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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was an honor to be elected President of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution at the May Annual Conference in Chillicothe, Ohio. This past year, Tony Robinson did a wonderful job of leading the Society with growth of a new Chapter, Hocking Valley Chapter, and helping the Bill of Rights Chapter to stand firm.

The work of the Ohio Society is not done by a few, but by a team of Compatriots (the entire membership of OHSSAR) who look forward to advancing the Society in growth and to promote the patriotic, historical and educational objectives of the SAR.

As incoming OHSSAR President, I look forward to working with the team to increase the membership of the Society. Here are the 3R's for membership!

Recruitment, Renewals and Reinstatements

Last year the Society increased the membership with the new Hocking Valley Chapter. In the past when starting a new Chapter, we have had Genealogy Workshops in the area of the new Chapter. This helps to bring awareness to the community about the SAR and assists in finding new prospects. My idea is to have a Genealogy workshop in each of the six Ohio Society Districts that will bring awareness of the SAR and support those Chapters that need to increase their memberships

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and member activity. Perhaps this will lead to new Chapters in the Society. This group would be a sub committee of Membership and also work with other committees within the OHSSAR: DAR/C.A.R. Liaison, New Chapters, and Publicity.

Besides working within the box, we need to expand and coordinate with local DAR and County Genealogical Societies and possibly County Historical Societies in order to help bring in interested individuals from the area for the workshops. We will need to get the word out via newspaper and those societies so that we increase attendance.

There are four steps for this project.

1. Planning and setting up the workshops
2. Conducting the workshop
3. Review of the workshop
 - a. What worked or did not work
 - b. Make the needed changes
4. Start the process over in a new District

Steve Kelley of General Henry Knox Chapter is coordinating a workshop in the Central District. If you would like to help with any part of this project or in your own area, please contact me at 330-656-9066 or at my e-mail address jhfbmwm5@aol.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you and working with everyone this year!

Remember we are all Members of the Membership Committee!
Let's keep Ohio a great Society!

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Board of Management Meeting at Fort Laurens on July 23-24. The Memorial Ceremony will be Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution.

See you at Congress! God bless the SAR and God bless America!

John H. Franklin, Jr.





THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2010 Ohio Society Annual Conference was held at the Christopher's Conference Center in Chillicothe, Ohio on April 30 to May 2. The Conference began on Friday night with registration and Executive Committee meeting and dinner. The Ohio Society Board of Management meeting was held on Saturday morning and early afternoon.

At 2:30, when the Ladies returned from their tour and luncheon, the Douglass G. High Oration Contest was held. All of the students presented great orations with Sara Richardson, sponsored by the Ewings Chapter, receiving first place. Sara will represent Ohio at the NSSAR Congress in Cleveland and we wish her success.

On Saturday evening, President Robinson introduced the head table with Patsy J. Gaines regent of the OSDAR; Kristina Marion president of the C.A.R.; Gregg McCullough senior advisor for the C.A.R.; Joseph W. Dooley Genealogist General of the NSSAR; Vice President General for the Central District Finlay J. Coles and his lovely

lady Jane; and Don Martin President of Arthur St. Clair Chapter. Each officer brought greetings to the Ohio Society. Dooley gave a wonderful presentation regarding The Constitution. Donald Martin gave a power point presentation about "Braveheart and the Export of American Idealism." Many Certificates of Appreciation and Distinguished Certificates were presented to committee chairs and others.

During the Sunday morning Memorial Service where Rev. Pat Kelly officiated, thirty-one compatriots who passed away during the year were remembered. The new OHSSAR officers were sworn in by VPG Finlay J. Coles. Then president, William Anthony Robinson, placed the State President's medal and ribbon on John H. Franklin, Jr. and also passed the gavel to me. I presented Robinson with a Past President's certificate.

The next OHSSAR Annual Conference will be on April 30-May 2 at the Crown Center Hotel in Independence, OH. I do hope that you will participate.



