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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of March; March 13th at 9:15 AM at M&I Bank [Mitchell and Ilsley Bank, 18811 Valley View Parkway, Independence, MO]. The web address of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is <http://www.hstchapter.com>. Please visit this site for a lot of good information.

Minutes of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Missouri Society
Sons of the American Revolution
296th Meeting
February 13th, 2010

9:15 AM.

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, February 13th, 2010, called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 9:15AM at the Mitchell and Ilsley Bank, 18811 Valley View Parkway, Independence, MO.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Romie Carr.

Presentation of Colors: Compatriots Robert L. Grover and David McCann presented the colors.

Pledge of Allegiance: Compatriot William Hartman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was given by Compatriot Donald Lewis.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, Brian Smarker, William Hartman, Harry Dexheimer, Romie E. Carr, David McCann, Courtney Y. Sloan, Dr. Chester I. Bare, Donald Lewis, Jr., Dale Crandell, Dale Edwards, Harry Stewart, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Theresa Lewis, Paul D. Toms, and MOSSAR President Dan McMurray. Total present: 17 people. 14 members and 3 guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Secretary-VACANT; Treasurer Courtney Sloan; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Surgeon Dr. Chester I. Bare; Chaplain Romie Carr; Historian Brian Smarker; and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman. Officers that were not present for this meeting were Sergeant at Arms James G. Walden and Chancellor George DeLapp. Both officers were excused from this meeting.

Program:

1. Prior to the program, Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton presented three new members to the chapter, which included Harry John Stewart; Dale Edmund Edwards; and Dale Edward Crandell. Each new member participated in their Membership induction ceremony, and also shared some history of their patriot ancestors. Each new member received their SAR Membership certificate and SAR Rosette during the ceremony. Welcome gentlemen!
2. Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton also presented Honorary Vice-President William Hartman, and Color Guard Commander Robert L. Grover with the Silver MOSSAR Medal and Certificate. These Compatriots were recognized for their tireless efforts at both the Chapter and State of Missouri level. These two individuals have proven track records of accomplishment for their contributions both to this Chapter and at MOSSAR. Without their dedication, this chapter could not be as successful as it is. Thank you gentlemen in supporting our organization.
3. In addition, Compatriot Harry Dexheimer received his 20 year Certificate and Pin. Compatriot Dexheimer joined the SAR on October 22, 1988. This is a wonderful milestone. Thanks goes out to Compatriot Dexheimer for his loyal service and dedication to the Harry S. Truman Chapter.
4. MOSSAR President Dan McMurray conducted the Installation of Officers Ceremony for the Harry S. Truman Chapter. George DeLapp will be installed at the March 13, 2010 meeting, since he could not be with us at the February meeting. The 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Officers are shown below.

**Harry S. Truman Chapter
2010 Officers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officer Position</u>
Dirk Stapleton	President
James Nail	Vice-President
Paul Toms	Secretary
Courtney Sloan	Treasurer
David McCann	Registrar/Genealogist
George DeLapp	Chancellor
Romie Carr	Chaplain
Dr. Chester Bare	Surgeon
Brian Smarker	Historian
Donald Lewis	Sergeant-at-Arms
William Hartman	Honorary Vice-President

5. The program included a specially prepared DVD about SAR activities presented by PG Edward Butler. PG Butler's theme for 2009 – 2010 is "Modernize; Publicize; and Socialize". The information contained in the DVD, showed activities and events occurring at the national level, and also reflected what chapter and states around the country are doing to further the goals of SAR. In addition, the DVD talked about the new web site at <http://www.sar.org/>, which is faster and includes more information. Updates on the Library construction project were provided, and discussed the ribbon cutting ceremony, which is now scheduled for June 22, 2010 in Louisville, KY; and the planned trip to Spain later this summer, etc. to mention only a few topics contained on the DVD.

6. The guest speaker, MOSSAR President Dan McMurray, provided an interesting presentation on current events happening at MOSSAR. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to MOSSAR President Dan McMurray after the program. The Harry S. Truman Chapter really appreciates his attendance as guest speaker and participation in the 2010 Officer Installation.

Secretary's Report: Motion by David McCann, seconded by James Nail that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Courtney Sloan provided the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2009. Motion by William Hartman, seconded by Romie Carr that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Compatriot Donald Lewis is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the March 13, 2010 meeting. At the April 10, 2010 meeting, Mrs. Crystal Greer, will be conducting a presentation on Civil War Medicine.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have three new members: Alexander B. Hogan, Richard G. Hogan, and Paul D. Toms; which their applications have been approved. Compatriot McCann also reported that there are no prospective new members.
3. Historian Brian Smarker provided an update on the Yohe Yearbook. Compatriot Smarker also took pictures at the February 2010 meeting. Compatriot Smarker has requested additional information from each member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Please see the attached Historian Survey form. In addition, Compatriot Smarker was present at the January 2010 MOSSAR Quarterly meeting, in which he took pictures of PG Edward Butler, MOSSAR members and the MOSSAR Color Guard. If any member has photos for the Yohe Yearbook, please let Compatriot Smarker know. The Yohe Yearbook will be judged Friday evening, April 23rd, 2010 at the MOSSAR State Conference in Columbia, MO.

Committee Reports:

1. Awards Committee – Compatriot Romie Carr reported on J.R.O.T.C. Awards. All schools in our area for the Harry S. Truman Chapter have been sent to each school for the Military Professors to review. Compatriot Carr stated that one school has submitted an Enhanced R.O.T.C. Award recommendation from one local school. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton mentioned that the Harry S. Truman Chapter is always looking for recommendations for potential candidates for the Flag Certificate. Our chapter proudly recognizes individuals, schools, and businesses with Flag Certificates for their proper and prominent display of our Flag.
2. Boy Scout Scholarship Committee – Vacant. President Stapleton contacted Mr. Grant Dealy, from the local Boy Scout Council in Kansas City, MO in providing more information on the Boy Scout Eagle Scholarship, and seeking nominations. Mr. Dealy, stated he did not have any nominations for the Boy Scout scholarship in 2009, but would try to submit nominations in the 2010 – 2011 Boy Scout Eagle Scholarship. The deadline for submission by each chapter is January 15, 2011. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like to volunteer with this program.
3. Veterans Liaison – Vice-President Jim Nail reported that he has contact information for the Veterans Service Office (VSO) for both the State coordinator and the local Kansas City office. He has not received a reply in his request for a guest speaker, just information on the VSO program.
4. M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award Committee – Compatriot Don Lewis is the committee chairperson for this award. Compatriot Lewis nominated Mr. Duane Fleck, a History teacher from the Lee Summit High School District. Both President Dirk Stapleton and Compatriot Lewis submitted Mr. Fleck's nomination application by the January 15, 2010 deadline. Unfortunately, Mr. Fleck did not win this year. With Mr. Fleck's permission, the MOSSAR M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Committee will maintain his nomination application on file for next year's contest.
5. Officer Nominations Committee – Vice-President Jim Nail stated that the 2010 Slate of Officers have been installed by MOSSAR President Dan McMurray. Since Chancellor George Delapp could not attend the February 2010 meeting, He will be installed at the March 13, 2010 meeting.
6. Fourth of July Luncheon Committee – Vacant. It was discussed that Saturday, July 10th, 2010, at 11:45 AM, which is the second Saturday of the month, and also the Harry S. Truman Chapter regular meeting date, will be the 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Fourth of July Luncheon. In addition, Vice-President Jim Nail stated that Mrs. Vicki Richmond has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker at this meeting. Mrs. Richmond will also be awarded the S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Award, in recognizing her for all of the work that she has done here in the Kansas City area along the Missouri, Blue, and Little Blue Rivers. Vice-President Nail also stated that he was continuing his search for a restaurant to hold this event. He has been in contact with several establishments, and agreed to follow-up with additional establishments per the request of the membership. Vice-president Nail will provide another report at the March 13, 2010 meeting.
7. Service Projects Committee – Vacant. No report provided.
8. Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site Committee – President Dirk Stapleton stated that he has established the Chapter web site promote REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI. This web site recognizes American Revolutionary War soldiers buried within 100 Miles of the Kansas City geographical area. We have a lot of work remaining. With the assistance of Compatriot Harry Dexheimer, he has offered additional information at the February 2010 meeting. In addition, Historian Brian Smarker also provided assistance on this, by offering photos of six Revolutionary Soldier's grave sites. The information provided by Compatriot Dexheimer and Compatriot Smarker is really appreciated. In addition, any Compatriot interested in adding

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information on their ancestor, should contact President Dirk Stapleton. There is a web page specifically dedicated to members of the Harry S. Truman Chapter and their Revolutionary War ancestors. This web site provides information on their Revolution War ancestor and their contributions. This web site is located at: <http://hstchapter.com/patriots.html>. Finally, the order form for the Name Badge/Bar(s) needs to be added to the Harry S. Truman Chapter web page.

Unfinished Business:

1. Compatriot David McCann was asked to provide an update on the Name Badges that are for sale by the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Compatriot McCann is currently taking orders for Name Badges. The Name Badges annotate a member's American Revolution ancestor(s), which can be proudly displayed on a coat or jacket. Please contact David McCann at dar-sar@sbcglobal.net for further details. All profits will be donated to the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City, MO. Now that MOSSAR Chancellor Richard Bryant has approved the order form for the badge / name bars, efforts are being made to get this order form on our Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton has requested additional guidance from MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray and Trustee Russell DeVenney on the protocol for sending a mass email to all State Societies with this order form. In addition to this request, access to email addresses to all State Societies would be needed. Trustee Russell DeVenney stated he would bring this issue up at the next Board/Trustee Meeting on March 4-6th, 2010.
2. The MOSSAR State Conference will be in Columbia, MO on Friday & Saturday, April 23rd & 24th, 2010. It will be located at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard in Columbia. The room rate per night will be \$89.00 per night with one King bed with sofa sleeper. For a Double Queen, it will be \$99.00 per night. More information concerning reservations will be available in the March 2010 edition of the Missouri Compatriot Newsletter.
3. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in joining SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors or want additional information. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors is an option to wearing the Continental uniform, which can be cost prohibitive. Any Harry S. Truman Chapter member, who would like to participate in this program, is requested to wear a blue blazer, with a SAR blazer patch, medium gray trousers, shirt, and tie. This group could perform functions of the color guard when the color guard is not available.
4. Concerning the Bronze Missouri State Society Medal, anyone interested in purchasing the Bronze Medal, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form.
5. Concerning the MOSSAR History DVD entitled "SOME MOSSAR HISTORY DVD," anyone interested in purchasing this DVD, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Chapters are encouraged to place copies in all libraries in their membership area. All profits will be donated to the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City.
6. Carolyn Grover, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri, recently announced that they are having a raffle for a quilt donated by Laura DeVenney, from Columbia, for money to help with the National Convention to be held in Kansas City along with the Kansas Society in 2013. The quilt is a small one that can be hung on the wall or used for a table covering. The tickets are being sold at five dollars for six tickets. You can send the money to Carolyn Grover, with your name and address, and she will get the tickets to the right person. Carolyn Grover's mailing address is: Carolyn Grover, 3929 S Milton Drive, Independence, MO 64055-4043, csq228@aol.com. The Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri will raffle the quilt at the National Convention being held at Cleveland, Ohio in June 2010. The proceeds will go towards fund raising project for the 2013 Kansas City NSSAR 123rd convention.
7. Compatriot David McCann mentioned that his nephew Captain Peter McCann is stationed in Afghanistan. President Dirk Stapleton requested Compatriot McCann to provide additional information and a mailing address for Captain McCann. Compatriots are encouraged to bring items for his Soldier Care Package to the March 13, 2010 meeting. If anyone knows of a chapter member who is currently serving on Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status please let President Dirk Stapleton know.
8. President Stapleton stated that several members of the Harry S. Truman Chapter attended the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting held on Saturday, January 30th, 2010 at the Courtyard By Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard in Columbia, MO. Compatriots Robert Grover, Romie Carr, David McCann, Courtney Sloan, Brian Smarker, and Dirk Stapleton attended this event. Our Chapter was well represented. Thank you gentlemen for attending. This was a great opportunity to meet PG Edward Butler who was the guest speaker.

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9. Please mark your calendar to attend the 24th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) to be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas. Please see the attached GWBC invitation.
10. President Dirk Stapleton thanked the MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, Robert Grover, for representing the Harry S. Truman Chapter, in attending the Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 12th, 2009 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, MO. The Wreaths Across America Ceremony is held at 350 National Cemeteries, with simultaneous ceremonies across time zones.
11. The Missouri and Kansas Societies have been approved to host the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri from July 7-11, 2013.
12. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in receiving an Application for Enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan form. Currently, the one-time fee for a National Life Membership is \$900.00 for members 40 and younger, decreasing by \$15.00 per year for each year of age over 40.
13. Harry S. Truman Chapter members are encouraged to complete and return the "Members SAR Resume" form to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Approximately 20 percent of the membership has provided their SAR Resume. Please mail this form to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. The mailing address is: Harry S. Truman Chapter, c/o Dirk A. Stapleton, 603 NE 97th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64155. Completion of this form is strictly optional but highly encouraged. Non-use, Non-disclosure, and Confidentiality: The sole purpose of this form is to request information on Harry S. Truman Chapter members, in seeking better ways to improve communication, interests, and any recommendations for improvement. All information provided on this form will be used solely in conjunction with SAR activities. All information provided will remain confidential and will not be used in any unauthorized use or disclosure. Approximately 20 percent of the Harry S. Truman Chapter members have returned their SAR Resume.
14. With our chapter continuing to grow (which is very good news!) and with recent postal rate increases this past year, we are attempting to send the newsletters out electronically if possible. This will save money and resources. Perhaps, you have an e-mail address with your internet carrier that you do not prefer to share with everyone – If so, there are several e-mail carriers that you can get a free e-mail address, (i.e., Hotmail, Yahoo, and Google to name a few). After signing up for a free e-mail account, you can then drop us a line with your new e-mail address to dirkastapleton@msn.com. Your support is much appreciated.
15. MOSSAR is seeking potential nominees for the Winona R. Yohe Memorial Award. This award is given annually by MOSSAR, to a woman who has shown outstanding support for the SAR at the Chapter and/or state level. The winner will receive the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal. A recommendation was made that Shirley McCann, spouse of Compatriot David McCann, be submitted as a nominee for this award. Compatriot McCann and Compatriot Carr have agreed to work on this nomination. If anyone has any suggestions on other potential nominees, please contact President Dirk Stapleton.
16. There has been around 20 percent participation from Missouri Compatriots, on donating to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage and the Campaign for New Generations. The NSSAR is requesting that every member in SAR contribute something if your budget permits. Even smaller denominations will always be appreciated.
17. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in an application form for the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF).
18. The South Central District Meeting will be on August 27-28, 2010 in Little Rock, Arkansas.
19. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the progress of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. President Stapleton provided a sample of verbiage that could be used for the reverse of coin. The reverse of coin stated "Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society" at the top of the coin; and the verbiage "Organized 4 August 1984"; "Independence, Missouri" was displayed at the bottom of the coin. The middle portion of the reverse could be used to inscribe the members name, patriot ancestor, etc. President Stapleton also reported that he sent Compatriot Will Carr, a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, a request for using their obverse of their Chapter coin. This request has been granted by the Ozark Mountain Chapter. In addition, Compatriot Carr has provided a design for the Harry S. Truman Chapter which is attached. Compatriot Carr recommends that the coin be designed using Zinc Alloy, 1 1/2 inch diameter, 3mm thickness, and having an Antique Brass finish. The vendor, KB Line, is located in San Clemente, CA and provided a quote of \$324.00 plus an

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estimated shipping cost of \$35.00 for UPS Ground. The estimated total cost is \$359.00 for 100 coins. These coins are made using the cast process of zinc alloy. The price is for a double-sided 2D design. The price also includes up to four colors per side. The vendor has separate colors with a thin metal line. Small text and detail will be the metal of the coin. Price is validated by final artwork. There is no tax for out of state orders (California). Compatriot Dave McCann made a motion to use the reverse of this coin as stated above and to use the obverse that the Ozark Mountain Chapter uses. Compatriot McCann also stated that he would contribute \$75.00 to the purchase of the first 100 coins. The motion passed. President Stapleton will be continuing to be in contact with the vendor on the design and manufacture of this coin. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to thank Compatriot Carr, who has been very helpful.

20. The topic of the NSSAR Form 0913: "SAR Whats" promotional brochure was mentioned by President Dirk Stapleton. Color Commander Robert Grover will purchase these brochures while attending the next Board/Trustee Meeting on March 4-6th, 2010.

21. President Dirk Stapleton requested volunteers to submit information on the Josiah Fogg Award for 2009.

New Business:

1. Greetings from the President General, PG Edward Butler, who attended the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in Columbia, MO on January 30, 2010. PG Butler was the guest speaker, in which he provided updates on 120th Annual NSSAR National Congress in Cleveland, Ohio on June 26-30, 2010; Update on the Center For Advancing America's Heritage to finish out the library; the ribbon cutting ceremony which is now scheduled for June 22, 2010 in Louisville, KY; It is anticipated that the SAR National headquarters will also be the Smithsonian Museum of the American Revolution, which will contain thousands of Revolutionary War artifacts, which will be on a permanent loan by the Smithsonian; the SAR trip to Spain with space still available, and many more topics.

2. President Stapleton reported that the current MOSSAR State of Officers for 2010 - 2011 nominations are shown below. The MOSSAR Officer election will be held at the MOSSAR State Conference in April .

Position	Name
President	Clifford Olsen
Executive VP	Denis Craft
First VP	Keith Bohacik
Second VP	Richard Bryant
Secretary	Charles Lilly
Treasurer	Courtney Sloan
Registrar	Lee Capps
Genealogist	David McCann
Chancellor	Richard Bryant
Chaplain	J. Wayne Merrill
Surgeon General	Steve Baldwin
Historian	Bryan Bradford
Sgt at Arms	Dirk Stapleton
Nat'l Trustee	Daniel McMurray
Alternate Trustee	Clifford Olsen

3. In addition, a report was provided at the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting on the USS Missouri, which is scheduled to be commissioned on July 31, 2010. Members of MOSSAR and Color Guard invited. If there are enough Color Guard members attending, the Color Guard will be requested to carry the colors.

4. Please see the attached Membership roster as of January 30, 2010. Some members have noticed incorrect information on the roster, such as an incorrect email address, etc. Please notify President Stapleton if corrections are necessary.

New Business (continued):

5. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to wish a Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating a Birthday in the month of February. Please let President Dirk Stapleton know if we have missed anyone. Happy Birthday gentlemen!

Lawrence Loker	February 9
Chester Bare	February 10
James Walden	February 17
George Fairfax	February 22

I would like to also congratulate the HST Chapter members who are celebrating an anniversary of their date of membership with the HST Chapter in the month of February. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

Justin Bush	February 8
Jonathan Lux	February 13

6. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the February 2010 meeting. President Stapleton stated that in celebration of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 15th, this day is observed in respect for all who have served as President of the United States. Let us remember the courage and character of the great men who have preserved our nation and our freedom.

Motion to Adjourn: It was moved by David McCann and seconded by William Hartman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The Benediction: Chaplain Romie Carr gave the benediction.

The SAR Recessional: The recessional was given by Compatriot James Nail.

Retirement of Colors: The Colors were retired by Compatriots Robert L. Grover and David McCann. The meeting was adjourned.