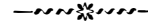




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The Ohio Valley Arsenal



Newfletter of the Ohio Valley Chapter,
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

New Officers Elected for 2008-2009

The Ohio Valley Chapter started off its 40th year with the election and installation of officers at its Fall Meeting.

Compatriot Ken Gilkey was elected as President, Don Counts as Vice-President, and Hal Kasper as 2nd Vice-President.

The Ohio Valley Chapter SAR Officers are:

President Ken Gilkey	Vice-President Don Counts
2nd Vice-President Hal Kasper	Secretary Chris Myers
Treasurer John G. West	Registrar John Van Zandt
Genealogist John Van Zandt	Historian John G. West
Chaplain Robert Hall	Chancellor J.D. Strouth
Parliamentarian J.D. Strouth	Newsletter Editor Chris Myers



Ohio Valley Chapter's new President Ken Gilkey, left, and Vice-President Don Counts

The following Presidential appointments were made:

Webmaster - Ken Gilkey

Captain of the Guard - Ken Gilkey

Flag Recognition - J.D. Strouth

Youth Awards for JROTC and 4-H - John West

Youth Awards for Eagle Scout - J.D. Strouth

CAR Evansville Society Liaison - John Van Zandt

Awards Nomination Committee - Don Counts, John West and Ken Gilkey as Chairman.

Ohio Valley Chapter SAR Awards Banquet

will be held

12:00 NOON, March 14, 2009 at the Sirloin Stockade, 4601 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, Indiana.

Meeting Notice!

The next meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter INSSAR will be held at 10 AM, February 7, 2009 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. Peggy Gilkey will present the program, "Elizabeth Griscom Claypool, Upholsterer."



LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall Meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held November 1, 2008 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. President Don Counts called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Members present were: Don Counts, Bob Douglas, Ken Gilkey, Robert Hall, Chris Myers, John Van Zandt, and John West. Our guests were Mark Browning, Jane Cooper, Peggy Gilkey, and Ruth Hall.

Chaplain Hall gave the invocation. President Counts led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the SAR Pledge.

Chapter Secretary, Strouth was unable to attend the November meeting. The minutes from the August 16, 2008 meeting will be read at the Chapter's next meeting, February 2, 2009. Chris Myers filled in as Secretary pro-tem.

President Counts reported that at the October 18, 2008 INSSAR Meeting a motion was made and passed that future INSSAR State meetings will be held in the Indianapolis area. After the state meeting, President Counts and Compatriot West participated in the Color Guard at the State Meeting and at the Grave Dedication of Charles DePauw at Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem, Indiana.

John West gave the Treasurer's Report and it is summarized on the right. Registrar Van Zandt reported that an updated member address list is in the works. Prospective members are Mark Browning, Ryan J. Browning, John D. Browning, David Jenkins, Gerald Alexander, and Phil Haier. Robert Allen Pitts and Austin Green are waiting for membership application approval. Chris Myers and John Van Zandt are working on supplemental applications. Junior Membership applications are finished for Compatriot Douglas' sons and are ready to be submitted.

Captain of the Guard Gilkey had after action reports for the July 1st Red Cross Blood Drive Event; July 4th parade in Otwell, Indiana; July 5th parade in Newburgh, Indiana; the Newburgh Veteran's Memorial Dedication; and the Thresherman Park informational tent. Gilkey mentioned upcoming Color Guard events.

Compatriot Robert Hall presented the program, "Benjamin Franklin: America's Superman."

Slate of Officers was voted on and accepted.

During the "Around the Campfire" segment, Compatriot West gave out Halloween treats. Peggy Gilkey mentioned participation in the TSGS Seminar.

Compatriots were reminded of upcoming Color Guard and other SAR events. President Gilkey led the recessional and the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

The next meeting will be February 7, 2009.



Robert Hall telling the chapter all about Benjamin Franklin.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand

August 16, 2008
\$1125.37

Deposits

\$122.00

Expenditures

\$105.00

Current Balance

November 1, 2008
\$1142.37

Planned Expenditures:

Awards Banquet

Non-budgeted Funds

Adopt an Eagle Fund \$26.00
Awards Banquet Fund \$391.02
Color Guard Fund \$20.00
Flag Fund \$150.90
Newsletter Fund \$22.00
Scrapbook Fund \$2.00

General Funds \$530.45

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Recent Color Guard Activities

Tri-State Genealogical Society Seminar

October 25, 2008

Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, and John West along with INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary members Peggy Gilkey and Becky West manned the SAR informational table at the Tri-State Genealogical Society Seminar.



