



# Patriot



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## Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter will be held on January 17, 2015 at the Heritage Cafeteria at 1364 East Battlefield in Springfield, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We would like to invite all members to be present.

## Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes  
Ozark Mountain Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
December 20, 2014

The December 20, 2014, meeting of the Ozark Mountain Chapter-Sons of the American Revolution was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Phil Reinbold. There were 19 members and 11 guests in attendance. The invocation was given by Compatriot Ron Albaugh. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge were led, respectively, by Compatriots George Swales and Dick Snelson.

President Reinbold began the meeting by providing a brief history of the Battle of Trenton, which took place on the morning of December 26, 1776, after General George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River. The Continental Army had previously suffered several defeats and had to retreat to Pennsylvania. Morale was low, so Washington devised a plan to cross the river and surround the Hessian garrison. The Hessians had lowered their guard, thinking they were safe, and Washington's forces (2,400 men) caught them off guard. After a short resistance, most of the Hessians' 1,500-man garrison surrendered.

With no corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the October 18, 2014, meeting being offered, President Reinbold declared they'll stand approved as published. Treasurer Glenn Gohr reported a total bank balance (from two accounts) of \$11,907.77. There is an outstanding check for the veterans' luncheon of \$1,032. Included in this total is \$435 designated for the Michael Kelly Scholarship Fund.

Treasurer Gohr reported that 59 members had paid their dues with 10 members still unpaid. Compatriot Will Carr next gave the genealogist's report – several applications are in process. President Reinbold next gave two websites of interest that Historian Dan Philbrick requested to be provided to the membership – <https://allthingsliberty.com> – Journal of the American Revolution and <https://archive.org/details/romanceofrevolut02bunc> - The Romance of the Revolution, an 1858 book on the Revolutionary War. Compatriot William Walker next gave a report on the Knight Essay. He sent a packet of information to most of the schools in Polk County (his county of residence) and encouraged students to enter the Knight Essay competition. He spoke at the Marion C. Early Veterans' Day assembly, and his talk was centered around the Knight Essay. He has not received any response. He added that he has the one essay that President Reinbold had received and will just send that one in if we do not receive any others. Compatriot David Appleby reminded everyone that our own grandchildren are eligible for this, and we should look to family members for possible candidates. Compatriot Carr next announced that Compatriot Dan McMurray just received his master's degree in anthropology from Missouri State University. Compatriot Gohr next mentioned the October 18th grave marking ceremony of Revolutionary War soldier John Thomas Snelson, ancestor of Compatriot Dick Snelson. The ceremony was held in the Pine Hill Cemetery between Rolla and St. James. Compatriot Howard Fisk next gave an update on the Vietnam War Commemoration. He met with Senator Roy Blunt (fellow OMCSAR member) two weeks ago in Washington D.C., spoke on the ongoing commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, and was able to get a photo with Senator Blunt with the commemoration banner. He also spent some time with Governor Jay Nixon the very next day.

President Reinbold next performed the induction ceremony for new members, Compatriots Dana Mark Perkins and Ronald Eugene Brown. He presented each with their membership certificates, rosette pins, and chapter challenge coins.

Compatriot Charles McMillan next presented the proposed 2015 OMCSAR Budget totaling \$1,349. The Budget Committee consisted of Compatriots McMillan, Snelson, Swales, plus ex-officio members Gohr and Reinbold. Motion and second to adopt the proposed budget were made by, respectively, Compatriots Howard Fisk and Tom Sentman. Motion passed unanimously.



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Compatriot John McAlear, member of the Nominating Committee, along with Compatriots Sentman and Cindrich, next presented the 2015 slate of officers: President – Phil Reinbold; Vice President – Dan Philbrick; Secretary – Howard Fisk; Treasurer – Glenn Gohr; Chaplain – Ron Albaugh; Chancellor – Gary Bishop; Genealogist – Will Carr; Historian – George Swales; Editor – William Walker; and Sergeant at Arms - Charles McMillian. The election and installation of officers will take place at the January meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. on the motion of Compatriot Albaugh, the second of Compatriot Swales, and the approval of the members present. Compatriot Cindrich led members in reciting the recessional, and Compatriot Albaugh gave the benediction.

John W. McAlear  
Secretary



Compatriots Ronald Brown and Dana Perkins  
Being inducted into the SAR by President Reinbold

Compatriot Howard Fisk and his daughter Hillary had a hour long visit with our Compatriot Senator Roy Blunt in his Washington DC office last week. Hillary is an officer in the Eleanor Wilson Chapter DAR in Washington DC and is involved the Viet Nam Commemoration in her chapter. I specifically took our banner to discuss the value of the Viet Nam Commemoration and the good works of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. Hillary and I shared our belief that the celebration of our shared heritage is important in these uncertain times. Senator Blunt was very cordial and led a wide-ranging discussion including everything from our shared family heritage to the upcoming Republican dominated, legislative session. Senator Blunt sent his warmest regards to Compatriots of the Ozark Mountain Chapter and encouraged our good works.



Compatriot Fisk and daughter Hillary with compatriot Senator Roy Blunt.

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