



The Ohio Valley Arsenal



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Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet



Ken Gilkey presents Stefanie Motz with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her work in guiding the We The People civics competition to a second straight middle school state title in 2008 for Thompkins Middle School in Evansville.



Ken Gilkey presents Chandler Police Officer Timothy Schuble with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for his part in placing his car in front of and stopping the an erratic driver. The driver turned out to be a diabetic with a very low sugar count who was unaware of his surroundings.



Don Counts presents Dan Krupp with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his scroll art portraits with an Internet group called Portrait Freedom. These portraits are a lasting tribute given freely to families of those who have died serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.



Meeting Notice!

The next meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter INSSAR will be held at 10 AM, May 16, 2009 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. Ed Hitchcock will present a slide show on Gitmo, Cuba 1960s - 70s.



LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall Meeting of the Ohio Valley Chapter was held February 7, 2009 in the Bayard Room, Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. President Ken Gilkey called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Members present were: Don Counts, Bob Douglas, Ken Gilkey, Robert Hall, T. Rex Legler II, Chris Myers, J. D. Strouth, John Van Zandt, and John West. Our guests were Mark Browning, Bettie Counts, Jane Cooper, Peggy Gilkey, Ruth Hall, David Jenkins, and Karen Jenkins.

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

The minutes from the August 16, 2008 and the November 1, 2008 meetings were read and accepted.

Compatriot John West gave the Treasurer's Report and it is summarized on the right.

The Chapter learned of the recent passing of Compatriot Earl Sinnett. Memorial contributions were asked to be made to the Ohio Valley Chapter, INSSAR. Treasurer West noted that contributions were being received. Some of the funds will be used to create a memorial binder for deceased members and will be named in Compatriot Sinnett's name. The remainder of contributions received will be directed into the Awards Banquet Fund.

Registrar Van Zandt reported that an updated member address list is in the works and applications were approved for Austin Green and Robert Pitts. Applications were received at National for the Browning and Douglas families and are being processed.

Captain of the Guard Gilkey presented an inventory of the Color Guard's flags and equipment. Gilkey mentioned upcoming Color Guard events.

Peggy Gilkey presented the program, "Elizabeth Griscom Claypool --Upholsterer" Everyone enjoyed it.

The Chapter's Fall Meeting was moved from November 7th to November 14th.

During the "Around the Campfire" segment, Compatriot Gilkey read some old entries from the Chapter's Minutes.

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

The next meeting will be May 16, 2009.

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



Ken Gilkey holding up the Betsy Ross Flag during Peggy Gilkey's program on Elizabeth Griscom Claypool.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand
November 1, 2008
\$1142.37

Deposits
\$1192.00

Expenditures
\$985.00

Current Balance
February 7, 2009
\$1349.37

Planned Expenditures
Awards Banquet

Dedicated 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 \$737.45

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Recent Color Guard Activities

230th Anniversary of the Capture of Ft. Sackville Vincennes, Indiana February 24, 2009

Compatriots Don Counts and Ken Gilkey along with INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member Peggy Gilkey attended this year's ceremony.



Robert Howell, Ken Gilkey, Peggy Gilkey, Ed Hitchcock and Don Counts at the Ft. Sackville Ceremonies.

Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet Evansville, Indiana March 2, 2009

Compatriots Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, J. D. Strouth and John West presented the Colors for the Awards Banquet.



Ken Gilkey, J. D. Strouth, Don Counts and John West Waiting to present the Colors at the Ohio Valley Chapter Awards Banquet.

JROTC Award Presentation Central High School, Evansville, Indiana April 16, 2009

Compatriots Bob Hall and Chris Myers along with INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member Ruth Hall were on hand to present Cadet Staff Sergeant Joshua A. Blank the SAR Bronze ROTC Award.



Cadet Joshua Black and Bob Hall at Central High School's JROTC Awards Ceremony.

JROTC Award Presentation Harrison High School, Evansville, Indiana April 24, 2009

Compatriots Don Counts, Ken Gilkey, and Chris Myers along with INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary member Peggy Gilkey were on hand to present Cadet Sergeant Ryan Young the SAR Bronze ROTC Award.



Ken Gilkey, Cadet Ryan Young, Chris Myers, Don Counts and Peggy Gilkey attended Harrison High School's JROTC Awards Ceremony.

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 cannot 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 email addresses are very important.

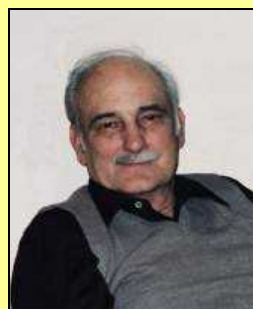
You can help this process by logging in and checking out your information!

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

www.sar.org/hq/memberdatabase.html

Welcome Our Newest Members

Applications for Austin Rader Green and Robert Allen Pitts were approved on February 10, 2009.



Compatriot Earl Hansford Sinnett, 82, passed away January 29, 2009. Earl was born to parents Louis Carl Sinnett and Nellie Mae (Puckett) Sinnett in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky.

Born at home on March 5, 1926, it was ten days later before a doctor filled out a birth certificate, making his official birthdate March 15, 1926.

Earl is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Katherine L. (Smithhart); daughters, Phyllis Hicks (Jim Stillinger) Pomona, California, Cheri Baumberger and husband, Sam, Evansville, Indiana; sister, Ann Lex and husband, Robert, of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida; and several nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2009

- May 16th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10:00 AM. (CDT).
Program "Gitmo-Cuba 1960s-70s" by Ed Hitchcock.
- May 25th Memorial Day Parade. Winslow, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster at 1:00 PM (EDT). Step at 2:00 PM (EDT).
- June 20th Haubstadt Sommerfest Parade. Haubstadt, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster at noon (CDT). Step at 1:00 PM (CDT).
- July 4th Independence Day Parade. Otwell, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster at 9:00 AM (EDT). Step at 10:00 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. 10:00 AM. (CDT).
Program "Rock & Fossil Collection" by John West.
- September 12th Fall Festival Parade. Fort Branch, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster at 9:00 AM (CDT). Step at 10:00 AM (CDT).
- September 24th NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky.
- September 26th Fall Festival Parade. Somerville, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
Muster at 9:30 AM (CDT). Step at 10:30 AM (CDT).
- October 17th Indiana Society SAR House of Delegates Meeting. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- November 1st Veterans Day Parade. Madisonville, Kentucky. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
- November 7th Veterans Day Parade. Owensboro, Kentucky. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
- November 14th Ohio Valley Chapter Meeting. Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana. 10:00 AM. (CST).
Program "Kaskaskia to Sackville" by Ken Gilkey.
- November 22nd Holiday Parade. Evansville, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
- December 5th Christmas Parade. Henderson, Kentucky. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.
- December 6th Christmas Parade. Boonville, Indiana. Color Guard to Parade the Colors.

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

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