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Message from the President



Since this is my last chance to address the entire Ohio Society during this 2016-2017 term, I think it would be prudent to take stock of where we were a year ago and where we are now. During Jim Schaffer's term as President (2015-2016), we took on some significant challenges. These included significant upgrades to our financial and investment strategies, fundraising, member retention and the chartering of a new Chapter. A year ago Jim urged that, "Most of all, we need to sustain the momentum... constantly glance back at where we have come from, while focusing on where we are going." Our strategy this year was just that, to sustain the momentum and thanks to all the hard work by the officers, district and committee chairmen and committed Compatriots, we have done just that.

Through the hard work of our Treasurer and members of the Finance and Audit Committees and the Investment Sub-Committee, we have added four Administrative Instructions to our Regulations. These instructions codify our financial operations and provide a solid structure for administration of our accounts, responsibilities of our Finance and Investment Committees and provide detailed financial review guidelines. This is a significant step in strengthening our overall operations.

We also grew as a Society this past year. Not only did our overall membership number increase but we also chartered, not one, but two new Chapters this year - The Highlanders Chapter in the Adams, Brown and Highland counties and the Mahoning Valley Chapter in the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.

So what is next? Between now and our Annual Conference (5-7 May) there are numerous events planned - Color Guards participating in community events, Patriot grave marking ceremonies, Chapter meetings and luncheons just to name a few. It is my hope that as many Compatriots as possible will be able to attend our 128th Annual Conference in Cincinnati.

Let me close by sending my sincere thanks to all those Compatriots who served as officers, committee chairmen & members and those that simply helped when asked. It has been through your efforts that we have furthered our cause for increased patriotic, educational and historical awareness of those who fought for and gave us this great Democracy. May we continue to do so and ensure this America they so loved and created is forever worthy of their sacrifices.

Donald C. McGraw, Jr.
Ohio Society State President
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Ohio Society Holds 2017 Winter Meetings



*John Franklin & Jack Bredenfoerder receive commissions as Generals
In the Ft Laurens Regiment at the Winter Board of Management meeting*

The 2017 Winter Meeting of the Ohio Society took place in the Northwest District in Allen County on Friday and Saturday, 3-4 February 2017. The Holiday Inn of Lima, Ohio was the site of this year's meeting. The Ohio Society was last in Lima on 4-5 May 2012 during President James Fast's term where it was the site of the Ohio Society's 123rd Annual Conference.

On the evening of February 3rd, the Society hosted an outstanding buffet dinner that was attended by 27 Compatriots and their guests. After dinner the ladies adjourned to another location while the Ohio Society Executive Committee convened. Four of Five members of the Executive Committee formed the necessary quorum to conduct business. Twenty-one total members were in attendance.

President McGraw reviewed with the Executive Committee the proposed budget for 2017-2018. Generally, the budget is not much different from those of the recent past. It is a

balanced budget of \$28,102.00 that assumes the worst case for expenses and a challenge to raise \$3,102.00 through fundraising activities. All current officers and committee chairmen provided input to the budget. In general, the budget breaks down as follows:

- 35% - Operating Expenses (Meetings, Insurance, Newsletter, etc.)
- 29% - Youth Awards and Programs
- 27% - Dues Expenses (Life Fund Payments to NSSAR & Chapters and Central District Dues)
- 5% - Contributions & Donations
- 4% - Officer Expenses

This budget was presented to the Board of Management on Saturday and after some discussion, it was approved by acclaim.

Compatriot Paul Wilke, Co-Chairman of the DAR-C.A.R. Liaison Committee introduced a resolution to the Executive Committee asking the Society to provide

financial support to the Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution (OSCAR) and the OSCAR President's Project I the amount of \$200 and \$100 respectively. The resolution was adopted by acclaim. This support has been provided annually and is presented to the OSCAR President at their annual Conference (this year on March 18th). The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

The Board of Management Meeting convened promptly at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning with 26 Compatriots representing 14 Chapters. After hearing reports from Officers, District Chairmen and Committee Chairmen, the meeting turned to old business.

Several Commissions were presented to newly appointed Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Ohio Society's Fort Laurens Regiment (our newest fundraising activity). President McGraw and Compatriot Jack Bredenfoerder (Fundraising Chairman) presented the following Commissions:

General Officer: John Franklin and Jack Bredenfoerder

Captain: James Fast

Sergeant: Michael Gunn, Stephen Hinson, Gary Duffield and Ken Carpenter

President McGraw and OHSSAR Color Guard Commander presented Compatriot James O. Fast with the NSSAR Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard.

