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## The President's Message



Compatriot's spring is in the air and with that comes new opportunities to promote our core principles of Patriotism, Preserving American History and Fostering Education.

Mark your calendars and please plan to attend these upcoming events:

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Membership Meeting and Conference being held at Stoney Creek Hotel in Independence, MO., on April 28-29, 2023. The William C. Corum Chapter is this year's host chapter. On Friday night April 28<sup>th</sup>, noted Missouri author, Ross Malone, will be our keynote speaker. Malone's program will be about his book, "Extreme Valor, Missouri Medal of Honor Recipients." Saturday night, NSSAR Secretary General John Dodd, will be our honored guest and speaker. There is still time to send in your reservations for the event.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Missouri Society will be marking ten Patriot Graves at a National Society Sons of the American Revolution event at Sainte Genevieve, Missouri.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Missouri Society will be participating in the 2023 Commemoration Service for the Battle of Fort San Carlos which will be conducted at 2:00pm, at Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church.

The Veterans Honor Flight program is back into full swing. Please support our veterans and welcome them home from their trips to our Nation's Capital.

Have you thought about joining the Veteran's Outreach Program? If you are avid genealogy researcher and you are willing and able to go to a VA facility to help a veteran learn how to research his/her family tree, contact Compatriot Doug Fitts at 314-605-1646 or email him at [fitts@charter.net](mailto:fitts@charter.net) for more information.

One of the best ways to promote your chapter is through involvement with the Color Guard. Please encourage fellow members to join the Color Guard and invite them to participate in Color Guard events. We need to get out in the public and promote our core values.

Once again, I challenge and encourage you to find a program in our organization which appeals to you and promote it. Let us "*carpe diem*" ... seize the day and tell the history of our Great Nation.

J. Michael Robertson





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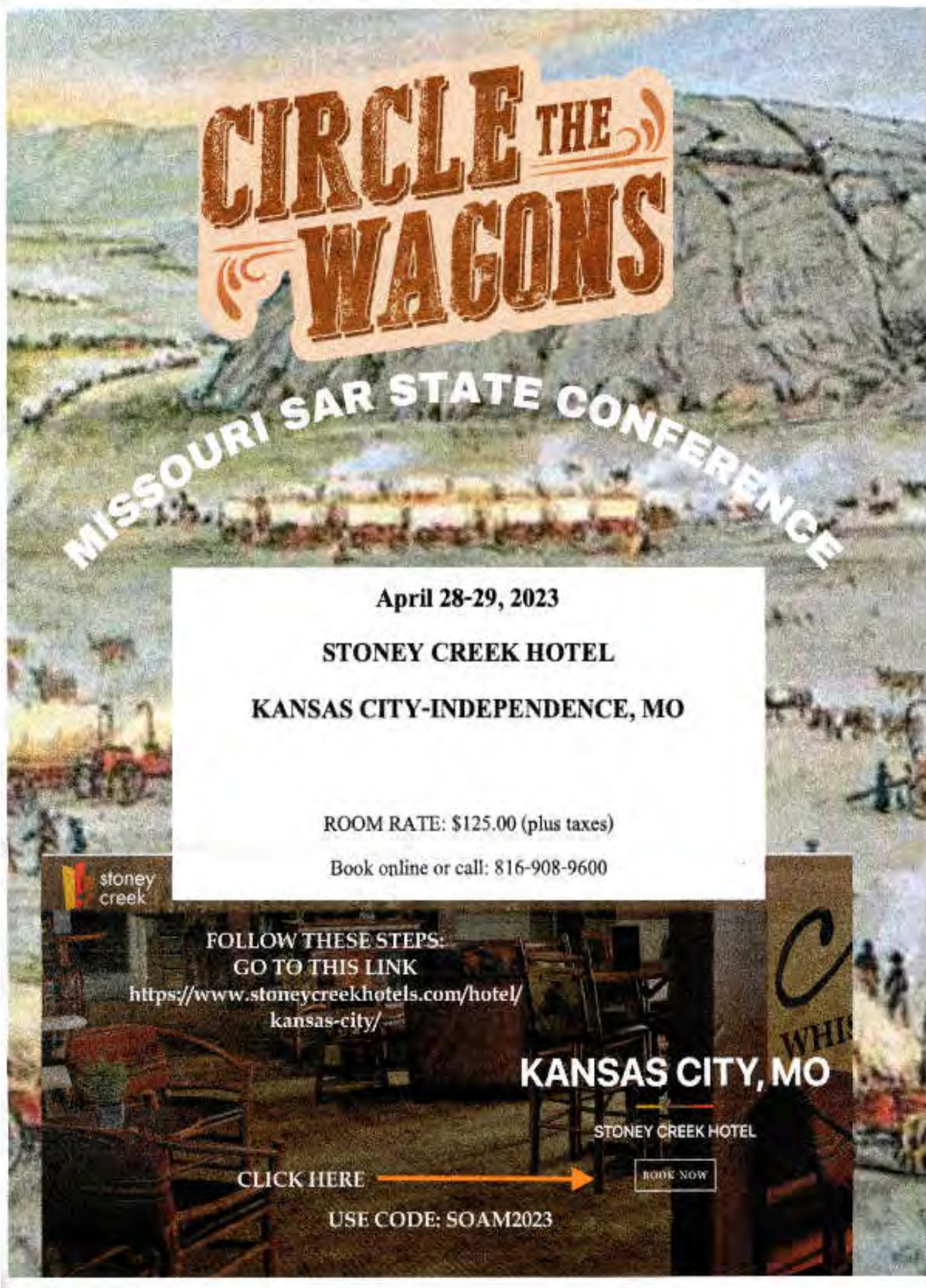
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# CIRCLE THE WAGONS