2010-2011 Ohio Society Officers

Front Row (left to right): Charles G. Edwards, Historian; Rev. Patrick N. Kelly, Chaplain; Finlay J. Coles, Vice President General of the Central District; John H. Franklin, Jr., President and Alternate National Trustee; James O. Fast, First Vice President; John O. Langlitz, Second Vice President;

Second Row: Robert E. Grim, Genealogist; Timothy E. Ward, Registrar; Ted M. Minier, Treasurer; Steven R. Kelley, Secretary; William Anthony Robinson, National Trustee; Richard L. Fetzer, Director-at-Large for the Non-Profit Corporation; Paul M. Wilke, Director-at-Large for the Non-Profit Corporation

Not pictured: Henry T. S. Heckman, Director-at-Large for the Non-Profit Corporation, Donald W. Moyer, Statutory Agent; Richard L. Carr, Jr., Chancellor



AWARDS PRESENTED

State Medal of Distinguished Service

Richard L. Carr Jr.

Patriot Medal

W. Anthony Robinson
George E. Livingston
Robert A. Fetters

Meritorious Service Medal

Robert E. Grim
Ned R. Young
Steven R. Kelley
William C. Ellerman

Outstanding Citizenship

Anthony Lynn Courtney

SAR Medal of Appreciation

Valerie L. Wilke (Oak Leaf Cluster)
Sheila Perkins (Oak Leaf Cluster)
Betsy Franklin (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Martha Washington Medal

Vickie Robinson
Susan Gearhart

Daughters of Liberty

Darlene Weaver

Bronze Good Citizenship

Thomas Mayville

Bronze Color Guard Medal

James O. Fast
Keith Kaufman
W. Anthony Robinson



Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

Sponsored by George Rogers Clark Chapter (Springfield, OH)

William Anthony Robinson, President and Eagle Scout Committee Chairman, presents the Eagle Scout Award to Sean Paul Nuzum.



William Anthony Robinson is awarded the Silver Color Guardsman Medal from National Color Guard Commander Joseph Dooley and OHSSAR Color Guard Commander John H. Franklin, Jr.

NEW COMMANDER AND SILVER COLOR GUARD MEDAL RECIPIENT

National Color Guard Commander, Joseph Dooley, presided over the transfer of command, by passing the sword, from John H, Franklin, Jr. to Wm. Anthony Robinson. Robinson was the past vice commander of the OHSSAR Color Guard.

Congratulations to Tony Robinson on his new duties as Color Guard Commander. He also was awarded the Silver Color Guard medal for his active service at the National level. Please send any Color Guard information to Robinson, so that events will be listed on the OHSSAR website and sent out to area commanders.

AWARD WINNERS



Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Sponsored by Ewings Chapter
(L to R) James Lochary, Ewings Chapter President; William Anthony Robinson, President OHSSAR; Sara N. Richardson, Oration Winner; and John H. Franklin, Jr., OHSSAR Oration Chairman. Sara spoke about Nancy Morgan Hart.



Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

Sponsored by Camp Charlotte Chapter
Timothy Ward, Chairman of the Americanism Poster Contest holds the winning poster - "The Battle of Bunker Hill" by Taylor Heddleson. (L to R) President Richard L. Hartinger, OHSSAR President William Anthony Robinson, and Awards Chairman Paul Wilke.



Hub Scott Laureates

This is the highest award given at the State level: Richard L. Fetzer is the 2010 recipient. (L to R) Terry Whetstone - 2005; Roger Jones - 2002; Tony Robinson - 2006; Robert Farling - 2004; Richard Fetzer - 2010; John Franklin - 2007; Paul Wilke - 2009; and Larry Perkins - 2008.



JROTC Silver Medallion Award

Sponsored by Centennial Chapter (Lima, OH)
Army JROTC Cadet Captain Brady Edward Hood (Kenton HS) is awarded the Outstanding JROTC Silver Medallion Award and Certificate from Terry Whetstone, JROTC Committee Chairman.



