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Finance Committee Report

The Ohio Valley Chapter approved the first Treasury Audit and first Budget in the chapter's 37-year history!

The Committee conducted a Financial Review and complete Audit for 2001 to 2006. John West, Committee Chairman, discussed details about the income and expenses for that period. No problems were found. Some suggestions to reduce costs were given. Some suggestions to increase revenue was (1) to increase dues; (2) establish dedicated accounts for donations for the Awards Banquet, Color Guard, and the Newsletter; (3) Compatriot West will print any of the pages from the chapter scrapbook for \$2 per page; (4) a stipend for Speakers Bureau presentations; and (5) donations for the "Flags Over America" DVD presentation. West explained that "dedicated accounts" meant that monies in these accounts are not budgeted items and cannot be expended without members approval at a meeting and only expended for items that the account is dedicated/set-up to provide.

Ohio Valley Chapter voted to increase local dues to keep up with postal increases.

The Ohio Valley Chapter voted to increase local dues from \$5.50 to an even \$8.00 for 2007. The total dues for 2007 (National, State & Local) will increase from \$40.50 to \$43.00. To soften the impact of the modest increase, West suggested a "Check-Off" (savings) of \$2.00 for any member who wishes to receive meeting notices and the chapter newsletter via the Internet. You would just simply check-off on the slip enclosed with the dues notice that you would accept notice by email and send in only \$41.00 (plus your email address).

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Meeting Notice

The next meeting will be held at 10 AM on November 4, 2006 in the Bayard Room, 2nd Floor of Willard Library, Evansville, IN. The program will be "Justification of the American Revolution" given by Indiana State Society SAR President, Garry Eckard.



CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The third quarterly meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held August 19th in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President J. D. Strouth. Don Counts gave the invocation.

Chapter Business The officer's reports were presented and were followed by reports from various committees.

Ken Gilkey was presented a membership Rosette. Ruth Hall received the Martha Washington Medal for service to the INSSAR.

The Chapter received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Indiana State Lions Club for participation in their April 2006 parade in Evansville, IN.

Brake Supply Co., 1300 W. Lloyd Expressway, Evansville, IN is the recipient of the 2006 Flag Recognition Award. Honorable mention went to Town and Country Ford, Bible Center Cathedral, Cal Cars, and George Koch Sons.

If you have something you would like to share during the Around the Campfire segment of the meeting, please let J.D. Strouth know in advance.



J.D. Strouth presides over the August meeting.



J.D. Strouth receives the Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. certificate from T. Rex Legler II

The next Chapter meeting will be held November 4, 2006. The Founder's Prayer was given by Don Counts and the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.



AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

In Memoriam Former member, Donald Hazelwood, 78, passed away August 17, 2006 at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, KY. Burial was in the Fairmont Cemetery, Henderson, KY with full military rites by the American Legion Worsham Post No. 40.

Color Guard Earns First Place The Ohio Valley Chapter Color Guard received the 1st Place Trophy for a Walking Unit in the 2006 Chandler Day Celebration Parade. The rain held off long enough for John Van Zandt, Don Counts, Chris Myers, Ken & Peggy Gilkey, and John & Becky West to complete the parade.



Color Guard's 1st Place Trophy for the Chandler Day Celebration Day Parade.



Flag Certificate given to Brake Supply Co., Inc.

A Certificate of Commendation was awarded to Brake Supply Co. Inc., of Evansville, Indiana for their exemplary display of the American flag. They have a lighted flagpole display, plus 3 painted flags mounted and spotlighted on three sides of their business. In the photo above, Helen Rednour, representing Brake Supply, Inc. accepts the Flag Presentation Award, on behalf of Kevin Koch, President of Brake Supply. Reading the award is Compatriot Robert "Bob" Hall. Assisting in the presentation are, (l-r) Compatriots John Van Zandt and Kenneth Gilkey.

225th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown

On October 19, 1781, following a nine-day siege, British forces in Yorktown under Lord Charles Cornwallis surrendered more than 8,000 soldiers and sailors to the combined American and French armies, commanded by General George Washington. This represented the close of the last major military action of the American Revolution, ending the fighting phase of the war and effectively granting independence to the American colonies following a six-and-a-half-year military struggle.

