

John Hanson Chapter
Annual Report of Chapter Activities
May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

In the April-May timeframe, the chapter was busy presenting school awards. During this period 5 Silver ROTC Awards, 11 Bronze JROTC Awards and 6 Outstanding Citizenship Awards were presented. During the year, 6 Eagle Scout certificates were also presented.

The chapter held three meetings during the year. On Nov 19, 2017, the chapter held a joint meeting with the Harmony Hall Chapter, MSDAR, to honor a law enforcement officer and a fire safety officer. Only the fire safety officer was present and he was awarded the SAR Fire Safety Award. Afterwards, the officer was the guest of the chapter at lunch. On December 28, 2017, the chapter met at Mama Stella's to induct new members. Third Vice President James Perry attended the meeting. On April 26, 2018 the Chapter met again at Mama Stella's to honor the Law Enforcement Officer who could not attend the November 19 meeting and to induct new members. State President James Adkins attended the meeting and swore in the new members.

On December 16, 2017, Compatriot George Satterthwaite served as Team Leader and Coordinator of the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. This ceremony consisted of the laying of symbolic wreaths honoring the uniformed services and Prisoners of War. The ceremony was unique this year in that President Guzy participated in the ceremony. The MDSSAR Color Guard, an Army Bugler, the DAR, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and JROTC units participated. Approximately 300-350 spectators were on hand to witness the event. This ceremony has grown significantly over the years largely due to George's leadership. Following the ceremony, wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans buried at the cemetery. Coordination has already begun for the 2018 event.

Compatriot Stuart presented a flag award to the Fort Washington Marina on its seasons opening on May 28, 2019.

Compatriot Stuart participated in the SAR Memorial Day Ceremony in Bethesda, MD on May 29, 2017. He also attended the Annual Congress at Knoxville, TN from July 9-13, 2017; the Fall and Spring Leadership Conferences at Louisville, KY (Sept 28-30, 2017 and March 1-3, 2018, respectively, as Alternate State Trustee); one DCSSAR meeting (Dec 16, 2017); and the Patriot's Ball on Dec 16, 2017 (where he continued to demonstrate some of the dance steps that made him famous). Compatriots O'Hara, Rainey and St John also attended the Patriots Ball. Compatriots Stuart and Satterthwaite attended the MDSSAR meetings and they were joined by Compatriot St John at the George Washington Luncheon in February 18, 2018.

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