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Missouri Bicentennial medal is available for purchase for \$35.00 from Compatriot Drew Kingery. Email him at drewkingery2948@gmail.com

On the Cover
Guest speaker at the MOSSAR Annual Conference Julien Pierre Icher, founder and President of The Lafayette Trail, Inc.



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From The President

By President Steven Biggs

The following is the acceptance speech President Biggs articulated at congress:

Good evening, everyone. I'd like to first acknowledge my family for their love and support with getting us to this point tonight. My wife Vicki, daughters Loire and Abby, grandson Lincoln, and my aunt Shirley Brown along with my recently deceased mother Susan Biggs have always loved and supported myself and America's patriotic history.

Missouri Society Past, Present, and Future; how all three perspectives are needed

One of my favorite past compatriots, Winston Churchill, once said, ***"If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find we have lost the future."*** Some of you may not know that his mother was an American with roots back to the Revolution whereas some of us may have learned about it when a few years ago when MOSSAR marked the Fulton, Missouri site where Churchill gave his great Iron Curtain speech. He had traveled to Fulton by train from Washington, D.C. with another Compatriot, Missouri's own President Harry Truman. For the past couple of years, the Missouri Society holds annual Medal of Honor ceremonies at the Truman Library in Independence and I look forward to joining the event this year.

So back to Churchill - Churchill gave us wise words to think about when we are dealing with each other. Those who turn their backs on the past have no future. Those who prefer the present moment have cut themselves off from the great tradition that leads us to tomorrow. Life is a whole, and to choose one part of it at the expense of the rest is simply to mutilate it. We do not need to be reminded that those who become completely a man of either the past, the present or the future are not to be trusted. Life is whole and a man needs yesterday, today, and tomorrow in proper balance if he is to live a full life.

What does it mean to be mindful of the whole? Part of the answer is found in our own experience and here's some insight into how I got here.

The Missouri Society is one of the oldest state societies with our first state president, **Josiah Fogg**

also from St. Louis taking our oath in April 1889. Today's conference marks MOSSAR's 136th year as a patriotic organization.

My own journey to tonight's moment took about nine years from first applying to join the SAR:

- Shortly after joining our organization, I purchased Burt Mayfield's George Washington uniform and started serving in our Color Guard under the late great Bill Groth in 2017.
- Also starting in 2017, I was elected for the first of three times as the SSL Secretary before the chapter made me President twice during the next 2 years. The secretary role gave me a good place to learn the activities and procedures whereas my time as chapter president included the Covid years when we had to meet via Zoom for a time. Then we had to plan how to get members back in person and we hosted a number of special activities: a grave marking of five patriots at Fee Fee cemetery; a special lunch and silent auction for the SSL's 40th Anniversary; and later the MOSSAR state Conference. Along the way, I found one of my best friends, John Bedell.
- Next. I served as a state officer for 7 years: This included as MOSSAR Registrar 3 years under James, Howard, and George. Then on the Executive Committee each 1 year as 2nd VP under Michael, 1st VP under Dave, and EVP for Gene. Again, these offices were a time for learning. In addition to my regular duties, I began helping with the annual Battle of Fort San Carlos, a SAR national Color Guard event held in Ste. Genevieve whose success is largely due to our committee of Ken Lawrence, Steve Perkins, and Howard Fisk.

During my time on the ExCom, we've adopted monthly business Zoom meetings and term limits for state officers of 5 years in the same office. We're approaching the first set of term limits in a couple of years so opportunities abound to become a state officer. Now as your president, I am especially looking forward to working with our Committee of Communications which this year will rollout several new features to both protect and enhance MOSSAR's growth.

