



**AGENDA and Minutes  
Montana Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
2022 Annual Meeting**

**30 April, 2022 at 12:00 – 1:45**

**Helena American Legion Hall**

**3095 Villard Avenue, Helena, MT 59601**

**Phone: 406-996-1890**

**with ZOOM attendees**

1. **Call to Order** – President Don Reed called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.
2. **Invocation** – President Don Reed gave the invocation
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to USA Flag** – Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Pledge** – Attendees recited the NSSAR Pledge
5. **Introduction of Guests** – Special guests included **Bruce Pickette**, NSSAR Secretary-General, future NSSAR President-General and MTSSAR dual member from Alabama via ZOOM. Another special guest was **Sandy Cain Taylor**, Regent of Kulix Chapter, Montana Society – Daughters of the American Revolution. Kulix Chapter is hosting MSDAR's Annual Meeting next year in Polson, April 20-22, 2023.
6. **Introduction of Prospective New Members** – **Mark Williams** was introduced as a prospective new member of Sourdough Chapter. **Dale Beard** was introduced as newly transferred member of MTSSAR based in Billings, as well as the **founder of the newly chartered Yellowstone River Chapter – MTSSAR**.
7. **Approval of minutes from April 24, 2021 Annual Meeting** – Steve Armstrong summarized the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting. Steve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Larry Mylnechuk. Motion was unanimously approved.
8. **Reports from Officers** – Please note that all reports submitted are included in the minutes.
  - a. **President Don Reed** – Don Reed read his report, which highlighted the varied activities of MTSSAR during April 2021 - April 2022. Don noted the many opportunities of the use of his encampment float in parades throughout areas of Montana. Don further discussed his idea of having more MTSSAR members involved with black powder shooting. President Reed's entire report is included with the minutes.
  - b. **Vice President Steve Armstrong** – Steve summarized the highlights of his report, which is included in the minutes of this meeting.

- c. **Registrar John Robinson** – John Robinson explained the work has done with applications during his tenure as MTSSAR Registrar since 2015. John specifically thanked Bruce Taylor and MSDAR Registrar Barb Stem for their assistance. Because to John’s eyesight issues, he is backing away from being full-time Registrar, but has stated he will provide advice and guidance as needed. MTSSAR is grateful for John’s years of service to our Society. John’s complete report is included with the minutes of this meeting.
- d. **Registrar Bruce Taylor** – Bruce detailed the addition of several new successful applications that were approved by National. Three additional applications are at National for review. Three other applicants have been approved by National, but their names are not yet added to National’s Application Status Report. Bruce implored members to become familiar with the application process so that more thorough assistance can be provided for potential applicants. Bruce’s entire report is included with the minutes of the meeting.
- e. **Secretary James Gustafson** – Jim reviewed the Reconciliation Report he submitted to National for the 2021 calendar year. While a few MTSSAR members dropped their membership, new members will easily make add to the roster of MTSAR membership. Jim’s full report is included in the meeting minutes.
- f. **Treasurer Pat Duncan** – Pat thanked former Treasurer/Secretary John Rice (Sourdough Chapter) for the meticulous records he kept. Pat reiterated a dilemma that MTSSAR has faced for many years, which is puzzling and inconvenient. The Treasurer sends out renewal notices at the beginning of October and receives about 60 renewal confirmations within a month. Pat then spent time, up to twelve weeks contacting others about their intentions. This takes time, and really isn’t a task of the Treasurer to do. The financial numbers of MTSSAR and Pat’s full report are included in the meeting minutes.
- g. **Webmaster Don Murphy** – While Don did not submit a report as Webmaster, Steve Armstrong spoke on Don’s behalf to express appreciation at how well Don maintains MTSSAR’s website. Whenever Steve has asked Don to add pictures or other information to MTSSAR’s website, Don responds quickly. Don will often offer suggestions to what should be included on the website. <https://www.mtssar.org>
- h. **Trustee / Chaplain** – Our Trustee/Chaplain TC Richardson passed away September 2021. While MTSSAR hasn’t been able to find a new state Chaplain, **Larry Mylnechuk said that he will become MTSSAR’s Trustee.**
- i. **Historian Dan Elliott** – no report provided
- j. **Chapter Reports** – Chapter were submitted and are included in the meeting minutes.
  - (1) **Glacier Chapter Steve Armstrong** – briefly summarized Glacier Chapter’s activities
  - (2) **Guardian Keith Kramlick** – Outgoing Guardian Chapter President Keith Kramlick submitted the report for Guardian Chapter, which was read by Guardian Chapter V-P Don Reed. Keith provided a detailed summary of past activities, plus activities for 2022
  - (3) **Liberty Tree Chapter Don Murphy** – Outgoing Liberty Tree Chapter President Don Murphy submitted a report. New Liberty Tree Chapter President Larry Mylnechuk provided additional details about Liberty Tree’s activities, including their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> encampment.
  - (4) **Sourdough Chapter Matt Henningsen** – no report provided, although Sourdough Chapter Secretary Pete Oakander provided an update on possible new members.
  - (5) **Montana Continentals Chapter Bob Gunderson** – no report provided
  - (6) **Portage Chapter** – no report provided

