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Summer 2014 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to the OHSSAR for my election as President at the Salt Fork State Park Annual Meeting May 2-4, 2014 . My congratulations to George Ruch on a successful year in office. I am overwhelmed by the well wishes of all the officers and the committee chairmen that have agreed to continue on. Making the OHSSAR go is truly a team effort and I am blessed by my association with the many outstanding members of our group.

At the Genealogy Seminar conducted by Genealogist General, Larry Cornwall on May 3, 2014, we learned that there may be as many as 2,000,000 Americans that can qualify for membership in CAR/DAR/SAR. Considering that SAR currently has only about 30,000 members (1 1/2 % of potential), it appears we are barely making a dent in recruiting eligible potential members. I would like each of the approximately 1,600 OHSSAR members to set a personal goal for the next year of bringing in at least one new member. If we could achieve this, our growth would be unbelievable.

On another topic, you are all aware that, for many years, we have been trying to rebuild Fort Laurens. The Ohio Historical Society (OHS) is charged with the formal responsibility; but the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation and the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau are also partnering with the OHS in this effort. I would like to add a 4th partner—OHSSAR. Please see page 4 for more information on this opportunity.

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**2014-2015
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**2014 Hub
Scott Award
Winner**

Robert G. Parvin
and his wife
Diane



Ohio Society Officers 2014-1015



Front Row (L-R) Rev. David B. Foster, 2nd VP, James D. Schaffer, 1st VP, Ted M. Minier, President, Lance Carter, VPG, Steven E. Frash, Secretary, George R. Ruch, National Trustee **Back Row L-R** W. A. (Tony) Robinson, VPG Elect, Merlyn C. (Troy) Bailey, Registrar, Richard L. Fetzer, Genealogist, Lindsey Brock, Secretary General, L. Stephen Hinson, Treasurer, James O. Fast, Chaplain, James E. Dunn, Historian

Dates to Remember

July 18-24, 2014	124th Annual NSSAR Congress, Greenville, SC
July 25-26, 2014	Fort Laurens Memorial Service and OHSSAR BOM, The Sleep Inn, Bolivar, OH
Sep. 26-27, 2014	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
Oct. 3-5, 2014	OHSSAR Fall BOM Meeting, Hampton Inn, Gallipolis, OH Battle Days, Point Pleasant, WV
Feb. 6-7, 2015	OHSSAR Winter BOM Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott Stow, OH
Feb. 27-28, 2015	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
May 1-3, 2015	OHSSAR 126th Annual Conference, Hope Hotel & Conference Center, Wright Patterson AFB 45433-5000 (Dayton Area)

Awards Presented

PATRIOT MEDALS

Ted M. Minier

Rev. David B. Foster

Rev. F. Raymond Sharritts

STATE MEDAL OF DIST. Service

James D. Shaffer

SILVER Good Citizenship Medal

Philip L. Lewis

Meritorious Service Medal

Lance E. Beebe

Steven E. Frash

Gregg E. McCullough

Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Merlyn C. (Troy) Bailey

Shawn A. Cox

James E. Dunn

Richard L. Fetzer

James O. Fast

Daniel J. Haas

Richard L. Hartinger

Ted M. Minier

William A. (Tony) Robinson

Gary Timmons

Terry A. Whetstone

Paul M. Wilke

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

L. Stephen Hinson

CAAH Lamp Lighter Medal

Dick Wilcox Durfee

Richard James Wilks

Vincent Nicholas Capasso, Jr.

Lloyd Eldean Gilbert

David Curtis Thomas

Paul Debenoise Schenck

Frank S. Trautman, Jr.

Robert Howard Bradt

Garrett William Gleim

John M Hoyes

Myron Frazie Gearhart

Rodger Lee Southward

Welcome New Compatriots

Western Reserve

Nathan Philip Carmon

Robert Keith Eley

Charles Lee Gatliff Petrey

Ernest Q. Petrey III

Cincinnati

David Joe Bledsoe

Donald Ray McDowell

Jeffrey Ryan McDowell

Kenneth Robert Stone

Benjamin Franklin

Donald G. Miller

Adam James Nickell

James Morton Nickell

James Ryan O'Keefe

John Patrick O'Keefe

Joseph G. O'Keefe

Joseph Riley O'Keefe

Charles Harris Sechler

Brandon M. Wolfe

Connor L. Wolfe

Walter L. Wolfe

Richard Montgomery

Steven James Kaplan

Steven Allan Tritel

Lafayette

Robert Junior Hankinson

William Bernard Sarver

George Rogers Clark

Paul W. Griffith

Raymond Lee Hilliard III

Constitution

Jerry Woodland Hammett

Notheastern Ohio

Christopher Louis Nelson

Ronald James Nelson

Donald Rawdon Thomas

James Oliver Thomas

Firelands-Bicentennial

Charles Ronald McCarty

Wallace Troy Petrey

Charles E. Ruggles

Rufus Putnam

Nicholas Wayne Darby

Daniel Ehs Jolly

Gary Lee Lambert

John Hancock

James Edward Brown

Logan Hunter Reichert

Ebenezer Zane

Colin Pete Linnabary

Joel Ross Linnabary

Marietta

Michael Dennis Farnsworth

Kahle David flowers

Albert James Moore, Jr.