The SAR display at the Tri-State Genealogical Society Seminar

Veterans Day Parade Madisonville, Kentucky

November 2, 2008

Robert Hall, Ken Gilkey, and John West paraded the Colors. Banner carriers were INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary members Peggy Gilkey and Ruth Hall.



Madisonville Veterans Day Parade.

Veterans Day Parade Owensboro, Kentucky

November 3, 2008

Participants were Ken Gilkey, J.D. Strouth, Bobby Douglas, Sawyer Douglas, John West, and Tom Payne. INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary members Peggy Gilkey, Gloria Strouth & Becky West carried the banners.



Owensboro Veterans Day Parade



A Prospective Member?



Boonville Holiday Parade

Holiday Parade Boonville, Indiana

December 7, 2008

Participants were Ken Gilkey, John West, Chris Myers, and Ryan Myers. INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member Peggy Gilkey carried the chapter's banner.

STATE & NATIONAL SAR UPDATES

The *Hoosier Patriot* is Going Electronic

Starting in 2009 the INSSAR newsletter, *Hoosier Patriot*, will not be sent to Compatriots via US Mail. Due to the closing of the publicist, it was decided at the 2009 INSSAR State Meeting in Greencastle that the *Hoosier Patriot* will be available through the Internet. This was the best option and it will save INSSAR about \$1600.00 per year.

To register to receive the *Hoosier Patriot* go to www.inssar.org look to the left and you will see the link to be registered to receive the *Hoosier Patriot*.

Record Copy Requests

The National Headquarters recently updated the Record Copy and Documentation request form. It is now possible to use a credit card when ordering copies. DO NOT send credit card information in an email and copy requests can not be handled over the telephone (due to the limited time of availability of the copy clerk).

For a copy of the form and fees visit:
www.sar.org/news/copyrequest.html

What is SARTalk?

Subscribing the e-Mail list SARTalk is like joining a national conversation on SAR affairs. When one SARTalk subscriber sends a message to SARTalk, it will be broadcast to all other SARTalk subscribers. So to get messages from SARTalk you don't need to have a browser and you don't need to search for anything. You just sign up, and soon you'll get e-Mail from other members who are also subscribed to the list.

More information about SARTalk can be found at:
<http://www.sar.org/hq/SARTalk.html>

Keep Your Information Up-to-date

The SAR Online Member Database System will allow you to verify and update your contact information within the Society. This will assist the Chapter, State Society and the National Society in maintaining the most accurate membership information possible.

Your Chapter and State Society will be able to use the system for membership reporting and communicating with their members in a timely manner. Up-to-date e-Mail addresses are very important.

You can help this process by logging in and checking out your information!

The Member Database system can be accessed by the following link:

www.sar.org/hq/memberdatabase.html

119th Annual Congress Atlanta, Georgia July 4 - 8

The Georgia Society in Metro Atlanta is hosting the 119th Annual Congress. Our Host Hotel is the Marriott Renaissance Waverly in Cobb County/Marietta. This is the last Congress over the 4th of July so they have some exciting events to offer working with this special occasion. With great rates and important pieces of business to resolve, the attendance is expected to be high so early Registration is encouraged. Complete the form and mail it Today.

Registration of \$285 includes the (1) Host Reception Saturday 4-6pm, (2) Memorial Service Sunday 2:30-3:30pm, (3) Youth Awards Luncheon Monday, (4) The President General's Banquet Tuesday, and (5) The Installation Banquet Wednesday. Although registration includes these items, for proper seating and arrangements check the form to indicate your intention to attend them. Registration after June 1st is \$310.

For more information visit:

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2009

- February 7th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Elizabeth Griscom Claypool, Upholsterer " by Peggy Gilkey.
- March 5th - 7th NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.
- March 14th Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet. Sirloin Stockade, Evansville, Indiana. 11 AM.
- April 18th Indiana Society SAR Annual Meeting. Propylaeum Mansion, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- May 16th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Gitmo-Cuba- 1960s-70s" by Ed Hitchcock.
- May 25th Memorial Day Parade. Winslow, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 1 PM EDT. Step: 2 PM EDT.
- June 20th Haubstadt Sommerfest Parade. Haubstadt, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster: 12 PM CDT. Step: 1 PM CDT.
- June 27th 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 4th - 8th NSSAR Annual Congress. Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.
- July 25th Indiana Society SAR House of Delegates Meeting. Indiana War Memorial Museum,
Indianapolis, Indiana. (Tentative Location)
- July 24th - 26th Antique Steam Engine Show. Thresherman Park, Boonville, Indiana.
Task: Man SAR Informational Table.
- August 15th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.
Program "Rock & Fossil Collection" by John West.
- September 24th NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.
- October 17th Indiana Society SAR House of Delegates Meeting. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- November 7th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10 AM.

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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