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A Huge THANK YOU to the members of the WRSSAR Color Guard!

What you don't know: A spotlight on their dedication and generous service!

One of the joys of being the editor is that I can often take the time to say THANK YOU on behalf of all of us to the many WRSSAR compatriots who donate hundreds of hours annually to supporting our programs. The Archibald Willard Color Guard under the leadership of Company Commander John Franklin and Vice-Commander Lee MacBride enthusiastically promote our values and our chapter across the State of Ohio regardless of season and weather. Groups from across the state call upon our Color Guard to lead parades, post colors at events, attend grave markings, and most importantly: to bring an air of Patriotism and Pride-in-America to civic and community events. The Color Guard proudly attends these events free of charge—but each member is donating his personal time and paying all expenses himself. The original Color Guard members actually bought their own uniforms but now as members retire, uniforms are made available for our new members. Some compatriots invested considerable money in having more authentic uniforms created before joining. In the past, practices were held at Gray's Armory, the Cleveland Skating Club and even on a farm in Chesterland. The National Society awards members a Bronze Medal for significant participation over a three year period. The first Color Guard event was the George Washington Luncheon in February, 1996. The Color Guard attend 20 or more events a year including the Gates Mills July 4th Parade, US Naturalization Program at President Garfield's home, City of Cleveland Birthday on Public Square, and the Ft Laurens Memorial each summer. (Continued pg 3)



Rededication Ceremony: Monument to General Thaddeus Kosciuszko: 5/5/2013



Cmdr. Franklin leads everyone in the procession honoring General Kosciuszko



Above: Daughters of the War of 1812 Dedication Ceremony: Peninsula, Ohio: 5/5/13

Far Left: Posting the Colors at every WRS-SAR membership event: 5/15/13

Left: Moses Cleaveland Chapter DAR - Centennial Celebration at the Union Club: 5/16/13: Supporting our DAR family!



Coming Events in 2013

WESTERN RESERVE CIRCULAR

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OHSSAR Board of Management Meeting

Ft Laurens Memorial Luncheon & Ceremony

Saturday, July 27th 11am

Contact Jatleehorneriii@gmail.com for more
information and/or directions. Bolivar, Ohio

WRSSAR September Membership Luncheon

Spotlight on the Constitution: 12 Noon

September 2, 2013 Cleveland Skating Club

Forrest Norman, speaker

The WRSSAR traditionally dedicates our September meeting to an analysis and discussion of the Constitution: its advent, implementation, relevance and role in our society. Please join us in September as Compatriot Forrest Norman brings his insights from his lifelong service and dedication to the Law and our community.

WRSSAR October Archibald Willard Night Dinner: The Battle at Gettysburg: US Civil War

Friday, October 25, 2013 Time TBA

Please watch for more information about this event as the details are finalized with our speaker.

**If you live out-of-town but will be in the Cleveland
area visiting friends and family,
PLEASE join us for one of our up-coming events.**



A Time to Thank our WRSSAR Color Guard Volunteers & to Honor their Dedication and Service to our Community!

Compatriot Warren Gerber and John Franklin were the founding members of the Color Guard. John credits Warren with making the Color Guard a reality. He spent years trying to convince the Board of the WRSSAR of the need and true value of this program. Of the original members, only Roger Jones, Hugh Harris and John Franklin are still active CG members. George Carner promoted the CG and we still participate in events that he scheduled almost 2 decades ago: The Gates Mills July 4th Parade and the Memorial Day Ceremony at Lake View Cemetery.

Company Commander Franklin commends his men for their dedication and commitment. He adds “When we have been to events in the freezing cold, we think of our Patriot ancestors and we know that we can tough it out for a few hours. It is amazing how many people come over after an event and ask questions about the uniforms, our ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War and to pose in pictures with us”.

