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2006 Annual Awards Banquet

The Sirloin Stockade was the setting for the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet held on March 4, 2006. 35 people were on hand as Master of Ceremonies, John West, and Indiana Society SAR president T. Rex Legler handed out certificates, awards and appreciation gifts.

The Bronze Citizenship Medal and the Outstanding Citizenship Pin were awarded to Nikki Ervin. With some friends as part of a Senior School Project, Nikki organized a program for youths with disabilities called "Up Unbounded Potential" where young people can get together to hear speakers and to have a network with others that might understand their pitfalls in life. The group meets weekly at the Rehabilitation Center in Evansville. Nikki has been a speaker at area schools about disabilities including speaking at University of Southern Indiana and she spoke in Indianapolis to the graduating class of the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities.



Don and Bettie Counts accept the Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Bronze Citizenship Medal for their daughter, Nikki

26 individuals were given Color Guard Participation Certificates. Tom Payne, Rex Legler, Bob Hall & John West were given SAR Program Awards for presenting programs during the Chapter's meetings. Outstanding Citizenship Pins were also given to OVC President J.D. Strouth for his efforts in the Katrina Relief work for his church, Rex Legler for his efforts to

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Meeting Notice

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on May 20, 2006 in the Bayard Room, 2nd Floor of Willard Library, Evansville, IN. The program, "Spencer Calvert – Revolutionary War Soldier" will be presented by Peggy Gilkey.



CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The first quarterly meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held February 4th in the Bayard Room at Willard Library in Evansville. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President J. D. Strouth. The Color Guard consisting of Compatriots Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, Bob Hall, J.D. Strouth & John West posted the Colors. The invocation was given by Don Counts. New membership rosters were passed out. Be sure to check your name and address for correctness.

Eagle Scout Project The Chapter heard from James Williams concerning his Eagle Scout Project to revitalize the Civil War Soldiers Section at Oak Hill Cemetery. James is organizing volunteers to help clean tombstones and paint the various memorials in the section. The project will take place a couple of weekends in April or May and will be completed in time for Memorial Day Services. Several members of the chapter signed up to volunteer.

Bob Hall's Presentation "Catamounts on the Attack: Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys" was the topic of the program given by Bob Hall. Bob is an excellent speaker who does extensive research into each of his presentations. They are always educational and entertaining with humor and style.

Chapter Business The officer's reports were presented and were followed by the reports of the various committees. Registrar Bob Hall presented new member, Chris Myers, with a National Society Membership Certificate. The Captain of the Color Guard, Wil Teague, announced that the Color Guard has been invited to participate in the parade honoring the 90th anniversary of the Evansville Lions Club to be held on April 29, 2006.

Newsletter Editor Compatriot Chris Myers was elected to the position of Newsletter Editor for the Ohio Valley Chapter. Newsletters will be mailed out quarterly approximately 10 days before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

January State Meeting The Ohio Valley Chapter successfully hosted The House of Delegates Meeting, the first quarterly state meeting for 2006, on January 21, 2006. The Ohio Valley Chapter was represented by 10 of its members. John West gave his program, "Flags Over America" featuring over 150 flags.

The Founder's Prayer was given by Don Counts. The meeting was adjourned approximately 2 p.m. The next Chapter meetings are scheduled for May 20, 2006 & August 19, 2006. Bring someone with you to the next meeting and program.



CHAPTER HEADLINES

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promote and support our chapter, Cheri Baumberger, Immediate Past Regent of Capt. Henry Vanderburgh Chapter DAR and Bettie Cook First Vice Regent of Capt. Henry Vanderburgh Chapter DAR.

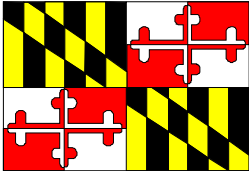
John West, Chapter Historian, had on display the Ohio Valley Chapter scrapbook of our activities from 2000 thru 2006, our Freedom Festival Parade Plaque & our Golden Chapter Award Bear.

Many thanks go out to everyone who came early and stayed late to decorate and organize the meeting room. Rex Legler served as the Awards Chair to select from nominations the recipients for the State and National SAR awards. John West served as the Awards Program Chair with duties to send out invitations, prepare printed programs, serve as Master of Ceremonies and decorate the banquet room with flags. John also created, printed and donated the Color Guard, SAR Program & Speakers Bureau Certificates.

Awards Presented at the 2006 Banquet

<p>SAR Speakers Bureau Certificate John West</p>	<p>SAR Eagle Scout Recognition J. D. Strouth</p>	<p>Outstanding Citizenship Pins Cheri Baumberger Betty Cook Nikki Ervin T. Rex Legler J. D. Strouth</p>	<p>Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Nikki Ervin</p>
OVC Color Guard Participation Certificates			
<p>Jim Arnold Ervin Conrad Bill Cook Don Counts Dee Doane Auburn Falconer Ken Gilkey Peggy Gilkey Bob Hall Ruth Hall Ed Hitchcock Bob Howell Lindsey Lantaff</p>	<p>T. Rex Legler II Chris Myers Tom Payne Tommy Payne Donnie Pierce Carmen Richardville J.D. Strouth Vivian Taylor Wil Teague Bev Travers John Van Zandt Becky West John West</p>	<p>SAR Program Awards Bob Hall T. Rex Legler II Tom Payne John West</p>	<p>Certificates of Appreciation Ken Gilkey Bob Hall Bill Cook Don Counts Peggy Gilkey Chris Myers J.D. Strouth Beck West Ruth Hall</p>

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE



Maryland State Flag During our February 4th meeting John West gave some background information on the Maryland State Flag. The Maryland State Flag that John displayed was donated by Compatriot Ken Gilkey and his wife Peggy.

