

# THE PATRIOT



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## The President's Message

*By President Crismon Brayman*

Compatriots, I am STILL excited to be in the Sons of the American Revolution and to be your Chapter President ... how could one not be? I will wrap this month's message around some beautiful and meaningful pictures and what they represent. These pictures capture our mission and our message. You saw several of our compatriots joined by the Branson High School AFJROTC Honor Guard at George Washington Park in my last message. This month, I am highlighting a picture (below) of Compatriots Charles McMillan, Norm



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### Minutes from the OMCSAR Chapter Meeting Saturday MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Ozark Technical Collage, 1001 E Chestnut Expy, Springfield, MO 65802: at 9:00 AM

**Call to Order:** President Crismon Brayman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Meeting audience with 22 members and 5 guests.

**Presentation of Colors:** Performed by the Dan Piedlow Sr. and Steve Perkins.

**Invocation:** Performed by Dan Philbrick

**Recognition of Guests:** Performed by President Crismon Brayman

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Knowlton, and George Swales honoring Detective Thomas Hicks with a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate (Compatriot Steve Perkins, not shown, built the awesome shadow box/frame). Thank you ALL!

I am also doing a bit of reach-back to November 2022, when the OMCSAR came to Branson High School (below) and allowed me the honor of



introducing them and talking about who they are (who we ALL are) and telling everyone about their ancestors. This was in front of 1500 high schoolers, teachers, and administrators. I am certain that is a message/lesson they had never heard. Now THAT is getting the message out!

I want to remind you of part of my message from last month: **I want you to know that YOU are our most important subject and customer. Our goal of engaging with you and learning about your ancestors remains a primary goal. Again, we need to 'reach and teach' the community but we also MUST engage our fellow compatriots. But it is much easier to engage with you if you COME TO THE CHAPTER MEETINGS!** You don't have to do much ... just come, listen, shake hands, and get the picture of what is happening. Let's make the chapter and our efforts what you want it to be.

There are many who must be thanked but I will thank a few, in an attempt to give you an understanding of the amazing efforts going on. First of all, please thank the compatriots shown in the pics

above. In addition, let's thank 'FireDan' Piedlow who authors and publishes the monthly newsletter (and bothers me a lot to write my part). Thanks to Steve Perkins who continues to do the hard work of research to legitimize new members. Thanks to Ben Edmondson who is doing an awesome job running the Chapter Development Committee (CDC). Thanks to FireDan, Gary Bishop, Gary Gift, Norm Knowlton, and Len Slovensky for supporting Boy Scouts Workshop. Thanks to Colonel John Hathcock for performing the very difficult job of rounding up compatriots and medals to present JROTC and ROTC medals -- that work pays off so greatly since it recognizes leadership and patriotism among our young aspiring leaders while informing the public about who we are and what we do. Finally, thanks to Howard Fisk for planning/leading the History Explorers program. These are the kind of things we should be doing ... and we ARE!

Please review the calendar at

[www.ozarkmountainsar.org](http://www.ozarkmountainsar.org) and come to our next

**General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 15 April**

**0900, at the Ozark Technical College Commons,**

**1001 E Chestnut Expy, in Springfield.** As always, it

will be very cool and very patriotic. This month, we

have several inductees and a great speech lined up.

Maybe somebody will bring COFFEE and SNACKS

(hint, hint, Wives of the Sons). See you there

compatriots.

*Respectfully,*

*Crismon A. Brayman, President*



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**Guest:** Jesse Geiger, Jim, Curl, Senator Trent, Phil Reinbold

**New Members:** Dan Cowin, Steele Zinsser

**Presentation:** Sarah Angst Stewart, “Genetic Genealogy, Getting the Most out of Your DNA Results”

**Introduction of Eagle Scout Speaker:** Gary Bishop introduces the next speaker – Eagle Scout Wyatt Hensley. Wyatt is from Troop 333 in Joplin; he has 52 merit badges among them are American Heritage and Genealogy. Watt is also the president of his senior class.