## MISSOURI SAR STATE CONFERENCE

**April 28-29, 2023**  
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**KANSAS CITY-INDEPENDENCE, MO**

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## Wreaths Across America – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

These six chapters responded to a MOSSAR request for confirming participation in 2022 NSSAR support of Wreaths across America at five locations:

- A) SSL and FDL at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, 23 graves including 4 Original Patriots. 9 compatriot participants with 4 in Color Guard uniform
  - B) IPC and MWC at Higginsville Missouri Veterans Cemetery
  - C) MWC also at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence
  - D) OMC at William Freeman grave at Springfield National Cemetery
  - E) OPC at St. James Veterans Home Cemetery
- MWC Proposed 2023 addition Warrensburg Cemetery



Don Turner Ozark Patriots at Cuba MO



2022 MOSSAR participants left to right Bob Midyett, Doug Anderson, Terry Trucks, Kevin Hulsey, Steven Biggs, Steve Baldwin, Keith Morris, and John Bedell



Deceased former Missouri State Color Guard Commander Bill Groth honored with wreath by MOSSAR 2nd Vice President Steven Biggs

Ozark Mountain Chapter



Left to right: Steven Perkins, J. Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Don Higgeson, George Swales, Norman Knowlton, with MOSSAR President Michael Robertson, Ozark Mountain Chapter President Ben Edmondson, and Daniel Piedlow (photographer in uniform).



The Independence Patriots Chapter conducted the opening ceremony for Wreaths Across America, at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville Missouri, honoring those Valiant men and women who severed our country in the Armed Services of Our United States, followed by Taps and a Musket Salute  
 L/R Stephen Sullins (IPC), Ronald Paris(IPC), Dean Murphy(MWC), Charlie Guthrie(USN Retired), Barbara Swartz(USAF Retired), Michael Hahn (IPC), Tori Thompson(American Heritage Girls), David Klassen(District 1 Commander, VFW, US Army Retired) Not Pictured.





IPC President Steve Sullins



(L to R): Mark Parks, MWC, John Stewart, HST, Robert Grover, HST, Tom Neal, HST, and Carolyn Grover (IPC, MSSDAR)



Mark Parks, MWC

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Independence, Missouri

December 17, 2022

Opening Ceremony State SAR Color Guard

Welcome – Patricia Stewart, Regent  
Independence Pioneers Chapter, NSDAR

Claudia McCarthy, Veterans Chair  
Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks – Patricia Stewart

Honor Guard VFW Post 1000

Directions – Claudia McCarthy

Laying of Wreaths

Thanks to all that purchased wreaths to  
honor our Veterans.

## Welcome to our New Compatriots November 1st, 2022 to January 31st, 2023

			<b>NSSAR Reg</b>			
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>NSSAR#</b>	<b>MOSSAR #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Michael	Fritz	Hubbard	224171	3822	28-Oct-22	FDL
David	Vernon	Beem	224172	3823	28-Oct-22	MGC
Buzz		Key	224248	3824	4-Nov-22	AMC
<a href="#">Ivan</a>	Lynn	Stull	224307	3825	11-Nov-22	HST
Daniel	Ray	Cowin	224308	3826	11-Nov-22	OMC
Nicholas	Lynn	Zeitlow	224309	3827	11-Nov-22	MGC
Howard	Clifford	Hoyt	224310	3828	11-Nov-22	IPC
James	Howard	Bell	224311	3829	11-Nov-22	SSL
Robert	Stonewall	Koffman Jr	224370	3830	18-Nov-22	FDL
Nathan	Scott	Reid	224466	3831	2-Dec-22	CCC
John	Andrew	Rice	224602	3832	9-Dec-22	ALO
Ernest	L	Wasmer	224603	3833	9-Dec-22	HST
Patrick	Andrew	Turner	224604	3834	9-Dec-22	FDL
Jackson	Patrick	Turner	224605	3835	9-Dec-22	FDL
Micah	Thomas	Turner	224606	3836	9-Dec-22	FDL
Jonathan	A T	Saunders	224790	3837	31-Dec-22	OMC
Victor	William	Duncan	224791	3838	31-Dec-22	MGC
Gene	Steele	Zinser	224792	3839	31-Dec-22	OMC
Edward		Butler Jr	224793	3840	31-Dec-22	MWC
John	Taylor	Bush	224794	3841	31-Dec-22	MWC
Ricky	Wayne	Smith Jr	224795	3842	31-Dec-22	SSL
George	Paul	Hoech Jr	224923	3843	13-Jan-23	AMC
Ronald	Lee	Simpson	224924	3844	13-Jan-23	OPC
Robert	Vernon	Neely	225017	3848	20-Jan-23	WCC



## Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup> — 2nd President MOSSAR

### Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup>

Compiled by Dennis J. Hahn

Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup> (26 July 1825 – 4 March 1904) was the second President of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR). He served two years during 1891-1892.

