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Message from the President

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Compatriots, this will be my final newsletter and my final chance to address the membership of the Ohio Society. First, let me say that it has truly been an honor to be your State President for the past year. During my term, I've been fortunate enough to have visited fourteen chapters for meetings, grave markings, officer installations, George Washington Birthday Luncheons, etc. and it is really impressive to see the number of dedicated Compatriots working together toward a successful completion of these programs.

I've noticed throughout Ohio we do a good job at recruiting new members but sometimes struggle with member retention. Retaining members, I believe, begins when we first welcome new members into our chapter. Are we engaging them and welcoming them to our meetings, events? Do we let them know that they are an important part of our chapter? The National Society introduced an initiative a few years ago to mentor new members and assimilate them into our chapters and the SAR, but, unfortunately, I've found that very few chapters have an active mentoring program. One final challenge during my year as your President is to charge each chapter in Ohio to create and utilize an active mentoring program for new members.

I'll close by thanking each and every Compatriot who has made this a memorable and enjoyable year for me. The Ohio SAR is alive and well and it's Compatriots like each of you that makes it one of the best and most active Societies in the SAR. I only hope that my service to the Ohio SAR has been worthy of the trust you placed in me to lead our Society nearly a year ago. I also hope that my service as your Society President would have made my own Patriot Ancestor, Anthony Sims Davenport, a Fort Laurens soldier, proud.

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Ohio Society Winter Meeting in Springfield, OH

The 2019 Winter Meetings of the Ohio SAR took place in Springfield, on Friday and Saturday, February 1-2, 2019. The Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Springfield, Ohio was the site of this year's meeting. The Ohio Society was last in Springfield for its Fall 2006 BOM during President Paul Wilke's term.

On the evening of February 1st, Ohio Society Compatriots dined at the restaurant inside the hotel before convening for the Ohio SAR Executive Committee meeting attended by 13 Compatriots. Four of the five members of the Executive Committee were present.

President Cox reviewed with the Executive Committee the agenda items that would be brought before the Board of Management on Saturday. Additionally, 1st Vice President Steve Hinson provided an overview of his proposed budget for 2019-2020. He then provided an

overview of the progress thus far with the Membership Committee. Said committee is attempting to go back five years and reconnect with dropped members to see if there is an interest in reinstating.

Troy Bailey gave a report on the new 250th Anniversary Committee. Committee will be working with chapters to come up with a plan to sponsor events commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War period.

Compatriot John Franklin provided an update on the Ohio Historical Connection's historical marker for Fort Laurens. Unveiling of the marker is scheduled to follow the Summer BOM at the Fort Laurens Memorial Service.

The BOM Meeting convened on Saturday morning with 24 Compatriots representing 14 Chapters. First on the agenda were reports from Officers, District and

Committee Chairmen.

During the Committee reports, Compatriot Jim Schaffer, acting for the Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the Ohio Society slate of Officers for the 2019-2020 term of office. See page 4 for the Committee's report.

Under New Business, four resolutions were presented. One updated and clarified the language in Administrative Instruction 400-2 *Ohio Society Sex Offender Registry Check Policy*. A second approved Ohio's annual donation to the Ohio Children of the American Revolution, \$200, and a \$100 donation to support the C.A.R. President's Project. The third resolution approved a donation of \$500 to the SAR Foundation for the SAR Museum and Education Center. The final resolution, proposed by the NW Territories Chapter, sought to remove the 2011 Look Back Date for the Patriot Grave Marking medal. All resolutions passed unanimously.

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.

Several of us came to the February meeting held in Springfield, Ohio. We filled

out Valentine's Cards for the VA Hospital, but also spent some time visiting the Madonna of the Trail statue located on the Old National Road in Springfield. Even though it was cold and blustery, a good time was had by all.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the SAR State Convention in May. I have invited a speaker from Northern Ohio USO as our guest. All ladies', members or not, are welcome to come and hear this speaker. Last year we started making some Baby Sea Bags for the USO, and



*Madonna of the Trail
Springfield, Ohio*

were able to present six to the USO in November during a Veterans Day meeting held at NEO SAR Chapter

See Ladies Auxiliary, Pg. 5

National Society Spring Leadership Conference

The National Society held its 2019 Spring Leadership Conference at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on March 1st & 2nd 2019. National Society committees met throughout Friday and the Trustees meeting was held on Saturday morning.

