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Compatriots,

I am excited to be your president!

I thank all of you that have trusted me with the leadership of our Society for the coming year.

I am most grateful to those of you that have taken the time to serve as a mentor to me during my experiences within the Ohio Society and the Cincinnati Chapter. Many thanks to my predecessor Steve Hinson for his continuous hard work for the Society and the assistance that he continues to offer to me. I must also express my gratitude to Former Society Presidents Shawn Cox, Don McGraw, Jim Schaffer and Paul Wilke for the encouragement and guidance that they have provided for a number of years.

As I noted in my comments at our Winter and Spring BOM meetings, I am a strong believer in the continuity of action and planning from one administrative term to the next. As

we have seen in previous leadership changes, the priorities of this term shall continue the emphasis placed on our Society's activity in previous years.

Your President's primary Focus this term shall be:

- ◆ continuing to focus resources on membership retention and membership growth
- ◆ looking closely at the stewardship of the Society's financial resources
- ◆ continuing to further develop our Youth and Adult Education Programs
- ◆ maintaining support of the Fort Laurens initiatives
- ◆ seeking a role for the Ohio Society SAR in/on the Ohio History Connection

While we have seen a number of exciting activities this past year in spite of the COVID-19 restrictions placed on public gatherings, we now have the opportunity to re-energize our chapter's as we see the restrictions begin to lift.

Additionally, at the upcoming Summer BOM Meeting in Ft. Laurens, we will consider a resolution affirming the role of the Society President during periods of National Emergency.

Please continue to engage whole heartedly in the initiatives and campaigns of your Chapters and your State Society. Our continued success depends on your energy and commitment!

Turner Lee Wilkerson III
President—Ohio Society 2020/2021

2020/2021 OHIO SOCIETY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2020/2021 OHIO SOCIETY OFFICERS & BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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A few of the members attending the Virtual BOM Meeting held on 9 March 2020

On Saturday morning, 9 May at 10:00 AM the Ohio Society convened its 131st Annual Meeting. This was a precedent setting meeting for the Ohio Society in that it was the first time a virtual meeting of its membership was held. The driving force behind this change in tradition was, of course, the COVID-19 Pandemic!

One of the primary reasons for holding this meeting at this time was simply to maintain coincidence with the National Society's timing for reporting of membership and business status. Additionally, elections of officers for the 2020/2021 term of office was necessary.

Partially through the meeting agenda and upon a motion from the floor, President Hinson suspended the Board of Management meeting and called to order 131st Annual General Membership Meeting of the Ohio Society SAR.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee, Don McGraw, presented the slate of nominees for the upcoming term of office. No nominations were presented from the floor allowing President Hinson to go forward with the election of OHSSAR Officers for the 2020/2021 Leadership Term.

A motion from the floor to accept the slate of officers, as presented, by a vote of acclamation was made and seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor of the all nominees and the election results were declared. President General Jack Manning, present at the meeting, then conducted the swearing in of the newly elected leadership of the Ohio Society SAR!

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

Beginning with this issue of the *Ohio Country Bulletin*, we will begin delivering our full color quarterly newsletter to each of you by E-Mail.

In order to insure that you have access to the news of the Society, you will need to be certain that you have provided a valid e-mail address.

Our Society Secretary has made this very easy...

Simply send your email address to Don McGraw at ohssarsecretary@gmail.com.

If you choose to not update your email address then the bulletin will be posted prominently on the Ohio Society Website: <https://www.ohssar.org/>.

Very few B & W copies of the bulletin will available via USPS.

OHIO SOCIETY SAR SUMMER GRAVE MARKING EVENTS

CINCINNATI CHAPTER

**SATURDAY JULY 4, 2020
SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 pm the Cincinnati Chapter will honor six Patriot Heroes of the American Revolution. The patriots listed herein have rested in the Old Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery (renamed the Sycamore Township Memorial Cemetery) since the early 1800's.

Some years ago, the Veteran's Administration provided headstones for the graves of four of the patriots but due to an error in historical records the patriots were thought to rest in a cemetery located in Mt. Carmel, OH. The installers of the headstones confused the Mount Carmel, OH Cemetery with the Old Mt. Carmel Baptist Cemetery. As a result the headstones stood erroneously in the wrong cemetery for about 20 years. That error has been corrected and the headstones are expected to be properly located and in place for the Independence Day Grave Marking Ceremony at the gravesites of the patriots!

