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From the President



President David R. Shaul, 2023-2024
Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution



From the President

There are many great things going on in the Missouri Society. I've had the opportunity to visit several Chapters and have enjoyed each of the visits very much. I always appreciate the courtesy shown me, and the comradery with each of you.

The common interest we share and the continuing effort to honor our Patriots, preserve history, and educate youth and the public is inspiring. I'm continually awed by the effort put forth by our fellow Compatriots in recognition of the 250th Anniversary and events associated with this period of celebration.

Some upcoming events include our Annual Conference which is hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter and will be held in Columbia, Missouri, April 26th to April 27th. On Sunday, May 26th we'll return to Ste. Genevieve and mark five more Patriot graves. The previous day, May 25th, several of us will travel to Vincennes, Indiana to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the George Roger Clark Memorial. Everyone is welcome to participate in these events.

I'd also like to congratulate two of our compatriots who are being recognized in July at the National Society Congress. James Osbourn from the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter will be sworn in as the Vice-president General of the South-Central District. Howard Fisk will be honored by being presented with the Minuteman Award. Missouri will continue to be well represented at the National Society.

I continue to encourage the necessary research to identify Patriot graves and mark them appropriately. They deserve our gratitude and respect for the Country they gave us.

Fraternally, David R. Shaul, President, Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Welcome to our New Compatriots November 2023 to February 2024

First Name	Middle	Last	NSSAR#	MOSSAR #	NSSAR# Reg Date	Chapter
Daniel	Rex	Ackerson	228408	3942	10-Nov-23	SAN
Steven	Wayne	Adams	229240	3963	16-Feb-24	WCC
Joshua	Lee	Adkins	229151	3961	9-Feb-24	WCC
Tristan	Lee Dale	Adkins	229152	3962	9-Feb-24	WCC
Loran	Crismon	Brayman	228897	3954	12-Jan-24	OMC
Eric	Duane	Christie	228779	3950	22-Dec-24	MWC
Donald	E.	Cook	229242	3965	16-Feb-24	ALO
Jimmie	Ray	Dace	229287	3966	24-Feb-24	ALO
Stephen	William	Garrett	228407	3941	10-Nov-23	CCC
Michael	Dean	Goben	228540	3944	1-Dec-23	OMC
David	Alan	Goben	228541	3945	1-Dec-23	OMC
Marty	Howard	Griffin	228670	3949	8-Dec-23	SAN
John	C	Haines	228542	3946	1-Dec-23	MGC
Nicholas	E	Haines	228543	3947	1-Dec-23	MGC
Matthew	Trenton	Ivey	229010	3958	26-Jan-24	IPC
Donald	Dean	King	228899	3956	12-Jan-24	OMC
Cody	Ray	Lehman	228898	3955	12-Jan-24	WCC
Paul	Vernon	London	228781	3952	22-Dec-24	OMC
David	Lewis	Reynolds	229011	3959	26-Jan-24	WCC
John	Albert	Scikmeier	229150	3960	9-Feb-24	CCC
Dayton	Lee	Shepard	228406	3940	10-Nov-23	MGC
Larry	Dale	Sorrells	228669	3948	8-Dec-23	CCC
Rollin	Cross	Trewyn	228959	3957	19-Jan-24	SAN
Dean	Allen	Van Schoiack	229241	3964	16-Feb-24	WCC
Tyler	Lawrence	Wasmer	228834	3953	31-Dec-23	HST
Corey	Andrew	Whiteaker	228780	3951	22-Dec-24	IPC

January 27th Board Meeting



National Trustee Michael Robertson
And MWC essay winner Chris Torres y Torres



Mark Parks, Western District Color Guard Commander and
Mike Robertson receive their Bronze Color Guard Awards
from President Shaul and State Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins



Ozark Mountain Chapter President Charles McMillan
presents Society President Dave Shaul with a pennant
from the Battle of Blue Licks, and he also presented us
with streamers from Yorktown and the Camden 19.

January 27th Board Meeting



State Chaplain Dan Philbrick receives his Missouri Life membership certificate.



