



# *The Ohio Country* Bulletin

The Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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## Message from the President



We have had a lot of events going on this summer and not a lot of space in the newsletter to cover so many important things. So I want to make some quick hits to compatriots.

**Youth Programs**-Fall is upon us, school is back in session and it is time for all of our Chapters and State Society to begin the annual effort to locate contestants for chapter, state and national youth programs. State committee chairman have already started sending requests to chapters calling on them to begin the process and completion deadline dates. Youth programs are an essential part of our patriotic, historical and educational objectives. Contests include Elementary School

Poster, Middle School Brochure, High School Oration and Essay, Jr. ROTC and CAR Award. Are you a parent, grandparent, neighbor to student, know a teacher or administrator? Then we need your help finding youth to participate in our programs. Please contact your chapter for more information.

**Retain/Reinstate**-Last issue I talked about the 4 R's. Two of those were Retain/Reinstate. Troy Bailey our Registrar has just sent out dues collection packets for 2020. You will shortly be receiving request from your chapter for dues payment. With a little effort we will eclipse 2000 Ohio Society members before the end of the year. But, we will only be able RETAIN this number if everyone pays dues promptly before the deadline. Dues paid after the deadline cause us extra effort to REINSTATE a member and that member is not going to be in the membership count. Please support the collection by not waiting until the last week.

In addition, I will be rolling out to the chapters our effort to RETAIN members by instituting an orientation presentation for new members. If you are a new member or an existing member who does not know how the SAR operates or what its programs are then I would like for you to listen to this presentation. Contact your chapter and let them know you want me to come and do the presentation. Even if I have to drive across the state of Ohio to present it to one member who becomes involved, then it will be worth it.

**Americanism Award**-Last a few words about the Americanism Program. I am asking that all chapters participate in the Americanism Award program. Look at the form, pick at minimum just one activity and "Just Do It". Present a Flag Award, support a veteran program, attend a DAR meeting, help mark a grave or one of the dozens of activities that can be performed. Assign the computer savvy compatriot in your chapter the responsibility of filling out the form. Fill out the form and turn it in shortly after the end of the year. Need help-call me 440-645-7322.

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# 129th National Society Congress



*Ohio Society Members Attend the President General's Banquet at the SAR National Congress in Costa Mesa, California.*

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted its 129th Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, California from Friday, July 5th through Thursday, July 11, 2019 with 205 compatriots in attendance. The business sessions, meetings, and functions were held at the Orange County Hilton Inn in Costa Mesa.

The Ohio Society was represented by Ohio Society President Steve Hinson (Northeastern Ohio): Ohio Society Past-President & Central District Vice President General Tim Ward (Northeastern Ohio): Ohio Society Past President and Ohio CAR Sr. President William A. "Tony" Robinson (Camp Charlotte): Ohio Society Treasurer Jack Bredenfoerder (Cincinnati): Ohio Society 2nd Vice President & Registrar Troy Bailey (Northeastern Ohio).

The business sessions concluded with the election of General Officers, Trustees, and SAR Foundation Board Members: John T. Manning (NH) was elected President Gen-

eral; William E. Sharp (IN) Vice President General Central District; C. Bruce Pickett (AL) Treasurer General; Peter Davenport (VA) Chancellor General; Jim L. S. Faulkenbury (CA) Genealogist General; Douglas T. Collins (KY) Registrar General; William O. Stone (AL) Historian General; Tony L. Vets (LA) Librarian General; Darryl S. Addington (TN) Surgeon General; Rev. David J. Felts (PA): Chaplain General. For the Ohio Society, Compatriot Shawn Cox was elected to National Trustee, and Compatriot Tim Ward was elected to Alternate National Trustee. Steve Hinson was elected alternate member National Nominating Committee representing the Council of State Presidents. Venie Hinson was elected Historian of the National Ladies Auxiliary.

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

## OHIO SAR Ladies Auxiliary

Steve and I are preparing to head to Louisville KY this week for the National Leadership Conference. I have truly enjoyed being part of the past few conferences, and if any of you have an opportunity to attend, it's lots of fun. (And there is a phenomenal consignment shop nearby that has the most wonderful hats and vintage clothing imaginable, for those interested.) This year features a luncheon cruise on the Ohio River for the ladies on Saturday.



Laurie Bredenfoerder (Mrs. Jack) has made some magnetic pin ribbons for our Ohio ladies to use (see attached photo). These will be available at the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Battle Days coming up October 5 & 6. Email or contact Venie or Laurie if you would like to purchase one of these wonderful ribbons. Price is \$7 each. Laurie used the pattern that National Ladies Auxiliary has designed, but has substituted magnetic holders rather than the pins used previously. Great update! We only have 8 available at this time – first come, first served.