The Ohio Society was well represented. Compatriots in attendance were National Trustee James D. Schaffer; Central District SAR VPG Timothy E. Ward; 1st VP Steve Hinson; Secretary Steve Frash; Treasurer John H. Bredenfoerder; Registrar Troy Bailey; Past President John H. Franklin, Jr.; Past President Larry Perkins; Southwest District Chairman Elwin Spray; Past Cincinnati President Michael Gunn; and Mahoning Valley Secretary Scott Davis.

At the Trustee's Meeting, several motions were considered, and each passed. These motions are described here briefly:

Motion #1: Motion to approve the 2019 Fifth-Third Investment Policy Statement for the SAR Foundation, the George Washington Fund and the NSSAR Restricted Fund.

Motion #2: Motion to approve expenditure of \$85,000 to Mission Data

for the completion of the NSSAR website and membership module.

Motion #3: Motion to approve \$7,000 for a logo design contest.

Motion #4: Motion to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 for upgrades to the accounting software used by NSSAR staff.

Motion #5: Motion to lower quorum for committees appointed by the President General.

Motion #6: Motion to approve Museum Collection Management policy.

At National there are several committees and most of them met during the Conference. Some of the notable actions of the committees during the Leadership Conference are described below:

- **Color Guard Committee:** NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony announced that the committee selected Compatriot Gary Green of the North Carolina Society as the recipient of the 2019 Color Guardsman of the Year award.

- **Congress Planning Committee:** Chairman Paul Callan announced that the 2023 SAR Annual Congress will be hosted by the Florida Society in Orlando.



Tim Ward, Jim Schaffer, John Franklin and Elwin Spray at Leadership

- **History Committee:** A motion was proposed and passed that the SAR supports the establishment of an annual National American History and Founders Month in the month of November.

- **Medals and Awards Committee:** The committee changed the responsibilities for tracking state level Distinguished Service and Patriot medal awards to the state societies instead of the Executive Director. The committee also approved Gold Good Citizenship medals for Mike Roe of the television show Dirty Jobs, and for PG Warren Alter.

- **Minuteman Committee:** The committee announced the Minuteman Class of 2019 as:

Mike Elston
Virginia SAR

Dr. Larry Leslie
Kentucky SAR
Jim Lindley
Washington SAR
Thomas Showier
Pennsylvania SAR
Bill Stone
Alabama SAR
James Faulkinbury
California SAR

The 129th Annual Congress will be held from July 5th - 10th, 2019 at the Orange County Hilton in Costa Mesa, California. More information on the Congress be found on the web at <https://www.sar.org/annual-sar-congress> and at <http://www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/>

The next Leadership/Trustees meeting will be the Fall 2019 meeting on September 19th - 21st, 2019 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Eagle Scout Contest

Following the Winter BOM, the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee met to judge the entries for this year's contest. There were five submissions this year and the judges determined the following were state winners:

1st Place – **Samuel A. Lewis**, Richard Montgomery Chapter
2nd Place – **Jason S. Breuler**, Western Reserve Society
3rd Place – **Andrew J. Rich**, Cincinnati Chapter

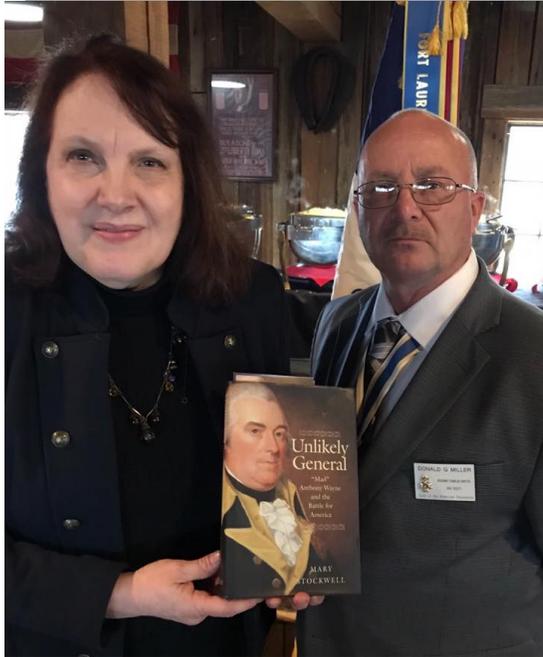
Thanks to judges Scott Moody, Steve Greaf and Lance Beebe.

