

Summer 2017 Newsletter

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## Message from the President



That's right, it's me again. I have been given the opportunity to serve a second term as the Ohio Society President and I truly see this as a great privilege and opportunity. I'm privileged in that the last time a Society President served two terms was 1913 and I appreciate the vote of confidence. It's an opportunity in that I believe I can leverage all I learned in my first term and hopefully make more constructive headway in the second.

When I spoke to the OHSSAR Board of Management following the recent elections, I spoke about the inherent challenges any volunteer organization faces when they only meet quarterly and expe-

rience a new leadership team every year. This is no easy task but we do have our guiding objectives (Patriotic, Historical and Educational) to help us meet these challenges. Therefore, to help mitigate those challenges and keep us moving forward, I will keep my goals the same and in doing so we can to maintain continuity with the accomplishments of the past couple years and do what we can to move things even further along.

Therefore, my Goals for the 2017-2018 term are simple and remain unchanged:

- Increase membership and improve the number of annual Compatriot renewals.
- Reinforce our patriotic, historical and educational programs.
- Strengthen the operations of the Society.
- Maintain a balanced budget and improve the funding stream for operations.
- Broaden Compatriot participation in state activities and governance.

I want to thank the entire Board of Management for their dedicated service and diligent efforts over the past year. Your efforts are truly noteworthy and help make us one of the most successful and productive Societies in the nation.

Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

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#### 2017-2018 Ohio Society Officers

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## 128th Annual Ohio Society State Conference



The Ohio Society 128th Annual Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash—Cincinnati, Ohio from Friday, May 5th through Sunday, May 7th.

Friday evening featured an excellent dinner with a presentation by G.L. Corum on *The Revolutionary Roots of the Underground Railroad,* 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 2017-2018 Society Leadership took place. This year we also held the election for the Central District Vice-President General, 2018-2019. The Ladies' Auxiliary also held their Annual Meeting and elections. An excellent luncheon followed the meetings.

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 conduct of the Douglass G. High Oration Contest.

The Annual Awards Banquet concluded the evening

and included numerous guests of honor including: NSSAR Secretary General Larry T. Guzy, NSSAR Central District Vice-President General Tom Payne. Ohio Society DAR Vice-Regent Nancy Schirm-Wright and many others. Secretary General Guzy delivered an outstanding keynote address, following which were presentations of youth program, appreciation, member recognition, and the Samuel Hubbard Scott Lau-



Secretary General Larry Guzy

reate Award.

The conclusion of the Conference on Sunday morning began with the

(See State Conference Pg. 6)

## Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award



James D. Schaffer

Compatriot James D. Schaffer was announced as the winner of the coveted Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award at the 128th Annual Ohio Society State Conference

Samuel Hubbard Scott, a compatriot from Toledo, Ohio, whose qualities are an exemplar of those sought in an outstanding compatriot, is the individual who was behind the Award. It is the highest and most prestigious award the Ohio Society, alone, can give to an Ohio Compatriot. This special award was created in 1979, and was awarded for the first time at the 1979 Conference in Cleveland. The award is presented annually to the compatriot who, in the opinion of the selection committee, best exemplifies the purpose and objectives of the Society. Any compatriot is eligible.

The most recent recipient of the award is the chairman of the committee to select the new awardees. All other living recipients are automatically members of this committee. Compatriot Schaffer was presented with the award by Compatriot Steven R. Kelley, last year's recipient.

