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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of April; April 10th at 9:15 AM at M&I Bank [Mitchell and Ilesley 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
297th Meeting
March 13th, 2010**

9:15 AM.

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

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Romie Carr.

Presentation of Colors: Compatriots Robert L. Grover and James Nail presented the colors.

Pledge of Allegiance: Compatriot George DeLapp 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, Donald Lewis, Jr., Dale Crandell, Paul D. Toms, James G. Walden, Richard G. Hogan, George DeLapp, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Theresa Lewis and Marge DeLapp. Total present: 15 people. 13 members and 2 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; and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman. Officers that were not present for this meeting were Surgeon Dr. Chester I. Bare and Historian Brian Smarker. Both officers were excused from this meeting.

Program:

1. Prior to the program, Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton presented two new members to the chapter, which included Richard G. Hogan and Paul D. Toms. 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. In addition, Compatriot James G. Walden received a Meritorious Service Award and certificate. Compatriot Walden has been the Harry S. Truman Chapter Sergeant-of-Arms, for the past eight years. Compatriot Walden was first elected in 2002 to this office. Thank you Compatriot Walden for your dedication and tireless service.
3. Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton also presented Chancellor George DeLapp with the Silver MOSSAR Medal and Certificate. Compatriot DeLapp's spouse, Marge DeLapp, also participated in the ceremony. Compatriot DeLapp was recognized for his tireless efforts at both the Chapter and State of Missouri level. As a founding member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Compatriot DeLapp has a proven track record of accomplishment for his contributions both to this Chapter and at MOSSAR. Without his dedication, this chapter could not be as successful as it is. Thank you Compatriot DeLapp in supporting our organization.
4. Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton conducted the Installation of Officer Ceremony concerning Harry S. Truman Chapter Chancellor George DeLapp. Compatriot DeLapp was installed at the March 13, 2010 meeting, since he could not be with us at the February meeting.
5. The guest speaker, Compatriot Donald Lewis, provided an interesting presentation on the Organization of Strategic Gamers (OSG). Compatriot Lewis provided background information on historical miniatures and board games. He spoke about different era's of battles including the American Revolution, Civil War and other famous wars in history, in conjunction with board gaming. Compatriot Lewis had static displays of different miniature soldiers used for board games, and also provided an overview on painting them, rules for utilizing miniatures in board games, and the rich history that each player learns about famous battles. Many High School students and adults participate in this type of board gaming. If you need more information about the OSG, please visit their website is at <http://recruits.mtswebsites.com/index.php>. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Compatriot Donald Lewis after his presentation. The Harry S. Truman Chapter really appreciates his attendance as guest speaker.

Secretary's Report: Compatriot Grover mentioned two corrections that needed to be made for the February 2010 Minutes – As a veteran of the U.S. Military, a U.S. Flag enclosed in a wood frame flag presentation case, was presented to MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray at the February 13, 2010 meeting, by Compatriot Grover on behalf of the Permanent Memorial Committee. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Grover from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of America Chapter 317, for his participation in the Veterans Day 2009 Ceremony as a Color Guard member on Veterans Day. President Stapleton also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of America Chapter 317, as Color Guard member on Veterans Day, and the certificate was presented by Compatriot Grover. A motion was made by David McCann, and seconded by James Nail that the corrected minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Courtney Sloan provided the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 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.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Mrs. Crystal Greer is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the April 10, 2010 meeting, in which she will be conducting a presentation on Civil War Medicine.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that that there are no prospective new members or pending supplemental applications.
3. Color Guard Commander Robert Grover reported on several items discussed at the National Leadership / Trustee meeting held on March 4-6, 2010 in Louisville, KY. Some of the items included consideration in donating to the SAR, which can be included in your will. He also reported on statistics on current membership, applications approved, Boy Scout Scholarship applications, judging State newsletters, the Wounded Warrior Medal, emailing State newsletters, and sending the "NSSAR Keyhole to History" CD to local radio stations. A Color Guard report was also provided by Compatriot Grover, including the GWBC event. A status on "SAR Whats" brochure was provided.

