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This quarter, I have traveled from one end of the state to the other as well as from east to west. I am pleased to learn that where ever I go, the SAR is a great group of men who are not afraid to show their patriotism. They are out in front at parades, presenting flag certificates and honoring the men and women who serve our great state, not only in the military, but in law and firefighting. I have traveled to Cleveland, Akron, West Virginia, Springfield, Cincinnati, and Columbus. Everywhere I go I find new friends and great stories to tell.

In Cleveland I was honored to be present when Roger Jones received the Willard Cup at the Western Reserve Society Chapter.

In Akron I saw two officers of the law, one a street patrol officer and the other an FBI agent, receive Law Enforcement Awards at the Lafayette Chapter for setting up a Police Officer Recovery Program. Often the public thinks that a man has to harden himself to be an officer, but inside they are still human beings just like the rest of us and there comes a time when they need a hand to handle the stress of everyday life. These officers helped set that program up in their area of the state.

In Vienna West Virginia the Marietta Chapter held a joint meeting with the DAR and West Virginia Society. I learned of nine compatriots who were Medal of Honor recipients. They don't call themselves winners, my father told me. He said most of them had to pay for the award in blood or emotions and that was a losing prospect every time. The price of freedom is not cheap. I was present at the swearing in of four new members for the Marietta Chapter.

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I also attended Battle Days at Point Pleasant, West Virginia where many of our members traveled to participate in the service to remember the fallen patriots of that battle.

In Springfield at the George Rogers Clark Chapter, I met one of the Medal of Honor recipients or at least a descendant of his; a Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor. I found it interesting that the Germans, after shooting down and killing Roosevelt's son, returned his body to the family because they learned who he was. They held a special honoring service for him too. To learn more of Teddy and his family, contact Larry Maple at troosevelt1904@yahoo.com and schedule him to speak at one of your meetings.

I have been to Cincinnati twice. Once to visit with President General, Judge Edward Butler and was present when the officers of Cincinnati's chapter were sworn into office by the PG. I was there again for the Wreaths Across America Program where the Cincinnati Chapter, VFW, American Legion, Police and Firefighters of Sharonville honored our patriots in a wreath laying ceremony. It touched me to stand there in our color guard and remember family members and friends who have served our country. While there, I took the opportunity to remind a state representative that the office of a legislator is not an easy task (a remark was made that it was) and that it is actually more important than the national office. The Constitution states that we are a sovereign nation made up of many sovereign states. This, to me, means that the state officials should hold the national officials accountable. They should always be vigilant to keep tyranny and anarchy away from our door. We as voters should keep our elected state officials aware of this fact whenever we have the opportunity.

I traveled to Columbus for the funeral service of Richard Q. Fowler, a friend and fellow compatriot who will be missed by not only our state, but Florida as well. His family requested that the OHSSAR Color Guard be present. I was never more proud of our Color Guard than when we took turns standing guard over Richards' exhibit. There were a number of men who participated in the service from Benjamin Franklin, Camp Charlotte, Centennial, Cincinnati, George Rogers Clark, Hocking Valley, Marietta, Nathan Hale, Northeast Ohio, and Western Reserve Chapters. The Color Guard out did themselves at this service. Thanks to one and all who participated. There were 25 compatriots in attendance (see picture to the right). The family of Richard Q. Fowler, (AKA) Benjamin Franklin, thanks each of you for your participation.

Thanks for the memories.

Your humble servant,
Tony Robinson,
OHSSAR President 2009



ANNUAL REPORTS AND DUES COLLECTION

The end of the year is quickly approaching and you should have already sent your dues collections in for the 2010 membership year. The deadline for the state is January 31 to have our annual report into headquarters. Please be aware that when annual reports arrive at headquarters and are being processed, the processing of membership and supplemental applications will be delayed somewhat.