**Presentation:** Eagle Scout Wyatt Hensley – The essay topic is the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

**Introduction of JROTC:** President Crismon Brayman Lecksi Deroboam – Commander of a 32-person Honor Guard, in high school performed over 100 times per year at various events. Lecksi also leading our community which does thousands of hours of community service.

**Presentation:** Cadet Lecksi Deroboam, “How JROTC Made Me a Better Citizen”

**Chapter Highlights:** Chairman of the Memorial Day ceremony committee, I want to invite you to support Memorial Day at the national cemetery on the 29th of May, starting at 11 o'clock.

There will be several groups in the marching, a guest speaker and David Appleby will have an eight-piece brass band in the 135th National Guard.

**Office & Committee Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Charles McMillan – Nothing to Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Jim Robinette – Nothing to Report

**Treasurer:** John Angst—The total funds we have as of today consist of \$8,768.15 in our Arvest Bank checking account and \$9,456.16 in an interest-bearing guaranteed fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two accounts total \$18,224.31

**Secretary:** Len Slovensky—The minutes from the last meeting were published and included in the Patriot Newsletter last month. He asked for any additions or corrections. It was stated that the treasurer audit was not included in last month’s report. Approval of an amended report that includes the audit was received.

**Editor/ Newsletter:** Dan Piedlow Sr. – Nothing to Report

**Genealogist:** Steve Perkins

Supplements:

Charles McMillen for patriot George Steele national approved 2/28/2023.

Joel Monteith for patriot Joseph Soper submitted 3/01/23.

New Applications:

James Curl for patriot Martin Gambill, received at national 3/03/23.

New Member approvals:

Joshua Crocker for patriot Robert Browning approved 2/06/23.

**Historian:** Jeremy Boes – Nothing to report.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dan Piedlow Sr. – Nothing to report.

**Committees:**

**CDC Chairman:** Ben Edmondson– Nothing to report.

**Old Business and New Business: Bylaws:** All past bylaws are now in hand and being transferred to editable copy in MS Word thanks to Ben Edmondson. New bylaws will be addressed soon.

**Awards and New Membership:** John Hathcock: Enhanced JROTC Award, Lecksi Deroboam

Gary Bishop: Eagle Scout Award

Cris Brayman: Recognition, Sarah Angst Stewart

Ozark Mountain Chapter inducted two new members, Daniel Cowin introduced by his sponsor Gary Bishop and Steele Zinsser introduced by his sponsor Len Slovensky.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/ “Ayes”

**Benediction:** Dan Philbrick



## National Medal of Honor Day — Devotion: The Real Story

By Mark Alexander · March 22, 2023



<https://patriotpost.us/alexander/95928-national-medal-of-honor-day-devotion-the-real-story-2023-03-22>

“Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

This week, we celebrate National Medal of Honor Day<sup>1</sup>, an opportunity to recognize the recipients of our nation’s highest military award and to honor their extraordinary service and sacrifice on behalf of their brothers in arms, in keeping with their oaths “to support and defend<sup>2</sup>” our Constitution and the American Liberty<sup>3</sup> it enshrines.

It marks the anniversary observance of the First Medals<sup>4</sup> awarded on March 25, 1863, for actions by Andrews’ Raiders<sup>5</sup> on April 12, 1862. Their mission was immortalized in print and film as “The Great Locomotive Chase<sup>6</sup>.” Those actions occurred just south of Chattanooga, the Birthplace of the Medal of Honor<sup>7</sup> and home of the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center<sup>8</sup>.