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Ferris Sr. , John | P-157724 |
| Felter, Matthias | P-157300 |
| Hubble, Gershom | P-187091 |
| Neves, William | P-255508 |
| Ferris, Isaac | P-157678 |
| Lee, Adam | P-334287 |

The Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard will present Military Honors for our Patriot Ancestors. Members of the Sycamore Township Historical Society and the Township Trustees will be in attendance and speak during the dedication and placement of wreaths upon the Graves.

No less that three chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as two chapters of the Children of the American Revolution are to attend and place wreaths at the graves.

A small reception of attendees and family descendants is planned at Trio's Restaurant a short distance from the Cemetery.



OHIO SOCIETY

**SATURDAY 25 JULY, 2020
FORT LAURENS
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This will be a full day of Patriotic and OHSSAR Events. COVID_19 cancelled our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, but we have combined these events with our Annual Pilgrimage to Fort Laurens in Remembrance of the Siege and Battles fought on Ohio soil.

Traditionally, our Society has met to remember the fallen at the tomb of the Unknown Patriots at Fort Laurens on the last weekend in July. This year will be no different as we remember:

Five Unknown Patriots

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adkins, Pvt. | P-335254 |
| Osburn, Pvt. George | P-335324 |
| Clark, Ens. John | P-133754 |
| Cleaveland, Pvt. William | P-335323 |
| Gibson, Pvt. William | P-336330 |
| Hays, Pvt. Timothy | P-335329 |
| McCurden, Pvt. Hugh | P-335328 |
| Nash, John | P-335327 |
| Evins, Pvt. Charles | P-335326 |
| Parks, Lt. James | P-335325 |
| Shores, Pvt. Greensbury | P-335331 |
| Simmons, Pvt. Peter | P-335332 |
| Simmons, Pvt. William | P-290110 |
| Smith III, Pvt. John | P-335333 |
| Taylor, Capt. Samuel | P-302492 |
| Dunlap, Sgt Andrew | P-151320 |
| Brittle, Pvt. Thomas | P-121401 |



NORTH WEST TERRITORY CHAPTER

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
ALLEN COUNTY PATRIOT
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The NWT chapter will commence the day's remembrance ceremonies in Bluffton, Ohio at the Shannon Cemetery located on E. Jefferson St. between Thurman and Vance St. GPS coordinates for the cemetery are 40.8942191 / 83.8877178.

The Program will kick off at 10 am at the gravesite of **Patriot Joseph DeFord** who served with the 5th Maryland Regiment.

Once we have completed Patriot Deford's program, we will proceed to The Logan Cemetery in Perry Township.

This second Remembrance event is for **Patriot William Rodgers** of Capt. John Reid's Company, Colonel William Washington's 3rd Continental Dragoons. Patriot Rodgers fought with his unit at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina

The Perry Township Trustees have assisted in obtaining a granite veteran's Administration Marker and will have it installed. They will assist in dedication and unveiling of the marker. The Keynote speaker will be Perry Township Trustee, Norm Capps with remarks by Kevin Cox and Greg Kessen and Natalie Scott.

GPS coordinates for the Logan Cemetery is 40.6631012 / 84.0453033. The street address is 5405 Ream Road at Chris Burgess' Farm. Start time is estimated to be in the 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm time frame.

The final stop for the this day will be at the Ash Grove Cemetery for **Patriot Simon Cochran** of the 13th Virginia Regiment. The GPS coordinates for this location are 40.7942009 / 84.1588974 and the street address is 3975 N. Cable Road in Elida, Ohio The expected start time is approximately 3:30 pm.

All programs will be conducted at the Bluffton City Hall if weather is bad. The Local American Legion is handling this arrangement. City Hall is just up the road from Shannon Cemetery

But, an unnamed spokesman for the Chapter insists that we will have great weather!

OHIO SOCIETY SAR 131ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SPRING BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020
Meeting conducted via Zoom Video Conference

The OHSSAR Board of Management Meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM. The meeting was conducted via Zoom Video due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Rev. Dr. Ed Bonniwell gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Wilkerson and the SAR Pledge was led by Compatriot Bailey. A quorum was declared (52 members from 16 Chapters).

President Hinson open the meeting with some opening comments and pointed out some features and protocols that are particular to Zoom Video Conferencing. President Hinson then recognized several special attendees, PG Manning, Past-PGs Alter & Dooley, VPG Sharp (Central District), Past-VPGs Ward, Robinson, and Perkins and Past-OH Society Presidents Franklin, Schaffer, Kelley, Whetstone, McGraw and Cox.

Minutes of the prior Board of Management meeting (Feb 8, 2020) had been circulated electronically. Having received no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Secretary Davis provided a status of Officer and Committee Reports received. 12 of 18 Officer Reports and 26 of 36 Committee Reports were received. All the reports are posted on the OHSSAR Website (Members Only section).