MOSSAR is conscious of the whole and taking steps to be a dynamic, thriving organization. So, let's look forward to some ways that you might get more

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involved. Here are some of the items to look forward to in the coming year:

- 1) The **Kephart Fund** will have its first distribution since being recently established. This involved many Missourians who established a committee to oversee over \$500,000 from the sale of Compatriot Wilber Kephart's farm. Much thanks are deserved of Michael Powers, Ron Hack, Steve Newman, and others for their hard work on this matter. Reach out to these men and see they might help you.
- 2) **Battle of Fort San Carlos 5/25/25**, there's already a great team in place and we would like to see some of you join in preparation for the 2026 event that is being expanded to 3 days. There is much needed for this to successfully continue in coming years so please ask about joining this team.
- 3) **Chapter visits:** The local chapter is really where the rubber meets the road. With 16 chapters and plans for a new one coming near Cape Girardeau this year there are plenty of events to participate in activities.
- 4) **Quarterly state meetings** will remain in Jefferson City at the Jefferson Bank thanks to Compatriot Ed Gray. It is a marvelously decorated colonial facility and centrally located so come join in and help shape state business.
- 5) **NSSAR Leadership and Congress meetings/** Every Spring and Fall the national SAR hosts meetings in Louisville where you can meet fellow compatriots from across America. Missouri is just a few hours' drive from Louisville, Kentucky and I know some of you have even made it a day trip to test the waters, although we hope you decide to stay for the full event. Then there is the annual SAR Congress held in July that rotates around the country amongst the various districts. This year it is being held in Connecticut where our honored guest, Compatriot Michael Elston is set to take the national leadership role.
- 6) **The 250th Anniversary** of the American Revolution is well underway with events like the Lexington and Concord celebrations earlier this month. It is important for us to acknowledge the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors.

MOSSAR and the SAR are full of opportunities for your

growth helping with our patriotic and educational mission.

In conclusion, I'd like to close with a story about our nation's greatest patriot, George Washington. After the end of the actual fighting of the American Revolution, there were almost two years of uncertainty about the future. No peace treaty had been formally signed, and the army had to be maintained in case there was a resumption of hostilities. It was hard to keep up morale; our patriot ancestors were terribly underpaid, poorly fed, and miserably supplied. It was a time of testing. The soldiers began a movement to take things into their own hands and redress their own grievances. Even some of the officers were lending themselves to the idea.

Then Washington, called them altogether, not to chastise them, not to silence a righteous protest. So, with no show of anger or of being offended, very gravely he took a statement from his pocket about the meaning of the war and his hopes for peace. He adjusted his eye glasses, and then observed as an aside; "Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray, but also almost blind in the service of my country."

He did not need to say any more. Suddenly his officers and men saw in him that the banishment of evil and the winning of freedom always means suffering. They fought for freedom and it would be a sad thing if they undid the whole purpose of the war and the ideals for which they for which they stood to support such a foolish movement.

Please remember how I opened with Compatriot Churchill's insights of a balance between past, present, and future. Organizations like MOSSAR and our nation need each of us to be mindful of the whole and participate to keep democracy strong for future generations of Americans. **Thank you for your support and hope to see everyone in Springfield for next year's MOSSAR state conference!**



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. JOSEPH - James Smith Talbot

ST. LOUIS - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter

WARRENSBURG - Martin Warren Chapter

WEST PLAINS - Josiah Howell Chapter

Lafayette Trail Marker Dedication April 26, 2025

Photos by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn



Historic Trail Marker Dedication

*Lafayette,
we are here.*

April 26, 2025

A Partnership of:



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Welcome and Introduction
Steven E. Biggs
Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution

Greetings and SAR Mission Statement
Michael J. Elston, Secretary General
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

*The Sons of the American Revolution
honors our Revolutionary War
patriot ancestors by promoting
patriotism, serving our communities,
and educating and inspiring future
generations about the founding
principles of our country.*

Pledge of Allegiance
Theodore "Teddy" Mall
Missouri State Society Children of the American Revolution

*I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America and
to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.*



General Comments
Julien Icher, President, The Lafayette Trail, Inc.

