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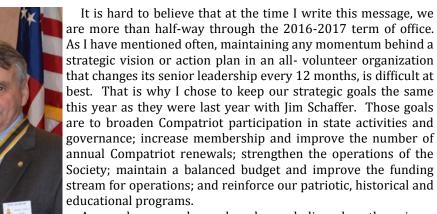
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Message from the President



As you know, goals are largely symbolic unless there is an accompanying action plan that simulates and directs efforts to-

ward achievement of the goals. Therefore, an action plan was put in place back in May 2016 to help us along this goal-oriented journey. That action plan is relatively decentralized and predominately driven at the Chapter and committee levels.

As I look at where we were in May 2016 and where we are today, I feel confident in telling you that we are making progress. While the results of increasing our overall membership and Compatriot renewal numbers won't be known for another month or so, we have increased our overall membership numbers by 7.5% as of October 1st. Additionally, the actions of several committees, notably the Finance and Fundraising Committees, have introduced documented procedures that the Society will benefit from for years to come. Their efforts, as well as those of many others, are to be commended.

The State Executive Committee will be reviewing our progress and action plan at each meeting to keep us on track and make adjustments when necessary. However, none of our progress thus far would have been possible without the steadfast support from the Chapters and the many volunteers that staff our committees. We remain fortunate to have such a strong cadre dedicated to making our organization stronger. Thank you all for your efforts and support.

Donald C. McGraw, Jr. Ohio Society State President 2016 - 2017

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Ohio Society Holds 2016 Fall Meetings



2ndVP Shawn Cox and others at the Fall Board of Management meeting

The Fall meetings of the Ohio Society have lately been held in conjunction with the Battle Days weekend in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and this year was no different.

On October 7th & 8th, 2016, the Executive Committee and Board of Management met at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Point Pleasant. The meeting facility was new this year due to a scheduling conflict with the American Legion facility but

turned out to be a very pleasant change that easily accommodated our needs. The Point Pleasant Chapter WVS-SAR graciously allowed us to share this site, which they also used for their Battle Days weekend program.

On the evening of October 7th, the Executive Committee met, preceded by a catered buffet dinner. Over thirty SAR members and their families enjoyed an outstanding meal and fellowship, after

which the Executive Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary separated for their meetings. The Executive Committee received an update on the new Mahoning Valley Chapter forming in the Mahoning Valley/Youngstown area and an update on fundraising The Committee activities. also facilitated a discussion with the members present on the Ohio Society's goals of increasing and retaining memberships and broadening Compatriot participation in Chapter and State activities and governance.

Saturday, October 8th, began early with the Board of Management called to order at 8:00AM. Headlining the New Business was the National Officer Candidates' Forum. Although none of the NSSAR Candidates were able to attend this year, several Ohio Compatriots spoke on

(See Ohio Meeting Pg. 4)

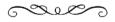


"Change the Outcome"

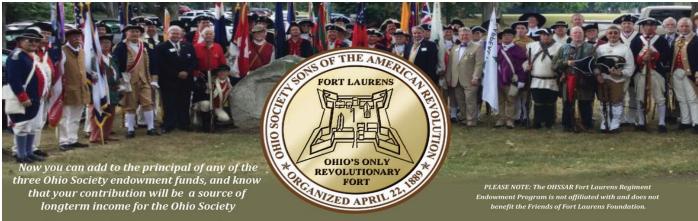
Ohio Society Children of the American Revolution State President, Brett Mahoney, is asking for your support. Most of you probably do not know, but Brett's younger sister Allison passed away the day before her 8th birthday, during her second battle with Leukemia. She was the O.S.C.A.R. State Curator at the time, and Brett was elected to complete her term. Having reached the position of State President, he decided his project would benefit the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Leukemia Research and hopefully save someone else's little sister. He has created an online event to raise funds in Allison's memory and anyone may donate at http://giving.cincinnatichildrens.org/ IMOAllisonMahonev.

