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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of January; January 9th 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
295th Meeting
December 12th, 2009
9:15 AM.

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, December 12th, 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 Waldman.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were James Nail, Robert L. Grover, James G. Walden, Brian Smarker, William Hartman, Harry Dexheimer, Romie E. Carr, David McCann, Courtney Y. Sloan, George L. DeLapp, Chester I. Bare, Donald Lewis, Jr., and Dirk Stapleton. Guests: Lois E. Walden, Theresa Lewis, Paul Toms, Howard Hendren, and Guest Speaker Mr. Ward Cook. Total present: 18 people. 13 members and 5 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; Chaplain Romie Carr; Historian Brian Smarker; Sergeant at Arms James G. Walden; and Honorary Vice-President William Hartman. No officers were absent.

Program:

1. Prior to the program, Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk A. Stapleton presented Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Registrar/Genealogist David McCann, and Chaplain Romie Carr with the Silver MOSSAR Medal and Certificate. These Compatriots were recognized for their tireless efforts at both the Chapter and State of Missouri level. The three individuals have proven track records of accomplishment for their contributions both to this Chapter and at MOSSAR. Without their dedication, this chapter could not be as successful as it is. Thank you gentlemen in supporting our organization.
2. Mr. Ward Cook was the guest speaker at our meeting on December 12, 2009. His topic was on the USS Missouri (SSN-780), a Virginia-class submarine. It is anticipated that the USS Missouri will be commissioned in the Summer of 2010. The USS Missouri will be the seventh Virginia-class submarine and the fifth ship in the United States Navy named in honor of the U.S. State of Missouri. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Cook after the program.

Secretary's Report: Motion by David McCann, seconded by James Nail that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton read a note from Harry S. Truman Chapter member Mark Wealand, who is now living in Springfield, MO. Best wishes to you Mark!

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Courtney Sloan provided the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2009. Motion by George DeLapp, seconded 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 31st, 2009. As of the December 12th 2009 meeting date, Compatriot Sloan provided the Chapter Dues Report to President Dirk Stapleton, in which approximately 85 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.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the January 9, 2010 meeting. No guest speaker is currently scheduled to speak at the February 13, 2010 meeting. At the March 13, 2010 meeting, Don Lewis will be our guest speaker.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have two new members: Henry J. Stewart and Dale Edwards, which both applications have been approved. Compatriot McCann also reported that there are four prospective new members: Dale Crandle, Alexander B. Hogan, Richard G. Hogan, and Paul D. Toms. All application packets have been mailed to NSSAR and are pending approval. In addition, if you click on the link below, it will take you to an announcement about the DAR Patriot Index and other resources that DAR is making available to the public. This web site provides information on access to the DAR Patriot Index and Other Databases. Thanks to Compatriot Robert Grover for the link as shown below.

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/11/new-and-free-dar-online-databases.html#

3. Historian Brian Smarker reported an update on the Yohe Yearbook. If any member has photos for the Yohe Yearbook, please let Compatriot Smarker know. The Yohe Yearbook will be judged Friday evening, April 23rd, 2010 at the MOSSAR State Conference in Columbia, MO.

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 to each school for the Military Professors to review. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton mentioned that the Harry S. Truman Chapter is always looking for recommendations for potential candidates for the Flag Certificate. Our chapter proudly recognizes individuals, schools, and businesses with Flag Certificates for their proper and prominent display of our Flag.
2. Boy Scout Scholarship Committee – Vacant. No report provided. 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.
3. Veterans Liaison – Vice-President Jim Nail reported that he is currently waiting for the Veterans Administration to follow-up with him in his request for a guest speaker. As the VA Liaison, Compatriot Nail can provide VA locations, hours of operation, updates on VA policies & regulations, etc. He can also provide a point of contact from the VA, who can assist members in veteran benefit counseling, help

veterans and their families file VA and state veterans benefits claims, and to assist with application forms and other paperwork.

Committee Reports (continued):