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NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution held their Spring Leadership & Trustee Meeting in Louisville, KY on March 3rd & 4th 2017. The Ohio Society was well represented. Attending from Ohio were John H. Franklin, Jr. of the Western Reserve Society; Michael B. Gunn, Gary Duffield, John H. Bredenfoerder, Ken Carpenter, Paul M. Wilke, Donald C. McGraw Jr. (Ohio Society President), and James D. Schaffer (Ohio Society National Trustee) of the Cincinnati Chapter; Troy Bailey (Ohio Society Registrar), Steve Hinson (Ohio Society Treasurer), and Tim Ward (Ohio Society Alternate National Trustee) of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter; Larry Perkins of the Ebenezer Zane Chapter; and William A. Tony Robinson of the Camp Charlotte Chapter.

During the event, it was announced that Ohio Compatriot Paul M. Wilke would be installed as the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year, and Ohio Compatriot John H. Franklin, Jr. would be installed as a Minuteman of the Class of 2017, at the upcoming 2017 Annual Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee July 7 - 13th.

The following business items were addressed by the Trustees:

1. Treasurer General Warren Alter proposed that the Trustees approve that \$55,000 from bequests be used to reduce the debt on construction of the Museum building. The motion passed.
2. Chancellor General Davis Wright proposed adopting policy that an applicant for membership in the SAR must provide a birth certificate or court order that specifies that his gender is male. The motion passed 45 in favor and 18 against.
3. Compatriot Sam Powell proposed that the Trustees authorize the President General to enter into an agreement for the acceptance of the Solid Light donation of in-kind services of \$550,000 for design of Phase II Step 1 of the museum interpretative plan. The motion passed.
4. The Genealogy and Legal Advisory Committees jointly proposed several changes to the SAR applicant form. The motion passed.

The Investment Committee recommended the adoption of Fifth Third Bank's recommended 01/30/2017 Asset Allocation Targets, Ranges and Benchmarks for the SARF and the GWEF. The motion passed.

OHSSAR Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2017-2018

At the Winter Board of Management meeting on February 4th, the OHSSAR Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President Ted Minier, submitted the following proposed slate of officers for the 2017-2018 term:

President	Donald C. McGraw, Jr.
First Vice President	Shawn A. Cox
Second vice President	L. Stephen Hinson
Secretary	Turner L. Wilkerson III
Registrar	Troy Bailey
Treasurer	Scott Glasgow
Chancellor	Richard L. Carr, Jr. Esq.
Historian	Dr. James D. River
Genealogist	Timothy E. Ward
Chaplain	Rev. James O. Fast

Director-At-Large (2017-2020) William A. Robinson

National Trustee James D. Schaffer

Alternate National Trustee Timothy E. Ward

Continuing terms

Director-At-Large (2015-2018) Paul M. Wilke

Director-At-Large (2016-2019) Timothy E. Ward

The Nominating Committee is made up of the five most recent past-presidents who are able and willing to serve, but not more than one may be from a given chapter. This year's Nominating Committee included Ted M. Minier, Chair, James D. Schaffer, Vice Chairman, Rev. James O. Fast, William A. Robinson and Timothy E. Ward. Elections will be held during the Annual Conference General Membership Meeting on May 6th.



Ohio Society to Nominate Vice President General for 2018-2019 Term

Every four years the Ohio Society nominates a Central District Vice-President General (VPG). This VPG position rotates among OH, IN, KY and WV, in that order. The Ohio Society's, Central District VPG Nominating Committee consists of the past Ohio Society Vice-Presidents General with the most recent VPG being the chairman of this committee. This year's Chairman is Tony Robinson.

The responsibilities of this committee are (1) to make sure appropriate support is provided to the Central District activities on an ongoing basis, (2) to develop a ballot which lists qualified candidates for the office of Vice-President General and to announce these candidacies at the Winter Board of Management meeting one and half years before the National Congress at which the Ohio candidate is to be elected to this office.

At this year's Winter meeting, Compatriot Robinson announced that the VPG candidates are John Franklin and Tim Ward. Nominations of additional candidates may be made from the floor at the time of the Ohio Society selection. The elections will be held during the Annual Conference General Membership Meeting on May 6th.

OHSSAR Winter Meetings

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Compatriot Robert Davis provided the Society with an update on the **Shannon Cemetery Project** in Bluffton, OH. In July 2015, the OHSSAR Board of Management passed a resolution calling for the City of Bluffton to respect the remains of those buried in Shannon Cemetery, including those of Patriot Joseph DeFord. Compatriot Davis reported that removal of the headstones has stopped and they are being replaced. The City of Bluffton is taking steps to ensure the site is not further disturbed.