George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

Sponsored by Northeastern Ohio Chapter
Northeastern Ohio Chapter Essay Contest Chairman, Compatriot Jim Gilbert is presenting a certificate to State winner Scott Remer.



WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

Western Reserve Society (1)

Claude Carroll Custer, Jr.
David Michael Benson
David Richard Grob
James Thomas Grob
Alexander James Hamm
Jeffery David Hamm
Paul William Hamm
John Paul McMillen
Raymond Dalzell Wert
A. Carter Wilmont

Cincinnati Chapter (3)

Donald Wayne Christman
Zachary Thomas Haines
Michael David Sonnenburg
Robert Bums Williams

Richard Montgomery Chapter (6)

Seth Michael Maney

Ewings Chapter (11)

Christopher Ross Keeseey
Monty Don Sayers, Jr.
Monty Don Sayers, Sr.
Monty Don Sayers, III

Northeastern Ohio Chapter (12)

William Howe
Frank Bryan Loucks IV
John Andrew McClellan
Charles Harry Osborn

Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter (14)

Kenneth Wiley Roth

Rufus Putnam Chapter (17)

Troy Matthew Combs
Andrew Michael Davis
Austin Matthew Davis
Raymond Garriss
Steven Clark Garriss
Robert Lewis Garriss
Clark Steven Garriss

Centennial Chapter (23)

James Carson Fast
Thomas James Fast
Timothy John Fast
Isaiah Idris Jones
Jordan Ackerman Lee
Michael Carl Stripe

Arthur St. Clair Chapter (25)

William Alan Fetters

John Hancock Chapter (28)

James Lowell Williams

Northwest Territory Chapter (37)

Ryan Charles Patrick France

Ebenezer Zane Chapter (38)

David Cowan Brooks
Cory William Marshall
George Lawrence Marshall
James Wilson Marshall
John Hamilton Marshall
Peter Roy Marshall

Marietta Chapter (40)

Dallis Keith Cowdery
Roger Keith Cowdery
Danny Lee Hinton

Camp Charlotte (41)

Garon Melville Gentzel
Dwight Edward Radcliff
Robert Bryan Radcliff

Hocking Valley Chapter (42)

John Edward Clum
John Michael Clum
Michael John Clum
James Leo Darnell
Steven Thomas Darnell
Paul Faber
Thomas Nelson Moe
Charles Fredrick Prosch
Bryan Michael Watson
Chase Allen Watson

At Large Chapter (99)

Anthony Kyle Chaney
Brandon Lee Chaney
Daniel Joseph Chaney
Daniel Joseph Chaney, Jr.
Donald Edwin Chaney
John Michael Chaney
William Stephen Chaney
John Knisely Mell, Jr.
John Knisely Mell, III

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 26 - 30, 2010 NSSAR Congress - Renaissance Hotel - Cleveland, OH

July 3, 2010 NSSAR - General James Mitchell Varnum Grave Marking - Oak Grove Cemetery - Marietta, OH

July 23 - 24, 2010 Summer OHSSAR Board of Management and Fort Laurens - Sleep Inn - Bolivar, OH

Sept. 23 - 25, 2010 Fall Leadership and Trustees' Meeting - Brown Hotel - Louisville, KY

Oct. 1 - 3, 2010 Fall OHSSAR Board of Management and Point Pleasant - Comfort Inn - Galipolis, OH

Oct. 29 - 30, 2010 Central District Meeting - Crowne Plaza - Cincinnati, OH

Feb. 4 - 5, 2011 Winter OHSSAR Board of Management - Hope Hotel - Dayton, OH

March 10 - 12, 2011 Spring Leadership and Trustees' Meeting - Brown Hotel - Louisville, KY

April 30 - May 2, 2011 OHSSAR Annual Meeting - Crowne Plaza - Independence, OH

IN MEMORIAM

Western Reserve Society #1

Jack Hugh Thacker

Centennial Chapter #23

Frederick Earl Mills - 5/20/10
Fred was a charter member of the Chapter.

