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Message from the President



Compatriots, as I continue to travel to visit chapters, it's reassuring to see the great work being done at the chapter level. The Compatriots in the chapters are actively pursuing the SAR's patriotic, historical and educational goals by holding grave markings, Liberty Camps for youths, conducting youth contests, etc. Many things are being done in the chapters, but there are still only a few chapters reporting to the state for inclusion in the blog or facebook page. Please consider writing a short article with or without photos about your chapter activities to submit.

The Ohio Society BOM has created three new committees, The 250th Anniversary Committee, the Ad-Hoc Ft. Laurens

Reconstruction Investigating Committee and the Membership Committee. The 250th Anniversary Committee, like the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee, will promote events throughout Ohio commemorating our Revolutionary period of 1764-1783 (2014-2033). The Ft. Laurens Committee will investigate the progress of the reconstruction of Fort Laurens. The Membership Committee has been reestablished to develop strategies to promote new memberships in the SAR. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve on any committee, please let us know.

We will soon begin the process of membership renewal. An easy way for all of us to support the SAR's objectives is the timely renewal of our annual membership dues. The Compatriots in the chapter tasked with this responsibility appreciate your cooperation in this process. Remember, it is not about the price we pay to be SAR members, it is about the price our ancestors have paid for us to be eligible.

Also, each chapter expecting to participate in any of the youth contests should already be in communication with their local schools and youth organizations to promote those contests. If anyone has any questions, such as deadlines or contest rules, they should be directed to the appropriate contest chairman.

Shawn A. Cox, Ohio SAR President

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128th Annual SAR Congress



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted its 128th Annual Congress in Houston, Texas from Friday, July 13 through Thursday, July 19, 2018. The business sessions, meetings, and functions were held at the Westin Houston, Memorial City.

The Ohio Society was well represented by Ohio Society President Shawn A. Cox (Arthur St. Clair); 1st Vice President L. Stephen Hinson (Northeastern Ohio); Treasurer John "Jack" Bredenfoerder (Cincinnati);

Registrar Troy Bailey (Northeastern Ohio); Genealogist & Alternate National Timothy Trustee Ward (Northeastern Ohio); Past-VPG William A. "Tony" Robinson (Camp Charlotte); Past-President Iohn H. Franklin (Western Reserve); and Compatriot Scott Davis (Secretary, Mahoning Valley).

The business sessions concluded with the election of General Officers, Trustees, and SAR Foundation Board Members: Warren M. Alter (AZ) was elected President General; Timothy E. Ward (OH) Vice President General, Central District; John T. Manning (NH) Secretary General; Davis Lee Wright, Esg. (DE) Treasurer General; Richard T. Bryant, Esq. (MO) Chancellor General; Jim Faulkinbury (CA) Genealogist General; C. Bruce Pickette (AL) Registrar General; John O. Thornhill (NC) Historian General; Douglas T. Collins (KY) Librarian General; Dr. Darryl S. Addington (TN) Surgeon Gen-



President General Warren Alter

eral; Rev. Dr. John C. Wakefield (TN) Chaplain General. For the Ohio Society, Compatriot James D. Schaffer (Continued on Page 6)

Ohio SAR Holds Summer Meetings at Zoar, Oh.

On July 27th and 28th, the Ohio Society held its quarterly Executive Committee and Board of Management Meetings in Zoar, Ohio at the Firehouse Grille and Pub. Both meetings were well attended, with members present from all Ohio districts.

The Friday, July 27th activities began with an outstanding buffet dinner, followed by the Executive Committee and Ladies Auxiliary meetings. The agenda of the Executive Committee included informative discussions on the activities of committees tasked with special missions.

Saturday, July 28th began with the Board of Management meeting at 8:00AM. Immediately following, our members proceeded to the Fort Laurens Historic Site a few miles away for a Memorial Service at 11:15AM. Then, it was back to the Firehouse Grille and Pub at 12:45PM for another outstanding buffet meal, concluding with the presentation of National Society and Ohio Society awards to chapters, members, and supporters of the SAR.