History of Lafayette Arrival 1825
Esley Hamilton, retired, Carondelet Historical Society

Mission of Carondelet Historical Society
Michael Brickey, Carondelet Historical Society

Local Dignitary Comments
The Honorable Cara Spencer, City of St. Louis

SAR Pledge

*We, descendants of the heroes of the
American Revolution who, by their
sacrifices, established the United
States of America, reaffirm our faith
in the principles of liberty and our
Constitutional Republic, and solemnly
pledge ourselves to defend them
against every foe.*

MOSSAR Formal Dedication of the
Lafayette Trail Historic Marker



MOSSAR Color Guard Musket Salute
Steven Perkins, Missouri State Commander
Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution

SAR Recessional
James Osbourn, South Central Vice President General
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

*'Until we meet again, let us remember
our obligations to our forefathers,
who gave us our Constitution, the Bill
of Rights, an independent Supreme
Court, and a Nation of Free Men.*

Photo Opportunity

Thank you for joining us as we
commemorate General Lafayette's visit
to St. Louis in 1825.





PANO view of the MOSSAR Color Guard.



Carondelet Historical Society Banner



Veiled Lafayette Marker



Steven E. Biggs, MOSSAR Executive Vice President and Marker Coordinator

Welcome and Introduction



Michael J. Elston, NSSAR Secretary General

Greetings and SAR Mission Statement



Theodore "Teddy" Moll Missouri C.A.R.

Pledge of Allegiance



Julien Icher, President
The Lafayette Trail, Inc.
General Comments



MOSSAR Color Guard led by Color Guard
Commander Steven Perkins and drummer
Jeffery L. Willey.



MOSSAR Color Guard





Esley Hamilton – History of Lafayette Arrival 1825



Michael Brickey, Carondelet Historical Society



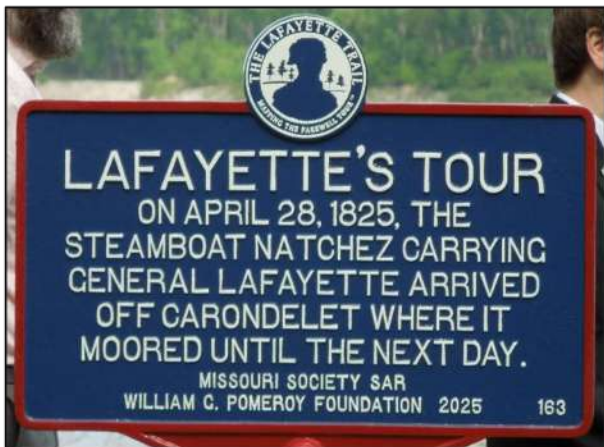
Anne Schweitzer, St. Louis Alderwoman Ward 1



Steven E. Biggs, MOSSAR Executive Vice President and Marker Coordinator SAR Pledge



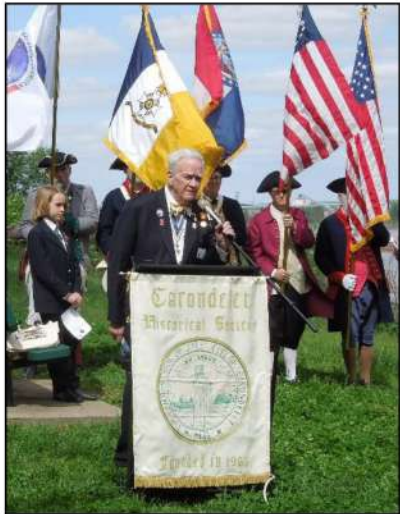
Unveiling/Dedication of the Lafayette Marker.



Lafayette Marker



Left to right: Drummer Jeffrey L. Willey, Musketeers Kevin Hulsey and Gary La Clare.



James Osbourn, South Central Vice President General - SAR Recessional



The unveiled Lafayette Marker pictured with those that participated in the unveiling.



Left to right: Dennis J. Hahn, Julian P. Icher, and Steven E. Biggs.



The Lafayette Tour Marker.



MOSSAR Annual Conference



MOSSAR Colorguard at the opening of the conference bringing in the Colors.



Giving a Flag Certificate to Holiday Inn.



MOSSAR Colorguard Commander Steve Perkins being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



Charles McMillan being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



Ken Lawrence being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



MOSSAR Past-President J. Michael Robertson being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



Ben Crouch being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



Mark Parks being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



Jeffery Willey being presented with the Hanna White Arnett Silver Medal Certificate from DAR State Regent Lisa Parks.



