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Message from the President



Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year to all of the Ohio Society compatriots from all of the Ohio Society officers. This newsletter will reach most of you electronically on the holidays and by USPS to all of you following the season, We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Honoring the "Dayton Six": I am announcing the Ohio Society will be presenting to each of six Dayton, Ohio police officers the NSSAR Heroism Medal at a luncheon ceremony following the Winter Board of Management meeting at the Hope Hotel in Dayton on February 8, 2020. It is a privilege to be honoring these officers. You are invited to attend both the award ceremony and the Board of Management. See announcement, details and registration information on pages 6 and 7.

New Member Orientation Workbook Released: I am pleased to announce the Ohio Society New Member Orientation Workbook and its supporting documents have just been released to chapter presidents. The Workbook should be presented to all new members and is a good refresher for existing members. The workbook gives the new compatriot an overview of the SAR and enlists involvement in the chapter. Involvement is one of the keys to **retention**. Please ask your chapter president when he will be rolling out the Workbook in your chapter.. See more on page 4.

Ohio Society Membership Nears 2000: I have been notified by Troy Bailey, our state Registrar, we have reached 1999 members with 2 reinstatements in the backlog awaiting approval. With some help from the National Society we will reach 2000 by the end of the year. Next hurdle will be successfully completing dues collections on ALL members so we can start the year with 2000. If you have not submitted your dues to you chapter please do so as soon as possible. A big thanks goes to Tim Ward, Troy Bailey and all of the chapter Registrars and Genealogists who have worked hard this year to help achieve this milestone.

Website Makeover Nears Completion: If you have not been in the OHSSAR.org website lately you are missing the makeover. Go in and take a tour. Thank you to Lance Beebe for all of his hard work rebuilding the website. Send comments to Lance at lancebb@sbcglobal.net.

Sign-Up for Email Only Newsletter Distribution: The costs of printing and mailing our newsletter continues to increase. We are asking as many compatriots as possible to **sign up** for receipt of the Ohio Country Bulletin **by email only**. If you are willing to participate in this program contact Lee Wilkerson at leewilkerson503@gmail.com

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Ohio Society Fall Meeting Point Pleasant, WV

The Ohio Society held its Fall Board of Management Meeting (BOM) at Point Pleasant, West Virginia on October 5, 2019 in conjunction with the Battle Days Event. The BOM discussed a recent request by the National Society to standardize on either the point system or event system for Color Guard Medals; insurance for firing of black powder; passed a resolution to award NSSAR Heroism Medals and a proclamation of recognition to six Dayton police officers; and approved a motion to investigate presenting the afore mentioned medals and proclamation at the same location as the Winter meeting held in Dayton, Ohio (see page 6 and 7 for more information). Workshops on promoting youth programs and on the soon to be released New Member Orientation Workbook were held.

Members of the Ohio Society Color Guard participated in the Battle Days Parade in Point Pleasant on Saturday morning. Ohio Members and spouses also enjoyed the Governors Dinner and Ball on Saturday night. On Sunday Ohio Society President Steve Hinson laid the Ohio Society Wreath and Venie Hinson laid the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Wreath at Battle of Point Pleasant memorial service.



Central District Holds Annual Meeting and Memorial

The National Society Central District made up of the Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky Societies held its annual meeting in Lawrenceburg, IN on Friday October 25th and Saturday October 26th 2019. The business meeting was held on Saturday morning and dinners were held on Friday and Saturday evenings. National President General John T. (Jack) Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning were in attendance for the weekend. The meeting was led by Central District Vice President General (VPG) William E. Sharp and Central District Officers.

On Saturday a grave marking and memorial ceremony was held at the battle and cemetery site of Col. Lochry's Massacre. On August 21, 1871, Col. Archibald Lochry led a division of Pennsylvania militia down the Ohio River attempting to join General George Rogers Clark who was mustering troops to attack Fort Detroit. Pulling ashore to eat and rest the militia was attacked by Indians who supported the British. Lochry and 30 of his 100 troops were killed. Prisoners were divided between several tribes and many were ultimately executed. Approximately thirty survived.