President Shaul receives a check from Treasurer John Bedell from a Wilbur Jean Kephart Trust Distribution.



Charles McMillan receives his Patriot Grave Marking Medal from David Shoul

MSSDAR Lights of Love Ceremony

On December 3, 2023, Color Guardsmen from four different chapters, mustered at Roslyn Heights in Boonville, MO, for the Missouri Society Daughter's of the American Revolution's Annual Lights of Love Ceremony. This is an annual event held at the Society's Missouri headquarters. After a countdown, the tree, beautifully decorated with Red, White, and Blue lights, was lit and remains so throughout the holiday season. This tree has become a landmark on Main Street, Boonville, which visitors and local residents alike look forward to each year. A fundraiser is also conducted to support local first responders and/or active duty military for this event. This year, a check for over \$9,000.00 was given to the spouse of a disabled Iraq and Afghanistan War Veteran who flew a helicopter in both conflicts. It was our honor to participate.



(L to R) Dr. Brad Frazier, D.B.A. (OPC); Don Turner (OPC); Mark Parks (MWC); Julia Jackson (NSDAR); Kellee Clark (NSDAR); J. Wayne Merrill (MGC); Stephen Sullins (IPC)

Bess Wallace Truman's 139th Birthday Celebration

The Northwest District of the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard were honored to present the colors for the “Bess Wallace Truman Birthday Celebration” on the 13th of February in Independence, MO. The event was co-sponsored by the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum and the Independence Pioneers Chapter, NSDAR, and held at the library. A member of the Independence Pioneers Chapter, Jane Mallinson, started this event in 1985. She and the First Ladies daughter, Mary Margaret, were childhood friends. Jane’s daughter, Anne, carried the D.A.R. Flag in the ceremony. Following programs by Douglas J. Richardson (Program Manager for the Harry S Truman National Historic Site) and Harry S Truman himself (John Pritchard, Harry S Truman Impersonator), the Color Guard led the procession to Bess Truman’s grave, where Susan Bowman, Honorary State Regent, MSSDAR, place a wreath in her honor. Flowers were also placed on the grave of Mary Margaret Truman Daniel, the President and First Ladies only daughter. The Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum aspires to keep President Truman’s life and legacy alive, emphasizing his ideals of citizenship, learning, and service.



(Front/Rear) – Jimmy Durigan (WCC), Robert Grover (HST), James Scott (AMC), J. Michael Robertson, (WCC), John Stewart (HST), Anne Mallinson, Independence Patriots Chapter, MSSDAR

2024 President's Day Celebration — Lafayette Park, St. Louis Missouri Photo Album

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Bill Grote (FDL)



2024 President's Day Celebration — Lafayette Park, St. Louis Missouri Photo Album

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Don Turner (OPC)



Dan Evans (FDL)



Terry Grogan (SSL Eastern CG
Commander)



Dr Brad Frazier (OPC)



2024 President's Day Celebration — Lafayette Park, St. Louis Missouri Photo Album

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The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter delegation : L to R: Craig Matthews, Sumner Hunnewell, Kevin Hulsey, Gunner Decker, Steven Biggs, Doug Anderson, Terry Grogan, Greg Watkins, Robert Midyett, Dan Martin, and James Osbourn,

NW District Color Guard George Washington Birthday Celebration

National Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Kansas City Area Chapters
Present

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL
GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
17 FEBRUARY 2024



Washington and Lafayette at Mount Vernon, 1784, Painting by Thomas P. Rossiter

Silent Auction - 11:00 AM
Celebration - Noon



NW District Color Guard George Washington Birthday Celebration



L-R front/back: Stephen Sullins MO, Bill Marshall KS Commander. Row 2 – Dennis Nelson KS, Allen Dillavou KS, Robert Grover MO/KS, Allen Martin KS, Dewey Fry KS, John Forbes KS. Row 3 – Kirk Rush KS, Peter Reynolds MO, Jeffrey Winters KS, Clay Shropshire KS, Mark Parks MO. Row 4 – Ivan Stull MO, Michael Hahn MO, and Bobbie Hulse SCD VP General. (Not pictured: J. Michael Robertson MO, John Stewart MO, and Roy Hutchinson MO.

