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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of December; December 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  
294th Meeting  
November 14th, 2009  
9:15 AM.

**Call to Order:** President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, November 14th, 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 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 James Nail.

**Introductions:** SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, Romie Carr, David McCann, Courtney Sloan, George DeLapp, Chester I. Bare, Addison Lawton, Donald Lewis, Jr., and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Theresa Lewis, Dale Crandell, and Guest Speaker Jess Rasmussen. Total present: 13 people. 10 members and 3 guests.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Secretary-VACANT; Treasurer Courtney Sloan; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Chancellor George DeLapp; Surgeon Dr. Chester I. Bare; and Chaplain Romie Carr. Absent were Historian Brian Smarker, Honorary Vice-President Bill Hartman, and Sergeant at Arms, James G. Walden. All members were considered excused absences.

**Program:**

1. Prior to the program, as a new member to the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Compatriot Addison Lawton received his NSSAR Membership Certificate and Rosette during his Membership Ceremony. In addition, Compatriot Lawton's grandson, Compatriot Christopher Wehnes, is also a new member. The Membership Certificate and Rosette for Compatriot Wehnes will be forwarded to him, since he does not live in the Kansas City area. Please help me welcome our two new members, Compatriot Addison Lawton and Compatriot Christopher Wehnes to the Harry S. Truman Chapter.
2. In addition, two members received Supplemental Certificates. Vice-President James Nail received a Supplemental Certificate concerning his ancestor John Grove. Chaplain Romie Carr received three Supplemental Certificates on his ancestors: 1) William Shell; 2) Jesse Webb; and 3) John Watson. Both Compatriots offered interesting information on their ancestors.
3. Two Compatriots also received Membership Awards. Compatriot Robert L. Grover, who joined the NSSAR on March 19, 1979, celebrated a milestone of 30 years of faithful and loyal service to the SAR. Compatriot Grover received his 30 Year Membership Award and Certificate. In addition, Surgeon Dr. Chester Bare, who joined the NSSAR on October 3, 1989, celebrated 20 years of faithful and loyal service to the SAR, received his 20 Year Membership Award and Certificate. Please help me congratulate both Compatriots for their contributions and continued success to this organization.
4. President Dirk Stapleton shared some kind words from Geoffrey Decker, a longtime friend of Compatriot Herbert Frank Simon, concerning the SAR Member Grave Marker Dedication held for Compatriot Simon, at Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, MO on October 10, 2009,
5. Also, President Dirk Stapleton offered his heartfelt thanks and debt of gratitude to Chaplain Romie Carr, who is a Vietnam veteran, and on behalf of MOSSAR, Compatriot Carr presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to U.S. Representative Emmanuel Cleaver II, at the Vietnam Memorial on Veterans Day. It was an excellent speech by Compatriot Carr, who then handed U.S. Representative Cleaver the framed award with certificate. We later found out that U.S. Representative Cleaver II was really touched by this gesture. Thank you Romie! I would also like to thank the Harry S. Truman Color Guard for assisting in this presentation.
6. As guest speaker, Mr. Jess Rasmussen, Cemetery Director for the State of Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, MO, offered emotional anecdotes about veterans who are buried at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, MO. Mr. Rasmussen also provided addition information about the cemetery. The Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Higginsville conducted its first interment on January 10, 2000. The cemetery is located on 55 gently rolling acres in an attractive rural setting. The cemetery has an approximate capacity of 24,000 gravesites for our veterans and their spouses. The cemetery also includes a columbarium wall for those who choose cremation. The Missouri Veterans Cemetery is located on Business Highway 13 in Higginsville, MO bordering the Confederate Memorial State Park. If you desire additional information on the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Higginsville, MO, please visit their website at <http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/Cemeterys/Site/Higginsville.html> or by calling the Administration Office at (660) 584-5252. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Rasmussen after the program.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Robert Grover, second by James Nail that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton read a note from former Harry S. Truman Chapter Secretary Carroll Reinert. Best wishes to you Carroll!

**Treasurer's Report:** Compatriot Courtney Sloan provided the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2009. Motion by George DeLapp, second by Romie Carr that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. Compatriot Sloan reminded the chapter that he is collecting the 2010 Membership Dues, which are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. As of the November 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting date, Compatriot Sloan provided the Chapter Dues Report to President Dirk Stapleton, in which 40 percent of the Harry S. Truman Chapter have paid their annual dues. Please help support the Harry S. Truman Chapter and renew your membership dues. In addition, a \$50.00 request has been submitted to the Harry S. Truman Chapter by the George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) Committee, in payment of Chapter contributions to the 2010 GWBC. This is an annual request. Motion by Romie Carr, second by Robert Grover. The motion carried.