Knight Essay Contest

The Knight Essay Contest has concluded and chairman Donald McGraw has informed us that after reviewing several outstanding and well researched essays that the following were judged to be the top three entries for the state:

1st Place - **Samuel Seibert**, Cincinnati Chapter
2nd Place - **Ethan Marsh**, George Rogers Clark Chapter
3rd Place - **Oscar Garrett**, At-Large Chapter

Chapters Around the Ohio Society



Dr. Mary Stockwell with Benjamin Franklin President Don Miller at the Geo Washington Birthday Luncheon



New Northeastern Ohio Chapter officers



Ohio SAR President Shawn Cox with new Arthur St. Clair Chapter officers



Larry Perkins with new Mahoning Valley Chapter officers



Presenting gavel to new Hocking Valley President Bob Davis

Ohio SAR Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

At the Winter Board of Management meeting on February 2, the Ohio Society Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President Donald McGraw, submitted the following proposed slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Leadership Term:

President	L. Stephen Hinson
1st Vice President	Turner Lee Wilkerson, III.
2nd Vice President	Merlyn (Troy) C. Bailey
Secretary	Scott M. Davis
Treasurer	John (Jack) Bredenfoerder
Registrar	Merlyn (Troy) C. Bailey
Chancellor	Richard L. Carr, Jr., Esq.
Historian	Steven D. Greaf
Genealogist	Timothy E. Ward
Chaplain	Ralph (Ed) Bonniwell
National Trustee	Shawn A. Cox
Alt National Trustee	Timothy E. Ward
Director-at-Large	Donald C. McGraw, Jr. 2019-2022

The Nominating Committee is made up of the five most recent past-presidents who are able and willing to serve, but not more than one may be from a given chapter. This year's Nominating Committee included Col. Donald C. McGraw, Jr., Chair, Ted M. Minier, Steven R. Kelley, Rev. James O. Fast and William A. Robinson. Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting on May 4th and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Welcome New Members

Arthur St. Clair Chapter
Richard Owen Shellenberger

Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Todd Alan Smith
Mark Allan Rawdon
Jordan Michael Acer

Camp Charlotte Chapter

Howard Ray Starn

Cincinnati Chapter

Robert Nelson Sturm, Jr.
Charles William Glass
Robert Lee McVay
Ryan Adams Kittredge
Benjamin M. Clinkenbeard
Gregory Adam Jeranek
Paul Herbert Dillard
Christopher James Jeranek
William Hubert Malicote
John Dennis Ehrhardt, Jr.

Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter

Joel Powers Miller

George Rogers Clark Chapter

Ernest Clyde Husted, Jr.

Hocking Valley Chapter

Brian Keith Irwin

John Hancock Chapter

Bennett Luke Wolfe
Michael David Hedrick
Isaac William Hedrick

Lafayette Chapter

Daniel Joseph Campbell
Mark Allan Blewitt
Matthew Allan Blewitt

Mahoning Valley Chapter

Eric Howard Templeton
Jeffrey Alan Walsh
Brandon David Phillips
David Leonard Phillips
Richard Todd Reutzel

Northeastern Ohio Chapter

Sean Patrick Gilbert
Torin Shea Gilbert
John Junior Streitferdt
Mark Allan Tyler
Bertan Paul Linson