Wreaths Across America == Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville

On December 16, 2023, at 11:00 am, the NW District Color Guard of the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Missouri State Veteran's Cemetery in Higginsville, MO. WAA was started in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company donated excess wreaths they produced to Arlington Cemetery. Missouri's first participation in Wreaths Across America occurred in 2005 at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. In 2008, Higginsville, along with the 4 other State Veteran's Cemeteries held their first Wreaths Across America ceremonies in Missouri. Participating in Higginsville's first ceremony were Martin Warren Chapter President Ronald McReynolds (dec'd) who read the NSSAR President General's WAA Proclamation. Compatriot's Bob Lantz (dec'd) and Wilbur Kephart (dec'd) from the Martin Warren Chapter, assisted by Compatriot Al Paris (dec'd) of the Independence Patriots Chapter provided the Color Guard for the event. The NorthWest District Color Guard is honored to continues this tradition today of "Remembering the Fallen....Honoring those who Serve....and Teaching our Children the value of Freedom."



(L to R) Jimmy Durigan (WCC); Robert Grover (HST); Ivan Stull (HST); Carolyn Grover (NSDAR); Sammy Wade (MWC); Marilyn Henry (NSDAR); Lisa Parks (NSDAR); and Mark Parks (MWC)

The National Churchill Museum MOSSAR Plaque Dedication Revisited On December 20, 2022

Photos by Shirley Hahn (DAR) and Dennis Hahn (FDL) on December 20, 2022.



Two photos from March 10, 2018 taken by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL).
National Churchill Museum and 21 Combined MOSSAR & KSSAR Color Guard Members.
The Plaque Dedication was held on March 10, 2018.

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The Plaque dedicated by the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on March 10, 2018 is located in the " Harry Vaughan Room / The Sinews of Peace Speech Room" (Better known at the "Iron Curtain Speech") at The National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri. The room contains some photos taken on the day of the speech – March 5, 1946. The room has a video presentation of the speech with actual film from the event. A great place for the plaque.



In 1961 Friends of Westminster College and the St. Louis Chapter of the English-Speaking Union began a conversation in the office of College President Robert L. D. Davidson (also known as Larry Davidson) that would lead to the establishment of the Winston Churchill Memorial & Library. College Trustee Neal Wood agreed to chair the project committee that would ultimately bring a bombed-out Christopher Wren church from London to Fulton, Missouri to house the memorial and to serve as the College chapel.

Sir Winston Churchill:

Churchill's mother Jeanette (Jennie) Jerome, later known as Lady Randolph Spenser Churchill, was an American from Brooklyn, New York. Through Churchill's maternal grandfather, Leonard Jerome, sometime proprietor and editor of The New York Times, and known as "The King of Wall Street" had at least two forebears who fought against the British in the American War of Independence: one great-grandfather, Samuel Jerome, served in the Berkshire County Militia while another, Major Libbeus Ball, of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment, marched and fought with George Washington's Army at Valley Forge. Leonard Jerome's maternal grandfather, Reuben Murray, served as a Lieutenant in the Connecticut and New York Regiments, while his wife Clara's grandfather, Ambrose Hall, was a Captain in the Berkshire County Militia at Bennington, Massachusetts.

In 1963, US President John F. Kennedy, acting under authorization granted by an Act of Congress, proclaimed Churchill the first Honorary Citizen of the United States.

Sir Winston Churchill joined the SAR in 1964 under his ancestor Lieutenant Reuben Murray who served in the 17th Connecticut Regiment and 7th Albany Regiment, New York Militia.

Churchill was proud of his heritage through his American mother, and wrote a volume on US history in his "A History of the English-Speaking Peoples". Churchill referenced his Revolutionary War ancestors in a speech during his visit to Colonial Williamsburg in the 1940's. During a joint session of the United States Congress on December 26, 1941, Churchill made reference to his American ancestry.