Joel Lynn Weekley

Joel Lynn Weekley II

Camp Charlotte

Richard William Minshell

Cory Daniels Walters

Hocking Valley

Alan Thomas Gunmere

At-Large

Terry Lee Powell





FORT LAURENS UPDATE

OHSSAR members John H. Franklin and Ted M. Minier are Trustees on the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation Board (FFLF).

Currently, the Ohio Historical Society is 1) Developing a Site Plan, 2) Preparing a Cost Estimate (due by 8/31/2014), 3) Finalizing an Operations Plan. 4) Determining the Operating Funding Gap and 5) Deciding on future Fund Development. We will keep you updated on progress via the Ohio Country Bulletin.

If you wish to contribute to the reconstruction of Fort Laurens, please send your tax deductible donation to:

Marty Zawacky, Treasurer
Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation
P.O. Box 272
Bolivar, Ohio 44612

TOGETHER, WE CAN REBUILD IT!

IN MEMORIAM

David C. Hilliard - Cincinnati Chapter
April 15, 2014
John Richard Metcalf—Northeast
Chapter May 17, 2014

TAX FREE DONATIONS

Each year, OHSSAR spends about \$5,000 on its youth programs. Strangely enough, we also annually run over budget by about the same amount.

We are asking members to consider a tax free donation to one or more of our youth programs. If you are interested, please send your check to: L.. Steven Hinson, OHSSAR Treasurer, 5863 Beech Street, Andover, OH 44003.

Donors of at least \$100 will receive a white rosette shield. Donors of \$500 will receive a blue shield. Donors of \$1,000 will receive a gold shield.

Awards (continued)

Past Chapter President

David M. Birthelmer Benj. Frank
Rev. David B. Foster WRSSAR
Philip Lupien NW Terr.
Thomas H. Romine Ewings
Terry A. Whetstone GRC

Distinguished Service Certificate

James O. Fast
Larry R. Perkins
Steven R. Kelley
William A. Robinson

Certificate of Appreciation

Cindy Fast Cathi Jones
Schoenbrunn Valley Barbershop Chorus

Awards (continued)

Distinguished Chapter Award

Western Reserve Cincinnati
Benjamin Franklin Richard Montgomery
Lafayette Northeast Ohio
Centennial John Hancock
Northwest Territory General Henry Knox
Camp Charlotte Hocking Valley
Ebenezar Zane Fireland-
Bicentennial

George Rogers Clark

Bronze CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation

G. William Fridenmacher (at state conf.)

Ladies Auxiliary Update

As newly elected President of the Ohio Auxiliary of the SAR, I would like to thank Past President Darlene Ruch and her Board for the enjoyable year.

Our new Board of Officers for 2014-2015 are: President, Judy Minier, Vice President, Sharon Schaffer, Secretary, Donna Miller, Treasurer/Membership, Betty Franklin and Chaplain, Cindy Fast.

Currently we have over 40 members and would like you to be a member, too. Dues are \$5.00 per year and a check made out to "Ladies Auxiliary OHSSAR may be mailed to our Treasurer, Betty Franklin, 338 Simon Road, Hudson, OH 44236.

If you have a question, you may contact Betty at 216-319-0997 or jhfbmwm5@aol.com. I do hope you will join the fun and help us support the Youth Contests and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

We will be taking an Ohio Basket to be raffled off at the National Congress in July. If you are interested in adding anything, please contact Valerie Wilke at tin-man@fuse.net. Thanks for your support— Judy Minier

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Youth Awards

JROTC/ROTC

1st Place—Cadet Captain Mark William Swarner, Kenton, OH -SAR Enhanced JROTC State Silver Medallion (\$300)

2nd Place—Cadet SSgt Cole M. Foster Springfield, OH (\$200)

Eagle Scout

Robert E. Burt Award

1st Place—Robert McKay (\$300)

2nd Place—Blake Nelson (\$200)

3rd Place—Douglas Tallmadge (\$100)

Knight Essay Contest

1st Place Adam Moeller—Cincinnati Chapter (\$300)

2nd Place—Clayton E. Marsh—GRC Chapter (\$200)

3rd Place —Morgan Bivens—Camp Charlotte (\$100)

Douglas G. High Oration Contest

1st Place—Lydia Richardson—Ewings Chapter (\$300)

2nd Place—Nupur Goel—WRSSAR Chapter (\$200)

3rd Place—Madeline Ott—Firelands-Bicentennial (\$100)

Poster Contest

1st Place—Alice Yoshida—Cincinnati Chapter (\$100)

2nd Place—Zara Haffa—Northeastern Chapter (\$65)

3rd Place—Jane Sessions—WRSSAR (\$35)



Cadet Captain Mark W. Swarner receives his award from OHSSAR President George R. Ruch and OHSSAR JROTC/ROTC Chair Terry A. Whetstone.



