	William C Corum	4-Mar-2021
Bennet Amos Pendleton	Ozark Mountain	9-Apr-2021
Robert B. Prettyman	Spirit of 76	3-Aug-2021
Robert Eugene Quint	Alexander Majors	22-Jan-2021
Donal J. Stanton	Ozark Mountain	9-Nov-2021
Gregory Leroy Stone	Spirit of St Louis	2-Mar-2021
Vernon Raymond Towner	Christopher Casey	1-Jul-2021
Frank P. Wilfley	Braxton C Pollard	10-May-2021
Keith Zimmerman	Independence Patriots	10-May-2021

From the Editors / Publisher

From the Editors and Publisher,

It is indeed our pleasure to present to you the first issue in the newest Volume 29 of the *Missouri Compatriot*.

This publication could not have been created without the assistance Compatriots throughout the State of Missouri gave by providing and editing stories for submission. We thank you all for your efforts and interest.

The *Missouri Compatriot* will be published three times per year as Spring, Summer, and Fall issues published in February, May, and November.

Speaking for the Committee, I hope you will like the reinstated publication and will think about submitting stories to add to the richness this vehicle.

For the Publicity Committee Members and Co-Editors,

Dennis Hahn
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