The memorial service was led by past VPG Tim Ward of the Ohio Society. Vice President General Sharp delivered the key note speech. Wreaths were laid and a bronze SAR Memorial was dedicated. Ohio Society President Steve Hinson laid the Ohio Society Wreath and Venie Hinson laid the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Wreath.

Ohio Masons Honor Rufus Putnam

In early September Ohio Society Color Guard Commanded Steve Frash received a request from Jeffrey Raines, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio, for the Ohio Society Color Guard to lead a procession of over 1,000 members of the Free Masons from Marietta College to Mound Cemetery and the grave of Brigadier General Rufus Putnam. The Grand Lodge, formed in 1808, elected Rufus Putnam their first Grand Master.

The Ohio Society was very honored to be asked to support the Masons and answered the call to led the procession held on Friday, October 18, 2019. At the grave site the Masons had a brief memorial and placed a wreath at Putnam's grave.

This was a very historic occasion as Freemasonry entered the Northwest territory at Marietta in 1788. American Union Lodge originally met at Campus Martius. Despite the significance of Marietta to the Ohio Masons, the Annual Communication which meets annually had never been held in Marietta.



Venie Hinson lays wreath in honor of her patriot ancestor's son who survived Lochry's Massacre, ran the gauntlet and adopted by Shawnee Tribe.

Cincinnati, Highlanders and Hocking Hills Chapters March with Washington and Lafayette at Yorktown

The evening before the Victory Celebration some of us gathered around the tables of our favorite dining room in Williamsburg, Virginia. We met at Christiana Campbell's Tavern to be with friends and experience the pleasure of fellowship with our compatriots, our wives and our ancestors.

The occasion was the battlefield victory at Yorktown. We came to pay homage to patriots that we know only from family archives and historical records, but we draw nearer to one another during the events of the weekend and the dinner in the hope of maybe experiencing



Christiana Campbell's Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia, a favorite haunt of George Washington when he travelled to the Virginia State Capital on business.

L to R –Mike Gunn, Greg Ballman, Lee Wilkerson & Mark Holland

the camaraderie they may have shared two hundred and thirty-eight years in the past. We enjoy the ambiance of the rooms in which we celebrate and we are clad in the uniforms of the day. Some of us had the honor of serving this country in our own day and somehow wonder if our experiences may not have been akin to theirs. We share in the brotherhood of their patriotism as we enjoy the liberty and privilege they sought for themselves, their families and ultimately gave to us.

Since 2017 the Cincinnati Chapter has coordinated with other chapters within the Ohio Society to build participation and passion in our most important Revolutionary War Milestones — the Battles of Monmouth, Guilford Courthouse, Saratoga, Princeton, Trenton & the Siege of Yorktowne.



Compatriot Jack Bredenfoerder placing a Wreath and Saluting the Tomb of Governor Thomas Nelson

This year at Yorktowne, as in past years, we payed homage to Virginia Governor and General of the Virginia Militia, Thomas Nelson. The colors were presented, eulogies were made and wreaths were placed by patriotic organizations from surrounding states. A little later in the morning the Victory Parade made its way past the Yorktown Victory Monument adjacent to the Battlefield and overlooking the York River and Gloucester Point.



The Victory Parade to the Yorktowne Battlefield National Monument.

3rd from the left—Compatriot Bob Hill of Hocking Valley Chapter and 5th from the left Chaplain Ed Bonniwell of the Cincinnati Chapter

Later, in the afternoon, we met at the DAR Memorial listing the patriots lost during the siege. Again, words were spoken and wreaths were placed as we remembered the courage of these original American Patriots.



The Ohio Society members remembering the fallen of Yorktowne at the National Monument and the DAR Memorial.

Left to Right – Color Guard Commander Mike Gunn, Chaplain Ed Bonniwell, Treasurer Jack Bredenfoerder, Highlanders Chapter President Gary Duffield, Cincinnati Chapter President Lee Wilkerson, Hocking Valley Chapter President Bob Hill, Compatriots Mark Holland and Greg Ballman of the Cincinnati Chapter.

