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



Battle of Fort San Carlos medal and challenge coin is available for purchase from Compatriot Drew Kingery. The medal is \$45.00 and the challenge coin is \$15.00. Email Drew at: drewkingery@gmail.com

On the Cover

Musketeer's fire at the Marlin Cemetery on June 14, 2025. The Chapter's involved were Sgt. Ariel Nims and Ozark Mountain.



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From The President

By President Steven Biggs

Compatriots:

I would like to personally welcome you to the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution.

We are confident you will find membership to be a rewarding experience as you network with fellow members who take pride in honoring the contributions of their patriot ancestors in the founding of our great nation. It is only by remembering the sacrifices of those brave private citizens who took up arms to create a free and independent government that we can truly appreciate the many freedoms we enjoy today.

Our website, <https://mossar.org> contains a wealth of information about the Missouri Society, History, Patriotism and Educational Outreach. In addition there is much information specific to society members when you log into the site. I invite you to login and peruse all the links.

You will be receiving an invitation to login to the site directly from Missouri Society, SAR <wordpress@mossar.org> with your password. Note that many email clients, especially Outlook will send this email directly to 'Junk Mail'. So, please check for it there. Your User ID will be either your NSSAR National Number, or your email address.

In addition, there is a new member manual and links to the National training videos for new members. <https://mossar.org/quick-links/new-member-information-videos/>. Or, you can access these by using the attached QR code on your mobile device. Please be sure to see all of the training videos now on SAR University: <https://www.sar.org/sar-university/>. As you grow in our society, you will find these very helpful.

We are delighted that you have joined us! We hope to see you soon at a Chapter meeting or MOSSAR event.

Steven E. Biggs, 2025-2026 President
Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution
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Editor Request:

Please help me. When you submit an article for the newsletter, please make sure it is a Word document. PDF documents are a lot harder to convert, so I can insert them into the newsletter. Also, Pictures should be in the original format, not cropped or reduced in size (megabytes, always megabytes). If pictures are included in the Word document, include them as an attachment. I can convert almost all picture formats, but the best one for me is a .jpeg. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Daniel Piedlow, MOSSAR Editor



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

New Members

Aubuchon, Martin	FDL	Morrow, Patrick	CCC
Bacher, Bruce	OMC	Morse, Joe	ALO
Bacher, Bryan	OMC	Myers, Derek	FDL
Bacher, David	OMC	Nulton Jr., Benjamin	FDL
Bacher, Eric	OMC	Parrott, Michael	JST
Billington, Hardy	ALO	Presnell, Michael	OPC
Bollinger, David	ALO	Ragland, Kenneth	MWC
Brickell, Jay	ALO	Rankin, Charles	ALO
Carr, Lucas	JHC	Richmond, Christopher	ALO
Clemmons, Benjamin	OMC	Rose Jr., Douglas	ALO
Clubb, Vincent	ALO	Salisbury, Benjamin	HST
Cool, John	JST	Salisbury, Brobert	HST
Davis Jr., Elvard	FDL	Salisbury, James	HST
Diven, James	JST	Sammons, William	HST
Eades, William	SSL	Sanders, James	OMC
Englehardt, Mark	FDL	Scheiderer, Samuel	MGC
Fleishans, Marshall	JST	Shelton, Michael	ALO
Fleishans, Theodore	JST	Simons, Austin	MWC
Frederickson, Matthew	FDL	Steele, Rodney	SAN
Freihofer, James	MGC	Stokes, Jeff	OMC
Funk, David	WCC	Stokes, Joel	OMC
Gorhart, Gerald	OMC	Thomas, Kenneth	OMC
Goodpasture, Nathan	WCC	Tritt, Robert	AMC
Grimes, Roy	JST	Vanderwood, Roger	ALO
Hager, Ryan	JST	Voss, Joshua	OMC
Halter, David	JST	Walden Jr., Gary	OMC
Hibbs, Clifton	JST	Walker, Andrew	OMC
Hicks, Jeffrey	OMC	Walker, Mark	OMC
Hinson, Phillip	SSL	Walker, Michael	OMC
Hosking, David	FDL	Walker, Patrick	OMC
Ishmael, Phillip	WCC	Walker, Randall	OMC
Kramer, Donald	IPC	Walker, Royal	OMC
Livers, William	ALO	Ward, Steven	JST
Lloyd, Jeffery	MWC	Wasmer, Ernest	HST
Magnuson II, Aaron	OMC	Wathen, David	OPC
McMillin Jr., Dearing	AMC	Willey, Bryan	SSL
Meierhoffer, Gibson	JST	Willey, Brayden	SSL
Meierhoffer, Mack	JST	Wilson, David	ALO
Meierhoffer, Michael	JST	Wilson II, David	ALO
Meierhoffer, Scott	JST	Wilson, Shawn	ALO
Meierhoffer, Todd	JST	Wright, Russell	JST
Meierhoffer III, Walter	JST	Yarbro, Donald	ALO
Merideth III, Denny	ALO		

July Quarterly Board Meeting



Compatriots Gary Pirch, President Steven Biggs, and Past-President J. Michael Robertson with the Syracuse Award for the most new chapters in the society.



President Steven Biggs with the U.S Flag Retirement Award for having at least 50% of the chapters with at least one retirement.