4. **M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award Committee - Don Lewis has nominated Mr. Duane Fleck, a History teacher from the Lee Summit High School District. Both President Dirk Stapleton and Don Lewis will interview with Mr. Fleck in preparation for the nomination application that is required. The nomination application must be submitted to MOSSAR by January 15, 2010.**
5. **Officer Nominations Committee – Vice-President Jim Nail stated that the initial nominations are complete except for the Secretary position, which remains vacant. Any additional nominations are welcomed. The Harry S. Truman Chapter will be conducting their annual election under New Business later in the meeting on Saturday, December 12, 2009.**
6. **Fourth of July Luncheon Committee – Vacant. It was discussed that Saturday, July 10th, 2010, which is the second Saturday of the month, and also the Harry S. Truman Chapter regular meeting date, may be the best opportunity to conduct the 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Fourth of July Luncheon. It appears there will be a scheduling conflict in holding the luncheon at an earlier date, due to Saturday, June 26-30, 2010 is the 120th NSSAR Annual Congress in Cleveland, OH. In addition, the DAR National Conference is July 7-11, 2010 in Washington D.C., which also may be a possible conflict. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton read an award recommendation from David M. Mellott, recommending that Mrs. Vicki Richmond 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 Dirk Stapleton recommended that the 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Fourth of July Luncheon be on held Saturday, July 10th, 2010, and also recommended that Mrs. Vicki Richmond be awarded the S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Award during the luncheon. It was moved by David McCann and seconded by George DeLapp that the 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Fourth of July Luncheon be held on Saturday, July 10th, 2010 and that Mrs. Richmond be awarded S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Award during the luncheon. The motion carried. It was also stated that she could possibly be the guest speaker for this event. Vice-President Nail agreed to coordinate with Mrs. Richmond on her attendance for this event and to request her to be the guest speaker at the luncheon. Vice-President Nail also agreed to research possible luncheon location(s). There are several issues remaining:
 - A. Determine Luncheon Chairperson.
 - B. Determine possible location(s) of Luncheon, recommendations, etc.**
7. **Service Projects Committee – Vacant. No report provided.**
8. **Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site Committee – President Dirk Stapleton recommended that the Chapter web site promote a REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI web site. This web site would recognize American Revolutionary War soldiers buried within 100 Miles of the Kansas City area. Compatriot Harry Dexheimer stated he would be able to offer more information at the January 2010 meeting. Historian Brian Smarker also stated he would provide assistance on this. 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.**

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. 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. Now that MOSSAR Chancellor Richard Bryant has approved the order form for the badge / name bars, efforts are being made to get this order form on our Harry S. Truman Chapter Web Site. In addition, President Dirk Stapleton will request additional guidance from MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray on protocol for sending a mass email to all State Societies with this order form. In addition to this request, access to email addresses to all State Societies would be needed.**

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.

Unfinished Business (continued):

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. 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. The Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri will raffle the quilt at the National Convention being held at Cleveland, Ohio in June 2010. 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 MOSSAR make the money needed for the convention. Please see the attached order form.

7. President Dirk Stapleton provided an update on Compatriot Justin Bush during the meeting. Compatriot Bush's grandmother Fran Mason, with the Independence Pioneers, has reported that Compatriot Bush has received the care packages from the SAR and DAR, which were recently sent to him in Afghanistan. Compatriot Bush is very busy as he works 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. His work does not leave much time for recreation or sleep, but the time does go by fast for him. In addition, Compatriot Joshua Comeau (grandson to Compatriot Romie Carr), recently graduated from his advanced training at Ft. Lee, VA as a Petroleum Specialist. Compatriot Comeau will be assigned to an Army Reserve unit in the Kansas City area. We wish them both the best. Compatriot David McCann mentioned that his nephew Peter McCann is also stationed in Afghanistan. President Dirk Stapleton requested Compatriot McCann to provide additional information and a mailing address, in the event that the Harry S. Truman Chapter elected to send him a care package too. 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.

8. 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 held in April 2010. If you plan to attend the January 30th, 2010 MOSSAR Quarterly Board meeting, please let MOSSAR 2nd Vice-President Keith Bohacik know that you will be attending at liberty042@hotmail.com. The Harry S. Truman Chapter Quarterly report is due to MOSSAR by January 15th, 2010. President Dirk Stapleton will complete and mail the report prior to this due date.

9. Please mark your calendar to attend the 24th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) to be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas. Please see the attached GWBC invitation.

Unfinished Business (continued):

10. 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.

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

12. 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.

13. Harry S. Truman Chapter members are encouraged to complete and return the "Members SAR Resume" form to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Approximately 20 percent of the membership has provided their SAR Resume. Please complete the attached SAR Resume form and mail this form back to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. 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.

14. With our chapter continuing to grow (which is very good news!) and with recent postal rate increases this past year, we are attempting to send the newsletters out electronically if possible. This will save money and resources. Perhaps, you have an e-mail address with your internet carrier that you do not prefer to share with everyone – If so, there are several e-mail carriers that you can get a free e-mail address, (i.e., Hotmail, Yahoo, and Google to name a few). After signing up for a free e-mail account, you can then drop us a line with your new e-mail address to dirkastapleton@msn.com. Your support is much appreciated.

15. 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.

16. 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. The NSSAR is requesting that every member in SAR contribute something if your budget permits. Even smaller denominations will always be appreciated.

17. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you are interested in an application form for the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF).

