

**Minutes of the Harry S. Truman Chapter
Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Independence, Missouri
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Call to Order. President Dirk Stapleton called to order the 307th meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at 9:15 am, Saturday, 8 January 2011 at the M&I Bank, 18811 Valley View Parkway, Independence, Missouri.

1. *Invocation.* Chaplain Romie Carr gave the invocation.
2. *Presentation of Colors.* Color Guard Commander Robert Grover and Compatriot David McCann presented the colors.
3. *Pledge of Allegiance:* Compatriot Brian Smarker led the pledge of allegiance.
4. *SAR Pledge.* Compatriot Dale Crandell led the SAR pledge.
5. *Introductions.* A total of 16 attended the meeting. 13 chapter were present, which provided a quorum: Romie Carr, Dale Crandell, Harry Dexheimer, Gordon Fristoe, Robert Grover, Donald Lewis, Jr., Perry Marks, Jr., David McCann, Don Ramsey, Courtney Sloan, Brian Smarker, Dirk Stapleton, and Paul Toms. Guests present were: MOSSAR President Clifford Olsen, Alan Henson, and Chandler Chancolla.
6. *Officer Roll Call.* Chapter officers present were: President Dirk Stapleton, Secretary Paul Toms, Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Registrar-Genealogist David McCann, Chaplain Romie Carr, Historian Brian Smarker, and Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Lewis, Jr. Absent were Vice President James Nail, Chancellor George DeLapp, Surgeon Chester Bare, and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman.

Program

1. *New Member Induction.* New Compatriot Perry (Bud) Marks, Jr. was inducted into the SAR with his ancestor Patriot William Ripptoe. Compatriot Marks was presented with his membership certificate, membership rosette, chapter challenge coin, and welcome packet by President Dirk Stapleton and sponsor Compatriot Robert Grover. Congratulations and welcome Compatriot Marks.
2. *New Member Induction.* New Compatriot Donald Ramsey was inducted into the SAR with his ancestor Patriot Matthew Ramsey. Compatriot Ramsey was presented with his membership certificate, membership rosette, chapter challenge coin, and welcome packet by President Dirk Stapleton and sponsor Compatriot David McCann. Congratulations and welcome Compatriot Ramsey.
3. *Challenge Coin Presentation.* Compatriot Gordon Fristoe was presented with his chapter challenge coin by President Dirk Stapleton. Compatriot Fristoe transferred from the Independence Patriots Chapter. Congratulations and welcome Compatriot Fristoe.
4. *Supplemental Ancestor Presentation.* President Dirk Stapleton reported he and Compatriot David McCann would present a supplemental ancestor certificate and chapter challenge coin to Compatriot Addison Lawton at his home after the meeting.

5. *Chapter Officer Installation.* MOSSAR President Clifford Olsen, with assistance from MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Robert Grover, installed the chapter officers. 2011 chapter officers sworn into officer were:

- President Dirk Stapleton
- Vice President Donald Lewis, Jr.
- Secretary Dale Crandell
- Treasurer Courtney Sloan
- Registrar-Genealogist David McCann
- Chaplain Romie Carr
- Historian Brian Smarker
- Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Toms

2011 chapter officers being sworn into office at the next available meeting:

- Chancellor George DeLapp
- Surgeon Chester Bare
- Honorary Vice-President William Hartman

6. *Guest Speaker.* MOSSAR President Olsen spoke on activities at NSSAR and MOSSAR. He referred to the Harry S. Truman chapter as cutting edge and suggested the chapter establish a speaker bureau, develop community relationships, and challenge youth to compete in the Eagle Scout Scholarship, Knight Essay, and Rumbaugh Oration competitions. He suggested that new members need jobs to keep their interest.

MOSSAR President Olsen reported MOSSAR was growing and peaked at 600 plus members in October 2010. He reported plans to update the state website.

MOSSAR President Olsen reported attending the opening of the new SAR headquarters and library in Louisville, Kentucky, encouraged donations for the Center of Advancement of American Heritage, and veteran members to participate in the SAR WWII survey. He announced that genealogy information from pre-1970 SAR membership applications was being made available on Ancestry.com.

MOSSAR President Olsen was presented with a certificate of appreciation for serving as a guest speaker by President Dirk Stapleton; he had previously received a chapter challenge coin.

Secretary Report. President Dirk Stapleton referred members to the minutes for the 306th chapter meeting that was mailed to the membership.

- *A motion by Compatriot Robert Grover, seconded by Compatriot Donald Lewis, Jr., to accept the minutes for the 306th chapter meeting on 11 December 2010. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report. Treasurer Courtney Sloan provided the treasurer's report.

- *A motion by Compatriot David McCann, seconded by Compatriot Brian Smarker, to accept the treasurer report. Motion carried.*

1. President Dirk Stapleton reported a request from the George Washington Birthday Celebration Planning Committee for a \$50.00 donation. President Stapleton reported this was a regular annual contribution from several Kansas City area chapters that participate in the celebration.