President Steven Biggs, and National Trustee David Shaul with the second place President General's Activities Award for the state society which shows evidence of the most complete practice of implementing the SAR programs and resolutions.



Librarian General James Osbourn presenting the MOSSAR Ladies Auxiliary with the certificate and medal for being an Endowment Contributor of the Friends of the Library.



Compatriots who are members of the Friends of the Library.



President Biggs presenting the Patriot Grave Marking Medal and Oak Leaf to Mark Parks (who was absent).



President Biggs presenting the Patriot Grave Marking Medal to Doug Anderson for Jeff Willey.

July Quarterly Board Meeting



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Doug Anderson (pictured right), and John Bedell with a Certificate of Appreciation.



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Brad Fraizer with a Certificate of Appreciation.



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Matthew Toeniskotter with a Certificate of Appreciation.



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Keith Morris with a Certificate of Appreciation.



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Doug Neff with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Past-President Gene Henry presenting Patricia Meeks Dickherber with a Martha Washington Medal and Certificate.

July Quarterly Board Meeting



Past-President Gene Henry presenting Compatriot Robert Grover with a Silver Henry Knox Medal and Certificate.



Past-President Gene Henry presenting the Allen Laws Oliver Chapter with a Flags Presentation Awards Certificate.

October Quarterly Board Meeting



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Doug Neff with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins presenting Compatriot Gary LeClaire with the Bronze Color Guard Medal.



Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins presenting Compatriot Mark Parks with the Silver Color Guard Medal.



Executive Vice President Lawrence presenting Compatriot Jeffrey Carey with the General John Pershing Fund lapel pin and Certificate.

October Quarterly Board Meeting



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Danny Creason with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot James Anderson (Doug Anderson accepting) with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Past-President J. Michael Robertson with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot Clifford Olsen with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot John Coutts with the Liberty Medal and Certificate.

October Quarterly Board Meeting



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting the Sgt. Ariel Nimms Chapter with the President General's Education Outreach Streamer.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot Michael Presnell with the Southwest Asia Veterans Corps Certificate.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting John Bedell of the William C. Corum Chapter with a Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for Compatriot Gary Rummel, and an SAR University Certificate for Compatriot Darrel Jones.



President Biggs presenting Compatriot Ken Lawrence with the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot J. Michael Robertson with the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the James Talbot Chapter.

October Quarterly Board Meeting



President Biggs (L), and Executive Vice President Lawrence (R) presenting Compatriot J. Michael Robertson with the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the James Talbot Chapter.



Certificate of Participation for the Society for the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest.



Certificate of Participation for the Society for the Council of Youth Programs Poster Contest.



Certificate of Participation for the Society for the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.



Certificate of Participation for the Society for the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest.



Officers' Streamer Award Certificate for the Society.

Fernando de Leyba Chapter



May 14 Joint Meeting with DAR St. Charles Chapter and CAR Nathan Futrell Chapter



May 24 George Rogers Clark Commemoration
Vincennes, Indiana
Jeff Lilley (FDL/SSL) Steve Sullins (IPC) and Ben Crouch (FDL and Eastern Color Guard Commander)



May 31 Mike Wood Pavilion Dedication, Manchester, Missouri



FDL Past President and Former Mayor of Manchester, Missouri was honored by the City of Manchester by a pavilion in his name.

Fernando de Leyba Chapter



May 9th Gateway STEM JROTC Annual Awards Ceremony. JROTC Committee Chairman Marvin Koehig and Cadet Curtis Sweat.



September 9th Our Brochure Contest Winner Grace Miller won 3rd place at the National Congress!

Program: Teddy Moll, the President of the Missouri Society of the Children of the American Revolution gave a great presentation of his year project, discussing the threatened turtles in the State of Missouri.



Harry S. Truman Chapter

Hero's Return Home from Honor Flight at Kansas City
On Tuesday, October 28th, Kansas Veterans returning from an Honor Flight to the nation's capital received a hero's welcome home at the Kansas City airport. Fifteen Color Guardsmen from the Missouri and Kansas Societies were there to provide the welcome. The event was sponsored by the Wamego High School in Wamego, KS. This was their 15th Honor Flight and the second one this year. All veterans were accompanied by guardians from the high school's National Honor Society during the trip. The Welcome Home is coordinated and planned by the NW District of the Missouri Society. This was their 8th Welcome Home conducted this year, with 2 remaining.



L to R: Alan Martin, Jeffery Winters, Ivan Stull, Dewey Fry, Brian Vazquez, and Roy Hutchinson.



L to R: Roy Hutchinson, Brian Vazquez, Dewey Fry, Ivan Stull, Jeffery Winters, Alan Martin, Lisa Parks, John More, Michael Robertson, Darrell Jones, Steven Vass, and Mark Parks, Commander.



L to R: Lisa Parks (MSSDAR State Regent), Alan Martin, Jeffery Winters, Ivan Stull, and Dewey Fry.

Josiah Howell Chapter

April brought our 1st anniversary celebration. We were supposed to celebrate on our usual meeting day of April 5th, but the weather helped us celebrate on April 12th, one full year after our charter meeting on April 13, 2024. The SAR auxiliary helped by creating a shadow box of memorabilia from our first year. Of course, we had a birthday cake that was enjoyed by all who showed up.

