As I assume the responsibilities as the President of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, I want to express my appreciation to the membership for this great opportunity that has been presented to me. I assure you that I will faithfully and diligently undertake the duties of the Chief Executive Officer of our organization throughout the upcoming leadership term.

When I became a member of the SAR, I was proud of my accomplishment in locating and proving my first patriot ancestor. The fact that I was descended from a man who, through his services in the American Revolution, contributed to the establishment of the United States of America, was a major revelation. It provided me with a newfound sense of pride in my country, and in the principles for which it stands.

However, membership in the SAR carries with it much more than proven heritage. It bears a responsibility to honor and respect the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors, and to perpetuate their memory by introducing a spirit of patriotism in today’s society; thereby reminding ourselves and others of what it means to be citizens of this Great Nation.

To carry out these responsibilities, we must first examine our state and chapter activities, and ask ourselves if we are adequately promoting the mission of the SAR. We must monitor our effectiveness frequently, or risk becoming stagnant.

As we look at where we exist today as an organization, let us plan for where we want to go, as well as what we hope to accomplish along the way. The patriotic, historical, and educational objects of the SAR will serve as our guide.

Throughout the upcoming year, I will endeavor to coordinate the activities of our Society, and to channel the energy of an inspired membership who are willing and able to work in unison towards the betterment of our organization.

I want to thank President Ted M. Minier for his dedicated service over the past year. I will strive to build upon the successes achieved by Ted and those who served as President before him.

James D. Schaffer
Ohio Society
State President
2015 - 2016
126th Annual Ohio Society State Conference

The Ohio Society 126th Annual Conference was held at the Hope Hotel & Conference Center at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio from Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd.

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 and the Annual Meeting, where elections for 2015-2016 Society Leadership took place. The Ladies’ Auxiliary also held their Annual Meeting and elections. An excellent luncheon followed the meeting.

Saturday afternoon’s activities included the judging of the entries for the state’s Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, and the contestants of the Douglass G. High Oration Contest.

The Annual Awards Banquet concluded the evening, with guests of honor: NSSAR Central District Vice-President General William A. Robinson; NSSAR President General 2013-2014 Joseph W. Dooley; Ohio Society DAR Vice-Regent Nancy Schirm-Wright; Ohio Society C.A.R. President Alexis Mehl; and Ohio Society C.A.R. Senior President Brenda Cooper. PG Dooley delivered an outstanding keynote address, following which were presentations of youth program, appreciation, member recognition, and the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award.

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Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award

Compatriot Rev. James O. Fast was announced as the winner of the coveted Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate Award at the 126th 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. Rev. Fast was presented with the award by Compatriot Robert Parvin, last year’s recipient.
Ohio Society Elects Officers for 2015 - 2016

At the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society membership, elections were held for state officer positions. Elected for the 2015 - 2016 Leadership Term were:

President - James D. Schaffer
1st Vice-President - Rev. David B. Foster
2nd Vice-President - Steven E. Frash
Secretary - Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, Jr.
Treasurer - L. Stephen Hinson
Registrar - Troy C. Bailey
Historian - Dr. James D. River
Genealogist - Richard L. Fetzer
Chaplain - Rev. James O. Fast
Director at Large 15-18 - Paul M. Wilke
National Trustee - Troy C. Bailey
Alternate National Trustee - James D. Schaffer

Annual Awards Banquet

Member awards and certificates of appreciation were presented at the Annual Banquet for service and assistance during Ohio Society President Ted Minier’s leadership term 2014-2015. Recognized were:

Patriot Medal
Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, Jr.
David L. Allison
Daniel J. Haas

Silver Good Citizenship Medal
James D. Schaffer

State Medal of Distinguished Service
Steven R. Kelley

Meritorious Service Medal
Elwin L. Spray
L. Stephen Hinson
Troy C. Bailey

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Steven E. Frash
Shawn A. Cox

Silver Roger Sherman Medal
Elwin L. Spray
L. Stephen Hinson
Timothy E. Ward
C. Jean Yost
James D. Schaffer
Lance E. Beebe
Steven E. Frash
Rev. David B. Foster

NSSAR Lafayette Volunteer Medal
Michael Blum
Daniel Matheke

NSSAR CAAH Lamp Lighter Medal
Robert Aurand Cody
Lloyd Eldean Gilbert
Brent Dean Morgan
Henry Reiner Timman
Ross Allyn Matlack, Ill
Donald Charles McGraw, Jr.
Bruce Foster Roubaud
Charles Edward Vliet

Past Chapter President
Cincinnati Chapter
Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

Arthur St. Clair Chapter
David Leo Rieder

Firelands-Bicentennial Chapter
Lance E. Beebe

Camp Charlotte Chapter
Richard L. Hartinger

Ebenezer Zone Chapter
Philip Lewis

Western Reserve Society
Duncan E. McVean

Richard Montgomery Chapter
Kevin M. Riley

Hocking Valley Chapter
Carl Roshong

Marietta Chapter
C. Jean Yost

Distinguished Service Certificate
Troy C. Bailey
Richard L. Carr, Jr., Esq.
Rev. James O. Fast
Richard L. Hartinger
William A. Robinson

