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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of July; July 10th at 11:45 AM at the Hereford House, 19721 E Jackson Drive, 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**  
**300th Meeting**  
**June 12th, 2010**  
**9:15 AM.**

**Call to Order:** President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, June 12th, 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 Nail.

**Introductions:** SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, David McCann, George DeLapp, Dale Crandell, Paul D. Toms, Donald Lewis, Jr., Harry Dexheimer, Roger Feaster, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Marilyn Feaster. Total present: 11 people. 10 members and 1 guest.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Secretary Paul D. Toms; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Officers that were not present for this meeting were Chaplain Romie E. Carr, who is recovering from knee surgery, and was excused from this meeting. In addition, Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Surgeon Dr. Chester I. Bare, Historian Brian Smarker, and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman were also excused from the meeting.

**Program:**

1. The guest speaker was Mrs. Marilyn Feaster, spouse of Compatriot Roger Feaster. Mrs. Feaster is also a member of the Marguerite McNair Chapter in Raytown, MO. Her topic was on Gov. Claiborne Jackson, Missouri governor during the Civil War era. Gov. Claiborne Jackson (April 4, 1806 – December 6, 1862) was a lawyer, soldier, and politician. He was the 15th Governor of Missouri in 1861, then governor-in-exile for the Confederacy during the American Civil War. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Feaster after her presentation. The Harry S. Truman Chapter really appreciates her attendance as guest speaker.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Harry Dexheimer, seconded by David McCann that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Compatriot Courtney Sloan will provide the Treasurer's Report at the August 2010 meeting. No motion to approve Treasurer's Report.

**Officer's Reports:**

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Mrs. Vicki Richmond is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the July 10, 2010 Fourth of July Luncheon. Mrs. Richmond has been noted for her work in services with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Mrs. Richmond works with Kansas City and communities in cleanup of the Blue River and Missouri River further upstream. She became involved in river clean-ups in the early 90's with her work as a volunteer, then coordinator, on the Blue River Rescue in Kansas City. Her water and ecological restoration projects have earned her many awards, including the Missouri Department of Conservation "Master Conservationist Award", Conservation Federation of Missouri "Water Conservationist of 2006", Missouri Stream Team "Adult Stewardship Award" for the Blue River Rescue and more. We look forward to Mrs. Richmond attending our Fourth of July Luncheon, and plan to recognize her with the S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at the luncheon, so please attend.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that he has submitted one new pending application for Ian Krouse. There are five pending supplemental applications. President Stapleton also submitted seven corrections to the MOSSAR Registrar concerning the Harry S. Truman Chapter Membership roster. In addition, Genealogist McCann will conduct a Genealogy Workshop directly after the September meeting, at the Midwest Genealogy Center on September 11, 2010.
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 June 2010 Color Guard report for upcoming and past events for 2010.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Awards Committee – Cadet First Lieutenant Kever received 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, along with Color Guard Commander Robert Grover, presented Cadet First Lieutenant Kever with the Enhanced J.R.O.T.C. Award. In addition, there were 17 Enhanced R.O.T.C. Award entries this year at NSSAR including MOSSAR. Compatriot Carr is proud to announce that the judging has revealed that MOSSAR has taken 1st Place. We congratulate Compatriot Carr at both the Chapter and State level with his efforts in this program. We really appreciate his hard work in this program, and he deserves special recognition for this accomplishment. Finally, if you know of any commercial business or individual that displays the American Flag properly, and you feel they deserve a Flag Certificate, please contact Compatriot Romie Carr or President Dirk Stapleton.
2. Boy Scout Scholarship Committee – Vacant. President Dirk Stapleton sent additional applications to representatives of local Councils in the Kansas City area. In addition, Vice-President Nail requested a copy of the application to forward to Boy Scout representatives. 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.

**Committee Reports (continued):**

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. 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. Invitations were 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.
7. **Service Projects Committee – Vacant.** No report provided.
8. **Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site Committee – President Dirk Stapleton stated that we have established a 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. We have a lot of work remaining. Compatriot Crandell stated he is continuing to scan photos and type biographical information for these patriots. It is our hope and aspiration, that electronic media, such as DVD's that can be distributed to the NSSAR, MOSSAR, and the local community. In the near future, additional site visits will be scheduled to gravesites of patriots in order to gain more information and take photos of the grave markers. 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 – As the chairperson for this committee,** Compatriot Grover stated that he places information concerning the monthly meeting notice in the Independence Examiner. Compatriot Grover has provided a copy this newspaper announcement for the Harry S. Truman Chapter Historian. 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. **Josiah Fogg Award Committee – Vacant.** President Stapleton has designed a Josiah Fogg Award Scoring Sheet in an Excel spreadsheet format. Please see attached. If you are interested in becoming a Chairperson for this committee or assisting in one or several of the categories listed, please notify President Stapleton.
11. **Book Donation to the NSSAR Library Committee - Vacant.** There was further discussion on purchasing the book: Triumvirate: The Story of the Unlikely Alliance That Saved the Constitution and United the Nation. President Dirk Stapleton stated that he searched online at the NSSAR Library for this book, to include the Title, Author, and ISBN. From the searches conducted, it appears that the NSSAR Library does not have this book. The cost of the book is approximately \$25.00 for a hardcover book. A motion was made by Compatriot Nail, seconded by Compatriot Dexheimer that this book be purchased and donated to the NSSAR Library. Motion carried. We would like to thank Vice-President Nail for this recommendation. For further information, please see the link at:  
<http://www.mountvernon.org/store/shopping/index.cfm/fuseaction/viewitem/pid/1297//cfid/31987970/cftoken/54039777>