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T. Rex Legler II, Ruth & Bob Hall

Liberty Medal Awarded to Bob Hall At the Ohio Valley Chapter's meeting in August, T. Rex Legler II and Bob Howell presented Bob Hall with the Liberty Medal. Bob has sponsored 16 new members into NSSAR since his first one in 1982. The Liberty Medal stipulates that a nominee must have at least ten new members since March 31, 1986 in which the nominee played a significant role in recruiting and helping the applicant become a new member. It also stipulates that the nominee be the first-line sponsor.

Since the year 2000, Bob has worked with 15 newly accepted members by encouraging them, researching for them and even typing their applications for them. However, only 10 of the 15 lists his name as the first-line sponsor while the other 5 lists him as the "Co-Sponsor."

The following Compatriots became new members through the efforts of Robert N. Hall:

Name	Approved	National #	State #	1st-Line Sponsor
J.D. Strouth	18 Mar 2000	154125	3606	Robert N. Hall
Jimmie Dale Johnson	2000	154298	3608	Robert N. Hall
William Thomas Teague	19 Nov 2003	161506	3730	Robert N. Hall
William Richard Cook	19 Nov 2003	161507	3731	Robert N. Hall
Randell Scott Green	22 Jun 2004	162896	3757	Robert N. Hall
Bradley Thomas Green	22 Jun 2004	162897	3758	Robert N. Hall
Robert Lynn Green	22 Jun 2004	162898	3759	Robert N. Hall
Christopher David Myers	19 Jul 2005	165306	3831	Robert N. Hall
Kenneth Edward Gilkey	07 Nov 2005	165621	3835	Robert N. Hall
Christian Michael Fenn	07 Nov 2005	165622	3836	Robert N. Hall

Five of these compatriots are very active in the chapter with two active on the state level. J.D. is the current President of the Ohio Valley Chapter and the INSSAR Chaplain (he also was the Central District Chaplain). Wil Teague has been appointed "Captain of the Guard" for the INSSAR Color Guard and is the current Vice-President of the Ohio Valley Chapter. Bill Cook is the chapter Genealogist. Chris Myers and Ken Gilkey serve on the INSSAR Color Guard (along with J.D. Strouth & Wil Teague) and Chris is the Ohio Valley Arsenal Newsletter Editor for the chapter. Ken is the Chapter's Webmaster.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings November 4th & February 3

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The increase for these members would essentially be just rounding up to the nearest whole dollar - a mere 50 cent increase. The "Check-Off" is being offered to encourage participation in this "notice by email" program designed to reduce postage, printing and paper expenses for the chapter. West urges all members to please consider this option!

West proposed a motion for the Chapter to offer the "Flags Over America" DVD (which was recorded and edited by Chris Myers) for a donation of \$5.00 each with proceeds to go to a dedicated flag account. This account can be used to purchase flags for programs such as "Flags Over America" and other educational events including the Color Guard. The motion was seconded by Don Counts and approved by the members. Since this last meeting, John West reported that \$100 has been collected for 25 DVD's distributed at four events (including 9 DVD's at the Tri-State Genealogical Society Annual Seminar from our OVC SAR Display table) that will be deposited in the chapter's Flag Account.

The proposed budget for 2007 was presented by the Finance Committee Chairman, John West. Beginning balance is \$211.49. Expected income of \$216 and expenses at \$215, giving an ending balance of \$212.49. The motion to approve the budget was seconded by Ken Gilkey and was approved. This is the chapter's first budget. West congratulated the chapter for taking important responsibility for the financial future of the Ohio Valley Chapter. He also thanked everyone that served on the committee with him: Tom Adamson (OVC Treasurer), John Van Zandt (OVC Secretary), Robert Hall (OVC Registrar) and J.D. Strouth (OVC President.)

Veterans History Project

Visit <http://www.loc.gov/vets/about.html>

On Thursday October 12, 2006, Larry Ordner Regional Director for US Senator Dick Lugar's office came to my home to interview me for the Veterans History Project. I encourage all veterans of any war to participate. The interview is relaxed and the interviewer will ask leading questions about your military career. His questions started with boot camp through discharge. Including what you did in the war, your feelings during that period and what it was like when you came home. This interview will take about ninety minutes. It brings back a lot of memories that have been long since been buried. I was very glad that I did the interview and knowing that eventually, about a year from now, this information will be on the Library of Congress web site. I gave him a tribute page that was done for me by a good friend John West, showing my boot camp picture, VFW life membership, and the medals and medal presentation for War Service from the Sons of the American Revolution.

