

Welcome!...to our Michigan Society's newest members:

Inducted	Name	Chapter	Membership
05/03/19	Derek Willard Haines	Col Westnedge	New
05/03/19	Jack Derek Willard Haines	Col Westnedge	Junior
05/03/19	James Walter Hart II	Detroit Metropolitan	New
05/03/19	Scott Alan Nichols	Central Michigan	New
05/10/19	Madden Saunders Brady	Central Michigan	Junior
05/10/19	Brian Louis Roossien	West Michigan	New
05/24/19	Robert Mack Morris	Oaks	New
05/24/19	Parker Muir Morris	Oaks	New
05/24/19	Vincent Anthony Strongarone	Blue Water	New

The above brings our State Society membership to 572.

During April I was able to attend the Annual meetings of the West Michigan and Kensington Valley Chapters, as well as Huron Valley's general membership meeting. I also participated in the grave marking ceremony of Patriot Charles Steward and marched in the Holland Memorial Parade with members of the DAR.

Our Board of Managers meeting was held on Saturday, June 1; in Holland, hosted by the West Michigan Chapter. Thirty-six members and guests attended, including local members of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR and the State President for the C.A.R., Alice Kraatz, presented her project. President Kraatz collected \$2,000 in donations from the generous members in attendance. Her project is to fill a plane with Vietnam Veterans allowing them to fly and see their monument in Washington. It is a great project and all of us seemed to be inspired by her efforts.

We did manage to conduct some business during the day. Six bylaw changes were recommended and five were approved – the documents can be viewed on the MISSAR website.

The Board also voted to give the Sauk Trail Chapter a bit more time to allow them the opportunity to restructure their leadership. The Board will consider next steps for the Chapter at the October meeting.

The Color Guard requests this month-information can be found on the website under the Color Guard Muster tab:

- Sunday, June 2, is the grave dedication of Patriot Pvt. Beriah Howard sponsored by the NSDAR.
- Sunday June 9 is the Grave dedication of Patriot Ezekiel Ransom at the Mountain Home Cemetery, 1402 W. Main St. Kalamazoo at 2:20 PM, sponsored by the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter NSDAR.
- MISSAR is sponsoring the Grave dedication of Re. Pvt. James Robinson at the Elmwood Cemetery, 1200 Elmwood St. Detroit Mi. at noon Saturday, June 22.

Outlined below are the goals that were given to the chapter Presidents during the meeting June 1. These goals support the activities I would like us all to pursue this coming year. They are in support of *local* not National issues, and are in line with supporting our efforts to be more inclusive with Veterans, the C.A.R. (and other children's patriotic activities), and the NSDAR. The points system has been designed to help level the field with the Chapters, allowing smaller units to compete with larger ones.

I have asked Chapter Presidents to keep me updated with their programs with the first review at our next BOM meeting in October. I plan to announce the winner of the Best Chapter at next year's gala in April. Gentlemen we have all been looking for a way to influence the communities we live in. Here is the

opportunity, and I hope we all take advantage of this challenge. Please reach out to your President and get involved.

Program Goals	Points	Notes
Involve your Chapter in Veterans' activities.	5 points per chapter member participating in each event.	Donations at Christmas, serving a dinner, visiting a veteran's home, participating in Wreaths Across America.
Contact your closest DAR Chapter Regent and attend at least <u>one</u> meeting.	10 points for first meeting, 5 points for second meeting.	
Have one of your members engage in at least <u>one</u> Youth Awards contest.	10 points for each Chapter contest with winner submitted to state.	Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, JROTC Outstanding Cadet, Elementary School Poster, Middle School Brochure, American History Teacher.
Award two (2) flag certificates.	10 points for first two certificates, 5 points for second two certificates.	
Assign a Chapter member to mentor a new compatriot.	10 points for first mentor, 5 points for each additional mentor.	Each chapter member can only be counted as a mentor for points once
Administrative Goals		
Same number of Chapter members on 3/31/20 as were chapter members 3/31/19.	10 points if same number (100%) or up to 10% increase, 5 points additional if over 10% increase.	Determined by MISSAR Secretary.
Number of official Chapter meetings held from 4/1/2019 through 3/31/2020.	10 points if six meetings or more, 5 points if four or five meetings.	Quorum must be met for a meeting to count.
Number of non-meeting Chapter events held from 4/1/2019 through 3/31/2020 - with at least 10% of chapter membership attending.	10 points if four events or more.	Chapter trip to a museum, group outing to an event, etc.

Please check out our missar.org website, as all up-to-date information will be communicated there. Take a look at what the Chapters are up to along with the Color Guard. Review our Applications Checklist and the New Member Orientation Program.

There is a ton going on! Thanks for your help and support.

Ken Goodson
President MISSAR