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**Message from the President**



On this, my first opportunity to address the entire membership of the Ohio Society, I would like to begin by thanking the Compatriots for their support and vote of confidence in electing me as your Society President for the next year. I would also like to thank President Donald McGraw and his leadership team for their guidance and efforts to further our organizations cause for patriotic, educational and historical objectives.

In an effort to continue the momentum of the previous administrations I have outlined a set of goals similar to my predecessors:

- Stop the erosion of our membership. Focus on Retention as well as Recruitment.
- Strengthen the operations of the Society.
- Maintain a balance budget and increase funds to support mission objectives.
- Stimulate information exchange among Chapters and Compatriots through the Ohio Country Bulletin newsletter and other tools of information sharing.

In the coming weeks we will be conducting our annual Fort Laurens Memorial Service in conjunction with our Summer BOM meeting. This is Ohio's "national event", so I would like to invite all Compatriots out to commemorate Ohio's only Revolutionary War Fort. The BOM Registration flier is available online at [www.ohssar.com](http://www.ohssar.com). There is also a Vigil and Changing of the Guard planned for Aug.11 at the Fort Laurens Tomb of the Unknown Patriot. Information about these events are available on our website as well as page 6 of this Bulletin.

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## 129th Annual Ohio Society State Conference



The Ohio Society 129th Annual Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin, Ohio from Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th.

Friday evening featured an excellent dinner, followed by a meeting of the Ohio Society Executive Committee. The OHSSAR Ladies' Auxiliary gathered for social time in the hospitality room, which they graciously hosted throughout the conference.

On Saturday, the agenda started early with the Board of Management Meeting

followed by the Annual Meeting, where elections for 2018-2019 Society Leadership took place. The Ladies' Auxiliary also held their Annual Meeting and elections.

An excellent luncheon followed the meetings. Special guest speaker for the luncheon was Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy. Following her address, President McGraw presented Justice Kennedy with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

Saturday afternoon's activities including the

judging of the entries for the state's Elementary School Poster Contest, the Middle School Brochure Contest and the contestants of the Douglass G. High Orator Contest.

The Annual Awards Banquet concluded the evening and included numerous guests of honor including: SAR Central District VPG Robert Fish, Ohio Society CAR Senior State President Tony Robinson. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of youth program, chapter and member



Justice Sharon L. Kennedy

recognition, and the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award.

(See State Conference, page 6)

## Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award



Col. (Ret.) Donald C. McGraw

Former Ohio Society President, Colonel. (Ret.) Donald C. McGraw, Jr. was presented the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award at the Ohio Society's annual meeting on Saturday, May 5th in Dublin, Ohio.

Colonel McGraw served with distinction as Cincinnati SAR President (2012, 2013, 2014), Ohio SAR Secretary (2015) and Ohio SAR President (2016, 2017). He retired from the U.S. Army in July 2009 and is currently the President and General Manager of Planet Products Corporation in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Established by the Ohio Society in 1979 the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate is the highest personal recognition bestowed by the Ohio SAR. Presented at the Ohio Society's Annual Meeting, the award is presented to the Ohio Society

Member who has worked continuously to promote the Ohio Society and its mission of historic, educational and patriotic recognition of the American Revolution. The recipient is chosen by all living Laureates who review the service of selected nominees.



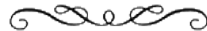
## Ohio Society Elects Officers for 2018 - 2019

At the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society, elections were held for state officer positions. Elected for the 2018 - 2019 Leadership Term were:

- President - Shawn A. Cox
- 1st Vice-President - L. Stephen Hinson
- 2nd Vice-President - Turner Lee Wilkerson, III.
- Secretary - Steven E. Frash
- Treasurer - John H. Bredenfoerder
- Registrar - Troy C. Bailey
- Chancellor - Richard L. Carr, Jr. Esq.
- Historian - Dr. James D. River
- Genealogist - Timothy E. Ward
- Chaplain - Rev. James O. Fast
- Director at Large 18-21 - Paul M. Wilke
- National Trustee - James D. Schaffer
- Alternate National Trustee - Shawn A. Cox



Front Row L / R: Col. (Ret.) Donald C. McGraw Jr. (Chief Compliance Officer); L. Stephen Hinson (1st Vice President); Shawn A. Cox (President); Turner Lee Wilkerson, III (2nd Vice President); Steven E. Frash (Secretary). Second Row L/R: Robert Fish (VPG); John H. Bredenfoerder (Treasurer); Troy Bailey (Registrar); Rev. James O. Fast (Chaplain); Timothy E. Ward (Genealogist); James D. Schaffer (National Trustee).



## Annual Awards Banquet

Member awards and certificates of appreciation were presented at the Annual Banquet for service and assistance during Ohio Society President Donald McGraw's leadership term 2017-2018. Recognized were:

### State Medal of Distinguished Service

Ted M. Minier

### Patriot Medal

John H. Bredenfoerder

### Meritorious Service Medal

Robert W. Davis

Michael B. Gunn

Paul D. Schenck

### Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Shawn A. Cox (OLC)

William A. Robinson (OLC)

Rev. James O. Fast (OLC)

William Huber (OLC)

Troy C. Bailey (OLC)

Richard L. Carr, Jr. (OLC)

Larry R. Perkins (OLC)

Michael J. Blum

Scott M. Davis

Douglas M. Dechert

William H. Diehl

William C. Ellerman

Charles Finley (OCL)

Stephen J. Kaplan

David L. Lupien

Kevin M. Riley  
Turner Lee Wilkerson, III

### Distinguished Service Certificate

Dr. James D. River

Daniel M. Matheke

Timothy E. Ward

Elwin L. Spray

John H. Franklin, Jr.

Lance E. Beebe

Richard L. Fetzter

L. Stephen Hinson

Michael S. Kertes

James D. Schaffer

Rev. F. Raymond Sharritts

Terry A. Whetstone

Paul M. Wilke

### Spirit of Volunteerism Award

William A. Robinson

Timothy E. Ward

Rev. James O. Fast

John H. Bredenfoerder

James D. Schaffer

Turner Lee Wilkerson, III

### Perfect Attendance Award

John H. Bredenfoerder

Shawn A. Cox

Rev. James O. Fast

John H. Franklin, Jr.

Steven E. Frash

L. Stephen Hinson

David L. Lupien

Larry R. Perkins

Dr. James D. River

William A. Robinson

Elwin L. Spray

Timothy E. Ward

Terry A. Whetstone

Turner Lee Wilkerson, III

### War Service Medal

Patrick McGraw

### Daughters of Liberty Medal

Connie Beebe

Cindy Fast (OLC)

Betty W. Franklin (OLC)

Vennie Hinson

Valerie Wilke (OLC)

### Silver Color Guard Medal

John H. Bredenfoerder

Kenneth G. Carpenter

### Sponsorship Awards

First Place - Timothy E. Ward

Second Place - Troy Bailey

Third Place - Franz B. Ott, II

## Ohio Society Chapter Membership & Growth Awards

### Ohio Society Membership Awards

- First Place - Cincinnati Chapter
- Second Place - Benjamin Franklin Chapter
- Third Place - Western Reserve Society

### Ohio Society Membership Growth Awards

- First Place - Mahoning Valley Chapter
- Second Place - Lafayette Chapter
- Third Place - Hocking Valley Chapter

### Distinguished Chapter Award Streamer

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Western Reserve Society       | Cincinnati Chapter       |
| Benjamin Franklin Chapter     | Richard Montgomery       |
| Lt. George Ewing Chapter      | Northeastern Ohio Chapt. |
| Firelands-Bicentennial Chapt. | Arthur St. Clair Chapter |
| Northwest Territory Chapter   | Marietta Chapter         |
| Camp Charlotte Chapter        | Hocking Valley Chapter   |

## Distinguished Chapter Award

Each calendar year the Ohio Society recognizes qualifying chapters with the Distinguished Chapter Award for their activities. The criteria for the award are voted upon by the Board of Management, and are designed to encourage chapters to carry out the mission of the SAR throughout the year.