Josiah Howell was represented at the State SAR convention in St. Charles by Garry Pirch. At the State

SAR meetings, Jan Tappana and Cindy Pirch were given the Martha Washington Medal for outstanding service to SAR. Jan was not at the meeting to receive her medal, so Garry Pirch was able to present it to her at the May 3rd DAR meeting, along with the Josiah Howell Medal of Appreciation for her help in filling out paperwork correctly for eight members in the year before and year after we were chartered.

Josiah Howell Chapter



Jan Tappanna, after receiving the State SAR Martha Washington Medal and Josiah Howell Medal of Appreciation from Garry Pirch.

On May 17th, we were present at an Armed Forces Appreciation Day in Licking at the Intercounty Electric Auditorium. We did a lot of talking to the Veterans and found ten potential members.

Josiah Howell Chapter displayed a wreath at the Commemoration of the 245th Anniversary of The Battle of Fort San Carlos at St. Louis, May 26, 1780. The ceremony was on May 25th, 2025, in St. Genevieve.

In preparation for the Memorial Day ceremony, Jerry Roberts, Garry Pirch, and Paul London participated in decorating the veterans buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery with American Flags. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow the ceremony to take place. We had two SAR members who were going to take part in the ceremony, and our SAR Flag was to be posted.

At our June meeting, we had a presentation about Ministers in the Revolutionary War by Len Slovenski from the Ozark Mountain Chapter, and decided to get a plaque for the American Legion Hall wall commemorating the Josiah Howell Chartering.

Also in June, we made a video with Ozark Radio News about the proper way to fold an American Flag for Flag Day. We were honored to have two Veteran members (Dale Brake and Les Becker) to do the Flag folding with our Historian (Jerry Roberts) reading the meaning of each of the 13 folds. Jerry and Paul London also told a brief history and meaning of the Flag. Fred McKinney filmed the event alongside Ozark

Radio News. The Ozark Radio News has the video on their news feed on Facebook, and it is also on the SAR Josiah Howell Chapter Facebook page. It is a seven-minute video.



At the Battle of Fort San Carlos commemoration in St. Genevieve, the Josiah Howell Chapter wreath is at far lower right. Also, in the picture are (L to R) Steve Biggs, Ken Lawrence, and James Osbourn.



At the Flag folding video event from left to right are Jerry Roberts, Dale Brake, Les Becker, Paul London, Garry Pirch, and Fred McKinney.

Josiah Howell Chapter



We started off the month of July marching in the huge 4th of July parade in Willow Springs.

Left to Right: Keith Chester from Ozark Patriots Chapter, Les Becker, Justin Mutrux, Dale Brake, Jerry Roberts, Garry Pirch, and Paul London.

We had Constitution Week proclamations from two Mayors, one from West Plains and the other from Mountain View. West Plains Mayor Mike Topliff (also a potential member) made the proclamation for Constitution Week on Friday, August 22, 2025, at City Hall with six Josiah Howell members present. Mayor Charry McCann read and presented the second Constitution Week proclamation on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the regular Mountain View Council meeting.



Josiah Howell Chapter presented two Flag Certificates in August. One was presented to the Howell County Commissioners at the Courthouse in downtown West Plains, and the other to Air Medic Evac for their display of not only the American Flag but all fifty states' Flags in front of their facility in West Plains.



Left to Right: Fred McKinney, Justin Mutrux, Jerry Roberts, West Plains Mayor Mike Topliff, Paul London, Les Becker, and Gerald Roberts.



Left to Right: Paul London, Mayor Charry McCann, and Garry Pirch at the Mountain View City Council meeting for the Constitution Week Proclamation.

Josiah Howell Chapter



On Saturday, September 6, Josiah Howell hosted their second annual picnic at Galloway Park in West Plains. We were honored to have MOSSAR President Steven Biggs and his wife, Vicki (SAR Auxiliary President), among those present. He presented Josiah Howell Chapter with an America 250 Streamer to be put on our Flag. Executive Vice President Ken Lawrence and Missouri Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins were other high-ranking officials to attend.



Josiah Howell Chapter SAR members Dale Brake, Les Becker, and Paul London attended a 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Lincoln School in West Plains.



At the regular meeting in August, we presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lesa Bauer (DAR member) for making a Wreath for Josiah Howell Chapter and two display boards, one about the American Flag and the other about the Flags of the thirteen original colonies. Making the presentation was Garry Pirch, Chapter President.



Tuesday, September 2, 2025, SAR and DAR were at the West Plains Public Library to decorate a display case for Constitution Week. The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble, a Flag with thirteen stars, books about America's Independence, and other artifacts were displayed for the month.

Josiah Howell Chapter



MOSSAR President Steven Biggs presenting the America 250 streamer to Josiah Howell Chapter President Garry Pirch.



The original Sons of Liberty flag from 1765. The flag has nine horizontal stripes for the original nine colonies who joined the cause.

Ozark Mountain Chapter

OMC Color Guard members Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Steve Perkins supported The Warriors Journey by presenting colors at the opening of their Gala event Saturday evening, May 3, 2025. The event was held in the beautiful ballroom at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. OMC member Dr. Clarke was also at the dinner.

