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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of June; June 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
299th Meeting
May 8th, 2010
9:15 AM.**

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, May 8th, 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 President Dirk Stapleton.

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 Jim Walden.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, William Hartman, David McCann, Courtney Y. Sloan, George DeLapp, Dale Crandell, Paul D. Toms, Dr. Chester I. Bare, Brian Smarker, James G. Walden, Donald Lewis, Jr., Harry Dexheimer, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Theresa Lewis and Claude Harkins. Total present: 16 people. 14 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; Surgeon Dr. Chester I. Bare, Historian Brian Smarker, and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman. Officers that were not present for this meeting were Chaplain Romie E. Carr. Chaplain Carr was excused from this meeting, since he has had knee replacement surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Program:

1. President Dirk Stapleton stated that he would like to thank all of the Compatriots and their guests who attended the 120th Annual MOSSAR Membership Convention, which was held in Columbia, MO on April 23-24, 2010. This was a great convention by meeting with other MOSSAR Chapter members and friends, building cohesion and camaraderie, and participating in the election and installation of 2010-2011 MOSSAR Officers. Former MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray thanked all of the Compatriots of MOSSAR for his successful term in office. MOSSAR State President Clifford Olsen also sends his greetings to all MOSSAR Chapters. In addition, guest speaker NSSAR Secretary General James David Simpson, offered guidance on several subjects. He also provided a very informative presentation on current NSSAR events, committee activities, and installed the 2010-2011 MOSSAR Officers.
2. President Dirk Stapleton also recognized several Harry S. Truman Chapter members who received awards at the 120th Annual MOSSAR convention. Compatriot Grover received a Certificate of Distinguished Service and also the Color Guard Commander, Patriot's Trust Fund Committee Member Award. Compatriot McCann was awarded the Patriot Medal. Compatriot Sloan was awarded the Missouri State Gold Medal, which only three MOSSAR members have been awarded this distinguished medal. Compatriot Carr was awarded the State Medal of Distinguished Service, and Compatriot Stapleton was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. A very special thanks goes out to our Historian, Compatriot Brain Smarker. With his efforts, the Harry S. Truman Chapter was awarded First Place for the Yohee Yearbook Award for 2009.
3. The guest speaker, Mr. Claude Harkins, who owns one of the largest collections of Washingtonian items in private hands, brought amazing Revolutionary War articles for us to view at the meeting. The artifacts included a 13-star U.S. flag sewn by an American soldier in a British prison, an engraved powder horn from a Revolutionary soldier, and several other items from the Revolutionary War era. Mr. Harkins told stories that intrigued members – about George Washington and Revolutionary War soldiers. "I'm just trying to spread the word about this great man at a point in time where we need more patriotism," Harkins said. "I explain too many different groups about why so many people sacrificed their life so they could enjoy their freedom." Mr. Harkins, started collecting historical artifacts when he was about age 12, and has approximately 300 artifacts. In addition, Harry S. Truman Chapter members had a very special opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to this original 13-star American Flag. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Harkins after his presentation. The Harry S. Truman Chapter really appreciates his 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: No report provided. Compatriot Courtney Sloan will provide the Treasurer's Report at the June 2010 meeting. No motion to approve Treasurer's Report. The current Membership Roster as of April 24th, 2010 was provided. Please see the attached April 24, 2010 Membership Roster. Several corrections are needed and have been provided to the MOSSAR State Registrar. Please let President Stapleton know if corrections are needed.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Mrs. Marilyn Feaster (spouse of member Roger Feaster), is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the June 12, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Feaster will talk about Gov. Claiborne Jackson, Missouri governor during the Civil War era, so please attend.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that that he has submitted one new pending application for Ian Krouse and one pending Supplement application for James Walden, Jr. In addition, Genealogist McCann will be conducting another Genealogy Workshop at Midwest Genealogy Center on 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 May 2010 Color Guard report for upcoming and past events for 2010.

Committee Reports:

1. Awards Committee – President Dirk Stapleton reported on J.R.O.T.C. Awards. Cadet First 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 and Color Guard Commander Robert Grover, will present Cadet First Lieutenant Keever with an Enhanced J.R.O.T.C. Award Winner Medal for an essay that he submitted. In addition, if you know of any individual or organization

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that is deserving of the Flag Certificate, in which they meet certain requirements, please let Compatriot Romie Carr or President Dirk Stapleton know.

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 contacted the Veterans Administration, and we will have a guest speaker from the Veterans Service Office (VSO) at the August 2010 meeting.

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 the Harry S. Truman Chapter regular meeting date. The Fourth of July Luncheon will be at the Hereford House, 19721 E Jackson Drive, in Independence, MO. Vice-President Nail stated the planned menu will be a choice of prime rib (8 oz) or Hickory grilled chicken, with house salad and twice baked potatoes. This menu also includes tea, coffee, water, rolls, and butter. The 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. President Stapleton also requested for confirmation concerning verbiage on invitations. Invitations will be sent via email, newsletter, and mailed to local DAR Chapters in late May. All members, guests, and local DAR Chapters are encouraged to attend. Please see the attached Reservation Form. Please mail the attached Reservation Form to Vice-President Nail as soon as possible. You may also R.S.V.P. by Friday, July 2, 2010; by calling Vice-President Nail at (816) 726-3916, with the number of guests attending and meals desired. The Hereford House must receive a head count by Saturday, July 3, 2010.

