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## 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

On Sunday May 19th, Lake Michigan Chapter #289 of the National Sojourners, Inc. held its meeting. We were honored to have as our guests Miss Kelly McGuire, the 2013 National Sojourner Essay top award winner and her family. Kelly read her essay to the Chapter.

Everyone in the room attentively listened to the reading of the Ms. McGuire's essay. There was no doubt why she was selected as the winner of the nationwide contest. The audience was moved so there were misty eyes and a renewed confidence in the future of our youth. The members of Lake Michigan #289 congratulate Ms. Kelly McGuire and wish her much success as she and her twin sister Katie head for college.



Kelly reading her Essay to Chapter.



After hearing the essay the President of Chapter #289, Capt. Rupert Solis, USAR (Ret.) Presented Kelly with the First Place Sojourner Plaque and Check.



Kelly's Family accompanied her to the ceremony, Her Father, John, twin sister Katie, Kelly, her mother Marilyn and President Rupert Solis.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS INTO THE NEXT SOJOURNER IS  
AUGUST 20, 2013.**

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brother Sojourners,

I give a hearty "thank you" for the confidence you have entrusted to me, the National Line and all of our National Officers. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented cadre at the helm of our Order as we face the numerous challenges ahead of us. Building on the successes of the past few years, we have made progress in a number of areas, yet there is still much to do.

We have just completed our 93rd Annual National Convention in San Antonio as I write this message. Thanks to chapter manager, Brother LTC Elliott Samuels, PNP, LOH, and his team, it was a memorable convention. We were blessed with the largest number of first-time attendees in recent memory, and I hope they enjoyed themselves to such an extent that they will bring more first-timers to Austin in 2014.

In committee meetings and the general session, many areas critical to our future success and vitality were reviewed, discussed, debated and choices were made that will guide us for the next few years.

Financially, we are making some progress, but many program, personnel and support areas are in need of increased funding. I believe that the Order well epitomizes an old adage – "We have done so much for

so long with so little, that we can do anything forever with nothing" – that should not be the way we continue to operate. While our two major funds, the Sojourner Endowment Memorial Fund and the National Sojourner Trust Fund, increased by approximately 2% and 5% respectively, additional growth is a necessity as costs rise. Our tax-exempt, non-profit Spirit of America Education Foundation is before the Internal Revenue Service for final review and approval.

I will soon be issuing a National Circular adding the Lodge of Military Tribute, the Ladies at the Table Lodge and the Colonial Ladies at the Table Lodge to the stable of programs we offer to our Blue Lodges with the caveat that the programs be acceptable to the Grand Lodges before presentation. I strongly support both versions of our Youth Leadership Conferences, and will be in Valley Forge in July to continue our partnership with Freedoms Foundation. Other programs are being considered as well. Please use all of our people and programs to present the concepts of Americanism and Patriotism within your Lodges, appendant Bodies and communities.

Membership is a vital and sometimes contentious issue, as it was in San Antonio. Overall, our membership has declined

to slightly less than eight thousand due to mortality among our older members and resignations for reasons of health, occupation and perceived discrimination against those who did not reach a certain minimum rank while in the service. While both resolutions having to do with membership criteria were defeated the resolution opening regular membership to those in grade E-5 and above lost by less than 4% giving rise to disappointment among some of our brethren. There are good and cogent reasons on both sides of the argument, and disappointment could have gone the other way.

I ask everyone to remember that National Sojourners is a Masonic organization subject to the By-Laws governing the Order, and that there is a process to effect change. While that process is working, I ask you to circumscribe your passions and work together for the good of our great Nation, Freemasonry in general and our beloved National Sojourners.

As we travel around during the next year, Becky and I hope to meet and meet with many Sojourners and Ladies. Until next time, we wish you an exciting and satisfying summer.

Keye Perry, Sr.

## 2013 LEGION OF HONOR WILLIAM J. RYLAND



Bro. Ryland joined National Sojourners at Fort Riley #321 on 11 March 1970. He was installed as a Hero of '76 on 12 September 1970.

He then served as Chapter Secretary. He served as Regional Representative for Kansas in 1972-1973. He served as chairman of the National Membership Committee from 1973-1976, and a member of the committee from 1991-1996; also he served on the Americanism committee from 1981-1983; he was also a member of

NASOCOCO from 1993-1993. He was appointed as Chairman of the Education & Training Committee from 1993-1996, Committee of 33 in 1994-1996 and Regional Representative for SOCAL East in 1994-1997. He served as National President 1999-2000 and served in the National Trustees 2000-2006 and on the Honors and Awards Committee 2000-2005.

He was selected as Secretary of the Year in 1973 and 2011. He has served as President of Arrowhead #421 in 1993-1994 and Camp Commander of Abraham Swartwout Camp in 1994-1995.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite 33o and York Rite bodies, he has received The Order of the Purple Cross and a Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor in 2007. He also served as Grand Junior Deacon 2009-2010 of the Grand Lodge of California.

He still serves as the Secretary of Pasadena #265 and Adjutant of John Pershing Camp Heroes of '76.

## NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER WANTED

Required: leadership and management experience; knowledge of Masonic protocol and etiquette; budgeting and cost center management skills; knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat and Quick Books; attention to detail. Some travel and protocol duties necessary. Position to be filled as soon as possible. Questions and/or expressions of interest may be directed to Bro Nelson Newcombe at [nationalsoj@juno.com](mailto:nationalsoj@juno.com) or by calling (703) 765-5000.



## CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Brother James R. McConnell, National President called to order the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Convention at 1330 Hours on 20 June 2013. Brother Elliott Samuels proceed to present the Hotel Representative who he had worked with as Convention Manager. He then introduced representatives of Ft Sam Houston #17 and Corpus Christi #397 who were volunteering in working to ensure a successful convention. He then presented a citation from the County welcoming National Sojourners to San Antonio.

The Colors were presented by Somerset High School Junior ROTC unit.

Brother Keye Perry Sr. then led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. Brother Floyd Gilbert, PNP, attended the Bible and gave opening prayer. Bro. McConnell then gave the Toast to the Flag on behalf of Brother Merlen Howe was not able to attend. Brother James Higdon, National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President gave the Purposes of National Sojourners and Bro. James Baker, National 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President gave the Pronouncement.

Bro. McConnell then asked the National Secretary for the report of the Credentials Committee. He reported that there were 119 Delegates representing 49 Chapters A quorum was declared. He then declared the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention was open to conduct business. He moved that the Standard Operating procedures be approved. It was seconded and approved. He then moved that the proceedings of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention as published the July – August Issue of THE SOJOURNER in 2012 be approved. Seconded and approved.

He then called upon Brother William G. Sizemore, Chairman of the Fraternal Liaison Committee to introduce the Fraternal Dignitaries. Bro. Sizemore then recognized all Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Past and I Curennt Heads of appendant bodies, Past Grand Masters (3), and Grand Lodge officers. Bro. McConnell then recognized all Camp Commanders, Past National Commanders, Van Deventer recipients, Chapter Presidents, Past National Presidents, Legion of Honor recipients. He then recognized all of the Ladies present and first timers with their ladies.

He then called for a Roll Cal of all National Officers present. The roll was called and 67 answered.

Brother Kent S. Webber, President of Collingwood was called for his report He presented his report and the announced that the recipient of the Director of the Year was Brother James R. McConnell.

He then called on Brother Schwebel for the report on NASOCOCO. He announced that Greenville South Carolina had been selected for the 2016 Annual Convention.

He then called on Brother Sizemore for the report of the Nominating Committee. The report is as follows: National President-Elect – Merlen Howe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, James Higdon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –James Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Ron Sortino. National Trustees for a three year term: James R. McConnell, Sid Shaenfield, Fred Vihovde and a 1 year term – Pedro Arroyo. There were no nominees for the Honors award Committee or the Sojourner Ritual Committee. Committee of 33 (3 year term) Clyde W. Barnes, Armand Cote, Gerald Houston, Henry Kuhn, Paul McCullough, Charles Sharp, and Joseph Zito. Emeritus Status, James S. Norris, and Justin “Rip” Van Kleeck. Bro. McConnell the dismissed the Nominating Committee and appointed them as Tellers for the election.

He then called on Brother David Gardner, National Commander, Heroes of ’76 for his remarks. He moved that his report be accepted as printed. Seconded and approved.