Compatriot Lance Beebe (Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee) announced the **winners of the 2017 Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Scholarships:**

- 1st Place: Isaac James Cooper, Chagrin Falls, OH
- 2nd Place: Samuel Aaron Lewis, Middletown, OH
- 3rd Place: Tristan Daniel Stegman, Fairfield, OH

At the conclusion of Old Business, the Board turned its attention to New Business. First on the agenda was the **2017-2018 Budget** that was discussed the evening prior. The budget (described above) was approved by acclaim.

Compatriot Ted Minier, Chairman of the **Nominating Committee**, provided the committee's report and the nominations for the 2017-2018 OHSSAR Officers. See page 3 for the Committee's report.

The **Ohio Mayflower Society** has graciously offered the OHSSAR space for a table at their upcoming annual meeting. The meeting will occur in Canton, OH on May 19th & 20th. After some discussion, Compatriot Perkins of the Ebenezer Zane Chapter volunteered to lead this effort and will set up a table at the event with the intent of recruiting new Compatriots.

President McGraw noted that there continues to be some confusion over which **SAR medals** the Ohio Society pays for and which the individual or Chapter is responsible for. The issue that specifically arose was who pays for Silver Color Guard Medal (State does). President McGraw is working with Compatriot Bredenfoerder to update the OHSSAR Regulations, Appendix A, "Ohio Society Awards and Recognitions Established Practice."

President McGraw received a suggestion that the OHSSAR consider supporting a project to place a **Historical Marker at Fort Laurens**, something in addition to those already in place. Partial funding for such a project could potentially come from the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund. Compatriot John Franklin stepped forward to research this project more fully before the Board considers a plan to move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Reports, resolutions and other related information from the Executive Committee and Board of Management Meetings are posted on the Ohio Society website in the members-only section at www.ohssar.org.



Compatriot James O. Fast receives the NSSAR Von Steuben Medal at the Winter meeting for his sustained achievements supporting the State and National Color Guards



Compatriots Michael Gunn, Gary Duffield, Ken Carpenter and Stephen Hinson (L to R) receive Commissions as Sergeants in the Ft Laurens Regiment at the Winter meeting

NSSAR Announces General Officer Nominations for 2017-2018

At the NSSAR Spring Leadership & Trustees Meeting, the Nominating Committee made the following endorsements for the 2017-2018 General Officer election:

President General	Larry T. Guzy
Secretary General	Warren M. Alter
Treasurer General	John T. Manning
Chancellor General	Davis L. Wright
Genealogist General	John D. Sinks
Registrar General	C. Bruce Pickette
Historian General	Mark C. Anthony
Librarian General	Douglas T. Collins
Surgeon General	John C. Barlow
Chaplain General	No Endorsement

These are the same persons endorsed by the Ohio Society at our Fall Board of Management Meeting on October 2016. The actual elections for these positions will occur at the NSSAR 127th Congress in Knoxville, TN, July 7-13, 2017.

Welcome New & Returning Members

Western Reserve Society

Dana M. Lattimer

Cincinnati

Trevor W. Hamilton
Keith A. Harris
John T. Heckman
Scott M. Jackson
Eric C. Johnson
James R. Lake
Ronald J. Lake
Richard L. Moeckel

Benjamin Franklin

Brian W. Brinkerhoff
Christopher M. Finley

Richard Montgomery

Wayne C. Davison
Christopher Z. Pontius

Lafayette

Brennan M. Baker
John W. Cross, Jr.
Leslie A. Kaser
Melvin H. Stewart, Jr.

George Rogers Clark

Billy S. Botkin
Ethen F. Marsh

Northeastern Ohio

John P. Dalbec
David A. English
Matthew W. Johnson
Thomas W. Jones
John D. Phillips
Stephen G. Sandberg
Larry J. Travis
Christopher A. Wentz
Elbert R. Wentz

Arthur St. Clair

Calvin W. Peterson
John C. Peterson
Justin R. Peterson
Luke W. Peterson
Thomas D. Will

Northwest Territory

William V. Baltzly
Todd L. Heller

Ebenezer Zane

Richard L. Booth

General Henry Knox

Marvin F. Edwards

Camp Charlotte

Rex A. Emrick

Hocking Valley

Earl R. Stalnaker

Member Reinstatements

Western Reserve Society

Francis R. Krajenke, Jr.

