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**Message from the President**



As I write this article, it is the last week of December, 2017. As this year ends, it is good to look back and reflect on all that the Society has done and accomplished this year. Simply put, we have accomplished a lot and I am thankful for all your efforts. Throughout this past year, I have tried to document all the activities taking place at the Chapter & Society levels. I have done this by reading the Chapter newsletters, websites and other various correspondences. I then documented all these activities on a single spreadsheet. I doubt I have captured every event but I hope I have captured at least 75% of what we do.

While keeping in mind that our primary goals are to promote our patriotic, historical and educational programs, here are a few things we have accomplished in 2017:

- More than 265 total events attended in 2017
- 15 Battle Commemorations attended (in 5 different states)
- 21 Patriot/Compatriot Grave marking Ceremonies
- 11 Honor Flights and 34 Naturalization Ceremonies attended
- 47 Fairs attended and Parades Marched In
- 15 School/Classroom Presentations
- 60+ Color Guard Events

Our Society certainly has a lot to be thankful for and I especially want to thank all those who took their precious time to devote it to these many worthwhile events.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention our ongoing drive to retain as many members as possible as we turn over the New Year. The results are not in yet but I want to thank all those involved in this effort in advance. As soon as I know the final numbers, I will share them with everybody.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and may you have a prosperous and healthy 2018.

  
Donald C. McGraw, Jr.  
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2017 - 2018

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## OHSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting



*Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center  
Site of the OHSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting*

The Fall Board of Management meetings of the Ohio Society took place on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. The event was held at the Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center which overlooks Lake Erie and Maumee Bay. We broke with the recent tradition of conducting our fall meetings during West Virginia's Battle Days celebration and ceremonies (October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> this year) due to increasing difficulty coordinating the two events simultaneously.

After a social gathering on Friday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup>, attendees gathered at the lodge restaurant for an excellent dinner. The Executive Committee meeting followed and was well attended by 17 Compatriots representing 11 state chapters. The Executive Committee received an update on several new Administrative Instructions to be added to our state regulations. These

included instructions on treasurer procedures, audit procedures, fund raising and awards. The Executive Committee also facilitated a spirited discussion with the members present on the necessity for checking on a prospective member's qualifications as "a citizen of good repute." This discussion included a proposal that the state registrar start screening the names of prospective members against the Ohio Registry of Sex Offenders.

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, began early with the Board of Management called to order at 9:00AM. Headlining the New Business was the National Officer Candidates' Forum. Although none of the NSSAR Candidates were able to attend this year, several Ohio Compatriots spoke on their behalf. This concluded with a vote for endorsements of the slate of National Officers by the Ohio Society. The Society Secretary will forward a letter with the Society's endorsements to the NSSAR

(See State Meeting Pg. 4)

## Central District Annual Meeting

Members of the Ohio Society travelled to Parkersburg, West Virginia from 3-5 November 2017, to attend the Central District SAR's annual meeting. The Central District of the Sons of the American Revolution is comprised of the state SAR societies in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The current Central District Vice-President General Bob Fish was our host for the events which included a business meeting, luncheon and banquet.

Several General Officers from the National Society also attended to participate in a Candidates Forum to seek the endorsement of their candidacy from the Central District. This was also the meeting where the OHSSAR President, Don McGraw, formally nominated Ohio Compatriot Tim Ward to serve as the next Central District Vice-President General. The District Vice-President General assists the President General in the affairs of the National Society, and is established as a General Officer of the SAR. On a rotating basis, they are nominated by the state societies within a district and elected by a majority vote of delegates at the Annual Congress of the National Society, where they are installed into office. Upon election, the member serves for a period of one year.

At the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Timothy E. Ward of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter was selected as the nominee from Ohio for Central District Vice President General 2018 - 2019. Tim has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 2002. He is past Ohio Society State President, and presently serves as state Genealogist, Alternate National Trustee, and National Society Inspector General. He is an Ohio Society Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate, and a National Society Minuteman, both being the highest awards a member can receive at the state and national levels. Tim will assume the District Vice-President General position at 2018 NSSAR Congress (13-18 July 2018) in Houston, TX.

## Ohio Society Members Attend WV Battle Days

On Saturday, October 7th, 2017, the Ohio Society Color Guard joined Color Guards from West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia to once again led the Battle Days Parade in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Battle Days is an annual commemorative event of the Battle of Point Pleasant which occurred October 10, 1774 at the “point” where the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers meet. This year, SAR compatriots from throughout the SAR Central District and Virginia participated in the parade through the heart of this Ohio River community of 4,500 residents.

