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BUSY TIME FOR THE OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER

By KEN GILKEY
Captain of the Guard

The Ohio Valley Chapter (OVC) and its Color Guard had a busy 2nd quarter. On April 5th, we manned an informational table at the Indiana State Genealogical Society Meeting, which was held in Evansville. On April 17th and April 19th the Ohio Valley Chapter attended JROTC Banquets at Central High School and Harrison High School respectively.

On May 22, 2008, the Ohio Valley Chapter attended and furnished a Color Guard and posted the Colors at Willard Library, Evansville, for a DAR Historic Plaque Dedication.

June 7th the Ohio Valley Chapter presented a new US Flag and raised it at The Little Sisters of The Poor Home in Evansville. The outside event was attended by most of the residents of the Home. The Following Friday, June 13th, a play was presented at the Little Sisters of the Poor home for the benefit of the Mother Superior. Ohio Valley Chapter members presented an Indiana flag to her..

June 21st, (a busy day) the Ohio Valley Chapter Color Guard marched in a parade at Haubstadt, Indiana where the Color Guard received a First Place trophy and then later in the day attended a grave marking ceremony in Oaktown, Indiana for Patriot Charles Polk.

On June 28th, the Color Guard marched in the Freedom Festival Parade in Evansville. The Color Guard helped to kick off the Celebrate Freedom Blood Drive at the Evansville Red Cross Center July 1st, by posting the Colors during the patriotic opening ceremony. The Color Guard participated in two Independence Day Parades, July 4th, in Otwell, Indiana and July 5th, in Newburgh, Indiana. The Color Guard brought home First Place trophies in both parades.

On July 26th, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Newburgh, Indiana. Following the dedication the Ohio Valley Chapter manned an information table at the Thresherman Park in Boonville, Indiana.

The best event we attended all year so far was the flag-raising event at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home. The residents really enjoyed the chance to get outside, visit with all and especially to see three of our ladies dressed in clothes and straw hats like momma and granny used to wear. All in all, the event was a very satisfying experience.



Meeting Notice!

The next meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter INSSAR will be held at 10 AM, August 16, 2008 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, IN. Becky West will present a program entitled "My Adoption Story."



LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Spring Meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held May 17, 2008 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. Vice-President Ken Gilkey called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Members present were: Jack Branson, Ken Gilkey, Bob Hall, Ed Hitchcock, Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Chris Myers, J. D. Strouth, and John West. Our guests were Peggy Gilkey, Ruth Hall, and prospective member Eric Cake.

The reading of the minutes was postponed until the summer meeting. John West gave the Treasurer's Report and it is summarized on the right.

Ken Gilkey presented Fire Lt. Gregg Russell of the Evansville, Indiana Fire Department with the Fire Safety Commendation Award.

Ed Hitchcock gave an informative presentation on Patriot Daniel Guthrie of the Bedford County, Pennsylvania Militia. Daniel Guthrie is the namesake of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter INSSAR.

Ken Gilkey led the recitation of the SAR Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

The next chapter meeting will be held August 16, 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.



Ed Hitchcock discussing Daniel Guthrie.



Jack Branson, center, poses with Ruth and Robert Hall at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand

February 2, 2008
\$1146.21

Deposits

\$244.06

Expenditures

\$215.70

Current Balance

May 16, 2008
\$1174.57

Planned Expenditures:

Awards Banquet

Non-budgeted Funds

Adopt an Eagle Fund \$40.00
Awards Banquet Fund \$253.02
Color Guard Fund \$20.00
Flag Fund \$150.90
Newsletter Fund \$22.00
Scrapbook Fund \$2.00

General Funds \$497.02

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Recent Color Guard Activities

Haubstadt Sommerfest Parade

Haubstadt, Indiana

June 21, 2008

Peggy Gilkey, Becky West, Ken Gilkey, J. D. Strouth, John G. West, Don Counts, Ed Hitchcock, Bobby Douglas Jr., Sawyer Douglas, Jim Arnold, Ron Burkhart, and T. Rex Legler II marched to earn a First Place Trophy.

Captain Charles Polk Grave Marking Ceremony

Oaktown, Indiana

June 21, 2008

The Ohio Valley Chapter sponsored a grave marking ceremony for Captain Charles Polk in Oaktown, Indiana.

Freedom Festival Parade

Evansville, Indiana

June 28, 2008

Ken Gilkey, Peggy Gilkey, Betty Counts, Ruth Hall, Becky West, John West, Don Counts, Chris Myers, Bobby Douglas Jr., Bob Hall, and Sawyer Douglas participated in this year's parade.

Independence Day Parade

Ottawa, Indiana

July 4, 2008

Peggy Gilkey, John G. West, Bobby Douglas Jr., Ken Gilkey, J.D. Strouth, Sawyer Douglas and Chris Myers brought home another First Place trophy for the OVC.

Newburgh Patriotic Parade

Newburgh, Indiana

July 5, 2008

John West, Becky West, Chris Myers, Peggy Gilkey, and Ken Gilkey brought home one more First Place trophy.



Becky West places a flag at the new grave marker for Captain Charles Polk.



Evansville Freedom Festival Parade

ABOVE Ken Gilkey and Sawyer Douglas

LEFT John West and Bobby Douglas Jr.

RIGHT A Stars and Stripes Clown



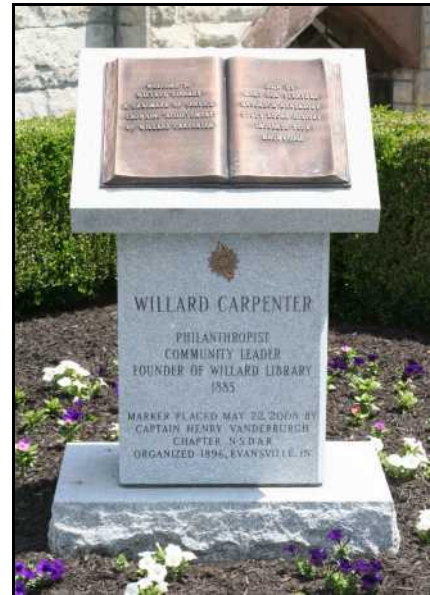
Peggy Gilkey, John West, Beck West, and Ken Gilkey patiently wait for the start of the Newburgh Patriotic Parade.

CHAPTER & COMPATRIOT ACTIVITIES



Fire Safety Commendation Award

The Ohio Valley Chapter presented its first Fire Safety Commendation Award to Evansville Firefighter Lt. Gregg Russell. Ken Gilkey presented the medal and certificate to Lt. Russell at the Chapter's meeting in May.



Willard Carpenter DAR Marker

Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, Peggy Gilkey, Chris Myers, and J.D. Strouth helped in the dedication of the DAR Historical Marker honoring Willard Carpenter. The marker is located at Willard Library in Evansville, Indiana.



Celebrate Freedom Blood Drive

Don Counts, Betty Counts, Ken Gilkey, Peggy Gilkey, and Chris Myers, helped the Evansville Red Cross start off its Celebrate Freedom Blood Drive July 1st. The Ohio Valley Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors during the opening ceremony.

SAR Information Tent

The Ohio Valley Chapter manned the Sons of the American Revolution informational tent for the 45th Antique Tractor and Engine Show at Thresherman Park in Boonville, Indiana. Ken and Peggy Gilkey manned the table alone during the three-day event held July 25, 26, and 27.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2008

- August 16th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "My Adoption" by Becky West.
- September 6th Chandler Celebration Day Parade, Chandler, Indiana. Step 2 PM CDT.
- September 13th Fall Festival Parade, Fort Branch, Indiana. Step 10 AM CDT.
- September 25th NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting. Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.
- September 27th Fall Festival Parade, Somerville, Indiana.
- October 11th West Side Nut Club Fall Festival Parade Evansville, Indiana. Step 6:30 PM CDT.
- October 18th Indiana Society SAR Fall Meeting. John Hay Center, Salem, Indiana.
- October 18th Tri-State Genealogical Society Seminar, Airport Holiday Inn, Evansville, Indiana
Task: Informational Table. 8 AM to 3 PM CDT.
- October 24th NSSAR Central District Meeting. Radisson Hotel, Covington, Kentucky.
- November 1st Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Ben Franklin - Superman of America" by Robert Hall.
- November 8th Veterans Day Parade, Owensboro, Kentucky. Step 2 PM CST.
- November 9th Veterans Day Parade, Madisonville, Kentucky. Step 2 PM CST.
- November 23rd Holiday Parade, Evansville, Indiana. Step 3 PM CST.
- November 29th Holiday Parade, Henderson, Kentucky. Step 10 AM CST.
- November 30th Holiday Parade, Boonville, Indiana. Step 2 PM CST.

2009

- January 17th Indiana Society SAR Winter Meeting. Hosted by the William Knight Chapter,
Greencastle, Indiana.
- April 18th Indiana Society SAR Spring Meeting. Hosted by the Clarence A. Cook Chapter,
Indianapolis, 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:

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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