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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of May; May 8th 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  
298th Meeting  
April 10th, 2010  
9:15 AM.**

**Call to Order:** President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, April 10th, 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 Jim Nail led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The SAR Pledge:** The SAR Pledge was given by Compatriot William Hartman.

**Introductions:** SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, William Hartman, Romie E. Carr, David McCann, Courtney Y. Sloan, Dale Crandell, Paul D. Toms, Dr. Chester I. Bare, Brian Smarker, James G. Walden, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Lois Walden, Gordon Fristoe (Independence Patriots Chapter); and Crystal Greer. Total present: 15 people. 12 members and 3 guests.

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

**Program:**

1. The guest speaker, Mrs. Crystal Greer, conducted a presentation on Civil War Medicine. Mrs. Greer provided very interesting facts that included: two-thirds of soldiers that died during the Civil War succumbed to disease; The basis of modern medicine was founded during the Civil War because new ideas were needed in order to treat thousands of wounded and dying soldiers; More than 620,000 people were dead at the end of the Civil War. If new medical procedures and medicines hadn't been invented during the Civil War, the death rate would have been double; and medical professionals had no concept of sanitary conditions, antiseptics or germs when the Civil War began. By the time it ended, they were more educated on the impact that these things had on the death rate. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Greer after her presentation. The Harry S. Truman Chapter really appreciates her attendance as guest speaker.

**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 March 31, 2010. Motion by William Hartman, seconded by Romie Carr that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. Compatriot Sloan will contact MOSSAR concerning adding Compatriot Lewis as a member to the Harry S. Truman Chapter, corrections to the Membership roster, etc.

**Officer's Reports:**

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Claude and Inez Harkins, who own one of the largest collections of Washingtonian items in private hands, is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the May 8, 2010 meeting. Mr. Harkins will bring amazing Revolutionary War articles for us to view at the meeting, so please attend.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that that he has submitted one new pending application for Ian Krouse. There are no pending supplemental applications. In addition, Genealogist McCann was asked if he would consider another Genealogy Workshop at Midwest Genealogy Center in September 11, 2010. Details are still pending on further coordination with the Midwest Genealogy Center.
3. Color Guard Commander Robert Grover reported on recent events that the Harry S. Truman Chapter Color Guard participated in the past month. Also, please see the enclosed April 2010 Color Guard report for upcoming and past events for 2010.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Awards Committee – Compatriot Romie Carr reported on J.R.O.T.C. Awards. Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever will receive the Harry S. Truman Chapter Enhanced R.O.T.C. Award, along with a \$50.00 check, at the Hickman Mills awards night, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Hickman Mills High School Cafeteria. President Dirk Stapleton, from the Harry S. Truman Chapter, will present Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever with an Enhanced J.R.O.T.C. Award Winner Medal for an essay that he submitted. The Harry S. Truman Chapter entered the nomination for Cadet Second Lieutenant Joshua Keever into the MOSSAR Enhanced J.R.O.T.C. Award Contest. Unfortunately, Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever did not win the MOSSAR Enhanced J.R.O.T.C. Award Contest.
2. Boy Scout Scholarship Committee – Vacant. No report. Boy Scout Eagle Scholarship nominations for 2010, need to be submitted by the deadline date of January 15, 2011. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like to volunteer with this program as a Committee Chairperson.
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 – No report. Compatriot Don Lewis is the committee chairperson for this award. The deadline date to submit the M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award for 2010 is January 15, 2011.
5. Officer Nominations Committee – No report. Vice-President Jim Nail is the committee chairperson for this committee. The deadline date to submit a new slate of 2011 Officer Nominations is November 13, 2010. An Election of 2011 Officers is tentatively planned for December 11, 2010, and the Installation of 2011 Officers is tentatively planned for January 8, 2011.
6. Fourth of July Luncheon Committee – Vice-President Nail provided an update on the Fourth of July Luncheon. The Fourth of July Luncheon will be on 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. The Fourth of July Luncheon will be at the Hereford House, 19721 E Jackson Drive, in

**Committee Reports (continued):**

Independence, MO. Vice-President Nail presented options on the available menu item selections. After discussing menu selections, a motion was made and approved on the menu. The menu will be a choice of prime rib (8 oz) or Hickory grilled chicken, with house salad and twice baked potatoes. Also includes tea, coffee, water, rolls and butter. Cost is \$20 per person (including 18 percent gratuity). In addition, 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.

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. Compatriot Crandell has scanned many of the photos provided by Harry Dexheimer. In addition, any Compatriot interested in adding 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.

9. Harry S. Truman Chapter Publicity Committee – Compatriot Robert Grover stated that he places information concerning the monthly meeting notice in the Independence Examiner. In addition, Compatriot Grover has setup a SAR display at the Midwest Genealogy Center by the doorway. This is a great display, and we encourage members to please see it the next time you are at the Midwest Genealogy Center. In addition, a presentation of the NSSAR DVD by PG Edward Butler will be presented to the Midwest Genealogy Center directly after this meeting.

#### 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. Two Name bars have been sold this past month. 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](mailto:dar-sar@sbcglobal.net) for further details. All profits will be donated to the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City, MO.

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. Please see the attached 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Convention Registration Form.

3. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the progress of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. The order for 100 coins have been submitted. President Dirk Stapleton spoke to Sandra at Emblematic Coin concerning our quote. Sandra stated it will go to the artwork department next week. I should be receiving an email from them verifying and double checking the verbiage, spelling, size, antique brass finish, etc. They WILL NOT proceed until this has been approved. Once approved, they will then create pre-production sample – One coin – this will take 2-3 weeks to make. They will send it to president Stapleton by UPS for final approval. IF we decide not to move forward with the production of the coin – the chapter will be billed for \$150.00 for dye cast charge. Once the pre-production sample is approved, it will then go into production to make the 100 coins. The estimated total cost is \$359.00 for 100 coins. The proposed coin will be designed using Zinc Alloy, 1 1/2 inch diameter, 3mm thickness, and having an Antique Brass finish. The reverse of the coin states "Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society" at the top of the coin; and the verbiage "Organized 4 August 1984"; "Independence, Missouri" is displayed at the bottom of the coin. The middle portion of the reverse could be used to inscribe the members name. Compatriot McCann also stated that he would contribute \$75.00 to the purchase of the first 100 coins. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to thank Compatriot Will Carr, who has been very helpful.

4. PG Edward Butler recently attended the KSSAR Annual Convention at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. on March 19-20th. Major General Grover participated in both Color Guard and Convention events.

#### New Business:

1. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to wish a Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating a Birthday in the month of April. Please let President Dirk Stapleton know if we have

missed anyone. Happy Birthday gentlemen!

Arthur Nichols	April 12
Roger Feaster	April 23

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 April. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

Bryan Rehfeldt	April 5
Jimmy Mickelberry	April 8
Roger Feaster	April 18

2. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the April 2010 meeting. President Stapleton encouraged Compatriots and their guests to attend the 120th Annual MOSSAR Membership Convention, which will be held in Columbia, MO on April 23-24, 2010.

**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 Courtney Sloan.

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