NSSAR No. 3811 – MOSSAR No. 011

Nathan Cole was a nineteenth-century politician, merchant and businessman from Missouri. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Cole attended common schools as a child and later took a partial course at Shurtleff College. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in St. Louis, was a director of the Bank of Commerce for forty-three years, most of which time he was also vice president of the bank, and was a director in a number of insurance and other corporations. Cole served as Mayor of St. Louis, Missouri from 1869 to 1871, was president of the Merchants' Exchange in 1876 and was elected as a Republican to the United States House of Representatives in 1876, serving from 1877 to 1879, being unsuccessful for re-election in 1878. Afterward, he resumed his former business activities in St. Louis until his death there on March 4, 1904. His son, Nathan Cole 4<sup>th</sup>, was one of the founders of the Los Angeles Times, in 1881. While Mayor of St. Louis he dedicated the George Washington statue at Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri in 1869. He served the Missouri Society, SAR as President during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Society (1891-1892). Buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, City of St. Louis, Missouri.

The Patriot of Nathan Cole is Nathan Cole, Sr.

Nathan Cole, Sr. (Dutchess Co., N.Y., 1744 Putnam Co. N.Y., 1803.) Private, 4<sup>th</sup> Conn. Reg't. of Levies, July to December, 1780.

References: Record of Conn. Men in the revolution, p. 191.

Linage:

Nathan Cole, Sr. (1744-1803) m. Mehitable Berry (1748-1803), and had; Nathan Cole, Jr. (1783-1840) m. Sarah Scott (1790-1876), and had; Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup> (1825-1904) m. Rebecca Fagin (1832-1922), and had; Nathan Cole, 4<sup>th</sup> (1860-1921).

Reference: Record of Conn.in the Revolution, p. 10.

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Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup>'s son Amedee Berthold (1855-1922) was a member of MOSSAR. NSSAR No. 3813 — MOSSAR No. 013.

Amedee Berthold's son Ernest Jackson Cole (1887-1969) was a member of MOSSAR. NSSAR No. 20717 — MOSSAR No. 292.

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Nathan Cole, Jr.'s (1783-1840) grandson Charles Briggs Cole (1845-1928) was a member of MOSSAR. NSSAR No. 20716 — MOSSAR No. 291. His father was Herman Camp Cole (1813-1874).

Nathan Cole, Jr.'s (1783-1840) grandson Harry C. Cole (1851-1924) was a member of MOSSAR. NSSAR No. 20718 — MOSSAR No. 293. His father was Herman Camp Cole (1813-1874).

## Nathan Cole 3rd — 2nd President MOSSAR (continued)



Photo taken in 1995  
Rev. Nathan Cole, Sr. (1744-1803)  
Old Baptist Cemetery – Carmel, Putnam County, NY



Photo taken in 2013



Nathan Cole, Jr. (1783-1840)  
Evergreen Cemetery – Chester, Randolph County, IL



Nathan Cole 3<sup>rd</sup> (1825-1904)  
Bellefontaine Cemetery – St. Louis, MO  
Second MOSSAR President (1891-1892)



Amedee Berthold (1855-1922)  
Bellefontaine Cemetery – St. Louis, MO



Ernest Jackson Cole (1887-1969)  
Bellefontaine Cemetery – St. Louis, MO



## Nathan Cole 3rd — 2nd President MOSSAR (continued)



Herman Camp Cole  
(1813-1874)  
Oakwood Cemetery  
Alton, Madison Co., IL



Harry C. Cole  
(1852-1924)  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Chester, Randolph Co., IL



Charles Briggs Cole  
(1845-1928)  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Chester, Randolph Co., IL



George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park – St. Louis, Missouri

The statue was dedicated in 1869 by St. Louis Mayor, Nathan Cole. Nathan Cole would become the second President of the Missouri Society, SAR during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of the Society (1891-1892).

The statue is one of only six bronze castings made from the marble statue of George Washington that stands in the Virginia State Capitol. The original work was created from life by French sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon in 1788; and is the only likeness of George Washington for which he posed.



## 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
- 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

The Allen Laws Oliver Chapter entered a float in the Parade of Lights in downtown Cape Girardeau on 27 November. Our float scene contained a 2 pound cannon with Christmas Lights and Compatriots Steve Shelton (Treasurer) and HVP Jerrell Driver on the float, with President James Bizzell driving. We had our Chapter's name out to thousands of parade watchers along a 25 block route on a beautifully mild evening. We hope to do more of this type of community outreach to publicize our organization.



Our chapter grew by two new members, Compatriots John Rice and Dr. Phillip Finney. They were inducted on 16 January and 20 February, respectively.