1st VP Wilkerson gave a report for the Black Powder Insurance Committee. NSSAR is pursuing black powder insurance that will cover all state societies and their chapters, therefore the committee recommends waiting for NSSAR to complete their actions on insurance before moving forward with something else for OHSSAR as it will likely be unnecessary. He also recommended dissolving this ad hoc commit-

tee.

Treasurer Bredenfoerder gave a brief report. The OHSSAR checking account has \$10,493.61 and the investment account has \$172,553.56.

President Hinson noted that all the youth contests have been judged and the winners identified.

President Hinson called for any compatriot interested in being a delegate from Ohio to the National Congress to notify him or the Secretary. **NSSAR will make a final decision on whether the Congress will meet in Richmond, VA or done by another means if meeting restrictions remain in place.* PG Alter said there will be a need for state delegates regardless if the meeting is on-site or virtual. Sons of the American Revolution Ohio Society Organized April 22, 1889

Upon a motion from the floor, President Hinson suspended the Board of Management meeting and called to order 131st Annual Member Meeting of the Ohio Society SAR at 10:32 AM.

President Hinson provided his State of the Society Report. He highlighted new memberships, membership retention and completion of the new OHSSAR website as significant achievements during his administration.

* Congress has been **CANCELLED** for 2020

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OHSSAR FUNDRAISING PASSES THE \$25,000 MARK

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, JACK BREDEFORERDER

The OHSSAR Fundraising Drive has now reached just over \$25,000 since its inception in December 2016! All of these principle funds have been invested in the OHSSAR restricted endowments to benefit the OHSSAR Youth Programs and the OHSSAR Permanent Fund Initiatives. Thank you for your support!

Two 1st Place Legacy Endowments have also been established to fund \$250 1st Place awards for both the Sgt. Moses Adams Brochure Contest and the Americanism Poster Contest. The donors of these two legacy awards chose to honor Compatriots Paul M. Wilke and Dr. James River respectively in the naming of the two awards. The Ohio Society continues to invite you to establish a Legacy Award to honor a special compatriot or chapter. The following 1st Place Legacy Awards are still available for funding:

- ◆ **The Rumbaugh - High Oration 1st Place Award:**
\$20,000 will endow an annual \$1000 award.
- ◆ **The Eagle Scout 1st Place Award:**
\$16,000 will endow an annual \$800 award.
- ◆ **The ROTC/JROTC 1st Place Award:**
\$16,000 will endow an annual \$800 award.
- ◆ **The George & Stella Knight Essay Contest 1st Place Award:**
\$10,000 will endow an annual \$500 award.



Jackson Torrans receives the 2020 \$250 OHSSAR Paul M. Wilke 1st Place Brochure Award from OHSSAR Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Ed Bonniwell.

Continued on page 11—Fundraising with Jack

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

Bradley, Ernie Preston
Payne, Douglas Lee
Price, Sawyer James
Price, Zander Coy
Wible, John Richard Jr.

CINCINNATI

Bennett, Bruce Ian
Day, Emerson Reed
Emery, Earnest Ray
Erskine, Ronald Earl III
Madden, Timothy James
McGilvray, Colin Andrew
Poland, Phillip Wesley
Poland, William Wesley
Sevier, Jeffrey Del
Wallin, Alton Jackson Jr.
Walling, Timothy Jackson
Weber, Mark Hewitt
Peyton, Daniel Edward
Wilson, John Andrew

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Boucher, Bruce Richard
Castle, Thomas Ray Jr.
Hilton, James Edward
McKinney, Chad Ryan
Porschart, Noah David
Potter, Joseph Daniel
Potter, Larry Edward
Schierbeck, Charles Virgil
Wynia, Scott Randall
Dunham, Robert Anthony

RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Woolf, James Harold
Autore, Ted Ross
Haines, Francis Melvin
Howey, Allan William
Livingston, Raymond L. III
Starkey, Vernie Dean
Connon, Thomas Ray

LAFAYETTE

Coffman, Robert Clayton
Oviatt, Raymond Garlen Jr.
Hilty, Matthew Ryan
McGannon, Edward M.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Harvey, Randolph John
Miller, Michael John

