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President Minier's Message



Ted M. Minier

2009 was a successful year for WRSSAR, we ended the year with 412 members. This is only 37 less than the all time high membership level of 449 attained in 1964. Many thanks to Ben Johnson and especially Richard L. Fetzer for increasing our membership to this level. In 2010, we will continue to focus on increasing membership. Please give some serious thought as to whether you have qualified male relatives or friends that would be interested in membership in WRSSAR. If you do, please contact Ben Johnson at (216) 371-3592, Dick Fetzer at (330) 562-5781 or me (see below) for assistance. If every member could find one new member in 2010, we would double our membership.

2010 will also be a year for trying to integrate more members, new and existing, into the WRSSAR leadership ranks. A 2010 WRSSAR Roster will be mailed to you after the first of the year. We encourage you to review the various committees listed in the back of this publication to see where you might have an interest in serving. If you are interested in volunteering in some area, please contact me at (330) 655-5547 or tmm-jam@windstream.net.

Our January 2010 general meeting will be held on January 13 at Judson Manor. The Annual Washington's Birthday Celebration in 2010 will be on Saturday, February 20 at The Shaker Heights Country Club. Meeting notices covering these activities will be forthcoming. If you are unable to serve on a committee, we would still like to see you at our monthly luncheon meetings and other programs, if possible. A complete list of all 2010 meetings/events will be contained in



Two new members are sworn in at the Archibald Willard Award Night dinner. Pictured from left to right: Ben Johnson, Membership Chair, Scott K. Williams, new member; Frank N. Moore II, new member, Greg Arnold, sponsor; and Richard L. Fetzer, Genealogist.

the forthcoming issue of the Roster.

2010 will be a very important year for WRSSAR. In addition to our regular calendar of events, the 120th Annual NSSAR Congress will be held in Cleveland from June 26 – 30 at the Renaissance Hotel. This event will be hosted by the Ohio Society SAR; but WRSSAR will be a prime source of the 50-100 volunteers needed to stage this premier event. An attendance of about 500 is expected. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please contact me. Our regular June Flag Day meeting will be cancelled this year so that we can have a working meeting in support of the Congress.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, trustees and committee chairs for their support during 2009.

Have a happy and healthy 2010!

Patriotically yours,

Ted M. Minier, President



Roger Jones was the 2009 recipient of the Archibald Willard Bowl. This is the most significant award given by the Western Reserve Society.

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Archibald Willard Color Guard

Once again the WRSSAR Archibald Willard Color Guard has had a full schedule and is looking forward to the year ahead. Ohio will be hosting the 120th Annual NSSAR Congress which will be held in Cleveland from June 26-30 at the Renaissance Hotel. SAR members from around the world will be here and we are the host city. The color guard will be very active, from the Sunday afternoon Memorial Service at Old Stone Church on Public Square, with over 50 to 60 color guardsmen participating in the event. Monday morning is the opening ceremony at the Congress with men assisting in the posting of the colors. At Tuesday night's banquet, the combined guard will be posting the colors, and at Wednesday night's banquet the colors are retired. Plan to attend this worthwhile event!

On September 9, the color guard posted the colors at the WRSSAR Constitution Luncheon at Judson Manor. Members who participated in the posting of colors were John Franklin, John Baum, Robert Bartholomew, Lee MacBride and Ron Morgan

On September 10, the unit participated in The Early Settlers Association wreath laying ceremony at Perry's Monument at Huntington Park to honor Commodore Oliver Perry's Victory at Put-In-Bay on that date in 1813. Later that day, the men presented the colors at the Early Settlers Association Annual luncheon meeting. Participating in this event were John Franklin, and Lee MacBride and from Lafayette Chapter was Robert Farling.

Later in September on 25-26, members of WRS attended the NSSAR Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY. John Franklin, Zack Hoon and Tim Ward participated in the posting and retiring of the colors at the Friday and Saturday night banquets.

With the changing of fall colors in October, the color guard was busy with a number of events. On October 4, John Franklin, Zack Hoon and Tim Ward participated in Battle Days and the wreath laying ceremony at Point Pleasant, WV. President General Edward Butler spoke at this well attended event. On October 9 at Judson Manor,

the unit posted the colors at the Annual Archibald Willard Dinner. It was a special honor to have Ohio Society President Tony Robinson assist in the posting of the colors. Also, taking part were John Franklin, Lee MacBride, John Baum, Hugh Harris, Stan Thomas, Bob Bartholomew, Ron Morgan, and drummer Bill Maling (Lafayette Chapter). On October 23-24, Franklin and Fetzter travelled to the Central District meeting in Huntington, West Virginia.

At the WRSSAR Veterans Day Lun-



Archibald Willard Color Guard Commander, John Franklin, and past president, Richard Fetzter pose with the combined color guard at Point Pleasant.

cheon, John Franklin, John Baum, Robert Bartholomew, Lee MacBride and Ron Morgan posted and retired the colors. It was nice to recognize the veterans in attendance, and the JROTC students and senior leaders from East Technical High School (Army), East High School (Air Force), John F. Kennedy High School (Army), James Rhodes High School (Navy), Glenville High School (Army), and John Carroll University (Army).