- j. **State Regent Montana Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) – Leigh Haislip-Spenser** - - “On behalf of the MT State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, I bring greetings to you as you convene your annual meeting. Best wishes, always, as you carry out the mission of Sons of the American Revolution.”
9. **Election of Officers** – 2022-2023: Please note that all state officers listed above have agreed to serve another term. Larry Mylnechuk agreed to serve as MTSSAR Trustee. Larry Mylnechuk moved that MTSSAR approve the slate of officers, with John Rice providing the second. The slate of officers was unanimously approved.
  - a. Don Reed – President
  - b. Steve Armstrong – Vice-President
  - c. James Gustafson – Secretary
  - d. Pat Duncan – Treasurer
  - e. Bruce Taylor – Registrar
  - f. Trustee – Larry Mylnechuk
  - g. Historian – Dan Elliot
  - h. Swearing in of officers will be completed at the next BOM meeting.
10. **President’s Awards and other awards.**
  - a. President Reed presented outgoing Registrar John Robinson with a specially engraved replica Revolutionary War sword, recognizing John’s years of service to MTSSAR. John was unable to attend in-person; however, President Reed will travel to Big Timber for an in-person presentation.
  - b. President’s Award for Chapter Growth was presented to Liberty Tree Chapter.
  - c. President’s Award for Historical Display was presented to Liberty Tree Chapter for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Encampment at Fort Missoula
  - d. President’s Award for Best Patriotic Display was presented to Guardian Chapter for their Veteran’s Day Parade in East Helena
  - e. President’s Award for Exemplary Duty was presented to Registrar Bruce Taylor
  - f. President’s Nine Award was presented to Secretary James Gustafson
  - g. President’s Molly Pitcher Award was presented to Oro Fino Chapter – DAR member Patty Donoho for her support during joint MTSSAR and MSDAR activities, particularly driving Don’s truck pulling the encampment float.
  - h. Larry Mylnechuk presented MTSSAR President Don Reed with two awards: [1] SAR’s Distinguished Service Medal on behalf of MTSSAR and [2] the Intermountain District’s Award for Meritorious Service.
11. **Upcoming Events** – parades with Don’s Encampment Float, etc. and other activities
  - a. **East Helena Memorial Day Parade**, Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m., with the encampment float
  - b. **Bozeman Memorial Day Parade** - - details to be announced. Mount Hyalite Chapter DAR is coordinating this effort, but would like MTSSAR members to participate. A flag float is available, but a truck with a gooseneck hitch is necessary to move the float from Wolf Creek to Bozeman.
  - c. **Big Timber Rodeo Parade** – information pending
  - d. **Cody, WY, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** – details forthcoming. Don is driving his encampment float to this parade in support of the newly created Yellowstone River Chapter – MTSSAR, based in Billings.