FIRELANDS BICENTENNIAL

Smith, Jeffrey Lee

RUFUS PUTNAM

Coveney, Michael Francis
Graham, Joe Conroad

CENTENNIAL

Kirby, Dan Andrew

JOHN HANCOCK

Phillips, Sean Robert

MAHONING VALLEY

Novickoff, Gregory

ARTHUR ST. CLAIRE

Patrick, Andrew Maurice

AT-LARGE

Laughlin, Briar Allen
Laughlin, James Allen

REINSTATEMENT & TRANSFERS

REIN/TRANS IN

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

Harmon, James Frederick

CINCINNATI

Dengler, Stephen Patrick

REINSTATEMENT

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

Van Scyoc, David William

CINCINNATI

Hamilton, Trevor Wayne

Rieger, Timothy Wayne

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Barnes, Steven Allen

Kembitzky, Frank Joseph

Martin, James Robert

Martin, Jeffrey Todd

Tagg, Gary Owen

EBENEZER ZANE

Grigsby, Scott Sinclair

RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Lochary, William Christopher
Pontius, Zebulon Christopher

LAFAYETTE

Breuers, Stephen Kenneth

LT. GEORGE EWING

Cain, Joseph Lee

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Pugel, Harrison Michael

Pugel, Henry Templin

EBENEZER ZANE

McGee, Fred Bernard

MARIETTA

Britton, Scott Alan

TRANSFER IN

EBENEZER ZANE

Zuros, Paul Joseph

TRANSFER OUT

EBENEZER ZANE

Newberry, Charles Brian

VETERAN'S SITREP



As I write this note today, I remember that it is Veteran's Day. My Father and Grandfather come to mind as a remembrance of the heritage of military service to our country that many of us share.

The SAR Veteran's Corps recently announced that World War One and World War Two veterans listed as descendants of your Patriot Ancestors as defined in your respective Record Copies are eligible for inclusion in the Veteran's Corp.

The process is pretty simple!

1. Apply for a Memorial Membership for your father(s) and or your grandfather(s). See your Chapter Registrar for guidance on the Memorial Membership application
2. Once the Memorial Membership is approved by NSSAR, then apply for Membership of your WWI or WWII Memorial Member's Veteran's Corp membership by forwarding a copy of their discharge documents as proof of their service in their respective campaigns.

Their names will be added to the their respective campaign SAR Service Corps.

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR ST. CLAIRE

Lovensheimer, Marlin A
Friday, May 15, 2020

Wilson, Robert Eugene
Monday, March 23, 2020

CAMP CHARLOTTE

Radcliff, Dwight E.
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

CINCINNATI

Glass Charles W.
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Simmons, Russel Lee
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

EBENEZER ZANE

McGee, Fred Bernard
Friday, January 3, 2020

JOHN STARK

Richardson, John Milton
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Luoma, William Lee
Saturday, January 18, 2020

RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Van Wagner, Egbert
Sunday, February 9, 2020

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON

Lewis, Donald
Thursday, March 26, 2020

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

Townsend, John Roberts
Saturday, March 28, 2020
Norman, Forrest Alonzo Jr
Friday June 5, 2020

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S QUILL

CHAPLAIN, ED BONNIWELL



For most of our founding fathers the Bible held significant attraction. Not all were Christians, but all seemed to value the wisdom found in the scriptures. In the 17th chapter of the book of Jeremiah, God told His prophet to go down to the King's gate near the temple and tell the nation, which was in deep sin, to start keeping the Sabbath, and if they would do it, they would have Kings riding in and

out of their city forever. Very strange indeed! There is not one word of repentance. And that's odd because the nation was in great sin. But God knew that if they began keeping the Sabbath they might ask why, and that would take them back to creation, back to Genesis, back to the Pentateuch, i.e. the books of Moses; and it would lead to a reclaiming and a renewed interest in the religion of Yahweh, and a coming back to God.

I think the same thing could happen in America if we started reading the Bible. The scriptures are perspicacious that is, understandable. And according to Psalm 19, it revives the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoices the heart, lightens our eyes. The mystery of the scriptures is that when we read it, God meets us there, and frankly there's nothing better.

You think about that, Amen



It is with honor that I was asked, and accepted, to be your next State Color Guard Commander. My thanks to Ohio Society President Lee Wilkerson, and to my predecessor, State Color Guard Commander Steve Frash, for asking me to do so.

Thank you to the compatriots who volunteered to be my Adjutants, Michael Gunn for Southwest Ohio, and Troy Bailey for Northeast Ohio. The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed our normal schedule of events, so all of us are a little out of practice.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Fort Laurens on Saturday, July 25th where we will gather for our annual Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony, as well as dedication of the new State Historical Marker for Fort Laurens. I can't think of a more appropriate place to start as a State Color Guard Commander.

In the coming months I hope to visit Chapters with active Color Guards and



WILL FORT LAURENS BE REBUILT?