On December 12, the WRSSAR Archibald Willard Color Guard will again join with military units in The Wreaths Across America program at the Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, Ohio. WRS member Richard Fetzter is coordinating this event for the Ohio Society Chapters to work with the Wreaths Across America organizers in Ohio. Members of the Color Guard will be John Franklin, Lee MacBride, and from Lafayette Chapter was Robert Farling, Robert Hackenberg and drummer Bill Maling.

On February 20, 2010 at Shaker Heights Country Club, the Color Guard will post the colors for The George Washington Birthday Celebration! This is sure to be an

enjoyable program.

On March 6-7, 2010 at the NSSAR Leadership Meeting members of WRS Color guard will join the combined troops for the presentation and retirement of the colors.

Compatriots who would like to join the Archibald Willard Color Guard should contact: Lee MacBride at 440-247-5964, Hugh Harris at e-mail: hharris1946@gmail.com or me at 330-656-9066 or e-mail at wrssaroh@aol.com .

Thank you to all of our members for your support!

John H. Franklin, Jr.
Color Guard Commander



↑ Ron Morgan, Robert Bartholomew, John Franklin, Lee MacBride and John Baum pose for a picture at the WRSSAR Veterans Day Lunch.



← Commander, John Franklin, John Baum, and Hugh Harris along with the rest of the Archibald Willard Color Guard post the nations colors at the Willard Night dinner.

In Memory of Richard Q. Fowler



Dick Fowler as Benjamin Franklin at the WRSSAR 2008 Archibald Willard Night

We are saddened to advise that Richard Q. Fowler, passed away on November 24, 2009. Dick was well known in SAR circles for his portrayal of Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin.

master of the Florida Society and was Editor of the Florida Patriot, the Society's newsletter. Dick was also Secretary of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Ohio Society in Columbus, Ohio. He provided the program at the WRSSAR Willard Awards Night in October 2008.

Dick resembled Benjamin Franklin all the way down to his hair do and made an imposing picture of Benjamin Franklin as he spoke to school children about the American Revolution and the founding of our country. He will be greatly missed.

He was a member of the OHSSAR and the FLSSAR. He previously served as web-

WRSSAR Welcomes New Members

We are happy to report the following new members since the last *Circular*

Daniel Cullen Marshall

James Hathaway Marshall

Richard Heeman Marshall

Scott Kurtis Williams

Brian Stephen Baum

John Allen Baum

Wallace Dingman Huskonen

Henry Heckman Receives Silver Good Citizenship Medal

On October 9, 2009 the Western Reserve Society awarded Compatriot Henry T. S. Heckman the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal based upon his many years of service to the community.

Following is a summary of his service in several categories of civic activities:

CHURCH: Active member & Chair, Missionary Commission of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

BUSINESS: Past National President, Association of Industrial Advertising; Past President and member Hall of Fame of the Cleveland Advertisers Club

FRATERNAL: Past President, Naval Reserve Officer's Club- Cleveland; Trustee, Cleveland Grays

MILITARY: Navy Commander WWII, Korean War

VETERANS: Past Commander, Military

Order of the World Wars; Life Member, American Legion

HISTORICAL: Life Member, Early Settlers of Cleveland; Trustee, New England Society.

EDUCATIONAL: President's Advisory Council, Ashland College; Chm., Publicity Committee, Lehigh University. Distinguished Alumnus Award, Lehigh University.

In addition, Compatriot Heckman's SAR recognition includes being a Trustee and Past President of the Western Reserve Society and a recipient of the Hub Scott Award, Meritorious Service Medal



Pictured left to right: Sara Burkhardt, Bradley Graves (Henry Heckman's grandson), Henry Heckman, Gretchen Satz, and Ted Minier, WRSSAR President.

and Palm and WRS's Archibald Willard Bowl.

Congratulations Compatriot Minier

The Western Reserves Society's, Ted Minier was recently awarded the Ohio Genealogical Society's President's Award. A past OGS President and Treasurer, Ted was asked to serve as treasurer again with responsibility for Fund Development to ultimately realize construction of a new Library. During his tenure, Ted was able to secure a USDA construction loan and also assure that the OGS project became a line

item in the State Capital Construction budget.

Due to Compatriot Minier's efforts, construction of the new library in Bellville, Ohio is slated to be completed by mid 2010.

A complete article appeared in the Fall issue of the *Ohio Genealogy News* Vol. 40 No. 3, Pg. 21.

Huzzah!

Circle These Dates

1/13/2010 – WRSSAR Membership Meeting

2/5 - 2/6/2010 – OHSSAR Winter BOM Findlay, OH

2/20/2010 – WRSSAR Washington's Birthday Luncheon, Shaker Hts. CC

3/4 - 3/6/2010 – NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

3/10/2010 – WRSSAR Membership Meeting

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