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OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET

The 2008 Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet was held March 1, 2008 at the Sirloin Stockade. This year's banquet had news coverage by two local television stations, WEHT 25 and WFIE 14. The news coverage focused on the presentation of the Heroism and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.

The SAR Heroism Medal Recipients were Warrick County, Indiana Sheriff Marvin Heilman, Warrick County Detectives Jason Vandiver, Bryan Flowers, and Paul Kruse. They responded to the November 12, 2007 fire at Lincoln Place Apartments, 1201 Millis Avenue, Boonville, Indiana.

Sheriff Heilman and the detectives spent about 15 minutes knocking on and kicking in doors at Lincoln Place. Lacking proper breathing apparatus they made their way through the smoke and found a woman on the hallway floor.

Heilman said they picked up the critically injured and unconscious woman and carried her to the lobby, where emergency medical personnel revived her. The woman was flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville and then driven by ambulance to a burn unit in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kathryn Martin was presented the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal for her work on CJ's Bus and CJ's Bill. Her husband, John Martin, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Betsy Ross Flag for his work on CJ's Bus and CJ's Bill.

Kenneth E. Gilkey was awarded the NSSAR Meritorious Service Medal

A complete list of award recipients and photos can be found on the Ohio Valley Chapter's website.



The Medal for Heroism

The Medal for Heroism was authorized in 1985. It may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter for acts of bravery. The award recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient.



JROTC AWARDS CEREMONIES

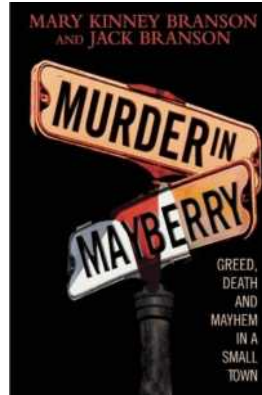
Harrison High School

Compatriots Ken Gilkey and Robert Hall presented the SAR JROTC Award to Cadet Sgt. First Class Jeremy Meredith.

Central High School

Compatriots Don Counts and John West presented The SAR JROTC Award to Cadet Staff Sgt. Joseph Bartley.

The Bronze ROTC Medal and Ribbon is featured on the left.



Recently Released

Compatriot Jack Branson and his wife Mary Kinney Branson co-authored the book, *Murder in Mayberry: Greed, Death, and Mayhem in a Small Town*. It is about the murder of Jack's Aunt Ann Branson of Madisonville, Kentucky. I stayed up past my bedtime to finish their book in one sitting.

Meeting Notice!

The next meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter INSSAR will be held at 10 AM, May 17, 2008 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, IN. Compatriot Ed Hitchcock will present a program on Daniel Guthrie, namesake of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR.



LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Winter Meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held February 2, 2008 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. President Don Counts called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Members present were: Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Ken Gilkey, Don Counts, J. D. Strouth, Tom Payne, Bob Douglas, and John West. Our guests were April Legler, Peggy Gilkey, and Becky West.

The Color Guard consisted of Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Don Counts, and Ken Gilkey. Compatriot Counts led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

Secretary Pro Tem John West read the minutes of the previous meeting. John West gave the Treasurer's Report and it is summarized on the right.

Color Guard Captain Ken Gilkey presented copies of an excellent after action report of activities by chapter members of the INSSAR Color Guard, as well as discussing the annual report of the Color Guard. He said that there were 147 people participating in 32 OVC Color Guard events. Gilkey pointed out that the largest number to muster and march in an OVC Color Guard sponsored INSSAR event was eleven in this year's Evansville Holiday Parade.

Dr. T. Rex Legler, II presented his program "Military and Civilian Flintlock Arms." Dr. Legler demonstrated some of the differences of three flintlocks and how the functions were related to each one. He also displayed a flintlock pistol.

Compatriot West read a thank you note from the Tri-State Genealogical Society for the Ohio Valley Chapter's SAR information booth at their seminar in October.

Compatriot Counts led the recitation of the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."

The next chapter meeting will be held May 17, 2008.

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.



Photo by
Peggy Gilkey

Dr. T. Rex Legler II, and his Flintlocks
at the February Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand
Novmeber 2, 2007
\$1321.21

Deposits
\$585.00

Expenditures
\$760.00

Current Balance
February 2, 2008
\$1146.21

Planned Expenditures:
Awards Banquet

Non-budgeted Funds
Adopt an Eagle Fund \$40.00
Awards Banquet Fund \$237.00
Color Guard Fund \$20.00
Flag Fund \$150.90
Newsletter Fund \$22.00
Scrapbook Fund \$2.00

General Funds \$606.31

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Recent Color Guard Activities

Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting February 2, 2008

Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Don Counts, and Ken Gilkey presented the Colors at the Chapter's Winter Meeting.