Chapters must meet eight of eleven criteria to earn the award. The award period runs from January - December, and must be applied for by notifying the state president and secretary.

The criteria are:

1. Chapter must have at least one representative (primary dues paying member of the chapter, not a dual member) present at all four OHSSAR meetings (three Board of

Management meetings and the OHSSAR Conference).

2. Chapter must have elected officers and submitted their names and positions to the OHSSAR Secretary with a telephone and e-mail contact for the chapter.
3. Chapter must present at least one Flag Certificate and report the presentation to the OHSSAR Flag Chairman.
4. Chapter must submit their dues and chapter Reconciliation Report to the OHSSAR Registrar by December 15th.
5. Chapter must submit at least one new member application (regular member or Junior Member) which is accepted by the OHSSAR Registrar and forward-

(See Distinguished Chapter. Pg. 6)

## Youth Contest Winners



Above: Knight Essay Winner Trenton Borders  
Below: JROTC Cadet Kasaundra Collins



## Ladies' Auxiliary News

Are you aware that we have an Ohio Ladies Auxiliary State Chapter of the OSSAR? We do. In fact, we were established in 1989, and usually meet during State SAR meetings. All ladies related by marriage or blood line to members in good standing of the SAR can participate. In fact, we encourage you to participate. Membership in the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Chapter is only \$5 per year. From these funds (and funds raised during the year through raffles, etc.), we provide monetary awards to young people winning such contests and educational programs as the SAR Historical Oration held

at the May State Meeting, as well as support Ohio's CAR. Several of this year's winners have written us, thanking us for these gifts to help them meet their future goals.

We are honored to have Betty Franklin, past President of the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Chapter in 2010 and 2012, serving as past President of the National Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary and Valerie Wilke (Ohio Ladies Auxiliary President 2006) as past Vice President of the National Society.

As your current Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Chapter President, I

(See Ladies' Auxiliary Pg. 6)

## Welcome New Members

### **Benjamin Franklin**

Brandon L. Feller  
David A. Snavelly  
William A. Johnson  
David L. Russell  
John R. Case  
Jonathan C. Havens  
Jeffrey T. Prephan  
Michael B. Becker  
Joseph Becker

### **Cincinnati**

Peter J. Schlosser  
Sammy T. Malicote  
Joshua G. Burns  
Justin J. C. Burns  
Steven R. Burns

### **Western Reserve**

David G. Hall  
Matthew P. Dugan  
Robert W. McGee

### **Richard Montgomery**

Mark C. Crawford

### **Northeastern Ohio**

Kenneth A. Brown  
Ethan C. McClowry  
Mark A. Sanzotta

### **Hocking Valley**

Mark K. Axe  
Steven D. Mechling

### **Marietta**

Jacob M. Hupp

### **Ebenezer Zane**

Paul E. Mitchell

### **Lafayette**

Steven W. Pool

### **Arthur St. Clair**

Thomas V. May (TRI)  
William L. Gilbert  
Robert W. Gilbert

### **John Hancock**

Larry S. Deaner  
Larry W. Deaner  
Todd M. Carr  
Steven D. Carr  
Reid F. Carr

### **Northwest Territory**

Roger T. Latta

### **Mahoning Valley**

William B. Neff  
James E. Stoddard (TRI)  
Gale A. Ebie

### **At-Large Chapter**

Adam D. Zimmerman

## Historian Dr. James D. River Passes Away



Dr. James D. "Jim" River passed away on May 21, 2018. He was born January 13, 1943, in Columbus, Ohio, to James Ernest and Helen Jean Crowe River. Jim is survived by four children, Kimberly Fausnaugh, Laura Dornsife, James D. River II and Kelly Thompson, and numerous grandchildren.

Jim earned his DDS from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1971, after which he opened his dental practice in Circleville, where he practiced throughout his life. He was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Rotary for 40 years, and was an active supporter of Pickaway County 4-H and Pickaway County Schools. He was dedicated to the Circleville Pumpkin Show for over 30 years, serving as Trustee and Parade Director since 1988.

