



# The Ohio Country Bulletin

The Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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## Message from the President



It has been an honor be able to serve for the past five years in Ohio Society and privilege to be your president for the coming year. We thank Shawn Cox our past president for all of his hard work. Thanks go out to all of the hard working chapter and state society officers and members for all of their efforts in supporting our patriotic, educational and historical objectives.

The challenges that face our chapters, state society and national society have a common theme. As I have started to travel around the state I have talked about the 4 R's of Retention, Reinstatement, Recruitment and Rebuilding. These challenges often use manpower that get in our way of being able to fully implement the society objectives.

Retention of compatriots is the toughest problem the organization faces. Many new members drop rapidly after the first or second year. As a new member we are eager to learn about the organization and its programs. When that opportunity is not satisfied we lose members. I challenge chapters to work with new members providing them at a minimum a solid chapter orientation and opportunities to participate in society programs. Orientation and Involvement keys to retention.

Reinstatements is kin to retention. If a compatriot drops his membership then he must be reinstated. Keeping track of members is often difficult. As members we need to make sure our dues are paid and we keep chapter officers advised in changes of street address, email address and phone. Chapters need to keep members involved through interesting and active programs. Last fall we started an ambitious reinstatement program. We have been successful in reinstating about 20% of those members who dropped membership from 2014 through 2018. Lets do what is necessary to retain them.

Recruitment of new members is almost non-existent at the chapter level. Our registrar Troy Bailey indicates 90% of our new members came from national or state website requests or DAR referrals. We need to do more at the chapter level to increase public awareness of the SAR through participation in community activities, making our programs visible and getting publicity to local media.

Rebuilding is important to those chapters who do not have good programs. Both members and officers must work hard to keep a healthy program going. Having members actively involved and enthusiastic about the program adds to the ability of a chapter to retain members and grow.

I wish all of you a fun and safe summer and hope to see you at some of the summer SAR events.

Steve Hinson  
Ohio SAR President

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## Ohio Society Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Ohio SAR took place in Columbus at the Marriott Airport Hotel on Friday thru Sunday May 4-6, 2019.

On Friday Evening an excellent meal was provided by the hotel. The meal was followed by an executive committee meeting and ladies retired to the hospitality room for a Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting and election of officers. The Society Executive Committee meeting was attended by all 5 Executive Committee members and 11 Compatriots.

President Cox reviewed agenda items that would be brought before the Board of Management and Members on Saturday. There were no resolutions presented for consideration.

The Annual BOM and Member Meeting convened on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. with a quorum and 28 Compatriots representing 14 Chapters present. Oral or written reports were submitted by Officers, District and Committee Chairmen.

The annual member meeting was convened for election of 2019-2020 Society Leadership. Elected leaders are posted to the left of this page.

Following election the BOM was reconvened. Steve Hinson provided a summary of the 2019-2020 President's agenda. Jack Bredenfoerder announced Past President General Joe Dooley has donated additional challenge coins to be sold for fundraising. Bob Hill reported on recent meetings regarding rebuilding of Fort Laurens. The bronze Ft. Laurens historical marker is nearing completion. Steve Frash reported on black powder and gun safety requirements being proposed by National Color Guard.

Under New Business, a resolution was approved for the investment committee to purchase a mutual fund for 1st place Poster and Brochure youth award endowments. A motion from the floor was approved to have the incoming president obtain financial information

from the Friends of Fort Laurens.

The Ladies Auxiliary also met in the morning and heard a presentation by the Northern Ohio USO.

An excellent luncheon followed the meeting.

The Annual Awards Banquet concluded the evening. presentations of youth program awards, member recognition awards, appreciation awards. The Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award was presented to Ted Minier.

The conclusion of the Conference on Sunday morning began with the annual Memorial Service conducted by Ohio Society Chaplain, Rev. James O. Fast. Our fellow compatriots who passed away were remembered with posting of U.S. Flags on the Ohio Society Memorial Board and tolling of the bell.

Following the service, the newly elected officers were installed by Vice-President General Timothy Ward.



