

Summer 2012 Newsletter

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## Old Glory Tops Ohio

From the shores of Lake Erie to the hills along the Ohio River the tall buildings of Ohio's metropolises carry the American Flag skyward. On this 235<sup>th</sup> Flag Day, the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognize and honor three tall buildings of Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati for flying the American Flag from their roofs. The Terminal Tower in Cleveland, the Motorist Building in Columbus, and the Atrium II in Cincinnati are given special recognition this year.

The Motorist Insurance Building on Broad Street in Columbus stands 286 feet above the street. The flag has flown on top of the building since its opening in 1973. Because of the wind the flag is changed out every 45 to 60 days. Todd Haywood of Facilities and Security, Michael Lisi, Assistant VP of Corporate Services and Chuck Wickert, Senior VP of Corporate Services were on hand to receive the Commendation on behalf of the Motorists Insurance Group and its employees.



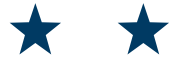
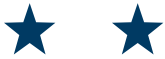
*Old Glory Tops Ohio, Motorist Building, Columbus*

The Terminal Tower on Public Square in Cleveland has flown the flag atop the building since 1930. The building is 52 stories with the flag pole reaching another 65 feet to peak out at 772 feet above the street. Stephen Bir, General Manager of the Terminal Tower and Chuck Long who has

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posted the colors for the last four years were presented the certificate. Elevators rise to the 42nd floor, leaving the last ten floors to climb by steps, followed by a 40 foot ladder to the flag platform. The American Flag is 12 feet by 15 feet and must be changed after 60 days.

Atrium II in Cincinnati stands 351 feet and was completed in 1984. It flies the largest flag in downtown Cincinnati at 20 feet by 30 feet. It can be seen clearly from the hills of Northern Kentucky across the Ohio River. Flying the flag at government buildings is considered standard procedure. Private buildings and private residents choose to fly the flag as a sign of patriotism and pride of nation. The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution wish to encourage and support such displays of National Pride.

The first public observance of Flag Day was June 1893 in Philadelphia when the Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames passed resolutions to support displays of the American Flag. The movement quickly caught on and was promoted widely by Bernard Cigrand of Wisconsin who pursued national recognition for the holiday. In 1916 President Wilson issued a Flag Day Proclamation and later in 1949 Flag Day became an official U.S. holiday by an act of Congress that was signed by President Truman.

## Nominating Committee for 2013

### Past State Society President

### Chapter

James Fast

Centennial

John Franklin

Western Reserve (Chair)

Wm. Anthony Robinson

Camp Charlotte

Timothy Ward

Northeastern

Paul Wilke

Cincinnati

By-laws state that the Nominating Committee shall be the past five State Society Presidents, with no two members being from the same chapter. As Richard Fetzer is from Western Reserve, Paul Wilke was asked to serve an additional year.



# The 123rd Annual Conference of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution



Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner, Lydia Richardson of Albany, Ohio receives award from John Franklin.



Eagle Scout Award Winner, Edward Osborn Jr., receives award from Tony Robinson.



Poster Contest Award Winner, Guilford Court House.



JRROTC Award Winner, Cadet Captain Allie Renae Shepherdd, receives award from Paul Schenk.



Law Enforcement Award Winner, Major Richard Shade, of the Lima Police Department.



*Richard Carr, Jr. Chancellor receives awards from James Fast, State President.*



*James Fast, State President greets T. Rex Legler, Central District Vice President General.*



*Hub Scott Award Winner, Timothy Ward, receives the Award from Charles Edwards.*



*James Fast, State President greets National Society Secretary General Stephen Leishman.*



*James Fast Receives Gift for his year as President. It is a paper Cut Silhouette of Jim in his Colonial Uniform.*



*Rev. David Foster, Chaplain, leads the Memorial Service on Sunday Morning.*



## Awards and Recognition of the 123rd Annual Meeting Presented May 5, 2012 in Lima, Ohio

### **Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award**

Timothy E. Ward

### **State Medal of Distinguished Service**

John H. Franklin

### **Patriot Medal**

William C. Ellerman

Richard L. Carr, Jr.

James O. Fast

### **Meritorious Service Medal**

James D. Schaffer

Charles Edwards

Timothy E Ward (Oak Leaf)

William Anthony Robinson (Oak Leaf)

Ted M. Minier (oak leaf)

### **Silver Good Citizenship**

Ben Rose

Steven R. Kelley

Zackary K. Hoon

### **Enforcement Commendation Medal**

Major Richard L. Shade, Lima Police Dept. Retired

### **SAR Medal of Appreciation**

Barbara Griffith

Beverly Schumacher

### **Martha Washington Medal**

Sharlene J. Shoaf

### **Daughters of Liberty Medal**

Valerie Wilke (oak leaf)

Elizabeth W. Franklin (oak leaf)

Cindy L. Fast

## Welcome New Compatriots

Since May 6th the following individuals have been approved by National for membership.