Brother McConnell than proceeded to recognize a Sojourner of 61 years, Brother William Koeckert, Past National President in 1978 – 1979. He was not present at the time and was given a Certificate of Recognition when he returned to the room.

Brother Keye Perry Sr. was called upon to present the recipient of the Memphis Award. He read the citation and the award was presented to Brother Carl Diamond as the Central Area Representative.

Brother McConnell the read the citation for the Houghton Award (2<sup>nd</sup> highest award for National Sojourners) He asked all previous recipients to assemble in front of the room and welcome Brother Ron Sortino as the newest recipient. Bro. Harry Sanders escorted Bro. Sortino to the podium where he was presented his award.

He then recessed the convention at 1506 Hours until Friday.

The convention was reconvened at 0830 Hours on 21 June 2013. Brother Gilbert attended the Bible and gave the invocation. Brother McConnell led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then called upon Brother Roy Ota to present the report of the Honors Award Committee. Brother Ota read the recommendation and Brother William Joseph Ryland was nominated to receive the Legion of Honor. Ballots were distributed and a written ballot was held and Brother Ryland was elected. Brother McConnell then had all holders of the Legion of Honor to assemble at the door to welcome Brother Ryland. He was escorted to the podium and informed

of the action of the delegates.

Brother McConnell then proceeded with the election of Officers. There being no nominations from the floor the following were elected by unanimous ballot. President – Elect Bro Merlen Howe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President James Higdon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President James Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ron Sortino. The following were elected for 3 year terms: Secretary/Treasurer Nelson O. Newcombe, Judge advocate – Benjamin Yudesis, Surgeon – Michael S. Jaffee

Brother William G. L. Turner was nominated from the floor for National Trustee. A written ballot was held and the following were elected: for a 3 Year Term: James R. McConnell, Sid Shaenfield and Fred Vivohde. Bro. Pedro Arroyo was elected to a 1 year term

Honors Award Committee: Brother Richard Williamson was nominated and elected for a 5 year term,

Sojourner Ritual Committee: Brother Charles Folsom and Ronald Stites were nominated and elected for a 3 year term

Committee of 33: The following were nominated from the floor: Mark Miles, Denny Norris, Randy Geck, Gary Bunnell and Louis Numkin. The delegates were instructed to vote for all nominees and the length of their term would by the number of votes received. A written ballot was held and the following were elected: (3 Year Term) Joseph Zito, Paul McCullough, Henry Kuhn, Cylde Barnes, Denny Norris, Gerald Houston, Armand Cote, Randy Geck, Charles Sharp and Gary Bunnell; (2 Year term) Louis Numkin; and (1 year term) Alonzo Smith.

Emeritus: Brothers James S. Norris and Justin “Rip” Van Kleeck were elected by voice vote.

The reports of the National Officers and Committee Chairman were made.

Historian – Woodruff Bentley presented his oral report. The following reports were moved to be accepted as printed: Secretary/Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Ritual Committee, President – Elect, Education & Training, Bridge of Light, Information Technology, Fraternal Liaison, Membership, Gifts & Bequests, Americanism, Incentives & Awards, Publications Review Board, Chapter Chartering and Revitalization, NASOCOCO, Area and Region Reps, and Committee of 33. The Vice Presidents presented their reports prior to the Committees they monitored.

Brother Harry Sanders, Acting Chairman of the National Trustees presented his report as follows.

Projected Income for the 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year: Per Capita Tax -2013- \$1,000.00, Per Capita Tax – 2014 -\$24,500.00: Interest - \$150.00; SEM Interest - \$45,000.00:

Processing Fee - \$13,000.00: MIP Dividend - \$98,000.00: Sales Income - \$14,000.00, Misc. Income - \$1,500.00: Total \$197,150.00.

Proposed Budget for FY 13 – 14:

THE SOJOURNER	\$26,200.00
SALARY – NST	\$43,191.00
SALARY –OFC MNGR	\$39,600.13
SALARY – SECY	\$36,973.10
POSTAGE	\$ 4,000.00
PRINTING	\$ 2,000.00
RENT	\$13,068.00
FICA	\$ 7,425.39
MEDICARE	\$ 1,736.58
EXPENSES –NP	\$ 2,000.00
EXPENSES –NST	\$ 2,000.00
EXPENSES – NC	\$ 1,000.00
PNP/PNC AWARDS	\$ 240.00
UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	\$ 350.00
INSURANCE	\$ 3,500.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 3,500.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 2,000.00
WEB SITE	\$ 1,531.54
RETIREMENT PLAN	\$ 3,516.36
CONTINGENCY	\$ 2,117.52
TOTAL	\$197,150.00

Bro Sanders then moved that the Proposed Budget be approved. Seconded and approved.

Brother McConnell then proceeded with a vote on the resolutions. The Pros and Cons were each allocated 3 speakers. After their presentations a written Ballot was held on each Resolution and they were defeated.

There being no further business the convention was recessed at 1510 Hours.

The convention was reconvened at 2000 Hours with an introduction of the Dignitaries. Brother McConnell then presented the Grand Dame award to Beverly Baker for her outstanding support of National Sojourners and her husband over many years.

He then called all holders of the Legion of Honor to the podium and had Katie Ryland escorted to the front for the presentation of the Legion of Honor. The installation of officers was conducted. Gifts and Jewels were presented and the convention closed at 2130 Hours "Sine Die".

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#### **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT HEROES OF '76**

Before the opening of the National Encampment a Memorial Service was held at the entrance to the Alamo in honor of the 250 Brothers who laid down their working tool during the previous 12 months. Brother Elliott Samuels led the service assisted by the Heroes of '76.

At 1430 Hours Brother David Gardner, National Commander called the National

Encampment to Order and opened the Encampment is due form.

He then requested that his report be accepted as printed. Approved,

The National Adjutant, Brother Nelson Newcombe was called for his report. He moved that it be accepted as printed. Approved.

Brother Gardner then called for a report of the Nominating Committee. They nominated the following: National Commander – Richard W. Wyatt. Chief of Staff – John J. Brown, Officer of the Day – Carl J. Diamond, Senior Lieutenant – Robert (Boog) W. Powell The report was accepted and there being no nominations from the floor they were declared elected.

Brother Wyatt then announced his appointments:

Junior Lieutenant – James F. Benson  
Commander of the Guard – Marl Miles  
Sentinel – Henry Kuhn  
Judge Advocate – Martin Schwebel  
Chaplain – Ira Flax  
Surgeon – Michael Jaffee  
Historian – Robert L. Mason  
Adjutant – Nelson O. Newcombe

Brother Edward Nolte then introduced a Resolution to change the requirements for being in the National Line. He read the Resolution, it was seconded and approved.

There being no further business the National Encampment was closed at 1500 Hours and a Degree Team composed of Heroes from several Texas Chapters found Recruit Walter W. Rogers, Grand Master of Texas qualified to be a Hero and was welcomed into the order.

Adjutant's note: This change will be distributed upon receipt of the approved resolution.

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#### **2012-2013 AWARDS**

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##### **LEGION OF HONOR**

William J. Ryland, Sr., #265

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##### **HOUGHTON AWARD**

Ronald D. R. Sortino, #329

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##### **HORTON-TOURTILLOTT AWARD**

Lester H. Albers, Jr., #364

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##### **MEMPHIS CUP AWARD**

Carl Diamond, Central Area

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##### **ANTHONY J. NATALI AWARD**

Not Awarded

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#### **DALLAS L. KNOLL BULLETIN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Ft. Sam Houston #17  
Editor: Abner Kestler, Jr.

**FIRST HONORABLE MENTION**  
Minnesota #25

**SECOND HONORABLE MENTION**  
Santa Ana/El Toro #250

**THIRD HONORABLE MENTION**  
Ft. Lee Richmond #72

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#### **MELVIN W. BYERS OUTSTANDING SECRETARY OF THE YEAR**

Not Awarded

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#### **PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' AWARD (GROWTH)**

Edwin Hickman #550

**FIRST RUNNER UP**  
Anson Jones #507

**SECOND RUNNER UP**  
Ft. Sam Houston #17

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#### **PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' AWARD (DEVELOPMENT)**

Edwin Hickman #550

**FIRST RUNNER UP**  
Anson Jones #507

**SECOND RUNNER UP**  
Ft. Sam Houston #17

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#### **PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS' AWARD (% ACTIVE DUTY)**

Harrisburg #76

**FIRST RUNNER UP**  
Andrew Jackson #385

**SECOND RUNNER UP**  
Honolulu #11

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#### **YOUTH EMPHASIS AWARD**

Harrisburg #76

**FIRST RUNNER UP**  
Hawaiian #9

**SECOND RUNNER UP**  
Kamehameha #439

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## CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Hampton Roads #6  
Fort Sam Houston #17  
Omaha #19  
Harrisburg #76  
Camp LeJeune #329  
Hunter #502  
Anson Jones #507

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## CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Harrisburg #76

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## ODIE HOWELL BOL AWARD

Hampton Roads #6  
Honolulu #11  
Benjamin Franklin #16  
Fort Sam Houston #17  
New London #58  
Fort McPherson #60  
Harrisburg #76  
Sacramento #133  
Santa Ana/EI Toro #250  
Langley-Monroe #310  
Old Dominion #364  
Seminole #373  
Brazos Valley #378  
Hunter #502  
Anson Jones #507

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## WAINWRIGHT AWARD

Not Awarded

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## VAN DEVENTER AWARD

Roy T. Ota, #11

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## VAN DEVENTER AWARD ROY T. OTA



Bro. Roy T. Ota, Past National Commander (2006-2007) was presented the Van Deventer Award at the 93rd National Convention. It is the highest award that is presented at the National Encampment, Heroes of '76.

Bro. Ota is currently serving as Area Representative for the Pacific Area, he is also secretary of Honolulu #11, and has served on the National Resolutions Committee for many years.

He retired from the US Navy as a Captain, and he recently retired from the Honolulu Government.

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## NATIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT RONALD D. SORTINO



Bro. Sortino was elected National 3rd Vice President at the 93rd Annual Convention. He was initiated in Camp Lejeune #329 on 1 May 2000. He is a Hero of '76 in Tun Tavern Camp. He has served as Chapter President and has been Secretary since 2007. He was appointed Chairman of the National Americanism Committee in July 2006 and has seen the development of the Essay Program, increased support for the ROTC Awards, and attendance to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

He joined the US Marine Corps, Infantry on 11 September 1962. He served in units from Platoon to Regimental level and many other assignments. He retired as a Lt. Col. in 1989 and then served as a Community College Psychology Teacher for 15 years.

He was raised in Semper Fidelis Lodge #280, Jacksonville, NC on 15 March 2000. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, and in The Order of the Eastern Star. He has further served on the Veterans Remembrance Committee of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He currently resides with his wife in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Mr. Walter R. Benton, #17, MIP**

Sponsor: Dennis Lafferty

**Mr. E. David Bickel, #338, MIP**

Sponsor: Unknown

**Mr. Vincent P. Blatz, #27, MIP**

Sponsor: Valentin J. Blatz

**LCDR Bennie E. Bough, #364, MIP**

Sponsor: Howard Sobel

**SN John A. Brown, #424**

Sponsor: Edward T. McCarthy

**Mr. Mark A. Campbell, #25, MIP**

Sponsor: Unknown

**Lt Col Michael S. Christie, #43, MIP**

Sponsor: Kenneth Staten

**Mr. Michael J. Cote, #463, MIP**

Sponsor: David H. Gardner

**CMSGT Richard E. Donahue, #386, MIP**

Sponsor: Andrew Hirst

**MAJ Thomas E. Ezell, #166**

Sponsor: W.C. Barnhardt

**CAPT James E. Fager, #439**

Sponsor: Mike Maklary

**SGT Martin H. Freeman, #27, MIP**

Sponsor: Unknown

**SGT Paul J. Fulton, #76, MIP**

Sponsor: Walter Foltz

**SGT Dennis A. Griggs, Jr., #265, MIP**

Sponsor: Joe Ryland

**GYSGT Frank Hartman, Jr., #273, MIP**

Sponsored: Joseph S. Talvy

**CW3 James G. Huntley, III, #28, MIP**

Sponsor: C. Wayne Barnes

**Mr. Matthew Hyde, #265, MIP**

Sponsor: Joe Ryland

**LT Robert P. Johnston, II, #42, MIP**

Sponsor: William H. Haynes

**CPL Michael J. Ladd, #527**

Sponsor: Nick Burdick

**Capt Marc J. Milburn, #316, MIP**

Sponsor: Bruce F. Archer

**Mr. Stephen Moerschel, #27, MIP**

Sponsor: Irv Dietscher

**Mr. Christian D. Moore, #513, MIP**

Sponsor: Charles Duke

**PFC Alvia A. Murdock, Jr., #162**

Sponsor: Morton Lindner

**Mr. Richard D. Myers, #19, MIP**

Sponsor: Chuck Folsom

**MAJ Craig A. Niederriter, #23, MIP**

Sponsor: Unknown

**Sgt Kenneth J. Osborne, #338, MIP**

Sponsor: Ronald L. Penfold

**Mr. Daniel B. Owczarzak, #17, MIP**

Sponsor: James N. Higdon

**MSG Albert E. Pilson, #528, MIP**

Sponsor: Allen K. Bean

**MSG Stephen P. Quesenberry, II, #97, MIP**

Sponsor: Donald Wooster

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Sponsor: C. William Willey

**MSGT Harvey L. Rouse, Jr., #329, MIP**

Sponsor: Johnny Surles

**PO1 Benjamin P. Sanchez, Jr., #439**

Sponsor: Bruce H. Bonnell

**Mr. Jose Saucedo, #373**

Sponsor: John L. Hannah

**Mr. Jeffrey A. Schmidt, #76**

Sponsor: Michael Schmidt

**CAPT Raab R. Sechrist, #76**

Sponsor: E. Thomas Kuhn

**Mr. Ronald A. Spencer, #273, MIP**

Sponsor: Joseph S. Talvy



**Mr. Tony E. Telken, #386**

Sponsor: Unknown

**SGM Robert S. Traxler, #537**

Sponsor: Ray M. Davis, Jr.

**MSgt James C. Wargo, #76**

Sponsor: Vaughn L. Schwalm

**SGT Jacob B. Watson, #414, MIP**

Sponsor: James McCraw

**MAJ Scott A. Weakley, #37, MIP**

Sponsor: James C. Bobick

**Mr. Wendel A. Van Wechel, #386**

Sponsor: Unknown

**Mr. Jack Weisman, #86, MIP**

Sponsor: Timothy McCann

**Mr. Jeffrey M. Williamson, #86, MIP**

Sponsor: Rafael Castro

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**Lawrence E. Fouse, #409, #997**

**Abner Kestler, Jr., #997**

**Randolf F. Geck, #542**

**Gunther G. Ludewig, #373**

**Michael L. Mercer, #28**

**Charles E. Ormiston, #409, #498**

**Oren L. Peters, #43**

**Albert E. Piatt, #550**

**John B. Pierson, #373**

**Tommy C. Wimberly, #409**

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### SEM FUND

**In Honor of Santa Ana/EI Toro #250 Flag Team**

Richard & Judy Williamson

**In Memory of Al Buinickas**

Charles R. Dodd

**In Memory of Leon Feldt**

Donald & Nancy Nisbett

**In Memory of Jack M. Marden**

Nelson & Carole Newcombe

## CHAPTER NEWS

**DETROIT #1, SSGT Armand Cote, Secretary, P.O. Box 297, Dryden, MI 48428.**

We held our annual installation of officer in May. The President is Myron Remney and the Commander is SSgt Ernest Berry. We continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We presented close to 30 JROTC/ROTC medals. Hopefully we see some more of the petitions get turned in this coming year.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN #16, Mr. Leonard R. Bezar, Secretary, 31455 Valley Forge Circle, King of Prussia 19406.** At our June Meeting, we elected and installed our officers for 2013-14. For the chapter, they are: Pres. Dennis Robinson; 1<sup>st</sup> VP James (Jim) Rae, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Robert (Bob)

Leopold, Secretary/Treasurer Len Bezar, and, for the camp, they are: Commander Jerry Eberz; Chief of Staff Bob Leopold; Ass't Chief of Staff Fred Reichert; Adjutant Len Bezar. Our speaker for the evening was Terry Williamson, Pres., Phila. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Terry, a Viet Nam USMC Officer combat veteran during the 1968-69 era, spoke of the history and present plans for the beautiful and meaningful Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It's located on an imposing strip of ground on city parkland along the Delaware River. Our program speaker for the May meeting was our President, Gary Portnoy. Gary spoke of his recent visit to the area of the Battle of Arnhem, Holland. This was the site of "A Bridge Too Far", made famous in the story of the American and British airborne assaults of "Operation Market Garden" during World War II in September, 1944. We granted three scholarships to the Americanism Program at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge during July 2013. Also we have presented 15 JROTC and 3 ROTC Medals. Of interest, Member Walt West, who has been presenting the Award to Lehigh University, his alma mater, recognizing the high caliber of the Cadets, has just established another permanent Award at Lehigh, in honor of his Class 1948. Three quarters of Walt's class had been veterans just returned from World War II. Our Degree team raised a candidate in Charity Lodge #190 on 7 May 2013. Ed Weisser, PP and RWPGM conferred the degree, along with other members participating. A Building the Flag Program was presented on 19 May 2013 for the Womelsdorf Alumni Assoc., held at the Williamson Masonic Lodge.