A Tribute to Our Military Evansville, Indiana February 24, 2008

Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, and John West along with INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary members Peggy Gilkey and Becky West participated in presenting the Colors for the program "A Tribute to Our Military" by the Family Life Committee of the Scottish Rite. The program centered around John West's Flags Over America presentation and featured music by Signature High School's Band and Chorus.

229th Anniversary of the Capture of Ft. Sackville Vincennes, Indiana February 25, 2008

Participants from the Ohio Valley Chapter were Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, Ed Hitchcock, Dr. T. Rex Legler II, and INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member Peggy Gilkey.

OVC Awards Banquet Sirlain Stockade Evansville, Indiana March 1, 2008

Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, J. D. Strouth, and John West presented the Colors at the Ohio Valley Chapter's Awards Banquet.



John West leads the Color Guard at the Scottish Rite Cathedral's Program "A Tribute to Our Military."

Photo by
John L. Sheidel III

Wade Harshman, Don Counts, Ken Gilkey and Dee Doane are presenting the Colors at the George Rogers Clark Memorial during the 229th Anniversary of the Capture of Ft. Sackville.



Photo by
Peggy Gilkey



ABOVE and LEFT The Color Guard at the Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet at the Sirlain Stockade.

CHAPTER & COMPATRIOT ACTIVITIES



Great Scott!

LEFT Don Counts poses with his great-grandchild Scott Anthony. The younger of the two was born February 27, 2008, weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21" long. **RIGHT** The older of the two celebrated his 66th Birthday on April 2, 2008 at Los Bravos Restaurant.

SAR Information Table

The Ohio Valley Chapter manned the Sons of the American Revolution informational table at the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual Society Management Seminar. The April 4th seminar held in Evansville, Indiana focused on helping all those involved in the running of their local genealogical and historical societies. Ohio Valley Chapter members Ken Gilkey, John West, and INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member, Peggy Gilkey, manned the table during the two day event.

Eagle Court of Honor

Ohio Valley Chapter members, Don Counts, J.D. Strouth, and John West recently attended James Williams' Eagle Scout ceremony. Ohio Valley INSSAR members helped in James' Eagle Scout project by participating in a clean up of the Civil War Section in Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Indiana.

News from the Annual INSSAR Meeting

Three Compatriots from the Ohio Valley Chapter were elected to State Officer positions at the Indiana State SAR Society held April 19th in Muncie, Indiana. John West was elected to the State Historian position, Don Counts was elected as Chaplain, and J. D. Strouth was elected as the 1st District Director. Dual member T. Rex Legler II was appointed as Recording Secretary and was elected as a delegate to the INSSAR National Congress in Sacramento, California. **ABOVE** John West and Don Counts are officially sworn in.

The Ohio Valley Chapter won the Golden Chapter Award for the best medium sized chapter. John West was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. T. Rex Legler II, was awarded the State Distinguished Service Medal.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2008

- May 17th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Daniel Guthrie" by Ed Hitchcock.
- May 22nd DAR Memorial Marker Dedication. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana.
Color Guard to Post The Colors. Muster: 12:30 PM CDT. Step: 1 PM CDT.
- May 26th Memorial Day Parade. Winslow, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 1 PM EDT. Step: 2 PM EDT.
- June 14th Haubstadt Sommerfest Parade. Haubstadt, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 12 PM CDT. Step: 1 PM CDT.
- June 28th Evansville Freedom Festival Parade. Evansville, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 5 PM in the Civic Center Parking Lot. Step: 6 PM CDT.
- July 4th Independence Day Parade. Otwell, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 9 AM EDT. Step: 10 AM EDT.
- July 5th - 9th NSSAR Annual Congress. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California.
- July 19th Indiana Society SAR House of Delegates Meeting. Hosted by the Kosciuszko Chapter,
Warsaw, Indiana.
- July 25th - 27th Antique Steam Engine Show. Thresherman Park, Boonville, Indiana.
Task: Man SAR Informational Table.
- August 16th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "My Adoption" by Becky West.
- September 25th NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.
- November 1st Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Rock and Fossil Collection" by John West.

2009

- January Indiana Society SAR House of Delegates Meeting. Hosted by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter,
Bedford, Indiana.
- March 5th - 7th NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.
- July 4th - 8th NSSAR Annual Congress. Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.
- September 24th NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.

About the Ohio Valley Chapter

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:

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| President Don Counts | Vice President Ken Gilkey |
| Secretary J. D. Strouth | 2nd Vice President Hal Kasper |
| Registrar John Van Zandt | Treasurer John West |
| Chancellor James R. Son | Genealogist William Cook |
| Chaplain Robert Hall | Historian John West |
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