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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of June, the 13th 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
288th Meeting,
May 9th, 2009
9:15 AM.

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, May 9th, 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 David McCann and Robert L. Grover presented the colors.

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

The SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was given by James G. Walden.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were C. I. Bare, Romie Carr, George DeLapp, Robert Grover, David McCann, James Nail, Carroll R. Reinert, Courtney Sloan, Dirk Stapleton, and James Walden. Guests: Speaker Bernard Harris and Dale Edwards, a retired Army man and a prospective member. Total present 12 people, 10 members and 2 guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Acting-Secretary Carroll R. Reinert, Chaplain Romie Carr, Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Chancellor George DeLapp; Surgeon; Chester I. Bare; and Sergeant at Arms, James G. Walden. Absent with and excused absence was Historian Brian Smarker, Also absent was Honorary Vice President, William W. Hartman.

Program: Bernard Harris, engineer is a retired Army Lt. Col. Reenactor since 1989. Deep interest in military history. He spoke on modern army sustainment=logistics and money as a weapon. Revolutionary War was divided into 3 theaters, North, Middle [Geo Washington], and South [Gen. Nathaniel Green]. Tories wavered from Colonies to King George. Each state and congress printed their own money. CT soldier made 76.00/year [or 6.00/mo, 21cents a day]. Dutch loaned money to US at beginning of war, but at the end, no.

He passed around some miniatures to look at—soldiers, wagons, guns, etc. He said that when he was studying battles he would lay out the miniatures to see how the battle actually went.

Books on his subject:

1. "History of Valley Forge", By Henry Woodman, 1921. Published by John U. Francis, Sr. "Von Steuben. Each soldier had Property Accountability book list of what equipment was."

2. "Encyclopedia of Continental Army Units" by Fred Anderson Berg. 1948, 1972 pub by Stackpole books.

3. "Fighting the American Revolution" by Wade L. Houston, 2006

4. "The Sinews of War 1175 to 1953" by James A. Huston. Bernard called this the "bible" of Revolutionary War information.

5. "The Revolutionary Soldier, 1775-1783" by C. Keith Wilbur, 1969, 1993 pub by The Globe Pequot Press. Old Saybrook, CT.

Soldiers at Valley Forge did not have money to buy food from the farmers. There was lots of food available.

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

Treasurer' Report: Courtney reported that the totals have not changed much since April. The net checking account amount was \$3,045.93 then. It was moved by George DeLapp and seconded by James G. Walden that the treasurer's report be approved as given. The motion carried.

Officer's Reports:

1. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have 3 prospective new members, Nicholas D. Large, Addison C. Lawton, and Christopher A. Wehnes. The Snodgrass family has 3 new members of our Chapter, Compatriots David L. Snodgrass, Douglas J. Snodgrass, and Galen D. Snodgrass. I am now mailing the minutes to them. Another pending member is Dale Edwards, 124 SE Sandstone Dr., Blue Springs, MO., 816-228-2720. E-mail: dgedwrds@swbell.net

2. We discussed a genealogy workshop to be held by David McCann at the Midwest Genealogy Center on Lee's Summit Road, in Independence, at a date later this year to be announced. They are located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055-1923. We could meet at Midwest Genealogy Center, conduct a 15 minute meeting, and then close the meeting and then begin the workshop.

Unfinished Business:

1. We plan on a meeting on June 27, 2009 at the Wornal House at 146 W 61st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113, 816-444-1858. If we can get permission, we will meet at 9:15 AM in the carriage house, behind the Wornal House. We are scheduled for a tour of Wornall house at 10am.

Courtney is checking with Wornall House to see if we can have access to the coach house at 9:15 for our meeting. [We will have two meetings in June. One on Jun 13th, our regular meeting, at M&I Bank, and one on June 27th, our July meeting at the Wornal House.]

2. President Dirk Stapleton reported on the MOSSAR meeting April 24-25, 2009 at St. Louis. Missouri has 5 national trustees. MOSSAR has 523 members. Harry S. Truman chapter has 3 state officers. Courtney Sloan is Treasurer, David McCann is Genealogist, and Dirk Stapleton is Sergeant-At-Arms.

3. At MOSSAR, Carolyn Grover received the Molly Pitcher Award. award. First awardee is Carolyn S. Grover, wife of Robert L. Grover, HST Chapter. with a separate Molly Pitcher certificate. Following requirements are: a. The husband must have been in uniform for 36 months. b. The wife must have attended 10 State or National events with her husband over the 36 month period. Must submit the documentation to the Color Guard Commander by Dec 31 of each year.

Outstanding Citizenship Pin w/a certificate.

4. Romie Carr has Eagle Scout certificates at his home, not applications.

5. Robert L. Grover has ordered the items that were approved last month. They are not here yet.

6. The 119th MOSSAR State Conference was held April 24-25th. President Dirk Stapleton brought greetings from President General David Appleby. Also in attendance were South Central District Vice President General Robert Grover, International District Vice President General and Honorary Vice President Gerald McCoy, National trustees Keith Brown and Stephen Baldwin, and Honorary Vice President Burton Mayfield. President General David Appleby, offered guidance and information on several topics, which also included the issue with the increase in proposed fees. This item will be voted on at the National Congress in July. He stated that MOSSAR has 75 Trustees in the SAR nation wide, who will vote on this topic. We have five trustees in the State of Missouri, so we are well represented.