Sir Winston Churchill died at home on January 24, 1965 at the age of 90. By decree of the Queen, his body lay in state in Westminster Hall for three days and a state funeral service was held at St. Paul's Cathedral. This was the first state funeral for a non-royal-family member since 1935. He is buried in the family plot at St. Martin's Church, Bladon, Oxfordshire, England not far from his birthplace at Blenheim.

President Harry S Truman:

President Harry S Truman became the thirty-third President of the United States and served from 1945 to 1954. Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri on May 8, 1884. He

served in the US Army during WWI. He saw action in France and was discharged from service as a Captain and later served as a Senator for Missouri and as Vice President of the United States. Upon completing his second presidential term in 1953, President Truman returned home to Independence, Missouri, and wrote his memoirs. As we know, President Truman accompanied Churchill at the "Iron Curtain Speech" here at Westminster College on March 5, 1946.

Several of President Truman's ancestors that served during the Revolutionary War have been identified. Revolutionary War Patriots on his mother's side were Michael Goodnight, John Gregg, William Scott, and Jacob Young. Revolutionary War Patriots on his father's side were Richard Shipp, James Holmes, and Robert Taylor. Records have not been found to document the Revolutionary War service of William R Truman, Sr.

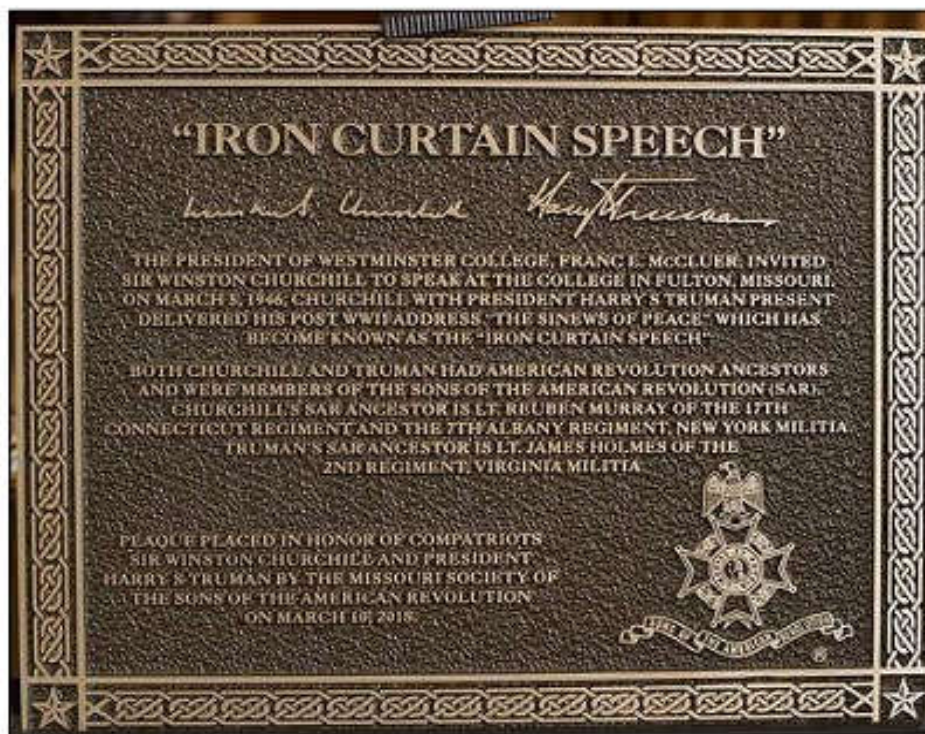
President Truman joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1967 under his ancestor Lieutenant James Holmes of the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Militia, who served from 1777 to 1781. Truman is one of 16 U.S. Presidents who became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1967 at Truman's home in Independence, SAR President General Lee Young Smith presented the former U.S. President with his SAR membership certificate, SAR Membership insignia badge, and the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

President Truman died in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 26, 1972, at the age of 88. At the request of his wife, Bess, the funeral service for Truman was held in the President Harry S Truman Library and burial was in the courtyard at Independence, Missouri.

The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution considers it a privilege to have placed a plaque at the National Churchill Museum honoring Compatriot Sir Winston Churchill and Compatriot President Harry S Truman.



