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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Compatriots!

I trust this month's newsletter finds you all well, and the weather is tempting you with Springtime type thoughts!

I wished to report on my trip to the Spring Leadership meetings in Louisville, Kentucky last week. The trip went well, and as the conference went on I felt more of an understanding of the workings at the national level of NSSAR. On the first morning at 8am, I attended the Council of Youth Programs Committee meeting, and learned of ways to further involve our chapter in our community through the local schools and the Boy Scout troops. The Committees are finally upgrading the material available to us (it had not been done since 2013), such as the youth brochures and the resurgence of the Patriot Chest Program. Covid took the air out of most of our programs, and they are now starting to get some steam back in their sails!

The Eagle Scout Program is changing the award at

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the state level from the Eagle Statue to a silver Scout medal. This is better since the costs are much lower, and the risk of receiving a damaged award in the mail. Evidently, the Eagle Trophy composition had changed from a metal to a resin type of material. The statue often arrived broken or chipped just prior to being presented to the Eagle Scout.

From there, I went to the Genealogy Committee meeting, and learned of some changes that are on the possible horizon with member applications. Applications which have been pended for any reason going forward will only have one year to be fixed. Once time has expired, the application will be purged from the system and the supporting documents returned to the applicant. The Committee is doing what they can to streamline the review processes at national for new and supplemental applications! We also heard a presentation from a Compatriot from Ohio making a pitch to get a Revolutionary War engagement just before the Battle of Point Pleasant in North Carolina recognized for Proof of Service.

I would like to report that our chapter's work with our veterans, as reported on the USS Stark report, has helped the Oklahoma Society win the 2023 Stark Award for Societies with less than 500 members. The Oklahoma City Chapter placed 5th Nationally in the category of chapters with 100 to 200 members, up from 7th in 2022. This is excellent recognition for our chapter. Our committee chair, John Schaller, stated "The service provided to the veterans is more important than winning the prize". I totally agree! Our chapter members have worked hard with all the service work with the VAVS committee, our monthly cash donations for snacks, and our clothing donations. Let's keep up the good work laid before us!

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A lot more happened, but to keep this newsletter brief I will move on. I want to remind our members of the 100th Anniversary Celebration on April 27, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm. The cost is \$45 per person for the catered event, and there will be a cash bar as well. We will announce the winners of the raffles for the 45 caliber Kentucky Rifle and the Anniversary quilts at the event, and there will be a silent auction for many fine articles you will not want to miss! Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the invitation on how to purchase your meal tickets and attend! Also, we are still selling tickets for the raffles. They are \$5 per ticket, or five for \$20! See Mark Reichardt and Ron Reber to get yours!

Finally, our regular March meeting will be this coming Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:45pm at the Johnnie's Hamburgers, 33 East 33rd Street in Edmond. Join us starting at 6pm for fellowship and food before the meeting starts!

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