FT. LAURENS LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIR,
BOB HILL

An Update on the Fort Laurens Rebuild Project was made earlier this year and is reprinted now as we prepare to meet again on Ohio's only Revolutionary War site.

Latest available information coming forth from the Fort Laurens Rebuild Exploration Committee Chairman, Darrell Markijohn* is encouraging.

The last meeting for this committee was held in August 2019. At that point in time a proposed rebuild site had been selected by the committee several dozen yards south of the original fort footprint (directly across from the museum).

The ideas, proposals, and maps of the committee were sent to Michael Bramhall**, P.E., P.S., principal of Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Co., in Avon, OH, who had previously surveyed the site. All work by Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company is being accomplished pro bono.

During the week of January 14th, a draft map was received by Darrell Markijohn and Doug Angeloni. Revisions were suggested and sent back to Mike Bramhall. A second draft is expected in a few weeks.

Darrell and Doug were excited by the excellent quality of the work. When this second draft is received, Darrell has promised to make it available to all committee members for further discussion and possible revisions. Once this schematic plan is finalized, it will be submitted to the Ohio History Connection for approval and an archaeological survey done on the proposed site.

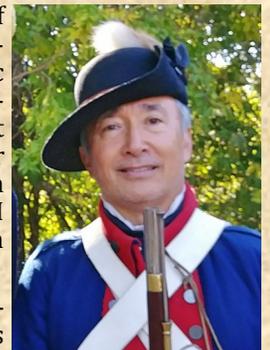
Other elements of the rebuilding proposal will be drafted and submitted as well in the coming months. I will keep the committee informed as I receive information.

* an attorney from Canton, OH appointed by the Friends of Fort Laurens and Zoar Community Association to Chair this committee

** Mike Bramhall is the brother-in-law of Doug Angeloni, a prominent committee member, teacher and reenactor long involved with Fort Laurens.

would like to ensure understanding of musket safety procedures, and standardize understanding of the basic Manual-of-Arms as used by the Continental Army, and ceremonial musket firing commands. A Color Guard always looks sharper when everyone is in unison. And of course, I will address any concerns of yours on Color Guard matters.

Please forward any photos and captions of your Color Guard activities desired for publication to me at: Leeslegiondragoon@gmail.com.



SUMMER BOM

FT LAURENS DEDICATION & MEMORIAL SERVICE

24 & 25 JULY 2020

FRIDAY— 24 JULY		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00 to 5:30 PM	Check-in: Sleep Inn Bolivar; 11155 Sr 212 N.E, Bolivar, OH 44612	
6:00 to 9:00 PM	6:00 – 7:00 Socially Distant Social Hour Refreshment Bar - Donations to Benefit The Friends of Ft. Laurens 7:00 – 8:00 Dinner Buffet \$28.00 per person Menu: Spinach Salad, Boiled Cod, Stuffed Peppers, Glazed Carrots, Creamy Risotto, Raspberry Sorbet, Chocolate Torte, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water 8:00 – 9:00 OHSSAR Board of Management	LARGE 90' x 30' Tent Ft. Laurens Historical Site
Executive Committee Meeting slated as an e-meeting during the week prior to BOM		
SATURDAY— 25 JULY		
9:00 to 10:00AM	Ft Laurens Battlefield Marker Dedication	Ft. Laurens Historical Site
10:30 to Noon	Ft Laurens Memorial Service	Ft. Laurens Historical Site
12:30 to 2:00 PM	Reception - Buffet Luncheon \$28.00 per person Refreshment Bar - Donations to Benefit The Friends of Ft. Laurens Menu: Garden Salad, Roast Beef, Salmon with Herb Butter, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Crème Brulee, Fruit Pie, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water	LARGE 90' x 30' Tent Ft. Laurens Historical Site
2:00 to 4:00 PM	OHSSAR Awards Ceremony Formal Swearing in of New Officers OHSSAR Memorial Service	LARGE 90' x 30' Tent Ft. Laurens Historical Site

Reservation Form

DUE TO OHIO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, WE MUST LIMIT THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES **IN THE TENT** TO 80 PEOPLE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. ONCE THE CAPACITY IS MET NO MORE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