Ladies Auxiliary magnetic  
pin holders \$7 each

By Venie Hinson, President



## Ohio Society Holds Summer Meetings in Zoar & Bolivar, Ohio

On July 26th and 27th, the Ohio Society held its quarterly Executive Committee and Board of Management Meetings in Zoar and Bolivar, Ohio at the Firehouse Grille and Pub and Lockport Brewery respectively. The Ohio Society was honored by the attendance of National President General John T. Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning. Both meetings were well attended, with members present from all Ohio districts.

The Friday, July 28th activities at the Firehouse began with a buffet dinner followed by Executive Committee and Ladies Auxiliary meetings. A new compatriot Ryan Cooper, Hocking Valley Chapter was inducted by PG Manning. The agenda of the Executive Committee included a status of quarterly reports submitted and presentation of agenda for the Board of Management Meeting on Saturday. Saturday, July 28th began with the Board of Management meeting at 8:00AM at the Lockport Brewery. Immediately following, compatriots proceeded to the Fort Laurens Historic Site a few miles away for a Memorial Service at 11:15AM. Then, it was back to the Lockport Brewery 12:30PM for another outstanding buffet meal, concluding with the presentation of National Society and Ohio Society awards to chapters, members, and supporters of the SAR.



President General Jack T. Manning Inducts  
New Member Ryan Cooper.

## Ohio Society Awards Luncheon

At the National Society's 129<sup>th</sup> Congress in Cost Mesa, CA the State Society, Ohio Chapters and Ohio Compatriots received National awards. To present the awards the Ohio Society hosted an awards luncheon following the Fort Laurens Memorial Ceremony on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lockport Brewery in Bolivar, OH. Ohio Society President, Steve Hinson assisted by Award Chairman Jim Schaffer made the presentations of these awards. Recognized were:

### National Awards to Chapters

#### ***President General's Education Outreach Streamer***

Firelands Bicentennial Chapter

#### ***Liberty Bell Americanism Award Chapter Best Implementing SAR Resolutions and Principles***

Winner-Western Reserve Society  
Honorable Mention-Cincinnati Chapter

#### ***USS Stark Memorial Award Service to Veterans***

Hilander Chapter 10-49 Members  
Cincinnati Chapter 200 Members +

### National Awards to Ohio Society

#### ***Admiral William R. Furlong Award for Flag Certificate Presentations***

Ted Minier, Chairman

#### ***C.A.R. Activities Award***

Ohio Society, Tony Robinson, Chairman

#### ***Americanism Poster Contest Participant***

Donald Miller, Chairman

#### ***Middle School Brochure Contest Participant***

Charles Finley, Chairman

#### ***Joseph S Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest Participant***

John H Bredenfoerder, Chairman

#### ***George S. & Stella M. Knight Contest Participant***

Donald C McGraw, Chairman

#### ***Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Participant***

Lance Beebe, Chairman

#### ***ROTC/JROTC Contest Participant***

Chairman Terry Whetstone

### National Individual Awards

#### ***Thomas J. Bond, Jr. Photography Award***

George H. Steward,  
Cincinnati Chapter

#### ***Florence Kendal Award-Most New Members***

Timothy Ward, Northeastern Ohio Chapter

#### ***Liberty Medal***

Lance E. Beebe (Medal) – Firelands  
Troy Bailey (2 OLC) – Northeastern Ohio

Franz B. Ott (1 OLC) – Cincinnati  
Timothy E. Ward (9 OLC) – Northeastern Ohio

OLC – Oak Leaf Cluster designating a subsequent award

#### ***Silver Color Guard Medal***

Lance Beebe—Firelands

***Congratulations and Thank You to all of these Nationally Recognized Chapters and Individuals for their Service in the Ohio Society.  
(see pictures on page 6)***

## Fort Laurens Memorial Service 2019



PG Jack T Manning Brings Greetings  
from NSSAR



Color Guard Presents Arms for  
National Anthem



VPG William Sharp Delivers  
Memorial Message

On July 27th, 2019, 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.

We were honored this year to have SAR President General Jack Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning in attendance. The program featured Dr. William Sharp, SAR Vice President General of the Central District, who brought the Memorial Address.

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.