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## Ohio Society Elects Officers for 2017 - 2018

At the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society membership, elections were held for state officer positions. Elected for the 2017 - 2018 Leadership Term were:

President - Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

1st Vice-President - Shawn A. Cox

2nd Vice-President - L. Stephen Hinson
Secretary - Turner (Lee) Wilkerson, III.
Treasurer - John H. "Jack" 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 17-20 - William A. Robinson
National Trustee - James D. Schaffer
Alternate National Trustee - Timothy E. Ward



Front Row L / R: Troy C. Bailey (Registrar); L. Stephen Hinson (2nd Vice-President); Col. (Ret.) Donald C. McGraw Jr. (President); Shawn A. Cox (1st Vice-President); Turner (Lee) Wilkerson, III (Secretary); . Second Row L/R: Timothy E. Ward (Genealogist); Rev. James O. Fast (Chaplain); John H. (Jack) Bredenfoerder (Treasurer)

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## **Annual Awards Banquet**

At the Annual Banquet, member awards and certificates of appreciation were presented for service to the Ohio Society during Ohio Society President Don McGraw's leadership term 2016-2017. Recognized were:

#### Patriot Medal

Steven E. Frash Turner Lee Wilkerson, III.

## SAR Medal of Distinguished Service L. Stephen Hinson

Meritorious Service Medal John H. "Jack" Bredenfoerder Terry A. Whetstone

#### Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Lance E. Beebe (OLC)
Dr. James D. River (Medal)
James D. Schaffer (OLC)
Elwin L. Spray (OLC)
Timothy E. Ward (OLC)
Larry R. Perkins (OLC)

SAR-C.A.R. Silver
Medal of Appreciation
Jennifer Apthorpe
William F. Perkins, Jr.
William A. "Tony" Robinson

#### <u>Distinguished Service Certificate</u>

Trov C. Bailev Michael J. Blum Richard L. Carr, Jr. Shawn A. Cox Ian M. Cunningham, Jr. Robert W. Davis Douglas M. Dechert William H. Diehl Rev. James O. Fast Richard L. Fetzer Iohn H. Franklin, Ir. Michael B. Gunn William H. Huber Steven R. Kelley David L. Lupien Daniel M. Matheke Ted M. Minier Larry R. Perkins William A. "Tony" Robinson Rev. Raymond F. Sharritts Paul M. Wilke

#### Silver Good Citizenship Medal Judge Michael R. Barrett Valerie Wilke

Martha Washington Medal Connie Beebe Vennie Hinson

#### Silver Color Guard Medal

Robert Davis Michael B. Gunn Thomas Hankins, Jr. William Hill Keith Kaufman

## OHSSAR Spirit & Perseverance Award Paul M. Wilke

#### Spirit of Volunteerism Award

Rev. James O. Fast Larry R. Perkins James D. Schaffer Timothy E. Ward Paul M. Wilke Turner Lee Wilkerson, III.

#### **OHSSAR Perfect Attendance Award**

Lance E. Beebe
John H. "Jack" Bredenfoerder
Kenneth G. Carpenter
Shawn A. Cox
Steven E. Frash
Michael B. Gunn
L. Stephen Hinson
Ted M. Minier
Larry R. Perkins
Dr. James D. River
William A. "Tony" Robinson
Timothy E. Ward
Paul M. Wilke
Turner Lee Wilkerson, III.

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## Ohio Society Chapter Membership & Growth Awards

As part of President McGraw's initiative to increase Society membership, several Chapter awards were presented at the Annual Conference.

#### 2016 Ohio Society Membership Awards

First Place-Cincinnati Chapter-35 New Members Second Place-Benjamin Franklin Chapter-17 New Members Third Place (Tie)-Western Reserve Society-13 New Members Third Place (Tie)-Northeastern OH Chapter-13 New members

2016 Ohio Society Sponsorship Awards
First Place-Timothy E. Ward-41 New Members
Second Place-Troy Bailey-14 New Members
Third Place-Franz B. Ott, II.-11 New Members

2016 Ohio Society Membership Growth Awards First Place-Constitution Chapter-55% Increase Second Place-Arthur St. Clair Chapter-24% Increase Third Place-Camp Charlotte Chapter-19% Increase

## Ohio Society Goals Set for 2017-2018

It has been the past practice of the incoming president to prepare a strategy for the ensuing leadership term. For purposes of continuity, my intent is to keep the coming year's goals the same as last year's.