The meetings were moved to Zoar a few years ago to accommodate a larger membership attendance. This year's meetings coincided with the annual Zoar Harvest Festival.

Steven Greaf Appointed New Ohio Society Historian

Due to the untimely passing of Dr. James River, the Ohio Society was left with a vacancy in the office of State Historian. The Executive Committee was charged with the task of finding a replacement and Steven Greaf, of the Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter, has been selected to fill the vacancy.

As Historian, Steve will preserve all matters of interest of an historical character which may come to his attention. The Historian also keeps the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Society, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications other than those of the membership rolls.

Steve retired from the U. S. Department of the Treasury and is a retired U. S. Army Reserve Lt. Colonel. He has a Master's in Public Administration from Western Kentucky University and a BA in International Relations from Syracuse University. The Executive Committee conducted a search following the previous Historian Dr. River's death on May 21 and Steve Greaf was named the new Historian shortly before the Summer BOM meeting. Steve was sworn in as the Historian at that BOM meeting and his oath of office was administered by PG Warren Alter. The Executive Committee would like to thank the other Compatriots that volunteered to serve in this office.

Ohio SAR Summer Awards Luncheon

At the 128th Annual SAR Congress in Houston, TX, the Ohio Society, several Chapters and many Ohio Compatriots received awards. The Ohio Society hosted an awards luncheon following the Fort Laurens Memorial Ceremony on July 28th, when Ohio SAR President, Shawn Cox, presented these awards. Recognized were:

National Society Awards

Liberty Medal

Troy Bailey (2 OLC) – Northeastern Ohio Chapter Richard Hartinger (1 OLC) - Camp Charlotte Chapter Dan Matheke - Northeastern Ohio Chapter David Nessley (1 OLC) - Hocking Valley Chapter Robert Parvin (1 OLC) - Samuel Huntington Timothy E. Ward (13 OLC) – Northeastern Ohio Chapter Terry Whetstone (1 OLC) - George Rogers Clark

OLC – Oak Leaf Cluster designating a subsequent award

Liberty Bell Americanism Award Cincinnati Chapter

President General's Activities Award Cincinnati Chapter **President General's Cup** Cincinnati Chapter

Ohio Society Awards

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for Flag Certificate Presentations Chairman Ted Minier

C.A.R. Activities Award for work with the C.A.R. Chairman Tony Robinson

Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Participation Chairman Charles Finley

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Participant Chairman Lance Beebe

ROTC/JROTC Contest Participant Chairman Terry Whetstone

Americanism Poster Contest Contestant placed 2nd at NSSAR Chairman Robert Davis

Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award Best News Publication of 10 or fewer pages Editor Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

Robert B. Vance Award *State Society Website which best repre-* *sents the* SAR Webmaster Lance Beebe

Chapter Awards

Partners in Patriotism Award

Ohio Society Western Reserve Society Cincinnati Chapter Marietta Chapter Northeast Ohio Chapter Camp Charlotte Chapter Arthur St. Clair Chapter Hocking Valley Chapter Ebenezer Zane Chapter Lafayette Chapter

Individual Awards

Florence Kendall Award Timothy E. Ward

Certificate of Appreciation for Service on a National-level Committee

Troy Bailey - DAR Liaison Committee John H. Franklin, Jr. – Rumbaugh Orations Committee John "Jack" Bredenfoerder – Rumbaugh Orations Committee Michael Gunn - Patriot Records Comm. Larry Perkins - George Washington Endowment Funds Board Dist. Comm. William "Tony" Robinson – Patriotic Outreach Committee Paul M. Wilke – Facilities Committee

Fort Laurens: Ohio's Only Revolutionary War Fort

On July 28th, 2018, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted its annual Fort Laurens Memorial Service at the site of this historic Revolutionary War fort in Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Members of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic groups and organizations, migrate to this ceremony each year, and pay homage to the American soldiers who died in its siege in 1779. This year, SAR members came from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to participate in the ceremony, considered a national event in the National Society SAR organization. Perhaps a brief history lesson will explain why such importance is placed upon this historical site.