Gunnery Sergeant Don Counts, USMC

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting February 22 - 25, 2007 Louisville, Kentucky.

SAR NEWS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

An Evansville Chapter Children of the American Revolution is forming

Cathy LaPibus of the Captain Henry Vanderburgh Chapter DAR is forming a Children of the American Revolution (CAR) chapter for the Evansville Area. CAR, the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization, offers membership to anyone under the age of 21, lineally descended from someone who served in the Continental Army or gave material aid to the cause of freedom in the American Revolution. For more information write to Cathy at snclap2@sigecom.net or visit the NSCAR web site:

<http://www.nscar.org/>

SAR Member Database Members are encouraged to check their contact information in the SAR Membership Database located at:

<http://www.sar.org/hq/memberdatabase.html>

Increase in Cost for NSSAR Record Copy The fee for a Record Copy of an NSSAR Application will be increased from \$5 to \$10 effective January 1, 2007.

Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award The NSSAR is proud to announce the establishment of the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. This award seeks to identify, recognize, and commend Outstanding Social Studies Teachers. These extraordinary educators at private, public, and parochial institutions who teach our children in a middle or high school setting will be recognized for actively addressing the history of the American Revolutionary era. The winner of this award will receive a trip to the Freedoms Foundation Summer Graduate Teacher Workshop in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. More information is available on the SAR Web Site at:

<http://www.sar.org/news/Lawrencepress.html>

Central District Meeting October 27 & 28, 2006 John West will be attending the SAR Central District meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio October 27 & 28, 2006.

Indiana Society SAR Winter Meeting January 20, 2007 The Winter Meeting will be held January 20, 2007 in Greencastle, Indiana.

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting February 22 - 25, 2007 Louisville, Kentucky.

Indiana Society SAR Spring Meeting April 21, 2007 The Spring Meeting will be held April 21, 2007 at Spring Mill State Park near Mitchell, Indiana.

NSSAR 117th National Congress July 7-11, 2007 Williamsburg, Virginia.

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD



The Color Guard posing on a float at the Chandler Celebration Day Parade.

Chandler Celebration Day Parade

September 30, 2006 The OCV Color Guard got a lot of notice at the Chandler Celebration Day Parade. The Color Guard won the First Place Trophy for Walking units. We also served as the Official Color Guard. Those participating were John Van Zandt, Don Counts, Chris Myers, Ken & Peggy Gilkey, and John & Becky West.

French Lick Pumpkin Festival Parade

October 1, 2006 In the photo on the right, banner carriers are Becky West and Peggy Gilkey. Front Row: Compatriots Doug Arnold, Bob Howell, Jim Arnold, Ed Hitchcock, and Dee Doane. Back Row: John West, Chris Myers, Kenneth Gilkey, and John Sheets. The Compatriots represented four Chapters of the Indiana Society SAR.



Evansville Fall Festival Parade

October 7, 2006 Mild temperatures kept the Fall Festival crowds around to watch the nighttime parade. In the OVC Color Guard were Don Counts, John Van Zandt, J. D. Strouth, Chris Myers, John West, and Ken & Peggy Gilkey. Several members of the DAR and CAR joined us for a photo-op.

About the Ohio Valley Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter's 4th Quarter Meeting Saturday, November 4, 2006

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Ohio Valley Chapter's 1st Quarter Meeting Saturday, February 3, 2007

Keep the date open for the Chapter's 1st Quarter meeting. Come join us in the Bayard Room of Willard Library at 10 AM. Afterwards come along for lunch at Grandy's on First Avenue. Don't forget to bring a friend!



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The Posey/Vanderburgh Chapter of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted its organizational meeting in Evansville, Indiana on May 6, 1969. Alfred A. Kiltz was elected as the first President and Gordon S. "Bish" Thompson was elected as the first Secretary.

On June 21, 2003, the Chapter amended the Constitution and changed its name to the Ohio Valley Chapter.

The Current Officers are:

President J.D. Strouth	Vice President Wil Teague
Secretary John Van Zandt	Treasurer Tom Adamson
Registrar Bob Hall	Genealogist Will Cook
Chaplain Don Counts	Historian John West
Color Guard Capt. Wil Teague	Newsletter Editor Chris Myers
Webmaster Ken Gilkey	

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