The Warriors Journey organization is about veterans helping veterans. From their website <https://thewarriorsjourney.org/>, their overarching mission is for Warriors helping Warriors. They are committed to helping one another through the invisible wounds with no bureaucracy and paperwork. Kevin Weaver is their President. Founded in 2016, they develop partnerships to help save thousands from emotional trauma, suicide, and waning hope.

It was our honor to present colors before roughly 300 people who gathered for this annual Gala dinner and fundraiser.



Ozark Mountain Chapter

Memorial Day 2025

For 3 years in a row, the Ozark Mountain Chapter has hosted the Memorial Day event at the National Cemetery in Springfield.

This event was threatened by inclement weather. Several groups did, in fact, cancel, not knowing how bad the rain would be. I don't blame them for sure.

We were most fortunate to have the rain, not torrential rain, but just a slight rain at the time of the parade of flags, and the parade went off very well. Thanks to Commander Steve Perkins for leading the group along the parade route.



The groups that made the parade were the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Rachel Donnelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Sons of Union Veterans Phelps Camp, and Daughters of the Union Veterans. I appreciate their effort.



Our speaker was former Army Captain Ken McClure, a past Springfield Mayor. He gave a thoughtful and moving speech on the sacrifices made by our veterans and how we should never forget.

Thanks to Colonel John Hathcock

for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Norm Knowlton for being our Chaplain for the event, Dr. George Swales for being the MC, Dan Piedlow for photographs, and the 135th ANG Bugler for playing Taps.

Tony Orlando (Michael Anthony Orlando Cassavitis)

Tony Orlando's tribute to America's Vietnam Veterans, "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" was the #1 Billboard Song of the Year 1973 and became Orlando's theme song and grew into an American anthem of hope, homecoming, and renewal for returning veterans.

Tony has performed to millions of troops on U.S.



bases and around the world. He is the recipient of The Bob Hope Award for excellence in entertainment, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society honoring his efforts on behalf of our nation's veterans. 2023 marked the 50th Anniversary of 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon' and the celebration of the return of American POWs from Vietnam. At the invitation of Bob Hope, Tony performed the song at the Cotton Bowl in 1973 for nearly 600 Vietnam POWs and has been a part of their annual homecoming reunion for the past 50 years.

As a salute to our Nation's Vietnam POWs, Tony donated his gold record "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" to the Nixon Library as a salute to veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Tony has performed for our armed services around the globe helping raise millions of dollars for Veterans and Military causes. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Eisenhower Foundation as well as the Tribute to Valor Foundation, an organization that inspires, and influences young people through the values of character represented by the Medal of Honor.

Tony has served as Master of Ceremonies for Medal of Honor events in addition to serving as the Master

Ozark Mountain Chapter

of Ceremonies at the Secretary of Defense Freedom Awards at the Pentagon.

Few entertainers have excelled in so many realms as Tony has, a top selling recording artist, songwriter, concert headliner, network television star, Motion Picture actor, Broadway performer and author.

Tony has received many honors during his illustrious career, however his service to America's War Veterans is his most distinct honor.

June 13, 2025 - Flag Day Ceremony

In collaboration with the Commissioners of Greene County, the Ozark Mountain Chapter presented a history of battle flags from the American Revolution and the War of 1812. This annual event is greatly appreciated by the Commissioners, three of whom join in the ceremony, as does the Greene County chorale. They sang the National anthem at the opening of the ceremony, and then three other patriotic songs during the course of the ceremony.



OMC President J. Howard Fisk reading the proclamation for Tony Orlando.



OMC members stepped forward with the flag corresponding to the history orated by George Swales. The ceremony was concluded with the tolling of the bell 14 times. The flag procession was drummed in by Charles McMillan. OMC members include Joe Walker, Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Dan McMurray, Rod Grewe (prospective), Don Higgerson, Norm Knowlton, Gary Gift, Dan Philbrick, and George Swales. Photos by OMC member Dan Piedlow.



In attendance are from left to right, (front row) J. Howard Fisk, former Springfield Mayor Ken McClure, Norman Knowlton, Steve Perkins, Tony Orlando, Ken Lawrence, George Swales, Charles McMillan, (back row) John Hathcock, Cris Brayman, and Gary Gift. Photo's by Compatriot Daniel Piedlow.



Ozark Mountain Chapter



On July 3rd, members of the OMC Colorguard presented Colors, while Kristin Ward sang the National Anthem at the Branson Landing “Light Up for Liberty” event. Colorguard members are, Daniel Piedlow (L), Cris Brayman (Flag), and Steve Perkins (R).



On July 4th, members of the OMC Colorguard presented Colors at the parade on Meadowmere St. in Springfield. Colorguard members are Joe Walker (L), and Steve Perkins (R).



Sunday, October 12, 2025, the Ozark Mountain Chapter participated in the DAR’s Rachel Donelson Chapter of honoring Patriot James Barham. The ceremony was attended by 200 or more people, one of the largest gatherings for such an event, in recent time. Many descendants made the trip from as far away as Oregon, California, and Arizona. They also came from Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The ceremony included comments from Greene County Commission’s Rusty MacLachlan, SAR members Glenn Gohr, and State Senator Curtis Trent. James Osbourn, Past MOSSAR President, PAST SCD VPG, and current Librarian General, also brought greetings. Ash Grove’s school choir sang several songs, and a local young teen Adelaide Cimino recited “The American Flag”, itself having historic origin to 1861.