We expect that two more will be approved in the near future to continue our growth. Other chapter activities include a \$100 donation for "Wreaths Across America", receipt of our



Flag Retirement certificate, and the culmination of our local Essay Contest patterned roughly on the rules of the Knight Essay Contest. Students of the Prodigy private school were ecstatic on 12 January with the awards of \$250 for first place, \$125 for second, and \$75 for third. We also did a brochure contest with awards of \$125 for first, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third place.

*Robert Finney / James Bizzell*

We presented to Jim McClanahan the Military Service Medal on 16 January and on 20 February, to President James Bizzell, the Wartime Service Medal for service to country during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the Southwest Asia Bar. Additionally, President Bizzell is a member of the Special Operations Veterans Corps for his service in Beirut, Lebanon, Syria, and Grenada. Congratulations to both these veterans. Another of our members has served in the Coast Guard, Compatriot Gerry Keene, and we will submit his credentials to NSSAR for the Patriotism Award as well.



*Jim McClanahan (r) being presented his awards by Pres Jim Bizzell*

To advertise our fundraising President's Day 5K Race, our Vice President, Dr. Walt Schroeder was on radio KZIM to give away U. S. Flags to listeners who called in to the program. Our Race this year was highly successful with 34 runners at the facilities provided by the Century Casino in Cape Girardeau.

## News — From the Chapters

### CAPE GIRARDEAU - Allen Laws Oliver Chapter Continued

On February 18<sup>th</sup> the Allen Laws Oliver Chapter conducted its annual 5K Run at the Cape Girardeau Century Casino. A total of 34 Runners participated almost tripling the number of runners from last year. This year, several runners opted to carry the Stars and Stripes while running, as evidenced by the pictures of the event. As always, plaques were awarded to the overall winners in the female and male categories plus 1st, 2nd, 3rd medals for each age group in ten year increments from ages 19 through 80+. Runners from Indiana and Kentucky were in attendance.

The overall winner was Ryan Seabaugh with a time of 16:39 and the best time in the female category was posted by Tiffany Smith at 25:43.

Note: In the photo finish, Joe Gomez is carrying the 1776 flag and Mary Miller is carrying the 1960 flag. Her friend, Trish Pickett, is in the background. Both ladies found us on the internet and drove from Kentucky for the event,



*New Compatriot John Rice and President James Bizzell*





## News — From the Chapters

### LIBERTY - William C. Corum Chapter

#### WILLAM C CORUM NEWS

We are in full swing getting ready for the annual conference happening at the Stoney Creek Inn April 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be able to attend some or all the events. We still have rooms available. If you need to make a reservation, be sure and use the room code (SOAM2023). That will take you to our block of rooms. We look forward to seeing you in April.

We did not meet in February because we attend the 36<sup>th</sup> annual George Washington Birthday Celebration that was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Kansas City. This event was attended by members of SAR chapters in the Kansas City area from both sides of the state line. There were 10 of us from the chapter along with their wives. Our youngest member was a member of the color guard for this event. Our next meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>. Jack Adel, President of the MSSCAR. He will be presenting a program about his project. His project is "Keep'em Together. This project helps people who find themselves in a situation where they can no longer care for their pets keep them.

## News — From the Chapters

### ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter

#### Veterans Day Memorial Service at Bellefontaine Cemetery – St. Louis, Missouri

Photos were provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL/FDL).

On November 6, 2022 the St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter hosted a Veterans Day Memorial Service with a Wreath Laying Ceremony and Patriot Grave Marking Dedication at Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Members of the Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapters attended and Colorguardsman participated in the services. Attendees included members from several DAR Chapters. St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter marked the grave of American Revolution Patriot Pvt. John Stamps, Fauquier Co., Militia, Virginia. Bellefontaine Cemetery is the resting place of military heroes going back from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam.



Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles followed by unknown man in Civil War uniform, Terry Grogan (SSL), Dan Evans (FDL), and MOSSAR Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL).



Left to right: MOSSAR Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL) and Terry Grogan (SSL).



MOSSAR Secretary Dan Evans (FDL)

## News — From the Chapters

### ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter

**Presentation of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Life Saving Award Medal and Certificate to St. Charles City Police Officers Mike Werhli and Jeffery Bennett on January 9, 2023.**



Left to right Mike Werhli, Jeffery Bennett, and Chapter Vice President Marvin Koechig.



Left to right: Chapter President Jim Jackson, Sgt. Al Howe, Capt. Josh Hoeling, Officer Mike Werhli, Officer Jeffery Bennett, Lt. Dan Gibbons, and Chapter Vice President Marvin Koechig.

Police Officers Mike Werhli and Jeffery Bennett – St. Charles City Police Department – Received the SAR Life Saving Award Medal and Certificate for responded to Cole Blvd., at Elm Street, Saint Charles for a victim trapped inside their vehicle, in the rising flood waters. They observed the victim was still inside the vehicle and he was unable to exit the vehicle on his own. The Fire Department advised that they were unavailable due to other calls. The officers observed that the vehicle was tilted with the driver's side down and was filling with water. The victim was signaling to the officers that he needed immediate help. Officers Werhli and Burnett decided to risk their own safety and go into flood waters and rescue the driver. The victim was removed from the vehicle and a rope was secured around the victim's chest by the officers. The victim was then guided back by the officers through the flood waters to higher ground and to safety.