Since those first medals were awarded, American presidents and military commanders have, in the name of Congress, presented 3,535 Medals to 3,516 recipients<sup>9</sup>, a very elite few among the almost 40 million American veterans who have served our nation since 1861. Amazingly, there have been 19 double recipients, and today, in a nation of some 330 million people, there are just 65 living recipients<sup>10</sup>. In theaters recently, and now streaming, you may have seen the fact-based film “Devotion<sup>11</sup>,” the true story of Mississippi native Jesse Leroy Brown, the first black American to make it through the Navy’s flight training program and pin on Wings of Gold as a

Naval Aviator. He was also the first black American naval officer killed in the Korean War. He was to Naval Aviation what Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee<sup>12</sup> was to the Army Air Force a decade earlier. My family and I anticipated this film’s release because Brown flew the Vought F4U-4 Corsair in Korea, a plane made famous in World War II by Marine Ace Pappy Boyington<sup>13</sup> and his “Black Sheep” squadron — and the fighter flown by both my father and uncle<sup>14</sup>.

Moreover, “Devotion” is the story of the friendship between Brown and his devoted wingman, Medal of Honor recipient Tom Hudner<sup>15</sup>.

I am reluctant to spoil the film’s plot for those who have not seen it, but I am convinced the more any American Patriot<sup>16</sup> knows about it, the more he will want to see it.

The short version: On 4 December 1950, 24-year-old Jesse Brown was flying in a VF-32 six ship of Corsairs providing air cover for ground forces near the Chosin Reservoir. About 17 miles deep over brutal enemy territory near Somong-ni, his Corsair was hit by enemy fire. Losing fuel pressure and unable to control his plane, Brown dropped his external fuel tanks and launched his rockets in preparation for a crash landing in a snow-covered mountain clearing. It was near dark when he skidded in with Hudner flying above. Hudner could see his friend trapped in his plane, which was on fire. Hudner refused orders to leave his wingman and did the unthinkable — he intentionally crash-landed his Corsair near Brown’s plane. Surviving his crash, he ran to Brown’s aid but was unable to extricate him.

Brown died with his wingman next to him. His last words to Hudner were, “Tell Daisy I love her.” In tears, Tom delivered that message to Jesse’s beloved wife.

For his service, Jesse Brown posthumously received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal. For his “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty,” Tom Hudner received the Medal of Honor.

I encourage you to read Tom Hudner’s MoH citation<sup>17</sup>.

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Please join us in honoring these extraordinary warriors so that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

At the dawn of our nation, Thomas Jefferson declared: "Honor, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity have a right to receive from us. We cannot endure the infamy and guilt of resigning succeeding generations to that wretchedness which inevitably awaits them if we basely entail hereditary bondage on them."

Indeed.

As for those who today enjoy these freedoms with no acknowledgment or respect for those who paid the ultimate price for them, I invoke the words of Samuel Adams: "Contemplate the mangled bodies of your countrymen, and then say, 'What should be the reward of such sacrifices?' ... If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands, which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen!"

Fellow Patriots, if you ever find yourself short of inspiration, I invite you to read the profiles of other Medal of Honor<sup>18</sup> recipients, including Sgt. Gary Beikirch<sup>19</sup> (Army), T/Sgt. Charles Coolidge<sup>20</sup> (Army), Lt. Col. Chuck Hagemeister<sup>21</sup> (Army), Col. Wesley Fox<sup>22</sup> (Marine), and Col. Leo Thorsness<sup>23</sup> (Air Force). On the subject of inspiration, Col. Thorsness always mentioned in his public remarks a fellow POW, Navy pilot Mike Christian. Mike was the subject of a column, "Our Flag — What Do You See?"<sup>24</sup>, and a children's book we published, *I'm Your Flag So Please Treat Me Right!*<sup>25</sup>

Finally, I have the privilege of serving on the Advisory Board for the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center<sup>8</sup> in Chattanooga. Our educational mission is to instill within the next generation of Americans the six character-trait pillars of the Medal of Honor — traits that are common to all recipients: Courage, Sacrifice, Patriotism, Citizenship, Integrity, and Commitment. Notably, Chattanooga was also the field of service for the only woman who holds a Medal of Honor, Dr. Mary Walker<sup>26</sup>. Other well-known recipients from our

area include World War I's Alvin York<sup>27</sup>, whose life story was immortalized in the film "Sergeant York"<sup>28</sup>. It was also home to my neighbor for the last 20 years of his life, World War II's Desmond Doss<sup>29</sup>, whose heroic actions were featured in the recent movie "Hacksaw Ridge"<sup>30</sup>.