Benjamin Franklin

David A. Lewis

Members Transferring In

Richard Montgomery

David L. Penrod

George Rogers Clark

Brian D. Starr



In Memoriam

Western Reserve Society

Roger M. Cooley
February 16, 2016

Stanley W. Kimball
January 10, 2017

Robert A. Mattoon
December 18, 2016

Raymond L. Pianka
January 22, 2017

Richard P. Reece
January 2, 2017

Eugene D. Trescott
March 29, 2015

Cincinnati

James R. Pevny
December 20, 2016

Richard Montgomery

Thomas W. Bohlander
December 12, 2016

Lafayette

Evan C. Reed
December 14, 2016

Samuel Huntington

Richard A. Pruden
January 15, 2017

Camp Charlotte

Ned R. Young
January 30, 2017

Hocking Valley

George H. Wilkinson, Jr.
November 28, 2016



John Franklin to receive Minuteman Award



At the March 3rd, 2017 Spring Leadership Meeting of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution held in Louisville, Kentucky, it was announced that Compatriot John H. Franklin Jr. of the Ohio Society SAR will receive the organization's prestigious Minuteman Award.

Franklin, who joined the SAR in 1994, is a resident of Hudson, Ohio, and is a member of the Ohio Society, and the Western Reserve Society of Cleveland. He has served in a number of leadership positions at the local, state, and national levels, including the Ohio Society state presidency.

The SAR Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the SAR, and is presented for distinguished service rendered to the organization on the national level. The medal is awarded to no more than six recipients every year. Compatriot Franklin joins three other Ohio Society Minuteman Awardees, Larry Perkins, Paul Wilke and Tim Ward.

The award will be presented to Compatriot Franklin by the SAR President General at the upcoming 127th Annual Congress to be held July 7 - 13, 2017 in Knoxville, TN.

Paul Wilke to receive Gold Color Guard Medal



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will award Compatriot Paul M. Wilke of North Bend, Ohio its Gold Color Guard Medal as he is appointed the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year at the Society's upcoming 2017 SAR Annual Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee July 7 - 13, 2017.

Each year there is no more than one SAR Color Guardsman of the Year throughout the Nation who is voted upon by a committee of his peers at the SAR Spring Leadership Meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky. The Gold Color Guard Medal will be presented by the President General during the Annual Congress Awards Night Program. To be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year, a Color Guardsman must have completed three years of service at the National level. Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate one compatriot each year who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit. For the year following his election, the Color Guardsman of the Year will carry the National SAR flag at all National events.

Wilke became a member of the Ohio Society's Cincinnati Chapter in 1998 and shortly thereafter joined the Color Guard. He has been the Color Guard Commander of the Cincinnati Chapter since 2009.



Around Ohio



Ohio Society SAR Activities December through March

For our Society to achieve its Patriotic, Educational and Historical objectives, public outreach with visible activities that contribute to these objectives is critical. Fortunately for the Ohio Society, our Chapters continue to frequently perform such activities throughout the state.

Mahoning Valley Chapter



Larry Perkins, State Eastern District Chairman, Jonathan Guerrier, Treasurer, John Phillips and John Dalbec new members of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, President Phil Bracy and Craig Campbell, Registrar.

Phil Bracy, President of the **Mahoning Valley Chapter**, presided over the swearing in of new members John Phillips and John Dalbec, on Saturday February 18th. Officers in attendance were Craig Campbell, Registrar for the Chapter; Jonathan Guerrier, Treasurer; and Larry Perkins, Chairman of the Ohio Eastern District. The swearing in event took place at the Washington's Birthday meeting of the Chapter at the Youngstown Country Club. Featured speaker was Larry Perkins, who spoke on the history of the Ohio Society.

The Mahoning Valley Chapter serves the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties. Chartered last October, a spring effort to

Richard Montgomery Chapter Celebrates George Washington Birthday



Chapter President Steve Kaplan presents Phyllis Mayne with the Martha Washington Medal

Highlanders Chapter



Highlanders Chapter President Ian Cunningham

On February 25th, in a presentation for veterans at the American Legion Post 367, Ripley, Ohio, Compatriot Ian Cunningham told the story of his Patriot Ancestor Thomas Cunningham who joined the Virginia Militia in 1777 for 13 months in "an expedition against the Indians" along the Western Virginia frontier. His wife Phoebe was later captured by Wyandots in an Indian raid in 1785, and spent three years at the central Ohio village of the Wyandot Chief, Darby. Simon Girty and the British Indian agent Alexander McKee were instrumental in effecting Phoebe's ransom and release in 1788.

Compatriot Cunningham descends from the first child born after Phoebe's return from captivity in 1788, and he is currently the Chapter President of the new **Highlanders Chapter SAR**, in the Adams, Brown and Highland county area.