SAR AFFILIATES AND THE IRS

Once again, it is time to remind all State Society and Chapters to file the appropriate federal form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, within 4 1/2 months after the fiscal year ends. For most SAR affiliates, that means filing the e-postcard called the 990-N. Any State Society Chapter or other affiliate of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution should make absolutely certain that the appropriate 990, 990AEZ, or 990-N is filed. The website for filing the e-postcard is <http://epostcard,form990.org>. If you don't know whether the form was filed, you may do a query on the IRS web site at <http://www.irs.gov/app.ePostcard>. Complete information on this subject can be found on page 16 in Volume II of the Official SAR handbook found on SAR's web site, <http://www.sar.org>.



Front Row L/R: Gerald Houchell, Elwin Spray, David Nessley, Sr., Timothy Ward, Rev. George Miller, Rev. Pat Kelly, Edward Hamblin, Richard Fetzer, Terry Whetstone, William Diehl, Phil Romine, Zachary Hoon, and Tony Robinson.

On Steps (bottom to top in row next to wall):

Paul D. Schenck, James O. Fast, James Dunn, Paul Irwin, and Carl Roshong.

On Steps (center row bottom to top):

Thomas Romine, Kurt Ayers, Jacob Reynolds, and Keith Kaufman.

On Steps (bottom to top in row next to railing):

Adrian Rose, Jesse Moore, Steven Kelley, and John Buffenbarger.

AN AMERICAN CREED BY DEAN ALFANGE

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon... if I can.

I seek opportunity... not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed.

I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, "This I have done." All this is what it means to be an American.

My father gave this to me at my birth, I share it with you today to remind you what it was like in 1947.

Strange as it may seem, at the time this was written Dean Alfange was the mayoral candidate for New York for the Liberal Party.



AROUND THE STATE



The Rufus Putnam Chapter held its annual Harvest Banquet on October 27. Guests including members of the Amanda Barker Devin Chapter and Muskingum Chapter of the DAR listened to a program given by the Rev. Ronny Dower, Rufus Putnam Chapter Chaplain. Martha Washington's pot pie recipe was served as well as other foods representing the time period.



Group photo from the meeting at Chester Court House with Ewing Chapter, Marietta Chapter and Point Pleasant Chapter, as well as DAR members and guests.

Scout Tim Bozell of Troop 310 in Findlay, Ohio is presented the Eagle Certificate of Recognition by Daniel Hass of the John Hancock Chapter. Troop 310 is a specially chartered Boy Scout Troop in the Black Swamp Area Council for boys and adults with disabilities.



Ohio Society member Steve Kelly presents an award to the Annin Flag Company Chairman for excellence in their flag work.

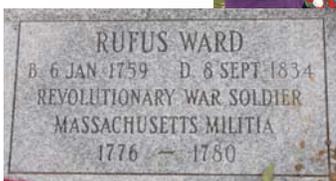


OHSSAR Color Guard with the float at the Pumpkin Show.



The Color Guard standing at present arms at the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Ohio Society President Tony Robinson addressing the attendees.

October 17th Grave Marking of Rufus Ward.



Group photo from the Nelsonville board of management meeting in Downtown Nelsonville including the Geanologist General and President General elect.





George Rogers Clark Chapter meeting with Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor.



The Color Guard and wreath presentation at Point Pleasant West Virginia Battle Days.



Terry Whetstone, Rev. Patrick Kelly, Benjamin Franklin, Randy Young and John Buffenbarger at the Urbana University opening of the Tercentary Exhibit - Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World.



Lafayette Chapter meeting presentation of Law Enforcement and Firefighter awards by Robert Farling. Receiving the award is Donald C. Cooper, State Fire Marshall.

President Tony Robinson mailing out a box of items for soldiers serving in Iraq.



New Marietta Chapter members sworn in by Steven Leishman, Treasurer-General at the Christmas luncheon.



Members of the Cincinnati Chapter at a meeting along with President General Buttlar.