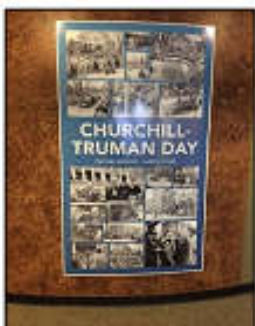


The Plaque honored SAR Compatriots Sir Winston Churchill and President Harry S Truman.

If it were not for Westminister College President Franc L. McCluer (known as "Bullet"), "The Iron Curtain Speech" would not have taken place in Fulton, Missouri at Westminister College. We have him to thank for inviting Sir Winston Churchill to visit Westminister College. His name appears on the plaque along with Churchill and Truman that was dedicated on March 10, 2018.

It's an interesting story that a small college president in 1946 had the boldness to ask Sir Winston Churchill to visit his college; of a Westminister College alumnus (Harry Vaughan) with access to the President of the United States; of a President of the United States with the willingness to endorse the invitation; and of a recently defeated British Prime Minister with the shrewdness to recognize an opportunity. -- Franc McCluer and Harry Vaughan traveled to Washington D.C. for the sole purpose of asking President Truman to support their effort and Truman, after reading the letter, said "This is a good idea." and added his personal hand-written endorsement onto the letter.

The "Harry Vaughan Room / The Sinews of Peace Speech Room" is towards the end of the tour. A short cut to view the Room and Plaque is to take the first right after visiting the Check In desk. There is a large poster on the wall and as you turn right you see a Check Point Charlie hut. The Room is right behind the Check Point Charlie hut.



Geographical Chapter Listing

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- 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
- WEST PLAINS - Josiah Howell Chapter (April 2024)

News — From the Chapters

CAPE GIRARDEAU - Allen Laws Oliver Chapter

ALOSAR chapter member Matthew Toeniskoetter, center with Missouri state colors, journeyed to the Arkansas, with fellow compatriots from multiple state chapters of the SAR to take part in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot William Jenkins. The ceremony was held on Saturday December 2, 2023 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas



Linda Venable, Regent of John Guild Chapter of the Jackson DAR & President Bizzell place a wreath on the cenotaph of Robert Brevard.

15th Annual President's Day 5K Race
On February 17, 2024, the Allen Laws Oliver Chapter held our 15th Annual President's Day 5K Race. This year's race saw a total of 28 human and 2 canine runners competing for plaques, ribbons and good natured bragging rights. Cool temperatures, blue skies and a good turnout made for an outstanding race day.



December 16, 2023 found ALOSAR Chapter President James "Jim" Bizzell and chapter member Matthew Toeniskoetter assisting in three separate events. The morning started with both President Bizzell and Compatriot Toeniskoetter placing a wreath at Old Lorimor cemetery in Cape Girardeau, MO, honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Uriah Brock. Festivities then moved to two Jackson, Missouri cemeteries, Jackson City Cemetery and Russell Heights Cemetery. Many people braved the pouring rain to take part in placing wreaths on the graves of our honored veterans who are buried in both cemeteries.



President Bizzell and Treasurer Shelton starting gun

News — From the Chapters

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The Allen Laws Oliver Chapter Presents the Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Essay Award

Jacob Williams, who is an Eagle Scout has been awarded the first-place medal in the Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Essay Contest. President Bizzell presents Jacob with the Eagle Scout Medal and check for \$250.00. Jacob, also received a certificate which was presented at a later date. Pictured are Jacob and President Bizzell sur-



rounded by Jacobs' parents Darryl and Christy Williams.

The contest is held yearly by chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. Essay contest entries are judged on the merits of the essay, on leadership, merit badges earned by the Scout, and the community, religious and school activities exhibited

Thanksgiving day parade — —

Steve Shelton, Richard Webb, and, pictured left to Right, Jim Bizzell , Jerrell Driver and Chapter Secretary Matthew Toeniskoetter manned a float in the Cape Girardeau Thanksgiving Day Parade.

