

Harrisburg Chapter, DAR, Hosts Flag Day Luncheon

As usual the Harrisburg Chapter, DAR has provided a memorable luncheon. The facilities at the renovated West Shore County Club were exceptional. The food was outstanding and the camaraderie something to talk about. The speaker, John A. Roe, Esq., (a fellow Harris Ferry Compatriot) presented a very informative talk about the requirements of becoming an American Citizen. (I learned something.) Regent Joan Romig, always her congenial self, had a few surprises for those attending. President Lunsford presented her with a "Betsey Ross" flag and invited the Chapter to Harris Ferry's joint meeting for Constitution DAY, September 18, 2005.

AWARDS, Recognition, AWARDS

We had a very busy day of it. Not only did we recognize our police officer with the Law Enforcement Award but also we had a JROTC Cadet winner, five new members to recognize, and a presentation to one of Harris Ferry's own. How for the particulars.

Edwin Miller, a resident of Middletown, presented Middletown Officer William N. Eynon with the Law Enforcement Award for his efficient enforcement of DUIs. Officer Eynon also received a gift certificate to Alfred's Victorian in Middletown. Representing the Police Department was Mayor Robert Reed. Mayor Reed is best remembered for his strong representation during the TMI incident in '79.

The Awards Luncheon is by virtue of its purpose, one of Harris Ferry's biggest affairs. If you missed this one it behooves you to try to make it next time.

John Pringle, JROTC Committee Chairman, recognized Cadet Matthew Dean as HFC's JROTC winner. A Red Land High School student in his 11th year he was judged on scholastic and leadership skills (He is very active in both church and school). Col. Murdock, senior JROTC instructor, made comments as to Matt's exceptional abilities and credited his family's influence having a significant influence. As our winner he received a \$50 Savings Bond and medal. He read his winning essay to the group, which was well received. (You may read the essay on the following pages.) But we were not the only ones that felt the comments of the essay were exceptional. Cadet Dean went on to win at the state level and was also recognized at the PASSAR Quarter Session in May. His essay will be sent on to the national level.

The esteemed SAR Rosette was presented to Harris Ferry Chapter's newest members; Samuel Willard, Wynn Willard, William Jackson, Paul Boyer, and Ronald Wix. William Jackson represented the group when he addressed members and guests.

In recognition for his many years of service in any number of positions both on the local and state level, John Pringle was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by President Lunsford. What made it even more memorable was that it was a complete surprise to John. Congratulations and well done.

President Lunsford introduced the speakers, students of the Carlisle War College, Class of 2005. Lt. Col. Gordon Rognrud (USAR) spoke on the "Duality of Being a Soldier and Citizen" and Col. Aubrey McKinney (USAFR) talked of "Critical Military Issues". Both spoke only for a short time but gave an informative and stirring presentation.

How has JROTC prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America?

What exactly does it mean for me to be a good citizen? A good citizen must be well informed on the functions of government and take an active role in that government. It is also important for citizens to serve other citizens as well as their country. Good citizens must be able to work together for the benefit of society as a whole. It is essential for me and any other citizen to accept and not discriminate against those who are different. Being a leader is an essential quality of a good citizen. JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America by teaching me to be a better leader in society and teaching me the importance of serving others and taking an active role in the government.

One important part of being a better citizen of the United States is taking an active role in government by voting for officials in government positions and doing other things to support the government. In the JROTC class the history of the United States government as well as how the government works is taught. For one to take an active role in government one must understand the origins of that government. By understanding the origin and functions of government one can help to improve it and support it. One way JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen is by teaching the history and functions of the United States government.

JROTC also teaches that good citizens should serve others and their country. Just one of the many ways JROTC teaches cadets to serve others is through First Aid instruction. By teaching First Aid the JROTC program prepares students to help others in emergency situations. JROTC also teaches the possibilities citizens have to serve their

country. These possibilities are very numerous and include military service or holding public office. JROTC teaches cadets to work together to serve others and the country. By working well with others and using teamwork techniques taught in the JROTC program I am able to serve others and the United States and overall be a better citizen.

To be a better citizen it is extremely important that I learn to be a better leader. Leadership abilities can be taught through the JROTC program. One thing our country will never have too many of is competent leaders as citizens. By teaching students to be better leaders the JROTC program prepares the next generation of citizens who will lead the nation. The JROTC program uses the seven Army Values shown in the acronym LDRSHIP. These values that shape citizens and leaders are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These values basically sum up what a good citizen should be. A good citizen should possess all of these traits. By teaching me to be a leader through the seven Army Values, JROTC prepares me to be a better citizen of the United States of America.

As I begin to make decisions that will affect my future as an American I am confident that the instruction I received in the JROTC program will help me to succeed. I know that because of the time spent in JROTC I am a better citizen and will be in the future. By teaching leadership, government, and the importance of serving one's country and fellow citizens the JROTC program prepares the next generation of good citizens to lead the nation. To learn what is required to be a better citizen one must merely enroll in the JROTC program. Personally, JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America by teaching me to be a better leader in society and teaching me the importance of serving others and taking an active role in the government.

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Air Force Colonel Aubrey McKinney

New Board Members

Welcome and Congratulations to William Jackson and Ronald Wix, the newest members of Harris Ferry Chapter's Board of Management. If you have an interest in becoming more active in the Chapter's management please let any Board member know. We look forward to having new ideas and fresh perspectives.



Lt. Col. Gordon Rognrud



Chapter President Bill Lunsford presents a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Past President John Pringle.

Graves Honored

Ronald Wix, one of Harris Ferry Chapter's newest members, honored the Revolutionary War Soldiers buried at the Paxton Presbyterian Church (1732) by placing the "Betsey Ross Flag" at their graves. The flags were recently purchased for such a purpose. Would you like to help?

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

John Pringle, representing Harris Ferry Chapter at the August PASSAR and the July National Congress, has given us a heads up on several items of interest. First, there will be a five-dollar increase in PASSAR dues. They also recommended a resolution to present David McCullough with a Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The National Americanism Committee is pushing the American Heritage CD: An Adventure in Liberty. Maybe you know a school district that would be interested in having copies or even for your children. Let us know. The Committee is also encouraging participation of States and Chapters with the poster contest for 4th and 5th graders. There is some talk of having the President General's term be extended. Just when he is warmed-up, it's over. John said that it was a very good session.