7. MOSSAR has 523 members, 26 pending memberships, and total assets of \$72,553.59.

8. Our Past president, Russ Devenny, asked each Chapter if they would consider setting up a Veterans Committee and or Chairman.

9. Keith Brown emphasized the importance of Jr. /Sr. ROTC Awards recognition

10. "Some MOSSAR History" DVD. Will Carr, MOSSAR Historian is selling DVDs for \$10.00 on SAR History. I have some order blanks if anyone would like one.

11. The New MOSSAR Slate of new Officers for 2009 – 2010 includes:

President Daniel McMurray
Executive VP Clifford Olsen
First VP Denis Craft
Second VP Keith Bohacik
Hon 3rd VP Richard Bryant
Secretary Charles Lilly
Treasurer Courtney Sloan
Registrar Lee Capps
Genealogist David McCann
Chancellor Richard Bryant
Chaplain J. Wayne Merrill
Surgeon General Steve Baldwin
Historian Will Carr
Sgt at Arms Dirk Stapleton
Nat'l Trustee Russ DeVenney
Alternate Trustee Dan McMurray

12. We have several MOSSAR Award winners amongst us

The following was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for their service to MOSSAR as State Officers:

- a. Bob Grover South Central District Vice President and MOSSAR Color Guard Commander
- b. Courtney Sloan MOSSAR Treasurer and Chairman of Budget, Ways and Means Committee
- c. David McCann MOSSAR Genealogist

Romie Carr was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for Chairman Medals and Awards Committee

Bob Grover and Courtney Sloan was awarded Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin & Certificate for long and faithful service to MOSSAR

Romie Carr was awarded the Silver SAR/CAR Medal of Appreciation for his role in the establishment of the Corps of Discovery Society of the Children of the American Revolution in Kansas City and his 6 years of service as a Senior Officer at both the Local and State level.

Romie Carr also was awarded the "Patriot Medal", the highest ranking medal given by a state society, for his service as President of HST, his work with the George Washington Birthday Celebration, as a Board Member of MOSSAR and as Chairman Medals and Awards Committee for five years and for being the Master of Ceremonies for the 2006 and 2008 State Conventions.

At the Saturday Luncheon, where non-SAR individuals were recognized, The Harry S Truman's nomination, Carolyn Carr, was awarded the "Daughters or Liberty Medal" as winner of the Winona R. Yohe Award. Usually this also referred to as the "Women of the Year Award"

13. Remaining issues on the medals:

- a) The pins on the backs of the medals had a high failure rate--Both the large and small medals given to David Appleby failed after first wearing.
- b) Also, is it possible to make the gold medals shinier to make the gold medals more distinguishable from the antique-bronze?

14. Harry S. Truman Yearbook. The yearbook was submitted and judged at the State Convention on Friday night, April 24th. Although I heard several good remarks made, unfortunately we did not win the contest. Thanks to Jimmy Mickelberry and Brian Smarker for making this all happen.

15. Please mark your Calendars for next year's State Conference which I believe on Friday-Saturday, April 23-24th in Columbia, MO.

16. Harry S. Truman Chapter has 43 members. I am going to pass out the current roster of our Membership.

New Business:

1. Lt. Col Bernard Harris received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Dirk Stapleton.
2. Beverly Griffiths has died. . Frances Hornbuckle stated they took her off the ventilator on Saturday, April 11th. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.
3. Robert L. Grover, South Central District Vice President General reported that the South West District meeting will be in Arlington, TX in the third week of August, 2009.
4. Romie Carr awarded a flag certificate to Ira and Carolyn Miller of Belton, MO.
5. A Memorial Day proclamation by David Appleby was discussed.
6. President Dirk Stapleton discussed putting a notice in the SAR Magazine for the "When You Are Traveling" section in the back of the magazine. It would cost 24 dollars for 4 lines. Robert L. Grover said that the chapter had done it before, but no one ever showed up for a meeting. No motion or second was made.
7. There is a National Archives History Fair at Union Station on May 23rd, from 10 AM to 4 PM. They used to be on Bannister road but they are now located downtown at 400 West Pershing Road. near Union Station and the IRS building. The fair is from 10am-4:00pm but we need participants to arrive by 8:00am to set up. After 9am it will be difficult to gain access to the building as they prepare for outdoor activities. Each organization will be assigned a table and you may put books, pamphlets, etc about your organization on the table.
8. There will be a George Washington Birthday meeting on May 27th at Don Chilitos Mexican Restaurant at 7017 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS regarding the 2/20/2010 meeting. Dewey Fry is now the chairman.
9. On May 25, 2009 the Color Guard will be at the Liberty Memorial at 9:15 AM, and at 11:15 AM at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.
10. David McCann –final details Fourth of July Luncheon on June 27, 2009. Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 19th to Dave McCann. The cost is \$16.00 per person. The guest speaker will be Mary Lynn Tolle. Also the Three new members may be at the Luncheon hopefully to be sworn in as new members. 1) Galen David Snodgrass, 2) Douglas Jarott Snodgrass. 3) David Loren Snodgrass
11. The Missouri and Kansas Societies have been approved to host the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri from July 7-11, 2013. Richard Bryant stated at the MOSSAR Quarterly meeting that the contracts have been signed.

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 G. Walden.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

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