## News — From the Chapters

### ST. LOUIS - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter

The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter was honored to host State President Michael Robertson at our November meeting, where he gave a presentation on our obligations to the mission of the SAR. President Robertson was accompanied by State Auxiliary president Jerre Robertson, who shared details on the Auxiliary project “Missouri Musters for the Museum”. Also at our November meeting, we were fortunate to be visited by CAR President Jack Adel, who gave a presentation on his program “Keep Em Together”, which assists pets to stay with their owners who have housing or medical issues.

In December, following our chapter meeting, members of Spirit of St. Louis joined with members of Fernando de Leyba chapter at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. Braving the cold and windy weather, we placed wreaths on the graves of original patriots, as well as deceased chapter patriots.

In January, the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter was delighted to hear the essay submitted by Silas Bloch, a sophomore high school student at the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience in St. Louis. Silas’ essay was chosen as our chapter’s entry into the State’s Knight Essay Contest, and was titled “How Benjamin Franklin Utilized Diplomacy to Win the War for American Independence.”



## News — From the Chapters

### SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter

Associate member Kavan Stull facilitated the OMC Color Guard's presence in the annual Veteran's Day parade at Joplin Missouri November 12, 2022. Veterans can be found in all walks of life, all areas of service, and fields of endeavor. The parade showcased those men and women in floats, vehicles, or marching units in the crisp autumn air.



Don Higgerson, Gary Gift, Kavan Stull, Charles McMillan, Steve Perkins -- Photos by Dan Piedlow

November 5, 2022

Camp Arrowhead – Scouts – Webelo flag retirement

Saturday evening, November 5, 2022, OMC Chapter President Ben Edmondson and several chapter Color Guard members participated in the annual Webelo Woods encampment. This year we conducted a flag retirement for the young scouts wherein fourteen Scouts from different troops placed either a stripe or canton on the fire once Gary Gift read the symbolic meaning for each. A total of thirty-six flag certificates were presented, and twenty-one flag retirement certificates for leaders and participants. At the conclusion of the retirement, a musket salute was given by Steve Perkins, State Color Guard Commander, followed by a Scout who bugled taps. Scouts, leaders, and parents alike were impressed with and appreciative of the moving ceremony.

For many of the young scouts, this was their first flag retirement as it is presented by the SAR. There were about 200 scouts who attended the annual weekend camp.





## News — From the Chapters

### SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter Continued

The Ozark Mountain chapter was honored to attend *Christmas in the Courthouse* Saturday afternoon December 3. Organized as a fundraiser by the Greene County Archives Foundation, exhibitors from a wide variety of organizations displayed and discussed who they represented and the historical impact on the county. For example, one organization presented information about slavery, and how the underground (or overground) figurative railroad saved many lives and freed slaves. The SAR had numerous visual displays, along with the 1812 Society, and how some of those patriots and their families migrated the customary pattern and settled in Greene County in the 1820's and 1830's. We are hopeful this becomes an annual or bi-annual event to which we can add our essential piece to the mosaic of people who established families and commerce in southwest Missouri. OMC participants: Ben Edmondson, Cris Brayman, Howard Fisk, Don Higgeson, Dan McMurray, Dan Piedlow, Charles McMillan, Steve Perkins.



OMC display of Dan's weapons, Howard & Steve discussing a timeline chart



Steve and Don speaking with visitors at the Lexington-Concord display, and Dan McMurray attending to

**December 7th, 1941** was recently celebrated by members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter in Springfield, Missouri. This chapter has maintained a solemn vigil at the Pearl Harbor Memorial in the Springfield National Cemetery for many years. This is one of the most important dates in our more current history because it brought us into WWII and our Compatriots muster on this site each year to hear the story of those 2,400 men who lost their lives and 1,200 others who were injured in just 90 minutes as four battleships, three cruisers, three destroyers and several other smaller ships along with the destruction of most aircraft that were assembled. We were awakened from our slumber as we were forced to enter the greatest of wars with millions of men and women put in harm's way to protect what our Patriot Ancestors had given so much to establish. Pearl Harbor Day is an important milestone in the history of America and I hope that you will plan appropriate ceremonies for 2023 and beyond.





## Traveling Man — Compatriot Charles McMillan

MOSSAR & OMC Color Guardsman Charles McMillan chalked up another national CG event January 17 through his participation at the Battle of Cowpens ceremony near Chesnee, South Carolina. The battle occurred 17 Jan 1781 and was characterized as the turning point battle of the southern campaign, the first of a series of battle events that ultimately resulted in victory over the mighty British army at Yorktown. Charles placed a wreath on behalf of the chapter and



Park during his 4-day trip.