### **Western Reserve Society\***

Kevin Hardy  
Mathew Hardy  
Nicholas Evans  
Jack Johnsen  
Eric Kocsis  
Andrew Franco

### **Richard Montgomery Chapter**

John Slivinski

### **Northeastern Ohio Chapter**

Daniel Matheke

### **John Hancock**

Seth Rakestraw

Gregory Rakestraw

Adam Rakestraw

### **Benjamin Franklin Chapter**

Delbert Grove

Timothy Dove

\* With the new members, the Western Reserve Society has increased its membership to 452, exceeding its old membership record of 450.

## Dates to Remember

**July 28, 2012** Summer OHSSAR Board of Management and Ft. Laurens Memorial Service  
Bolivar, OH

**September 1 & 2, 2012** The Fair at New Boston  
Springfield, OH

**September 14 & 15, 2012** 225th Anniversary of the U. S. Constitution  
Philadelphia, PA

**September 28 & 29, 2012** Fall Leadership Meeting  
Louisville, KY

**October 6, 2012** Fall OHSSAR Board of Management  
Gallipolis, OH

**October 12 & 13, 2012** Central District Meeting  
Erlander, KY

**October 13, 2012** Pulaski Historic Marker  
Bryan, OH

**October 21, 2012** Pumpkin Show  
Circleville, OH

**December 8, 2012** Wreaths Across America  
Statewide

**February 2, 2013** Winter OHSSAR Board of Management  
Columbus, OH

**April 27, 2013** OHSSAR Annual Meeting  
Mount Vernon, OH



## Around the State



*Honor Flight Columbus, Don Moyer, OHS President 1998 is greeted by Neil Dunn and Steve Kelley, OHS President 2012.*



*Members from John Hancock, General Henry Knox, Western Reserve, and Centennial gather to remember Col Crawford on the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Sandusky Plains.*



*Voinovich Receives Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Pictured L to R: Ted Minier, Steve Kelley, Senator Gorge Voinovich, John Franklin, Larry Perkins.*



*Western Reserve Society Color Guard at the Garfield National Memorial on memorial Day, Cleveland, Ohio*



## LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ohio Society Ladies' Auxiliary was established at a State meeting in October, 1989. Bylaws were drawn up and presented at the April, 1990 State meeting. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society of the SAR and officers are elected each year.

Current Officers are:

Betty Franklin, President

Valerie Wilke, Vice President and Treasurer



# Fort Laurens Commemoration and Memorial Service

**Sons of the American Revolution**

**Saturday, July 28, 2012 @ 11:00 AM**

**11067 Fort Laurens Road, Bolivar, Ohio  
(Ohio Exit 93 on Interstate 77)**



Fort Laurens is Ohio's only Revolutionary War Fort. Fort Laurens was built in late November, 1778, on the west bank of the Tuscarawas River near what is now Bolivar, Ohio. It remained an active American military post through August of 1779. During that time, the fort was clearly perceived by the British and their Indian allies as a very serious threat. This was evident from the numerous attacks on the fort by Indians, Loyalists and British soldiers. These attacks resulted in the death of more than 20 American soldiers, who were later buried a short distance from the fort, near the fort hospital.

Just outside the Fort Laurens Museum, which houses many artifacts from the fort site, is The Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution.

Friday evening will be a social time to meet and greet arriving compatriots and their families. If committees need to meet time can be arranged before or after dinner. Dinner will be Order-off-the-Menu with individuals paying for their dinner.

Saturday Luncheon is \$20.00 per person  
payable to OHSSAR

Mail to the Treasurer: Jay Horner, 17511 Daleview Drive,  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107-1729

Luncheon will be held in the Meeting Room of Georgio's Grille. After the meal, the Board of Management will convene to hear Executive Committee Reports and act upon any New or Old Business requiring immediate action. The Executive Committee will finalize the agenda a week prior to the Board of Management.

**Georgio's Grille is located at 10748 Wilshire Blvd,  
Bolivar, Ohio 44612**

Lodging arrangements are to be made individually. Due to expanded activity in the area, the motels could not provide a block of rooms. Most facilities have a limited number of rooms, so if staying overnight make your arrangements early.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, July 27

6:00 PM Dinner at Georgio's Grille – Dinner order off menu

### Saturday, July 28

10:30 AM Muster at the Fort

11:00 AM Memorial Service at Tomb of the Unknown Patriot

12:00 Noon Luncheon and Abbreviated Board of Management  
at Georgio's Grille

2:00 PM Adjourn and Safe Travel

### Some lodging options:

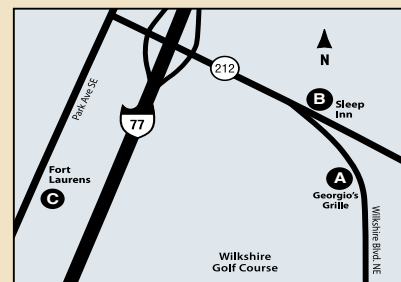
**Sleep Inn at Bolivar** (330-874-3545) exit 93  
(Limited Availability)

This has been the base of the Ohio Society for a number of years.

**Ramada at Strasburg** (330-878-1400) exit 87

**Comfort Inn at Dover** (330-364-8881) exit 83

**Hampton Inn at New Philadelphia** (330-339-7000) exit 81



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## OHSSAR'S OWN FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

The Ohio Society SAR is continuing the annual fundraising program to help support our youth programs. 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 \$1,000 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 support the Youth Contests!

### MY OHSSAR DONATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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