Therefore, the five goals I will pursue as a part of our 2016-2017 strategy are::

- 1. Increase membership and improve the number of annual Compatriot renewals.
- 2. To reinforce our patriotic, historical, and educational programs.
- 3. To strengthen the operations of our Society.
- Maintain a balanced budget and improve the funding stream for operations.
- 5. Broaden Compatriot participation in State activities and governance.

A variable action plan which will serve to coordinate necessary tasks has been developed. The plan, assigning tasks and responsibilities, will be supported by the operating budget, committee assignments, and other appointments which have been approved by the Board of Management.

The Action Plan will be used throughout the year as a working document by the Executive Committee and changes will be made as deemed necessary.

It is important to the accentuate the strengths of our Society, as well as to address our weaknesses. While year-to-year plans are beneficial, long range organizational planning should become part of our vision for the future.

## **Elementary School Poster Contest**



The judging of the entries for the Ohio Society State Poster Contest occurred at the 128th Annual Ohio Society State Conference. The first place award went to Paige Gooding, who entered the contest through the Cincinnati Chapter. State contest chairman Robert Davis presented the certificate and award to Cincinnati Chapter President John H Bredenfoerder, who accepted on behalf of Paige.

The second place award went to Lilly Luce (Northeastern Ohio Chapter); and the third place award went to Jakin Bass, (Hocking Valley Chapter).

#### Middle School Brochure Contest



Winners of the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure state contest were announced at the 128th Annual OHSSAR State Conference. The first place award went to Lily E. Purks

(Western Reserve Society). The certificate and monetary award, presented by state contest chairman Dr. Charles E. Finley, was accepted on her behalf by Compatriot Ted Minier of the Western Reserve Society.

The second place winner was Madelyn E. Torrans (Cincinnati Chapter).

## Eagle Scout Scholarship



At the OHSSAR 128<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference, Eagle Scout Isaac James Cooper was announced as the winner of the state society's Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout award. Compatriot Lance Beebe, state

chairman of the contest, presented the award at the Saturday evening awards banquet. Cooper entered the competition through the state's Northeastern Ohio Chapter.

The Eagle Scout contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. This program provides an opportunity to recognize and reward achievements of outstanding young Americans, future leaders of our nation and potential compatriots of the SAR.

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#### Welcome New & Returning Members

#### Western Reserve Society

Christopher A. Brooks Joseph W. Coleman, IV. Daniel P. Mitchell Christopher J. Tomshack

#### Cincinnati

Mathew B. Burgess
Jay W. Doty, Jr.
Christopher G. Hamlin
Ryan P. Lyons
Roger G. McCoy
Patrick S. McGraw
Gary C. Oelrich
Gregory W. Oelrich
Leonard W. Slovensky
Philmore H. Smith
Vance F. Towler

#### <u>Benjamin Franklin</u>

Benjamin M. Ambler Nathan J. Ambler David L. Drollinger Gabriel W. Knuth Levi R. Knuth Samuel D. Knuth Douglas E. Ullum

#### Richard Montgomery

Michael E. Fleener

#### <u>Lafayette</u>

Robert A. Bethen
Donald J. Kepple
James C. Kepple
Richard N. Kepple
Richard N. Singleton
John N. Singleton
Wesley L. Singleton
Fred A. Slippy
Garrett F. Slippy
Trevor W. Sproul
Gregory W. Stallings
Daniel D. Walker, Jr.
Donald E. Whitecar

#### **George Rogers Clark**

Edward G. Bailey, II.
Edward G. Bailey, III.
Sawyer E. Cruse
Ryan M. Grimm
Charles E. Herrnstein
Clive A. Kerns
Sean R. Nuzum
Richard G. Spangler
Patrick J. Weber
Ronald L. Weber

#### Northeastern Ohio

Kristopher W. Crowley David G. Gregory James A. Gregory, Jr. James J. Gregory Paul C. Harris Thomas E. Harris William C. Ward, Jr.

#### Firelands Bicentennial

Dale L. Liebenthal Timothy S. Newman David M. Toke

#### Arthur St. Clair

Robert L. Berry, Jr.