- e. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parades in other locations** – Don’s flag float is available, but a truck with a gooseneck hitch is necessary to move the float from Wolf Creek to wherever a Chapter would like the float.
- f. **Wreaths Across America Mobile Exhibit** is coming to Montana
  - Missoula – Friday, July 22
  - Helena, Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 – 2:00 at Lowe’s Parking Lot
  - Great Falls Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Butte – Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
- g. **Stevensville Creamery Picnic Parade** is usually the first Saturday of August. More details to come.
- h. **Constitution Day Program** at the Capitol Rotunda, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-1:00
- i. **East Helena Veteran’s Day Parade**, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00
- j. **Wreaths Across America National Wreath Day** ceremony, Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Capitol Rotunda at noon
- k. **Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement** – , Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Fort Harrison, a joint venture of Oro Fino Chapter – MSDAR and Guardian Chapter MTSSAR
- l. **Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement** – Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Montana Veteran’s Home, Cilumbia Falls, Glacier Chapter MTSSAR

## 12. Old Business

- a. **Musket raffle** – Don Reed purchased a Pedersoli Brown Bess Musket that could be used for a musket raffle. MTSSAR would purchase this musket from Don for this purpose. Discussion took place regarding the feasibility of having a raffle. John Rice pointed out that during the previous raffle in 2018, only about 20 MTSSAR members and some MSDAR members sold tickets. A decision on a raffle was tabled after further discussion.

## 13. New Business

- a. **Proposed amendment to MTSSAR By-Laws, Section V, Chapters.**

1] In Chap V, #1, add “**Members of Montana SAR must be a member of a Chapter.**”

2] In Chap V, #4, last sentence, strike ~~may~~ and ~~or become SAR members at large~~. New sentence will read “Remaining members of the dissolved chapter **will** be transferred to another chapter.”

Discussion was led by Steve Armstrong, who proposed these two amendments. Steve provided background about these amendments. National requires that any member of SAR must belong to the State Society. National does not allow the category of “member at large” in terms of membership. Steve believed that the State should provide support for Chapters by eliminating the “member-at-large” category, which is only mentioned when a chapter is dissolved. Further discussion showed support for this proposal. John Rice asked if there was a quorum to approve this amendment. Steve replied that Section VI of the By-Laws states that a majority of those MTSSAR members in attendance at the Annual Meeting is required to approve changes. Bruce Taylor made the motion to approve these two amendmens, seconded by Kevin Kramlick. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve will make the approved changes to MTSSAR’s By-Laws and email them to President Reed for his signature. Once Don Reed has sent to document back to Steve, the updated By-Laws will be placed on MTSSAR’s website. Membership will be informed of this change.

- b. **New MTSSAR Chapter based in Billings** – Don Reed and Dale Beard – Dale Beard was in attendance from Billings via ZOOM and introduced himself and his hopes for the new Yellowstone River Chapter – MTSSAR. President Don Reed and Secretary James Gustafson signed the certificate of Charter and the actual Charter for Yellowstone River Chapter
  - d. **Planning for 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Independence** – Don Reed
    - 1] 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary information from National was emailed to MTSSAR membership.
    - 2] There was discussion of how MTSSAR can participate in the celebration of the USA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence. President Reed said that he would like to see MTSSAR create living history displays, much like Liberty Tree Chapter has done for their Fort Missoula July 4<sup>th</sup> encampment. This could be done by chapters around the state, where the chapters could do presentations at local schools. Guardian Chapter has done this in Helena. Don mentioned that it was important for MTSSAR to build on programs that it can actually support.
  - e. **MTSSAR Endorsement of Bruce Pickette for 2022-2023 NSSAR P-G** – Larry Mylnechuk made a motion that MTSSAR should support and endorse Bruce Pickette for 2022-2023 NSSAR President-General. John Robinson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously..
  - f. Discussion occurred about possibly using MTSSAR Raffle funds to purchase a gooseneck trailer hitch for Bruce Taylor, who could then use his truck to move the various floats from Wolf Creek to another location. No decision was made and further discussion will be done at the BOM level.
  - g. **Sandy Cain Taylor**, Regent of Kulix Chapter, Montana Society – Daughters of the American Revolution. Kulix Chapter is hosting MSDAR's Annual Meeting next year in Polson, April 20-22, 2023. President Reed would like to have MTSSAR hold its annual meeting at the same location in Polson and participate in a gala dinner with MSDAR that Friday evening, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Further details will be provided by Regent Taylor. SAR Treasurer-General Bruce Pickette indicated that he might be able to attend.
- 14. **Motion to Adjourn**– Larry Mylnechuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Rice. Motion carried
  - 15. **SAR Recessional** – Attendees recited the NSSAR Recessional
  - 15. **Benediction** – Larry Mylnechuk gave the benediction, concluding the meeting.