L-r: Jeff Holinaty, 1<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Lehigh '48 Award, Bro. Walt West (Lehigh 1948), the recipient of the National Sojourners award.



L-r: Terry Williamson, Speaker, Pres. Vietnam Memorial Fund; Dennis Robinson,

Pres.; Jim Rae, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Gary Portnoy, PP; Bob Leopold, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

**CLEVELAND #23, LTC Jerry J. Brove, Secretary, 705 Shadow Creek Terrace, Amherst, OH 44001.**



L-r: Bros. Craig Niedereiter and Bob McConnell at GLACE.



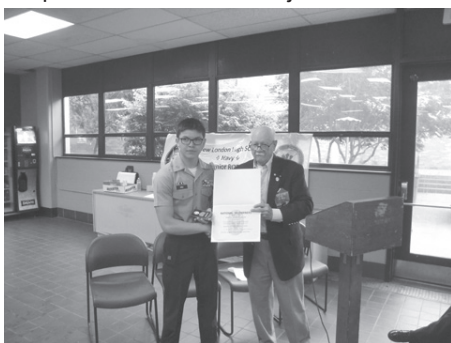
L-r: Bill Koeckert and Errol Savage outside Collingwood Library and Museum.



Bill Koeckert while in at Burlington Vermont

**NEW LONDON #58, CWO4 James Chi-anese, Secretary, 30 Pond Drive, North Stonington, CT 06359.** On 30 May 2013 we continued our program of awarding the Sojourner's ROTC award to NJROTC Cadets at New London High School. Treasurer William Breed presented the annual award to Cadet Lieutenant Soontorn Miller. The ROTC Award supports the purposes of developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation and furthering the military needs of national defense. The criteria for the award are that the recipient must have encouraged and demonstrated

the ideals of Americanism by deed or conduct or both and that the recipient has demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership. The Naval Science instructors select the recipient. Cadet Miller has been in the unit for the past two years. He quickly advanced through the ranks and is currently serving as the Executive Officer. He has accomplished all of his duties with unparalleled confidence and dedication. In addition to his staff responsibilities he has been a key member of the Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams, and Academic Team. In addition to his unit activities, Soontorn has compiled an impressive academic resume attaining one of the highest GPA's in the unit and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has also been selected to participate in the summer leadership camp held in Newport, RI. For his academic excellence, military aptitude, and community service, he has earned numerous NJROTC awards including: Naval Science Outstanding Cadet, Exemplary Conduct, Military Aptitude, Academics, Participation, Exemplary Personal Appearance, Drill Team and Community Service. CDR Ted Ward, the senior Naval Science instructor, reports that it is a distinct pleasure to have this cadet of his intelligence, enthusiasm, character and initiative in the NJROTC program. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and his school, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. He has truly set a very high standard for future NJROTC cadets to follow and is a worthy recipient of the National Sojourners Award.

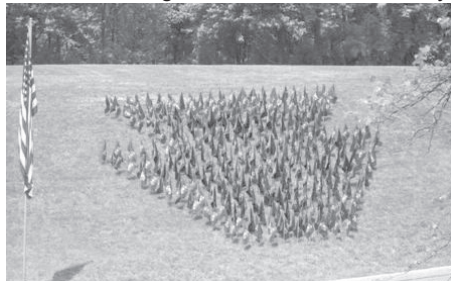


L-r: Cadet Miller and Bro. Breed.

**HARRISBURG #76, Brig Gen E. Thomas Kuhn, Secretary, 37 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.** At the Mid-Winter I gave a briefing on our "Massing of the Colors". Last week we Massed the Colors at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. I wanted to show the lasting impression made by the display. The Massing of the Colors is one program with two venues and two very different audiences. A memorial to the active duty men and women who have died in the line of duty since 9/11, over 6,500 American



and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania flags are massed for two weeks at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery over Memorial Day and for ten days at the Pennsylvania Masonic Village at Elizabethtown over Veterans' Day. The value of the flags for conducting the Massing of the Colors is approximately \$ 9,000 funded by donations of flags and contributions and supplemented by the chapter's annual budget. Because of the rural setting of the National Cemetery,



the layout and setting of the flags takes two and one half days for fifteen to twenty Sojourners supplemented by soldiers of the 213th Area Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, members of VFW Post 9639 Shellsville, special needs high school youth from Annville Cleona School District, park maintenance and the occasional visitor that feels a patriotic obligation.



These U.S. Flags are placed to honor all the service members KIA since 9/11. This is done twice a year, for Memorial Day at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and for Veterans Day at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. There is one U.S. Flag to honor each U.S. Service Member KIA (6,633). We also Place 291 PA State Flags to honor each Pennsylvania Service Member KIA since 9/11.

**PASADENA #265, LTC Joe Ryland, Secretary, 5215 Kauffman Ave, Temple City, CA 91780-3948.** In the early spring our nominating committee met and coordinated closely with the 1st Vice President, Steve Harris, and decided upon recommendations for chapter officers for the 2013-2014 Sojourner year. These potential officers agreed to serve and at the April chapter meeting there were no other nominations, so they were duly elected. At the June chapter meeting there was an installation ceremony where each was properly installed. The installing officer was the SO-CAL Area Representative, Daniel Kaffka. There were twenty two of our members at the Annual National Convention. However, only six of those members were from the Southern California Area and only one was from the local Pasadena area. Attendance at the next convention is a subject that we will emphasize during the 2013-2014 Sojourner year. Every year we place an ad in the Convention Souvenir Book and we have a contest to see who can create the most interesting ad.



L-r: Bros. Bruce Ewald, Joven Bilog, and Jeremy Chongco.

**PORTSMOUTH #386, Maj. C. William Willey, Secretary, PO Box 1264, Dover, NH 03820.** On 16 April 2013 at our annual



meeting we initiated two new members Bros. Parker "Jay" Vanderhoof and Richard Donough. Both of these Bros. were initiated as MIP members. Bro. Vanderhoof is a retired Chief Warrant Officer, Grade Four of the United States Coast Guard and member of Unity Lodge N0. 62 in Union, New Hampshire. Bro. Donough is retired from the United States Air Force with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant and a member of Saint James Lodge No. 102 in





Hampton, New Hampshire. Bro. Vanderhoof became familiar with National Sojourner at a Scottish-Rite Reunion and Bro. Donough at a special Flag Building program did for a special Masonic function. Both these Brethren bring a sense of Patriotism and Americanism to the organization and will be an asset to National Sojourners. Also at the Annual Meeting the elected and appointed for the year 2013-2014 were installed by Area Representative Brother Andrew F. Hirst.

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA #435, PO2 Thomas A. Olsen, Secretary, 3030 Woodveil Lane, Orange Park, FL 32073.** The Speaker for our April 3, 2013 meeting was Katie Akers, from Legal Shield.



PP Gilbert H. Porter presenting Ms. Akers with a certificate of appreciation.

Our members participating in the ROTC Medal Awards Program assembled on our meeting night 3 June 2013 and received an appreciation certificate sent to us by one of the High School ROTC Programs we support and to which we present medals. A group of Bros. who volunteer and present the medals joined together for a picture.



L-r: first row; Bros. Gilbert H. Porter, PP, Chief of Staff; Robert E. Hendren, III; Dettlev "Gunny" Wilkerson, Pres., Asst. COS.; and Charles R. Cooper, PP, PC. Standing L-r: Thomas Sorenson, Treas., P.C; Paul James Mast, P. 3rd V.P; Floyd Fields, P. Sec, P. Adjutant; Thomas A. Olsen, Sec., Adjutant; and Kolen Sawyer, 1st V.P., Sr. Lt.