MOSSAR President Gene Henry presenting Lisa Parks with the SAR Medal of Appreciation, with certificate.



Guest speaker Julien Icher receiving the Missouri Society Silver Medal from President Henry.



Matthew Toeniskoetter being sworn in as the 2nd Vice President by NSSAR Secretary General Michael J. Elston. President Gene Henry (R), and Colorguard Commander Steve Perkins (with flag) also attending.



Missouri CAR President Ted Moll receiving a check from President Henry.



MOSSAR 8th Grade Brochure winner Grace Miller receiving her Certificate and check from Daniel Piedlow and President Gene Henry.



Daniel Piedlow showing the Certificate for the MOSSAR Poster Contest winner Rebecca Percival, with President Gene Henry holding the check.



MOSSAR JROTC Enhanced Outstanding Cadet Scholarship recipient Cadet Connor Irwin receiving his Certificate from Marvin Koechig, with Gavin Stull.



MOSSAR Knight Essay Contest winner Lauren Mathews receiving her Certificate and check from George Swales.



MOSSAR King Eagle Scout Contest winner Chase Hatch receiving his Certificate, Medal and check from Gary Gift and President Gene Henry.



J. Michael Robertson and President Gene Henry present James Northup with the High School Lawrence Teacher of the Year Award.



J. Michael Robertson and President Gene Henry present Brendon Borman with the Jr. High School Lawrence Teacher of the Year Award, and the National Teacher of the Year.



J. Michael Robertson and President Gene Henry present Karla Llemme with the Elementary School Lawrence Teacher of the Year Award.



Marvin Koeching (C) and President Gene Henry (R) present Captain Chuck Boschert (L) with the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.



President Gene Henry presents Michael Elston with the Missouri Society Gold Medal.



President Gene Henry presents James Osbourn with the Meritorious Service Medal Certificate.



Missouri Auxiliary SAR President Marilyn Henry with a check to Michael Elston for the Museum and Education Center.



Missouri Auxiliary SAR present James Osbourn with a check for SAR Library Endowment Fund.



Missouri Auxiliary SAR President Marilyn Henry presenting President Gene Henry with a check for the Missouri Society SAR.



(above) President Gene Henry presents Cindy Pirch and Jerre Robertson with the Martha Washington Medal. (below) Recipients of a certificate for presenting Flag Certificates during the year.





Drew Kingery presents Marilyn Henry, President of the Missouri Auxiliary SAR, with the Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Gene Henry presents Doug Fitts with the Certificate of Appreciation.



President Gene Henry presenting Matthew Toeniskoetter with the Sentman Newsletter Award.



Colorguard Commander Steve Perkins (R) presenting Stephen Sullins (L) with the Patriot Grave Marking Medal and Certificate.



Colorguard Commander Steve Perkins presents Jerre Robertson with the Molly Pitcher Medal and Certificate.



Colorguard Commander Steve Perkins presents Mark Parks with the Colorguardsman of the Year Award.



Jeffery Willey and Steven Biggs with their George Washington Fellow Certificate, surrounded by the past recipients of the Fellow Award.



Drew Kingery presenting Columbus Craft with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



President Gene Henry presenting Stephen Sullins with the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate.



President Henry presenting the Silver Henry Knox Medal and Certificate.



President Henry presenting the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.



President Gene Henry (R) presenting Richard Denning with the Missouri Bronze Medal.



President Henry presents the Missouri Silver Medal and Certificate.

President Gene Henry presents Dennis Hahn with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to the Missouri Society.





President Gene Henry presents Steven Newman with the Patriots Medal and Certificate.



President Gene Henry presents Goege Swales (L) and Donald Palmer (R) with the Certificate of Distinguished Service.



President Gene Henry presents Michael Robertson with the Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate.



The M. Graham Clarke Chapter received the MOSSAR OAS Participant of the Year Award.

(below) Americanism Awards for small chapters were presented to Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter for First Place (R) and Josiah Howell Chapter for Second Place.