- *A motion by Compatriot Robert Grover, seconded by Compatriot Brian Smarker, to donate \$50.00 for the George Washington Birthday Celebration. Motion carried.*

Officer Reports

1. *President Report.* President Dirk Stapleton reported he will attend the MOSSAR quarterly meeting in January 2011, issue a December-January edition of the newsletter in late-January 2011, and notify MOSSAR Registrar Lee Capps of the 2011 chapter officers. President Stapleton, reports that chapter challenge coins have been issued to 34 members and 8 guests.

President Stapleton reported the passing of Billie (Bill) Hartman who is Compatriot William Hartman's father. A condolence card to the William Hartman family was distributed for members to sign.

2. *Vice-President Report.* Vice-President Donald Lewis, Jr. reported the February 2011 guest speaker is Ms. Cathy Owens speaking about the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Compatriot Dirk Stapleton suggested Mr. Gary Lint from the WWII honor flight program as a guest speaker but cautioned Mr. Lint would expect a donation for speaking. Compatriot Robert Grover provided a speaker list of approximately 150 individuals to Vice-President Lewis.

3. *Registrar-Genealogist Report.* Genealogist David McCann reported two approved new membership applications, both inducted at the January 2011 meeting:

- Perry (Bud) Marks, Jr.
- Donald Ramsey

Genealogist McCann reported four pending new member applications:

- Barry Henson
- Joseph Kay
- John Skelton
- Barry Skelton

Genealogist McCann reported one chapter member with a pending supplemental application:

- Paul Toms (John Doty)

Genealogist McCann reported five prospective new members.

4. *Historian Report.* Historian Brian Smarker reported progress with the 2010-2011 year book: the format for the minutes presents a problem and a cover page is needed.

5. *Color Guard Report.* Color Guard Commander Robert Grover reported an audience of 80 present for the WWII honor flight on 03 November 2010 and he was making a JROTC award presentation next week at Van Horn High School, Independence, Missouri.

Color Guard Commander Grover reported providing KSSSAR Color Guard Commander Bob Capps with information for the George Washington Birthday Celebration. Kansas leads the color guard for the 2011 luncheon.

Committee Reports

1. *Award Committee.* President Dirk Stapleton expressed thanks for Compatriot Romie Carr's work as committee chair this past year. Compatriot Carr reported organizational changes in the Kansas City area JROTC program resulting in six autonomous programs. The chapter is assigned responsibility for four JROTC units:

- Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, Missouri (Air Force JROTC)
- Blue Springs South High School, Blue Springs, Missouri (Air Force JROTC)
- Ruskin High School, Kansas City, Missouri (Marine Corps JROTC)
- Van Horn High School, Independence, Missouri (Army JROTC). This is a new school assignment for the chapter.

Compatriot Brian Smarker received a certificate of appreciation for presentation to Roy and Rosemary Carstens for the display of the U.S. flag at their home in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Compatriot Smarker is coordinating the presentation with Color Guard Commander Robert Grover.

2. *Boy Scout Scholarship Committee.* President Dirk Stapleton appointed Compatriot Perry Marks, Jr. to chair the Boy Scout Scholarship Committee. President Stapleton reported the chapter has received one application from Jason Ringer for the 2011 competition.

3. *Veterans Liaison Committee.* President Dirk Stapleton appointed Compatriot Dale Crandell to chair the Veterans Liaison Committee. Being a WWII veteran, Harry Dexheimer was provided and encouraged to participate in the SAR's WWII survey.

4. *Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award Committee.* Compatriot Donald Lewis, Jr. chairs the Teacher of the Year Committee. Compatriot Brian Smarker reported working on a nomination for Mr. A.W. Michaels who is a middle school social studies teacher in Excelsior Springs who teaches a course that merges history and theater. Submission deadline is 15 January 2011.

5. *Officer Nominations Committee.* The 2010 committee has completed its work. A new 2011 committee will need to provide nominations for the November 2011 meeting with elections at the December 2011 meeting.

6. *4th of July Luncheon Committee.* The 4th of July luncheon is Saturday, 25 June 2011. A new committee chair is needed. President Dirk Stapleton provided cost and menu information on V's Italiano Ristorante as a proposed luncheon location. Compatriot Brian Smarker suggested Grand Café' as an option. President Stapleton asked the chapter to consider their options and plan to make a decision at the February 2011 meeting so plans can be finalized by the March 2011 meeting. President Stapleton reported confirming the guest speaker, Dr. Michael Devine, PhD, who is director for the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Dr. Devine is speaking on Truman's four critical decisions during the Korean conflict.

7. *Service Project Committee.* Compatriot David McCann is committee chair and reported on the Franklin Cemetery project that he was coordinating repairs to Patriot John Franklin's headstone. The plan is to conduct a dedication ceremony in spring-summer 2011 and present a certificate of appreciation to the Travis Mansfield family for their flag display. Compatriot McCann reported on the Moore Cemetery project that he was coordinating with a local Boy Scout troop to establish a clean up project of the cemetery. Patriot William Moore is buried at this cemetery.