Missouri Society and received streamers from the Daniel Morgan chapter. He wasn't done yet. He later visited the King's Mountain

In total, he visited these Revolutionary War battles sites: Musgrove Mills, Cowpens, Kings Mountain, Buford Massacre "Waxhaws", Camden, Flat Rock, Beaver Creek Skirmish, and the site of the Battle of Stallings Plantation. He offers this message:



that all his compatriots try to visit some these sites which will add to your own historical knowledge of how the colonies secured independence for what became the United States of America.



## In Memorium

### Compatriots Lost November 2022 to January 2023

**Compatriot****Chapter****Date**

Deaths as of January 1st 2023 :

Wollard, Ward Junior

Martin Warren

27 Dec 2021

Cone, Dean Randall

Braxton C Pollard

26 Sep 2022

Snyder, Roy Lee

Fernando de Leyba

7 Dec 2022

Magerkurth, Larry J

Fernando de Leyba

13 Dec 2022

## Missouri Society Officers 2022 — 2023



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J. Michael Robertson



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David Shaul



First Vice President

Gene Henry



Second Vice President

Steve Biggs



Secretary Dan Evans



## From the Editors and Publisher

**From the Editors and Publisher,**

**Welcome to this issue of the *Missouri Compatriot*. The *Compatriot* is published three times per year, in February, May, and November.**

**This edition captures events occurring since October 2022 through January, 2023.**

**As Editor, I have to express my thanks for the near constant flow I have received in recent months of stories and articles for publication. I really appreciate the input from Compatriots and the Chapters, especially the President's Day stories which will be published next issue.**

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## Color Guard Events — October 2022 to January 2023

### The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri



The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri

Left to right – Mark Parks (Martin Warren Chapter), and Stephen Sullins (Independence Patriots Chapter).



Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC) and the Weston Chamber of Commerce.

On October 1, 2022 the MOSSAR Color Guard was honored to carry the colors for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri. The Applefest Celebration is one of Missouri's most popular fall festivals. Sponsored by the Weston Chamber of Commerce, the event features everything apple, from apple pies to apple dumplings, and includes over 80 arts and crafts booths lined up and down Main Street. Dozens of local shops were open all weekend. A kid friendly festival with something for everyone.

# Color Guard Events — October 2022 to January 2023

## Chautauqua at The Fulton Farm south of Mt. Vernon, Missouri



Left to right: OMC & OPC Members: Norm Knowlton, John Angst, Kavan Stull, James Robinette, Dan Peidlow Jr., Charles McMillan (with drum), Dan Piedlow, Mel McNeal, Don Turner, Gary Gift, Ben Edmondson, George Swales, and Howard Fisk.



Students & Scouts preparing to retire a worn flag with Compatriot Howard Fisk.



Participates in the flag retirement ceremony.

Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC).

On October 15, 2022 gracious hosts and contemporary patriots John and Billie Fulton assembled another terrific Chautauqua at The Fulton Farm just south of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year (4<sup>th</sup> event) that the Ozark Mountain Chapter has been an integral part in kicking off the day's events in which about 200 people attended.



## Color Guard Events — October 2022 to January 2023

### Grave Making of Patriot PVT. James Caldwell

Left to right: Spirit of St. Louis and Members Doug Nichols, Ray Killebrew, John Bedell, Terry Grogan, Gary Le Feldkamp, Gary Le James Osbourn, and Buz



Louis Colorguardsmen Anderson, Dr. Steve Kevin Hulsey, John Steven Biggs, Dennis Claire, Bob Ackley, McCullough.



James Caldwell  
VA Mil., Rev. War



James Caldwell (1763-1836)



Meeke Caldwell (1769-1858)

Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Biggs (SSL).

On October 15, 2022 the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter of St. Louis County, Missouri conducted a Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot PVT. James Caldwell who served with the Virginia Militia. The grave marking was held at the Parkview Cemetery, St. Francois County, Farmington, Missouri located about 75 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. James Caldwell was born on July 4, 1836 and died on September 6, 1836 in St. Francois County. In 1786 he married Meeke Perrin in Lincoln County, Kentucky. He served in the Kentucky General Assembly from Harrison County from 1800 to 1807. In 1810 he moved to Libertyville, Missouri near Farmington, Missouri. He was elected to the Missouri Territorial Legislature in 1820. He was elected to the first Missouri House of Representatives and was named Speaker. In 1822 he was elected to the Missouri State Senate but lost re-election in 1824 to his son-in-law Lanes Kerr. Participating in the grave marking ceremony were Hon. Larry Forsythe, Mayor of Farmington, Missouri; Hon. Dale Wright, Missouri State Representative; Hon. Mike Henderson, Missouri State Representative; Missouri SAR Officers HVP James Osbourn (SSL), 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Steve Biggs (SSL), Treas. John Bedell (SSL), Chl. Ronald Hack (SSL), Hist. Doug Anderson (SSL), Secretary Dan Evans; Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL), Allen Laws Oliver Chp. President James Bizzell; and VP MOSSAR Ladies Auxillary Vicki Biggs. Also participating were VP NSSAR Ladies Auxillary Becky Osbourn; MSSDAR Treas. Christina Maring; MSSCAR State Pres. Jack Adel; Senior Pres. Alexander McNair C.A.R. Society; and Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter Regent Karen Kleinberg, Chaplain Jean Trask, and Past regent Patricia Coyle. A commemoration was given by Steve Nichols (SSL); a biography was given by Joan Dostal, Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter; the dedication and tribute was given by Lana Wampler of the Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter and Jojo Sammons-Smith of the Alexander McNair CAR Society. Members of the Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapters, the Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter, and the Alexander McNair CAR Society were in attendance. The Benediction was led by Spirit of St. Louis Chaplain Ray Killebrew. Taps were played by friend of the SAR Harold Rose, III.