Richard Montgomery Chapter

Robert Newman Caldwell
Philip Austin Sears
Wayne Alan Kalkwarf

Samuel Huntington Chapter

David Guy Webster

Western Reserve Society

Lindsay Ryan Dew
Kenneth Clarke *TRI

At-Large Chapter

Stephen Scott Schmid
Daniel Lee Rogers
Donald Edwin Chaney *REIN

*TRI = Transfer In

*REIN = Reinstatement

In Memoriam

Western Reserve Society

Paul Wiseley
January 8, 2018
Malcolm McKensie Cutting
November 26, 2018

Cincinnati Chapter

John Waltz Salvage
March 20, 2018
Jack A. Meyer
January 14, 2019
James William Foland
January 1, 2019

Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Dan Alan Mehaffie
August 4, 2018
Robert Webster Core
October 27, 2017
Mark Louis Saylor
January 12, 2019

Richard Montgomery Chapter

Carl Alan Richard Lewis
January 10, 2019

Hocking Valley Chapter

Walter Thomas Darnell
November 3, 2018
Keith Harold Kaufman
February 21, 2019

Northeastern Ohio Chapter

Robert Harrison Howe
January 22, 2019

Mahoning Valley Chapter

John Henry Walsh
January 30, 2019

Welcome Back (Reinstatements)

Cincinnati Chapter

Lloyd Eldean Gilbert
Eddie Lawson, Jr.
Prescott Bigelow
Logan A. Kruthaup
Robert Jeffrey Finke
Ethan Matthew Finke
Kenneth Robert Stone
James Andrew Finke
Jared Robert Stone

John Hancock Chapter

James Finch Nooney, Sr.
Robert Brian Densic

John Stark Chapter

Larry Lee Smerglass

Marietta Chapter

Norman Edward Lane

Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Fred J. Milligan, Jr.
James Robert Martin
Lindsey Pogue Newman
Charles Franklyn Cole
Matthew B. Weekley

Ebenezer Zane Chapter

Merle Gordon Tomlinson
Mark Allen Prosser

Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter

Michael Lee Worcester
David Lowell Gatts

Richard Montgomery Chapter

Timothy Hasbrouck Vath

Ladies Auxiliary

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#12. Thanks, Lori B., for your wonderful work making several - but the need is great. They still need 30 more. They have had lots of goodies donated from all over Ohio by groups to stuff these bags, which are presented to active service families for their "new addition". We took up the

challenge last fall and got a good start. If you can help us by sewing some of these simple bags and bringing them to our May meeting, that would be great! I will be glad to email you a copy of the pattern for your use. My email is venie-hinson@earthlink.net or

call me at 440 293-4314.

In addition to the Baby Sea Bags, the State convention is the occasion we hold a raffle to raise money. Typically, this money and money from our 50/50 raffle held that

weekend go towards SAR Youth Awards. Please bring donations for our raffle tables (books, curios, etc) for this worthy project. Tables will be located in the Hospitality Room at the hotel.

FRIDAY EVENING

ALL PRICES HEREUNDER ARE PER PERSON

ALL DINNERS ARE SERVED WITH: SPRING MIX, GRAPES, TOASTED PECANS, & FETA + TWO CHEF'S CHOICE OF SIDE ACCOMPANIMENTS. DINNERS SERVED WITH: DUTCH APPLE PIE FRESHLY BREWED REGULAR AND DECAFFEINATED COFFEE, HOT TEAS AND ICED TEA

PORK TENDERLOIN <i>w/ MAPLE BOURBON REDUCTION</i>	\$52
GRILLED CHICKEN <i>w/ CHOICE OF DIJON OR SWEET CHILI SAUCE</i>	\$48
OVEN ROASTED SALMON <i>w/ CITRUS OR PECAN BUTTER</i>	\$53

SATURDAY LUNCH

SHORT NORTH SANDWICH BUFFET

<p>CHEF'S SELECTION OF SOUP SELECTION OF THREE SANDWICHES: TURKEY & SWISS WRAP CHICKEN SALAD ON SOURDOUGH CORNED BEEF WITH SWISS CHEESE & THOUSAND ISLAND ON RYE SELECTION OF THREE SIDES: POTATO SALAD FRESH WHOLE FRUIT MEDITERRANEAN ORZO SALAD ASSORTED INDIVIDUAL BAGGED CHIPS AND PRETZELS COOKIES AND BROWNIES</p>	\$36
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SATURDAY EVENING