(Page 19) Recipients of the Josiah Fogg Award. (top) Small Chapter. (middle) Medium Chapter. (bottom) Large Chapter.





(top) Americanism Awards for medium chapters, and (bottom) Americanism Awards for large chapters.



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President Gene Henry presents the Ozarks Patriots Chapter with the Yohe Award for best yearbook from a small chapter.



President Gene Henry presents the Christopher Casey Chapter with the Yohe Award for best yearbook from a medium chapter.



President Gene Henry presents the Ozarks Patriots Chapter with the Yohe Award for best yearbook from a large chapter.



The 2025-2026 Officers being sworn in by Michael Elston NSSAR Secretary General.



Newly sworn in President Steven Biggs receiving the gavel from Michael Elston.

Newly sworn in President Steven Biggs and First Lady Vicki.



Fort Zumwalt Monument Marker

MOSSAR Color Guard responded to a state muster to support the DAR Caroline Close Stewart Chapter on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at O'Fallon. At Fort Zumwalt Park a permanent historical marker was unveiled to recognize the home of Revolutionary War patriot Jacob Zumwalt. The procession of colors was led by the Lewis & Clark Fife & Drum Corps followed by twelve SAR Color Guard members. Upon falling into their positions, Regent Lori Vilbert and State Regent Lisa Parks proceeded with the ceremony and historical biography of soldier Jacob Zumwalt, and ultimately the unveiling followed by a triple-volley with five muskets. The group then proceeded to the Heald House where a bronze Revolutionary War marker set into a large stone, was unveiled. This, in the 250th year after the start of the war, commemorates the men and women who joined together to achieve American Independence. Photos by Dan Piedlow and Debbie Perkins.



President Steven Biggs presenting Past-President Gene Henry with a Certificate and Medal for State President.



From some legend and mostly established family history, Jacob Zumwalt and family were early settlers to the eastern Missouri area in present-day O'Fallon. By surname you see German heritage, originally from the Pennsylvania colony. Five of his brothers followed him. Spanish land grant #55 provided 450 arpents (383 acres) situated both sides of Belleau Creek. Present Ft. Zumwalt park is on a part of that original patent. The split log home may have been the first situated north of the Missouri River. Greater detail can be found at <https://ofallonmohistory.com/2017/09/11/jacob-zumwalt-and-zumwalts-fort/>



Missouri Colorguard participated in the DAR Lafayette celebration at the St. Louis Gateway Arch on Saturday, April 26.



The Missouri State Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual State Conference at the Chateaux on the Lake on 11 April 2025. Our State SAR Colorguard was asked to provide a colorguard to present the colors for the opening ceremonies.

Those compatriots attending from the Ozark Mountain Chapter were: Charles. McMillan, OMC Past President, Gerald McCoy, OMC 1st Vp. Ken Lawrence MOSSAR 1st VP, Steve Perkins, State Colorguard Commander.

Charles McMillan was able to play his drum in this event and was joined by Jeffrey Willey. Jeffrey played his drum and then played fife as Charles drummed the recovery of the colors.

The DAR surprised each coloroguard member with the Silver Hannah White Garret volunteer medal. This is the highest award they can give someone outside of the DAR organization.



Missouri Chapters at the DAR State Conference were: Independence Patriots, James Smith Talbot, Martin Warren, Ozark Mountain, and Spirit of St. Louis.



March 29, 2025 - MOSSAR President Gene Henry delivered Greetings at the Missouri State Society Children of the American Revolution State Conference in Columbia, Missouri.



Fernando de Leyba Chapter

February 2025

The 2024 Winners of the Americanism Brochure Contest



First place -- Grace E. Miller received a certificate of participation and check of \$100 and her Brochure will be sent to the Missouri Society for the statewide contest.



Second place -- Samantha A. Bellerson , a certificate of participation and a check of \$75.



Third place -- Josephene M. Burkemper, a certificate of participation and a check of \$50.



Our 2024 Eagle Scout Award went to Chase Hatch, who received his patch, medal and certificate from President Jim Jackson. It was announced that Scout Hatch has also won the Missouri Society award for 2024.