18. The South Central District Meeting will be on August 27-28, 2010 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

19. President Dirk Stapleton reported that he sent Compatriot Will Carr, a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, a request for gaining more information on the possibility of a Harry S. Truman Chapter Member Coin. Compatriot Carr was very helpful. Compatriot Carr provided a design used by the Ozark Mountain Chapter and the vendor who designed the Chapter Coins for the Ozark Mountain Chapter. The vendor, 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. These coins are made using the cast process of zinc alloy. The price is for a double-sided 2D design. The price also includes up to four colors per side. The vendor has separate colors with a thin metal line. Small text and detail will be the metal of the coin. Price is validated by final artwork. There is no tax for out of state orders (California). It was also mentioned that the Chapter does not want to be in violation of any trademark or copyright infringement on President Harry S. Truman artwork for this coin. Treasurer Sloan reported that there was enough funds to cover this purchase. More information may be needed before a final decision can be voted on. No motion was made on this topic. This issue has been tabled for further discussion.

Unfinished Business (continued):

20. At the request of President Dirk Stapleton, Compatriot Romie Carr provided research for a prospective member in seeking membership with the NSSAR. President Dirk Stapleton will follow up with this potential member.

New Business:

1. The Election of 2010 Officers was conducted at the December 2009 meeting to fill ten officer positions. Vice-President Nail presented a motion that all 2010 officer nominations be approved, that the nominations cease, and that the member be elected to that office by affirmation. The motion carried. In addition, a nomination was made by Compatriot George DeLapp, that Paul Toms be elected to the currently vacant position as Secretary. No further nominations were presented for the Secretary position. The motion carried. Honorary Vice-President William Hartman has agreed to continue his duties as Honorary Vice-President. No election is needed for this position. The 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Officers are shown below and will be installed at the January 2010 meeting.

**Harry S. Truman Chapter
2010 Officers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officer Position</u>
Dirk Stapleton	President
James Nail	Vice-President
Paul Toms	Secretary
Courtney Sloan	Treasurer
David McCann	Registrar/Genealogist
George DeLapp	Chancellor
Romie Carr	Chaplain
Dr. Chester Bare	Surgeon
Brian Smarker	Historian
Donald Lewis	Sergeant-at-Arms
William Hartman	Honorary Vice-President

2. The topic of the NSSAR Form 0913: "SAR Whats" promotional brochure was mentioned by President Dirk Stapleton. We may need to order additional brochures. This topic was tabled until more information can be provided by the Color Commander.

3. President Dirk Stapleton proposed that the Harry S. Truman Chapter submit the scoring sheet for the Josiah Fogg Award for 2009. The scoring sheet was presented at the meeting. President Stapleton requested the membership to review the scoring sheet. If the membership is receptive to this idea in submitting the Josiah Fogg Award score sheet, President Stapleton stated he would like determine if members can assist in completing these section(s). Documentation will have to be attached to the score sheet as evidence or proof that the Harry S. Truman Chapter achieved these objectives as listed. As a historical point of view, President Stapleton stated that this is a great way to quantify our accomplishments during this past year. President Stapleton stated that he believed that the Harry S. Truman Chapter is a very deserving Chapter for this award. In addition, he also added that he would like

to see that the Harry S. Truman Chapter receives credit for all of the events and activities that this Chapter has participated in this past year. The deadline for this submission for the best chapter (Josiah Fogg Award) is due April 1, 2010. MOSSAR Compatriot Steve Baldwin is the point of contact.

4. Christmas Greetings recently sent by e-mail from President General Edward Butler were read by President Dirk Stapleton. A brief overview on the topics were stated. Harry S. Truman Chapter President Dirk Stapleton also mentioned that a specially prepared DVD from NSSAR will be shown at the January 2010 meeting. The information on the DVD, will show members what is going on at the national level, and will reflect what chapter and states around the country are doing to further the goals of SAR.

New Business (continued):

5. The Harry S. Truman Chapter has no members celebrating a Birthday in the month of December. Please let President Dirk Stapleton know if we have missed anyone. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to congratulate the HST Chapter members who are celebrating an anniversary of their date of membership with the HST Chapter in the month of December. Best wishes and thank you for your continued support!

Roy Dobson	2 Years
Joshua Comeau	6 Years
Romie Carr	6 Years

6. Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Dirk Stapleton stated he would like to thank everyone for attending the December 2009 meeting. President Stapleton also extended his thanks and gratitude for making 2009 a very successful year, and for the support that each member has provided to the SAR throughout the year. In addition, we find ourselves in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing family traditions. I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. President Stapleton stated that he hoped to see everyone next month. We will be installing the 2010 Officers at the January 9, 2010 meeting, in which the MOSSAR State President will be presiding over the installation. A group photo will be taken of the 2010 Harry S. Truman Chapter Officers.

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 James Nail.

Retirement of Colors: The Colors were retired by Compatriots Brian Smarker and David McCann. The meeting was adjourned.