As the ceremony took place at a US National Battlefield Park, the firing of the traditional 3 volleys by musketry was not permitted. In lieu of the musketry, at the command of "Mourn Arms", the Honor Guard grounded Regimental and Chapter Colors in tribute to their courage and sacrifice during October 1781.



Members of three Ohio SAR chapters at Mourn Arms during the Wreath Placement Service and Memorial Observance for Patriots at Yorktowne.

New Member Workbook

The just released New Member Workbook will acquaint members with the National Society, the Ohio Society and your local Chapter. Each of these organizations allows all members to be actively involved in the patriotic, historical, and educational programs that meet the goals and objectives of the entire organization. By joining the NSSAR, members are a dues-paying members of each organization.

The objectives, policies, organizational structures, protocols, and programs all flow downward from the National Society to the State Society and to the Chapters. This workbook presents an orientation on these essential aspects of the Society. It also describes your opportunities to be a more patriotic citizen, respecting and preserving early American history, and helping to educate others on the founding and preservation of this great republic.

A new member's early education in the NSSAR is in learning what is going on in the chapter and its response to carrying out the Society's objectives. It is the new member's understanding and participation at the chapter level that will lead to interest and involvement at the state and national society levels. Involvement at the chapter, state, and national levels is open to all members at any time.

We are asking you to be involved. Recognition of our families and being decedents of revolutionary war patriots is probably why 95% of us joined. We are proud of our patriot ancestors and our country. Beyond this, we ask for your active participation and support of the Society objectives of patriotism, education, and history. There are many ways for you to stand out from the crowd as a proud and supportive member. These range from wearing the member badge or member rosette pin to being involved in the chapter, state, national, and patriotic community activities. You can start now, today, by volunteering to support one of your chapter's activities or committees, by becoming familiar with the National and State Societies and by attending State Society and National Society meetings and participating in their committees and programs. Membership, even as a new member, entitles you to participate at all levels.



Induction of New Members at Hocking Valley Dec 21

L-R Trent Richley, Ohio President Steve Hinson, Jason McKnight, Hocking Valley Secretary Chuck Bundy

OHIO SAR Ladies Auxiliary



We are almost sold out of tickets for the quilt being raffled by our State Ladies Auxiliary. If any of you still have unsold tickets, please let me know as I do have some folks interested in buying. My home phone number is 440 293-4314, cell phone 216 905-4560. Our quilt will find a new home at the May State SAR meeting! By the way, the quilt is finished and took first place at a local quilt show in November. Plans are to send it to the NE Ohio quilt show held at the Farmpark, Kirtland, Ohio, Feb./Mar. 2020.

The next National Ladies Auxiliary meetings will be held at the February Leadership Conference in Louisville KY. The general meeting will be held Friday morning, February 28 and ladies luncheon will be on Saturday, Feb. 29. For those of you living in the southern part of Ohio, or for anyone interested in visiting the National SAR Headquarters, please do come! Currently plans are for me to be speaking on the changing roles of women before, during, and immediately following the American Revolutionary War. This talk is a good introduction to the Women's Suffrage movement. Next year (2020) is the 100th year to celebrate Women's Suffrage with the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote as of August 1920. Also just a reminder that next year is National Women's Year.

It has been a pleasure meeting many of you as I've been traveling around the State with my husband Steve as he tries to meet his goal of visiting each SAR Chapter during his tenure as State President. If your SAR Chapter doesn't have a Ladies Auxiliary yet, please do call or talk to me. All the Chapters I've visited so far have women who actively help their husbands at SAR activities. That's what we do as the Ladies Auxiliary! Let's get you formalized! It's easy and gives us recognition at the local, state, and National levels of SAR. Even if there are only 1 or 2, it's a worthy endeavor.