**HUNTER # 502, CSM Charles V Deloe, Secretary, 12449 Northwood Rd, Savannah, GA 31419.** We were represented at the annual Stand up for America Parade in Port Wentworth, GA, on 27 April 2013 by Bro Perry Cadwallader, Jr. in his spiffy sedan wheels. The Secretary rode along to balance the vehicle. The Stand up for America Parade was instituted many years ago by a seriously wounded veteran of World War II who also was mayor of the town for some time. Our chapter extends an invitation to all Sojourners to join us at our meetings. If you are in the area on the second Wednesday evening of each month call the secretary at 912-656-5796 for location and directions.

Long-time Secretary Morris L Broussard (PP, PC) received his 50-year apron from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F&AM, at a ceremony at Solomon's Lodge No 1, F&AM on 16 May 2013. The presentation was by PGM Clyde E Griffin (PP&PC), also General Secretary of the Valley of Savannah, AASR. Other members present were Bros. Paul D Troxler (Treas, Sol. 1), Jackie O Ray, Sr, PP, PC; Nick E Bell, and Secretary Charles Deloe. Bro. Broussard has been an active and influential member of many Masonic bodies and civic organizations for more than 50 years. He initiated and shepherded the AASR Flag Day program that this year honors this chapter as their veteran's group of the year.

Valley of Savannah, AASR, selected our chapter as the honored veteran's organization at the Valley's Flag Day ceremony on 14 June 2013. The Secretary wore two hats as the master of ceremonies and a chapter member. Bros. Brian Coffey, Ernest McCorkle and George Vail presented the colors in dress uniform. Bro. Wally Crews gave the toast to the flag. Bro. Ronald Wolbert sang the National Anthem. Area Rep C Wayne Barnes and Bros. Joseph Oliver, Roger Coursey and Brian Coffey Built the Flag. The AASR Flag Day Ceremony was initiated and tended by Bro. Morris Broussard (PP& PC) for many years until health issues limited his participation.

**PATUXENT #522, PO1 Lawrence M. O'Kelley, Secretary, 2420 Emanuel Church Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.** The Southern Maryland York Chapter #44, York Rite held their Annual Grand Visit

Friday 14 June 2013 to receive the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Maryland, Bro. John B. Maclay Jr. (center in picture). This was in conjunction with the celebration of Flag Day where several Sojourners and Heroes '76 were in attendance as York Rite members. The local Chapter Most Excellent High Priest, Bro. Patrick Curtis (center in picture) officiated over a very successful Grand Visit and invited Bro. Randy Geck (far right in picture) to provide the traditional Sojourner Toast to the Flag. The York Rite members enjoyed the presentation and asked about the Sojourners and our contribution to Masonry.



### HEROES UNIFORM AND COLONIAL DRESS AVAILABLE

A Blue and Tan Heroes Uniform size 42/44 with a new Tri-Corn Hat and a Cotton Colonial Dress size 10/12 are available. Anyone interested please contact Judy Feldt. Email: [lb4321@yahoo.com](mailto:lb4321@yahoo.com) Phone: (915) 581-5501

## NATIONAL COMMANDERS MESSAGE



### Greetings Sojourners & Ladies

I wish to pass along my sincere Thanks for your support and confidence in electing me National Commander for the year 2013-2014. We anticipate a lot of traveling, Lady Margaret and I will represent the office in close coordination with National President Keye Perry and Lady Becky.

The 93rd Annual National Convention was truly outstanding. Under the leadership of PNP Elliott Samuels and hard working members of Fort Sam Houston #17 it was a delightful experience. I am proud to say that I am a MIP with Fort Sam Houston #17. The Hospitality Room provided a perfect place for the Ladies to gather. The refreshments were delicious and well stocked. A Big Thank you to the wonderful Local Ladies that kept the Hospitality Room open at convenient times. For me it was a return to the Great State of Texas where I spent several years during my Air Force Career. My longest stay was at Carswell Air Force Base,

Fort Worth, for six(6) years. Two short tours in Del Rio and a visit to Wichita Falls. Our two children, Son and Daughter, are true Texans, born in Fort Worth. Can't Forget the Great Lackland AFB venture (I peeled Potatoes there) I need to take a short course in Fiction Writing as we are expected to report on Areas/Places that we visit without having been there. My goal is to visit as many Areas as we can and stop for Chapter visits along the way. Our Chapters and Members are very important and need to have our support with visits where we can tell them personally. I look forward to my visits this year. If you have a Bivouac/Encampment during the 2013-2014 Year, please let me know and I will try to attend. If I can't I will coordinate with a Heroes National Line Officer to attend. I am attempting to assemble a visitation schedule that will allow as many visits as possible. Now is the time for you to plan your visit to Tampa, Florida for Central Florida Area Conference/Encampment Host-Tampa Bay Chapter #252 /20-22 September 2013 Contact: Boog Powell(boog\_powell@earthlink.net) PH: 813-719-7797

The Mid-Winter Conference at Orlando, Florida and your visit with Mickey Mouse

Host: Seminole Chapter #373 01/14/2014 - 01/17/2014 Contact: Pedro(pedrito@cfl.rr.com) PH: 407-538-6375 Looking Forward to seeing you

Fraternally,  
Dick Wyatt

## CAMP NEWS

### North Carolina Heroes Encampment.

The Heroes of "76" held a North Carolina State Encampment for the following Chapters: #97 Cornelius Harnett Camp, #504 Guilford Courthouse Camp, and #329 Tuns Tavern Camp on 20 April 2013 at Moore's Creek National Battlefield in Currie, North Carolina. Two raw recruits named Dustin Tarditi of Guilford Courthouse #504, and Kenneth Wical of Cornelius Harnett Camp #97. After many attempts at gaining clandestine admission to the Camp and evading their captors, the recruits, dressed in bloody, ragged, torn clothing, with several wounds to their bodies, were captured and placed in the guardhouse awaiting interrogation. They claimed they wanted to join The Continental Army. The Commander was informed and they were escorted before the Heroes by the OOD for examination; they underwent intense interrogation and several trips to the Delaware before everyone was satisfied. They expressed a strong desire to be made Heroes. After going through the customary examination and investigation into their history, both were welcomed into our camp by the Heroes. The Middle Atlantic Area Representative, Bro. Wayne Barnes, and Bro. Denny Norris, Middle Atlantic Regional Representative, were in attendance and participated in the ceremony. While the initiations were taking place, the Camp Followers and other guests enjoyed a tour of the battlefield from Ranger Howell, who also performed a musket firing for their entertainment. Camp Follower Hulaine Holden also gave a presentation on the history of the Camp Followers and becoming a Camp Follower. Afterwards, all enjoyed a delicious lunch put on by Bro. John Chandler and his lovely wife Leona, (she makes a dynamite raisin pie).



### ANTHONY WAYNE CAMP (Detroit #1).

We sponsored GLACE on 27 April 2013 at the Holiday Inn Stateway Center in Flint. There were 19 in attendance during the morning business and general session. The afternoon session was interrupted by an individual attempting to gain admission. He was brought before the camp and after much investigation found to be a mason and a sojourner in good standing. This Bro. Fred Kaiser, PGM of Michigan, was then admitted to our camp. After the Bennington Banquet, the Camp Followers conducted their Degree on 3 Ladies. It was a great pleasure to have in attendance and participating the National President, Col James R. "Bob" McConnell.

### GENERAL OGLETHORPE CAMP (Clarence H. Cohen #162).

On Thursday, 6 June 2013, members of our camp participated in the Flag Day Celebration of the Augusta Valley of the Scottish Rite. We were scheduled to build the flag, but circumstances tried to keep us from accomplishing our mission. One Bro. was unable to get off of work and another Bro. had car problems. Our Commander, James L. Huggins Sr. stepped forward to assist and, as is so often the case, one of our Ladies saved the day! Camp Follower, Sister Valinda Coffey, the daughter of our Asst Chief of Staff, Brian Coffey, graciously agreed to assist and with her Father, Built the Flag as Commander Huggins narrated. Many of the attendees at the event spoke of how well we did and especially how well Sister Valinda performed.