For more information on supporting the National Heritage Center, please contact the Patriot Foundation Trust administrator<sup>31</sup> or visit the Heritage Center website<sup>8</sup>.

Semper Vigilans Fortis Paratus et Fidelis  
Pro Deo et Libertate — 1776

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The Missouri 200th Anniversary SAR Medals are for sale. They are \$30.00 if you get them from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk and \$35.00 if he has to mail it to you.

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The Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR Challenge Coins are for sale. These coins are \$5.00 each from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk.

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**Important Dates in History**

- March 1 – Articles of Confederation ratified 1781
- March 3 – U.S. Marines first landing on foreign soil 1776
- March 5 - Boston Massacre 1770
- March 10 - Last Naval Battle of the Revolution 1783
- March 12 - Battle of Guilford Courthouse 1781
- March 17 – British evacuate Boston 1776
- March 16 - James Madison Birthday 1751
- March 22 – Stamp Act 1765
- March 23 – Patrick Henry’s “Liberty or Death” speech 1775
- March 24 - Quartering Act 1765
- March 30 - New England Restraining Act 1775
- April 1—Marines Disbanded 1783
- April 5 - Sugar Act 1764
- April 13 - Thomas Jefferson Birthday 1743
- April 18 – Paul Revere and William Dawes Ride 1775
- April 19 - Battles of Lexington and Concord 1775

**Photographs provided by: Daniel Piedlow, Margaret Swales, Dan Piedlow Jr., Steve Perkins**

**Editor: Daniel Piedlow**

### Fogg Report

Fogg Report for 2023. Many of us may have heard of the Fogg Report and some of us have not. I plan on discussing some aspects of the report over the next few months so we can all have a better understanding.

The report is made up of seven sections. They consist of Membership, Contributions, Attendance, Publicity, Contests & Awards, Displays, and Programs.

Each section has a total number of points possible based on section criteria. Section one has a total points possible of 2,200. Section two has a total points possible of 2,300. Section three has a total points possible of 900. Section four has a total points possible of 2,180. Section five has a total points possible of 1,425. Section six has a total points possible of 1,100. And section seven has a total points possible of 1,300. These seven sections total 11,405. These are based on last year's criteria which may change for 2023, but you get a general idea.

For 2022 the final score submitted was 6,245 of 11,405 or 54.8% of the total possible. In comparison the 2021 score was 7,372 of 9,705 or 75.96%.

Check back next month to discover how you can help us throughout the year.



Remember, you can order your Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR shirts from Missouri Embroidery. Their phone number is: (417) 889-2221 and their address is: 1307 S. Glenstone Ave.

## BATTLE OF CAMDEN REINTERNMENT CEREMONY

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BATTLEGROUND PRESERVATION TRUST HAS INVITED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HISTORIC CEREMONY FOR THE REINTERNMENT OF FOURTEEN SOLDIERS THAT GAVE THEIR LIVES AT THE BATTLE OF CAMDEN. THE CEREMONY WILL BE ON APRIL 21 AND 22, 2023.



## SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON FOR:

NSSAR PRESIDENT GENERAL C. BRUCE PICKETTE AND HIS WIFE

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RECEPTION; FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2023

3 – 5 P.M.

AT

THE CAMDEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 17

1333 CHESTNUT FERRY ROAD

CAMDEN, S.C.

(N 34.24658 W 80.62476)

SEE RSVP INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOUG DOSTER  
BELOW



US ARMY OLD GUARD CONCERT WILL BE  
CONDUCTED

APRIL 21, 2023 6 P.M. AT THE CAMPUS OF THE  
HISTORIC CAMDEN FOUNDATION

YOU MUST REGISTER AND RECEIVE A FREE PASS IN  
ORDER TO ATTEND THE CONCERT.  
PRESS THE LINK BELOW TO OPEN THE REGISTRATION  
WEB SITE PAGE:

<https://www.scbattlegroundtrust.org/quick-link-free-registrations>

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 1, 2023.



FUNERAL CAISSON CORTEGE BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

APRIL 22, 2023

FROM HISTORIC CAMDEN TO BETHESDA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Funeral Cortege will be led by the US Army Old Guard, followed by the 282nd Army Band from Fort Jackson. They will be followed by horse-drawn caissons carrying the flag-draped remains of the fourteen soldiers. Other units may include color guard units representing our country's heritage organizations. The reenactors camped at Historic Camden will bring up the rear. The public may fall in behind the Cortege to walk the route.

PARKING:

In addition to the Public Parking Lots shown on the map, parking is available anywhere to the West and

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East of Broad Street. There is no parking on Broad or DeKalb Streets.

View the map for all parking, street closure, and timeline information for Saturday afternoon services by clicking the link button below:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1\\_k1Md7l0GvIGeXqLPjywdQ4C6bi3ztU&ll=34.241321814263586%2C-80.60998103283185&z=15](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1_k1Md7l0GvIGeXqLPjywdQ4C6bi3ztU&ll=34.241321814263586%2C-80.60998103283185&z=15)

SAR PRESIDENT GENERAL PICKETTE  
LUNCHEON: SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

12:30 P.M.

AT

THE CAMDEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 17  
1333 CHESTNUT FERRY ROAD  
CAMDEN, S.C.

(N 34.24658 W 80.62476)

SEE RSVP INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOUG DOSTER  
BELOW

REINTERMENT CEREMONY 3 P.M. APRIL 22, 2023  
AT CAMDEN BATTLEFIELD

YOU MUST REGISTER AND RECEIVE A FREE PASS IN  
ORDER TO ATTEND THE REINTERMENT  
CEREMONY. PRESS THE BUTTON BELOW TO OPEN  
THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE PAGE.  
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 1, 2023.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR RECEPTION AND  
LUNCHEON  
RSVP

PLEASE FORWARD AN EMAIL TO DOUG DOSTER  
([dosterdouglas@gmail.com](mailto:dosterdouglas@gmail.com)) INDICATING  
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, IN YOUR PARTY,  
ATTENDING THE RECEPTION AND/OR THE  
LUNCHEON

LUNCHEON COST IS \$35 PER PERSON.

CHECK MADE OUT TO SCSSAR.

MAILED TO:

DOUG DOSTER

480 WINDING BROOK DRIVE

CAMERON, SC 29030

SEATING IS LIMITED.

RESERVATION COMPLETION DATE IS APRIL 15, 2023.

For more information on the ceremony go to:  
<https://scssar.org/?event=battle-of-camden-reburial-event>

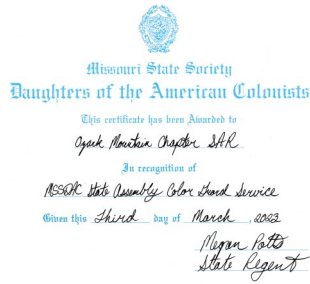


**Birthdays**

Dana Frederick	March 7
Nicholas Inman	March 11
Daniel Cowin	March 12
Patrick Morrow	March 15
Harold Sentman	March 26
Daniel J. Piedlow	March 27
Matthew Lyons	March 29
Edwin Frederickson	April 11
Steven Lawson	April 17
Randy Painter	April 17
David Appleby	April 18
James Harris	April 19
Charles Clark	April 20
Jesse Haggard	April 24
Donald Pruitt	April 25

# Awards and Events

On March 3rd, Compatriots Steve Perkins, Kavin Stull, Charles McMillan, and Dan Piedlow (photographer) presented Colors at attended the opening ceremony for the Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC). The DAC President, Jane Smith, presented the Color Guard with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Detective Thomas Hicks, Springfield Police Department, was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Presenting the award was Ozark Mountain Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Charles McMillan, accompanied by Norman Knowlton and Past State President George Swales. Det. Hicks pursued a tip received from a media source regarding child pornography trafficking. Following a complex investigation, ultimately five were charged with crimes, confessed, and face decades in prison. He has proudly served the community and beyond, making it a little safer for families and innocent children. Pictured L-R: Detective Hicks, Charles McMillan, Norman Knowlton, and George Swales. Not pictured are Margaret Swales, MOSAR Auxiliary, and Steven Perkins, photographers.