Coming Next Month, Camp Charlotte Treaty and Legacy

Often in life we go on a personal quest to find the answer to a question, an event or a fact of nature and not able to end the quest until we have presented answers to the world in a book, article, talk or public display. For Compatriot Richard Hartinger, President of the Camp Charlotte Chapter SAR, the quest to explore and bring to life the Camp Charlotte Treaty began at an early age. His quest culminated in a historical exhibit at the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library October 8-11th in Circleville, OH and a Memorial Ceremony at the Logan Elm State park in Pickaway County.

Next month we will feature the Camp Charlotte Treaty story and a part of its Legacy residing with the Ohio Society.

Welcome New Members

New-Reinstated-Transfer In

Western Reserve

James Francis Riley
Keith Francis West Jr
Herbert Otto Wagers
James Richard Britton

Cincinnati

John Jacob Klein
Charles Dutch Oldiges
Raymond Charles Oldiges Jr.
Mark Edward Rogers
Mark Anthony Holland
William Scott Chelman
Mark Allen Matthews
Ronald Earl Erskine Jr.

Benjamin Franklin

Timothy Lee King
Allen R Spehr
William Dennis Mains

Richard Montgomery

Grayson Lee Rapp
Carl Frederick Wick
David Joseph Mantia
David Bruce Christian
Charles Whitaker Watson

LaFayette

Lonnie Clark Thomas
Charles Richard Eshelman
Mark Anderson Watkins
Brian Charles Reitz
Lee Thomas Skidmore
Jeremy Alan Butler
Benjamin David Butler
Orin Percival Butler

George Ewing

Preston Hamilton Denton
Mihaly Andras Zachar III
Tony Keith Virgin
Tyler Anthony Virgin

Northeastern Ohio

James Freeman Keherly
Bart Nelson Caldwell
John Nathan Porter
Richard Lawson Dana Jr.

Firelands

John David Folger
John Jason Parsons
Shawn Peter DeRosa
Joseph Ronald DeRosa

Rufus Putnam

Fulton Joseph Smedley
Gerald Eugene Wickham

Centennial

Kelley Ray Lusk Sr.
Alfred Joseph Hoffmeyer
Anthony Wayne Williams

John Hancock

Clarence Lee Coffman
Ronald Joseph Wetzell II
Tyler Lowell Scaff
Stephen L Bennett
Jaxon Alan Thacker

Ebenezer Zane

Vincent Anthony Cirolì

Marietta

Kenneth Dosler Roberts

Mahoning Valley

Mark Donald Barlow
Stephen Mark Barlow
Jonathan Andrew Farris

At Large

Alex Joseph Wilson
Kenneth James Wilson



Our Nations 250th Anniversary

The Revolutionary War 9 December 1775 – Great Bridge, VA.

The Virginia Council of Safety hoped to end Gov. Dunmore's raid on coastal towns and plantations by driving him from Norfolk. The Council ordered Col. William Woodford to station 1,000 militiamen at the southern end of the Great Bridge, a causeway spanning a swampy part of the Elizabeth River about ten miles from Norfolk. Dunmore with his motley troop – about 200 regulars, some Loyalists and marines, and the "Loyal Ethiopians," as he called his recruited runaway black slaves – occupied the other end. Dunmore's regulars attached but, bottlenecked on the causeway, they were easy targets. The patriots inflicted sixty casualties in half an hour, effectively neutralizing Dunmore's "army" while receiving only a single hand wound among their own ranks. With the militiamen in pursuit, Dunmore retreated to Norfolk, where he evacuated as many Tories as possible to ships in the harbor before abandoning the town to the rebels. The World Almanac of the American Revolution, by David F. Burg and L. Edward Purcell pg 64.

by Troy Bailey, tbailey@gwcmail.net/440-645-0465.



In Memoriam

George T Simon
Mar 29, 2019

Thomas E Rittinger
Sep 22 2019

Charles Sheets
May 10, 2019

Charles T. Schiefman
III Oct 1 2019

Brian McKee
Sep 18, 2019

Curtis Elbert Fleisher
Nov 11, 2019

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT

The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution Luncheon to Honor “The Dayton Six”

August 4th, 2019 was a date that forever changed the community of Dayton, Ohio, when a gunman massacred nine citizens of that community in what can only be described as an assault on humanity. While those caught in the perilous situation with no means of protecting themselves attempted to reach safety, six officers of the Dayton Ohio Police Department charged into the face of danger, stopped the threat, and prevented further injury and loss of life.