8. *Josiah Fogg Award Committee.* Compatriot Brian Smarker is committee chair and distributed a status report on chapter's progress toward the Fogg award. The chapter has accumulated 3,064.8 points toward the award, which is 38.9% of the possible points. Publicity represents the highest percentage and displays represent the lowest percentage. Submission deadline is 1 April 2011.

9. *Chapter Web Site Committee.* Compatriot Dale Crandell distributed a status report on the NW Missouri Patriot's Graves project. 12 biographies are complete and 22 need coordinates for the grave location. Compatriot Crandell distributed a mock-up of the first completed biography for Patriot Joseph Boggs.

10. *Chapter Publicity Committee.* Compatriot Robert Grover is the committee chair and reported on the SAR display at the Midwest Genealogical Center.

11. *Book Donation Committee.* Compatriot David McCann is the committee chair and reported the chapter's donation of the publication *Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City* had been sent to the NSSAR library in December 2010. Compatriot Dirk Stapleton suggested a candidate for the next publication donation: *Following the Drum: Women at the Valley Forge Encampment*.

Unfinished Business

1. *Chapter By-Laws*. President Dirk Stapleton reported that the wording changes on electronic social media proposed by Chancellor George DeLapp were waiting for MOSSAR review-approval. President Stapleton distributed a copy of the proposed changes.

2. *Name Badges*. Compatriot David McCann reported no new name badge sales. Selling name badges with a compatriot's patriot ancestors is a chapter fund raising project for the 2013 SAR National Congress in Kansas City, Missouri.

3. *George Washington Birthday Planning Meeting*. The next George Washington Birthday planning meeting is 6:00 pm, 25 January 2011 at Denny's, 10480 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas.

4. *MOSSAR Quarterly Meeting*. The next MOSSAR quarterly meeting is Saturday, 29 January 2011 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard, Columbia, Missouri. 2010 4th quarter reports are due by 15 January 2011.

5. *George Washington Birthday Celebration*. The 2011 George Washington Birthday Celebration luncheon is 12:00 noon, Saturday, 19 February 2011 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas. More information at: <http://qwbckkansascity.org/default.aspx>.

6. *National Medal of Honor Day*. National Medal of Honor Day is Friday, 25 March 2011.

7. *2011 MOSSAR Convention*. The MOSSAR Convention is 29-30 April 2011 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, 191 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri.

8. *2011 NSSAR Congress*. The 121st NSSAR Congress is 8-13 July 2011 at the Marriot Hotel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. More information at: <http://www.sar.org/event/2011/121st-Annual-Congress>.

9. *2011 NSSAR South Central District Meeting*. The South Central District Meeting is 26-27 August 2011 in Overland Park, Kansas. The meeting is hosted by the KSSSAR.

New Business

1. *Color Guard Recruitment*. Color Guard Commander Robert Grover requested assistance to recruit color guard members; St Louis area has 18 members but Kansas City area only has 4 members. The estimated cost for a uniform is \$400 from a Dallas-based supplier. Color Guard Commander Grover added that the color guard account was an option to finance a uniform purchase for a new member.

Announcements

1. The chapter wishes a happy birthday to members celebrating in January 2011:

- Dale Crandell – January 3
- Nicholas Large – January 6
- Dale Edward – January 12
- David Propst – January 15
- Ian Krause – January 19
- David Snodgrass – January 23
- Richard Duncan – January 24

2. The chapter congratulates members celebrating a membership anniversary in January 2011:

- William Tunks – January 1
- Alexander Hogan – January 22
- Richard Hogan – January 22

- James Walden – January 22
- David Snodgrass – January 26
- Dirk Stapleton – January 28

Adjournment

• *A motion by Compatriot David McCann, seconded by Compatriot Brian Smarker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

1. *Benediction.* Chaplain Romie Carr gave the benediction.
2. *SAR Recessional.* Compatriot Brian Smarker led the SAR recessional.
3. *Retirement of Colors.* Color Guard Commander Robert Grover and Compatriot David McCann retired the colors.

The next chapter meeting is 9:15 am, Saturday, 12 February 2011 at the M&I Bank, 18811 East Valley View Parkway, Independence, Missouri.

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2011 Harry S. Truman Color Guard Events

Upcoming CG Events:

- 13 Feb 2:00 pm – DAR Independence Pioneers, Bess Truman Tea, HST Library, 500 W. U.S. Hwy 24, Indep., MO
- 19 Feb 12:00 Noon – George Washington Birthday Celebration, Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137th St., Overland Park, KS
- 21 Feb 12:00 Noon – DAR, GW Birthday, Grand Blvd & Pershing, George Washington Park, Kansas City, MO
- 03 Mar 1:30 pm - Daughters of American Colonists State Mtg. Columbia, MO
- 03 Mar 7:30 pm – William Jewell College, Western Crown Center, 1 Pershing Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108
- 10-12 Mar – Leadership Mtg., Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203

CG Events:

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1 – 8 HST Mtg.

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Grover

1 -29 MOSSAR BOD Mtg.

Grover, Stapleton

Pro Patria,

Robert L. Grover

Major General

MOSSAR CG Commander