News — From the Chapters

INDEPENDENCE - Independence Patriots Chapter



MOSSAR Independence Patriots Chapter held a wreath laying ceremony at the WWII Memorial in the Lee’s Summit Historical Cemetery, Lees Summit Missouri. They also placed a wreath and fired a volley at the gravesite of deceased compatriot Alvin Paris, US Navy. Above left: Ronald Paris, Michael Hahn, John Sutton, Loretta Paris, Stephen Sullins



News — From the Chapters

INDEPENDENCE - Independence Patriots Chapter



On November 11, 2023, The Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Colors at the November 11th meeting of the Blue Springs DAR. Member Loretta McEntire was awarded the NSSAR Lydia Darragh Medal & Chapter Regent Melissa Welter received the NSSAR Martha Washington for their assistance, contributions, and dedication to the Independence Patriots Chapter activities. Sinclair's Restaurant, Blue Springs Missouri.

L/R. Stephen Sullins, Ron Paris, Loretta McEntire, Mary Ann Comerford, Adrienne Kubin, Vicky Hodges, Lynda Bergman (seated), Melissa Welter (not pictured). Photo provided by Stephen Sullins/Susan Rew.

News — From the Chapters

ROLLA - Ozark Patriots Chapter



The Ozark Patriots Chapter held a Vigil on Veterans Day at the Revolutionary War marker at Veterans Park in Rolla, Missouri. OPC Color Guard members in uniform from left to right are Dr. Brad Frazier, Keith Chester, and Don Turner. OPC member Mike Hill was also in attendance.



News — From the Chapters

ST. CHARLES - Fernando de Leyba Chapter

At the January 8th, 2024 meeting, Fernando de Leyba Chapter honored our first responders. On September 11, 2023, retired police officer Dean Alexander lost consciousness and collapsed and without hesitation was aided by first responders. Officer Alexander had, what his physician called later “a widow maker” heart attack, from which only 8 percent of patients survived. Officer Alexander, who during the meeting was able to witness the awarding of the Life Saving medals and Certificates via a Facetime cellphone connection from his location in Arkansas, expressed his appreciation and love to all the recipients.



L to R: Casey Brizendine, Jim Jackson, Justin Tichy, Kyle Chadwell, Elliot Thomas, Charles Lilly, James Castello, Marvin Koechig, Sgt. John Williams, Lt. Kyle Bay, Dan Evans, Lt. Pat Sykes, and Rob Wylie, now retired from the O'Fallon Police Department.

Awardees not present: Capt. Craig Ostermeyer- now retired from St. Chas Co PD St. Charles County Ambulance District: Ned Dolan, Nate Bower, Scott Cooke, Brian Stewart.

**Presentation of Award to Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Carter Lanham
by Fernando de Leyba Chapter
Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets
December 10, 2023**



Left to right: Dan Evans, Keith Morris, and Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Carter Lanham

Photo was provided by Compatriot Keith Morris (FDL).

On Sunday, December 10, 2023 Colorguardsmen Compatriot Keith Morris and Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Carter Lanham at the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets. Cadet Lanham was also presented a check for \$200.00 from the Fernando de Leyba Chapter. Cadet Lanham was selected as the Outstanding Cadet based upon Academic achievement as well as Leadership qualities.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a leadership development nonprofit for young people, ages 10 through 17. This is a year-round program, not a school, sponsored by the Navy League of the United States and supported by both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. The passionate all-volunteer force leads all of Naval Sea Cadet Corps divisions and squadrons. Every year cadets participate in training opportunities such as scuba, field and medical training, photojournalism, military police science, and sailing. When cadets join the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, they embark upon a path of lifelong leadership. The program will teach them how to lead groups of their peers successfully and will also inspire them to become leaders in their schools and communities.



News — From the Chapters

ST. LOUIS - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter

Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery



Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, with Spirit of St. Louis chapter, and Fernando de Leyba Chapter. Color Guard, Gary LeClaire, Color Guard Commander Terry Grogan, Kevin Hulsey, MOSSAR VP Steven Biggs, Robert Midyett.

