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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Compatriots!

I trust that as we already enter the second month of the new year, things are going well. Things are beginning to ramp up in the chapter after nearly a month off from events outside of the chapter meeting.

The Color Guard participated in the Colonial Days at the Capitol on January 26. We demonstrated the military training steps of loading and firing a musket to the participating 5th graders from several elementary schools from around the state. Talking with the kids, answering their questions, letting them hold our muskets, and the picture opportunities were a blast. We also brought our new Howitzer cannon for the demonstration, only as a visual aid to the kids. We were very well received by all!

The Eagle Scout Committee has selected our chapter and state award winner, Peyton Mahan, from Edmond. His credentials are excellent, and

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on paper, seems like a very qualified applicant. He will be present at our February chapter meeting to read his essay, and receive his \$100 chapter award along with his Eagle Statue. From here, he will go to the state society meeting in Bartlesville in March to receive his \$500 award from the state. If Peyton wins at the national level, he could receive a scholarship in the amount of \$30,000.

We are still gathering paperback books for donation to the VA Hospital for their library. Many of the admitted veterans will check out a book to pass the time of day. Check your old bookshelves for any books you haven't read in the last two to five years. If you haven't used them in that period of time, my guess would be that they will just continue to collect dust on your bookshelf. Bring them to the February meeting for donation! Also, if you do have any reason to visit a veteran at their home, take a veteran to the doctor or a restaurant, attend a funeral of a veteran, etc., let John Schaller know so we can keep track of these things on the USS Stark tracking sheet. Your chapter receives points for these activities, and may qualify for an award from the national office.

Tickets are now on sale for the 100th Anniversary celebration, April 27, 2024. The cost is \$45 per person. This is a catered event and will be a blast. We will also have a silent auction at the celebration with some excellent items. Make sure to bring a check to the next chapter meeting, or mail it to Mark Reichardt, 2433 Palomino Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034.

Finally, our February chapter meeting will be on Monday, February 12th at Johnnie's Hamburgers at 33 East 33rd in Edmond. We will gather starting at 6pm for food and fellowship, and the meeting will start at 6:45pm. Our guest speaker will be Melissa

at thandle1@me.com.

▪ Join the **Color Guard** by contacting Commander Joe Sieber at 405.720.1757 or sieberjl@hotmail.com.

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Overfield with the VA Hospital. She is who our chapter works with in visitation, donations, etc. It should be a very good presentation! Hope to see you there.

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