Jim, along with his son, J.D., were initiated into the Camp Charlotte Chapter in August 2010. Dr. River was elected Camp Charlotte Chapter President on March 25, 2014 and served the chapter faithfully as President until his untimely death. He was elected the Ohio Society Historian, also in 2014, and held that position until his passing. He had just been awarded a certificate of Perfect Attendance by the Ohio SAR at the recent Annual Meeting Awards Banquet, indicating he had attended every quarterly BOM meeting during the 2017-2018 term.

He will be greatly missed by his friends in the Ohio Society.

## Ohio Society Historian Sought

Due to the untimely passing of our Ohio Society Historian, Dr. James River, the Ohio Society has a vacancy in the office of State Historian. The Executive Committee is actively seeking individuals that may be interested in filling in for the remainder of the unexpired term of this elective office. The Historian preserves all matters of interest of an historical character which may come to his attention. The Historian shall keep 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. According to the Ohio Society Regulations, a vacancy in the office of Historian shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Executive Committee. If anyone is interested in helping out the Ohio Society by accepting an appointment as our State Historian, please contact Society President Shawn Cox or any other member of the Executive Committee. All Executive Committee contact information is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

## In Memoriam

### **Western Reserve Society**

Bradford E. Reasoner	August 14, 2017
Horton Dunn	January 1, 2018
Paul J. Wiseley	January 9, 2018

### **Benjamin Franklin Chapter**

Kenneth W. Washington	November 22, 2014
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### **Ebenezer Zane Chapter**

Robert A. Howell	June 10, 2018
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## Fort Laurens Vigil

Please join the Ohio Society Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution as they perform guard duty at the Tomb at Ft. Laurens. Each participant will perform either a 15 minute or 30 minute guard duty depending on the number of participants. The changing of the guards will include a formal inspection of firelocks prior to posting guard. Guard duty will be very similar to the guard duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C. Two muskets will be provided so it will not be necessary to bring your own. Please make sure you wear a pair of lightweight white gloves for this guard duty. Registration will close for this event on July 15th in order to complete scheduling and to know the number of total participants.

This event will be in coordination with Tammi Mackey-Shrum Director of Ft. Laurens. Please contact the following to register:

Thomas Hankins Email: [thankinsjr@roadrunner.com](mailto:thankinsjr@roadrunner.com)

Robert Davis Email: [dennison1861@att.net](mailto:dennison1861@att.net)

Tomb of the Unknown Patriot  
Fort Laurens State Memorial  
11067 Fort Laurens Rd-Bolivar-Ohio-44697  
August 11, 2018 Muster 8:00 am Start 9:00 am

## Summer BCM Meeting & Fort Laurens Memorial

The Ohio Society will combine its Summer Executive Committee and Board of Management Meeting with the Fort Laurens Memorial Service. The two day event is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, July 27th & 28th, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

We have reserved a block of sleeping rooms at the Sleep Inn in Bolivar, as we have for the past several years. However, we have reserved meeting rooms at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in nearby Zoar, about 2 1/2 miles from the hotel. The Executive Committee, Board of Management, and Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their meetings at the restaurant.

The Memorial Service at the Fort Laurens Historic Site in Bolivar will be the same as last year. The event is being chaired this year by Compatriots Donald C. McGraw and Richard L. Fetzer.

The speaker for the Memorial Service this year will be NSSAR Central District Vice President General Timothy Ward. Included will be the presentation of National Colors by the OHSSAR Combined Color Guard, wreath-laying, and a flintlock musket salute. A detailed announcement is available at [www.ohssar.org](http://www.ohssar.org).

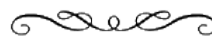
Anyone who intends to present a wreath is requested to notify Don McGraw at [donald.c.mcgraw@gmail.com](mailto:donald.c.mcgraw@gmail.com). Color guardsmen need to contact OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Steve Frash at [sfrash\\_51@hotmail.com](mailto:sfrash_51@hotmail.com). This event is considered a NSSAR national event for SAR members. The event is open to the public. DAR and C.A.R. participation is encouraged.