The parade concluded at the Tu-Endie-Wie State Park where members gathered for a group photo in front of the Point Pleasant Battlefield Monument. NSSAR President General Larry Guzy (center in a blue and white uniform) proudly served as “Battle Days Colonial Governor.”



*OHSSAR Compatriots joined others at the Point Pleasant Monument during the Annual Battle Days Event*



## Life Saving Commendation Medal Approved by SAR



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Public Service and Heroism Committee recently announced the approval of the Life Saving Commendation Medal. This award recognizes acts that save a human life without necessarily placing the life of the rescuer in imminent danger. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firefighters, and SAR members.

Each year, the Sons of the American Revolution state societies and chapters recognize and honor citizens and individuals in the public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community; and for heroic and life-saving acts. Recipients nationwide are recognized in a booklet published and distributed at the National SAR Congress each July.

Other medals approved by the society are the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Fire Safety Commendation Medal, Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal, and the Heroism Medal. The Life Safety Award is presently available for preorder at the NSSAR Store, with shipment as soon as they arrive.

## Veterans Day Assemblies



Ernie Moreland & Steve Kelley of Gen Henry Knox talk to 4th grade class at Licking Heights.

Veterans’ Day School Assemblies brought out several SAR Chapters throughout Ohio such as Licking Heights Elementary (above). The students were introduced to the first American Veterans and then their family members who served in the military were introduced to the students. Over 120 veterans were introduced at the school. Participating Chapters included Western Reserve, Cincinnati, Gen Henry Knox, Hocking Valley and Mahoning Valley, to name a few.



## Ohio Society Fall Board of Management Meeting

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Board Meeting at Maumee Bay State Park & Resort

### Nominating Committee.

There were 14 officer and 23 committee written reports received. These reports are all available on the OHSSAR website on the "Members Only" portal ([www.OHSSAR.org](http://www.OHSSAR.org)).

Other business items brought before the Board of Management included:

- The Registrar distributed the 2018 Membership Dues packets to each Chapter on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Chapters should complete and return these to the Registrar no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Executive Committee provided an update on the sale of Challenge Coins. Coins sales have exceeded expectations (see the article on page 5).
- The Board approved an updated Administrative Instruction 300-3, "Ohio Society Awards and Recognition Established Practice." The update includes new awards approved by NSSAR and provides definitive guidance on whose responsibility it is for purchasing awards (individuals, chapters, state society, etc.).
- The State Treasurer and Finance Committee presented several documents that were approved and will be included in our Regulations' Administrative Instructions. These documents will greatly strengthen our operations by codifying several procedures. These included:
  - Administrative Instruction 800-1, "Treasurer Administrative Procedure"
  - Administrative Instruction 800-6, "Financial Review Guidelines"
  - Administrative Instruction 800-7, "Ohio Society Fundraising Practices"
- An approved resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay our Central District dues. Central District dues are 25 cents per members as of July first each year.
- Ohio Society 2nd Vice-President, Stephen Hinson, provided a summary of the activities associated with the State of Ohio Charitable Trust Registration Filing with a list of those chapters that have not taken action to date: Centennial, Constitution, Ebenezer Zane, George Rogers Clark, John Hancock, John Stark, Rufus Putnam & Samuel Huntington.

Compatriot John Franklin presented a request on behalf of the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation for a donation from Ohio Society to support the construction of an Ohio History Connection historical road-side marker for Fort Laurens. Total cost of the project is expected to be just under \$3,000 and funding will come in thirds from the OHSSAR, Ohio DAR and the Friends of Fort Laurens. After some discussion, the motion was passed by all members present.

Under the category of New Business, the Audit Committee submitted their report to the Executive Committee and their report is available on the OHSSAR website. In general, the Committee found the Treasurer's records to be in good order. They made a few general and procedural comments that will help strengthen our financial record keeping.

There was some additional discussion concerning the Ohio Society's financial support of the SAR Foundation/Center for Advancing American Heritage. The Ohio Society has completed its three-year obligation to support the 1776 Campaign with a \$1,776 donation. Since it is currently not clear what the NSSAR will replace the 1776 Campaign with, the Board of Management decided to delay any decision on future donations until the Winter meeting.