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 documentation on submitting nominations for Military Professors to review. Compatriot Carr stated that Hickman Mills High School is the only school that has submitted an Enhanced R.O.T.C. Award recommendation. The Awards Committee recommended to the Harry S. Truman Chapter that the nomination for Cadet Second Lieutenant Joshua Keever, be approved as the Harry S. Truman Chapter Enhanced R.O.T.C. Award winner. A motion was made on this recommendation. The motion carried. Compatriot Romie Carr will coordinate with Hickman Mills High School in order to determine a date when Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever can be presented this award. In addition, Compatriot Carr made a motion that Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever receive a \$50.00 check. The motion was approved. Compatriot Carr will forward Cadet Second Lieutenant Keever’s award nomination to MOSSAR, for consideration in the State Competition in the Missouri State J.R.O.T.C. Enhanced Award.**
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 – Vacant. Vice-President Nail presented several options for local restaurants that could be possible locations for the Fourth of July Luncheon. A discussion took place on prices, availability, etc. A motion was made that the Hereford House, 19721 E Jackson Drive, in Independence, MO as the location for the Fourth of July Luncheon. The motion was approved. Vice-President Nail will coordinate with the Hereford House for additional information on menu selections, pricing , contractual agreements, etc. The Fourth of July Luncheon will be 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. 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.**
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 Dale Crandell has volunteered to assist with this committee. 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 agreed to be the chairperson for this committee. If anyone is interested in assisting Compatriot Grover, please let him know. Favorable publicity is a valuable asset for all levels of the SAR. It affects increased public awareness and understanding of the Society, and promotes membership. Every chapter and state society should appoint a qualified member as Publicity Chairman whose primary function should be that of obtaining news media coverage. Some of the Publicity Chairman / Committee duties include:**

A) Insures that only one member contacts the news media to avoid duplications and confusion.

Committee Reports (continued):

- B) Establishes a personal contact with the key persons at each newspaper, radio and television station.
- C) Records information in a written form.
- D) Complies with deadline times and dates.
- E) Submits news releases in typewritten form.
- F) Checks accuracy of all information (dates, times, locations) before release.
- G) Acknowledges due credit.
- H) Issues releases of pertinent information as briefly as possible.
- I) Invites representatives of the news media to special events, but are not expected to pay reservation fees, meal charges or any such expenses.

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 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 120th Annual Membership Convention Registration Form.
3. Compatriot David McCann mentioned that his nephew Captain Peter McCann is stationed in Afghanistan. Items for his Soldier Care Package were provided for Captain McCann at the March meeting. Compatriot McCann will mail Captain Peter McCann his Soldier Care Package. In addition, President Stapleton shared an email from Fran Mason, concerning her grandson, Compatriot Bush, and his thanks and gratitude for the Care Packages that he has received. 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.
4. Special thanks to Compatriot Carr and Compatriot McCann for their assistance in preparing the nomination write-up, concerning the Winona R. Yohe Memorial Award. The nomination was submitted to the MOSSAR Winona R. Yohe Memorial Award Committee, in which Shirley McCann, spouse of Compatriot David McCann, was submitted.
5. President Stapleton thanked all of the Harry S. Truman Chapter members who attended the George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC). We had a great turnout from the Chapter and a group photo was taken. Please see it at http://sarhstchapter.tripod.com/hst_gallery.html. In addition, there will be a GWBC planning meeting on March 23, 2010 for the February 19, 2011 GWBC event; plan to be there at 6:00 PM, at Denny's, 10480 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS.
6. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the progress of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. President Stapleton provided a final draft of the coin, complements of Compatriot Will Carr, a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. President Stapleton will contact the vendor, KB Line, in submitting the proposed design. KB Line is located in San Clemente, CA and provided a quote of \$324.00 plus an estimated shipping cost of \$35.00 for UPS Ground. 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 was very helpful.

New Business:

1. PG Edward Butler will be here to attend the KSSAR Annual Convention at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. on March 19-20th.
2. Vice-President Jim Nail reported that the last week of April, Hy-Vee in Lee's Summit (3rd St at 50 Hwy), will be holding a week long series of events honoring Veterans. More details will be provided at our next meeting.

New Business (continued):

3. Richard Bryant, MOSSAR Chancellor and 2013 National Congress Chairperson, is requesting for volunteers to head the following posts in preparation for the 2013 National Congress.

- A) Internet publicity/media publicity
- B) Technology Committee
- C) Fundraising Committee
- D) Promotional Committee
- E) Transportation Committee
- F) Set up and tear down committees
- H) Speakers Committee

Additional assistance will be needed for the following:

- A) Reception desk coordinators
- B) Hotel liaison
- C) Food and beverage coordinator
- D) Spouse and family activity coordinators
- E) Church and religious activities
- F) Help desk/help phone

It was also mentioned in the meeting that a Facebook account for the 2013 National Congress has been created.

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

Bryan Rehfeldt	March 9
David McCann	March 14
Harry Dexheimer	March 15
William Larson	March 24

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

James Nail	March 14
William Johnson	March 14
Mark Wealand	March 19
Robert Grover	March 19

5. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the March 2010 meeting.

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 Jim Nail.

The meeting was adjourned.