Flags Over America on DVD During the INSAR State Delegates Meeting in Evansville we video taped John West’s presentation “Flags Over America.” After a little editing, it is now available on DVD. Contact John if you’d like a copy.



Compatriot Rex Legler receives a Program Award



Chapter President, J. D. Strouth speaks to the attendees of the 2006 Awards Banquet.



Compatriot Bob Hall displays a grin and his Program Award Certificate



Peggy Gilkey, John West, Becky West and J. D. Strouth participated the TLC Project — Tornado and Litter Cleanup — held April 1, 2006. About 800 volunteers came out to help pick up debris still remaining from the November 6, 2005 tornado that hit the Tri-State area.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings May 20th, August 19th & October 28, 2006

SAR NEWS & MEETINGS

Our Sympathies We wish to offer our sincere condolences to our compatriot, Bob Hall, on the loss of his mother. Nell Hall, 80, passed away April 4, 2006.

JROTC Awards OVC members, John Van Zandt and Chris Myers presented the SAR JROTC award to Cadet Michael Williams, a student at Harrison High School. John West, Bob Hall, Don Counts and Ken Gilkey presented the SAR JROTC award to Cadet Chris Hancock, a student at Central High School.



Indiana Society SAR Annual Meeting The annual meeting was held April 29, 2006 at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was hosted by Clarence A. Cook Chapter. Members from the Ohio Valley Chapter who attended were Compatriots J. D. Strouth, John Van Zandt, Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Ed Hitchcock & John West.

Indiana Society SAR Summer Meeting The Summer meeting will be held July 29, 2006 at the Hall's Guest House in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The meeting will be hosted by the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter.

Indiana Society SAR Fall Meeting The Fall meeting will be held October 14, 2006 at the Vincennes University Student Union, Fort Sackville Room in Vincennes, Indiana. The meeting will be hosted by the George Rogers Clark Chapter.



116th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution The 116th Annual Congress will be held Saturday through Wednesday, July 8 - 12, 2006 at the Inter Continental Hotel in Addison, Texas - located just north of Dallas. For more information visit:

<http://www.sar.org/news/congress/116thCongress.html>

Did You know? June 9, 2006, marks the 100th anniversary of the Congressional Act chartering the Sons of the American Revolution.

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Chapter Member

Scott M. Van Wormer

Chapter Members

Thomas E. Adamson
Wallace Bickett
Jack L. Branson
Robert W. Brown
William R. Cook
Donald R. Counts
Christian M. Fenn
Mark E. Freece
Kenneth E. Gilkey
Bradley T. Green
Randell S. Green
Robert L. Green Jr.
Robert N. Hall
Edward E. Hitchcock
Larry B. Hughes
Sam L. Hughes
Jim D. Johnson
Hal H. Kasper
Dr. T. Rex Legler II
G. Lincoln McCurdy
Graham D. Morey
James E. Morse
Christopher D. Myers
Thomas L. Payne
Earl H. Sinnett
James R. Son
J. D. Strouth
Wil T. Teague
Will E. Thomas
John B. Van Zandt
John G. West

Prospective Chapter Members

Dawson Ballard
William R. Grannan
Rev. Robert Todd Griffin
Bob Harris
Ernest B. Payne
Will J. Smith
John Strott
Donald L. Thompson



JROTC Awards Don Counts, Peggy Gilkey, Ken Gilkey, Becky West, John West, Ruth Hall and Bob Hall were dressed in Colonial attire for the Central High School JROTC Awards Dinner.

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD



1st Quarter Chapter Meeting John West, Ken Gilkey, Bob Hall and Don Counts post the Colors at the February 2006 Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting.



Lion's Club Parade Tom Hall, Ed Hitchcock, Ruth Hall, Chris Myers, Don Counts, Peggy Gilkey and Dee Doane marched in the Lion's Club Parade April 29, 2006. Ken Gilkey was the photographer.

Upcoming Events Come out and participate with the OVC Color Guard in the Newburgh Summerfest Parade on June 10th, the Haubstadt Sommerfest Parade on June 17th and the Evansville Freedom Festival Parade this June 24th.

Websites of Interest

Ruddle's Station

<http://shawhan.com/bean.htm>

<http://frontierfolk.org/ruddles.html>

Ruddell's Station was attacked by Capt. Henry Byrd and his British and Indian troops in June of 1780. About twenty inhabitants were killed at the site. The survivors were subjected to a forced march to Detroit, where they remained prisoners for the remainder of the Revolutionary War. Ruddle's Station is located near Cynthiana, KY, 30 miles N of Lexington.

Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution

<http://www.southerncampaign.org>

Dedicated to the study of the period of the War for American Independence in the Southern Department from 1760 to 1789. Provides an excellent online monthly magazine with lots of detailed articles, excellent photos and images.

About the Ohio Valley Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter 2nd Quarter Meeting Saturday, May 20, 2006


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Ohio Valley Chapter 3rd Quarter Meeting Saturday August 19, 2006

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Ohio Valley Chapter 4th Quarter Meeting Saturday October 28th, 2006

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