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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of November; November 14th 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
293rd Meeting
October 10th, 2009
9:15 AM.

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, October 10th, 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 James L. Scott presented the colors.

Pledge of Allegiance: Compatriot Courtney Sloan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was given by Compatriot James Nail.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were Carroll R. Reinert, James Nail, Brian Smarker, Bill Hartman, Harry Dexheimer, Larry Loker, Robert L. Grover, Donald Lewis, Jr., Romie Carr, David McCann, Courtney Sloan, George DeLapp, and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: James L. Scott (Independence Patriots Chapter), Dale Edwards, Carolyn Grover and Theresa Lewis. Total present: 17 people. 13 members, and 4 guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Acting-Secretary Carroll R. Reinert; Treasurer Courtney Sloan; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Chancellor George DeLapp; Chaplain Romie Carr; Historian Brian Smarker, and Honorary Vice President, William W.

Hartman. Absent were Surgeon, Chester I. Bare and Sergeant at Arms, James G. Walden. Both members were considered excused absences.

Program:

1. Prior to the program, and on behalf of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Compatriot Brian Smarker received the C. Lloyd Yohe Yearbook Award Excellence (Participation). As the Chapter Historian, Compatriot Smarker submitted the Chapter Yearbook at the 2008-2009 MOSSAR State meeting. Compatriot Smarker will file this certificate with the Yearbook. The Chapter would also like to recognize Compatriot Smarker's efforts and dedication in completing the yearbook.
2. In addition, Compatriot Carroll Reinert received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, for his dedication and service as the Chapter Secretary, in which he faithfully served in this position, and as member for seven years. Compatriot Reinert joined the SAR on October 4th, 2000 at the Lincoln Chapter in Lincoln, NE. He appeared as a guest to the Harry S. Truman Chapter at the September 2002 meeting. He became a member of Harry S. Truman Chapter in October 2002 – Seven years ago. At the January 2003 meeting, Compatriot Reinert was installed as Chapter Secretary by past President George Delapp. I am sad to report, that he will be moving to Nebraska this month. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.
3. As guest speaker, Carolyn Grover spoke at the October 10th meeting. Her topic was on the History of the Orphan Train. She talked about the 75 year span of the Orphan Train movement, the abandoned children who were living on the streets of many cities across America, the factors involved and why the Orphan Train movement was started, and the estimated numbers of "orphan" children who were relocated. Carolyn Grover also spoke about individuals who helped find the orphan children new families, as well as some of the "orphans", who in later life, talked about their experiences. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Carolyn Grover after the program.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Robert Grover, second by James Nail that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer' Report: There was no Treasurer report provided. Compatriot Courtney Sloan reminded the chapter that he is collecting the 2010 Membership Dues, which are due by December 31st, 2009.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Jess Rasmussen will be our guest speaker at the November 14th meeting. His topic will be on current issues for Veterans. Jess Rasmussen is the Cemetery Director for the State of Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, MO. A guest speaker is scheduled to speak at our December meeting, on December 12th, speaking on the Dedication of the U.S.S. Missouri. At the January 2010 meeting, on January 9, 2010, the MOSSAR State President, Dan McMurray is scheduled to be our guest speaker.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have five prospective new members, Addison C. Lawton, Christopher A. Wehnes, Henry J. Stewart, Dale Edwards, and Dale Crandle. All five application packets have been mailed to NSSAR and are pending approval. In addition, we have submitted three pending supplementals for Romie Carr.
3. Historian Brian Smarker reported that he is continuing to work on the C. Lloyd Yohe Yearbook for 2009. If any chapter member would like to contribute photos for this yearbook, please contact Compatriot Brian Smarker at smarker13@mchsi.com. In addition, I would also like to thank Compatriot Smarker, for taking pictures of the SAR Member Grave Marker Dedication, for Compatriot Herbert F. Simon, on Saturday morning, October 10th, 2009 and providing this link as shown below. To see these photos, please visit the link at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/bsmarker/SARCeremonyForHerbertFSimon#>

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. 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. The Harry S. Truman Chapter is currently working with MOSSAR Chancellor Richard Bryant on final details in releasing an electronic order form for this merchandise. Please contact David McCann at dar-sar@sbcglobal.net for further details.

Unfinished Business (continued):