Front Row L / R: Troy C. Bailey (2nd Vice President and Registrar); Turner (Lee ) Wilkerson III (1st Vice President); L. Stephen Hinson (President); Tim Ward (Vice President General Central District and Genealogist); Shawn A. Cox (Trustee); Second Row L/R: Scott M Davis (Secretary); John H (Jack) Bredenfoerder (Treasurer); Steven Greaf (Historian); Rev. Dr. Ralph (Ed) Bonniwell (Chaplain)

*New Ohio Society  
Officers for 2019  
-2020 Elected*

## Ohio Society, Ladies Auxiliary



### Compatriots Please Pass Along To Your Lady!

Notes from the SAR Ladies Auxiliary – Venie Hinson, President.

All ladies (compatriot wives, partners, daughters, nieces and so on) are welcome to join and participate in the Ohio Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary.

At the State Conference in May officers were voted on for the 2019-20 SAR year. Venie Hinson was elected as State President of the OSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Other officers included: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Sharon Wilkerson, Secretary - Christine Bailey; Treasurer – Betty Franklin, Chaplin – Cindy Fast.

Venie has pieced a red/white/blue quilt top in a log cabin pattern. It is to be hand-quilted over the next year, with an estimated value of \$600. Opportunity tickets for this are \$5 each, with a limit of 120 tickets. Several of the ladies present took books of tickets home to sell to their local SAR chapters. Monies received from this project will be used to support future youth award scholarships and Ladies Auxiliary projects. Tickets will be available at the July 26/27 BOM meeting at Ft. Laurens, at the fall Point Pleasant BOM. Steve Hinson will also have tickets available as he visits SAR Chapters around the state.

Our 2018-19 project to make Baby Sea bags for the USO was a success! Approximately 30 bags were completed. 16 bags were presented by a DAR member in northern Ohio who found out about our project by reading her husband's Ohio Country Bulletin. Many thanks to this New Connecticut DAR



Chapter daughter.

Our 2019-20 project will be making lap quilts for veterans. Quilts of Valor initiated this worthwhile program, and we will adopt a similar program. If you are a quilter, please consider making a large lap quilt big enough to fully cover a seated person, and donate this to our Ladies Auxiliary. Although not accepted by the Quilts of Valor program, if you knit or crochet – large, warm afghans will work for our project also! We too will cover veterans touched by war

with a warm, comforting lap quilt or afghan. If you know of a veteran in your community or SAR chapter that you would like to have receive one of these lap quilts or afghans, please let Venie know by late February 2020. (440-293-4314 or [venie-hinson@earthlink.net](mailto:venie-hinson@earthlink.net).) We are especially interested in finding WWII, Korean War, or Vietnam War veterans. Again – we are not part of the Quilts of Valor program, but general suggestions on making a quilt can be found on their website.

## Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate



Established by the Ohio Society in 1979 the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate is the highest personal recognition bestowed by the Ohio Sons of the American Revolution. The 2019-2020 Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate was presented at the annual meeting to Ted M. Minier (center) and flanked by 2017-2018 recipient James D. Schaffer (left) and 2018-2019 recipient Col. (Ret.) Donald C McGraw Jr. (right).

## American History Teacher Award

Ohio Society American History Teacher Award was presented to Deborah M. Fields at the Annual Meeting. Deborah placed third nationally and was Key Note Speaker at the Annual Awards Banquet.



## Annual Awards Banquet

### State Distinguished Service Medal

Turner Lee Wilkerson III

### Patriot Medal

Michael E. Geron  
Michael B. Gunn  
Paul D Schenck

### Meritorious Service Medal

Thomas D. Hankins, Jr.  
William Robert Hill  
David L. Lupien

### Special Recognition

John H Franklin, Jr.  
Certificate of Distinguished Service

### Silver Roger Sherman Medals

Lance E. Beebe  
L. Stephen Hinson  
Ted M. Minier  
Elwin L. Spray  
John H. Bredenfoerder  
Daniel M. Matheke  
James D. Schaffer  
Timothy E. Ward  
Steven E. Frash  
Donald C. McGraw, Jr.  
F Raymond Sharritts  
Terry A. Whetstone

### Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Scott M. Davis  
Daniel M. Matheke