Fort Laurens was the first and only fort of the Revolutionary War established within the limits of what is now Ohio, and was built on the banks of the Tuscarawas River, now near the town of Bolivar, Ohio, in December of 1778 by General Lachlan McIntosh. The fort was intended to serve as a defense against attacks by the British and Native American Indians on settlers in the Ohio Country, and was to be a staging point in support of a planned attack on the British at Fort Detroit.

The Fort was named in honor of Henry Laurens, President of the Continental Congress.

Conditions during the winter were harsh, and General McIntosh removed all but 150 soldiers from the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment and the 13th Virginia Regiment to Fort Pitt, present day



Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Beginning February 22nd, 1779 and continuing until mid-March of that year, a small number of British soldiers of the 8th Regiment of Foot commandend by Captain Henry Bird, and a few

hundred allied Native American warriors, laid siege to the fort after ambushing a group of defenseless American soldiers who were foraging outside of the compound. Amongst the British forces was the infamous Simon Girty.

During the nearly month-long struggle, the American soldiers were starved and frozen, being forced to eat roots and grass grow-

ing within the fort's walls. Some resorted to boiling their own moccasins, making a broth for consumption.

The British forces were also suffering the harsh conditions of that winter, and abandoned their siege on March 20th, 1779. Three days after the siege was lifted, American reinforcements arrived from Fort Pitt. A force of over 100 American soldiers remained at Fort Laurens until August 2, 1779, when it was determined it was no longer of value as a staging point in attacking the British at Fort Detroit, and was abandoned. In total, more than 20 American soldiers died at Fort Laurens.

Today, the Ohio Historical Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, operates a museum at the site of Fort Laurens, under the management of the Zoar Community Association. On site is the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution, which contains the remains of one of the American soldiers killed here, and discovered during archaeological excavations at the site. This brave soldier was laid to rest with full military honors by the Ohio National Guard in 1976. The remains of other soldiers who were killed during this struggle are interred in a crypt inside of the museum.

The site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. While nothing remains of the fort's walls today, the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation is actively engaged in fundraising efforts to reconstruct the fort, log by log.



Keynote Speaker, VPG Timothy Ward

The Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution returns each year to conduct its memorial service in late July.

For more information on the work of the Friends of Ford Laurens Foundation, visit their website at <u>www.friendsoffortlaurens.org.</u>

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Welcome New Members

Benjamin Franklin

James R. T. Patterson John R. Thomas Peter W. Gano

Cincinnati

Gordon M. Stokely Matthew J. Warman Christopher W. Valaski Michael G. Valaski Donald S. Hall Terry W. Brothers Andrew C. Brothers Benjamin A. White Charles E. White Timothy W. Spence

Western Reserve

Franklin B. Lebo Christian C. Stewart

Richard Montgomery

Robert J. Ison Timothy S. McKiddy

Northeastern Ohio David S. English Edward T. English

Firelands-Bicentennial

Patrick O. Kaip Norman B. Miller

Rufus Putnam Don W. Mobley

Centennial Michael R. Doseck

Lafayette Stephen K. Breuers Wesley E Post James P. Myers David N. Groves

Arthur St. Clair William R. Balzer

John Hancock Robert A. Kelso Daniel J. Alstataetter Stephen M. Carr Philip A. Wolfe Richard E. Apple

Highlanders Henry D. Carpenter

George Rogers Clark Dennis W. Jesse

At-Large Chapter Connell A. Stewart

Welcome Back

(Reinstatements)

Benjamin Franklin Dana L. McDaniel Northeastern Ohio James A. Gregory, Jr.

In Memoriam

Western Reserve Society Clark J. Kerstetter December 18, 2017

> Theodore A. Sande August 11, 2018

Northeastern Ohio Chapter Kenneth A. Brown July 4, 2018

Mahoning Valley Chapter James B. Young July 7, 2018

Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies, we have a new project! Venie



Hinson, President of the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary of the OHSSAR presented a USO project at our meeting in May. It is now underway!