The State Society hopes you will join us in helping to "Change the Outcome."

Items are also available for purchase and include a tumbler, white teddy bear with orange "Leukemia" ribbon, and t-shirts (in children's sizes as well as adult). Prices and pictures can be found on the O.S.C.A.R. webpage at www.ohiocar.org and click on Merchandise. Teddy bears may be purchased and donated to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital for the children. If you are interested in making a purchase please contact OSCAR Senior Vice President Tony Robinson at Wrobin-son3@columbus.rr.com to make arrangements.



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The Ohio Society SAR Fort Laurens Regiment

Details

Individuals who make a contribution, or in whose name a contribution is made, to any or all of the three Ohio Society endowment funds shall be given a rank in the Ohio Society Fort Laurens Regiment, based on the level of the contribution:

- a) A contribution of at least \$100.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Sergeant."
- b) A contribution of at least \$300.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Captain."
- c) A contribution of at least \$500.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Colonel."
- d) A contribution of at least \$1000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General."
- e) A contribution of at least \$5000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General of the Regiment."

You decide where the money goes.

You can designate that your entire contribution should be allocated to any of the three Ohio Society Endowment Funds, or you can divide your contribution among two or more of the endowment funds.

Lapel pins: Display your rank in the

Ohio Society Fort Laurens Regiment

The National Society has the George Washington Endowment Fund. Other state societies have various endowments that support their operations. The National Society and other state societies award lapel pins to their donors to wear as a special testament to the donor's generosity.

When you make a contribution under the Fort Laurens Regiment Program, the Ohio Society will award you, or the person in whose name you make the contribution, a lapel pin with the insignia of the appropriate rank in the Fort Laurens Regiment.

Donations are cumulative.

A donor may contribute \$100.00 in one year, and be "commissioned" as a Sergeant. Later on, the same donor may contribute an additional amount, and be promoted to a higher rank. For example, if this same donor contributes \$100.00 annually, after the third \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Captain, and after the fifth \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Colonel. With each promotion, this donor would receive the lapel pin appropriate for





The three Ohio Society endowment funds

• The OHSSAR Youth Programs Fund

This newly established endowment helps fund the OHSSAR Youth Programs with the exception of the D.G.High Oration Contest. The programs include:

- The Americanism Poster Contest
- The Americanism Brochure Contest
- The Eagle Scout Program
- The ROTC/Junior ROTC Program
- The Knight Essay Contest
- The OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Fund is a the major source of funding for the OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Contest. The D.G. High Oration Contest was originally founded in Ohio and continues as one of our most established youth programs.
- OHSSAR Permanent Fund Endows all other OHSSAR programs as approved by the OHSSAR Board of Management.

Fun for family and friends

Donations may be made on behalf of individuals other than the donor. For example, parents or grandparents can make donations in the names of their children or grandchildren. For a donation of \$100.00, a grandfather can make his grandchild a Sergeant in the Fort Laurens Regiment.

Make yourself a General and all your kids Sergeants. (Better yet make your wife a General!)

Donations will gladly be accepted from individuals who are not members of the Ohio Society, or indeed, members of the SAR.

So \ldots everyone can enlist in the Fort Laurens Regiment and support the important work of the Ohio Society SAR!

Sign up today for the Fort Laurens Regiment

Yes, I d like to support the Onio Society SAR by enlisting in the Fort Laurens Regiment				
Name:				
Address:				
Phone:e-mail:				
I am enclosing a contribution of \$				
I would like this contribution to be divided among the three Ohio Society endowment funds as follows:				
OHSSAR Youth Programs Fund \$ OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Fund \$ OHSSAR Permanent Fund \$				
(Note: The sum of these three amounts must equal your total contribution.				
If you are making this contribution in someone else's name, please tell us who:				
Please mail this completed form, along with your check payable to "Ohio Society SAR" to:				
L. Stephen Hinson, Treasurer, 5863 Beech Street, Andover, OH 44003				

Tax Deduction: The Ohio Society SAR is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Your contributions to the Ohio Society SAR may be deductible on your Federal and state tax returns. Please consult your tax attorney or accountant.