### Silver Color Guard Medals

Bradley J. Jarad  
Donald G. Miller  
Turner Lee Wilkerson III

### Certificates of Distinguished Service

L. Stephen Hinson  
John H. Bredenfoerder  
Rev. James O. Fast  
William A. Tony Robinson  
Turner Lee Wilkerson III  
Steven E. Frash  
Steven D. Greif  
James D. Schaffer  
Merlyn Troy C. Bailey  
Richard L. Carr, Jr. Esq.  
Timothy E Ward

### Certificates of Appreciation

Michael J. Blum  
Charles E. Finley  
Michael B. Bunn  
Michael S. Kertes  
Larry R. Perkins  
Douglas M. Dechert  
Scott M. Glasgow  
William E. Huber  
David L. Lupien  
William H. Diehl  
Jonathan Guerrier  
Steven R. Kelley  
Donald G. Miller

### Spirit of Volunteerism Certificates

John H. Bredenfoerder  
Larry R. Perkins  
Steven e. Frash  
William A. Tony Robinson  
Donald C. McGraw, Jr  
Timothy E. Ward

### Past Chapter President Recognition

Philip J. Brach  
Steven E. Frash  
Paul A. Irwin  
John H. Bredenfoerder  
Daniel J. Hass  
Steven R. Kelley  
David B. Foster  
L. Stephen Hinson  
K. Brian McKee

### Silver Medal of Appreciation

William A. Tony Robinson

### Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation

Clair Anthorpe

### Perfect Attendance Awards

Shawn A. Cox  
Steven D. Greaf  
Scott M. Moody  
Timothy E. Ward  
Rev. James O. Fast  
L. Stephen Hinson  
Larry R. Perkins  
Turner Lee Wilkerson III  
Steven E. Frash  
Donald G. Miller  
James D. Schaffer

### Distinguished Chapter Recognition

Benjamin Franklin Chapter  
Lt. George Ewing Chapter  
Northwest Territory Chapter  
Camp Charlotte Chapter  
Mahoning Valley Chapter  
Richard Montgomery Chapter  
Cincinnati Chapter  
Northeastern Ohio Chapter  
Western Reserve Society

### SAR/Dar Medal of Appreciation

Nancy Schirm Wright  
Connie Beebe  
Venie Hinson  
Charlotte Benz  
Lori Caldwell  
Janice McMillian  
Dianne Gilbert  
Marcella Tarr

### Martha Washington Medal

Cindy Fast

### Martha Washington Medal

Betty Franklin



## *State Distinguished Service Award*

Turner Lee Wilkerson III  
(Left) Receives State Distinguished Service Award from  
President Shawn Cox

## Welcome New Members

### Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Richard Wayne Rhodes  
Dale Elbert Lehmann II  
Stephen Hart Powell  
David Eugene Mansperger  
Steven Eric Simpson

### Camp Charlotte Chapter

Stephen Lee Bower  
Stephen James Barthelmas  
Scott Jennings Barthelmas

### Cincinnati Chapter

Benjamin Jacob Carter  
Philip Carl Davis  
Glenn Ray Fields  
Brayden Matthew Fields  
Neil Patrick Berg

### Consitution Chapter

Wendell Robert Conn

### Ebenezer Zane Chapter

Fred Bernard McGee

### Firelands Bicentennial Chapter

Thomas Ireton Hartley  
Benjamin Philip Zbasnik

### Hocking Valley Chapter

Ryan Arthur Cooper  
Joey Dennis McCrady  
Trent Daniel Reichley  
Henry Bryan Eyman Sr.

### Lt. Col. George Ewing Chapter

Ralph Douglas Pettit  
Henry Bryan Eyman Jr.