**Officer's Reports:**

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Rear Admiral Thompson is scheduled to speak at our December meeting, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Officer's Reports (continued):**

2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have six prospective new members, Henry J. Stewart, Dale Edwards, Dale Crandle, Alexander B. Hogan, Richard G. Hogan, and Paul D. Toms. All application packets have been mailed to NSSAR and are pending approval.

**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. MOSSAR Chancellor Richard Bryant has approved the order form for the badge / name bars. No Missouri Sales Tax is required on orders from Missouri. 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.

2. 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.

3. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in joining SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors or want additional information. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors is an option to wearing the Continental uniform, which can be cost prohibitive. Any Harry S. Truman Chapter member, who would like to participate in this program, is requested to wear a blue blazer, with a 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.

4. Concerning the Bronze Missouri State Society Medal, anyone interested in purchasing the Bronze Medal, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Guidelines were approved at the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in October on criteria for awarding the Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. This guidance is for all three medals, and they have relaxed the rules for the years 2009-2010, where a chapter may award up to ten (10) Silver medals per year. Starting in 2011, a chapter will only be able to award three (3) Silver medals.

5. 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.

6. Carolyn Grover, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri, recently 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](mailto: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.

7. The Harry S. Truman Chapter recognized our chapter members currently serving in the Armed Forces, that included Compatriot Justin Bush and Compatriot Joshua Comeau (grandson to Compatriot Romie Carr). The Harry S. Truman Chapter sent Compatriot Bush a care package in mid-November. Compatriot Bush is currently serving in Afghanistan. The chapter also included a note and a photograph of the Harry S. Truman Chapter from the 25th Birthday Celebration in his care package. Compatriot Comeau is currently attending Advanced Training at Ft. Lee, VA as a Petroleum Specialist. We wish them both the best, and a safe and speedy return to their families. In addition, thanks to all of the chapter members

who have donated to Compatriot Bush's care package. 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.

**Unfinished Business (continued):**

8. 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.

9. The next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, January 30th, 2010 at the new meeting location, which is the Courtyard By Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard in Columbia, MO. This is where the MOSSAR State conference will be in April 2010. If you plan to attend the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting, please let MOSSAR 2nd Vice-President Keith Bohacik know that you will be attending at [liberty042@hotmail.com](mailto:liberty042@hotmail.com). The Harry S. Truman Chapter Quarterly report is due to MOSSAR by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. President Dirk Stapleton will complete and mail the report prior to this due date.

10. Please mark your calendar to attend the 24th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) to be held on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas. The next GWBC Planning Meeting will be on Wednesday January 27, 2010 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 of the meal at the GWBC Planning Meeting will be \$14.00 per person inclusive of tax and tip. Reservations are required so please respond to Stuart Elliot at [seell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seell@sbcglobal.net).

11. MOSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Chairman, Mel McNeal, is requesting nominations for the 2009 – 2010 Boy Scout Eagle Scholarship, The deadline for submission by each chapter is January 15, 2010. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like to volunteer with this program.

12. On Saturday, December 12th, 2009 at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time (11:00 Central Time) 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.

13. The Missouri and Kansas Societies have been approved to host the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri from July 7-11, 2013.

14. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in receiving an 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.

15. 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 97<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New Business:**

1. At the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting in October, as of October 28, 2009, MOSSAR Registrar and Executive Secretary, reported 585 members. There were 90 additions and six losses for a net gain of 84 new members in MOSSAR. MOSSAR has 24 pending membership applications. The Harry S. Truman Chapter currently has 49 members, with a net gain of four members. See current HST roster attached.

**New Business (continued):**

2. MOSSAR is seeking potential nominees for the Winona R. Yohe Memorial Award. This award is given annually by MOSSAR, to a woman who has shown outstanding support for the SAR at the Chapter and/or state level. The winner will receive the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal. If anyone has any suggestions on potential nominees, please contact President Dirk Stapleton.

3. South Central District Vice-President General, Compatriot Frank Appel from Oklahoma, spoke at the last MOSSAR Board Quarterly meeting. He provided us with several topics and points.

A. There has been around 20 percent participation from Missouri Compatriots, on donating to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage and the Campaign for New Generations. He stated that he has a concern – that every member in SAR should contribute something if your budget permits. Even smaller denominations will always be appreciated. He provided MOSSAR with the donation form.

B. The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was also a discussed. The purpose of the GWEF is to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. All gifts are tax deductible under the NSSAR tax exemption status of 501(c)(3). Contributions of \$1,000.00 or more will allow you to become a George Washington Fellow. You will receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate denoting your status. If you donate either a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 or more, or as a second option, pledge an initial installment and the remaining amount within a five year period, you are entitled to become a George Washington Fellow (EXAMPLE: 20 Monthly Payments of \$50.00).