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OHSSAR 2016 Fall Board of Management Meeting

their behalf. This concluded with a vote for endorsements of the slate of National Officers by the Ohio Society. The Society Secretary will forward a letter with the Society's endorsements to the NSSAR Nominating Committee.

Other business items brought before the Board included:

- The Registrar has distributed the 2017 Membership Dues packets to each Chapter. Chapters should complete and return these to the Registrar no later than December 15th.
- The Executive Committee provided an update on the sale of Challenge Coins. Coins sales have exceeded expectations.
- An approved resolution formally changed the name of the Ewings Chapter to the Lt. George Ewing Chapter.
- A new Chapter in the Mahoning Valley/Youngstown area presented an application for Charter which was approved by the Board. The Chapter's name is The Mahoning Valley Chapter.
- The State Treasurer and Finance Committee presented several documents that were approved and will be included in our Regulations' Administrative Instructions.
 These documents will greatly strengthen our operations by codifying several procedures. These included:
 - Administrative Instruction 800-2, "Structure and Administration of Financial Accounts"
 - Administrative Instruction 800-3, "Purpose and Responsibilities of the Finance Committee"
 - Administrative Instruction 800-4, "Purpose and Responsibilities of the Investment Committee"
 - Administrative Instruction 800-6, "Financial Review Guidelines"
- An approved resolution establishing a "Youth Fund" to

OHSSAR Participates in WV Battle Days Parade



- provide funding specifically for our youth programs.
- An approved resolution establishing the Fort Laurens Regiment Endowment Program (see the announcement in this Newsletter).

The meeting was diligently held to two hours to accommodate Color Guard preparations for the Battle Days Parade which formed at 10:45AM and with very cooperative weather, took place as scheduled this year.

Saturday evening concluded with the Colonial Governor's Reception and Colonial Ball, both hosted by the Point Pleasant Chapter WVSSAR. Activities included a receiving line, food, music, and colonial dancing.

An Early Colonial Church Service was held midmorning on Sunday, October 9th, at the Point Pleasant Battle Monument at Tu-Endi-Wie State Park in Point Pleasant. The busy weekend concluded with a memorial service to commemorate the Battle of Point Pleasant back at the Tu-Endi-Wie State Park. This event, organized for many years by the Point Pleasant Chapter, is officially recognized by the NSSAR National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee and the National Color Guard.



On Sunday, October 9, 2016, the Point Pleasant Chapter of the West Virginia Society SAR hosted the Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Service on the site of the Battle of Point Pleasant that occurred October 10, 1774 between the Virginia Militia and Indians from the Shawnee and Mingo tribes.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Boy Scouts of America, city officials, and others annually gather at the Tu-Endie-Wie State Park, now at the location of the battlefield, to pay tribute to the 81 militia who were killed during the one-day battle occurring 242 years ago by placing wreaths at the granite stone marking the powder magazine of the militia fortifications.

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Welcome New Members

Cincinnati

Ralph E. Bonniwell Graydon W. Gorby George A. Grossenbaugh Clayton E. Marsh Jeffrey H. Woltz Terry J. Woltz

Benjamin Franklin

Eric M. Decaire Andrew L. Morris James A. Shough Randal Jay Walker

Richard Montgomery

Leland G. Smith Joseph R. Kershner

Lafavette David W. Lear

Constitution

Sidney A. Foltz, III Brian A. Foltz Frederic A. Foltz Jonathan W. Foltz Mathew A. Foltz Sidney A. Foltz

Northeastern Ohio

William J. Daugherty John D. Layfield John H. Layfield Nathan A. Layfield

Firelands Bicentennial

Mason R. Hildebrandt

Arthur St. Clair

Michael E Cochran Terrance E. Cochran Thomas E. Rittinger John R. Stroth

Camp Charlotte

Lincoln J. Mader

Highlanders

Gerold W. Wilkin Thaddeus W. Wilkin Thomas C. Wilkin

Welcome Back (Reinstatements)