### John Hancock Chapter

Michael Joseph Holtgrieve Sr.  
Reid Freedom Carr

### Lafayette Chapter

Michael Jay Schreffler  
Donal Herbert Davis  
Gregory Allen Tripi Sr.  
Gregory Allen Tripi Jr.  
David Ryan Tripi

### Marietta Chapter

Robert Walter Hadfield II

### Northeastern Ohio Chapter

Ryan Alexander Harper  
Ranny William Harper  
Anthony Hector Harper III  
Anthony Hector Harper IV  
Hector Antionio Harper Jr.  
Alejandro "Alex" Harper  
Erik Matthew Fellows  
Jayden Aaron Fellows  
Ganer Ryan Boshart

### Richard Montgomery Chapter

Danny Ray Potter  
Ronald Gene Helms  
Scott Michael Helms

### Rufus Putnam Chapter

Marlin Crawford Lee

### Western Reserve Chapter

Dennis Franklin Reese

## In Memoriam

### Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Robert Thornton Nash  
(date not known)

### At Large Chapter

Robert Arden Hamstead  
May 15, 2019

## Welcome Back (Reinstatements)

### Cincinnati Chapter

Daryl Lewis Poe  
Carlos Reisen Jr.  
William Everett Hubbard II  
Gerald Houchell  
Frederick Locke Riggs  
Denver Eugene Hubbard  
Jackson Bryan Stewart-  
Thomas Bryan Stewart

### Benjamin Franklin Chapter

James Andrew Shough  
Stephen James Kauffman  
Gordon Finley Litt  
Douglas Edward Ullum  
Lance Michael Stalnaker  
Mark Douglas Taracuc  
Milton Dan Sumption  
Dana Leigh McDaniel  
Jonathan Charles Shough  
Jeffrey Michael Grever  
James Andrew Gregory  
Thomas Wesley Rice Jr.

### George Rogers Clark

Bruce Edward Wilson

### John Stark Chapter

Henry Samuel Hadden

### Northeastern Ohio Chapter

Raymond George Cook  
April 18, 2019

### John Hancock

Reid Freedom Carr

### Lafayette Chapter

Barry Lynn Ganoe  
Douglas Wesley Singleton  
Trevor Wesley Sproul  
Gary Robert Longbottom  
Samuel Ray Snyder VII  
Christopher Matthew Suchan

### Marietta Chapter

Jerome Edward Nairne  
Justin Todd Yost  
Dallis Keith Cowdery  
Lloyd Deming Cowell

### Ebenezer Zane Chapter

Edward W. Large

### Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter

Edward Brewster Brown Jr.  
Dale A. Gatts  
Samuel Finley Snowden II

### Richard Montgomery Chapter

John W. Hunt Jr.  
Thomas Elston Weller  
William Christopher Lochary  
Anthony Dale Burdge

## Celebrating our 150th Anniversary



Consider these events that took place June 9-10, 1772 in Rhode Island.

Commerce between Britain and the American colonies was revived with the repeal of the Townshend import duties,

increasing in value more than four million pounds during 1771 alone. However, colonial merchants and shippers continued to evade customs tariffs whenever they could. Smuggling was not only commonplace, but was the routine method of doing business for even the most respectable American Merchants. The many inlets along the Narragansett Bay coastline of Rhode Island offered a perfect setting for organized

smuggling of goods. The Royal Navy, in support of the customs service, dispatched the schooner Gaspee with Lt. William Dudingston, an active young officer, in charge to halt the illicit trade. After several months of successful operations, the Gaspee ran aground while chasing a suspected smuggler. During the night, the ship was boarded by locals who shot and wounded Dugingston and burned the ship to the

water. Dudingston was subsequently arrested by the local sheriff and freed only after his admiral paid the fine. Months later, a royal commission convened to investigate but failed to identify the culprits. The commission's powers, however, included sending defendants to England for trial, a provision that alarmed many in the colonies.

From: The word Almanac of the American Revolution, page 19.

## Annual Youth Awards



### Oration Contest

Venie Hinson (Left) and Jack Bredenfoerder (Right) present Gabriel Gainar winner of the Oration Contest with his scholarship awards, neck ribbon.



### JROTC Contest

Shawn Cox (Left) and Terry Whetstone (Center) present Carla Christine Kyree Howard with the Jr. ROTC award.



### Brochure Coontest

The First Place Dr. James D. River Brochure Contest Award was awarded to Brooke Koelling. This is the first year the first place award has been named after Dr. River. Pictured with Lee is Kim Fausnaugh, daughter of Dr. River.



### Boy Scout Contest

Lance Beebe (Left) presents Eagle Scout Samuel A. Lewis with the Boy Scout Award.