**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. 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](mailto: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.
2. The 120<sup>th</sup> NSSAR National Congress will be hosted by the Ohio Society SAR in Cleveland, Ohio on June 25-July 1, 2010.
3. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the progress of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. Four pre-production sample coins have been received. The coins were passed around for the general membership in attendance to view. President Stapleton requested feedback on the coins and if there was any necessary design changes. Positive feedback was received from all members in attendance. A motion was made by Compatriot McCann, seconded by Compatriot Nail that the Harry S. Truman Chapter coin be approved and that no design changes were warranted. The motion carried. President Dirk Stapleton will notify Emblematics, Inc., that the coin was approved, and that 100 coins should be produced. 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 very helpful. A motion was made by Compatriot Toms, seconded by Compatriot Grover that Compatriot David McCann receive the very first Harry S. Truman Chapter coin, since he has been a driving force in this endeavor, and donating personal funds to carry this endeavor forward. Motion carried. President Stapleton presented Compatriot McCann in a ceremony with the first Harry S. Truman Chapter "Challenge Coin". In addition, President Stapleton also presented to our guest speaker, Mrs. Marilyn Feaster, a Harry S. Truman Chapter "Challenge Coin" too. President Stapleton also made a recommendation that the two remaining pre-production coins be presented at the Fourth of July Luncheon to include Mrs. Vicki Richmond, our guest speaker in July; and also to Shirley McCann, 2009 Yohee Nominee for the Harry S. Truman Chapter. In addition to this recommendation, an additional recommendation was made by President Stapleton, that once we receive the 100 coins, that the coins should be distributed as follows:
  - A) Current members in good standing.
  - B) Future new members.
  - C) Future guest speakers.
  - D) One coin to a M & I Bank Representative for hosting our meeting room. Date is TBD.
  - E) One coin to the MOSSAR State President at the July 31st BOM meeting.
  - F) Two coins to the Ozark Mountain Chapter (Will Carr and OMC President). Date is TBD.A motion to approve the recommendations by President Stapleton was made by Compatriot Feaster, and seconded by Compatriot McCann. The motion carried.
4. President Dirk Stapleton also reported that Compatriot McCann would be mailing another Soldier Care Package in June. Items were brought to the June meeting. This was purely optional but highly encouraged. Please remember our compatriots, family, and friends that are deployed and in harms way. Compatriot Justin Bush is currently serving in Afghanistan. Compatriot McCann's nephew, Captain Peter McCann is also serving in Afghanistan.
5. 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.
6. 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. President Dirk Stapleton presented a copy of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Bylaws to each member in attendance. Per Article Eight – Officers, which states that the Secretary shall furnish a copy of these Bylaws to every member of the Chapter. There is a possibility that some newer members may have never received a copy of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Bylaws. Due to additional postage costs, please let President Stapleton know if you would like an electronic copy of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Bylaws emailed to you, or if desired, a copy of the bylaws can be mailed to you by USPS. In addition, Chancellor George DeLapp was asked to review the Harry S. Truman Chapter Bylaws, to see if he had any recommendations for amendments, since the bylaws should be reviewed periodically.
2. The William C. Corum Chapter will lead the dedication of a Revolutionary War gravestone for Richard Simms on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. A large contingent of Simms' family descendants from all over the country will attend. The dedication ceremony will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kearney, MO. The cemetery is located 10.2 miles north of Liberty. For more information, please contact President Dirk Stapleton.
3. President Stapleton requested that members should review the Harry S. Truman database for any inaccuracies. Several members in attendance verified their information. Please let President Stapleton know if you have any corrections to your mailing address, telephone numbers, email address, etc.
4. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to wish a Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating a Birthday in the month of June. Please let President Dirk Stapleton know if we have missed anyone. Happy Birthday gentlemen!

Austin Taylor	June 10
James Nail	June 11
Turner Russell	June 13

We 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 June. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

William Hartman	June 2
David Propst	June 10
Gerald Engresser	June 25

5. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the June 2010 meeting. After the meeting, President Stapleton encouraged Compatriots and guests to attend the Celebration Ceremony for the 300<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Cake and refreshments were served. President Stapleton also encouraged Compatriots to attend ceremonies on the Fourth of July if possible, and to remember our ancestors, who gave up their freedom in order to preserve our present day freedoms. President Stapleton also stated that he was hopeful there would be a good turnout for the next meeting, which will be the Harry S. Truman Chapter Fourth of July Luncheon on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Motion to Adjourn:** It was moved by David McCann and seconded by Paul Toms 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 David McCann.

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