L-r: Bros. Asst Chief of Staff, Brian Coffey, Sister Valinda Coffey and Commander James L. Huggins, Sr. at the Flag Day Celebration. Commander Huggins ordered members of the Camp to apprehend and investigate a raw recruit with a really ugly hat who had tried to gain unapproved entrance to our Camp. After proper examination, he was presented to the Commander and asked many questions to prove himself to be a Mason and Sojourner. His head wound must have slowed his senses a bit, he was initially unable to provide coherent responses, but after a few trips across the 'D' and encouragement from some members, he was able to provide the expected



answers. Bro. Richard Lamarre was found worthy, welcomed as a Hero and made a member of Gen Oglethorpe Camp on 22 June 2013.



L-r; Bros. Sr. LT Jack Bradford, Recruit Richard Lamarre, Commander Jim Huggins, COG George Shearer, Adjutant Matt Scott, CofS Frank Valentine.

**COL WILLIAM BIEHL, JR. CAMP (Santa Ana/EI Toro #250).** On Sunday 19 May 2013 members of our Flag performed "Building of The Flag" for thirty-five residents of the Masonic Home of Covina, California. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this history of our Flag and gave the team a standing ovation.



L-r: Brother Joe Daugherty, his Lady Dona aka "Camp Follower", Mr. Dean Arnel, Coordinator, and Bro. Doug Bridges. Thanks for another job well done.

**JOHN J. PERSHING CAMP (Pasadena #265).** Our new camp commander, Douglas Bridges, has made plans to conduct the degrees at Old Fort El Bekal. Tentative plans are being considered to have the degrees in a more convenient location, however there are administrative obstacles to overcome. The peace and serenity of our camp has been disturbed lately by several seemingly depraved, unprincipled stragglers who have been hanging around our mess tent. Nevertheless, our unit mess sergeant, Daniel Hood, has stated emphatically that he will not provide any sustenance to them. All attempts to learn more about these would-be soldiers have been in vain. Therefore, our new Chief of Staff, Simon McIlroy, has said he plans to capture each, one at a time, and subject them to intense questioning. Our new Officer of the Day, Bernie Harris, is a

perfectionist. He will be working closely with other camp officers to ensure that we proceed correctly with our interrogations. These would-be recruits will not be informed of their rights because they have no rights. All Heroes are in agreement that EIAR.



L-r: Bros. Bob Mason, Kermit Rosenthal, Jim Benson, and Joe Ryland

**TUN TAVERN CAMP (Camp Lejuene #329).** The Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, MW Dewey Preslar and the Color Guard from the Hero's of '76.



L-r: Bros. Ron Sortino and Harvard Holden from Tun Tavern Camp MW Dewey Preslar, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. Bros. Don Wooster and Jeff Owens from Cornelius Harnett Camp.

The Installation was held in Saliebury, NC in September 2012. The National Sojourners, in colonial period uniforms, presented an entertaining and informative program recently about the early history of the United States. During the meeting of the Lenoir County Historical Association, Dr. June Rose, left, was presented the 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award by Past President Adrian King, next to Rose. Current president is John Marston, right



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**LIGHT HORSE HARRY LEE CAMP (Old Dominion #364).** On 14 May 2013 three

members of our Building the Flag Ceremony Team gathered at the Scottish Rite Temple in Alexandria, Virginia to deliver the program to sixteen members of Henry Know Field Lodge No. 349. Bro. Kent Webber, PP, clearly and crisply narrated the lesson to the Lodge. Bros. Joseph Spruill, also PP, and Les Albers, current Commander, proudly assembled the flag for all to see. The narration of Old Glory Speaks concluded to the stirring sounds of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Following the ceremony, Bro. Kent presented Mike Souvannaphandhu with the Bridge of Light Certificate. It was a truly memorable patriotic event.



L-r: Bros. Les Albers, Joseph Spruill, Kent Webber are shown with George Washington interpreter Bro. Dean Masilla at Mount Vernon for another event.

On 6 June 2013 three members of our Building the Flag Ceremony Team gathered at Cherrydale Lodge #42, Arlington, Virginia to deliver the presentation to approximately forty members and guests. The Lodge used the 68th anniversary of the D-Day invasion to recognize all US military veterans. The program began with a playing of a musical medley during which the veterans stood for their service songs. Bro. William Turner, PNP, PNC; began the Building the Flag the Ceremony with a description of the purposes and mission of National Sojourners and the Heroes of 76. He informed the assemblage about our youth outreach programs including Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, ROTC medals and certificates, and our essay awards. Bro. Les Albers, Commander; and Camp Follower Lady Patti Turner expertly placed the stars and stripes on the display board. Bro. Les, holding the folded flag, gestured while Bro. Bill described the meaning behind the folds and three sides. Bro. Bill kept the audience engaged with his characteristic bonhomie as he announced each state's entrance into the Federal Union. Bro. Turner's clear, crisp narration of "Old Glory Speaks" concluded to the stirring sounds of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The culminating activity was provided by Lady Patti's flawless recitation of the "Toast to the Flag". Bro. Les stood at attention displaying the Lodge's National Colors while the Turner's made their presentations. Following the ceremony, the event's host, Bro. David Potts, presented



each veteran with a specially minted commemorative coin bearing the motto "The Forget me not Lodge." Bro. Potts reminded the audience of the Lodge's association with National Sojourners in that the first Bridge of Light ceremony was delivered in that very Lodge room in 1965 by Bro. Archie Lyon, PNP, LOH. A plaque to that effect still hangs in their collation room. This was a truly memorable patriotic event.



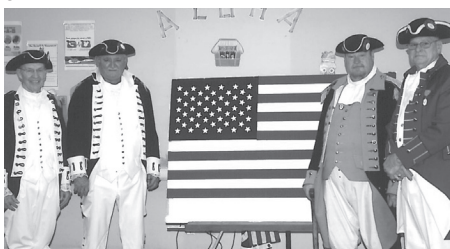
L-r: Host Bro. David Potts along with the Building the Flag Ceremony presenters: Lady Patti Turner, Bros. Les Albers, and Bill Turner.

**ANDREW JACKSON CAMP (Northeast Florida #435).** Our new officers were installed at the 1 May 2013 dinner meeting. The installing officer was Bro. Howard H. Hudgins, PP, PC, Regional Rep., and he was assisted by Bros. Leland E. Stanford, PP, PC, Installing Marshal; Charles R. Cooper, PP, PC, Installing Chaplain.

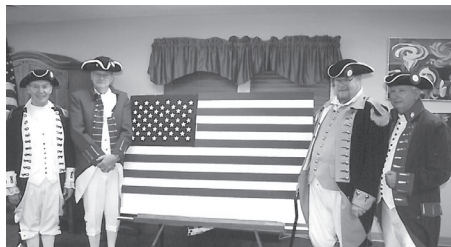


L-r: Seated: Bros. Gilbert H. Porter, PP, CoS; Howard H. Hudgins, PP, PC, Regional Rep.; Detlev "Gunny" Wilkerson, President, ACoS; Corbin P. Elliott, PP, Commander; Thomas Sorenson, Treasurer, PC. Standing: Kolen Sawyer, 1st VP, Sr. Lt.; Wiley Hart, Marshal, Sentinel; Tom Olsen, Secretary, Adjutant; Floyd Fields, PSec, COG; Angel Fergusson, Chaplain.

On May 17, 2013, our Heroes presented a "Building of the Flag" Program at the Regents Park Nursing Home in Jacksonville, Florida. On June 14--Flag Day--they presented the "Building of the Flag program at the Allegro Retirement Home in St. Augustine, Florida.



L-r: Bros. Corbin P. Elliott, PP, Cdr; Charles R. Cooper, PP, PC; Thomas Sorenson, Treasurer, PC; and Gilbert H. Porter, PP, Chief of Staff, at Regents Park Home.



L-r: Corbin Elliott; Gilbert H. Porter; Tom Sorenson; and Paul J. Mast, P. 2nd V.P., P. Jr. Lt.,. At Allegro Retirement Home in St. Augustine, Florida. The Andrew Jackson Heroes of '76 enjoy putting on the Flag program, and are in the process of getting more members to participate in the program.

