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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*A*s I continue to travel around the state visiting our local chapters, I'm overwhelmed with the great representation we have! Our chapters are active in local parades, grave markings, flag certificate presentations and other activities. I would like to thank Jean Yost and the Marietta Chapter for hosting our Fall Board of Management meeting. The Campus Martius Museum was a great location for our meetings and meals. The history associated with the first permanent settlement in Ohio and the location of the land office made the meeting memorable. The Ohio Society combined Color Guard muster drills and musket firing at Campus Martius was entertaining and educational. The grave marking ceremony for Patriot Doan was also very well done. Many of our members continued on to the Battle Days events in Point Pleasant, West Virginia to commemorate the Battle of Point Pleasant which many people consider the first battle of the American Revolution. The Friday night candlelight tour, Saturday parade and Governor's Ball, and the Sunday Memorial Service were well attended by Ohio Society members and many National SAR Officers.

I'd also like to thank the Arthur St. Clair Chapter for hosting a joint Ohio Society and German Society grave marking ceremony for Patriot Dumm in Ross County. This was the first attempt by the German Society to recognize a Patriot of German descent and the Ohio Society's participation ensured that this event was well done and well received. Several National Officers were in attendance along with many descendants of Peter Dumm who was a member of General Washington's body guard during the war.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED

Thank you to Tony Robinson and the Arthur St. Clair and Camp Charlotte Chapters for their efforts with the annual Circleville Pumpkin show. It was also well attended again this year and the Ohio Society combined Color Guard led the parades each day and received excellent coverage for our participation in this event. Many SAR members joined DAR and CAR members on two SAR floats. I had the honor to ride on the lead float with the DAR Ohio State Regent, Patsy Gaines.

I'd like to let all of you know that the Ohio Society website has changed it's web carrier service, but you can still get to the site through a link on the National website. I'd like to thank Troy Bailey for the work he has done on the Patriots buried in Ohio index which has been posted on the Ohio Society's website. I'd encourage everyone to take a look at this database and to submit any additional Revolutionary War Patriot gravesites not listed to Compatriot Bailey at tbailey@suite224.net. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Winter Board of Management Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Compatriot Douglas Hamilton, a descendant of Alexander Hamilton, will provide a program for us during our luncheon after the meeting.

Patriotically yours,  
Timothy E. Ward

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Wreaths Across America project began over 15 years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery during the holidays. As word of the event has spread, the mission to Remember; Honor; and Teach about the sacrifices made by our veterans has captured the hearts and minds of many communities across the Country. The Ohio Society SAR plans to participate in this year's wreath-laying ceremonies. The locations

participating in Ohio include the Ohio Veterans Home Cemetery in Sandusky; the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman; the Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton; the Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus; the Kingwood Memorial Park in Lewis Center; the Union County Memorial in Marysville; and the Gates of Heaven Cemetery in Cincinnati. The wreath-laying ceremonies will be held concurrently across America on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

More information can be found at [www.wreaths-across-america.org](http://www.wreaths-across-america.org). ■





## PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

All Ohio Society Chapters are encouraged to participate in a program of mutual interest with any veterans organization. Examples of veterans organizations include the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Sojourners, etc. Any Chapter that works

hand-in-hand with a veterans organization on a program will qualify for a Partners in Patriotism Certificate from the National Society. Please report your chapter's participation in a Partners In Patriotism event to the Ohio Society Chairman, Paul Wilke, via email at tinman01@fuse.net. ■

## FRANKLIN FLYER AWARD

The National Society has created a new award which will be presented to the State Society who has recruited the most Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) members as compared to that State's total SAR membership of the previous year. A flag streamer and \$200 cash award will be presented to the State Society who wins. New members recruited from January 1 to December 31st will be counted towards this award. Any SAR Chapter or State Society that becomes a FOL member will be counted as the equivalent of one new individual member. The Ohio Society has already joined and we encourage each Chapter as well as all Ohio Society members to join the FOL. This money helps to keep the SAR library operating and to purchase new items. Please help the Ohio Society try to be the first winner of the new "Franklin Flyer" Award. ■

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*NSSAR Headquarters*  
*1000 South Fourth Street*  
*Louisville, KY 40203*

### FRIENDS OF NSSAR LIBRARY APPLICATION

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City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SAR Member Information**

National Number \_\_\_\_\_ State Number \_\_\_\_\_

State Society \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Non Individual Information**

DAR: \_\_\_\_\_ DAR Number \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organization \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$25.00



## AROUND THE STATE



Western Reserve Society Seward-Giles Cemetery dedication in Aurora, Ohio on October 12, 2008.

