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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of September, September 12th 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
291st Meeting
August 8th, 2009
9:15 AM.

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, August 8th, 2009, 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 George DeLapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was given by Compatriot James G. Walden.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were C. I. Bare, Romie Carr, George DeLapp, Robert Grover, David McCann, James Nail, Courtney Sloan, Dirk Stapleton, Bill Hartman, James Walden, Donald Lewis, and Nicholas D. Large. Guests: Dale Edwards, Shirley McCann, Lois Walden, Kristen E. Strend, Charles Hougland and Judith Hoagland. Total present 18 people, 12 members, and 6 guests. Directly after introductions, Compatriot Nicholas D. Large participated in taking his oath as a new member in the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Welcome Compatriot Large!

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Chaplain Romie Carr, Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Chancellor George DeLapp; Surgeon; Chester I. Bare; Honorary Vice President, William W. Hartman, and Sergeant at Arms, James G. Walden. Absent were Historian Brian Smarker and Acting-Secretary Carroll R. Reinert.

Program: In lieu of the Harry S. Truman Chapter 25th Birthday Celebration, held directly after the meeting, no official program was presented. Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton honored the founding charter members at the Harry S. Truman Chapter 25th Birthday Celebration, by reading each member's name. A moment of silence was also taken to remember the deceased charter members, who could not be with us on this special occasion. In addition, Compatriots George DeLapp and Robert L. Grover, who were present for the ceremony, participated in cutting the birthday cake.

Secretary's Report: A correction was made by Robert Grover to the June 27th minutes. David McCann is not a Color Guard member, but did participate in the presentation of colors at the Fourth of July Luncheon on June 27th 2009. A motion by Robert Grover, second by James Nail that the minutes as corrected be approved. The motion carried. The corrected June 27th minutes are attached.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's report was provided. The Treasurer's report will be presented at the next meeting.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that the September meeting will be Saturday, September 12th. In addition, Compatriot David McCann will be conducting a Genealogy Workshop at the Midwest Genealogy Center directly after the meeting. Therefore, we will need to adjourn the meeting by 10:45 if possible. A handout was provided on the location of the Midwest Genealogy Center. The Midwest Genealogy Center is located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055-1923. We would like to meet at the front lobby of the Midwest Genealogy Center around 11:00 AM Saturday morning if possible. Anyone needing assistance on gaining additional information on their ancestors is highly encouraged to attend. In addition, Carolyn Grover will be our guest speaker at the October 10th meeting. Her topic will be on the Orphan Trail.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have three prospective new members, Addison C. Lawton, Christopher A. Wehnes and Henry J. Stewart. Another pending member is Dale Edwards. In addition, we have submitted three pending supplementals for Romie Carr.

Unfinished Business:

1. President Dirk Stapleton asked Registrar-Genealogist David McCann if he needed any additional assistance in setting up the genealogy workshop at the Midwest Genealogy Center in September. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann stated that everything is in place and the staff at the Midwest Genealogy Center is expecting us.
2. The Missouri State Society Medal has sold \$1,145.00 worth of new MOSSAR State Society Medals. It is encouraged that all Active Missouri SAR members purchase the Bronze MOSSAR medal. An order blank is attached in these minutes offering further details on ordering the Bronze MOSSAR State Society Medal. Each medal is \$30.00. For faster delivery, the cost is \$35.00.
3. Will Carr – MOSSAR Historian states that 42 copies of the "Some MOSSAR History" DVD have been purchased. Chapters are encouraged to place copies in all libraries in their membership area. An order blank is attached in these minutes offering further details on ordering the "Some MOSSAR History" DVD. The DVD's are \$10.00, make check payable to MOSSAR. All profits will be donated to the 2013th National Congress in Kansas City.
4. 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. In addition, applications will be provided for South Central District meeting – Irving, TX on 21-22 Aug 2009.
5. President Dirk Stapleton asked Compatriot Robert Grover if we needed to order more SAR Pamphlets. Compatriot Grover stated that we do not need to order any new pamphlets at the current time.
6. Compatriot Romie Carr is currently working on a rough draft policy for future Harry S, Truman Chapter Luncheons. This policy will be recommended to the Harry S, Truman Chapter at a later date.

