

Sons of the American Revolution



Great Lakes District

Of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan Societies of Sons of the American Revolution



Joseph C. Conger

The MISSAR was proud to be host society the Great Lakes District Meeting. Participation in the annual meeting on Oct. 25-26th was enjoyed by 41 guests. It was one of the best attend meeting in recent history. The Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, were very accommodating. The facilities of the Imperial Ballroom were unsurpassed. It will be hard to find another site that suited our ceremonial and business meeting objectives. I want to thank all those who came. For some their long travels were long and arduous, but appreciated.

The assembled joint Color Guard of GLD was commanded by Gerald Burkland. Marching across the Grand River to at the Gerald R. Ford Museum to honor the 100th birthday of our compatriot president was lead by President General Joseph Dooley. The color guard was accompanied by compatriot drummer James Strain of Marquette. Proclamations sent by Congressman Benichek and a representative from Governor Synder's office were read. Followed by a song, prayer and MISSAR famous "sword salute". A press release brought TV Channel 13 to interview the president general. The joint Color Guard of GLD upon return to Amway Plaza paraded with drummer, thru the entire plaza lobby to the evening banquet site much to the delight of the many patrons of the Amway Grand. We were well announced! Everybody loves a parade!

The evening banquet was in the restored Imperial Ballroom of the Amway Grand. Hors de'vours and dinner were served to the attendees delight. Featured speaker was President General Joseph Dooley who spoke on our third largest export-*movies*! He explained that it shows the freedoms and culture of America to the world. There is no other industry like it. The evening was highlighted with presentation of a gift ring to the PG, a Roger Sherman Bronze Medal to Compatriot Bill Vette. A photo opportunity presented itself of the reunited members of the George Washington Vigil of 2010.

Saturday, October 26th business session started after morning breakfast with spouses. Meeting was called to order by VPG Joseph C. Conger at 9:10AM. Following closely to the agenda was the reading of the GLD 2012 minutes and society presidents' reports. Nominations for endorsement for national offices followed. Next was remarks from the P.G. on his "rolled out" five part challenge to the societies. Dr Sam Powell of the CAAH was able to speak about the value of giving to national society's museum in Nashville, importance of it completion and vision for the future. A number of VPG awards were presented to the state societies and after benediction, removal of colors the meeting was called a mid-day adjournment allowing compatriots to visit the city or travel home.

Sincerely

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