**CARL L. SITTER CAMP (Shenandoah Valley #543).** On 3 March 2013 we did a Building the Flag program for a very special group of young people and their leaders in Winchester, VA. This group is part of the internationally known PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. This is an international student travel group focused on education and increasing global awareness for student grades 5-12. Their mission is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange, creating global citizens and making the world a better place for future generations. For 50 years, People to People Ambassador Programs have been changing the world through educational student travel. It all began in 1956 with President Dwight Eisenhower and his vision which the People to People mission. Since then the students have studied and traveled to all of the world's seven continents and have witnessed and participated in some of the most amazing moments in global history, blazing trails of international peace. They have met with many of the world's most influential people. Many, many student have found rewarding and satisfying jobs through their experience in this program and many have had a part in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. It was a very rewarding experience for us to put on our Building the Flag program for such a wonderful group of young people. Participating in the program were Bros. Charlie Davis, Richard Radi, and Bob Mertens, assisted by Camp Follower Irene Mertens. This was the first time our new electronic bugle was used for the playing of "Taps" and it certainly gave a more meaningful and emotional addition to the program. The students truly appreciated our efforts and it was rewarding for our group to see young people so eager to learn about the

customs and cultural differences of many different countries.



Bro. Richard Radi plays "Taps" on the bugle -- well almost! The bugle does all the work, Richard just stands there and looks good!

On 23 March 2013 we presented a Building the Flag program to a group of senior citizens from the Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Community Center in Winchester, VA. Thanks are given to Bro. Bill Jackson and his wife, Barbara, who are residents of this retirement community, for helping to organize our visit there. Westminster-Canterbury is a large complex for seniors which allows residents to choose from living in their own cottages, or their own apartments, to having assisted living services for special needs, such as Alzheimer's unit, etc. the facility provides meals in a lovely dining room or residents can also choose to go to the Bistro or visit their own tavern. The seniors have many programs designed for their enjoyment. Our group was given a lovely meal in the dining room before presenting the Building the Flag program. A large room with a central stage area was made available to our group and we presented the program to approximately 85 senior. Our group this time consisted of Bros. Charlie Davis, as narrator, Richard Radi and Robert Mertens, assisted by Camp Followers Wanda Lawson and Irene Mertens. The senior attending were much appreciative of our work and gave us a hearty applause at the end. Many in the audience were veterans were much interested in the program. It was a very pleasant evening for them and for us.



L-r: Camp Follower Irene Mertens holds the Flag while Bro. Charlie Davis give a "Salute to the Flag".

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP IN PERPETURITY

18561 CDR John W. Leroy, Sr., #542  
18562 CDR John W. Leroy, Sr. #997  
18563 Lt Col Randolph F. Geck, #7  
18564 ENS Larry L. Hill, #75  
18565 Mr. John J. Anguilar, #997  
18566 1st Lt Leon Feldt, #447  
18567 SFC Paul K. McCullough, #447  
18568 Mr. Curtis N. Balmer, #997  
18569 CMSGT Richard E. Donahue, #386  
18570 Mr. Mark A. Campbell, #25  
18571 Capt Marc J. Milburn, #316  
18572 SGT Paul J. Fulton, #76  
18573 Mr. Daniel B. Owczarzak, #17  
18574 Mr. Walter R. Benton, #17  
18575 1SG John M. Sample, #208  
18576 SGT Aaron R. Swanson, #513  
18577 Mr. Christian D. Moore, #513  
18578 Mr. E. David Bickel, #338  
18579 CWO4 James A. Baker, #154  
18580 CWO4 James A. Baker, #243  
18581 LTC Albert E. Piatt, #550  
18582 GEN Omar N. Bradley, #265  
18583 Lt Col Randolph F. Geck, #364  
18584 Mr. Vincent P. Blatz, #27  
18585 MSG Stephen P. Quesenberry, II, #97  
18586 LCDR Bennie E. Bough, #364  
18587 MAJ Craig A. Niederriter, #23  
18588 CAPT Richard S. Hancock, #482  
18589 MSG Albert E. Pilon, #528  
18590 WO1 Ralph A. Deleon, #282  
18591 COL Andrew J. McVeigh, III, #530  
18592 SGT Martin H. Freeman, #27  
18593 Lt Col Michael S. Christie, #43  
18594 LT Robert P. Johnston, II, #42  
18595 Mr. Jack Weisman, #86  
18596 Mr. Jeffrey M. Williamson, #86  
18597 Capt Charles C. Maxson, #14  
18598 Mr. Robert A. Spencer, #273  
18599 GYSGT Frank Hartman, Jr., #273  
18600 MAJ Scott A. Weakley, #37  
18601 Mr. Matthew Hyde, #265  
18602 SP4 Ronald F. Cota, #533  
18603 1LT William A. Garrad, #996  
18604 CW3 James G. Huntley, III, #28  
18605 SGT Jacob B. Watson, #414  
18606 Lt Col Keye E. Perry, Sr., #306  
18607 LTC Herbert F. Merrick, Jr., #507  
18608 MSgt Harvey L. Rouse, Jr., #329  
18609 Mr. Richard D. Myers, #19  
18610 SGT Dennis A. Griggs, Jr., #265  
18611 Sgt Kenneth J. Osborne, #338  
18612 Mr. Michael J. Cote, #463  
18613 SGM Asleigh D. McIntosh, #273  
18614 1st Sgt Lawrence R. Rodriguez, #265  
18615 1LT Theodore H. Jacobsen, #13  
18616 Mr. Stephen Moerschel, #27  
18617 PO1 Roger F. Retzke, #386  
18618 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #409  
18619 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #997  
18620 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #265  
18621 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #449

18622 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #995  
18623 SSG Lawrence E. Fouse, #535  
18624 CDR Charles E. Ormiston, #997  
18625 Maj Thomas L. Minnis, #265  
18626 CDR Charles E. Ormiston, #409  
18627 CDR Charles E. Ormiston, #498  
18628 LTC Keye E. Perry, Jr., #449  
18629 CAPT Roy T. Ota, #397  
18630 CAPT James N. Higdon, #11  
18631 Sgt Joseph S. Talvy, #507  
18632 Sgt Joseph S. Talvy, #373  
18633 Sgt Joseph S. Talvy, #17  
18634 SCPO Carl J. Diamond, #303  
18635 Lt Col Keye E. Perry, Sr., #273  
18636 LTC Roy A. Whitmire, #449  
18637 LtCol Ronald D. R. Sortino, #265  
18638 Lt Col Keye E. Perry, Sr., #378  
18639 SGM Louis M. Numkin, #507  
18640 CWO4 James A. Baker, #498  
18641 SGM Louis M. Numkin, #19  
18642 CWO4 James A. Baker, #513  
18643 SGM Louis M. Numkin, #252  
18644 CWO4 James A. Baker, #303  
18645 SGM Louis M. Numkin, #530  
18646 CWO4 James A. Baker, #252  
18647 RADM William G. Sizemore, #397  
18648 Mr. John J. Hillyer, III, #265  
18649 Lt Col Wendell A. Dutt, #535  
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18651 Mr. John J. Hillyer, III, #303  
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18654 CAPT Tommy C. Wimberly, #409  
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18656 CAPT Tommy C. Wimberly, #498  
18657 CAPT Tommy C. Wimberly, #997  
18658 CAPT Tommy C. Wimberly, #364

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CDR James H. Ard, #45  
DOD: 4/28/2013  
CW4 Demery M. Austin, MIP, #97  
DOD: 2/24/2013  
MAJ William D. Beaumont, MIP, #136  
DOD: 9/17/2004  
Mr. Floyd H. Booth, MIP, #134  
DOD: 5/4/2013  
Col Allen W. Brown, MIP, #303  
DOD: 5/30/2013  
CMSGT Alexander M. Buinickas, MIP, #4  
DOD: 1/13/2013  
MSG Frank B. Chester, MIP, #63  
DOD: 1/14/2012  
LTC William E. Crosland, MIP, #221  
DOD: 1/22/2010  
CW4 Morris Elder, MIP, #293  
DOD: 9/13/2012  
1st LT Leon Feldt, MIP, #74  
DOD: 4/24/2013

