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GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our 18th Annual Dinner supporting ROTC & Leadership Youth was held on February 20th. There were over 200 Cadets and Cadre in attendance. A buffet dinner was served. Colonel George Boyd's program was: Keeping our Dreams Alive.



President Bill Carroll presents the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to our speaker Colonel George Boyd an original Tuskegee Airman of WWII fame (Class 45-G).

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April 6, 2009

The Washington Chapter Board of Managers (BOM) met this past Saturday for a Luncheon Planning Meeting. We began by asking and answering the question: "What is our Core Purpose?" We all agreed the answer is in our SAR Pledge & Recessional; Our Constitution & Bill of Rights.

We have a website and it will be the first thing seen after our Chapter Name. We discussed and decided on Meeting Topics and Speakers for April, May & June. We will also seek speakers from

the local Speakers Bureau. We will begin planning for a Chapter Member & Family picnic in Haysville on Saturday, August 15th. More details to follow.

In the future we will invite past recipients to attend presentations of the Silver Good Citizenship and the Law Enforcement Awards. We also are adding the Fire Safety and the Emergency Medical Service Awards.

We have formed two subcommittees in the BOM: Meeting Format: Compatriots Brady, Neal, Mulkey, Taylor, and White and Meeting Topic: Compatriots Blake, Skelton, Snively, T. Smith and C. Carroll.

Our next BOM Luncheon Meeting is set for Saturday, July 25th at the Brown Stone Grill, 3105 E. Harry at 11:30 AM.

Douglas Brady, President

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

We inducted Zachary Isaiah Quick, Charles Richard Ward Jr. and Joe Lynn Warne as new Compatriots during our April meeting. Elias Vann Walker was introduced as a new Youth Member.

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Our May Meeting will be held at Hometown Buffet, 6820 W. Central, Wichita, KS on Saturday, May 9th at 11:30 AM. Cost for the buffet meal

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will be \$8.00, this includes tax and tip. Our speaker will be John Offerman. His program is West Point and its Links to American Patriotism.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY COMPATRIOTS IN THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF SAR

I want to test your memories:

*Do you remember why you joined the **Sons of the American Revolution?**

*Was it just for the novelty of telling your friends about your colonial ancestry?

*Did you just want to show them up by proving that your ancestry could be traced back further than theirs?

*Or did you stand in awe at the majesty of the movement that resulted in this magnificent nation called America? And did you thrill that some of your forebears actually gave of themselves to help wrestle their poor land away from tyranny and establish a new order placing the power of Government securely in the hands of *"We the People?"*

*Do you feel moved to tears when you read of the deprivations and suffering of

those Patriots who overthrew tyranny?

*Does your heart fill with pride when you gaze lovingly at the magnificent United States Constitution? And are you often beset with misgivings when you see our elected officials lightly skirting that Constitution for their personal power and gain?

*Do you swell with pride when you see the folds of our sacred flag?

And the final question:

*Do you attend the regular meeting of your chapter of the SAR to help your fellow Compatriots keep the Constitution alive and meaningful and in the hearts of the People? The Sons of the American Revolution along with its sister group, the DAR are the principal bulwarks in our society who proudly stand up for America and its institutions. We know that the Public Schools have largely rejected their role in keeping patriotism alive. We see how that omission and failure has diminished the stature of our citizens who have not been given the privilege of learning the wonderful history of our great land. Instead they have been indoctrinated with the notion that our greatness is shameful, that we must diminish ourselves so that our Nation is reduced to the least among others.

Or do you say, "We will let others do it. I have to babysit the parakeet today while my wife goes to the gym!" Or, how

about, "I can't go because I have to change the oil in my sports car." Or, "Gee, I have to catch up on my e-mail and play my video games."

YOU are needed! YOU are an important link in the chain! In fact, the organization exists only for YOU and your Compatriots! It needs YOU and your ideas, your enthusiasm, your spirit to keep the flame of patriotism burning in the hearts of our youth and in our communities. Without YOU the voice of your patriot ancestors crying, *"Remember our sacrifices, our dedication, and the Republic we gave you,"* may no longer be heard.

That cause for which they fought, lived and died could be lost to the world forever. The best friends and champions of America must be AMERICAN PATRIOTS! There are no better such champions than the SAR and the DAR. Do your part. *Attend your chapter meetings and contribute all you can of your spirit and national pride to keep America true to your Revolutionary War Heritage!*

Compatriot Philip W. Blake

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

If you have a van and are willing to provide transportation to chapter meetings for members who do not drive please contact Gary Neal at (316) 832-1659. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