The final agenda item brought before the Board was a proposed Administrative Instruction concerning the Society's necessity and procedure for checking perspective members against the State of Ohio Sex Offender Registry. This recently became an issue when a chapter discovered that a current Compatriot is a registered Tier II sex offender in Ohio. With one of the three NSSAR criteria for membership being that a person must prove he is, "a citizen of good repute in the community," [SAR Constitution, Article III] the question is whether someone on the sex offender registry meets this criterion? The OHSSAR Chancellor, Richard Carr, with assistance from the Executive Committee, drafted an Administrative Instruction on how to handle situations such as this and proposed the necessity to vet prospective members against such a registry. As it turned out, this situation is not unique to Ohio and several states have already considered the issue. After a lengthy discussion facilitated by the Chancellor, the Board approved the Administrative Instruction with the proviso that the State President convene an Ad Hoc committee to review the specific procedure and process for executing the policy.

There being no further business for the Board of Management, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.



## Welcome New Members

### Western Reserve Society

Richard W. Ashton  
Bradley W. Goble  
Ted W. Goble

### Cincinnati

Adam N. Adler  
Christopher W. Drew  
Michael D. Hall  
John D. Holland  
Robert M. Mershon  
Tripp H. Rice  
Michael J. Tilton

### Benjamin Franklin

Don M. Crites  
Stephen J. Kauffman (TRI)  
Alex R. Leininger  
Andrew E. Leininger  
Eric G. Leininger  
Paul D. Morris  
Robert H. Morris  
Robert M. Sammons  
James C. Shumaker  
Jeffery E. Smith  
Adam J. Smith

### Richard Montgomery

Kyle K. Baldwin (TRI)  
Darold L. Neff

TRI—Transfer In

### Lafayette

Gary R. Martzolf  
Steven N. Williams

### George Rogers Clark

Kevin L. Creager  
John L. Eichelberger

### Firelands Bicentennial

Thomas S. Neel

### Samuel Huntington

Spencer M. Fuhr  
Richard J. Pruden

### John Hancock

Robb A. Johnson

### Marietta

Harciel W. McMillan

### Mahoning Valley

John D. Williams

### At-Large

Benjamin T. Cornwell

## OHSSAR Challenge Coin Fundraising



Since July 2016, the Ohio Society has been offering Challenge Coins for sale. The coins came to us via a generous gift from Past President-General Joseph Dooley. The 300 coins are minted with the OHSSAR Seal. If you wish to order a coin, order forms are

available on the OHSSAR website and the OHSSAR Facebook page. Several Chapter presidents have taken a few coins on consignment and offer them for sale at Chapter meetings. To date, sale of the coins has generated more than \$3,500 in fundraising. With the approval of a Fundraising Administrative Instruction at the recent fall Board of Management meeting, responsibility for managing the coin program was shifted from the Executive Committee to the Treasurer.

## Friends of Fort Laurens Moccasin Roast



Patrick Henry Jolly & Tim Ward at the Moccasin Roast

On Saturday evening September 30, 2017, members from the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution returning from the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville KY, had a delicious dinner at the Annual Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation Moccasin Roast. This annual event helps support the FFLF effort to rebuild the fort and help to support the Museum. The speaker was Patrick Henry Jolly who is a descendent of Patrick Henry, who gave his famous speech "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death." Patrick Henry Jolly is a member of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the Ohio Society.

SAR members and guests of the Ohio Society SAR that attended the dinner were John and Betty Franklin of the Western Reserve Society; and Troy and Christine Bailey, Bobby and Sarah VanSickle, Steve and Venie Hinson, Tim and Beth Ward, and Patrick Henry Jolly, all of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter.

## In Memoriam *Be Thou at Peace*

### Western Reserve Society

Elliott T. Eldred  
September 19, 2017

Tomas E. Frye  
April 15, 2017

Charles S. Skinner  
October 31, 2017

### Benjamin Franklin

Andrew L. Hinkle  
April 15, 2017

### Richard Montgomery

Jack E. King  
December 18, 2017

William F. Perkins, Jr.  
December 16, 2017

### Cincinnati

Harry A. Sjolin  
October 27, 2017

### Lt George Ewing

Howard A. Wolfe  
November 21, 2017

### Centennial

John H. Smith  
December 7, 2017

### Arthur St Clair

Myron F. Gearhart  
December 14, 2017

### At-Large

James C. Potter  
August 9, 2017



## Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America was held on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Over 1,470,000 wreaths were placed on Veterans' graves at over 1000 cemeteries throughout the country. For the second year in a row every grave at Arlington National Cemetery received a wreath.