Color Guard Marches  
in to Post Colors



Musket Platoon Marches  
to their Post



Musket Salute



Matthew Apthorpe, Ohio CAR President Places  
Wreath at Tomb



Taps



Color Guard Regiment



# Welcome New Members

## Western Reserve Society

Joe Allen Stamm  
Scott Thomas Geddis

## Cincinnati

Arnold Todd Halcomb  
Mark Randall Snider  
David Preston Snider  
Zachary Robert Snider  
James Edward Miller  
Craig E. Ledford  
Douglas Virl Smith

## Benjamin Franklin

Erik Warren  
Nathan Michael Dana  
Patrick Dean Denny  
William Robert Denny  
Alexander James Denny  
Timothy Ray Ashcraft  
James Edward Andrews  
David Anthony Robertson  
Jason Robert Gardner  
Scott Edwin Decker  
Alex Michael Clark  
Thomas Frank Schanher  
William Herbert Tate  
James Arthur McCune Jr.  
Colan Evan McCune  
Gregory Thomas Sharp  
Jason Michael Kuhn  
David Edward Rose  
Erik Warren

## Richard Montgomery

Ronald Eugene Schilb  
Robert David Marshall Jr.

## Lafayette

Jeffrey Lee Walker

## John Hancock

Sean Colin Baney

## George Rogers Clark

Ronald Eugene Schilb  
James Andrew Freeland

## Lt. Col. George Ewing

James Trevor Wilson

## Northeastern Ohio

Lane Harrison Sheets  
John Wayne Norris

## Firelands Bicentennial

Dan Bret Major  
Clayton Harold Dugan  
Neil Francis Dugan  
Brandon Charles Dugan

## Camp Charlotte

Leighton Davis Costilow II

## Hocking Valley

John David Bondurant  
William Carl Pitts  
Jason Neil McKnight

## Mahoning Valley

Eugene Allen Klug  
David Hawkins Buker  
Jared Lance Buker  
David Hawkins Buker Jr.



## NSSAR National 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update:

Although our Nations' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is still a few years in the distant 2026, promotional, marketing, and program plans continue to be developed.

To be counted toward earning a medal, an event must be public. Programs and media type events are designed to recognize and promote events, not just military battles, from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. Therefore, this will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014-2033.

A "draft" reporting form has been developed and can be found on our OHSSAR Web Page under the 250<sup>th</sup> section on the front page for review and use. In addition to the form, an official 250<sup>th</sup> flag has been designed and will soon be available for purchase. Medals will be awarded as Bronze; Silver; and Gold categories and may also be awarded to Non-SAR individuals. A specialized 250<sup>th</sup> Coin Award is being developed and can be awarded to SAR and Non-SAR individuals for participation in programs. Streamers, in three levels, will also be available. Details of the Streamer program are in development.

For those of you who will be attending the next OHSSAR BOM, I will be available to convene a "Brain Storming" session to help develop ideas about programs, events related to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Ohio and our chapters.

by Troy Bailey, [tbailey@gwcmail.net](mailto:tbailey@gwcmail.net)/440645-0465.

## In Memoriam

*Be Thou at Peace*

John Neal Meeks  
August 13, 2019

John Lewis Ackerman  
August 24, 2019

Elbert Russell Wentz  
August 10, 2019

Denver Eugene Hubbard  
April 22, 2019



## Grave Marking Eagle Scout Project



Justin McLemore Leads Memorial Service



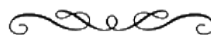
Veterans Memorial—Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

On 7 September 2019, compatriot and Eagle Scout Candidate Justin McLemore, Mahoning Valley Chapter, completed his Eagle Scout Project of revitalizing the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Washingtonville, Ohio and holding a veteran Grave Marking and Dedication Ceremony. Beginning in 2017, Justin put in over 400 hours into restoring or replacing stones, cleaning up the cemetery grounds, and refurbishing and painting the rod iron fence surrounding the cemetery. There were nine Revolutionary War, twenty War of 1812, five Civil War and one known peace time veterans buried in the cemetery. The cemetery was closed after the Civil War. Justin's project enjoyed wide public support from 24 local organizations and businesses and his family.

Revolutionary War veterans included Justin's patriot ancestor, 6<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather, John Zimmerman 1747-1828 who was a Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vacant Co. German Battalion of the Continental Army.

About 100 attended the Grave Marking and Dedication Ceremony organized and led by Justin and supported by the DAR, Daughters of 1812, Mahoning Valley Civil War Round Table, American Legion, VFW, SAR, Masonic Lodge, Local Police, current members of the armed forces, and of course scouting brothers and leaders from Springfield Troop 119. Each veteran was recognized with a biography and by placement of a flag marker at the grave site. Flag markers were put in place by descendants or members of the supporting groups. Wreaths honoring veterans of each war were placed at a veteran memorial marker erected by Justin. The ceremony was closed with traditional Gun Salute and Taps.