Thank you **James Gustafson** and **Gale Kramlick** who  
provided lunch for in-person attendees at the  
American Legion Hall in Helena.

Minutes recorded and submitted by

James Gustafson, Secretary – MTSSAR  
Steve Armstrong, Vice-President - MTSSAR

## **President's report 2021-2022**

Greeting fellow Patriots

2021 has been a very busy year and I'd like to share with you the events I was able to represent our fine organization in.

We were able to field the Camp Float in the following events

Starting with the Memorial Day Parade in East Helena with the Guardian Chapter, then on to the Clancy Days Parade which was a joint venture with DAR and Guardian Chapter, then the Big Timer Rodeo Parade with the Sourdough Chapter, followed by the 4th of July Parade in Boulder supporting both DAR and the Guardian Chapter, followed by the Stevensville Creamery Day Parade with the Liberty Tree Chapter and finishing the season with the Dillion Labor Day Parade, with both Guardian and Montana Continentals chapter participation.

Due to a broken ankle and lack of a driver, I was only able to provide the Guardian Chapter with weapons and uniforms for their participation in Veterans Day Parade in East Helena.

In addition to parade attendance, I was able to participate as a member of the Color Guard at the following joint venture events with DAR. Constitution Day Ceremony at the Capital and Wreaths across America Ceremony at the Capital. Additionally I was one of the guest speakers for the Constitution Day event and our Lieutenant Governor requested a copy of my speech. Speaking of which we have an outstanding working partnership with our MTSSDAR, in fact I will be a guest speaker at their annual meeting on 4/22/2022

This year I was able to attend monthly meeting with Liberty Tree, Sourdough and Guardian Chapters. Plus, I made an appearance at the National convention in Washington.

Planned Awards

Sword presentation to John Robinson for his years of service as our State Registrar.

President's Award for Chapter Growth: Liberty Tree Chapter.

President's award for Historical Display: Liberty Tree for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Encampment at Fort Missoula

President's award for Best Patriotic Display: Guardian Chapter for Veteran's Day Parade East Helena

President's Award for Exemplary duty: Bruce Taylor.

President's Nine Award: James Gustafson.

President's Molly Pitcher Award: For Best DAR Support in 2021 awarded to Patty Donoho.

Major acquisitions:

- 1) Warren donated a goose neck trailer for a second float
- 2) A firing Cannon, the carriage 90% complete. I hope to christen it at the Memorial Day Parade in East Helena
- 3) Cannon Wheels and new carriage axle for the replica Cannon built by Bob Gunderson

2022 schedule of event

MTSSDAR Annual Meeting 4/22/2022

MTSSSAR Annual Meeting 4/30/2022

SAR Annual Meeting in Savanna Georgia, I will try to make an appearance if time and funds allow

Constitution Day event at the Capital Joint Venture with DAR

Wreaths across American Event at the Capital Joint Venture with DAR

Memorial Day Parade in East Helena,

Clancy Days Parade JV with DAR,

4th of July Parade Cody Wyoming in support of our New Billings Chapter and poach as many dual members from Wyoming as possible.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Montana, TBA we have two floats just need a driver with goose neck hitch and truck and Chapter participation

Stevensville Creamery Day Parade

Dillion Labor Day Parade.

Veterans Day Parade in East Helena.

Any other events proposed by membership? Please remember, we have two floats.