2. Compatriot David McCann was asked to provide an update on the status of placing a SAR Grave Marker on the gravestone of Herbert F. Simon; Compatriot Simon was an active member and past Genealogist, Vice-President, and President of the Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and MOSSAR Genealogist from 1996-2000. Compatriot McCann stated that that all details have been completed, and after the Harry S. Truman Chapter meeting today, later this morning, that the Chapter will hold a Grave Marker Ceremony for Herbert F. Simon. President Dirk Stapleton provided a map to Forest Hill Cemetery.
3. Compatriot Robert L. Grover reported on the Constitution Day at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, on Thursday September 17th, 2009, the 222nd anniversary of our nation's founding document. Compatriot Grover provided the Color Guard report, and discussed potential fund raising activities for the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City, MO. Fund raising items included an authentic Queen Ann Pistol and Brown Bess Musket as raffle items. Compatriot Robert L. Grover reported on events concerning the Fall leadership Conference on September 24-26, in Louisville, KY. In addition, President Stapleton provided an overview of the Trustee Report from Trustee Russell DeVenney. Some of the topics included:
 - A. Committee to screen membership concerns and report to President General Edward Butler.
 - B. 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is being formed.
 - C. The Blue Ribbon Report Committee provided a final report, which will require additional application proof rather than accepting a D.A.R. short form application.
 - D. Loans of priceless artifacts from the City of Louisville to NSSAR, where 800 lineal feet of shelving is available.
 - E. The NSSAR is building a relationship with the Smithsonian, in hopes of that they will be designated as an affiliate of the Smithsonian, and be able to list our NSSAR Museum as the "The Smithsonian – S.A.R. Museum of the American Revolution History".
4. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors was discussed, as an option to wearing the Continental uniform, which can be cost prohibitive. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors program is being proposed at both the NSSAR and MOSSAR level. It has been proposed that members, who would like to participate in this program, wear a blue blazer, with SAR blazer patch, medium gray trousers, shirt, and tie. This group could perform functions of the color guard when the color guard is not available. It was suggested as a backup to the color guard. Several members of the Harry S. Truman Chapter seemed receptive to this program. President Dirk Stapleton provided additional information on the cost of these articles. A NSSAR Blazer Patch currently costs \$25.00 (Catalog # 0691) and different varieties of the NSSAR Silk ties are \$30.00. Please see President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in this program.
5. Concerning the Bronze Missouri State Society Medal, anyone interested in purchasing this medal, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Further guidance will be provided at the next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in October on criteria for awarding the Silver and Gold medals.
6. Concerning the MOSSAR History DVD entitled "SOME MOSSAR HISTORY DVD", anyone interested in purchasing this DVD, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Chapters are encouraged to place copies in all libraries in their membership area. All profits will be donated to the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City.
7. Carolyn Grover, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri, announced that they are having a raffle for a quilt donated by Laura DeVenney, from Columbia, for money to help with the National Convention to be held in Kansas City along with the Kansas Society in 2013. The quilt is a small one that can be hung on the wall or used for a table covering. The tickets are being sold at five dollars for six tickets. You can send the money to Carolyn Grover, with your name and address, and she will get the tickets to the right person. Carolyn Grover's mailing address is: Carolyn Grover, 3929 S Milton Drive, Independence, MO 64055-4043, csg228@aol.com. They are keeping a record of the person's name and number of the ticket in a book so if the person loses their ticket we will have a second record. We will raffle the quilt at the National Convention being held at Cleveland, Ohio next year. The proceeds will go

towards fund raising project for the 2013 Kansas City NSSAR 123rd convention. They felt that this would be a great way to help you make the money needed for the convention.

Unfinished Business (continued):

8. Harry S. Truman Chapter members are encouraged to complete and return the "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 that was enclosed with the August 2009 Newsletter. 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. Approximately 20 percent of the Harry S. Truman Chapter members have returned their SAR Resume.

9. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to recognize our chapter members currently serving in the Armed Forces. We know of at least two chapter members who are currently serving on active duty – Compatriot Justin Bush, who is in Afghanistan, and Compatriot Joshua Comeau (grandson to Compatriot Romie Carr) who is attending Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Lee, VA. 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.

10. 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.

11. Compatriot Bragg Stanley, Chairman of the State Teacher of the Year Award, would like to remind Chapters to begin the process of nominating a teacher from a school in your chapter area for the M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award. The nominations are due January 15, 2010, so it's critical that we use the fall to get the application process going. All the information for the award is on the MOSSAR Website under "Teacher Award" in the menu section. We have had outstanding teachers nominated the last couple of years. Let's keep this going. We need to recognize and publicize those teachers who really do impart not only the knowledge about our heritage but the spirit as well. They are the key to instilling in our kids the foundation on which our country was founded. Let's recognize and celebrate their dedication and work. If you know of any teacher worthy of the excellent award, please contact President Dirk Stapleton.

12. The next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, October 31st, 2009 at the Lenoir Woods Community Center in Columbia, MO. The Harry S. Truman Chapter Quarterly report is due to MOSSAR by October 15th, 2009. President Dirk Stapleton will complete and mail the report prior to this due date.

13. 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. The next GWBC Planning Meeting will be on Wednesday October 28, 2009 at Yarbrough's Family Restaurant, 10310 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee, KS. It is about 1/2 mile west of I-35 on the north side of Shawnee Mission Parkway. The cost will be \$14.00 per person inclusive of tax and tip. Reservations are required so please respond to Stuart Elliot at seell@sbcglobal.net.

14. 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. MOSSAR Compatriot Mel McNeal, the 2009 – 2010 MOSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Chairman, has sent each Chapter a Boy Scout Eagle Scholarship packet. The deadline for submission by each chapter

is January 15, 2010. If there is anyone who wants to volunteer with this program, please contact President Dirk Stapleton. You will have to contact the local Heart of America Council here in Kansas City, for potential recipients.

New Business (continued):

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

OCTOBER

Roy Dobson	October 21st
James Townsend	October 26th
John Nesbit	October 27th
James Walden	October 30th

NOVEMBER

Dirk A. Stapleton	November 5th
Brian Smarker	November 14th
Romie Carr	November 24th

3. I would like to also congratulate the Harry S. Truman Chapter members who are celebrating an anniversary of their date of membership with the Harry S. Truman Chapter in the month of October and November. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

OCTOBER

George DeLapp	24 Years
Harry Dexheimer	21 Years
Chester Bare	20 Years
Phillip Kelley	16 Years
Carroll Reinert	7 Years

NOVEMBER

Arthur Krebs	13 Years
George Fairfax	6 Years

4. Congratulations also go out to Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Sawyer, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Compatriot Sawyer was an original charter member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter.

5. Saturday, December 12th, 2009 at 11:00 Central Time; 12:00 Noon across America, there will be the Wreaths Across America at 350 National Cemeteries, with simultaneous ceremonies across time zones. If there is a National Cemetery or Missouri Veterans Cemetery in your area, please plan to support the Wreaths Across America. President General Edward Butler will issue a proclamation to be read at the ceremony.

6. Please see the attached Application for Enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan form. Currently, the one-time fee for a National Life Membership is \$900.00 for members 40 and younger, decreasing by \$15.00 per year for each year of age over 40.

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 Larry Loker.

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