Thank you to the following active members of the Archibald Willard Color Guard of the WRSSAR: John Franklin (Commander), Lee MacBride (Vice-Commander), Frank Moore, Claude Custer, Stan Thomas, Greg Arnold, Hugh Harris, Zachary Hoon, Christopher Bartholomew, Roger Jones, Richard Price, David Foster, Peter Thorpe and Brad Reasoner! It should also be noted that Compatriot Price is a life member of the WRSSAR but lives in Alabama and actively participates in southern events). Also, there are many SAR members from other chapters who regularly join the WRSSAR CG. Many of these members live far away and not only pay travel expenses to attend events, but also, must pay for hotel stays. They are: Bill Maling and Bob Farling from the Lafayette chapter; Troy Bailey, Tim Ward, Jim Howe and Robert Pildner from the Northeast Ohio Chapter. Compatriot Wilke and his wife and daughter traveled here from Cincinnati to accompany our CG at the Moses Cleaveland Chapter DAR Centennial Luncheon this past May. If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard, please do not hesitate to contact John Franklin for further information. He would gladly welcome your support. Who knows, you might participate in the Perry Monument event at Put-In-Bay to celebrate the victory on Lake Erie for the War of 1812 Bicentennial program.



The Archibald Willard
Color Guard at the
annual Memorial Day
Ceremony at Lake View
Cemetery

In an Effort to Be Better Stewards of your Dues, The Board of the WRSSAR Adopts an Electronic Delivery Policy for the Quarterly Newsletter: Strengthening Our Education, Patriotism and Community Outreach Programs!

Knowing that our members wish to see their dues put to the best use, the Board approved the Editor's request to reduce the amount of money that we spend on color-paper-printing of the newsletter and postage by sending a pdf version of this newsletter to anyone who has provided that information to us. Approximately 60% of the annual dues collected from members is spent on publishing and mailing 4 quarterly newsletters to all active members. Since the Editor is also the WRSSAR Treasurer and has been working to streamline our budgeting process, the Society can better serve our mission and enhance our education and outreach programs by reducing our expenses related to printing/mailing newsletters when electronic options are free. Anyone who has not provided an email address will continue to receive paper newsletters. And, compatriots who wish to receive a paper copy, simply need to inform Compatriot Dechert who is maintaining our mailing lists.

Our Educational & Student Outreach Programs since March 2013

Our annual Joseph S Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

was held on April 10th, 2013. For the first time in more than twenty years, Compatriot John A Horner, Jr, Oration Chairman, Past President of the WRSSAR and respected Educator and Executive, was absent from this event which he cherished greatly. After 28 years of service to the SAR Oration Committee promoting our youth programs at the local, state and national levels, Jack Horner died of natural causes. His son, J. Atlee Horner III, stepped forward to continue the program in his honor. This year, 8 high school students wrote an original oration and presented that speech without any notes or references before our April membership luncheon. The names of the speakers, their schools and their topics are listed below: Gabriel Kaufman "Wining the War with Help from Abroad" & Jeremy Levinson "Moral Victories" from University School; Matthew McMillan "Vaccinations and the Revolutionary War" & Anav Sood "Declaration of Independence: Rebellion Against Authority" from Shaker Heights High; Grant Bent "Work Ethic & the American Dream", Sophia Zupanc "Founding Mothers & Fathers" & Nikhil Goehl "Alternative Energy: Follow the Founding Fathers" from Gilmour Academy; Elly Martin (Home Schooled) "Swamp Fox: Francis Marion". Sophia Zupanc won our event and performed at the Ohio Society SAR Oration Contest 3 weeks later. Congratulations to all of our speakers!

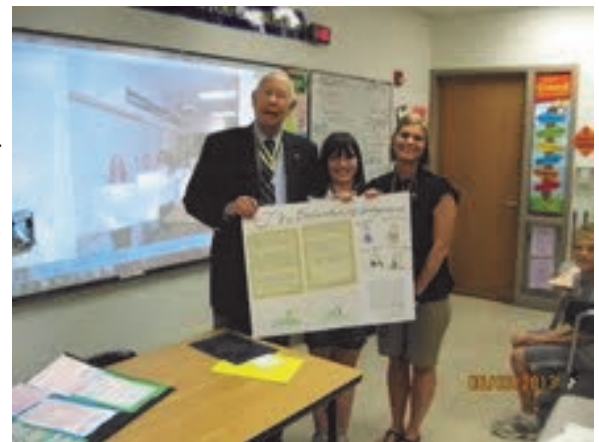
Photo Above: 5 of the 8 speakers and Compatriot Horner. Three speakers had to leave before the awarding of the plaque due to Advanced Placement Exams that afternoon & Model UN roles at Case Western Reserve.