Northwest Territory

Phillip L. Latta



Central District Meets in Kentucky



Vice President General Tom Payne addresses the Central District

The annual meeting of the Central District SAR was hosted this year by Vice President General Thomas Payne in Erlanger, Kentucky. The Central District encompasses the Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia Societies, with the leadership rotating yearly, in sequence, to the member states. The November 5th event took place at the Cincinnati Airport Holiday Inn located near the Greater Cincinnati Airport in Erlanger, KY.

Visiting National Society Officers at the Saturday event included President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. (GA), Secretary General Larry T. Guzy (GA), Genealogist General John D. Sinks (DC), Historian General John T. Manning (NH), Surgeon General Dr. Larry M. Leslie (KY), Librarian General C. Bruce Pickette (AL), Inspector General Timothy E. Ward (OH), Past-PG James David Sympson (KY) and NSSAR Executive



In Memoriam

<u>George Rogers Clark</u>

Ronald E. McGonigal November 15, 2016



New Emeritus Compatriots*

Western Reserve William C. Hale

Richard Montgomery Frederick P. Feicht

> **Iohn Hancock** Richard E. Wilson

Welcome (Transfer In)

Western Reserve

Vernon L. Jacobs

<u>Lafavette</u>

Samuel G. Elias Joshua J. Grove

George Rogers Clark

Robert D. Pollock

<u>Hocking Vallev</u>

Walter E. Dean

Committee members Past-PG Lindsey C. Brock (FL) and Douglas T. Collins

Kentucky Society Officers of the Central District hosting the event included VPG Thomas Payne, Secretary & Parliamentarian Dilbert B. White, Treasurer Scott G. Giltner, Chaplain Rev. George G. Baggett, Historian Jackie D. Miller and Color Guard Commander Thomas E. Geimei-

The Ohio Society was represented at the business meeting by President Donald C. McGraw, Jr., Paul M. Wilke, Richard Fetzer, Timothy E. Ward, James D. Schaffer, Michael P. Gunn, Wm. A. Tony Robinson, and Steve

At the beginning of the meeting, Robert P. Cunningham, the outgoing Vice President General from the Indiana Society, ceremoniously passed the gavel to VPG Tom Payne. The State Report of the Ohio Society was given by President Don McGraw and each other member state's presidents gave their reports. Other business items discussed included a Central District donation to the SAR Foundation, inclusion of DAR and C.A.R. members in SAR functions, management of the Central District funds/ bank account and a proposed NSSAR By-Laws change.

Compatriot Robert Fish of the West Virginia Society was nominated to be the Central District Vice President General for 2017-2018. The annual meeting will be held in Parkersburg, West Virginia on 3-4 November 2017.

^{*} Emeritus status is reached after 50 years of continuous service to the SAR. Emeritus members pay no NSSAR dues.

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Around Ohio



Ohio Society SAR Activities September through November

For our Society to achieve its Patriotic, Educational and Historical objectives, public outreach with visible activities that contribute to these objectives is critical. Fortunately for the Ohio Society, our Chapters continue to frequently perform such activities throughout the state. Listed here are just a few of those activities. This list is by no means all-encompassing.

Holiday-at-Home Parade Richard Montgomery

Flags replaced at Wesleyan

Cemetery

Cincinnati

Honor Flight Reception Multiple

Gold Star Mothers Day

Benjamin Franklin & Hocking

Valley

Constitution Day Luncheon Multiple

236th Gathering at

Ft Watauga (TN)