Eagle Scout Robert McKay receives the Robert E. Burt Award from William A. (Tony) Robinson, Boy Scout Chair (L) and George R. Ruch, President (center)



Lydia Richardson receives her 1st place award for winning the Oration contest from OHSSAR President, George R. Ruch (L) and Oration Chairman, Steven R. Kelley

NSSAR Central District VPG, Lance Carter Swears in 2014-2015 OHSSAR Officers L to R Lance Carter, President, Ted M. Minier, 1st VP James D. Schaffer, 2nd VP, Rev. David B. Foster, Secretary, Steven E. Frasch, Registrar, Merlyn C. (Troy) Bailey, Genealogist Richard L. Fetzer, Treasurer, L. Steven Hinson, Chaplain, James O. Fast, Historian James E. Dunn, National Trustee, George R. Ruch and Director at Large, William A. (Tony) Robinson



Hub Scott 2014 award winner Robert G. Parvin (center) with eight previous Hub Scott Award winners (L to R) Paul G. Wilke (2009), Richard L. Fetzer (2010), Timothy E. Ward (2012), Larry Perkins (2008), George R. Ruch (2013), Terry Whetstone, (2005), William A. (Tony) Robinson (2006), and John H. Franklin, Jr. (2007).



On Monday, May 26, 2014, The Western Reserve Society Archibald Willard Color Guard took part in the Lake View Cemetery Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program took place in the shadow of the grand monument to the 20th U.S. President, James A. Garfield.

Appearing in the photo to the right are (L to R) John H. Franklin, Jr. Color Guard Commander, Gregory M. Arnold, Chris W. Bartholomew and Hugh A. Harris. OHSSAR 2nd VP Rev. David B. Foster (not pictured) laid a wreath at President Garfield's Tomb on behalf of the Ohio Society SAR.



Fort Laurens Memorial Service and Summer Board of Management

Reservation Form *Please make your reservations by July 4, 2014*

IMPORTANT NOTE: After the above date, we will lose our block of rooms

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter _____ State _____

The individual should make a reservation at the Sleep Inn at (330) 874-3435, but send payment to the OHSSAR Treasurer, L. Stephen Hinson. Advise the Motel that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution. A block of rooms has been reserved for our organization.

Lodging (Sleep inn) \$94.00 \$ _____

Dinner at Georgio's Grill — Order from menu, individual checks

Lunch at Georgio's Grill \$15 — Burger _____ Chicken Sandwich _____ Salad _____ \$ _____

Make check payable to **Treasurer, OHSSAR** and mail to: **Total \$ _____**

L. Stephen Hinson

5863 Beech Street

Andover, Ohio 44003

Schedule of Activities

Friday, July 25, 2014

5:00—6:00 pm Social Time at Georgio's

6:00 Dinner at Georgio's — Order from Menu, individual checks

7:00 Executive Committee meeting at Sleep Inn

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Breakfast at Sleep Inn

8:00—10:00 am Board of Management Meeting at the Sleep Inn

10:45 am Color Guard to muster at Ft. Laurens © 11:00 am
Fort Laurens Memorial Service

Noon Luncheon at Georgio's

Sleep Inn (B) Georgio's Grille (A)

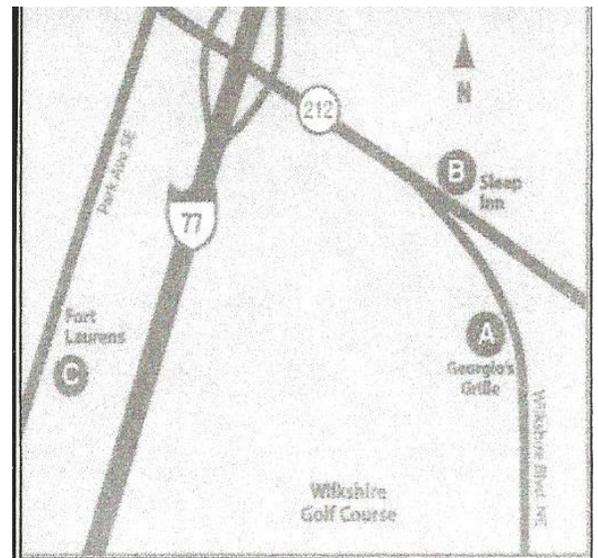
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East of the I-77/Rt. 212 Interchange Left of the Sleep Inn

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