Compatriot Richard Fetzer received the Willard Cup, the Western Reserve Society Chapter's highest award, at Willard Night on October 10, 2008.



Cincinnati Chapter President Harry D. Geimeier presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to John Cooper, Sr., Chief, Milford, Ohio Community Fire Department.

Marietta Chapter grave marking ceremony for Patriot Richard Doan in Salem Township, Ohio on October 4, 2008.



Joint General Henry Knox and Constitution Chapters gathering in Mansfield, Ohio on October 11, 2008.

Battle Days at Point Pleasant, West Virginia on October 5, 2008 commemorating the first battle of the American Revolution.



Circleville, Ohio Pumpkin Show Parade, October 17-18, 2008.



German Society and Ohio Society grave marking for Patriot Peter Dumm in Adelphi, Ohio on September 28, 2008.



Northeastern Ohio Chapter grave marking for Patriot John Lamont in Harpersfield, Ohio.



Ebenezer Zane Chapter grave marking ceremony for five Patriots buried at the Two Ridges Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Wintersville, Ohio on September 20, 2008.

President Don Taylor of the Richard Montgomery Chapter presented the "SAR Heroes Award" to Robert Bragg for his bravery in apprehending one of the two felons who were involved in the robbery/murder of two people in a store in Dayton, Ohio.



Cuyahoga Portage Chapter DAR Constitution Day Meeting, September 13, 2008. Pictured left to right, front row: Barbara Griffith, Sharon Myers, Stephanie Whims, Sharon Snowden and Richard Fetzer; back row: Bill Maling, Timothy Ward, John Franklin and Lee MacBride.



Lafayette Chapter members dedicated an Ohio Historical Marker for the Middlebury Cemetery on October 8, 2008. The first person buried in the cemetery was a Revolutionary War veteran and now six veterans are buried there.



## WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

### Western Reserve Society

Alexander Theodore Cross  
David Ben Foster  
William John Griffiths, III  
Timothy Dwight Holder  
William Prescott McEvoy\*  
Peter Osmond Moshier\*  
John Davis Motley  
Mason Hunter Trobridge\*

### Cincinnati

John Hewitt DeHart

### Benjamin Franklin

David Elden Barnes  
Joseph David Barnes  
Neil Edward Dunn\*  
Matthew Alexander McClung  
Donald Jay Smith  
James Roderick Thomas

### Richard Montgomery

Dean Victor Harmony

### Lafayette

Richard Albert Hasler  
Ronald Lee Spicer, Jr.

### George Rogers Clark

Bradley Nadeau Earnhart  
Donald Eugene Earnhart  
Goffrey Lambert Earnhart

### Ewing

James Jarvis Dorr  
Thomas Howard Romine

### Northeastern Ohio

Daniel Austin Cook\*  
Ryan Patrick Fritinger\*  
Sean Raymond Fritinger\*  
David Arthur Heck  
Joe William Hippo  
Russell Eugene Hippo  
Howell Griffin Kirtley  
John Franklin Kirtley II  
Mathew James Kirtley  
Richard Howell Kirtley  
Steven George Kirtley  
Timothy Howell Kirtley  
Garrett McNally Lum\*  
Warren Millhouse Lum\*  
Cooper William Miller\*  
Steven Anthony Miller\*  
Michael Allen Palo\*  
Richard Charles Palo\*  
Aaron Clay Roby

### Firelands-Bicentennial

Norman Irvin Bilger

### John Hancock

Kent M. Brannan

### Bill of Rights

Landon William Smith\*  
Robert Alan Wissinger

### Marietta

Harold Samuel Hammett, Jr.  
Charles Roscoe Miller

### Camp Charlotte

Brandon Kelly Leist  
Charles Tompkins Schieman III

### At Large

Maxwell Christopher Atkinson\*  
Samuel Prescott Atkinson\*  
Kurt James Ayers  
Mark Thomas Stahl  
David Moore Zajac\*