Unfinished Business (continued):

7. President Dirk Stapleton provided Harry S, Truman Chapter quarterly report (April- June) at the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting on Saturday, July 25th.
8. Robert L. Grover, South Central District Vice President General reported that the South West District meeting will be in Irving, TX August 21-22, 2009.
9. Robert L. Grover received a Proclamation signed by the Mayor of Independence, Mayor Don Reimal, concerning the Harry S. Truman Chapter 25th anniversary of its charter.
10. The Missouri and Kansas Societies have been approved to host the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri from July 7-11, 2013.

New Business:

1. President Dirk Stapleton reported that the Harry S. Truman Chapter has 46 members as of July 23, 2009. Please see the attached member listing enclosed.
2. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting, which was held on July 25, 2009 in Columbia, MO.
 - A. Chapters are being told that the 119th National Congress approved the application fees for new members, which was increased from \$60.00 to \$80.00. In addition, all annual dues for all categories of memberships will increase \$5.00. These increases will become effective 1 January 2010. In addition to these changes, the National Life membership fees have been put on hold so the costs can be reworked.
 - B. The 120th MOSSAR State Conference will be in Columbia, MO on Friday & Saturday, April 23 & 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.
 - C. At 119th National Congress, President General Ed Butler brought up having a color guard like organization of members willing to buy and wear a blue blazer, with SAR blazer patch, medium gray trousers, shirt, and tie. This group could perform functions of the color guard when not the color guard is not available. It was suggested as a backup color guard. MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray does not think that this group should be part of the color guard. He thinks it will be a good uniform for the workers at the 2013 Congress here in Kansas City. This is up for discussion at each chapter. At the MOSSAR October quarterly meeting, we are to discuss further. The idea is that we have people who would like to participate in events, but think the Continental uniform is too expensive.
 - D. A check for \$1,287.68 was presented by Wayne Davis, President of Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, to President Dan McMurray at the MOSSAR quarterly meeting. This money was the net income from the proceeds received from the MOSSAR State Convention held in St. Louis on April 24-25. The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter hosted the state conference this year.
 - E. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver will be conducting a Vietnam Veterans Town Hall Appreciation event on Saturday, September 12th on the front lawn at the Harry S. Truman Library at 2:00 PM. There is a form that you will need to submit along with your DD 214 to prepare a certificate to be awarded to Vietnam veterans or families of deceased veterans. Please see the attached form, which is enclosed.
 - F. Partners in Patriotism program. If any member of the chapter participates in an organized event with a veterans organization (i.e., VFW, DAV, American Legion, etc.), they can receive a certificate of appreciation from the Partners in Patriotism from the national committee. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton, if you feel you are eligible for the Partners in Patriotism program, so that the MOSSAR State President can report it.
 - G. Eagle Scout Trophy and medals will no longer be paid by National. The Eagle Scout Chairman

will discuss further details at the next MOSSAR meeting in October.

New Business (continued):

- H. Chapter Presidents received a CD entitled “Keyhole to History” – 52 sound bytes of one minute Public Service Announcements that can be played on public radio. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you need more information on how to order this free CD from SAR.
- I. The next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, October 24th, 2009.
- 3. Coordination for a Christmas Luncheon was mentioned. Compatriot McCann was asked to conduct initial research on locations, cost, etc. Compatriot McCann will provide a report at the September meeting.
- 4. There will be a George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) meeting on August 26th at 6:00 PM located at Don Chilito’s Mexican Restaurant, 7017 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS. Dewey Fry is now the Chairman of the GWBC Committee. Please mark your calendar to attend the 24th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration to be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas.
- 5. Monday, September 7th will be Labor Day. President Dirk Stapleton would like to wish you all a safe Labor Day weekend.
- 6. Constitution Day will be Thursday September 17th, 2009, the 222nd anniversary of our nations founding document.
- 7. Harry S. Truman Chapter members are encouraged to complete and return the enclosed “Members SAR Resume” form to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Please complete and mail this form back to the Harry S. Truman Chapter with the self-addressed, self-stamped envelope enclosed. 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.

Motion to Adjourn: It was moved by David McCann and seconded by George DeLapp 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 G. Walden.

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