The Lafayette Park George Washington Statue event in St. Louis by the Cornelia Green Chapter DAR was attended by Ben and Jeff Willey. Both news channels 2 and 4 were present to record the ceremony and aired the event on Monday, February 17th.

Here Ben and Jeff are Joined by Terry Grogan (SSL). Jeff is a joint member of SSL and FDL.



Fernando de Leyba Chapter



That afternoon they attended the memorial bench dedication in Florissant, Missouri sponsored by the Reverend John Clark Chapter DAR. Here they are joined by members of the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter.

Josiah Howell Chapter

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day

Josiah Howell members attend the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day at the American Legion Post 41 in Houston, MO on Saturday, March 29, 2025. In the pictures below, we have one with just the Vietnam Veterans including two from our chapter (Dale Brake and David Wheeler), another with all Veterans in attendance, and the other with all Veterans and all SAR members in attendance. The other SAR members in attendance were Paul London and Garry Pirch.

While getting to know some of the Veterans we found three of them know about their Revolutionary War patriots with one having a family history book that had his Patriot receiving a Revolutionary War Pension. One is related to one of our chapter members and the other knew his patriot's name. They were very appreciative that we were there. Four of them had to do a military funeral service but made it back to have lunch and be in the pictures.



Vietnam Veterans with Dale Brake front row -far left and David Wheeler back row - fourth from left.



This is all the Veterans in attendance.



Here are all Veterans and SAR members in attendance.

Ozark Mountain Chapter



OMC Color Guard participated in the National Vietnam Veteran's Day ceremony at the VFW Post 639 on March 29, 2025. Colors were presented by Compatriot's (L - R) Steve Perkins, Dan Philbrick, Ken Lawrence, and Daniel Piedlow. Master of Ceremonys was Compatriot Charles McMillan, and speaker was Mike Goforth, Post Commander.



Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Thomas Hash

On Saturday March 15th the OMC Color Guard and members participated with the Alexander McNair Chapter of the DAR in remarking the grave of Patriot Thomas Hash at the Taylor Cemetery in Lawrence Co. Missouri. It had been marked previously by the DAR and the SAR but after being neglected for over three decades the DAR members of the Alexander McNair Chapter and others fantastically cleared, restored, and marked this historic cemetery. Maella Blalock, as Regent of the Alexander McNair Chapter, along with other members led this amazing rededication which included a formal event with the posting of the colors, musket salute, prayers, National Anthem, American Creed, and reading of the history of not only the Patriot Thomas Hash and family but also the founders of the Taylor Cemetery. Patriot Thomas Hash's son Philip Hash was also marked for the first time as a Patriot's Son and his history and participation in the War of 1812 was presented by MOSSAR Surgeon Norm Knowlton. Three Patriot's Daughters and another Patriot's Son are to be marked in the future. The ceremony concluded with a dedication of a permanent plaque marking the Taylor Cemetery. The property upon which this cemetery exists is owned by Brent Wilmoth and he was present and has been very enthusiastic in restoring and preserving this historic place. Other organizations attended including DAR members of the Rachel Donelson Chapter, SAR member from the Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter, and family ancestors

of Patriot Thomas Hash. Those OMC members present included MOSSAR 1st Vice President Ken Lawrence, MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins, MOSSAR Editor and Photographer Dan Piedlow, MOSSAR Surgeon Dr. Norm Knowlton, OMC Past Presidents Gary Gift and Charles McMillan, Musketeers Don Higgeson and Dan Piedlow Jr., and OMC members Joe Walker, his grandson Eli Harris and Bryan Hood.



Compatriot's Daniel Piedlow (L), and Don Higgeson (R) present the checks for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the 5th grade Poster Contest at New Covenant Academy on March 25, 2025.



Compatriot Daniel Piedlow (L), presented the checks for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the Brochure Contest at Greenwood Laboratory School on March 28, 2025.

