

Chaplain Kermit Beverly Receives Distinguished Service Medal from President Stu Shuster and Secretary John Miller.



Early in June we said goodbye to our Chaplain, Kermit Beverly. He had been with the Chapter for many years. The “Tin Can Sailor” as he called himself was in his 90’s and having lost his wife, he felt it better to move near his daughter in the Pittsburg, PA area. We had a fine lunch with Kermit and will remember him fondly for his art and for his stories and for his service to the SAR.

Treasurer, Andy Meeker left us July 6, 2014



We also lost our Treasurer, Andy Meeker in June from an aneurism. He went quickly and we did not have time to say goodbye, but we will always remember his smile and his good humor and thank him for leaving such good records of our

finances. Andy took all the pictures to document our meetings and other activities. He still used film and had to have it developed and copies of the pictures made. We will now depend on the computer/ printer for our visual documentation. I hope he won’t mind our use of a digital camera.

New compatriots inducted on October 11, 2014



Tom Reardon with President Stu Shuster



Stephen Botsworth with President Stu Shuster and VP Gene Tomlinson

We have inducted two new members at our October 11th meeting: Tom Reardon and Stephen Botsford. Tom has agreed to fill in for Andy as Treasurer and Stephen will help us with new member applications and genealogy. James Marrah Hulett, a new member is yet to be inducted. We have, as of this date, several prospects working on their applications.

Michael Franco presents Cass's Round Robin

Also at our October 11th meeting our new compatriot, Michael Franco presented his paper on Lewis Cass and his "Round Robin" that resulted in the court martial of Brig. Gen William Hull and the rise to prominence of Cass to be the first Governor of the new state of Michigan. It was an interesting subject that brought to the light some unknown history of the Michigan territory during the War of 1812 and the subsequent events leading up to statehood for Michigan.

Ann Arbor State Society BOD Meeting

The Detroit Metro Chapter will host the State Society BOD meeting next March 7th at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Trustee Stu Shuster and Alternate Trustee Gene Tomlinson attended the BOD meeting at the Holiday Inn in Ann Arbor and on October 4th and gave the report for the Chapter. The meeting minutes will be presented at the BOD meeting on January 17th, 2015 in Chelsea.

Updating of the Chapter's Constitution and By Laws and Production of an Officers Handbook

A draft of suggested changes to the Constitution and By Laws for the Chapter was completed in early November as was a draft of an Officers and Committee Handbook as a guide for future officers and committee chairmen. The last time the Constitution and By Laws were updated was in 2007. The Chapter has not had a guiding document for Officers that expands on the By Laws and suggests specific tasks for the various officers over and above a lists of the duties required to assure proper activities and actions. The drafts will appear on the Chapter webpage for review and be voted on at the Chapters Annual Meeting on April 18th, 2015.

President Stu Shuster Column

As the year 2014 draws to a close, our membership stands at 67 members.

When we induct new SAR members, their participation often falls off, almost immediately. It is a mystery to our leadership as to why a person joins with no intention of providing future activity or personal support to the local chapter and/or our state society. Their annual dues payments continue to come in, but with no active participation in any of our scheduled meetings.

I might suggest that if transportation is a problem, members should look to another Chapter member who may live near and can provide assistance. For the year 2015, we would hope that our chapter meeting attendance might begin to increase beyond the average 18 - 20 members.

Looking forward we have the full year's schedule attached to this newsletter and also on our State website pages that will give you the dates, places and some of the subjects to be discussed at our meetings. Please, mark your calendars and join us.

We have leadership openings in our Chapter. The 1st VP leading to the Presidency is open and we would also like to assign a member to the job of shadowing our Secretary's work with the hope that he would agree to step up in the near future. With the move to Pittsburgh by our Chaplain Kermit Beverly, we need to find a new Chaplain.

We have an interesting year planned for 2015 and hope more of you will come out and take an active role in the Detroit Metro Chapter and the MISSAR.

We really do want you!!!

Detroit Metro Chapter MISSAR Schedule for 2015

January 17 th at 11:00 AM	<i>MISSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Comfort Inn, Chelsea, MI*</i>
January 24 th at 10:30 AM	MISSAR-Louisa St. Clair Chapter DAR, 122nd. Birthday Luncheon Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe, MI
March 7 th at 11:00 AM	Joint Meeting Detroit Metro Chapter/MISSAR Board of Managers Somerset Inn, Troy, MI.
April 10 th at 6:00PM	Ezra Parker DAR Chapter's Pizza Dinner Meeting Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak,, 529 Hendrie Blvd, Royal Oak, MI 48067. VP Gene Tomlinson Presents "The First Fifty Year History of the MISSAR and DMC"
April 18 th at 11:00 AM	Detroit Metro Chapter Annual Chapter Meeting / Elections Somerset Inn, Troy MI.
April 25 th at 11:15 AM	MISSAR Annual Meeting, General Membership, Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI.
September 12 th at 11:30 AM	Annual Luncheon of the <u>United Empire Loyalist of Essex and Kent Counties</u> in Ontario, Canada, invites the compatriots of the Detroit Metro Chapter, MISSAR to join them. [This will renew a long standing relationship with our Canadian friends.] (Bring your Passports!!), Church of the Epiphany, 106 Main Street West, Kingsville, Ontario, Canada
October 3 rd at 11:00 AM	Detroit Metro Chapter Meeting, Somerset Inn, Troy, MI.
October 10 th at 11:30 AM	<i>Joint Meeting Northern Michigan Chapter/MISSAR Board of Managers Locaton to be determined in Traverse City, MI.*</i>

*NOTE: *Meeting in Italics are MISSAR Board of Manager meetings attended by Trustees of the Detroit Metro Chapter*