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President's Message

Compatriots,

As I said at the closing of our Annual Meeting at Louisville Country Club, I am humbled with the honor to represent the Louisville-Thruston Chapter and excited about what the next two years will bring. I ask for your support and commitment over these next several years.

While lately we have seen an increase in turnout at chapter meetings, we are only just beginning. With over 330 members, we normally see less than 10% of our membership on a regular basis. Is there anything making

it difficult for you to attend meetings? Meal cost? Speakers? Meeting location? Time of day? Are there other activities, outside of the regular meeting schedule, you might be interested in? We enjoyed a successful "Night at the Ballpark" last August, and I would like to see us make that an annual event. We are looking at a Saturday evening in August. Tickets will be \$10 this year, but we are assured of much better seats.

Additionally, we would like your help on various committees and in volunteer activities. Activities at National Headquarters (which by the way will be rewarded with a Lafayette Medal after 40 hours of volunteer service), VA Medical Center material donations, naturalization ceremonies, grave markings, JROTC award presentations, school programs, Eagle Scout activities, Color Guard participation, etc. Would you be interested in serving as a chapter officer? Please feel free to contact me directly at: aliedoug@insightbb.com. I would appreciate your feedback to see what we can do to enhance participation and our exposure in the local community.

Lastly, I want to thank the new Board of Governors for joining me on this adventure. I look forward to working with each of them as we continue the traditions established by those who preceded us.

Our next meeting will be the Flag Day Luncheon on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at Hurstbourne Country Club. Our speaker will be **Lt. Col. Gary Householder (Ret.)** who will discuss "service." In addition, we will be presenting awards for five-year service levels.

Working together, we can make a difference for tomorrow by celebrating our yesterdays.

Douglas T. Collins,
Chapter President



Annual Meeting Held April 20, 2013

Fifty-six compatriots and guests attended the chapter's Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Louisville Country Club. Each year at the Annual Meeting, Louisville-Thruston Chapter recognizes individuals from both law enforcement and fire safety for outstanding accomplishments and/or contributions in their respective fields. **President Elect Douglas T. Collins** introduced this year's recipients and presented the awards. The SAR Commendation Medal for Law Enforcement was awarded to **Det. Amy Phelps** of the Louisville Police Department, and the SAR Commendation Medal for Fire Safety was presented to **Sgt. Thomas Sheeham** of the Louisville Fire Department. **Foster Burba** was presented the SAR Lamplighter's Award given by the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Four new members were presented rosette pins - Compatriots **Lamar Gaston, Jr., John H. Huffman, Jr., Brandon M. Thompson** and **James E. Kays**. The featured speaker was **Dr. Tom Owen**, whose subject was "Planting a Settlement: Louisville in its Earliest Decades." **Past President George Meyers** introduced a proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws which would extend the term of chapter officers from one year to two years. The amendment was unanimously approved by members. Compatriot **Will Schrader** then presided over the swearing in ceremony for the 2013-2015 officers. To conclude the meeting, outgoing **President John H. Huffman, Sr.**, relinquished the president's gavel to incoming **President Douglas T. Collins**. Doug then presented **Bunny Huffman** with the SAR Martha Washington Medal.



Sgt. Thomas Sheeham was presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal by President Elect Douglas T. Collins.



Detective Amy Phelps was awarded the Commendation Medal for Law Enforcement by President Elect Doug Collins.



Speaker Dr. Tom Owen (left) was awarded a commemorative coin and certificate by President **John H. Huffman, Sr.**



Maj. Gen. Carl D. Black (USAF ret.) presented flag streamers to Color Guard Cmdr. **Daniel Klinck** denoting the chapter's participation at the Battle of Blue Licks Ceremony.

Annual Meeting (cont.)



Past President George Meyers introduced an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.



Dr. Tom Owen spoke about the early settlement of Louisville.



Annual Meeting (cont.)



Past President John H. Huffman, Sr. extended congratulations as well as the presidential gavel to 2013-2015 President Douglas T. Collins.



Bunny Huffman, wife of Past President John H. Huffman, Sr., received the SAR Martha Washington Award presented by Doug Collins.