The WRSSAR Americanism Elementary Poster Contest

was held on April 10th, 2013. Compatriot Bob Mattoon, chairman, has dedicated hundreds of hours (annually) to this event. National Society SAR chooses the topic for the poster contest each summer and Bob creates a Study-Guide booklet which he personally delivers to schools all over the Cleveland area. Besides his affection for the SAR, Bob is truly dedicated to bringing a LOVE of history to the school children through our area. This year's topic was the Declaration of Independence. Approximately 50 posters were submitted from 4 different schools: Avon Heritage North, Troy Middle School, Avon Lake and Lakewood Catholic Academy. Olivia Eldridge from Avon Heritage won first place and her poster was entered into the Ohio Society poster contest where it earned 2nd place. Unfortunately, Bob broke his hip and was unable to attend the contest but Art Bucknell and Doug Dechert personally visited all 4 schools to present the results. Avon Heritage North held an award assembly on June 3rd with 35 students in attendance. 250 students attended the Award ceremony at Troy Middle School and Lakewood Catholic Academy had over 350 students in attendance. Our first place winner received a cash award plus a Good Citizenship pin. According to Bob's vision, each school's top poster was also awarded a Good Citizenship pin. Please congratulate Bob on another successful year and commend him for his dedication not only to American History, but to our school kids and to the Sons of the American Revolution. This program would not exist without his leadership and dedication!

Photo Above: Compatriot Dechert with Olivia Eldridge's winning poster and her teacher Rachael Peters from Avon Heritage North on June 13th, 2013.



Our Membership & Outreach Programs since March 2013



Above Left: May 2013: Membership Meeting: Compatriot Duncan McVean awards speaker Stuart Shoaff a certificate to thank him for his year's of service to the FBI and law enforcement and to show our appreciation for his energetic presentation on his life as an undercover FBI agent. **Above Right:** June 2013: Flag Day Dinner: Compatriot McVean thanks our speaker, Harry Guinther, former President of Richmond Brothers Co, for his incredible presentation "My Experiences in World War II: 55 Combat Missions, Prisoner of War, and my Escape". Well done, gentlemen. Please contact any Board Member with suggestions for speakers in 2014!



2013 Americanism Poster Contest:

Left: Avon Heritage students, Art Bucknell and Doug Dechert. **Right:** Lakewood Catholic Academy students, teacher Deborah Barlow, Art Bucknell and Doug Dechert. Thank you Art and Doug.



Fred Watkins Presents our 4th Grade Essay Contest Winner: Evan D. Stutzman (essay below):

The 4th of July is the day our country became the greatest nation. The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The Declaration states that all men & women are free and equal and declares that all people have natural rights. The Declaration also states that there would be 13 American colonies and they would be separate from England.

Our country means so much to me. The freedoms we have are often forgotten. We have the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom to do what we choose to do, as long as it does not harm anyone. We have the freedom to have an education. The freedom to dress the way we choose. Our freedoms do not come easily. We have armies and political members fighting for our freedom. We have the best military in the world. I am proud to call our country home. Sometimes, I get asked who my hero is. My answer is every soldier who protects our country & every soldier who has died to protect our freedoms. When I grow up, I would proudly protect our country.

My family & I have many traditions. On the 4th of July, we participate in the Gates Mills parade. It is very exciting & I love decorating my bicycle, listening to the bag pipes & singing our National Anthem. After we have a picnic at the polo field, my family and I go to my Aunt's house. We have a lot of fun; we play volleyball, drive around in go-carts and have an awesome time celebrating. We watch fireworks & it is amazing. I might be only ten years old but I know how important it is to have honor & respect for our country. I am very proud to be an American!

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE WRSSAR:

The Largest Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution!



Joseph Michael Billig

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Nelson Turrill Hart

Lawrence Paul Hoyt

Drew David Johnson

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Wellington Jay Reiter

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

The entire family and membership of the Western Reserve Society SAR wish to honor the memory of our members who died in 2013. We send our deepest condolences and support to their families and friends.

Ralph Madison Bound: May 13th

John Paul McMillen: February 14th

The WRSSAR Graves Committee has acquired 7 flag holders that can be given FREE to any WRSSAR family to mark their Revolutionary War Ancestor's grave. Please contact jatleehorneriii@gmail.com if you would like a flag holder for your ancestor's patriot grave site. The Ohio Society SAR has a detailed Patriot Ancestor grave database. Please contact Compatriot Horner if you know the location of your Patriot Ancestor (anywhere in the USA).



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