Our congratulations to SAR compatriot Justin McLemore for his exemplary effort on his Eagle Scout Project and bringing SAR's history, education and patriotism objectives to the community.



## Ohio Society Awards Luncheon

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William Ross of Western Reserve Society Receives National Liberty Bell Americanism Award



Lance Beebe Receives Silver Color Guard Medal



Matthew Apthorpe Receives CAR Presidents Project Donation from Ohio Society with Tony Robinson, Sr. CAR President

# OHIO SOCIETY Sons of The American Revolution

## FALL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT BATTLE OF POINT PLEASANT REMEMBRANCE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

### VENUES

<b>HAMPTON INN</b> 444 UPPER RIVER RD, GALLIPOLIS, OH 45631 (740) 446-8000 <b>GPS</b> 38.8333436 -82.1596456	<b>AMERICAN LEGION POST 23</b> 100 2ND ST, POINT PLEASANT, WV 25550 (304) 675-3437 <b>GPS</b> 38.8406199 -82.1400382	<b>BATTLE OF POINT PLEASANT HISTORIC SITE</b> 1 MAIN ST POINT PLEASANT, WV 25550 <b>GPS</b> 38.8392293 -82.1409828	<b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL</b> 2222 JACKSON AVE. PPOINT PLEASANT, WV 25550 <b>GPS</b> 38.8644012 -82.1284477
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### EVENTS AND ITINERARY

<div>FRI</div> 10/4/2019	7:30 – 8:30	OHSSAR EXEC. COM. MEETING <i>No COMPATRIOT DINNER SCHEDULED</i>	HAMPTON INN	
<div>SAT</div> 10/5/2019	8:30 - 9:15 AM	OHSSAR NEW MEMBER RETENTION WORKSHOP		
	10:30 AM	PARADE MUSTER		MAIN STREET AT 10TH STREET
	11:00 AM	PARADE		
	12:00 - 1:30 PM	OH SAR LUNCH	<i>TIME IS ALLOWED FOR COMPATRIOTS TO DINE FOR LUNCH AT THE LOCAL EATERIES</i>	
	1:30 – 3:30 PM	OHSSAR BOM MEETING/ NATIONAL CANDIDATE FORUM	AMERICAN LEGION POST 23	
	3:45–4:30 PM	OHSSAR YOUTH PROGRAM WORKSHOP		
	6:00 PM	COLONIAL GOVERNOR’S RECEPTION \$25 PER PERSON	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL <i>SEE SEPARATE BATTLE DAYS FLYER FOR DETAILS AND RESERVATIONS</i>	
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	COLONIAL BALL (FREE)		
<div>SUN</div> 10/6/2019	12:30 PM	LUNCHEON \$25 PER PERSON	BATTLE OF PT. PLEASANT HISTORIC SITE (TU ENDIE-WEI STATE PARK)	
	2:30 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY (MUSTER 2:00 P)		

### HAMPTON INN GALLIPOLIS

ROOMS AT THE HAMPTON INN ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF **\$100.00/NIGHT**. MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE HOTEL (740- 446-8000), HOWEVER MAKE PAYMENT TO THE OHIO SOCIETY TREASURER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TAXES. THIS IS A GROUP RATE FOR THE OHSSAR

**A BLOCK OF ROOMS IS BEING RESERVED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27TH CALL BY THEN TO GET THIS RATE.**

Detach↑ OHIO SOCIETY SAR FALL MEETING REGISTRATION    Enclose With Payment ↓

Name(s):\_\_Society/Chapter.

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(Optional):\_\_\_\_\_Email(Optional):\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-NIGHTS @  
\$ 100.00 PER NIGHT=\_\_\_\_\_

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8751 HAVERHILL LANE  
CINCINNATI, OH 45236

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**



# Dates to Remember

September 20-21 2019 NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

October 4-6 2019: OHSSAR Fall BOM/WV Battle Days, Gallipolis, OH &  
Pt. Pleasant, WV

October 25-26 2019: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Lawrenceburg, IN

November 11, 2019: Veterans Day

December 14, 2019: Wreaths Across America

February 7-8, 2020: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Daton, Ohio

February 28-29, 2020: NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY

May 1-2, 2020: OHSSAR 131th Annual Meeting, Newbury, Ohio

July 11-16, 2020: 130 Annual NSSAR Congress, Richmond, VA

## More Ways to Stay Informed

*Here are even more ways on the internet to connect with SAR activities, news,*

### **NATIONAL SOCIETY**

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

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