### Essay Contest

Donald C. McGraw Jr. (Left) presents Samuel Seibert with the Essay Award

### Poster Contest

The Paul M. Wilke first place award for Poster Contest went to Brooke Koelling. This is the first year the first place award has been named for Mr. Wilke.

## OHSSAR Summer Board of Management Fort Laurens Meeting and Memorial Service July 26th & 27th 2019

Venues		Itinerary/Schedule
<b>Firehouse Grille &amp; Pub</b> 162 Main Street Zoar, OH 44697 (330) 874-2726 40° 36' 42.32" N -81 25' 30.92" W	<b>Sleep Inn</b> 11155 SR 212 N.E. Bolivar, OH 44612 (330) 874-3435 40° 38' 30.36"N -81 25' 41.51" W	<u>Friday July 26th</u>  <b>Firehouse Grille &amp; Pub Zoar</b>  5:00 PM-6:00 PM Social Hour 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Buffet Dinner 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Ladies auxiliary Meeting   <u>Saturday July 27th</u>  <b>Lockport Brewery</b> 8:00AM-10:00 AM: Board of Management Meeting   <b>Fort Laurens Historic Site</b> 10:45 AM-11:00 AM Color Guard Muster 11:15 AM-12:15 PM: Memorial Service   <b>Lockport Brewery</b> 12:45 PM-1:45PM: Buffet Lunch 1:45 PM-2:45 PM Award Presentations/Meeting
<b>Fort Laurens Historic Site</b> 11067 Fr. Laurens Rd. NW Bolivar, OH 44612 40° 38' 23.48" N -81 27' 23.61 W	<b>Lockport Brewery</b> 10891 OH 212 Bolivar, OH 44512 (330) 874 6037 40° 38' 18.60" -81° 26' 22.83" (0.3 Miles East of Sleep Inn)	
<b>Firehouse Grille &amp; Pub</b>	<b>Lockport Brewery</b>	
<b>Friday Evening Buffet</b> Roast Beef Au Jus Marinated Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Salad & Dinner Roll Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks Sheet Cake Beer, Wine (Cash) \$22.50 Per Person	<b>Saturday Lunch Buffet</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Smoked Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Mixed Green Salad Water, Coffee, Unsweet Ice Tea Sheet Cake Beer, Wine (Cash) \$16.00 Per Person	

### Making Sleep Inn Bolivar Reservations

Rooms at the Sleep Inn are available at a rate of \$112.00. Make Reservations directly with hotel by calling hotel (330) 874 3434. Make payment to the "Treasurer, OHSSAR" to avoid unnecessary state tax. This is a group rate for the Ohio Society SAR.

THE BLOCK OF ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED UNTIL JULY 14TH, CALL BEFORE THEN TO GET THIS RATE! HAVE

Detach ↑

### Ohio Society SAR Summer Meeting Registration

Enclose with Payment

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Society Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Friday Buffet _____ persons @ \$22.50= _____</p> <p>Saturday Lunch _____ persons @ \$16.00= _____</p> <p>Sleep Inn Room _____ rooms @ \$112.00= _____</p> <p>Total Room(s) + Meals      \$ _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Payment-Make Check Payable To:</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer OHSSAR</b>                      and mail to</p> <p>Mr. John H. Bredenfoerder</p> <p>8751 Haverhill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45236</p>
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Registration Deadline Friday, July 14, 2019

## Dates to Remember

July 5–10, 2019	129 <sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress, Costa Mesa, CA
July 26–27, 2019	Summer BOM/Fort Laurens Memorial Service, Bolivar, OH
August 17, 2019	Blue Licks Memorial Service, Carlisle, KY
Sept. 19-21, 2019	NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
October 4–6, 2019	Fall BOM/WV Battle Days, Gallipolis, OH & Pt. Pleasant, WV
November 26, 2019	Central District Meeting, Lawrenceburg, IN
February 7-8, 2020	Winter BOM/Dayton, OH
February 27-29, 2020	NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
May 5-7, 2020	Ohio Society Spring/Annual Meeting & 131 Annual Conference, Punderson Manor, Newbury, OH

### *More Ways to Stay Informed*

*Here are even more ways on the internet to connect with SAR activities, news, and events !*

#### **NATIONAL SOCIETY**

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