Proposals for 2022

Musket Raffle: I purchased a Pedersoli Brown Bess Musket from Capital Sports in Helena. I dealt with their manager and he discounted the musket \$150. Cost \$1,250.00. We will put it up for a vote as to whether the Society wants to reimburse me the cost and raffle off the Musket. If a no vote, I'll keep it and add to my collection.

Shooting competition. I would like the Chapters to explore interest in fielding a team to participate in Black powder shooting events. Missouri River Shooting Association in Great Falls has established a Black Powder club that has regularly scheduled events.

Sincerely

Don Reed

President MTSSAR

## **Vice President's Report, Sons of the American Revolution for the year, April 2021 – April 2022**

The Vice-President's role is one of providing assistance as requested by MTSSAR officers and the Board of Managers.

There was plenty of email correspondence among many members of MTSSAR, particularly MTSSAR President Don Reed, Registrar John Robinson, Assistant Registrar Bruce Taylor, Secretary James Gustafson, Treasurer Pat Duncan, Liberty Tree Chapter President and MTSSAR Webmaster Don Murphy, Guardian Chapter President Keith Kramlick and his wife Gale of Oro Fino Chapter – DAR and Sourdough Chapter President Matt Henningsen. Former MTSSAR President and former VPG for the Intermountain District Larry Mylnechuk was also a regular correspondent.

MSDAR Registrar Barb Stem and I maintain contact when appropriate dealing with a member's application.

While not an official duty of the V-P, I create a newsletter that is sent to MTSSAR membership. I send numerous batch emails to membership concerning appropriate information about our state society, specific Chapter accomplishments and individual Compatriot accomplishments.

After the election of a new slate of officers during the April 2021 Annual Meeting, I became the point of contact with National. Pertinent information forwarded to MTSSAR members first came from National. National will also send queries about potential members, which are then forwarded to the appropriate chapter Presidents

I have agreed to continue to serve as Vice-President up to MTSSAR's April 2023 Annual Meeting.

I will continue to maintain a ZOOM account, which means that if a Chapter decides to have a meeting via ZOOM, I will set up that ZOOM meeting. Once the meeting starts, I shut down my screen and go about doing other things so as to not interfere with that Chapter's business. I have not asked, nor will I accept any reimbursement from MTSSAR for use of my ZOOM account.

MTSSAR encourages Compatriots to serve as State Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Armstrong

Vice-President – Montana Society - Sons of the American Revolution

President, Glacier Chapter - Sons of the American Revolution

Location Coordinator - Wreaths Across America, Montana Veteran's Home, Columbia Falls

Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History Award, 2005 State Winner (Illinois)



**Montana SAR Registrar Report**  
**April 2021-April 2022**  
**Submitted by John Robinson**

I have completed eight SAR applications or supplementals in the last year, due mostly to my eye sight. I cannot read with my left eye even with my eye glasses on, so I am quite handicapped in doing applications or any close genealogy work.

- 1 Pat Duncan Supplemental approved 6-18-21
- 2 Dave Beal Glacier Chapter application approved 6-18-21
- 3 Zander Ivan Wright Junior Sourdough Chapter approved 7-9-21
- 4 Wayne F Bequette Supplemental approved Feb 2022
- 5 John King Glacier Chapter approved 3-15-22
- 6 Bruce Duncan Sourdough Big Timber in route to national
- 7 Buck Duncan Sourdough Big Timber in route to National
- 8 Levi Duncan Sourdough Big Timber in route to National

This is all the apps I have seen in the last year with my eye sight problem.

Bruce Taylor has been filing apps and I sure do thank him.

April 2015 Larry Mylnechuk, who had a great SAR background, and I were at the MTSSAR meeting in Helena. Col Guy McCracken was MTSSAR President. Billy Butts was MTSSAR Sec, with his wife had been doing a few apps. Very sadly she passed 30 days later.

As I was NM Registrar I fitted right in as MTSSAR Registrar. And also nominated as Intermountain VPG.

At that time MT had been averaging three new members a year for 128 years.

