

# THE OAKS



## Chapter Newsletter *The Acorn*

March 4, 2024

### Sons of the American Revolution

1. Several from our chapter attended the ground breaking for the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial at the Memorial Park in Royal Oak on April 7, 2022. Oaks Chapter participation was reported in our June 17, 2022 newsletter. The Memorial held a dedication on June 5, 2023 which again was attended by several of our members. Our chapter purchased an engraved stone paver in the Memorial's "Walk of Honor" walkway. Our state SAR sponsored a flagpole. The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is a non-profit organization created in March, 2007. To finance this memorial, they accept donations for inscribed paver-bricks used to construct the "Walk of Honor."



2. James Walker and grandson on Veterans Day November 10, 2023:



James Walker visited his grandson Noah at St. Lawrence school for their Veteran's Day celebration. James donned on his old uniform and explained what it was like to be on navy ship for long voyages.

3. John Raya participated in the Veterans' Day celebration at his church. He narrated and explained the meaning of each of the 13 steps to fold our flag into a triangle.



Left: This table has many symbolic items to honor fallen veterans. Right: Widows of veterans. They lost several veterans in the last year including their 100-year-old World War II veteran.

4. We welcomed our new member Joshua Albert Wydo during our November 9, 2023 meeting. Robert, our president, administered the oath and presented Joshua with his membership certificate. Joshua's brother Luke attached Joshua's lapel pin.



5. We welcomed Marshall David Rice as our new member during our January 11, 2024 meeting. He has a Mayflower ancestor.



Left: Our president Robert Huber presented Marshall with his membership certificate.  
Right: Robert assists Marshall's wife to attach his lapel pin. She has a hold on his tie to make sure that he does not move.



6 Rod Wilson received his Century Club Certificate and a well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation at our November 9, 2023 meeting. The Century Club is a Michigan program. Yearly membership starts with a \$100.00 donation. The donation can be marked for specific causes such as Color Guard, Eagle Scouts, local chapters, etc.



Left: Century Club for 2023  
Right: Certificate of Appreciation

7. Also during our November 9, 2023 meeting, Rod Wilson received the Color Guard Certificate and the Color Guard Silver Medal for his many years of service as a colorguardsman.



Certificate for his service as a colorguardsman



Silver Color Guard Medal

8. A presentation at our January 11, 2024 meeting:

Linda Royse and Jenifer Podsiadlik from the DAR gave a presentation at our January 11, 2024 meeting. Linda talked about the Elias Cady Society which is an affiliate organization of the of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). They have recruited thirty new youths since 2019. The Society's namesake, Elias Cady, a Revolutionary War Veteran is buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Holly, MI. The society holds four meetings per year, along with several volunteer events such as cleaning trash in community parks, etc. They were planning their next meeting for February or March. They will be working on key chains for a Hospice Vets Project. The Oaks chapter presented the society with a \$50.00 donation.



From left to right: Jenifer Podsiadlik, Linda Royse and Oaks president Robert Huber

Linda Royse and Jennifer Podsiadlik are DAR members working with the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and the Elias Cady Society