Foster Burba was presented the SAR Lamplighter Award given by the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



Waiting for lunch to be served are J. B. Hitt and his wife, Elaine.



Four new compatriots were on hand to receive rosettes pins. Pictured (L to R) are Lamar Gaston, Jr., John H. Huffman, Jr., Brandon M. Thompson and James E. Kays.

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ROTC / JROTC Awards

During the spring of each year, Louisville-Thruston Chapter presents the ROTC Medal to ROTC and JROTC cadets who have been selected by the Commanding Officers of their respective units for having a high degree of merit in leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. During 2013, a total of twelve cadets from local high schools and the University of Louisville will be awarded with the medal.

The medal is awarded by SAR in order to foster the principles of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. The medal shows a Minuteman holding a rifle standing next to a plow, with the Liberty Bell in the background. It is inscribed with the letters “ROTC.” The reverse is inscribed with “Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence to _____.” The medal is suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. The silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit, and the bronze JROTC Medal is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC.



Marine JROTC Cadet Spencer Brumley of Jeffersontown High School shown here flanked by Compatriots Don Thom (left) and Doug Collins - April 25, 2013.



Army JROTC Cadet Tyler Keel of Eastern High School is congratulated by Compatriot Drake Rinesmith at ceremonies on May 2, 2013.



Navy JROTC Cadet C/CPO Robert Tyree of Iroquois High School accepted the SAR Bronze Medal from Compatriot Doug Collins on May 8, 2013.



Army JROTC Cadet Terrence Loeser of the Academy of Shawnee was presented the SAR Medal by Compatriot Donald Thom in a ceremony on April 26, 2013.



Valley High School Navy JROTC Cadet Clayton Distler accepted the SAR Bronze Medal from Compatriot Henry Head on May 9, 2013.



Compatriot Dan Klinck presented the SAR ROTC Silver Medal to Lt. Col. Jesse Acevedo for Air Force Cadet Cody Demuth (not present) at the Univ. of Louisville on April 16, 2013.

Color Guard Activities



On April 13, 2013, members of the chapter's Color Guard participated in the St. Matthews Little League Opening Day Ceremonies by posting the Colors and firing muskets. Several hundred kids and their parents were on hand for the parade and festivities.



Naturalization ceremonies take place each month at the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Louisville. Members of the chapter's color guard organization are honored to be participants in these programs. Compatriot Dick Bierman (above) poses with a proud new citizen on March 15, 2013. Compatriot Will Schrader (right) welcomes a new American at the April 5, 2013 proceedings. Visitors are welcome to attend these ceremonies, and if you have never attended one of these events, you are encouraged to do so. It is a moving and rewarding experience.

Lt. Col. Gary Householder to Speak at the Flag Day Meeting



Louisville-Thruston Chapter is excited to welcome **Lt. Col. Gary Householder (ret.)** as our featured speaker for the upcoming Flag Day Luncheon scheduled for June 15, 2013. He was born in Knoxville, TN and received a Liberal Arts degree in history from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was commissioned in the Regular Army Infantry as a 2nd Lt. where he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA and Civil Affairs Officers Course at Fort Bragg, NC.

His first assignment was Aschaffenburg, Germany, where from 1971-1974, he served as an infantry platoon leader, weapons platoon leader and assistant operations officer. From 1975-1978, was assigned to Fort Polk, LA, where he commanded three infantry companies. After serving two years as assistant professor of military science at St. John’s University, Collegetown, MN, he returned to Germany as a war plans and operations officer. From 1984-1986, he was stationed at Fort Knox, KY serving as operations officer and a member of the faculty of the Armor School. Gary then returned for a 3rd tour in Germany stationed in Heidelberg where he was Chief of the Investigations Division of the US Army Europe Inspector General. His final assignment was Professor of Military Science at the University of Louisville, where he retired in 1993.

Since retirement from the military, Gary has worked in local church administrative positions and has served on the Board of several area youth ministries. He currently teaches social studies at Presentation Academy, which he says is “one of the most rewarding things he has ever done.” He has taken his students on two mission trips to Costa Rica, five to Kenya and several to Auxier, KY. In addition to numerous military awards, he holds two graduate degrees: a Masters in Management from Webster University and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Spalding University.