The **Richard Montgomery Chapter** celebrated George Washington's birthday together with several of the area's DAR chapters. DAR chapters represented included Jonathan Dayton, Daniel Cooper, Jonathan Wright and Piqua-Lewis Boyer.

Sherry Ems, Executive Director of the USO Central and Southern Ohio spoke about the volunteer services provided by the USO for our active service members and their families.

The event was also the occasion for important recognition. Samuel Lewis was honored as the Richard Montgomery Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship winner. Samuel read his winning essay and was presented with his scholarship money.

In addition, Phyllis Mayne was honored with the Martha Washington Medal for her selfless and outstanding service to the chapter and to the community.

Lastly, Debbie Riley was recognized with the Lydia Darragh medal for her support to the chapter. Debbie Riley supported the chapter in the background, driving to events including memorial remembrances in other states, in support of chapter officers.

THE OHIO SOCIETY

Sons of the American Revolution

128th Annual Conference

5, 6 & 7 May 2017

EVENTS

- Executive Committee Meeting
- Spring board of Management Meeting
- Annual Society Meeting
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- Youth contest Judging
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Service of Remembrance

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 5 MAY

- 3:00 – 6:00 PM Registration
- 3:00 – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Cocktails (Lobby Lounge)
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM Ladies Social Time

VENUE

Crowne Plaza Hotel
5901 Pfeiffer Road
Blue Ash, Ohio 45242
(800) 468-3597 / (513) 793-4500

Double Room (non-smoking) @ \$120.00 per Nite

King Room (non-smoking) @ \$120.00 per Nite

Includes 2 hot Breakfast Buffets per Room

**A block of rooms has been reserved at this rate until
Friday, 14 April 2017**

Make your own reservations directly with the hotel but pay the Ohio Society SAR with the below form. Incidental expenses will be the responsibility of each guest. The Guest will be expected to leave a valid credit card or a cash deposit in the amount of \$25.00 per day for the length of the stay with the hotel at the time of check-in.

SATURDAY, 6 MAY

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 – 4:00 PM Hospitality Room
- 9:00 – 11:30 AM Board & Annual Society Meeting
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Ladies Social Time
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 PM Poster & Brochure Judging
- 2:00 – 4:00 PM D.G. High Oration Contest
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Banquet Receiving Line
- 6:00 – 9:30 PM Annual Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, 7 MAY

- 9:00 – 9:45 AM Service of Remembrance
- 9:45 – 10:15 AM Installation of 2017-2018 Officers

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Friday Nite Dinner

Roasted Pork #persons _____ @ \$29.50 = _____
 Chicken Supreme #persons _____ @ \$29.50 = _____
 Vegetarian #persons _____ @ \$26.00 = _____

Saturday Nite Banquet

Prime Rib #persons _____ @ \$34.00 = _____
 Crusted Salmon #persons _____ @ \$32.00 = _____
 Portobello Mush #persons _____ @ \$32.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch

Soup, Baked Potato & Salad Bar #persons _____ @ \$21.00 = _____

Lodging

Double Room Nights _____ @ \$120.00 = _____ and/or King Room Nights _____ @ \$120.00 = _____

Payment Summary

Friday Nite Dinner \$ _____ + Saturday Lunch \$ _____ + Saturday Dinner \$ _____ + Room Nights \$ _____ = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Treasurer OHSSAR
Mail to Mr. L. Stephen Hinson, 5863 Beech Street, Andover Ohio 44003

Dates to Remember

May 5 - 7, 2017: OHSSAR 128th Annual Conference, Blue Ash, OH

July 7 - 13, 2017: NSSAR 127th Congress, Knoxville, TN

July 28 - 29, 2017: OHSSAR Summer Meeting, Bolivar, OH

July 29, 2017: Fort Laurens Memorial Service, Bolivar, OH

August 19, 2017: Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service, Carlisle, KY

September 28 - 30, 2017: NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

October 8, 2017: Battle of Pt. Pleasant Memorial Service, Pt. Pleasant WV

October 27-28, 2017: OHSSAR Fall Meeting, Toledo, OH

November 4, 2017: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Parkersburg, WV

February 2-3, 2018: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Cleveland, OH

May 4-6, 2018: OHSSAR 129th Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

Fundraising for OHSSAR Youth Programs

Go to : <https://www.gofundme.com/25jbsrjr>

More Ways to Stay Informed

Here are even more ways on the internet to connect with SAR activities, news,

NATIONAL SOCIETY

www.sar.org

www.facebook.com/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/

CENTRAL DISTRICT

www.cdsar.org

OHIO SOCIETY

www.ohssar.org

www.ohssardispatch.wordpress.com

www.facebook.com/ohssar

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