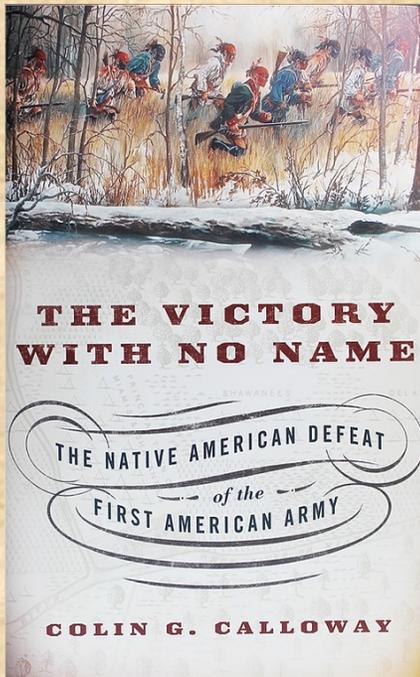
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	\$	EVENTS YOU WILL ATTEND	# ATTENDEES
FRIDAY JULY 24 th Dinner @ \$28.00 per person:	\$	BOM	
SATURDAY JULY 25 th Luncheon @ \$28.00 per person:	\$	Historic Marker Dedication	
FRIDAY JULY 24 th Accommodations at Sleep Inn Bolivar @ \$105.44 per room Dbl or King: You must call (330) 874-3435 to make your reservation. Make sure to tell them your are with the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution to get the no Ohio sales tax rate.	\$	Awards Ceremony	
TOTAL DUE OHSSAR:	\$	Memorial Service	
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The
Victory
with
No Name
Brings this
Significant
Moment in
American
History
Back to
Light.

In 1791, General Arthur St. Clair led the United States army in a campaign to destroy a complex of Indian villages at the Maumee River in northwestern Ohio. Almost within reach of their objective, St. Clair's 1,400 men were attacked by about one thousand Indians. The U.S. force was decimated, suffering nearly one thousand casualties in killed and wounded, while Indian casualties numbered only a few dozen. But despite the lopsided result, it wouldn't appear to carry much significance; it involved only a few thousand people, lasted

less than three hours, and the outcome, which was never in doubt, was permanently reversed a mere three years later.

Neither an epic struggle nor a clash that changed the course of history, the battle doesn't even have a name.

Yet, as renowned Native American historian Colin Calloway demonstrates here, St. Clair's Defeat--as it came to be known -- was hugely important for its time. It was both the biggest victory the Native Americans ever won, and, proportionately, the biggest military disaster the United States had suffered. With the British in Canada waiting in the wings for the American experiment in republicanism to fail, and some regions of the West gravitating toward alliance with Spain, the defeat threatened the very existence of the infant United States. Generating a deluge of reports, correspondence, opinions, and debates in the press, it produced the first congressional investigation in American history, while ultimately changing not only the manner in which Americans viewed, raised, organized, and paid for their armies, but the very ways in which they fought their wars.

Emphasizing the extent to which the battle has been overlooked in history, Calloway illustrates how this moment of great victory by American Indians became an aberration in the national story and a blank spot in the national memory. Calloway shows that St. Clair's army proved no match for the highly motivated and well-led Native American force that shattered not only the American army but the ill-founded assumption that Indians stood no chance against European methods and models of warfare.

An engaging and enlightening read for American history enthusiasts and scholars alike.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OHIO SOCIETY DISPATCH—OUR BLOG ?

APATHY & AMBIVALENCE HAPPENED!

I also, wondered what happened to the Blog Site. Suddenly, it just wasn't around any longer. There was no place for chapters to boast of their programs and expound upon their patriotic deeds in the communities of their service! It was like a hearing that a long forgotten relative had passed away—nobody knew how they died or how long ago they passed—but they were gone all the same! Sounds a little bit like what probably happened to our Blog.

Well, we shall resurrect the blog! It will be located on our website, <https://www.ohssar.org/>. It's important for us to understand the life cycle of a Blog. It's sort of like you and me. I needs to be fed, watered and kept informed. That means the Secretaries of our many chapters need to feed the "Blogster"— me, lots of news about your Chapter's events, your musings on America that may strike you as worthy of discussion, interesting news related to our mission objectives, stories of students finally grasping their heritage and seeing how the past informs the future. I have mentioned this in the past, and confess that it is not original thought on my part but, "*the news of today is tomorrows history!*" We celebrate our Day of Independence every year and glory in our history of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, but back in the day—in Philadelphia on July 5th 1776—it was just local news. It probably took a full week before the good people in Williamsburg, Virginia read about it in the Virginia Gazette!

The Information Technology of today allows us so much more convenience and flexibility in the sharing of news and local events. Please be willing to take the time to send a short clip of what is happening in your neck of the woods. Send a photo or two along with it. We will place it in the Blog and edit it appropriately for the *Ohio Country Bulletin*, *The SAR Magazine* or *The Color Guardsman*. Don't put it off—do it soon!

SEND IT TO: leewilkerson503@gmail.com; leeslegiondragoon@gmail.com or ohssarsecretary@gmail.com.