~ RECEPTION & DINNER – CASH BAR ~

ALL DINNERS ARE SERVED WITH: CAESAR SALAD WITH FOCACCIA CROUTONS & SHAVED PARMESAN + TWO CHEF'S CHOICE OF SIDE ACCOMPANIMENTS. DINNERS SERVED WITH: NEW YORK CHEESECAKE WITH FRESH BERRIES & FRESHLY BREWED REGULAR AND DECAFFEINATED COFFEE, HOT TEAS AND ICED TEA

FILET OF BEEF <i>w/ DEMI GLAZE</i>	\$63
BRAISED SHORT RIB	\$60
OVEN ROASTED SALMON <i>w/ CHOICE OF CITRUS OR PECAN BUTTER</i>	\$53
CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA	\$50
PORK TENDERLOIN <i>w/ MAPLE BOURBON REDUCTION</i>	\$52



130th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational



VENUE

Columbus Airport Marriott
1375 N Cassady Avenue
Columbus, OH, 43219-1524

Reservations

(614) 475-7551 or (800) 228-9290
Dbl Queen Rm (no-smoking) @ \$122.00 / Nite
King Rm (no-smoking) @ \$122.00 / Nite

A block of rooms has been reserved at this rate until Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Make your own reservations directly with the hotel but pay the Ohio Society SAR with the below form. Incidental expenses will be the responsibility of each guest. The Guest will be expected to leave a valid credit card or a cash deposit in the amount of \$25.00 per day for the length of the stay with the hotel at the time of check-in.

**DEADLINE
FOR RESERVATIONS
10 APRIL 2019**

SCHEDULE

Friday, 3 May 2019

- 3:00 – 6:00 PM Registration
- 3:00 – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Cocktails
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM Dinner (Lobby Bar)
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM Ex Comm Meeting
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM Ladies Aux Meeting, Speaker

Saturday, 4 May 2019

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 – 4:00 PM Hospitality Room
- 9:00 – 11:30 AM Board & Annual Society Meeting
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Ladies Social Time
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 PM Poster & Brochure Judging
- 2:00 – 4:00 PM D.G. High Oration Contest
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar)
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Banquet Receiving Line
- 6:00 – 9:30 PM Annual Awards Banquet
(Black Tie, Suit, Period Dress or Uniform)

Sunday, 5 May 2019

- 9:00 – 9:45 AM Service of Remembrance
- 9:45 – 10:15 AM Installation of 2019-2020 Officers

RSVP



Name(s): _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Friday Night Dinner

- Pork Tenderloin #persons @ \$52.00 = _____
- Grilled Chicken #persons @ \$48.00 = _____
- Roasted Salmon #persons @ \$53.00 = _____
- North Sandwich Buffet #persons @ \$36.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch

Saturday Night Banquet

- Filet of Beef #persons @ \$63.00 = _____
- Braised Short Rib #persons @ \$60.00 = _____
- Roasted Salmon #persons @ \$53.00 = _____
- Chicken Saltimbocca #persons @ \$50.00 = _____
- Pork Tenderloin #persons @ \$52.00 = _____

Lodging

Double Room Nights @ \$122.00 = _____ and/or King Room Nights @ \$122.00 = _____

Payment Summary

Friday Nite Dinner\$ _____ +Saturday Lunch\$ _____ +Saturday Dinner\$ _____ +Room Nights\$ _____ = \$ _____

PAYMENT

Make Check payable to: **TREASURER, OHSSAR**
Mail Check & Oder Form to: **JOHN BREDENFOERDER, 8751 Haverhill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45236**

Dates to Remember

May 3-5, 2019	Ohio SAR 130 th Annual Conference, Columbus, OH
May 23, 2019	NW Territory Patriots Memorial Service Marietta, OH
May 25, 2019	George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Spirit of Vincennes, (IN) Rendezvous
June 15, 2019	NW Territory Chapter Patriot Memorial Service Fulton County, OH
July 5-10, 2019	129 th 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, Pt. Pleasant, WV

More Ways to Stay Informed

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

NATIONAL SOCIETY

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

CENTRAL DISTRICT

www.cdsar.org

OHIO SOCIETY

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