Anniversary Recognition for Members

As part of the Flag Day Luncheon program on June 15, 2013, the Louisville-Thruston Chapter will recognize those compatriots who have achieved milestones in their years of membership. During the previous fiscal year (May 2012-April 2013) the members listed below have achieved 5-year incremental years of continuous service. We hope you will join us for what will become an annual celebration, and “thank you” for your years of loyal service.

5 Year

Adams, Townsel E. Lee
 Fischer, John Lee
 Hancock, James Reid
 Randall, David Herbert
 Richardson, Robert Douglas
 Robertson, Dr. Stuart Allen
 Roy, Rev. E. Harold
 Sherman, Louis Leroy
 Sherman-Koch, James G.
 Woo, Andrew K.
 Woo, Christopher K.

10 Year

Black, Gen. Carl Donald
 Hayes, William Meredith
 Hazard, James Taylor
 Howard, Thomas Anthony
 Huffman, John H. Sr.
 Meyers, George Earl
 Parker, John Franklin
 Ray, Charles Simpson
 Storms, William Vincent

15 Year

Collard, Lowell Winston
 Schrader, William C.
 Shields, Joseph L.
 Short, William Lester
 Via, Dennis Lee

20 Year

Buckaway, William Allen, Jr.
 Coats, Donald Eugene, Jr.
 Kinnaird, Bruce Woodward
 Risner, James Harold
 Ullrich, Charles Robert

25 Year

Dietz, Arthur Harry, Jr.
 Closson, Spencer Wayman
 Jolly, Col. Guy Andrew
 Lose, Lawrence Ray
 Monroe, Burt Leavelle

30 Year

Flocken, Edward Day
 Girdley, Harry Watson
 Lewis, Rev. James Bernard
 Pile, Gary Joe
 Rush, Dr. Everett Neil, Jr.
 Watkins, Jennings Edward

40 Year

Coleman, Everett L.
 Cunningham, William K.

45 Year

Early, Stephen B.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

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Monday, May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day Parade of Colors: 2:00 p.m. at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, 4701 Brownsboro Rd., Louisville, KY. Members of the Louisville-Thruston Color Guard will participate in the parade and present the SAR wreath.

Saturday, June 15, 2013 - Flag Day Luncheon Meeting: Hurstbourne Country Club, 9000 Hurstbourne Club Lane, Louisville, KY. Registration at 11:00 a.m., Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Speaker: Lt. Col. Gary Householder (Ret.)

Saturday, July 20, 2013 - KYSSAR Meeting and Luncheon: Wickland Manor, Bardstown, KY. Registration 9:00—10:00 a.m., BOG at 9:30 a.m., Regular meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is \$10.00 per person and will include ham, ham salad and chicken salad sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit cups, slaw and applesauce cake. Mail checks by July 13 to: Dick Bierman, KYSSAR Treasurer, 9302 Springbrooke Circle, Louisville, KY 40241.

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - Louisville-Thruston Board of Governors Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Louisville Demolay Commandery Bldg., 1410 Gardner Lane, Louisville, KY.

Saturday, August 17, 2013 - Battle of Blue Licks Anniversary Ceremony: All day at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park near Carlisle, KY. Events include a re-enactment of the ambush and fighting that took place there between red coated British forces and their Indian allies against Kentucky militiamen. KYSSAR compatriots from several chapters will gather to participate in the ceremonies which include posting the Colors, a floral wreath tribute, a flag folding ceremony and a black powder gun salute with muskets and rifles.

Saturday, August 10, 2013 - 2nd Annual “Night at the Ballpark:” Join us for a family night get-together at Louisville Slugger Field. Support the Bats and have a fun evening with fellow compatriots, families and friends. The Louisville-Thruston Color Guard will present the Colors during the National Anthem. Premium seating this year for only \$10.00 per person. Members will receive announcements and reservation forms shortly.

Saturday, September 14, 2013 - Constitution Day Luncheon Meeting: A joint SAR/DAR meeting. Details are forthcoming.



Join our Color Guard!
We need new members.
Contact Dan Klinck
at 429-0382



The SAR was a proud participant on May 2, 2013 at the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade in downtown Louisville.