James Barham certainly had an interesting life which spanned from May 18, 1764 to January 8, 1865. He served the Virginia Militia, and was present at the Battle of Yorktown. He and first wife Prudence Freeman had six children. With



second wife Elizabeth Houston, another three were born. The families lived in Logan County Kentucky, and while a resident in Trugg County KY, he was granted a pension. He then lived in Tennessee for a short while, and in 1846 moved to Missouri to be near family. He obtained a bounty land warrant in 1855 in Greene County. The grave marker pictured was a government stone obtained about 1911 and was dedicated Sunday, October 15, 1911. Following unveiling, musketeers Perkins and Higgerson fired a triple volley as flowers were set at the grave, and taps were played to conclude the ceremony and lead into the benediction. It was truly a glorious moment to

Ozark Mountain Chapter

honor James Barham, a **PATRIOT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**



L-R: Charles McMillan, Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Joe Walker, Jeff Hicks, Librarian General James Osbourn, Don Higgeson, Royal Walker (brand new member), Eli Harris (Royal's great-grandson).



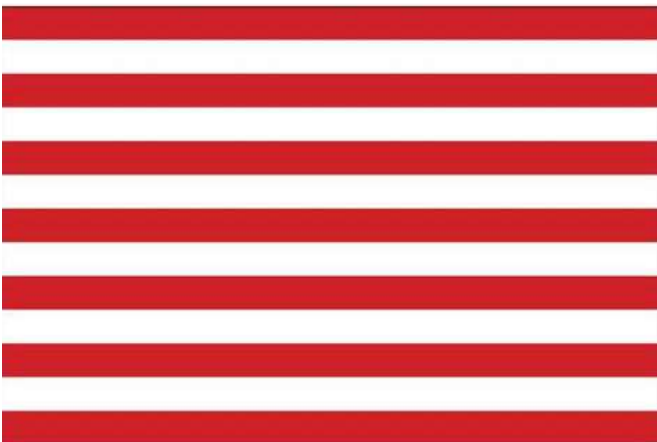
Senator Trent and OMC Past-President



James Barham's grave is at GPS 37.302516, -93.488642, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 5584 N Farm Rd 75, Willard, MO.



Higgeson & Perkins burning powder



The second flag for the Sons of Liberty, after all colonies joined the cause. 1775



Ozark Patriots Chapter

July 13, 2025

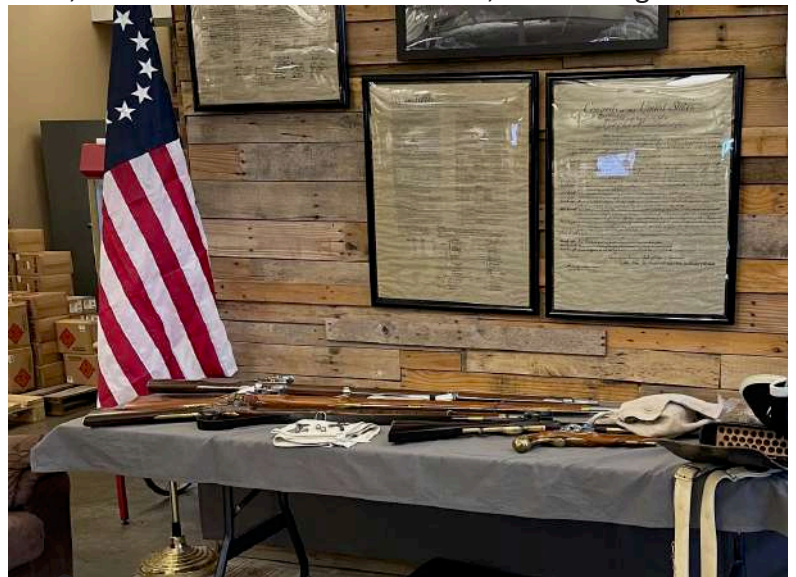
Range West, Ballwin, MO

250th Anniversary - historical review.

OPC Member Dr. Brad Frazier was an exhibitor at “Range West”, Ballwin MO, July 13, 2025. This was a 250th anniversary program, the kick-off to others that Range West will present to the shooting range clientele.

Dr. Brad Frazier said approximately 100 people stopped by, and examined weapons pertinent to that era of our history. He spoke about the American Revolution, military tactics and strategy, and his personal connection to the SAR organization.

The display included a Long Land Pattern British Musket, 1777 French St Etienne Musket, British Sergeants Fusil. American Long Rifle and British Elliot Pattern horse pistol. Had examples of musket balls, tools and Tow fibers as well. British pattern cartridge box rounded out the display. Spoke about how the arms dictated the tactics. Specifically, the smooth bore muskets limited range and accuracy that drove massed volley fire at relatively close range. Explained the long loading procedure and the use of Tow in cleaning. Touched on the need for under sized balls due to fouling and the impact of weather on operations. Spoke about the SAR in general and the Color Guard specifically on how we are the public face of the SAR.



Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter

Right in the backyard of the Sgt Ariel Nims chapter’s homebase in Joplin, is the W-Club. Webb City, Missouri recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the official opening of a 17,000 SF recreation and community center in King Jack Park. The \$1.5 million facility was primarily funded by a local foundation in honor of a local long time businessman. So, what’s this have to do with the SAR?

In August 2024, the SCD meeting was held in Joplin, and the primary color guard event was to dedicate a liberty tree and bench in King Jack Park. Several city officials were present for the ceremony, and recognized for their dedication to freedom and liberty. They were so gratified for the SAR desiring to place a Liberty Tree in their park, SCD, MOSSAR, and Ariel Nims chapter are a permanent icon in the facility meeting room. This photo appeared in The Colorguardsman magazine in late 2024. Now, it is one of four that are on the wall of the meeting room.

enduring impression on Webb City leaders!



Credit to Kavan Stull and Sgt. Ariel Nims for making an

Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter

June 14, 2025

Missouri Sons of the American Revolution, was honored to walk the hallowed ground of Marlin Cemetery where about 50 descendants, friends and family gathered to commemorate Flag Day, but also to pay tribute to one of the earliest settlers of the upper Big Niangua River, west of Conway. Thomas Marlin (1782-1861) and wife Polly Rice arrived from Tennessee in 1833. Thomas was a son of Revolutionary War soldier and patriot Archibald Marlin. A medallion was set into the memorial stone, and SAR member Marty Griffin, a descendant of Archibald, presented a brief biography of Thomas. The ceremony was capped off by a triple musket volley by Color Guard members of the OMC SAR chapter. Participating members included Dan & Dan Jr Piedlow, Dan Philbrick, Joe Walker, Ken Lawrence, Steve Perkins. Sgt Ariel Nims members were Marty Griffin, Kavan Stull, and Guy Mikesell.



Compatriot's Keith Jones, Joe Walker, Don Higgerson, Norman Knowlton, Steve Perkins, and Sgt. Ariel Nims Compatriot Kavin Stull at the Naturalization Ceremony that was held at the George Washington Carver National Park in Diamond, MO. Photo's by Compatriot Daniel Piedlow.

Compatriots with Judge Harpool.

William C. Corum Chapter

On Saturday June 28th at 9 AM DAR & SAR members gathered at Ruth Moore Park, in Liberty Missouri, to dedicate a Liberty Tree and a park bench in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Host chapters were William C. Corum Chapter SAR and the Alexander Doniphan Chapter DAR.

MOSSAR NW District Color Guard, and a member of the Nebraska Society, presented colors under the command of Mark Parks. The members of the Color Guard were Stephen Sullins(IPC), Michael Robertson(JST/WCC), Gene Henry(MWC), Paul Burrignt(dual member WCC from Omaha, Nebraska), Steve Vass(JST), David Stick(WCC), Ivan Stull(HST).

When colors were advanced, participants did the Pledge of Allegiance and pledges the SAR and the DAR. Remarks were given from Alexander Doniphan Chapter Regent Katherine Goevert and Drew Kingery, William C. Corum Chapter President. A wreath was placed at the base of the tree in honor of the Patriots that passed through Clay County.

Sharon Bugg (DAR) also presented a Certificate to Vietnam Veteran Patrick Bobtyl with the Patriot of the Month Award.

This was a two-year project of both DAR & SAR chapters requiring coordination with the City of Liberty Parks and Recreation Community Engagement Manager Erika Brant. We used the proceeds from the sale of a book. Members of each chapter contributed a short story about their Patriot.



Color Guard l-r: Stephen Sullens, Michael Robertson, Gene Henry, Katherine Goevert-DAR Chapter Regent, Paul Burrignt, Drew Kingery, Steve Vass, David Stick, Ivan Stull, Mark Parks.



DAR Ladies l-r 1st Row- Anne Sizemore, Theresa Wetzal, Sharon Bugg
2nd Row- Prospective new member, Elizabeth Harden, Christie Carlson, Denise Irminger, Katherine Goevert, Linda Passiglia, Jerre Robertson



William C. Corum Chapter

Saturday, November 8th, the William C Corum Chapter of the SAR and the Alexander Donilhan Chapter of the DAR held their annual Veterans Day luncheon to honor chapter veterans. The luncheon included a Quilts of Valor program, where a patriotic quilt is given to a veteran. This program is a joint effort of the WCC Women's Auxiliary and the Alexander Doniphon Chapter DAR. This year's recipient is Vietnam Veteran Larry Anderson.

The keynote speaker was retired Marine Gunnery Sargent Jacob Seller, who is the Kansas City Coordinator of Irreverent Warriors. Jacob spoke to us about what the group does to help veterans.



Jacob Sellers and President Drew Kingery.



L-R, Jerre Robertson (reading at the podium, Color Guard Michael Robertson, Carol Kingery, Larry Anderson, WCC President Drew Kingery, Ruth Anderson, and Darrel Jones.



WCC compatriot and veteran Jeff Cary and Michael Robertson demonstrating the 13 steps of proper flag folding.

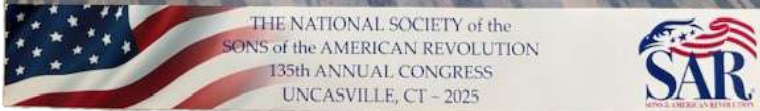


WCC compatriots who are veterans.