## Distinguished Chapter (From Pg. 4)

- ed to NSSAR for approval.
- Chapter must submit an Americanism Scoring sheet to the OHSSAR President by January 15th.
  - Chapter must present at least one contestant for any of the SAR Youth Contests.
  - Chapter must hold at least two chapter meetings and print at least one chapter newsletter. A copy of the newsletter must be submitted to the OHSSAR Historian and submitted to members via mail or electronically via e-mail. Chapter must present photos, newspaper articles, or other documentation to OHSSAR Historian regarding chapter activities.
  - Chapter must participate in at least one community event (i.e. Parade, Grave Marking, etc.)
  - Chapter must have at least one liaison with the DAR and the CAR.
  - Chapter must have at least one Color Guard member participate in a community event as listed in item 9.

Chapters who qualify will receive the Distinguished Chapter flag streamer for their chapter's flag.

Even though we are already over half-way into our 2018 calendar year, it is not too late to earn this award. The deadline for applying is April 1st of 2019.



## Ladies' Auxiliary (From Pg. 4)

urge you to join with us. Be part of the activities –why not join us at Ft. Laurens for the upcoming Memorial Service on Saturday, July 28 in Bolivar Ohio. We will be presenting an honorary wreath at this memorable, moving service.

Questions about membership or activities? Just contact me.

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## State Conference (From Pg. 2)

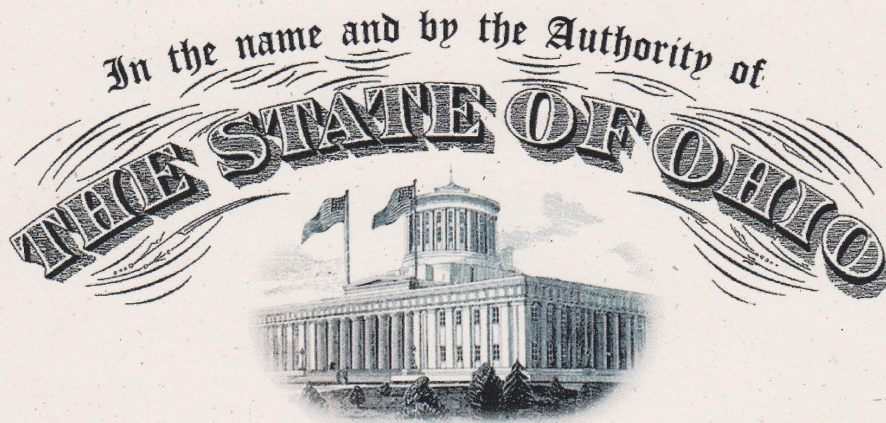


Memorial Board

The conclusion of the Conference on Sunday morning began with the annual Memorial Service conducted by Ohio Society Chaplain, Rev. James O. Fast. Twenty-six of our fellow compatriots who passed away were remembered with posting of U.S. Flags on the Ohio Society Memorial Board.

Following the service, the newly elected officers were installed by VPG Fish.





*John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor*  
*Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio*  
*do hereby officially recognize*

**THE 129<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
OHIO SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF  
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

On behalf of the State of Ohio, we join all those gathered to celebrate the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Throughout the past 129 years, the members of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have worked to perpetuate the memory of the brave men and women who risked their lives to secure our nation's independence in the American Revolution. We are grateful for the tremendous impact you have made throughout our state and nation, and we extend our best wishes for another memorable and productive State Conference.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018:

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor



## Dates to Remember

July 13 - 18, 2018: 128th NSSAR Congress, Houston, TX

July 27 - 28, 2018: OHSSAR Summer Meeting, Zoar, OH

July 28, 2018: Fort Laurens Memorial Service, Bolivar, OH

August 11, 2018: Fort Laurens Vigil, Bolivar, OH

September 27 - 29, 2018: NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

October 5 - 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

May 3 - 5, 2019: OHSSAR 130th Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

## *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](http://www.sar.org)

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

### **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

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