Please join us as we pay tribute to six Dayton, Ohio police officers for their bravery during the response to the Oregon District active shooter incident. The Ohio Society SAR will present each of these brave officers with the NSSAR Heroism Medal in this luncheon ceremony. Their heroic actions are exemplary, and have earned them the respect of our communities and the members of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution. The medals signify our support for our police officers, and demonstrate our respect and gratitude for their service.

Location

**The Hope Hotel &
Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center
10823 Chidlaw Road
Wright-Patterson AFB, Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A
Dayton, Ohio 45433
February 8, 2020 12:00 PM**

(Note: Enter Gate 12A off of OH-444 & make immediate right turn to hotel entrance before WPAFB checkpoint)

Plated Luncheon Choices

Tuscan Chicken or Almond Crusted Tilapia - \$24

Children’s Lunch (Chicken Fingers) - \$14 Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (Vegan) - \$24
Please detach the reservation below and mail with your check payable to the Ohio Society SAR to:

**James D. Schaffer
8283 White Hill Lane
West Chester, OH 45069**

Reservations Must Be Received No Later Than January 31, 2020

Contact schafferjd429@gmail.com with questions

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Honoring Those Who Serve and Protect - The Dayton Six

Name: _____	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tilapia <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
Name: _____	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tilapia <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
Name: _____	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tilapia <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
Name: _____	Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tilapia <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
Contact Phone or _____	Total Enclosed: _____

**Chicken, Tilapia, Portabella Mushroom Plates - \$24 each
Children’s Plates - \$14 each**

OHIO SOCIETY Sons of The American Revolution

**WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
FEBRUARY 7 & 8
HOPE HOTEL, DAYTON, OHIO**

Venue	<p>The Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center 10823 Chidlaw Road Wright-Patterson AFB, Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A Dayton, Ohio 45433</p>
Itinerary & Schedule	<p><u>Friday February 7th</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please make your own arrangements for social hour and dinner prior to the scheduled Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30-8:30 PM: Executive Committee Meeting 7:30-8:30 PM: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</p> <p><u>Saturday February 8th</u></p> <p>8:30—11:30 Board of Management Meeting 12:00-3:00 “The Dayton Six” Award Luncheon (See Reservations Page 6)</p>
Primary Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstatement of Life Member Dues to Chapter and State Approval of Insurance for Firing of Flint Locks Approval of Flint Lock Training Requirements Changing from Event to Point System to Receive Color Guard Medals Review and Approval of OHSSAR 2020-2021 Budget Presentation of 2020-2021 Officers by Nominating

Making Hope Hotel Reservations

Rooms at the Hope Hotel are available at a rate of \$107.00. Make Reservations directly with hotel by calling hotel 937-879-2696. Make payment to the “Treasurer, OHSSAR” to avoid unnecessary state tax. Ask for “Sons of American Revolution” block of rooms.

THE BLOCK OF ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED UNTIL JANUARY 22, 2020, CALL BEFORE THEN TO GET THIS RATE!

Detach
Ohio Society SAR Winter Meeting Registration
Enclose with Payment

Name(s) _____ Society Chapter _____

Address _____

Phone (Optional) _____ Email (Optional) _____

Total Room \$ _____ + Total Award Luncheon (from page 6) \$ _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Check Payable To: Treasurer OHSSAR mail to: James D. Schaffer 8283 White Hill Lane, West Chester, OH 45069

Meeting Registration Deadline Saturday February 1, 2020

Dates to Remember

February 7-8, 2020: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Dayton, OH

February 8, 2020: "The Dayton Six" Award Luncheon, Dayton, OH

February 28-29, 2020: NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY

May 1-2, 2020: OHSSAR 131th Annual Meeting, Newbury, OH

July 11-16, 2020: 130 Annual NSSAR Congress, Richmond, VA



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

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