#### General Henry Knox

James A. Gregory Phillip C. Houbler Andrew W. Wright *John Hancock* 

Michael S. Densic Robert B. Densic

#### Hocking Valley

William J. Eyman Michael S. McGraw

#### <u>At-large</u>

Donald E. Gessells, Jr.

#### Member Reinstatements

#### Western Reserve Society

Eric D. Kocsis Keegan E. Polatz Oliver T. Polatz

#### Benjamin Franklin

Christopher S. Salt Conrad C. Salt

#### <u>Lafavette</u>

Anthony W. Tozzi, Jr.

#### **General Henry Knox**

Daniel W. Yoakam

<u>At-Large</u>

John K. Mell, Jr.

#### Members Transferring In

#### <u>Cincinnati</u>

Mark E. Idle

#### <u>Richard Montgomery</u>

Brian D. Star

# Summer BOM Meeting & Fort Laurens Memorial

Once again, 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 28th & 29th, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Details and registration information is found within this newsletter.

We have reserved a block of sleeping rooms at the Sleep Inn in Bolivar, as we have for the past several years and the meetings at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in nearby Zoar, about 2 1/2 miles from the hotel. The Society has used this facility in the past when it was under the name of the Zoar Tavern. The Executive Committee, Board of Management, and Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their meetings at the restaurant. This year's events will also coincide with the Zoar Harvest Festival.

The Memorial Service at the Fort Laurens Historic Site in Bolivar will be the same as last year, however the start time has been adjusted to allow for the additional travel time from Zoar. 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 former NSSAR Past-President General Michael Tomme. 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 <a href="https://www.ohssar.org">www.ohssar.org</a>.

Anyone who intends to present a wreath is requested to notify Don McGraw at <u>donald.c.mcgraw@gmail.com</u>. Color guardsmen need to contact OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Tony Robinson at <u>wrobinson3@columbus.rr.com</u>. 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.



## In Memoriam

Be Thou at Peace

#### **Western Reserve Society**

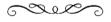
Henry T.S. Heckman *May 4, 2017* 

#### **Richard Montgomery**

Thomas W. Bohlander December 12, 2016

#### **Firelands Bicentennial**

Boyd B. Weber April 18, 2017



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## **Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award**



At the OHSSAR 128th Annual State Conference, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Hailey Cydrus of the U.S. Marine Corps JROTC was awarded the Silver Outstanding JROTC Cadet award and medallion for 2017. Cadet Cydrus is a member of the USMC IROTC Unit at Springfield High School in Springfield, Ohio. The award was presented by OHSSAR ROTC/ JROTC Service Academies Committee

Chairman, Major (Ret) Terry A. Whetstone, USAF.

## Patriotic Essay Contest Winner



At the OHSSAR 128th State Conference, the first place winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest was announced as Ethan F. Marsh, who was sponsored by the state's George Rogers Clark Chapter, based in Springfield, Ohio. The award was presented to Ethan by contest committee chair-

man and state society president, Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, and George Rogers Clark Chapter secretary Terry A. Whetstone.

Marsh's essay, titled "The Patriotic Audacity of Alexander Hamilton", was chosen for the first place award from amongst 92 entries statewide. The second place winner was Rachel Jablonski (At-Large Chapter); and the third place award went to Sara Petron (Cincinnati Chapter).

#### **Oration Contest Winner**



At the OHSSAR 128th State Conference, the first place winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest was Isaiah Paik, who was sponsored by the state's Western Reserve Society. The award was present-

ed to Isaiah by contest committee chairman Jack Bredenfoerder.

The second place winner was Madaline Sifford (Hocking Valley Chapter); the third place award went to Madison Their (Cincinnati Chapter); and an award for Merit was presented to Marissa Jo Sementilli (Lt George Ewing Chapter).

The Oration Contest is open to all high school students in public, parochial, private or home schools. The student presents an original 5-6 minute speech based on original research that details an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence or the framing of the Constitution.



