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2007 Annual Awards Banquet

The Sirloin Stockade was the setting for the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet held on March 3, 2006.

18 individuals were given Color Guard Participation Certificates. John West presented a special award to a few of the Color Guard participants, the Ohio Valley Chapter (OVC) Color Guard Sock Award. A pair of socks is presented to those who have worn out their socks marching with the OVC Color Guard. T. Rex Legler, II socks were adorned with the Indiana University logo and Ken Gilkey had University of Kentucky's logo. Cheri Baumberger was surprised with a replacement SAR Good Citizens Pin since the one from last year was misplaced.

Many thanks go out to everyone who came early and stayed late to decorate and organize the meeting room. T. Rex Legler II served as the Awards Chair to select the recipients for the State and National SAR awards. Don Counts served as the Awards Banquet Chair. John West served as a wonderful Master of Ceremonies.



John West, right, presents T. Rex Legler, II the OVC Color Guard Sock Award.



Bob Hall, right, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from J. D. Strouth.

Meeting Notice

The next meeting will be held at 10 AM on May 19, 2007 in the Bayard Room, 2nd Floor of Willard Library, Evansville, IN. The program will be "Native Americans in the Revolutionary War" presented by Compatriot Don Counts.



CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 1st quarterly meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held February 3rd in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Don Counts. The Color Guard consisted of Ken Gilkey, J. D. Strouth, and John West.

Chapter Business Secretary John West read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were amended and approved. Compatriot West reports that he has found 75% of the Chapter's past minutes. Some minutes are still missing, if anyone has any copies of past minutes please contact Compatriot West. John West also announced he is compiling an Honor Roll of deceased compatriots of the Ohio Valley Chapter.

The dates of the upcoming INSSAR State Meetings was discussed. The Summer Meeting will be held in Evansville on July 21st. Ken Gilkey gave the meeting's program on Revolutionary War Uniforms. Compatriot Gilkey did an excellent job and thoroughly researched everything right down to bringing in authentic hard tack rations.

The next chapter meeting will be held May 19, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

If you have something you would like to share during the next Around the Campfire segment of the meeting, please let Don Counts know in advance.



Don Counts leads off with the SAR Pledge.



Vanderburgh County, IN
Revolutionary War Memorial

Three New Members The Ohio Valley Chapter has grown by three members. Brothers John and Wallace Strott were approved in January 2007 for their Patriot Ancestor Balthazar Lesh. Bobby Douglass, Jr. was approved in April for his Patriot Ancestor John Houchin/Houchings.

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Awards Presented at the 2007 Banquet

Bronze Color Guard Participation Medal
J. D. Strouth

SAR Meritorious Service Award
T. Rex Legler II
Chris Myers

Past President's Pin
J. D. Strouth

Certificate of Appreciation
Tom Adamson

Medal of Appreciation
Bob Hall

Medal of Appreciation for Service to the SAR by a member of the DAR
Peggy Gilkey

OVC Color Guard Sock Award
Ken Gilkey
Peggy Gilkey
Bob Hall
Robert Howell
T. Rex Legler II
Wil Teague

SAR War Service Medal
Ken Gilkey

OVC Program Presentation Certificate
Garry Eckard
Ken Gilkey
Peggy Gilkey
T. Rex Legler II
Wil Teague
John West

Outstanding Citizenship Pin
Cheri Baumberger

OVC Color Guard Participation Certificates

Jim Arnold
Don Counts
Dee Doane
Ken Gilkey
Peggy Gilkey
Bob Hall
Ruth Hall
Ed Hitchcock
Bob Howell

T. Rex Legler II
Stephan Melcher
Chris Myers
John Sheets
Gloria Strouth
J.D. Strouth
John Van Zandt
Becky West
John West



Ruth and Bob Hall



OVC Color Guard



Ed Hitchcock

Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous May 26 and 27, 2007

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JROTC Awards The Ohio Valley Chapter presented the SAR Bronze JROTC Award to Harrison High School Cadet Clint R. Rhodes and Central High School Cadet Damon M. Collins.

The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the citizen-soldier, exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a Chapter, a State Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit.

The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit. The Bronze JROTC Medal is presented only to students in High School JROTC.



Ken Gilkey, left, congratulates Tom Payne.

New KYSSAR President Left, Tom Payne, a dual member of the Ohio Valley Chapter, was elected to the office of President of the Kentucky State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Payne's primary membership is with the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter in Owensboro, Kentucky.



Colonial Dames Above, Compatriot Ken Gilkey is introduced by Mardell Puckett, 1st Vice President of the Thomas Spriggs Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century, Evansville, Indiana. Compatriot Gilkey presented a program to the Colonial Dame Chapter about Revolutionary War soldiers uniforms, equipment, rations and daily life.



OVC President Don Counts cradles his 13th grandchild, Braydon Justis.

SAR NEWS, MEETINGS & EVENTS



Indiana Society SAR Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting was held April 21, 2007 at the Spring Mill State Park. It was hosted by Daniel Guthrie Chapter. Elected INSSAR Officers for 2007 are: President Robert D. Howell, Sr.; Vice-President G. Thomas Schnuck; Secretary & Historian Jack E. Moore; Treasurer Charles Peters; Genealogist Edward Hitchcock; Chancellor John A. Kessler; and Chaplin Charles N. Carpenter. In the photo above, the INSSAR Color Guard fires a salute to our departed compatriots.

Indiana Society SAR Summer Meeting The Summer Meeting will be held July 21, 2007 in Evansville, Indiana. The Ohio Valley Chapter will host this event. More details will be available soon.

Indiana Society SAR Fall Meeting The Fall Meeting will be held October 27, 2007 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This will coincide with the NSSAS Central District Meeting.

Indiana Society SAR Winter Meeting The Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

NSSAR Central District Meeting October 22–27, 2007 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

NSSAR 117th National Congress July 6–11, 2007 Williamsburg, Virginia.

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting September 27–29, 2007 Louisville, Kentucky.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings May 19th, August 25th & November 13th

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD



The Fall of Ft. Sackville by Frederick C. Yohn, 1923.



(L-R) Chris Myers, Jim Arnold, Ed Hitchcock, Ken Gilkey, Ed Maurston, and Dee Doane.

228th Anniversary of the Capture of Ft. Sackville

February 23, 2007 Compatriots Dee Doane, Ed Hitchcock, Jim Arnold, Chris Myers, and Ken Gilkey were part of the Color Guard for the 228th Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville. The commemoration was held in the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes, Indiana.



A few of the school children posed with the Color Guard in Vincennes, Indiana.



Compatriot Ken Gilkey.

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Harrison HS JROTC Awards

April 13, 2007 OVC members, Don Counts and Chris Myers were at Harrison High School to present the SAR JROTC Award to Cadet Clint Rhodes. Compatriot Ken Gilkey and his wife, Peggy, were on hand to photograph the event.



Harrison Warrior Battalion JROTC Cadets



Ken Gilkey, Clint Rhodes, Don Counts and Chris Myers at the Harrison High School JROTC Awards Ceremony.

Central HS JROTC Awards

April 19, 2007 Ken & Peggy Gilkey, John & Becky West and Don Counts presented the SAR JROTC award to Cadet Damon M. Collins.



Cadet Damon Collins receives the SAR JROTC Award from Ken Gilkey and Don Counts.



John West, Damon Collins, Don Counts and Ken Gilkey at the Central High School JROTC Awards Ceremony.

About the Ohio Valley Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter's 2nd Quarter Meeting Saturday, May 19, 2007

Keep the date open for the Chapter's 2nd 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!

Ohio Valley Chapter's 3rd Quarter Meeting Saturday, August 25, 2007

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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 Don Counts	Vice President J. D. Strouth
Secretary John West	2nd Vice President Wil Teague
Registrar John Van Zandt	Treasurer Tom Adamson
Chancellor James R. Son	Genealogist William Cook
Chaplain J. D. Strouth	Historian John West
Webmaster Ken Gilkey	Newsletter Editor Chris Myers
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