

Oaks Chapter, MISSAR



The Acorn

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Mission Statement

Promote in our youth and community a sense of commitment to the ideals of American patriotism, encourage participation in political processes and maintain camaraderie of the membership.

From the President

The Oaks chapter Compatriots have been busy during the last few months. In August there was a well-attended picnic held at my home in White Lake Township. The weather co-operated this year and it was a nice sunny day; no rain this time around. Compatriot Laurie Herman was able to barbecue without wearing a raincoat!

In September a number of Oaks Chapter compatriots participated in a grave rededication, honoring Patriot Caleb Pratt, one of the early settlers of Clarkston. The Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the DAR sponsored this event. This time rain did make its appearance but the downpour held off until the ceremony was almost over.

At the October 14th meeting of the Oaks Chapter, Detroit Metro Chapter member, Kermit Beverly, was the guest speaker. Compatriot Beverly recounted his experiences as a young naval officer during WWII. His presentation was enhanced by watercolor paintings of the events he was describing, painted by Compatriot himself. All of those in

attendance enjoyed the presentation, as Compatriot Beverly made his experiences come alive for his listeners.

Three new members were sworn in at this meeting. Oaks Chapter would like to welcome John Crissman, and Herb and Gary Peters. MISSAR President Joe Conger conducted the ceremony. Congressman Gary Peters is a member of the United States House of Representatives for the 9th District, which includes much of the area served by the Oaks Chapter. It is a pleasure to have these gentlemen as members of our Chapter.

The last weekend of October was the Great Lakes District Meeting in Ann Arbor. Compatriots from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan met to discuss the affairs of the District. Oaks Chapter member, and past VPG, Richard Steele did an excellent job coordinating everything. The Huron Valley Chapter, made up of many former members of the Oaks Chapter, was the host chapter. Oaks Chapter members in attendance were: Compatriots Richard Steele, Laurie Herman, Robert Koller, and myself. If I overlooked anybody please accept my apologies.

The next membership meeting of the Oaks Chapter will take place at Brady's of Bloomfield on December 9th, 2010. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. Tom Berlucchi, founder and Chairman of The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition and retired Col. David Jamroz coauthor of the book Detroit Historic Fort Wayne have agreed to join us for the Dec 9 meeting. Looking forward to hearing the presentation that has been prepared for us by these gentlemen.

Until then,

Bernie Wagers President of the Oaks Chapter of the MISSAR

U.S. Flag Awards

One day, while browsing online, I came upon the website of the SAR Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of Georgia and saw a letter written by John Sloan, Flag Committee Chairman of that Chapter. I would like to quote from his letter some of the guidelines for U.S. Flag Awards. I

cannot add to or detract from his words for they speak as I feel.
Following are his words:

Our SAR Chapter's Flag Committee would like your help in finding businesses or individuals who properly display the American Flag. Briefly, here are some quick ways to spot such a display:

- *A flag is displayed only during daylight in good weather. It is taken down when it gets dark or if it starts to rain or snow. A flag may be displayed at night in good weather if it is lighted.*
- *When displayed on a wall, the flag's canton should be on the left as you view it.*
- *The Flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. NOTE: "Advertising purposes" has been taken to mean the use of multiple U.S. flags at car dealerships and other businesses. It is usually proper to display only one U.S. flag.*

Personally, I would like to recognize businesses and individuals who take the time to properly display our flag, ahead of recognition for government agencies. (Taking care of the flag is, I believe, part of a government entity's job.)

Please let me know by Email (mbkoller@aol.com), or in person at a SAR chapter meeting, if you see a display of the flag in our area that you believe is worthy of recognition by the SAR.

Robert Koller Flag Chairman

Flag Certificate Update

One certificate was presented in November to Mr. Al Wologo of Rochester Hills, Michigan. Sorry, no picture is available as the one taken was fuzzy and will not reproduce well. There is an additional certificate to be presented to another Rochester Hills resident as soon as arrangements can be made.

Adopt a Flag Program

At the October General Membership meeting a proposal was made to adopt a flag of the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry. If you remember at the General Membership, meeting in April of 2010 the Oaks Chapter presented a check for \$1000.00 to the State of Michigan adopt a flag program. This is an ongoing program to restore the 160 Civil War battle flags that were on display at the Capital Rotunda. Those flags now reside at the new Historical Museum. Please help us with this project; any amount will be greatly appreciated. The Oaks Chapter has 501 (C)

(3) statuses so your contribution will be tax deductible on your federal return. If our treasurer receives your donation before December 31, 2010 it will count toward your 2010 return. Make your check payable to Oaks Chapter MISSAR and mail it to Dennis Van Wormer, 3013 Oakwood Drive, Port Huron, MI 48060.

Gary R. Grout, Adopt a Flag Chairman

Patriot Robert McDaniel
by Compatriot Bob Matthews

Robert McDaniel was born in 1757 in Harrisburg, Pa. His name can be found in the Valley Forge Muster Roll database. According to the Valley Forge records, he was assigned to the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, under the command of acting General Anthony Wayne, and he was present at Valley Forge for the duration of the encampment. It is also recorded that he served for 3½ years and was present at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. Also present at Valley Forge, working as a nurse, was Luann McDonnell who eventually became his wife. Some of their children were born in Harrisburg, but eventually the family moved to Stroude Station (near Winchester), Clark County, Ky, one of a series of palisaded forts that were a part of the western defense of the new nation. In these early days, the French still owned the land west of the Mississippi. According to family stories the Shawnee Indians were a very real threat to the settlers in the area, and at one point Robert was captured by the Indians and forced to run the gauntlet. He survived this ordeal and was released. Later, the family moved to Bracken County, Ky and were farmers. Robert McDaniel died on July 4, 1826 in Bracken County, Kentucky, and is buried in a country cemetery somewhere in Bracken County. During the 1830s Luann McDaniel and several of her sons and their families moved to Sangamon County, Illinois. Luann died November 11, 1850 in Sangamon County and is buried in the Mechanicsburg, Illinois cemetery. Four of their descendants named Robert also served the U.S. during war, one in Korea, two in Vietnam, and one in Operation Desert Storm.

November/December Membership Report

Compatriot Laurie Herman

At present there are 46 members in the Oaks Chapter. We have newly approved members John Crissman, Lon Fair, Richard Haskell, Jeff Matis, Steven Moore, and Herb & Gary Peters.

We are happy to have Bill Nash who transferred to Oaks from Detroit Metropolitan Chapter. The following applicants will be assigned to Oaks upon their approval; Matthew Barger, Bill Laatz and Kenneth Pettibone.

Supplemental applications have been submitted by

- Bernie Wagers – Patriot Benjamin Wager(s), Virginia
- Bob Koller – Patriot Isaac Jones, Pennsylvania
- Laurie Herman- Patriot George Sayward and Patriot Matthew Kelloch both of Massachusetts

Oaks General Membership Meeting December 9, 2010

Brady's of Bloomfield on December 9th, 2010 - 6:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US THERE!

There will be a presentation on the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition's preservation activities. We will have two presenters; (1) Tom Berlucchi, Chairman and one of the two founders of the coalition. He is involved with the Grounds Committee, Events, and daily running of the organization, and (2) Col. David Jamroz, retired West Point grad. and coauthor of the book "Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne" Their talk will include a Power Point presentation.

Compatriot Tom Coddington

Thanks to the newsletter contributors this month!

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