Also most all states have chapter registrars and chapter genealogists, plus state Registrar and State Genealogists. Since April 2015 MT has had only a state Registrar.

At the 2021 National Congress MT was one of five states to be awarded a certificate for perfect applications for the last four years from the Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury.

This was recommended by SAR Treasurer General and now Secretary General and MT dual member, Bruce Pickette. Bruce Pickette will be SAR National P-G in July of 2022.

In doing apps for almost 20 years, I have had two pended for more info only and both were approved in several weeks. I also had one that I had to use a replacement app. This also was approved in several weeks.

I also have had a number of applicants that were not able to provide the documentation necessary to meet SAR standards. This all takes time.

Barb Stem MT DAR Registrar also has been excellent help assisting me with different genealogy problems. She has been a wonderful asset to me.

The DAR registrars have a code that they can look at DAR applications on line. The SAR does not have this feature. The SAR does now have a Patriot Research System that is quite helpful.

So now after putting in 3-4 hours a day for almost 7 years in MT, I am having eye problems. In June 2022 I have been an SAR member for 20 years and elected to a number of positions in four states: FL, NC, NM, MT.

Sadly I am not able to do apps any more, I can give advice and guidance but that is all.

The SAR has been having a lot of problems with apps being pended. The current GG has developed a program with video guidance to show people how to meet the SAR standards for applications. This should be a great help to all doing apps. He is Robert Fish from WV.

In patriot Service

John Robinson MTSAR Registrar.

## **Registrar Report 2022**

### **Submitted by Bruce Taylor**

For the period 01 Apr 2021 to 01 Apr 2022 there were 6 new members approved and added to the Montana Society SAR.

- 18 Jun 2021 David Beal                      Glacier Chapter
- 09 Jul 2021 Zander Wright                Sourdough Chapter
- 25 Feb 2022 Charles Hinkle                Liberty Tree Chapter
- 25 Feb 2022 Caleb Hinkle                Liberty Tree Chapter
- 25 Feb 2022 Jedediah Hinkle              Liberty Tree Chapter
- 18 Mar 2022 John King                    Glacier Chapter

As of 01 Apr 2022 the Application Status Report shows that there are 3 applications waiting to be reviewed. One new member application for Timothy Peters of Helena, MT.

There are two Supplemental Applications waiting for review; one for James Hutcheson (Roger Edgerton) of Liberty Tree, and one for Bruce Taylor (Peter Skeen) of Liberty Tree.

There are several applications in the transmittal process that have yet to show on the Application Status Report. They are

1. Junior Member John Whitehouse of Helena
2. New Member William Cory of Seely Lake
3. Supplemental for David Beal (John Bough) from the Glacier Chapter.

Currently the wait for applications to get reviewed once they are received at National is just over three months for New Members and approximately 11 months for Supplementals.

I would strongly encourage every chapter to develop their individual Chapter Registrar. This will eventually become necessary to prevent the State Registrar position from being overwhelmed with applications to review. Interested individuals can begin by reading the manuals available on the SAR.org website. These are Application Preparation Manual, Guide for Using SAR Online System, and Genealogy Committee Policies. Currently we

have Barb Stem form MSSDAR. She is very good at research and willing to help get through those lineage roadblocks.

If anyone has questions about the application process or to get help in a lineage question feel free to contact me.

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MONTANA 2021 CONSOLIDATION REPORT  
28 February 2022

MTSAR Members total	91
Dual Members	-13
Total MTSAR Active Members	<hr/> = 78

Members breakdown

Life Time Members	2
Montana Junior Members	2
Dual Junior Members	1
New Members (Through 1 March 2022)	6
New Dual Members	1
Deceased Members	3

Chapter Break Down by;

Liberty Tree	33
Glacier	7
Sourdough	23
Portage	7
Guardian	15
Continental	6

National Roster shows the following members as active, after going through dues and MT history the following should be drop's

John Lester Gilmore	National	#211268	Glacier
James Lee Dunn	"	#212850	Glacier
Francis J. Dupuis	"	#104546	Guardian
Jeff N. Short	"	# 211701	Guardian
Trent G. Short	"	#211702	Guardian
Jimmie D. Allison Jr.	"	#104546	Liberty Tree
Albert A. Fisher	"	#210034	Liberty Tree
Francis C. Weigand	"	#199509	Liberty Tree
Daniel R. Scalese	"	#181046	Portage
Robert R. Scalese	"	#181044	Portage
Rodney J. Wheeler	"	#198436	Sourdough

William J. Morris, was changed from Sourdough chapter to Continental effective 7 March 2022.