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### Naturalization Ceremony Held at the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri



Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC) and Robert L. Grover (HST)

Photo provided by Compatriot Robert L. Grover (HST).

On October 19, 2022 Colorguardsmen Stephen Sullins of the Independence Patriots Chapter and Robert L. Grover of the Harry S Truman Chapter participated in the Naturalization Ceremony held at the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri.



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### Interment of World War II Veteran S.Sgt. Moses Tate who was killed on August 1, 1943



Left to right: OMC Color Guardsmen Charles McMillan, Dan Piedlow, and Don Higginson.



Patriot Guard undergoing inspection



Patriot Guard folding the flag that draped S.Sgt. Moses Tate's coffin.

Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC).

On October 27, 2022, the Ozark Mountain Chapter attended the interment of World War II veteran S.Sgt. Moses Tate who served with the 415<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber. On August 1, 1943, his plane was shot down over Romania, all on board losing their life as part of Operation Tidal Wave (OTW). This was a strategic bombing raid against the oil refineries around Ploesti, Romania. Over 50 bombers and planes were shot down during the raid. Many of the airmen who were killed were buried by Romanian citizens in the Bolovan Cemetery in Ploiesti.

In 2013, historians and anthropologists at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command initiated a project to exhume the "Unknowns" recovered from Romania. It was part of an emerging organizational strategy to begin disinterring the remains of large groups of Unknowns for examination and identification.

From this effort, in 2016 a historian was assigned to construct a comprehensive proposal to disinter the Unknowns associated with OTW. DNA testing and dental analysis was performed at the Armed Forces DNA Identification in Dover AFB, DE. Remains were transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, at Omaha, Nebraska. Positive DNA proof confirmed the remains of Staff Sergeant Moses Frank Tate have been located. A full documentation of his journey has been provided by the Defense POW/MIA Agency to the Tate family. In this document is detailed information, family correspondence from when he went missing to the current date, DNA proof, Forensic report, and photos.

79 years later, October 27, 2022, Moses Tate was moved to Branson, MO where his funeral with full Military Honors was held, then his remains were escorted by the Patriot Guard and reinterred at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery south of Springfield, Missouri.



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### Annual Military History Appreciation Weekend at the Museum of Missouri Military History



Photo #1: Compatriot Jim Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter Color Guard Commander, and wife Debbie.



Photo #2: Compatriot Jim Baker explaining the type of cannon on display and its uses to a museum visitor

Photo provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC).

On November 5 and 6, 2022, Compatriot Jim Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter, and wife Debbie, attended the Annual Military Appreciation Weekend at the Museum of Missouri Military History at Missouri's Capitol. Compatriot Baker and over 50 others set up booths to exhibit period weapons, uniforms, tents, vehicles, and military gear to the public. Outside the museum, more than a dozen military vehicles and aircraft were on display. Military history periods covered include the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War. The Museum of Missouri Military History is located at 2405 Logistics Road, Jefferson City, Missouri. The museum hosts the appreciation weekend twice a year: once in November to celebrate Veterans Day and once in May to celebrate Memorial Day. The event was well attended.

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### Barry School's Veteran's Day Assembly - Platte County R-3 Missouri School District



Left to Right: J. Michael Robertson (WCC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Mark Parks (MWC); Brody Hawk (BS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade); Devin Lumm (BS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade); Brody Garbelman (BS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade); and Agum Nak (BS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade).

Photo provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC).

On November 11, 2022 the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution were honored to participate in the Barry School's Veteran's Day Assembly. Barry School is a unique elementary and middle school in the Platte County R-3 Missouri School District serving grades 5 through 8. With over 400 students in attendance, accompanied by a band and choir singing patriotic music, the school honored over 35 veterans in attendance. Included in the program were handwritten notes from students thanking the veterans for their service. The keynote speaker for the assembly was an Air Force veteran with over 20 years of service.

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### Veterans Day Ceremony at Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, Missouri



Left to right: Robert L. Grover (HST); John K. Stewart (HST); Tom A. Neal (HST); John I. Putnam (HST); President Dawson R. Ballard (HST); James L. Scott (AMC); and Patricia A. Stewart, Independence DAR Regent

Photos taken and provided by Carolyn S. Grover, Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter.

On November 11, 2022 members of the Harry S Truman and Alexander Majors SAR Chapters and Independence DAR Chapters held a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, Jackson County, Missouri. The temperature was 27 with a wind chill of 17. It is believed it was the only outdoor ceremony held in the Kansas City area. Swan Lake Memorial Park is a private cemetery that was set up in someone's Last Will and Testament to give Veterans a free burial plot. All other burial services must be paid for.



