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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This quarter began with my trip to Louisville for the Fall Leadership Meeting, followed by the Ohio Society B.O.M. meeting in Gallipolis, and the Point Pleasant Battle Days Parade and Memorial Services. It was a special honor for me to lay the Ohio Society wreath at the Magazine. I would like to thank Steve Kelley and Carl Roshong for being my flag bearer and guard for the ceremony.

Attending the Pumpkin Festival parade in Circleville was absolutely amazing to say the least. There is no longer any doubt in my mind that this parade and festival attracts over 100,000 people.

I attended the Central District meeting in Barboursville, W. Va. in the latter part of October. Congratulations to Tony Robinson who was elected VPG unanimously at this meeting. Tony will be sworn in at the NSSAR Congress in Greenville, SC in July 2014.

On November 9th I visited the Northeastern Ohio Chapter and swore in four new members. One of the highlights of this meeting was listening to former PFC John Pildner, Sr., who recently received the French Legion of Honor medal for his service in WWII. Pildner spoke with emotion about his experiences during the war.

Also on this date, the Lafayette Chapter and the Akron DAR Chapter jointly celebrated their 90th anniversary. Congratulations!

I have been watching with keen interest the "blogs" being published in the ohiosardispatch reporting the activities of our Chapters throughout the State. My heartfelt thanks to all involved. Keep up the great work!

Respectfully,

George R. Ruch
OHSSAR President 2013



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PFC John Pildner, Sr.



Point Pleasant Battle Days 2013

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*State Senator
Larry Obhof
Honored in
Columbus*

State Senator Larry Obhof (R—Medina) was honored on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 by the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.. Senator Obhof was selected because of his work on Senate Bill 165 during the 129th General Assembly. Senate Bill 165, known as the “Founding Documents Bill,” requires the state’s history curriculum standards to include the study of Ohio’s and the nation’s founding documents. Specifically, the bill adds the texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance, the U.S. Constitution, and the Ohio Constitution to Ohio’s history curriculum. Pictured above (l-r) Tony Robinson, Paul Wilke, Sen. Obhof, State President George Ruch, and Jim Schaffer



Ross Paul Koller, Jr. was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal on August 6, 2013, by Brian McKee, president of the Rufus Putnam Chapter.

Ross is a junior member of the Rufus Putnam Chapter and is cadet at Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, where he is a member of the Black Horse Troop, a cavalry unit that traces back to the Civil War and is still active at the military academy. Koller was presented with the Good Citizenship Award for his patriotic service in the Black Horse Troop, riding his horse in patriotic ceremonies and flag raising ceremonies at the academy.

General Henry Knox Chapter Memorial Day Honors



General Henry Knox Chapter took Best of Show at the Annual Mount Vernon Memorial Day Parade. Ernie Moreland and his daughter Laura rode the family horses in the parade wearing Colonial Period clothing. Chapter member Earl Paazig carried the SAR flag. In the last year the Horse Unit of the Color Guard has appeared in Utica, Centerburg, Mount Vernon and Delaware parades.

Kettering Labor Day Parade



Richard Montgomery Chapter members participate in community events throughout the summer parade season, displaying a set of historic national flags off of a chapter-owned trailer designed to carry at least twenty poles.

Participating in the Labor Day parade (front row, left to right): Bob Mayne (former Ohio Society State President), Charles Newberry, Nancy Millhouse, Kevin Riley (Richard Montgomery Chapter President), Mark Alex, Emily Alex; (back row) Elwin Spray, Phyllis Mayne, Bill Ellerman & Mark Conrad.

Fall Leadership Meeting Louisville, Kentucky





Around the State

SAR Honor Guard, Alexandria, Virginia

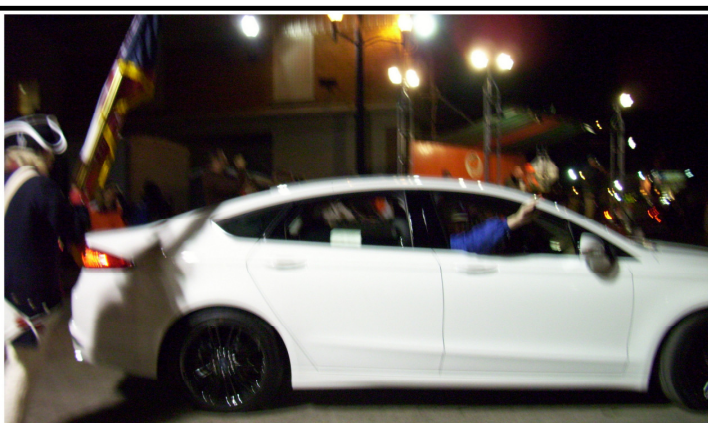
The Sons of the American Revolution posted an Honor Guard at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington on the Mount Vernon Estate on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Men volunteering from 15 states met early morning at the gate of the estate and then marched down to the 1832 brick vault which is the Washington's final resting place.