James A. Gustafson, MTSSAR Secretary



## 2021 MTSSAR ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

1. I want to thank John Rice for being both Secretary and Treasurer for the first four months of 2021. He kept very good records.
2. On October 1, 2021, I sent out about one hundred letters requesting payment of 2022 dues. I received between fifty to sixty of the 2022 membership dues by the end of October. I had taken between November to February to collect the other dues.
3. We are averaging about one to two applications for new members every month. Secretary James Gustafson is requesting one or two checks to the NSSAR for applications for new members. At this rate we should have over one hundred members by the end of 2022.
4. Members of the MTSSAR who reside in the city of Billings have plans on creating another chapter. With a Billings Chapter, we might be able to get members from towns east of Billings such as Forsyth, Miles City and Glendive.
5. This is the status of our funds in the bank. We had \$12,675.10 as of December 31, 2021.

General Fund	\$9,120.85
Raffle Fund	\$3,584.25
Continental Chapter Fund	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total Funds	<b><u>\$12,765.10</u></b>

6. The tax form 990-N has been filed for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Patrick Duncan  
MTSSAR Treasurer

**Glacier Chapter Report**  
**submitted by Steve Armstrong**

**April 15, 2022**

Glacier Chapter is pleased to report that it hosted a very successful outdoor Wreaths Across America celebration at the Montana Veteran's Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls, MT, in December 2021. There was a surprisingly great turnout of community members and veterans, with plenty of children in attendance. I raised enough funds to have wreaths placed on every grave.

A special feature of this year's ceremony was the appearance of the USS Montana Ship's Bell, which is now on its way to Norfolk Naval Shipyard to be placed on the USS Montana submarine

Children were "volunteered" to place the memorial wreaths in honor of all branches of the military and POWs/MIAs.

Since it was so cold at our ceremony, there was no special speech given. Our Chaplain at this ceremony was a local pastor who was Chaplain for the Navy Seals.

We had excellent coverage in local newspapers and on television news.

Glacier Chapter once again participated in flag placement at the Montana Veteran's Home Cemetery during Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veteran's Day.

There will be a new state veteran's cemetery in Flathead County, just south of the present Montana Veteran's Home Cemetery. Only residents who have passed away while being treated at the Montana Veteran's Home can be interred in that cemetery.

This new cemetery will comprise 15-acres and is expected to be operational within the next two years. Any veteran can be interred in this cemetery. Glacier Chapter was proud to make a donation to this new cemetery, a donation that was matched by Glacier Chapter President Steve Armstrong.

Glacier Chapter Compatriot Mark Burns made a donation to MTSSAR of several rolls of George Washington Crossing the Delaware quarters, which came out this year. Mr. Burns previously donated several rolls of 1976 Bicentennial quarters. Mr. Burn's wish is that future generations of MTSSAR will be able to enjoy viewing these coins.

While Glacier Chapter lost one member due to dropping, the chapter gained another. An additional two prospects are in the pipeline, with one application submitted and the other a work in progress.

## **Guardian Chapter Report for 2021-2022**

**Submitted by Keith Kramlick**

**May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021**

October 2021 was our last chapter meeting. We only had three members in attendance, thus we did not have a quorum to hold an election. President Keith Kramlick has stepped down as president, and Warren Dupuis stepped down as secretary. Those positions are vacant. Don Reed volunteered to remain as vice president, and Pat Duncan volunteered to remain as treasurer.

On May, 3 members participated in the East Helena Memorial Day Parade. They were Don Reed, Warren Dupuis and Doug Fraser.