William Gene Emans - 3/28/10



OHIO LADIES' AUXILIARY UPDATE

I would like to thank Vickie Robinson for a successful year and her terrific support to Tony. The ladies had a lovely time at Adena, Thomas Worthington's home, and a delicious lunch at the Canal Smokehouse.

Elections were held and the 2010-2011 slate of Ladies Auxiliary Officers are:

- President** - Betty W. Franklin
- Vice President** - Cindy Fast
- Secretary** - Sheila Perkins
- Treasurer** - Linda Langlitz
- Membership** - Valerie Wilke
- Chaplain** - Jan Whetstone

I look forward to working with these women and to meeting others as I travel with John to Chapter meetings. It is now time to renew your membership. Please send your \$5.00 check made out to the LA OHSSAR to Valerie Wilke with your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, your husband's name, and his Chapter's name to Valerie Wilke, 3361 Shady Lane, North Bend, OH 45052-9538.

Don't forget to help your husbands to sell the 50/50 SPLIT THE POT tickets at the Chapter meetings and to your friends. The winner does not need to be present at Congress when the winning ticket is selected. Half of the money will help cut the costs of the Saturday afternoon OHSSAR Host Society Reception and the other half will be awarded to one lucky individual. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting in the Hospitality Room at Congress. We would like to have everyone enjoy their visit to Cleveland.

As 1st Vice President of the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, I have been scheduling speakers. At Congress we will have a John Grabowski from Western Reserve Historical Society tell us about the George Washington papers and other artifacts in their collection, and also the upcoming special exhibit with Washington's artifacts from Mount Vernon.

While you are at the Congress, I hope you will have fun on the dinner cruise on Lake Erie, the Lolly the Trolley ride, the Memorial Service at Old Stone Church, the tour and luncheon at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and more. Please join us!

On July 24, at Fort Laurens there will be a short Memorial Service and a luncheon at Georgio's. Everyone is welcome to participate and meet some of our members.

Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions for the Ladies Auxiliary.

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American Revolution*



On May 22 in the Miamisburg Spring Fling Parade, Richard Montgomery Chapter received the Chairman's Award. Compatriots from left to right are Elwin Spray, Bill Ellerman, Cordt Thobaben, Mark Conrad, and David Bohlander.



Centennial Color Guard - Memorial Day Parade 2010



FORT LAURENS MEMORIAL SERVICE AND SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESERVATION FORM *Please make your reservation before July 16, 2010.*

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter _____ State _____

The individual should make SAR reservations at the Sleep Inn at 330-874-3435, but send payment to the OHSSAR Treasurer, Ted Minier.

Lodging (Sleep Inn) \$68.00 \$ _____

Please reserve _____ dinner(s) at \$30 each
(fish, beef, or vegetarian) \$ _____

Please reserve _____ luncheon(s) at \$15 each
(chicken, salad, or vegetarian) \$ _____

\$ _____ TOTAL

Make check payable to OHSSAR and mail to:

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FORT LAURENS MEMORIAL SERVICE AND SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 23, 2010

- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Social Time
- 6:15 pm Dinner and Executive Meeting at Georgio's

Saturday, July 24, 2010

- 8:00 - 10:30 am Breakfast at the Sleep Inn
- Meeting at the Sleep Inn
- 10:45 am Color Guard to muster at Fort Laurens (C)
- 11:00 am Fort Laurens Memorial Service
- 12:15 am Luncheon at Georgio's

Sleep Inn (B)
11155 State Rt. 212 NE
Bolivar, OH 44612
(330) 874-3435
(Just east of the I-77 and
State Route 212 interchange)

Georgio's Grille (A)
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Bolivar, OH 44612
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to the left of The Sleep Inn)



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