The Ohio Society Ladies Auxiliary

VENIE HINSON, PRESIDENT —OHIO SOCIETY LADIES' AUXILIARY

At the very end of our Spring Board of Management Meeting, President Hinson turned the floor over to First Lady Venie Hinson. Venie and the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary had been working throughout the year on a hand stitched quilt to be offered as the Grand Prize of the Society's Annual Raffle.

The Ladies had been tireless in the sales of Raffle Tickets at each of the preceding BOM's. They never told us how many tickets had been sold or how much they had raised to support their annual scholarship gifts to the Americanism Contest Winners. But, they did finally tell who had won! I can safely say that everyone but the Prize Winner was disappointed in the outcome, as we all had hopes of taking the quilt home with us!

The winner was Don Miller, President of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

The rest of us losers, can take consolation in the fact that Venie and the ladies have volunteered to create yet another Quilt for this coming year.

Once again the drawing will be held at the Annual BOM Meeting to be held in Cincinnati in May 2021.

Sadly, our Virtual Meeting did not facilitate the taking of photos of the Prize being awarded.

The good News is that we have a picture of the 2021 Quilt to be awarded during the Cincinnati 132nd Board of Management Meeting.

Get your wallets out guys, this could be a very competitive & expensive Auction



President,
Venie Hinson



Vice President,
Shari Wilkerson



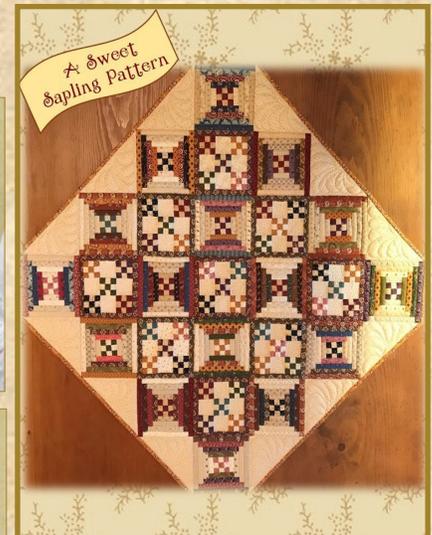
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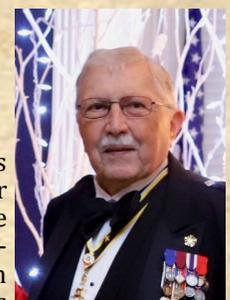
PATRIOT GRAVES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MIKE GUNN

As we look to the future, we are again reminded of "Greatness" and how fragile it is. America's Greatness will not be found in its might, its wealth or its influence over world events. Now, as then, America's Greatness will be found, established and maintained in its soul and in its character as represented by our Patriot ancestors who fought, those who were captured, wounded and died that we might one day enjoy freedom from tyranny are precious memories of a time when sacrifice was truly costly and the reward unsure. These were not perfect people but they exhibited a kind of strength and character that would in time mold a great nation. Because of these qualities our parent organization National SAR included research to identify Revolutionary War Patriots in two of their original objectives when created in 1889.

We, in the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have been fortunate to have identified as least one or many more of our personal ancestors who participated in that war that granted us those freedoms. Knowing the satisfaction of the name, how they fought, where they sacrificed and the rewards they earned, we believe we must learn who

they all are and our goal is to give as much information as we can learn for others. Therefore, we provide these records of more than 7000 of our Patriots known to have been buried here in Ohio, nearly double of the numbers listed by available lists when we started. Subsequent additions were made to the data from research performed by various Chapters of SAR in Ohio utilizing references listed in the bibliography listed at the back of the presentation. Those entry's locations may be identified by longitude/latitude and County listed in the header. Most have references that may help others verify their descent.

However, the Data contained within this Registry represents a compilation of numerous sources, and is **NOT TO BE USED** as direct proof on SAR applications. However, this data may point you to the actual sources which may be usable as proof on an SAR application. Refer to the NSSAR Application Preparation Manual and NSSAR Genealogical Committee Policies Manual for the specifics of acceptable proof on a SAR application.



A VISIT TO HOCKING VALLEY

PRESIDENT LEE WILKERSON

This past Saturday, our 2nd Vice President, Jack Bredenfoerder and I, had the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the Hocking Valley Chapter at their “coming out” BOM meeting since the onset of the Pandemic shutdown. The chapter had a good turnout for this gathering which included election of two officers to the chapter’s leadership and Americanism Contest Awards to Student Winners of the Poster and Brochure contests.

Young Carson Call was present with his Dad to receive his Award Certificates and Scholarship Prizes for his Poster on Virginia in the Revolution. Carson took 1st place in the Hocking Valley Chapter Contest and 3rd place in the Ohio Society Contest. As an additional incentive and memento of the occasion the Ohio Society awarded Carson an Ohio Society Challenge Coin.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Compatriot Bob Hill conducted the brief and uncontested election of the two nominees for the positions of Vice President and Chaplain.

Chapter President Matt Hardman was nominated and elected to the role of Chapter Chaplain. Compatriot Joe McCrady was nominated and elected to the position of Vice President. Your President was given the opportunity conduct the Swearing in Ceremony to Vice President McCrady and Chaplain Hardman.

To the gentlemen compatriots of Hocking Valley—Thank you for Lunch and the opportunity to be of service your chapter!
I’m looking forward to my next visit —See you all at Fort Laurens!



Poster & Brochure Committee Chairman, Bob Davis and President Wilkerson presenting the certificates and cash awards to Carson Call .Third Prize Winner in the Ohio Society Poster Contest



Carson, sharing his Certificates as Winner of the First Prize in the Hocking Valley Chapter Contest and Third Prize Winner in the Ohio Society Contest.
L to R — Mr. Call (Carson’s dad), Bob Davis, Lee Wilkerson & Matt Hardman



Ohio Society President Lee Wilkerson delivering the SAR Oath of Office to newly elected Vice President McCrady & Chaplain Hardman of the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR

CINCINNATI GRAVE MARKING HOPEWELL CEMETERY

PATRIOT GRAVES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MIKE GUNN

Intensive planning has begun by the Cincinnati Chapter for a 20 September ceremony at Hopewell Cemetery in Montgomery, Ohio for seven Revolutionary War Patriots. Coordination with American Legion Post 630 and the City of Montgomery is underway. Planning includes participation by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard and the American Legion Color Guard, installation of an SAR Monument recognizing the service of these original American Veterans. Additionally, CAR & DAR Chapters from the surrounding communities, as always, are expected to be in attendance.

PATRIOTS TO BE HONORED

Christ, Christian P - 141133
Felter, Cronymus P - 333882

Felter, Jacob, P -157297
Jacob Roosa, P - 281594
Nathaniel Terwilliger, P - 303201

John Meeker, P - 247565
Cornelius Snyder, P - 293878



SPRING BOM MEETING

President Hinson then presided over the election of OHSSAR Officers for the 2020-2021 Leadership Term. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers was presented.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Larry Perkins (2nd by Gary Duffield) to accept the slate of officers as presented (and uncontested) by acclaim. The motion carried and officers noted above were elected.

President-Elect Wilkerson provided brief comments about his goals for the coming year. They will largely be a continuation of President Hinson's goals with respect to membership and retention. Additional emphasis will be placed on committee functions, financial stewardship and adult/youth education programs. He also noted some changes to the proposed 2020-2021 budget making it more realistic and in-line with previous budgets. President-Elect Wilkerson will send a detailed letter to the Chapters with these goals in the coming week.

FUNDRAISING WITH JACK

Youth education is an extremely important factor to consider as we deal with these very challenging times. Our ancestors' history deserves to be taught properly and accurately. That history is the basis of our continuing freedom and our American way of life. Our OHSSAR youth contests and programs help ensure that the essentials of American history are not forgotten or misconstrued.

Please consider supporting our youth programs with a donation through the Fort Laurens Endowment Program or the establishment of a 1st Place Legacy Award. Your generosity will help ensure that our historical education efforts continue for many years to come. Make an investment in our youth, make an investment in our country, make an investment in freedom – donate today!

Contact OHSSAR Fundraising Chairman Jack Bredenfoerder at jack.b@fuse.net or phone 513-324-9984

DATES TO REMEMBER

	Jul 24-25, 2020	Ohio Society 2020 Summer Meeting	Bolivar, OH
	Jul 25, 2020	Fort Laurens Memorial Service	Bolivar, OH
CANCELLED	Aug 15, 2020	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY
CANCELLED	Aug 22, 2020	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
TENTATIVE	Sep 12, 2020	Allen County Patriot Remembrance Day	Bluffton, OH
	Sep 20, 2020	Hopewell Cemetery Remembrance	Cincinnati, OH
	Sep 24-26, 2020	Nat'l Society 2020 Fall Leadership Mtg	Louisville, KY
	Oct 3, 2020	West Virginia Society Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
TENTATIVE	Oct 31, 2020	Central District Annual Meeting	Erlanger, KY
	Nov 6-7, 2020	OHSSAR 2020 Fall Meeting Maumee Bay State Park	Toledo, OH

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