1st VP Charles McMillan is a dual member of the Pennsylvania Society. He is also a member of the George Washington Chapter. He received a certificate from NSSAR for a supplemental approved in the PASSAR. Patriot John Welty Sr was a Private and did Patriotic Service in the American Revolution.





# Awards and Events

The following pictures are from the monthly meeting that was held at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library.



Sarah Angst Stewart giving her presentation on DNA tests and how they can help us with our genealogical searches.



Eagle Scout Wyatt Hensley giving his speech on the Declaration of Independence.



Cadet Lecksi Deroboam giving her speech on "How JROTC Made Me a Better Citizen"



OMCSAR President Crismon Brayman giving Sarah Angst Stewart a Certificate of Appreciation.



Compatriot Gary Bishop giving Eagle Scout Wyatt Hensley two patches from the National Society SAR for his accomplishment for Eagle Scout.



Compatriot John Hathcock giving Cadet Captain Lecksi Deroboam a Certificate for Outstanding Cadet.



OMCSAR President Crismon Brayman swearing in new members Daniel Cowin and Gene Zinser, and flanked by their sponsors Gary Bishop and Len Slovinski.



New members Daniel Cowin and Gene Zinser presenting their Certificates.



# Awards and Events



Items that Compatriot Kavin Stull has bought at flea markets.



On Monday, March 20, Compatriot Charles McMillan presented Compatriot James Mason with another Marquis de Lafayette medal with two oak leaf clusters for his work in the Patriot Research System (PRS) for 2022.

## Flag Certificates

Several years ago, OMC presented several flag certificates to Kum n Go. Compatriot Charles McMillan had the privilege of presenting 9 flag certificates to their new stores on March 21, 2023.

He was ready to go at 06:45... the first one was in Fair Grove and the last one was in Republic with 7 in Springfield.

It is always an honor to present a certificate to the public for their unapologetic way they proudly display Ole Glory.

Charles challenges his compatriots to present a flag or two or more.



The opening ceremony for the Merit Badge Workshop on March 11th.



Patrick Henry giving his "Give me liberty, or give me death" speech.



# Upcoming Events



Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm, the CDC will be meeting via Zoom. Details and invitation will be coming soon.



Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 am, the OMC monthly meeting at Ozark Technical College, located at 1001 E. Chestnut Expy., Springfield, MO 65802.



Saturday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm, the Branson High School JROTC will be having their Awards Ceremony. The OMC will be presenting the 250th medals to deserving cadets. This is a Color Guard event. The high school is located at: 935 P Road 65, 60, Branson, MO 65616.



Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm, the OMC Color Guard will be participating in a first time grave marking for Patriot Etienne Bernard at the All Saints Catholic Church located at 7 McMenamy Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376. This is a state event and ALL color guard who are available, contact Compatriot Steve Perkins.



Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm, the OMC will be producing a History Explorers event entitled "Washington's Generals" at the Schweizer Brentwood Library, located at 2214 S. Brentwood, Springfield MO 65804.



Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, the Missouri Society SAR is having their state conference at the Stoney Creek Hotel, 18011 Bass Pro Dr., Independence, MO 64055.



# Upcoming Events



Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am, the OMC Color Guard will be assisting the Ariel Nims Chapter in recruitment. This is a color guard event.



Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 pm, the OMC Chapter Development Committee meeting will be at Compatriot Steve Perkins home, located at 3831 S. Virginia Pl., Springfield, MO 65802.