Keith Kramlick, Don Reed and Wayne Bequette from Liberty Tree, rode on the SAR float at the Labor Day weekend Parade in Dillon.

In August we held a chapter picnic at the home of Warren and Lori Dupuis. Members Keith Kramlick, Pat Duncan, Warren Dupuis, Doug Fraser, and Jim Gustafson attended.

Don Reed and Steve Armstrong participated in the Constitution Day Ceremony held at the Capitol Rotunda.

On Veterans Day 3 members, Keith and Kevin Kramlick and Doug Fraser attended the Oro Fino chapter of DAR Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedication at the East Helena Cemetery. After the dedication, members Keith, Kevin, Doug, Pat Duncan, and Bruce Taylor from Liberty Tree marched in the East Helena Veterans Day parade. Pat dressed in a union civil war uniform, Keith in an army WW II uniform, Kevin in his current NG uniform, and Bruce in his Colonial uniform.

Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Capito rotunda. Don Reed and Keith Kramlick presented the colors and Don helped place the wreath.



## **Upcoming Events for 2022**

Memorial Day Parade, East Helena, 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30

Wreaths Across America Mobile Exhibit is coming to Montana.

- Missoula – Friday, July 22
- Helena – Saturday, July 23 – 10:00 – 2:00 in Lowes Parking Lot
- Great Falls – Sunday, July 24
- Butte – Monday, July 25

Saturday, September 17 thru Sunday, September 23 - Constitution Week

Saturday, September 17 – Genealogy Fair, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1610 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena – Oro Fino will have a table with DAR and SAR information available to hand out and for Prospective Members to fill out contact information

Monday, September 19 – 12:00 -1:00 p.m. Constitution Day Program at the Capitol Rotunda

Friday, November 11 – 11:00 a.m. East Helena Veterans Day Parade

Monday, December 12 – 12:00 p.m. – Capitol Rotunda – Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Saturday, December 17 – 10:00 a.m. Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying & Ceremony – Ft. Harrison

# **Wreaths Across America Mobile Exhibit**

## **Purpose**

An instrument to bring communities together to learn about the Wreaths Across America (WAA) mission to Remember the Fallen; Honor Those Who Serve; and Teach Our Children the Value of Freedom, but also to bridge the gap between active-duty service members, veterans and civilians.

- Teach about patriotism, while remembering the services and sacrifices of our military members.
- Expand the WAA mission to bring on new participating locations, along with sponsorship groups.
- Keeping the WAA mission relevant and the forefront of the areas that are served by our volunteers.
- Sponsorship event in support of locations.

## **Event Activities**

- Make your own wreaths which teach what each of the 10 boughs of the wreath represent
- Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Pinning
- Wreath Sponsorship
- Ceremonial Wreath Laying
- DAR and SAR materials will be available for interested visitors
- Cookies and lemonade will be served

## **Liberty Tree Chapter**

**2021-2022**

The Chapter is staying active with the members we have, without burning the active members out. During 2021, the Chapter participated in the Fourth of July at Fort Missoula. Various flags of the Revolutionary era were used during that time as well as Colonial Weapons that were displayed by member Bruce Taylor. Reader boards with information about the chapter and the Revolution were scattered throughout, as well as articles soldiers would use while in camp. Members available to answer questions that were brought forward by some of the inquisitive people attending. Preparations for the event starts early in the year so the members have the time to prepare for the celebration.

On August 6, Don Reed brought the State SAR float to Stevensville for the Annual Creamery Picnic Parade. Members of the Chapter boarded the float and the public gave a great reception to the float and member. Thanks to Don Reed for transporting the float to Missoula.

Twenty-five knitted scarves were donated to the chapter in the fall and they were taken to the Poverello facility in Missoula for distribution the Veterans that were there.

Currently Liberty Tree has 33 members and of those anywhere from 7 to 9 show up at the monthly meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Missoula Country Club. Occasionally we have a person interested in joining SAR attend the meetings to see what we are actually doing to see if they want to move forward.