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From The President's Desk

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Compatriots,

I have often wondered about the history of TAPS and if there were words associated with it. I received the following explanation from DAR Member Norma Merrill and wanted to share it with you. The story begins at Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born.

On a lighter note, please mark your calendar for Saturday August 11th, 2PM for our Annual Chapter Picnic. The picnic will be at our home, 1659 Chapel Road, Jefferson, Ohio. Details on page two.

Also, I have recently learned that our OHSSAR President, Dick Fetzner has been ill and recovering from surgery. Get well cards may be mailed to: Dick Fetzner, Old Kent Farm Box 203, Aurora, OH 4202-0203.

Patriotically yours, Troy



Welcome New Members!

George M. Madden for Ezra Griffin, John Palmer for National Griffin,
Dick Lattimer for Alexander Lattimer, Spencer, Todd and Mark
Fullerton for Walter Cunningham.



Top Left: Center Tom Robinson, Inducted May 28th as part of the Plymouth Twp. Parade and Memorial Activities. **Left to Right:** Tom's parents Terry and Cindy Robinson, Troy Bailey, J.T. Ward, **Back:** Dick McFeaters and Patrick Jolly. **Top Right:** Center, Spencer Fullerton and George Madden, inducted as part of gravestone dedication at Morgan Cemetery. **Left to right:** Collette Scharf, Taps; Christian Ward, SAR American Poster Contest winner; Orin Rockhold, Griffin cousin.



Left: Induction of Phil Adams as part of Flag Day observance and Flag Certificate Award at the home of Anthony Ricci family, Huntsburg, OH. SAR Members: Terry Robinson, Dick McFeaters; Troy Bailey, Tim Ward, Jim Pildner.



Ezra Griffin Gravestone Dedication

Morgan Cemetery, Morgan Twp. Ohio

May 19th, 2007

Below Left: OHSSAR President Dick Fetzner conducting the memorial dedication.

Below Right: The assembly, including Ezra Griffin's 3rd Great Grandson, George Madden; new member Spencer Fullerton, local DAR members, township trustees, friends and Griffin family members.



Upcoming Events

July 4th: Bell Ringing

America Celebrates America's Day National Bell Ringing Ceremony At 2PM Ring a Bell or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



July 28th: BOM and OHSSAR Ceremony of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier 11:00AM Fort Laurens - Bolivar Ohio.

August 11th: Chapter Picnic

When: Saturday August 11th 2PM. 1659 Chapel Road, Jefferson SAR Chapter Members and Friends Chapter Members and Friends are invited. This year the event will be held at the Bailey's, 1659 Chapel Road, Jefferson, (Austinburg) Ohio at 2PM. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fried Turkey and beverage provided. Please bring tableware and a dish to share. For more information call 440-275-7829 or tbaily@suite224.net. RSVP Appreciated.



September 8th: Austinburg County Days Parade, Austinburg, Ohio. Regular Meeting after the parade. Convene at the Austinburg Township Hall.

September 17th: Flag Certificates Awards and Good Citizen Certificate award to the Charity Weiner Wagon.

September 29th & 30th: Grape Jamboree - Geneva Ohio. Parade

September 29th: Annual Moccasin Roast, Fort Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio

October 14th: Covered Bridge Parade, Jefferson, Ohio Parade

November 10th: Veterans Day & Chapter Meeting

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Special Fund Raising Opportunity

Compatriot Gage Georgeff, who is also a member of the James A. Garfield Chapter Camp #142 of the SUV (Sons of the Union Veterans), has invited us to participate in a fund raiser that the SUV has developed. According to Gage, the deal with the tickets is that the SAR chapter keeps half the proceeds and the other half is sent to the Garfield Camp plus stubs and unsold tickets. This sounds like a win win deal to me.

I have received a supply of tickets and would like to send a couple of packets to anyone who is interested in selling or purchasing them. The tickets are \$2.00 each of 3 for \$5.00. 1st Prize is an Original Sharps Conversion Carbine 50 Cal. 50-70 or \$1,200.0. 2nd Price: Original Remington New Model Army Revolver Cal. 44 or \$700. 3rd Price: Original Whitney Navy Revolver Cal. 36 or \$400.

I hope that everyone will take advantage of this generous offer. As you can see, this raffle offers something for everyone! If you don't care to own a rifle or revolver. There is still plenty of time to get your tickets and sell them as the drawing will take place on Saturday, December 8th, 2007. Thank You Gage!



Blossom Day, Chagrin Falls OH
May 27th.
Workman, Baker, the Wards, Jolly

Top Left: Honor Guard at Americanism Concert, Burton, OH May 27th.

Top Right: Patriot Ancestor Marker, Orwell North Cemetery, Orwell: Compatriots: Fetzer; Pildner; McFeaters, Rockhold, Madden, Bailey, Cook and Cook, Center: Mildred Barta,

To:

