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The summer of 2007 has been a busy one for the Ohio Society. The state society and its chapters have participated in over forty SAR activities, many of which provided the opportunities to display the flag, and introduce the public to the SAR and its role in keeping alive the memories of our gallant ancestors and the parts they played in establishing the foundations of our democracy. Thanks to each of you who has participated in our programs.

Many of these events are discussed in the pages that follow. They include the 117th National Congress at Williamsburg, the Summer Board of Management Meeting and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fort Laurens, the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks, The Siege of Fort Henry Commemoration, the Marquis de Lafayette's 250th birthday, and the commemoration of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

A memory that will remain in my mind has been to see the crowds at these various SAR functions salute our country's flag as we passed by—Patriotism is NOT dead in our country, but we must continue to remind our citizens by participating in these worthwhile activities.

Richard L. Fetzer, President





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OHIO SOCIETY WELL REPRESENTED AT LARGEST CONGRESS EVER

The 117th National Congress, held in Williamsburg, Virginia July 6-11, 2007 was the largest ever on several accounts. It boasted the largest total attendance, largest contingent of first-time attendees, and largest combined color guard. The Ohio Society was well represented with twelve compatriots in attendance as well as several dual members and guests. Virtually all activities were held at the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center. This gave attendees access to Colonial Williamsburg, and all its

attractions, throughout the Congress. Being located in the heart of Virginia's historic triangle, most attendees and guests took advantage of tours at nearby Yorktown and Jamestown. In fact, the NSSAR partnered with Jamestown 2007 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English Settlement in America. The Tuesday Night's Banquet reflected this partnership by featuring speaker Dr. William Kelso, the lead archeologist who discovered the actual site of the original Jamestown settlement.



2007 National Congress attendees.



The Ohio Society Delegation.



As for business, committee meetings were kept to a minimum so that attendees could enjoy all that the Williamsburg area has to offer. The Ohio Society entrant for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest made the finals on Sunday evening, but narrowly missed making the award stand. This year's contest was very competitive with several great presentations. The Ohio Society and its members received several awards at the Monday evening Recognition Night Banquet.

A complete listing is found in the box below. During elections, there were no contested offices and new President General, Bruce Wilcox, was installed at the Wednesday night banquet. Ohio's own Larry Perkins was also installed as Commander of the National Color Guard.

did a fantastic job coordinating the 2007 National Congress and the entire Ohio Society contingent had a great time. We enjoyed the each other's fellowship and made many new friends from other State Societies. We encourage our fellow Ohio Society Compatriots to join us at next years Congress which will be held in Sacramento, California. ■

OHIO AWARDS

C.A.R. Activity
Award and Streamer
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Admiral William Furlong
Memorial Award
& Streamer
OHSSAR

Liberty Bell
Americanism Award
Cincinnati Chapter

Officer's Streamer Award
OHSSAR

Liberty Medal Awards
Ten or more new
members sponsored
James Fast
Robert Keen
George Livingston
Larry Perkins

Oak Leaf Clusters
Previous winners
of Liberty Medal
Ten or more new members
Timothy E. Ward (2)

President General's
Society and Chapter
Activities Award
(Honorable Mention)

Chapter Membership
100-199
Cincinnati Chapter

Chapter Membership
200-plus
Western Reserve



John Franklin accepting an award.



Timothy Ward accepting an award.



Paul Wilke accepting an award.



Larry Perkins installed as National Color Guard Commander.



EBENEZER ZANE CHAPTER SURPASSES 50TH PATRIOT GRAVE MARKED

The Ebenezer Zane chapter recently marked the graves of three Patriot ancestors, bringing the total of graves they have marked to 52 since their formation as a chapter in 1998. The three Patriots honored were: John Armstrong, private Pennsylvania Militia; John Scott, 6th Battalion, Pennsylvania Continental Line; and Alexander Simeral, lieutenant, Westmoreland 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Troops. In addition to grave markings, the chapter has also written a four volume book series entitled “Revolutionary War Patriots” that documents more than 960 Revolutionary War veterans buried throughout East Central Ohio and the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. ■



Ebenezer Zane Chapter remembers Thomas Rouse Jr.

AROUND THE STATE



The combined State Color Guard at Fort Laurens Memorial in Bolivar, Ohio on July 25, 2007.



Western Reserve Color Guard and President Fred Watkins at Gates Mills, Ohio 4th of July parade.

Lochary's Defeat was remembered by Indiana and Ohio combined Color Guards on August 25, 2007 in Aurora, Indiana.





AROUND THE STATE

Centennial Chapter Color Guard at DAR grave marking August 19, 2007.



DAR Chapters John Reily and Catherine Green mark Sergeant Ezekiel Walker's grave. Left to right, John Kirts, Jack and Joe Langlitz, OSDAR Regent - Patsy Gaines, Paul Wilke and John Reily Regent - Marjorie Smith.



The Ohio Society SAR, Civil War reenactors and local DAR at the Lancaster, Ohio 4th of July Parade.

Purple Heart Day - Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard's Brian Schilling, musket; Paul M. Wilke, US flag; Joseph Langlitz, MOPH flag; Jeffery Krueger, musket; and Randall Krueger, drum.



Good Citizen Day Award presented by Northeast Ohio Chapter Officers Richard McFeaters and Troy Baily.



The Lafayette Chapter celebrates the Marquis' 250th Birthday at the Fairlawn Country Club in Akron, Ohio on September 6, 2007.





THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS REMEMBERED

Noted as the last battle of significant size during the Revolution, the Battle of Blue Licks was fought on August 19, 1782, ten months after the British surrender at Yorktown. The mastermind behind the battle was Simon Girty. His plan called for a diversionary attack at Bryan's Station where survivors would be allowed to escape to Lexington. The reinforcements from Lexington would then be lead into an ambush at Blue Licks. The plan worked to perfection despite recognition by Daniel Boone of the probability of ambush. The result was seventy-two Kentukians dead, more than a third of their force. (Daniel Boone lost his son, Israel, in the battle.)The British-Indian force lost only three dead and four slightly wounded. This battle was the most successful part of a campaign into Kentucky and West Virginia of almost 1,000 British and Indian forces.

Two hundred and twenty five years later a large gathering of spectators joined a huge color guard and rifle contingent, notable authors, historians, numerous re-enactors, State Society Presidents, 2001 Ms. America, Heather French Henry (an advocate of veteran's rights), and Executive Director of the NSSAR, Joe E. Harris, Jr. in commemorating this battle and those patriots that fought in it. The Ohio Society was well represented by numerous chapters from across the state. The Boone Family & Society was represented by Boone members and Compatriots from the Cincinnati Chapter. Other State Societies represented included Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. ■



Ohio Society President Richard Fetzer presents Ohio's Memorial Wreath.



OHIO LADIES' AUXILIARY UPDATE

The Ohio Society Ladies Auxiliary has over 100 members and growing. We have been active on State and National levels. In the last year Ohio ladies raised and donated \$1,000.00 to the Center for the Advancing America's Heritage. Thanks to all the ladies and men for their help and support.

Membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary is open to wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution who are in good standing, or were at the time of their death.

We welcome new members to join us. For membership inquires contact Valerie Wilke, Membership Chairman at 513-941-7878 or email tinman01@fuse.net. ■



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



Official marker at the site of the Siege at Fort Henry.

IN MEMORIAM

Western Reserve Society

Elbert Quirk Blakely
3/16/07
Miller Slocum Pflager
8/20/07
Stanley Ross Welty, Jr.
9/4/07

Cincinnati

Frank McEwen Foster
9/8/07

George Rogers Clark

Robert Earl Lark
7/6/07

Ewing

Don Michael Worley
7/14/07

Northwest Territory

Larry James Hill
4/28/07
Ewing Pendleton Knox
9/29/07
William George Pattison
6/9/07

Western Reserve Society

Gregory Mather Arnold
Michael Kent Burns
Bradley Robert McQueen
Gregory Martin McQueen
Keith Bradley McQueen
James Ryan Potter
Ronald Wesley

Cincinnati

Danny Lynn Brooks
Raleigh Davidson
Raymond George Hughes
Raymond David Hughes
Robert Eugene Jones, Jr.
Robert Kin-Wing Tang

Benjamin Franklin

James Edward Dunn
Charles Craig LaRobardier
John Walker Mills

225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIEGE OF FORT HENRY

September 1, 2007 the Ohio Society SAR co-sponsored the 225th Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Henry at Wheeling, WV. This was the last battle of the American Revolution involving British troops.

Constructed in June of 1774, the fort was first named Fort Fincastle; but on the eve of the Revolution, was renamed Fort Henry in honor of Patrick Henry.

On September 11, 1782, two hundred Indian warriors accompanied by forty of Butler's Rangers under command of Captain Andrew Pratt arrived at the fort and demanded an immediate surrender. Silas Zane refused and the enemy attacked the fort, but were repulsed.

On the second day, when the fort's defenders ran short of gunpowder, Betty Zane made her heroic run to a cabin outside the fort and back with a supply of powder wrapped in her apron. The defenders were able to hold off the attackers for another day. On the

third day of the siege, the British and Indians withdrew.

Attendance at the Commemoration included Genealogist General Charles Bragg, Registrar General Timothy Bennett, Central District Chairman Roger Barnhart, Society Presidents Richard Fetzer (OH), John Sauer (WV), Joseph Dooley (VA), and A. Duane Miller (PA-VP). Color Guard members from several states, DAR Officers, SAR members and local spectators also participated in the program. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Oglebay Park in conjunction with Wheeling's annual Fort Henry Days celebration. ■



The 225th Anniversary Celebration of the Siege of Fort Henry, September 1, 2007 in Wheeling, West Virginia.

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

Richard Montgomery

John Patrick Knoke
Paul Neil Trumpore

John Stark

Donald Lee Huprich
William James Meese

Lafayette

Corbin Sayre Dague
William Bell Maling

Ewing

Carl Jon Denbow
Donald Keith Lewis

Northeastern Ohio

Thomas Brooks Robinson

Rufus Putnam

John Harland Gilcrest, Jr.
Ronald Lee Kerschner
Thomas Albert Kerschner

Centennial

Jason Oreal Fast
Larry Lee Fast
William Arthur Hire
David Joseph Wilson
Marvin Daryle Wilson
Otto Wilson
Rickey Lynne Wilson

Arthur St. Clair

Timothy Lee Barada
Scott David Cameron

Bill of Rights

Robert A. Hartkopf
Douglas Alan Smith
Thomas Alan Smith

Northwest Territory

Sten Olav Dahlberg, Jr.

Ebenezer Zane

Spencer Phillip Atkinson

General Henry Knox

James Edwin Lehman

Marietta

Scott Alan Britton
Matthew Sherman Dole
Michael Harold Mullen
Randell Michael Stacy

Camp Charlotte

Larry Nial Holcomb
Charles David Leist
Charles Brian Steinhauser

At Large

Thomas Delbert Hankins, Jr.
Jeffrey Michael Nairne
Jerome Edward Nairne
Kenneth Eugene Nairne
Admiral James Philip Wisecup

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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 the next edition of the Bulletin and will receive a letter acknowledging their contribution. Additionally, donors of \$100 to \$499 will relieve 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!



Donation Levels

Rodrigue Hortelez Et Cie Donor (\$10 - \$49)

Rodrigue Hortelez Et Cie was an import-export company based in Paris which was utilized to covertly supply the Americans with arms, ammunition and other supplies vital to their cause.

Marquis De Lafayette Donor (\$50 - \$99)

Lafayette came to serve the Patriot cause as a volunteer with pay and spent part of his own fortune to support the colonies in the Revolution.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko Donor (\$100 - \$249)

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was a Continental General from Poland who freed his slaves after the war and then sold his land grants and used the money to purchase and free more slaves.

Alexander Hamilton Donor (\$250 - \$499)

Alexander Hamilton was the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America and helped establish credit for the country.

George Washington Donor (\$499 - \$999)

George Washington refused a salary when appointed and the country's Commander-in-Chief and only requested that Congress pay his expenses.

Robert Morris Donor (\$1,000 or more)

Morris, known as the "Financier of the Revolution," helped form a Bank of the United States and used his personal wealth to support the Patriot cause.

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\$ _____

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