Ozark Patriots Chapter

Ozark Patriot Chapter Color Guard members Dr. Brad Frazier and Don Turner presented an interactive American Revolution show on April 24, 2025, at the Saint James Missouri Elementary School Parents night following students completing the American Revolution study module in their class. Dr. Frazier brought his extensive collection of reproductions for the 4th – 6th grade students to see and handle. This annual event is always well received by students and their parents. Photos by Katie Morland.



Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter

AMERICAN PATRIOTS DAY

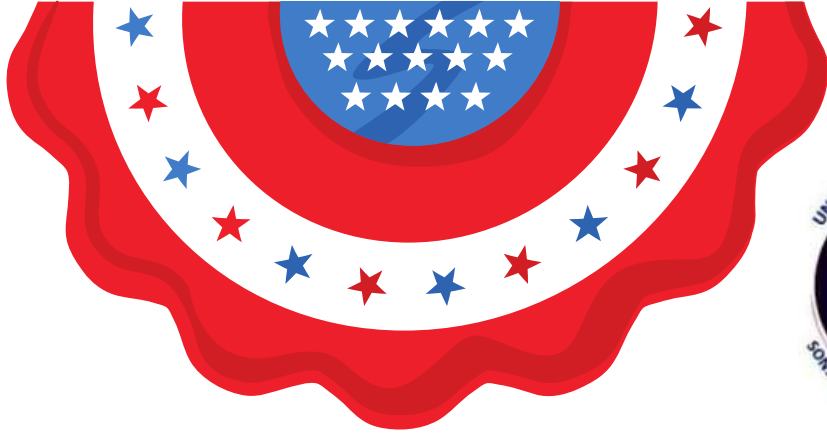
A gathering of Joplin area SAR and DAR Chapters held a public ceremony to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Lexington and Concord battles that initiated the American Revolution. Historical events of the April 19, 1775 battles were highlighted in sequence. The iconic Bedford Militia Flag and the origin of "The Shot Heard Around the World" were presented. In closing, the gathering sang the Colonial song "God Save Our Thirteen States."

and a SAR Proclamation, signed by the Mayor of Webb City, Missouri, noting the 250th Anniversary and the significance of the day, was recited to the audience.

The COL Travis Hoover Squadron Civil Air Patrol provided the Color Guard.

Pictured are compatriots Kavan Stull and Marty Griffin.





Battle of Fort San Carlos Festival and Grave Marking

**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025
STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI**

Plan your stay now in beautiful, historic Ste. Genevieve, the first organized European settlement west of the Mississippi River in present-day Missouri.

Event Schedule

11:30 a.m.

Registration at Guibord-Valle House

Challenge coins & medals available for purchase.

12:30 p.m.

**Militia and Color Guard muster at
Guibord-Valle House**

1 p.m.

Memorial Cemetery Ceremony

Rain location: Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church

**SAR members must
register online to receive
credit. Scan below to visit
the event website:**

[www.mossar.org/battle-
of-fort-san-carlos/](http://www.mossar.org/battle-of-fort-san-carlos/)



**Bring your own wreath and receive
a commemorative flag streamer.**

National Color Guard Event - Sons of the American Revolution

Participating Color Guard members must contact State Commander Steve Perkins to review safety requirements and eligibility for medal qualification: patriotmarcher@fastmail.com



SAVE THE DATE



Saturday

June 14th, 2025

National SAR 250th Commemoration

Birth of the United States Army

and a celebration of

George Washington as Commander-in-Chief

**Special Grave Marking Ceremony for
George and Martha Washington**



250th Ceremony at Mount Vernon
Revolutionary Encampment, Music, Luncheon

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Gala Dinner Hosted by George Washington

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250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

Our Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Won't You Join Us?

This country was founded by brave men and women who were willing to sacrifice everything in order to create the country we love today.

Do you have what it takes to carry on that legacy?

Where does your American story begin?

Let us help you find out.

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INTRODUCING THE SAR
***TOWN CRIER
MEDAL***

The Sons of the American Revolution is proud to launch the Town Crier Medal as a fundraising initiative to support the

YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

a national program encouraging students to explore and share stories from the American Revolution.

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TOWN CRIER MEDAL
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