New members and charter members of the Hocking Valley Chapter after the Chapter's activation.



WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

Western Reserve Society

Wallace Dingman Huskonen
Daniel Cullen Marshall
James Hathaway Marshsall
Richard Heeman Marshall
Scott Curtis Williams

Cincinnati

John Marcus Cocanougher
Tyler Jeffrey Raible

Benjamin Franklin

Christopher Sayre Duckworth

Richard Montgomery

Kevin Michael Riley

Lafayette

Robert James Folk, Sr.
Todd Jeffrey Brown
Harvey Allen Rickert, Jr.

Ewing

Arlen Emerson Saunders
Stanley William Saunders

Rufus Putnam

Ross Paul Koller, Sr.
Ross Paul Koller, Jr.
Jesse Neil Raines
Jordan Neil Raines
Logan William Raines

Centennial

Griffin Henry Hamilton
David Ross May
Homer Daniel May
John Russell May

General Henry Knox

Matthew Gregory Price

Hocking Valley

Anthony David Evans
Charles Ivins, Jr.
Alexander David Smith
David Shawn Smith
John Elmer Smith

At Large

Paul Alan Irwin
Bobby Earl Rakestraw
Jacob Robert Reynolds

OHIO LADIES' AUXILIARY UPDATE

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. We wish all a very healthy and happy New Year.

With the Holidays behind us, we look ahead to the new year and all that it holds. We in Ohio, are very excited and busy with plans for National Congress in Cleveland in June. This will be a very family friendly event with many things for adults and children to enjoy. President General Ed Butler and his lovely wife Robin will be bringing their grandchildren with them and we hope many will do the same. This is a great opportunity for a family vacation.

Ladies please be looking for the great items from your area of Ohio to put together a basket from your town, for the great raffle. Don't forget the raffle tickets for the 50/50 Split the Pot that we need to sell and return. If you need more to sell please let us know. We need help from all of Ohio to have the 2010 National Congress be the best ever.

Vickie Lynn Robinson
OHSSAR Auxiliary President

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



IN MEMORIAM

Benjamin Franklin

Richard Q. Fowler
?/??/2009

John Stark

David A. Tritt
10/20/2009

George Rogers Clark

James Philip Duffy
10/11/2009

Firelands-Bicentennial

Robert Lee Bentz
9/14/2009

Rufus Putnam

Paul Neff Thorburn
10/04/2009

Marietta

Caleb Benjamin White
10/04/2009

BOOKS TO LOOK FOR

“The 5000 year Leap” *A miracle That Changed the World* by W. Cleon Skousen

“America’s Constitution” by Akhil Reed Amar

“American Gospel” *God, The Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation* by Jon Meacham

“The Spiritual Journey of George Washington” by Janice T. Connell

“July 4th -and the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence” by Jay Woodard



WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESERVATION FORM

Please make your reservation before January 22, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Please call the Findlay Inn to make a reservation under the rooms reserved for the SAR. Please send payment to OHSSAR Treasurer Gregg E. McCullough.

Findlay Inn reservation check here _____: \$84.00 *per room* \$ _____

Please reserve _____ dinner(s) at \$18 each for Fri., Feb. 5, 2010 \$ _____

Please check: Pasta Primavera _____ Roast Turkey _____

Please reserve _____ luncheon(s) at \$12 each for Sat., Feb. 6, 2010 \$ _____

Please check: Club Sandwich _____ Cod Sandwich _____

\$ _____ TOTAL

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WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Friday, February 5, 2010

6:30 PM Executive Committee Dinner
and Board Meeting

Saturday, February 6, 2010

7:30-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast *(for those staying at the Inn)*
8:30-11:30 AM BOM Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch with DAR
and Guest Speaker Jonathan Stealey



Camera Obscura, Physiognotrace Co. by Jon Stealey

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

My OHSSAR DONATION

Name _____

I wish to donate

Address _____

\$ _____

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