7. Service Projects Committee – Vacant. No report provided.

8. Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site Committee – President Dirk Stapleton and Compatriot Dale Crandell are on this committee. This committee is currently working on establishing the Chapter web site to 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. A lot of work remains. Compatriots 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>.

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.

10. Harry S. Truman Chapter Josiah Fogg Award Committee – Vacant. No report.

Unfinished Business:

1. PG David Appleby discussed at the MOSSAR State conference, that MOSSAR does not quite have the 20 percent participation from Missouri Compatriots, in donating to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) and the Campaign for New Generations. He stated that in order to win the Streamer, we still need 21 MOSSAR members to donate to be eligible for the Streamer – that every member in SAR should contribute something if your budget permits. Even smaller denominations will always be appreciated. PG David Appleby stated that the ENEMY is Apathy and lack of education; instead, kids are NOT receiving American History. American History is being lost. Finally, June 22, 2010 was the original dates for the CAHH ribbon cutting. Since it was a very cold

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winter, there was no steel production. At the August 2010 Leadership Meeting, the CAHH ribbon cutting ceremony will take place. CAAH Donation forms were provided to members at the meeting. Please see CAAH Donation forms attached.

2. Compatriot David McCann was asked to provide an update on the Name Badges that are for sale by the Harry S. Truman Chapter. No 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. President Dirk Stapleton provided Compatriot Grover with order blanks to be distributed at the NSSAR National Congress in Cleveland, OH.

3. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the progress of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. The order for 100 coins has been submitted. President Dirk Stapleton sent an email to Harry S. Truman Chapter members earlier in the week, containing the artwork design of the coin. President Stapleton also provided copies of the artwork design of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin at the meeting. A motion was made that the artwork be approved, and that Emblematics, Inc. design a pre-production sample (one coin), in order to determine if there would be any necessary corrections, before they make the remaining coins. The motion carried. President Stapleton will notify Emblematics, Inc. to design one coin. The coin should take approximately two or three weeks to complete. Once the Chapter receives the single coin for further review, and if the pre-production sample is approved, it will then go into production to make the 100 coins. The coin will be designed using Zinc Alloy, 1 1/2 inch diameter, 3mm thickness, and having an Antique Brass finish. The quote of \$324.00, plus an estimated shipping cost of \$35.00 for UPS Ground will be billed to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. The estimated total cost is \$359.00 for 100 coins. 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.

4. President Dirk Stapleton also reported that Compatriot McCann will be mailing another Soldier Care Package in June. If you are interested, please bring items to the June meeting. This is purely optional but highly encouraged. Remember that chocolate is not recommended since it will melt. Compatriot Justin Bush is currently serving in Afghanistan. Compatriot McCann's nephew, Captain Peter McCann is also serving in Afghanistan.

5. The South Central District Meeting will be on August 20-21 in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be located at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel North, Little Rock, Arkansas; mention the SCD/SAR meeting for negotiated rate of \$89.95, available until July 30. This meeting will be followed immediately by the ARSSAR Mid-year meeting. The web site link is at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arssar/scdsar.html>

New Business:

1. A motion was made that Harry S. Truman Chapter funds be appropriated, to pay for the meal for the Fourth of July Luncheon guest speaker, Mrs. Vicki Richmond. It is estimated that this meal will cost \$20.00. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made that Historian Brian Smarker be reimbursed for the cost of materials for a total of \$114.26, which was purchased for the Yohee Yearbook. Motion carried.

3. The next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, July 31st in Columbia, MO. The meeting location will be at the Convention Center at Courtyard By Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard in Columbia. The April - June 2010 Quarterly report needs to be submitted by the July 15th, 2010 deadline.

4. The next GWBC meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Denny's, 10480 Metcalf, Overland park, KS.

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

Gerald Engresser	May 12
Harry Stewart	May 20
Robert Grover	May 21
Mark Wealand	May 27
Douglas Nichols	May 28

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

Lawrence Loker May 14
William Larson May 27

6. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the May 2010 meeting. After this meeting, President Stapleton encouraged Compatriots and guests to attend the President Harry S. Truman 126th Birthday Commemoration and a brief tribute. Cake and refreshments will also be served. President Stapleton wished all of the spouses of fellow Compatriots a Happy Mothers Day on Sunday, May 9th, 2010. President Stapleton also encouraged Compatriots to attend ceremonies on Memorial Day if possible. President Stapleton also stated that he was hopeful there would be a good turnout for the next meeting, which will be the 300th Harry S. Truman Chapter meeting on June 12th, 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: President Dirk Stapleton gave the benediction.

The SAR Recessional: The recessional was given by Compatriot Brian Smarker.

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