LTC Melvyn W. Fuller, MIP, #527  
DOD: 6/4/2013  
LTC Howard H. Geddes, MIP, #88  
DOD: 5/6/2013  
LCDR Joseph C. Gollattscheck, MIP, #357  
DOD: 4/2/2012  
COL Richard S. Hart, MIP, #999  
DOD: 4/20/2013  
MAJ Aubrey Hicks, MIP, #373  
DOD: 10/24/2009  
LT Alvie K. Hartsog, MIP, #413  
DOD: 5/4/2013  
CW4 Orion J. Hill, MIP, #293  
DOD: 1/6/2009  
SP4 Donald E. Kauffman, MIP, #76  
DOD: 5/10/2013  
1LT Michael T. Kuzenko, MIP, #155  
DOD: 4/18/2006  
COL Donald E. Lavender, MIP, #88  
DOD: 6/11/2013  
LTC James E. Lenon, Jr., MIP, #250  
DOD: 12/7/2012  
SSG Donald E. Martin, MIP, #996  
DOD: 6/14/2012  
1LT Thomas R. Mason, MIP, #166  
DOD: 4/21/2013  
Mr. Jay F. McGrath, #522  
DOD: 6/19/2013  
LTC James E. Miller, MIP, #8  
DOD: 4/21/2013  
CW3 Jewel B. Mintz, MIP, #366  
DOD: 5/31/2013  
COL Roscoe E. Moulthrop, MIP, #22  
DOD: 6/6/2013  
CPO Ronald J. Reycraft, MIP, #133  
DOD: 4/16/2013  
Mr. Kenneth F. Schelong, MIP, #27  
DOD: 4/7/2013  
Mr. George C. Sellars, MIP, #1  
DOD: 2/10/2013  
CW4 Floyd R. Shoemaker, Sr., MIP, #134  
DOD: 5/24/2013  
Lt. Col. John Sleeper, Jr., #482  
DOD: 2/12/2013  
CAPT Milton M. Small, #45  
DOD: 2/2/2012  
COL Frank A. Troutman, MIP, #40  
DOD: 2/24/2013  
LTC Ronald D. Turner, MIP, #8  
DOD: 4/29/2013  
Mr. Robert M. Werdig, Jr., MIP, #3  
DOD: 6/12/2013  
LT Henry M. White, MIP, #45  
DOD: 12/8/2012  
LTC Robert L. Woolbright, #17  
DOD: 4/23/2013  
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## THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG

I walked through a County Court House square,  
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.  
I said "Your old Court House is kinda run down."  
He said, "No, it will do for our little town."  
I said, "Your old flag pole is leaning a little bit.  
And that's a ragged old Flag you've got hanging on it."  
He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.  
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"  
I said, "I think it is."  
"Well," he said "I don't like to brag.  
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old Flag.  
You see, we got a little hole in that Flag there,  
when Washington took it across the Delaware.  
And, it got powder burns, the night Francis Scott Key  
sat watching it, writing 'Oh, Say Can You See.'  
And, it got a bad rip at New Orleans  
when Packingham and Jackson took it on the scene.  
And, it almost fell at the Alamo beside the Texas Flag.  
But she waved on through.  
She got cut with a sword at Chancellville,  
and she got cut again at Shilo Hill.  
There was Robert E. Lee, Bouregard and Bragg,  
the south wind blew hard on that ragged old Flag.  
On Flander's Field in World War One  
she got a big hole from Bertha gun.  
She turned blood red in World War Two,  
and she hung limp and low a time or two.  
She was in Korea and Vietnam,  
she went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.  
She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,  
now they've quit waving her back here at home.  
In our good land here she's been abused;  
she's been burned, dishonored, denied, refused.  
And the government for which she stands  
is scandalized throughout the land.  
She's getting threadbare and she's wearing thin,  
but, she's in good shape for the shape she's in.  
Because she's been through the fire before,  
I believe she can take a whole lot more.  
So we raise her up every morning and we take her down every  
night,  
we don't let her touch the ground, and we fold her up right.  
On second thought, I do like to brag  
because I'm mighty proud of the Ragged Old Flag."

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**JACK M. MARDEN, PNP, PNC**  
**JANUARY 29, 1933 – JULY 18, 2013**



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**REMEMBER ME?**

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute.

Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I may get a small glance but then you look away.

I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anyone else with his hat off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam.

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart. I'll salute you by waving back. And I'll know you remembered.

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PNP Jack M. Marden laid down his working tools on July 18, 2013. Colonel Jack M. Marden, 80, served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for over 31 years, and then served for 26 years in various positions such as Chief Bar Counsel, Workers Compensation Judge, Chairman of the Souderton Zoning Board, and board member of the Indian Valley Senior Adult Activity Center.

Initially drafted into the United States Army as an enlisted soldier, he went through boot camp before being notified he passed the New York State bar examination, whereupon he became an officer in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps.

His military career began at Fort Benning Georgia in 1957, and for next 31 years he was promoted and stationed at several bases including Fort Amador in the Panama Canal Zone; Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville Virginia; Chief Legal Officer XXIV Corp. in Vietnam; Deputy Judge Advocate Commander-in-Chief Pacific Area Command; Legal Advisor to NATO Forces Southern Region (Italy, Greece and Turkey); Circuit Judge, Fort Dix, New Jersey; Chief Legal Officer at Fort Meade, Maryland; U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland; Circuit Judge in Germany; and Appellate Criminal Court Judge with the U.S. Army Court of Military Review (the highest criminal court in the U.S. Army).

PNP Marden is a fifty year member of masonry, having been raised to the degree of master mason at Fort Benning A.F. & A.M. Lodge 579, in Georgia. Judge Marden joined Shiloh Lodge F. & A.M. 558 of Souderton, Pennsylvania. He was awarded the Legion of Honor in 2010. His Masonic offices included National Sojourner's, Past National President 1985 – 1986; National Sojourner's, Past President Panama Chapter #35 & Charleston, W.Va. #440; National Sojourner's, Comm. of 33, Past Member and Chairman; National Sojourner's, National Judge Advocate 1973-1979; National Sojourner's, National Trustees & Past Chairman; Heroes of '76, Past National Commander 1995-1996; Retired Officers Association, Mountaineer Chapter, Past President 1988 – 1990; National Sojourner's Benjamin Franklin Chapter 16, trustee; and National Sojourner's Valley Forge Chapter 444, trustee and vice president.

In early July 2013, Judge Marden was honored by proclamation by the Borough of Souderton, and by citation by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for his many years of public service to his country and community.

Judge Marden died on his 57th wedding anniversary, July 18, 2013, and is survived by his wife of 57 years Joan (nee Halperin), son Edward (Carmen) Marden, daughter Celia (Donald) Litman, grandchildren Benjamin Litman, Arthur Litman, David Marden, Jessica Winand, and greatgrandson Landon.

Burial at Washington Crossing Veterans National Cemetery. Donations can be made in honor of Judge Marden to National Sojourner's SEM Fund, c/o National Sojourner's Inc., 8301 E. Boulevard Dr., Alexandria, VA 22308, or to Generations of Indian Valley, 259 N. Second St., Souderton, PA 18964.

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**A PERSONAL NOTE FROM MERLEN HOWE, NPE**

Brother Sojourners and ladies, I feel deep gratitude for your support during my extended recovery from pancreatitis. Your calls, prayers, emails, cards and visits were and are contributing to my optimism and determination. While I firmly believe in the value of prayer, I am also impressed with the power of relationships when efforts are made to support a brother in distress. I am enjoying an increasing ability to travel and attend meetings because I thoroughly delight in the fellowship and the opportunities to promote National Sojourners and our programs patriotic. I look forward to seeing you again.

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**CONFERENCES**

The 2014 Midwinter Meeting will be held January 15-18, 2014 at the Wyndham Hotel in Orlando Florida. More information to follow.

The 94<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held June 15-21 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel in Austin, Texas. More information to follow.

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**ENCAMPMENTS**

The central area encampment will be held July 19-21, 2013 at the Capital plaza hotel in Topeka, Kansas. Point of contact is Brother David F. Kinzie, 913-351-3636.

The Southern California Area Pendleton Encampment will be held on September 6-8, 2013 at Fort San Onofre Beach, MCB Camp Pendleton, California. Point of contact is Brother Bryan Pettengill Area Secretary 619-934-1900, [2be1ask1@cox.net](mailto:2be1ask1@cox.net)

The South Central Area Conference/Encampment will be held on August 16-18, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Denton, Texas. Point of Contact: David H. Gardner, 817-228-2057.

The Florida area encampment will be held September 21-23, 2013 at the Hilton Tampa Westshore in Tampa, Florida. More information will follow.

The Pacific North West Area Conference & Encampment will be held October 4-6, 2013 at the U.S. Navy Beach Resort & Conference Center, Pacific Beach, Washington. Point of Contact: Gerald A. Earl, [g\\_earl@msn.com](mailto:g_earl@msn.com)

The Federal Area Conference & Encampment will be held on April 19, 2014 at the Collingwood Library and Museum in Alexandria, Virginia. More information will follow.