News — From the Chapters

SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter

George Washington's Birthday Celebration — February 17, 2024

OMC Color Guard and members, as well as AFJROTC cadets from Branson High School, went to Washington Park in Springfield, for the annual commemoration and celebration of the "Father of our Country", General George Washington. Daniel McMurray spoke about the key elements of the attack and success of General Washington's army at Yorktown. Did you know that General Washington set off the first cannon that was shot at the British line?



Participating in uniform from the Branson AF-JROTC are Cadets Ethan Zirbel, Dozen Barnes, Blake Cook, Nathaniel Bolles, and Kristian Sadler.

SAR Color Guard are Steven Perkins, Cris Brayman, Ken Lawrence, Don Higgerson, Howard Fisk, and Charles McMillan. Other OMC members attended to enhance the ceremony.



News — From the Chapters

SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter

John D. Hume Funeral



John D. Hume, compatriot and member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society SAR passed away November 19, 2023. His funeral and burial were conducted on Friday, November 24, 2023. The OMC Color Guard served as Honor Guard at the graveside service at Resurrection Cemetery, which was attended by many family members and friends. Guard and chapter members joining were Gary Gift, Dan Philbrick, Cris Brayman, Ken Lawrence, Dan Piedlow, Charles McMillan, Don Higgerson, and Steve Perkins. The four muskets performing mourn arms were Charles, Dan, Don, and Steve, flanked by Cris with the Betsy Ross, and Ken with the SAR flag bearing the black mourn ribbon.



News — From the Chapters

SPRINGFIELD - Ozark Mountain Chapter

Heroism Award to Corporal Matt Ballard

Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR went to the Christian County Courthouse early morning November 30, where we presented the Heroism Award to Corporal Matt Ballard. Past PG David Appleby presented the candidate information with the following biography:

Matt Ballard with the Christian County Sheriff's Office began his career in 1995. He has worked in various facets of Law Enforcement from Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Processing and Reconstruction, and Patrol Sergeant with Butler County Missouri. He is an Instructor for the Missouri Sheriff's Association certified to teach Firearms, Less Lethal, Baton, Defense Tactics, Chemical Spray and Munitions, Crime Scene Processing and Investigations.

On April 28, 2023, Corporal Ballard reacted to what all Police Officers dread, an active shooter situation outside the Christian County Justice Building. The victim involved in the incident was a young female and her 18-month-old toddler. Corporal Ballard confronted the shooter after he shot the female victim twice, ultimately using deadly force against the shooter killing him before he could shoot the victim a third time.

Due to the quick reaction and decision of Corporal Ballard the shooter was prevented from additional gunfire which could have resulted in the homicide of the Victim. The victim was treated at a local hospital and made a full recovery.



Steve Perkins, Donovan Dobbs, Pat Morrow, Howard Fisk, David Appleby, Corp. Matt Ballard, Gary Gift, David Healy, Cris Brayman

In Memoriam

Compatriots Lost November 2023 to February 2024

Compatriot**Chapter****Date**

Robert W Rogers	211327	Fernando de Leyba	11/5/23
Justyn Lair Graham	169326	Martin Warren	11/18/23
John 'David Hume	207836	Ozark Mountain	11/18/23
James Leroy Boyd	173794	Spirit of St. Louis	11/26/23
Zachary Reed Fletcher	169527	Christopher Casey	12/22/23
Kristjan Joseph Cindrich	164588	Ozark Mountain	12/31/23

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 Spring, Summer, and Winter issues..

This edition captures events occurring November 2023 thru February 2024

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Missouri Society Officers 2023 — 2024



Secretary General of the National Society John Dodd inducts Society Officers for the years 2023—2024. L to R, National Trustee Michael Roberson, Physician Dr. Norm Knowlton, Chaplain H. Dan Philbrick, Registrar Kirk Walker, Executive Vice President Gene Henry, First VP Steve Biggs, Second VP Ken Lawrence, Secretary Dan Evans, Genealogist Doug Neff, Chancellor Ron Hack, Treasurer John Bedell, Historian Doug Anderson, and Sergeant at Arms Dan Piedlow.



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