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### Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Grandson, Reuben Parks Grandson of Patriot Reuben Paine



Left to right: Cadets Jacob Fleiderer, Misty Julian, Zachary Shoemaker, Treven Strong, Shelby Matnia, and Rylie Gary – with the Clinton High School JROTC; James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter SAR; Stephen Sullins, Independence Patriots Chapter SAR; and Mark Parks, Martin Warren Chapter SAR.



Shelia Wilson, Regent, Henry County Chapter, Missouri Society, DAR, placing a wreath near the grave stone.



Left to right: Aria Pruett, 5th great granddaughter; Summer (Parks) Pruett, 4th great granddaughter; Mia Pruet, 5th great granddaughter; Gunner Pruett, 5th great granddaughter; and Larry M. Parks, 3rd great grandson of Reuben Parks. Reuben Parks is the grandson of Patriot Reuben Paine.

Photos provided by Compatriot Michael Powers (MWC).

On November 19, 2022 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution in conjunction with the Henry County Chapter, Missouri State Society DAR conducted a grave marking ceremony for Reuben Parks, a Patriot Grandson of the American Patriot Reuben Paine. The ceremony was conducted in the Parks Chapel Cemetery in Henry County, Missouri. Patriot Reuben Paine was a lieutenant of a company of militia established in 1775 by the Committee of Safety for Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Court records show that Lieutenant Paine was promoted to Captain and later was named a Justice of the Peace in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, Reuben moved to Lincoln County, Kentucky. Catherine Paine, daughter of Reuben Paine, married William Parks. William and Catherine Parks son, Reuben Parks, and his brothers, John,

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William, and Peyton left Lincoln County, Kentucky, and came to what was then called Rives County, now Henry County, Missouri. Reuben, John and William Parks were farmers and Peyton was an attorney who laid out and the platted the courthouse square in Clinton, Henry County, Missouri.

Dignitaries present at the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony included Olin L. Parks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandson of Patriot Grandson Reuben Parks and Past Supreme Commander, Military Order of the Cootie (VFW) and Past State Commander Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars; Lemira Parks, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Lisa Kay Bryant Parks, Vice Regent, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; Larry M. Parks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandson of Reuben Parks; W.E. "Gene" Henry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Shelia Wilson, Regent, Henry County Chapter, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; and Lana Whitworth, Vice Regent, Henry County Chapter and West Central Director, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the America Revolution.

The Missouri Society SAR Color Guard of the Northwest District presented, posted and retired the Colors and conducted a musket salute. Participating in the Color Guard were six members of the Clinton High School Army JROTC Unit; James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter; Stephen Sullins Independence Patriots Chapter; and Northwest District Color Guard Commander, Mark Parks, of the Martin Warren Chapter. Mark Parks is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandson of the Patriot Grandson Reuben Parks.



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### Jefferson City, Missouri Annual Christmas Parade



Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter Members in the Float.  
Man on the left is Compatriot Travis Bauer and the man on the right is Colorguardsman James Baker.

Photo provided by Compatriot James Baker (CCC).

On December 3, 2022 the 83<sup>rd</sup> Jefferson City Annual Christmas Parade was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. This parade kicked off the holiday season in downtown Jefferson City featuring dozens of floats made by Jefferson City locals. This year's theme is "A Musical Christmas." The Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter sponsored a float. Christopher Casey SAR Chapter Colorguardsman and members participated in the parade.



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### December Joint Meeting of the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter.



Left to right: Casey Brizendine, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Marvin Koechig, and Bill Grote.



Left to right: Bill Grote, Dan Evans, Casey Brizendine, \_\_\_\_\_, and Marvin Koechig.



A few of the uniforms made by Kathleen Nadeau of the "Of the Creators Hand" shop, who completed the uniforms at the St. Charles County Heritage Museum's exhibit of the American Revolution in the West.

Photos provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).

On December 17, 2022 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter held a joint meeting at the Community Council Room at the Spencer Road Branch Library in St. Peters, Missouri.

Kathleen Nadeau of the "Of the Creators Hand" shop, who completed the uniforms at the St. Charles County Heritage Museum's exhibit of the American Revolution in the West, gave a presentation. Kathy described many of her painstaking procedures in producing exacting period clothing and received a Certificate of Appreciation from Fernando de Leyba Chapter for her creative genius and the Patriot of the Month Award from Saint Charles DAR Chapter as well as the National DAR American Heritage Committee of Women in the Arts.

Stephen J. Kling, Attorney and Historian, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from The Fernando de Leyba Chapter for his outstanding efforts. Joan Koechig reported that on a recent trip she had the opportunity to visit Cartagena Spain and spoke with their city executive regarding setting up a sister city relationship with St. Charles. Mr. Kling then presented a proposal regarding a tentative American History

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Conference focusing on the American Revolution in the West to be held at the Embassy Suites, St. Charles in October 2023. The España DAR Chapter has been considering sending a historian from Spain to attend and perhaps be the Friday evening speaker and a panelist. He asked for support from both Chapters in sponsorship, volunteers, and potential attendees.

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