#### State Conference (From Pg. 2)



Memorial Board

annual Memorial Service conducted by Ohio Society Chaplain, Rev. James O. Fast. Thirty-two 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 Vice-President General Tom Payne.

#### Tim Ward **Vice-President General** 2018-2019



At the OHSSAR Annual Meeting, Timothy E. Ward of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter was selected as the Ohio nominee for Central District Vice President General 2018 -2019.

The Central District of the SAR is comprised of the state societies in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The Vice President General assists the President General in the affairs of the National Society, and is established as a General Officer of the SAR.

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# OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



# Summer Board of Managment Meeting Memorial Service

July 28th & July 29th 2017

#### VENUES

Firehouse Grille & Pub 162 Main Street Zoar, OH 44697 (330) 874-2726

Zoar, OH 44697 Bolivar, OH,44612 (330) 874-2726 (330) 874-3435 40° 36' 42.32" N 40° 38' 30.36" N 81° 25' 20.92" W 81° 26' 41.51" W

Fort Laurens Historic Site 11067 Ft. Laurens Rd. NW Bolivar, OH 44612 40° 38' 23.48" N 81° 27' 23.61" W

OHSSAR Northeast District Tuscarawas County I-77 Exit 93

Sleep Inn Hotel 11155 SR 212 N.E.

#### Firehouse Grille & Pub Buffet Dinner Friday

- Roast Beef Au Jus
- Marinated Chicken Breast
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Beans
- Salad & Dinner Roll
- · Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks
- Sheet Cake

\$22.50 Per Person

#### Firehouse Grille & Pub Buffet Lunch Saturday

- Dollar Burgers
- Pulled Pork
- Grilled Chicken
- Barbecue Chips
- Veggie Pizza
- · Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

\$14.00 Per Person

#### ACTIVITIES

Friday July 28th

#### Firehouse Grille & Pub Zoar

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Social Hour 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Buffet Dinner

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: OHSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Saturday July 29th

#### Firehouse Grille & Pub Zoar

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Board of Management Meeting

#### Fort Laurens Historic Site

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM: Color Guard Muster 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM: Memorial Service

#### Firehouse Grille & Pub

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM: Buffet Lunch

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM: Award Presentations/Meeting

Note: Due to limited meeting space at the Sleep inn, both of the business meetings will be held at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in Zoar, Ohio, a distance of 2.8 miles from the hotel. Please adjust your plans accordingly. Free parking is available at the Firehouse Grille and Pub on the street or at the lot at fact & Main Streets.

#### Sleep Inn Bolivar

Rooms at the Sleep Inn are available at a cost of \$113.00 (1-2 adults). Make reservations by calling the hotel yourself, however make payment to the Ohio Society Treasurer to avoid unnecessary taxes. This is a group rate for the SAR. A block of rooms has been reserved until **July 14**th, so call before then to get this rate.

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Name (s):		Society/Ch	apter
Address:			
		_	PAYMENT Make check payable to Treasurer, OHSSAR and mail to:
Firehouse Grille Dinner Persons @ \$22.50 Firehouse Grille Lunch Persons @ \$14.00	\$ \$	Sleep Inn  Rooms @ \$113.00 \$  (\$113 is for 1-2 adults per room. Use higher rate if 3 or more adults in the room)  Meals & Hotel Total: \$	Mr. John H. Bredenfoerder 8751 Haverhill Lane Cincinnati, OH 45236 Registration Deadline Friday, July 14, 2017

## **Dates to Remember**

July 7-13, 2017: 127th NSSAR Congress, Knoxville, TN

July 28 - 29, 2017: OHSSAR Summer Meeting, Zoar, OH

July 29, 2017: Fort Laurens Memorial Service, Bolivar, OH

August 19, 2017: Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service, Carlisle, KY

September 28 - 30, 2017: NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

October 8, 2017 Battle of Pt. Pleasant Memorial Service, Pt. Pleasant WV

October 27 - 28, 2017: OHSSAR Fall Meeting, Maumee Bay State Park, Toledo OH

November 3 - 4, 2017: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Parkersburg, WV

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