South Central District Meeting



Missouri attendees at the Liberty bench dedication



Missouri delegation



Missouri Delegation at Folds of Honor reception



Missouri President's report to the entire South-Central District



The United States Army's New Exhibit Highlighting the Revolutionary War Soldier Experience

by Adam E. Zielinski

"He is one of those who fought in the Revolutionary War for that Independence which the people of this Country now enjoy. That whilst his country had need of his services . . . he did not remain at home 'idle in his cabin,' but went wherever his country call[ed], & his General dared to lead." The words of Private William Woods of South Carolina speak directly to his quest for receiving a pension. Seeking relief from poverty in elder years, his story is just one of dozens found in the new exhibit, "CALL TO ARMS: The Soldier & the Revolutionary War," the National Museum of the United States Army's celebration of the army's 250th birthday this upcoming June 2025.



Details of a powder horn belonging to soldier Daniel Johnson in 1775.

The first exhibition of its kind to showcase the Continental Army at its inception, this ambitious exhibit centers enlisted soldiers in the overall scope of the Revolution, with a focus on artifacts that are both original and rare to tell their stories. The 5,000 square foot space has been developed to provide engagement at every corner; from the first shots of Lexington and Concord through the perils of the Southern Theater, the Army is presenting the Revolutionary War in a way that has never been seen before.

Located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the National Museum of the United States Army opened in November 2020 at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. It remains a hidden gem of combat history for America's wars, offering visitors both physical and immersive experiences going back to America's founding. While the museum draws many veterans and their families, along with active duty soldiers, it continues

to welcome the general public in an effort to show and tell the Army's history to American citizens. Chief Curator Paul Morando knew the museum could elaborate on the main gallery's Revolutionary War pieces. His first goal was to ensure this special exhibit brought visitors as close as possible to the soldiers of the Revolution.

With help from many of the nation's leading museums and historical societies, as well as the graciousness of several private collectors, the Army has enhanced its own collection to create a significant presentation to the public. One of the exhibit's crucial goals is presenting artifacts linked to individual soldiers. Of the 280 artifacts on display, 250 have such provenance. From original muskets, rifles and swords, to cocked hats, flags and personal effects, visitors will be treated to a full spectrum of items, some of which are on display for the very first time. Highlights include a cap worn by a soldier killed at Long Island, an original Ferguson breech-loading rifle, a sword thought to be the one surrendered by Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga, and a ten-inch French mortar used at the Siege of Yorktown. Through items associated with big names, such as Generals Washington, Greene and Morgan, visitors will learn about the soldiers who fought under their commands, and the triumphs and hardships that ultimately secured American independence.

A special treat is that the museum has partnered with international institutions to include artifacts from around the world. These include an original 1773 British redcoat, a 1776 French infantry coat, and artifacts associated with the many German regiments collectively known as Hessians. In addition, while the exhibit does not seek to tell the whole story of the war, it does provide visitors with a sprawling variety of items that touch on American Loyalists, prisoners of war, civilian interactions, and veterans seeking compensation in the nineteenth century.

Artifacts centering on the many soldier stories are not the only means of visitor engagement. The museum has partnered with several design firms to bring to life two interactive, 3-D topographical maps that will both show and tell visitors the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Siege of Yorktown. The exhibit also features two interactive, touch-screen kiosks that break down Northern and Southern theaters by battle. The heart and soul of the kiosks emerge when visitors discover personal accounts and testimonies from the soldiers

themselves. Snippets reveal motivations for service, for decisions made under fire, and reflection on what sacrifices soldiers of the Revolution ultimately endured.



Pvt. Cato Varnum (Vernon) is one of seven life-sized cast figures representing individuals who fought with the Continental Army.

The exhibit also features seven life-sized cast figures depicting real individuals who fought in the Revolutionary War on the side of American independence. These include Private Sylvanus Wood, who captured the first British prisoner at Concord, and Anna Maria Lane, a camp follower and soldier's wife who earned a pension from the state of Virginia for fighting alongside her husband. Other featured individuals, such as Stockbridge Indian Daniel Nimham, open avenues for visitors to learn who was fighting alongside the Continental Army, and their motivations for doing so. Look no further than Private Cato Vernon, an African American soldier with the 1st Rhode Island Regiment. Vernon, standing with fixed bayonet in the center of the exhibit, earned his freedom from chattel slavery by enlisting in the Army.

Of the many celebrations being planned for America's 250th anniversary in 2026, the US Army has once again taken the lead by being the front line of America's founding. Never before has such an exhibit

taken on the responsibility of giving voice to so many who sacrificed all for America's birthright.

Come for the Washingtons. The Lafayettes. The Hamiltons. And discover the soldiers who fought for them to win American independence. This special exhibit opens to the general public Saturday, June 7, 2025 and will run consecutively through June 2027.

For more information, please visit www.thenmusa.org/.

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2025/05/the-united-states-armys-new-exhibit-highlighting-the-revolutionary-war-soldier-experience/>

Purple Heart Ceremony

MSSDAR was supported by their brethren of the Missouri SAR and Color Guard at the Missouri Purple Heart Day Ceremony, Saturday, August 16, 2025.