In Ohio, 55 cemeteries received wreaths to be placed graveside. Ohio Society SAR Chapters were active in sponsoring and placing wreaths. Western Reserve Society, Cincinnati, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Montgomery, John Hancock, North East Ohio, Mahoning Valley, Hocking Valley, General Henry Knox, and Arthur St. Clair, Camp Charlotte Chapters were active participants. As National SAR Chair of Partners in Patriotism Committee, Ohio Society Compatriot Tony Robinson congratulated each of the Chapters for their active participation.



## Lt. G. Ewing Chapter Recognizes Two Athens Police Officers



*L to R: Chapter Secretary George Benz; Lt. Nick Magruder; Officer Justin Boggs; Chapter President Dr. Scott Moody*

At its September 28th, 2017 Chapter Meeting held at the Athens Community Center in Athens, Ohio, members of the Lt. George Ewing Chapter of the SAR recognized two Athens police officers for heroism. The officers, Lieutenant Nick Magruder and Officer Justin Boggs, were presented with Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Medals in appreciation for their actions in the rescue of a young boy from the Hocking River.

In the early July incident, a family had been kayaking in the rain swollen river when tragedy struck, putting four family members in the water. Magruder and Boggs were successful in pulling the boy to safety after putting their own lives in peril by entering the river. Two others in the group made it to shore, but unfortunately the boy's father did not survive the incident.

## Marietta Chapter Recognizes Boy Scout Troop 549



On October 9, 2017, Sons of the American Revolution Marietta Chapter Secretary Larry Butcher presented the members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 549 with patches and certificates in appreciation of their assistance in the SAR grave marking of Revolutionary War Patriot Paulser Butcher. Troop 549 is based at the West Milford Methodist Church in West Milford, West Virginia, which is where the presentation occurred.

Private Butcher is buried in the Butcher Cemetery in Butcherville, West Virginia. During the grave marking ceremony, the scouts cleaned the grave marker, necessary due to rain before the event; distributed programs; served in the Color Guard, and cleaned the cemetery after the service.

# CLEVELAND MARRIOTT EAST WINTER 2018 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 2&3 FEBRUARY 2018**

## VENUES

### Cleveland Marriot East

26300 Harvard Road  
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122  
**Reservations** – 1 (216) 378-9191  
Exit 28B to Harvard Rd from I-271 N  
Left on Harvard Rd, to Richmond Rd.  
Left on Richmond—Hotel on left



**Ohio Society**  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Northeast District  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## ITINERARY/SCHEDULE

Please make your own arrangements for social  
hour and dinner prior to the scheduled  
Executive Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM

**Don't Be Late!**

### Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00-8:00 PM: Executive Committee Meeting  
7:00-8:00 PM: OHSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

### Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00-11:45 AM: Board of Management Meeting

## CLEVELAND MARRIOTT EAST

Rooms at the Cleveland Marriott East are available at a cost of **\$119.00** per night. Make reservations by calling the Marriott at 1 (216)378-9191 or 1 (800) 228-9290 and requesting reservations under the Sons of the American Revolution room block. However, make payment to the Ohio Society Treasurer to avoid unnecessary taxes.  
This is a group rate for the Ohio Society SAR.

**A BLOCK OF ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED UNTIL JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
CALL BEFORE THEN TO GET THIS RATE.**

Detach ↑

**OHIO SOCIETY SAR FALL MEETING REGISTRATION**

Enclose With Payment ↓

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ~ RESERVATION SUMMARY ~

NUMBER OF ROOMS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$119.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TREASURER, OHSSAR  
AND MAIL TO: **JOHN H. BREDEFOERDER**  
8751 HAVERHILL LANE  
CINCINNATI, OH 45236

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

# Dates to Remember

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February 2-3, 2018: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio

February 19, 2018: Presidents Day Federal Holiday

February 22, 2018: George Washington's Birthday

March 1-3, NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky

May 4-6, 2018: OHSSAR 129th Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio

July 13-18, 2018: 128th Congress, Houston, Texas

## More Ways to Stay Informed

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

### **NATIONAL SOCIETY**

[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/)

### **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

[www.cdsar.org](http://www.cdsar.org)

### **OHIO SOCIETY**

[www.ohssar.org](http://www.ohssar.org)

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