Marietta

Carpenter-Koontz Cemetery

Rededication

Hocking Valley

Washington's Tomb Vigil Hocking Valley

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meet-

ing

OHSSAR

Naturalization Ceremony Cincinnati

Archibald Willard Dinner &

Awards Night

Western Reserve Society

Battle of Yorktown Participant Marietta

100th Anniversary Oxford

Caroline Scott DAR Chapter

Veterans Day Parades &

Ceremonies

Multiple

OHSSAR

Cleveland Veterans Day

Program

Western Reserve Society

Central District Meeting OHSSAR



Gold Star Mothers Day OHSSAR Honor Guard



Hocking Valley Stands Vigil at Washington's Tomb



Western Reserve Society Honors Veterans

The Ohio Country Bulletin Readers' Survey

In September 2016, a reader's survey was emailed to all the Compatriots with email addresses on file in the National Society's database (720 Compatriots). The seven question survey was designed to measure reader satisfaction with this Newsletter (The Ohio Country Bulletin) and solicit feedback on how we might improve the quality of the newsletter. Over the course of the month, we received 106 responses (a 15% response rate).

Overall satisfaction with the Newsletter was high with 85% of respondents being overall Very Satisfied or Satisfied. 50% felt there should be more articles about Chapter events as opposed to more National or Regional events. When

asked about other subjects they would like to see covered in the Newsletter, Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies and articles about new members' Patriots led the way.

We will be conducting additional surveys at the rate of one or two per year to obtain additional feedback on topics such as membership retention, content of Chapter and State meetings and Color Guard activities. However, anyone wanting to provide feedback about the Newsletter or any other Society function is welcome to contact me (State President, Don McGraw) directly at donadc.cmcgraw@gmail.com.

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OHIO SOCIETY

Sons of the American Revolution

Winter Board of Management Meeting

3-4 February 2017 Lima, Ohio



Activities				
Friday, 3 February				
5-6 PM	Registration			
3-0 F1-1	Social Hour			
6-7 PM	Dinner			
7-8:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting			
7-0:30 F14	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting			
Saturday, 4 February				
9-11:30 AM	Board of Management Meeting			
BoM Adjourned				

Holiday Inn & Suites

803 South Leonard Avenue Lima, Ohio 45804 419-879-4000

sales.manager@holidayinnsuiteslima.com

Check-in – 3 PM

Check-out - 11 AM



Rooms at the Holiday Inn & Suites are available at the cost of \$107.00 per night (local tax included) for either Single King or Two Queen beds. A continental Breakfast is included in the room price. Contact the hotel yourself to make reservations, however make payment to the Treasurer OHSSAR. A block of rooms has been reserved until 10 January 2017, so call before then to get this rate.

Friday Night Dinner Buffet

Fresh Garden Salad

Apple Glazed Pork Loin and/or Chicken Marsala

Country Style Green Beans & Buttered New Potatoes

Fresh Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade & Desserts

NAME (S):		SOCIETY/CHAPTER:	
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
~ FRIDAY DINNER BUFFET ~		PAYMENT	
# OF PERSONS	@ \$24.00/ PERSON		Make checks payable to: Treasurer OHSSAR Mail Checks and Registration Form to:
~ SLEEPING ROOMS ~		Mr. L. Stephen Hinson 5863 Beech Street	
# OF NIGHTS	@ \$107.00 / NIGHT		Andover, Ohio
TOTAL		44003	

Registration Deadline at Holiday Inn & Suites is Tuesday, 10 January 2017

Dates to Remember

February 3 - 4, 2017: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Lima, OH
March 2 - 4, 2017: NSSAR Winter Leadership, Louisville, KY
May 5 - 7, 2017: OHSSAR 128th Annual Conference, Blue Ash, OH
July 7 - 13, 2017: NSSAR 127th Congress, Knoxville, TN
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
November 4, 2017: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Parkersburg, WV

Fundraising for OHSSAR Youth Programs

Go to: https://www.gofundme.com/25jbsrjr

More Ways to Stay Informed

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

NATIONAL SOCIETY

www.sar.org www.facebook.com/groups/ sonsoftheamericanrevolution/

CENTRAL DISTRICT

www.cdsar.org

OHIO SOCIETY

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