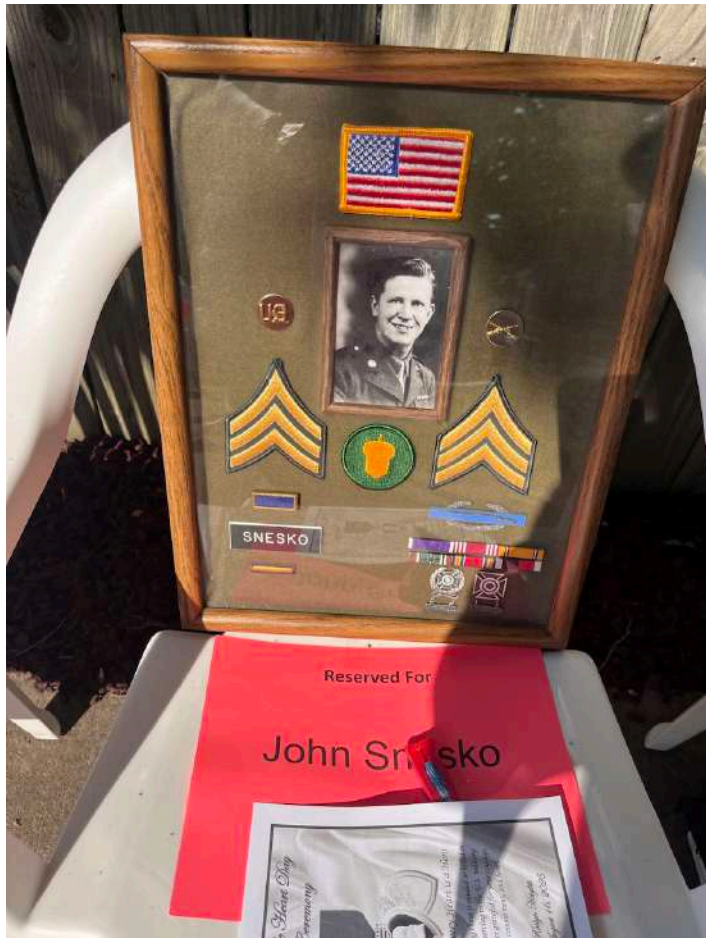


The well-attended event was held at the MSSDAR HQ, known as Roslyn Heights, 821 Main Street, Boonville, Missouri. Flag procession/retirement included Jeffrey Willey, Drummer (SSL), Roy Hutchinson, Fifer (HST),

Mark E Parks, Sword (WCC), Brad Frazier, musket (OPC), flag bearers J. Michael Robertson (JST), Ivan Stull (HST), Brad Harriman (MGC), MSSDAR Page (DAR Flag), Ben Crouch (FDL), John Coutts (MGC), Joe Walsh (Assoc.), Larry Montgomery, musket, (SSL).

The ceremony began with a welcome and invocation by the DAR, Pledge to the Flag by Michael Powers (MOSSAR), and Gene Henry (MOSSAR) led the National Anthem. Esther Rosner, MSSDAR East Central District Director, presented the origin of the Purple Heart, followed by a reading of the Governor's Proclamation by Vice Regent Becky Osbourn.

Three Purple Heart Recipients were recognized by MSSDAR Regent Lisa Parks, Gene Henry, MOSSAR National Trustee and Recent Past President of MOSSAR, and Gerald Pellham, State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Missouri Department. Moving biographical accounts, "In Their Own Words", were read by five descendants of past or present recipients. All was followed by a wreath laying.



One of the honored recipients



Summary of the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky August 15 and 16, 2025

Kentucky's annual NSSAR Color Guard event occurred this year on the same day as the MODAR Purple Heart event in Missouri. State President Steven Biggs (SSL) and State 2nd Vice President Matt Toeniskoetter (ALO) traveled about six hours to eastern Kentucky to participate and gain ideas for our own Battle of Fort San Carlos being held next year, May 30 and 31, 2026, again in Ste. Genevieve.

Blue Licks offered overnight tent rendezvous camping, like the 2026 San Carlos will also do. Alternatively, the lodge at the Kentucky Blue Licks State Park was also a choice for attendees in a traditional hotel setting. There was a buffet meal offered at Blue Licks for both Friday night and Saturday lunch, made available to registered participants. The food at the lodge was excellent!

The Battle of Blue Licks itself was perhaps the last battle of the American Revolution, occurring in August 1782. Tragically, it was a defeat for the Americans, who found themselves ambushed by the British and Native Americans. Daniel Boone escaped, but his son, Isreal Boone, was among about 77 frontiersmen who were killed that day.

At his year's Blue Licks memorial monument, Missouri President Biggs presented a MOSSAR wreath, while 2nd VP Toeniskoetter fired his musket along the NSSAR Color Guard. The Allen Laws Oliver chapter produced a fantastic short video available to view on the National Sons of the American Revolution Facebook page. Have a look at the video on this excellent national event, or feel free to ask either Steve or Matt for more details.



Mount Vernon



Placing a wreath at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington



MOSSAR Past-President David Shaul making a presentation at Mt. Vernon



Color Guard at Mount Vernon



NSSAR tour of U.S. Army Museum



Color Guarding at Mount Vernon

No turning back now.



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Image: The Battle of Lexington, 19 April, 1775
Oil on canvas by William Barnes Wollen (1857-1936), 1910
National Army Museum collection





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