Two members stood post at the Tomb's entrance for 30 minutes and then were relieved by another two throughout the day. Thousands were in attendance on Saturday and they all heard the story about Washington's home and the Sons of the American Revolution.

The five Ohio Society members attending the vigil in 2013 pictured are (L-R) Tom Hankins, Steve Kelley, Tony Robinson, Gary Timmons, and Carl Roshong.



Annual Pumpkin Parade, Circleville, Ohio



Annually the Pumpkin Festival parade is a very special event in Circleville, Ohio. The festival and parade attracts over 100,000 people. The OHSSAR Color Guard participated during the three day event. There were eight stations during the 2 1/2 mile parade route announcing the presence of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Ohio Society President George Ruch road in the car shown above waving to the crowd.



Around the State



October 22nd, the Miller Historic Flag Collection was displayed at the Milford United Methodist Church, at the monthly meeting of the Prime Timers. Compatriot Paul Wilke described the history of each of sixty flags, ably assisted by Compatriot Jim Schaffer. At the conclusion of a spirited Q & A session, a luncheon was enjoyed by the group, including the four attending Cincinnati Chapter SAR members.

Central District Meeting - Barboursville, W. Va.

This year Central District met in Barboursville, West Virginia near Huntington. Lance Carter, this year's VPG, greeted society members from the four states and national officers from Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Washington DC, and Alabama. George Ruch, Ohio Society President presented an Ohio Society update.

Pictured are the District top officers present at the meeting: Steve Hart, 1st VP of West Virginia, Tom Geimeier, President Kentucky Society, Lance Carter 13-14 VPG, George Ruch President Ohio Society, and William Sharp, President Indiana Society.

Larry Perkins and Paul Wilke introduced the Ohio Society endorsed 2014-2015 candidate William "Tony" Robinson. The Central District membership voted their approval with Compatriot Robinson's installation to be held at the National Congress in Greenville, South Carolina in July 2014.



90th Anniversary Akron DAR and Lafayette Chapter SAR



Congratulations to the Akron DAR and Lafayette Chapter SAR. On November 9, 2013 they jointly celebrated their 90th Anniversary. 1st VP Ted Minier was present for the celebration and represented the Ohio Society.

Four New Members Installed At Northeast Ohio Chapter



Four new members were installed by Ohio Society President, George Ruch on November 9, 2013 during the Northeast Ohio Chapter Veterans Day celebration. Pictured left to right: Jim Pildner (sponsor); Tim Ward (sponsor); Scott Wludyga (new member); Mike McCleery, (new member); Ohio Society President George Ruch, Bill Auten Jr. (new member); Mike Nimocks (new member) and Troy Bailey (sponsor).

Winter Board of Management Reservation Form

Please make your reservations by January 22, 2014

Newark Metropolitan Hotel, 50 N. 2nd St., Newark, OH 43055

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Chapter _____

Individuals should make SAR reservations at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel at **(740) 322-6455**,
but send payment to OHSSAR Treasurer, J. Atlee Horner III.

Lodging (Newark Metropolitan) ____ \$85.00 per night (*includes breakfast*) \$ _____

Please reserve ____ \$30.00 Sautéed Chicken Breast \$ _____

Please reserve ____ \$30.00 Pretzel Encrusted Tilapia \$ _____

Please reserve ____ \$30.00 Breaded Eggplant (vegetarian) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to Treasurer, OHSSAR and mail to:

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Schedule of Activities

Friday, February 7, 2014

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Social time

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Executive Board Meeting at Newark Metropolitan Hotel.
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after dinner.

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Breakfast at Newark Metropolitan Hotel

9:00 - 12:00 Noon Board of Management Meeting at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel

Noon Lunch on your own.



Dates to Remember

**Feb. 7 - 8, 2014 OHSSAR Winter BOM meeting
at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel, Newark,
Ohio.**

**Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2014 NSSAR Spring Leadership
meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.**

**May 2 - 4, 2014 OHSSAR 125th Annual Conf.,
Salt Fork Conference Center, Salt Fork State
Park, Ohio.**

**July 18 - 24, 2014 124th Annual Congress,
Greenville, South Carolina.**

**Sept. 26 - 27, 2014 NSSAR Fall Leadership
meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.**

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