C. VPG Appel stated that each Chapter should continue to emphasize on several programs:

1. R.O.T.C Awards Program – Chaplain Carr is doing an excellent job on this.
2. Boy Scout Scholarship Awards Program.
3. Oration Program.
4. Support veterans programs including VFW, American Legion, etc. just to mention a few.
5. Wreaths Across America on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

D. South Central District Meeting will be on 27-28 August 2010. Location is Little Rock, Arkansas.

4. At the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting, Compatriot Lee Capps, MOSSAR Editor of the *Missouri Compatriot*, made a formal proposal, requesting that there be a change to the publication schedule. The board approved this proposal.

A. No change for the March 15th edition

B. The July 15th edition will published on / or about June 15th. This change would permit a more timely report on new officers and the activities at the Annual Convention.

C. The November 15th edition will be published on / or about August 15th. This is the change providing the most benefit. Actions at the NSSAR Congress and the subsequent July MOSSAR meeting often affect dues, application procedures, and awards requirements. At present, the Compatriot cannot provide timely notice of these matters. Since the Board adopted this, this schedule will be announced in the Fall (November 2009) issue and will take effect with the Winter ((March 2010) issue.

5. Compatriot Romie Carr also provided a presentation at the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting on the JROTC Awards program. Compatriot Carr has sent requests to each school commandant, requesting their input for awards. Compatriot Carr has sent requests to the four schools in our area that the HST Chapter can participate with:

- A. Blue Springs High School AFJROTC
- B. Blue Springs South High School AFJROTC
- C. Hickman Mills High School MCJROTC
- D. Ruskin High School MCJROTC

In addition, Compatriot Carr talked about the Enhanced JROTC Program. Three awards include:

A. Each MOSSAR chapter may select a JROTC Outstanding Cadet from nominations received from area JROTC units. The outstanding Cadet of the Chapter will receive a bronze medallion on a neck ribbon and a ribbon bar with a gold frame and a bronze star for the ribbon bar.

B. The chapter will enter their cadet in the state society's JROTC Outstanding Cadet Program. The winner of the state competition will be entered into the national JROTC Outstanding Cadet Recognition Program. The state winner receives a \$500.00 cash award and a silver medallion on a neck ribbon, gold frame for the ribbon, and a silver star for the ribbon bar.

C. The winner of the national program will receive a gold ribbon bar, gold frame, a gold star for the ribbon and a \$1,000.00 cash award at the SAR National Congress.

**New Business (continued):**

6. At the MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting, the Harry S, Truman Chapter was recognized for the presenting Flag Certificates, so thanks goes out to the Awards Chairman and the Harry S, Truman Chapter Color guard.

7. Compatriot David Christian talked about the U.S.S. Missouri, which is a submarine, at the last board meeting. It will be christened on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time in Groton, CT. Once it passes its sea trials, it is anticipated being commissioned in the summer of 2010. Compatriot Christian is requesting MOSSAR Color Guard and delegates from MOSSAR to attend this commissioning in 2010.

8. President Dirk Stapleton requested interest from the Harry S, Truman Chapter concerning a Chapter coin. The Chapter expressed interest in this issue. President Stapleton stated he would contact the Ozark Mountain Chapter, on gaining more information about their coin.

9. At the request of President Dirk Stapleton, Compatriot Romie Carr agreed to provide research for a prospective member in seeking membership with the NSSAR.

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

**NOVEMBER**

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

Finally, 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 November. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

Arthur Krebs	13 Years
George Fairfax	6 Years

11. Compatriot George DeLapp reported the recent passing of Compatriot Garland Elijah Tickemeyer, a former member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, who joined the SAR on June 28, 1943. Compatriot Tickemeyer's NSSAR Number 61336; MOSAR Number 686. Dr. Garland E. Tickemeyer, 96, of Independence, MO, passed away November 8, 2009, at St. Luke's East. Dr. Tickemeyer was born January 1, 1913, son of George L. Tickemeyer and Mary Catherine (Johnson) Tickemeyer, in Longwood, MO, at the family home. His wife, Hazel (Roberson) Tickemeyer; two sons, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren survive him. The visitation was held on Friday, November 13, at the Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th St., Independence, MO. The service celebrating Garland's life took place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, at the Speaks Suburban Chapel. On behalf of the Harry S. Truman

Chapter, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Compatriot Garland E. Tickemeyer. Please keep the family of Compatriot Garland E. Tickemeyer in your prayers.

**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 Courtney Sloan.

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