We met this past July while at the Fort Laurens weekend activities in Bolivar, Ohio. Fort Laurens is Ohio's only American Revolutionary War fort, built the winter of 1778-79. Soldiers there survived a devastating winter and seige, but barely. Twenty-one soldiers would perish by the time the siege lifted on March 20, 1779. Three days later American relief forces arrived. The Ohio Ladies Auxiliary were proud to honor the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot during the

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Youth Contestant places at National



The Ohio Society entry for the NSSAR Americanism Poster Contest came in 2nd place at the recent SAR Annual Congress in Houston, Texas. The poster, by student Jackson Torrans, was sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter. The poster's theme was about the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts and The Shot Heard 'Round the World that began our Revolutionary War. For coming in 2nd place nationally, Jackson was awarded a \$150 cash prize.

Ohio Society Poster Contest Chairman Don Miller reports that the subject for the 2018-2019 Poster Contest will be on George Washington. All chapters are encouraged to submit at least one contestant to the Ohio Society for any of the NSSAR Youth Contests: the Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, Oration Contest, Essay Contest, Enhanced JROTC and Eagle Scout Scholarship. For further information on each individual contest, such as contest rules and Ohio Society deadlines, please contact the appropriate contest chairman.

Fort Laurens Regiment Commissions Awarded

At the Awards Luncheon following the Fort Laurens Memorial Service, four Compatriots were presented with Fort Laurens Regiment Commissions. They were dual Ohio Society member PG Warren Alter (General), Steven E. Frash (Capt.), Gilbert A. Sanow II (Sgt.) and Shawn A. Cox (Sgt.). The Fort Laurens Regiment Program is a fundraising program of the Ohio SAR and 100% of the contributions are allocated to any of the three Ohio Society Endowment Funds of the donors choice. The three Ohio Society Endowment funds are: The Youth Programs Fund, The D. G. High Oration Fund and The Permanent Fund. Donors will receive a "Commission" (certificate) and a lapel pin denoting their rank within the Regiment. For further information, please contact Fundraising Committee Chair, John H. Bredenfoerder.



PG Warren Alter receives General Commission

Fort Laurens Vigil

On August 11th, 2018, the Ohio Society conducted The Guarding of the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio. This Guarding of the Tomb and Changing of the Guard was similar to that of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Ohio Society Compatriots participating were: Jack Bredenfoerder, Bob Bowers, Bob Davis, Lance Bebee, Lee Wilkerson, Kyle Von Camp, Jeff Walt, Tom Hankins, Bob Hill, Ed Bonniwell, Dave Nessley, Don Miller, Al Gummere and William Lyman.



Ladies' Auxiliary (From Pg. 5)

wreath laying ceremony.

At the Ladies meeting Friday evening, we began work on Baby Sea Bags for the USO. These homemade "sea bags" are filled with goodies needed for baby care and presented to new parents who are in the service. Currently USO of northern Ohio has enough "goodies" for 30 bags, but no bags. We worked on USO labels, and cutting out material to be sewn. Since then, Lori Bredenfoerder has completed four really impressive bags - thank vou Lori!

If you would like to make some bags for the USO, simply go to northernohio.uso.org. Under programs, look under Baby Sea Bags for instructions. Either bring to one of our quarterly meetings (next meeting will be at Point Pleasant, WV the first weekend of October), or mail to Venie Hinson, 5863 Beech Street. Andover. Ohio 44003.

If you would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary, annual dues are \$5 and can be mailed to Betty Franklin, Treasurer, at 338 Simon Drive, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Submitted by Venie Hinson, President, Ladies Auxiliary, Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Annual SAR Congress

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was elected National Trustee and Compatriot Shawn A. Cox was elected Alternate National Trustee.

In addition to three sessions of business meetings, activities included Committee and Trustee meetings, the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Contest judging; a Memorial Service; a Youth Awards luncheon; a Member Awards & Recognitions evening; the President General's Banquet; and the Installation Banquet.

The Texas Society Welcome Reception kicked off the social events for Congress. It was held at the George Ranch Historical Park and included an authentic Texas Barbecue. Optional events offered included tours of the Library and Museum of President George H. W. Bush, the NASA Command Center, the San Jacinto Battlefield and the Houston Museum District Tour.