\*Junior Member

## IN MEMORIAM

### Western Reserve Society

David Sergeant MacLaren  
1/22/06

Donald E. Tubbs  
1/29/08

Oliver C. Schroeder, Jr.  
9/25/08

Harry Roger Judson  
10/01/08

David Samuel Smith  
10/03/08

James Richard Morgan  
11/07/08

### Firelands-Bicentennial

Richard Eugene Rench  
11/03/08

### Centennial

Robert Gene Stripe  
7/25/08

### Arthur St. Clair

Charles Emeson Turvy  
4/08

### John Hancock

Dean Willard Ewing  
10/16/08

### Ebenezer Zane

Joseph Francis Mozena  
10/22/08

### Camp Charlotte

Todd Nelson Stevens  
8/31/08

## OHIO LADIES' AUXILIARY UPDATE

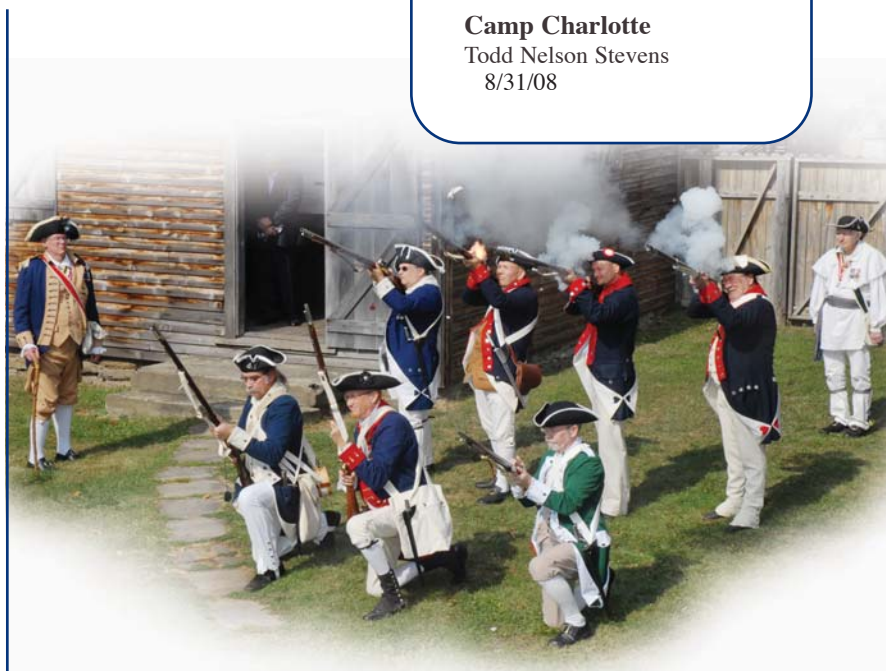
The Ladies Auxiliary has been working hard this year. We have continued to conduct raffles and other fundraisers to assist the SAR in building the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. A special Thank You to Valerie Wilke, Betty Franklin, and Sheila Perkins for all their hard work in these efforts. We continue to encourage all the wives of SAR members to join the Ladies Auxiliary.

Beth Ward

President, Ohio Society Ladies Auxiliary



*The Ladies' Auxiliary  
of the Ohio Society  
of the Sons of the  
American Revolution*



*The Ohio Society combined Color Guard performed two Drill Sessions with Musket Fire at the Fall Board of Management Meeting held at the Campus Maritus Museum in Marietta, Ohio on October 4, 2008.*



## WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

The individual should make reservations at the Ramada Plaza at 614-854-6008, but send payment to the OHSSAR Treasurer.

Lodging (Ramada Plaza): \$87.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinner(s) at \$27 each for Friday, February 6, 2009 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon(s) at \$18 each for Saturday, February 7, 2009 \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Make check payable to OHSSAR and mail to the Treasurer:

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## WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### Friday, February 6, 2009

6:30 PM Dinner (Vegetable Lasagna)

8:00 PM Executive Board Meeting

#### Saturday, February 7, 2009

8:00-8:30 Coffee & Danish

8:30-11:30 Board of Management Meeting (BOM)

12:00 Noon Lunch with Guest Speaker, Douglas Hamilton  
(Descendant of Alexander Hamilton)

#### Lodging/Meals/Meetings:

Ramada Plaza

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## OHSSAR'S OWN FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

The Ohio Society SAR is undertaking an annual fundraising program to help support our youth programs and assist in hosting a National Congress in 2010. Each contributor will be recognized in a future edition of the Bulletin and will receive a letter acknowledging their contribution. Additionally, donors of \$100 to \$499 will receive a white Century Club shield to wear behind their SAR membership rosette; \$500 to \$999 will receive a blue Century Club shield; and \$1000 and up will receive a gold shield. Annual giving donation amounts will be tabulated for a lifetime so that Compatriots can obtain the different Century Club shields as their yearly contributions are totaled. All donations are tax deductible. Help Ohio Shine in 2010!

### MY DONATION

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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11809 Hollywood Place, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

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