The California Society will host the 129th Annual SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California from July 5th to July 10th, 2019.

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City of Cleveland's 222nd Birthday

On Friday July 20, 2018, The Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve celebrated The City of Cleveland's 222nd Birthday on the newly designed Public Square. When Moses Cleaveland's surveying party landed on the shores of the Cuyahoga River, they surveyed the new Connecticut Western Reserve. The team divided the area into town lots and named it Cleveland after their leader, Moses Cleaveland, to be the new capital of the Connecticut Western Reserve.



Mary Artino and her son Joe placed a wreath at the statue of Moses Cleaveland. They are direct descendants of Moses Cleaveland. Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution posted the colors at this event. L to R: John Cimperman (ESA President), John Franklin, May Artino, Joseph Artino, Galen Swab Dan Ruminski, and Lee MacBride.

Northwest Territory SAR Honors Area Patriots

Compatriots of the Northwest Territory Chapter in collaboration with John Hancock Chapter, SAR honored three area Patriots on Saturday, September 8 in Pandora, Ohio. Patriots John Morehead, Israel Hubbard, Jr., and Hezekiah B. Hubble were memorialized for their Revolutionary war service.

John Morehead was a private in Capt. Philip Shrawder's Company of Rangers serv-

ing on the western frontier of Pennsylvania during the war. Israel Hubbard, Jr. was a private serving four periods with his local Massachusetts militia from 1775 through 1778. Most noted was his statement from his pension application of his witnessing the surrender of General Burgoyne British troops to General Gates after the Battle of Saratoga. And Hezekiah Hubble was a private in the New Jersey Continental Line from 1775 through 1780.

He saw action in the Battles of Springfield (NJ) and Brandywine and Monmouth (PA) among other duty during the war.

Morehead is buried in the Cholera Cemetery, just east of Gilboa, Putnam County, Blanchard Township, Ohio and Hubbard is buried in the Malahan Cemetery Putnam County, Riley Township, Ohio. Hezekaih Hubble was buried just across the county line in Allen County, Richland Township in the Hubbell Cemetery on Shifferly Road, North of Rockport, Ohio.

Assisting with the ceremonies were the combined veterans color guard and fire squad of Putnam County, the JROTC Army unit from

Mahoning Valley SAR and DAR participate in the Canfield Fair

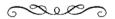
Members of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, SAR were joined again this year by the Mahoning Chapter of the DAR for an "Honor Your Patriot"

recruitment drive for their respective organizations at the Canfield Fair. This is the third year they were represented at the fair where all 3 counties Mahoning Valley Chapter encompasses take part and two counties of the Mahoning Chapter DAR come through the gates. Canfield Fair has a yearly attendance over 200,000 people.

Kenton High School and the Ohio Society Color Guard. Local area DAR from Findlay and Lima along with the Vice President General of the Central District, NSSAR, Timothy Ward, Ohio SAR State President Shawn Cox and Wm. Tony Robinson, Sr. President of the Ohio Society Children of the American Revolution were in attendance.



The Riley Township Trustees used this opportunity to restore the Malahan Cemetery by resetting markers, adding a split rail fence and placing a marker on the site. The cemetery was originally a family cemetery that over time was abandoned and came under the care of the trustees. Putnam County pioneers dating from the early 1830's through 1870's are buried in this pioneer cemetery.





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September 27 - 29, 2018: NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
October 6, 2018: OHSSAR Fall Meeting, Gallipolis, OH
October 6, 2018: Battle of Pt. Pleasant Parade, Pt. Pleasant, WV
October 7, 2018: Battle of Pt. Pleasant Memorial Service, Pt. Pleasant WV
October 19, 2018: Circleville Pumpkin Show Parade, Circleville, OH
October 26 - 28, 2018: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Blue Ash, OH
February 1 - 2, 2019: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Springfield, OH
April 1, 2019: Distinguished Chapter Entry Deadline
May 3 - 5, 2019: Ohio SAR 130th Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

Dates to Remember