Certificate of Appreciation
John Franklin
Betty Franklin
William Huber
Larry R. Perkins
Sheila Perkins
Vickie Robinson
George R. Ruch
Paul M. Wilke
Valerie Wilke
Timothy E. Ward
Terry A. Whetstone
Nancy Schirm-Wright
Laurie Chase

Bronze C.A.R.-SAR
Medal of Appreciation
Anastasia Demor

SAR-C.A.R. Silver
Medal of Appreciation
Brenda Cooper (Oak Cluster)

Daughters of Liberty Medal
Barbara Griffith
(Awarded at DAR State Conference)
Ohio Society Adds State Contests

As part of its initiative to reinforce the Ohio Society's historic, patriotic, and educational programs, the Board of Management approved two programs which are in-line with those endorsed by the National Society.

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest is now accepting competitors from chapters. The winner of this contest will represent a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current curriculum requirements. The contest will be coordinated by a committee chaired by Com-patriot Tim Ward.

The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest is directed at students in the 6th through 9th grades; aiming to stimulate interest in American History. Students will create a brochure depicting a theme chosen by the National Society. The contest will be steered by a committee chaired by Com-patriot Dr. Charles Finley.

By offering more programs and contests, the Ohio Society will better support our objects, and will engage our communities in the spirit of patriotism.

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 for-

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Goals Set 2015-2016

It has been the past practice of the incoming president to prepare a strategy for the ensuing leadership term. A review of the organizational structure and operations is the first step in preparing a strategic plan of action.

For the betterment of our organization, five goals will be pursued as part of this strategy. These are:

1. To increase member participation in state and chapter activities and governance.
2. To recruit new members and encourage membership renewals.
3. To strengthen the operations and foundation of our organization.
4. To secure adequate funding to support our operations and mission.
5. To reinforce our patriotic, historical, and educational programs.

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.

As reviews, revisions, and adjustments will be necessary throughout the year in order to adapt to attained results or setbacks, the plan will be used as a working document by the Executive Committee.

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.

Ladies’ Auxiliary News

At its annual meeting at the 126th OHSSAR Conference in Dayton, Ohio, the Ladies’ Auxiliary elected officers for 2015-2016. Sharon (Mrs. James) Schaffer was elected President; Cindy (Mrs. James) Fast was elected Vice-President; Shelia D. (Mrs. Larry) Perkins was elected Secretary; Betty (Mrs. John H.) Franklin was elected Treasurer & Membership; and Jan (Mrs. Terry) Whetstone was elected Chaplain.

The Ohio Society Ladies’ Auxiliary is patterned after the original chapter in California. In 1989, OHSSAR President Jay W. Collins attended the SAR National Congress in California, and returned with the concept for a similar organization in Ohio.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary sponsors meetings and events for the women who attend the Ohio Society meetings. Their prime objective is to support the SAR through fundraisers and donations.

At the Summer 2015 OHSSAR Board Meeting in Zoar, Ohio, the ladies will meet on Friday evening, July 24th, at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in Zoar for a dinner buffet with the men
Welcome New Members

**Benjamin Franklin Chapter**
Richard Craig Buell  
Evan Montana Buell  

**Centennial Chapter**
Charles P. Hensley  
Scott W. Hensley  
Tammy R. Hensley  
Joshua C. Hart  
Bentley A. Zinselmeyer  
Aaron William Fast  
Paul William Fast  

**Cincinnati Chapter**
Denver E. Hubbard  
Thomas B. Stewart  
Darrell G. Sergent  
Robert Jeffrey Finke  
James Andrew Finke  
Ethan Matthew Finke  
Timothy Wayne Rieger  
Wayne Edward Rieger  
Douglas Aden Young  
Douglas Chadwick Young  
Chad Russell Kohler  
Timothy Lamont Polleys  
Stephen Lamont Polleys  
Robert Woodburn Polleys  

**Firelands Bicentennial Chapter**
Charles Lee Worcester  
Michael Lee Worcester  
James Jeffery Worcester  
Michael Wayne Worcester  

**Hocking Valley Chapter**
Matthew M. Miller  

**Lafayette Chapter**
Richard H. Warner  
Darr Thomas Whitcomb  

**Northeastern Ohio Chapter**
Gary Alan Andrews  

**Richard Montgomery Chapter**
Ronald H. Cash  
Thomas Samuel Hill  

**Western Reserve Society**
Edward Lewis Wilkinson, Jr.  
Patrick James Mitchell  
Thomas Edward Garvey  
Matthew James Garvey  
Alexander James McCrea  
Robert Todd Evans  
Peter Alexander Evans  
Thomas Andrew Evans  
Jonathan Charles Evans  
Jason Thadd Dickinson  
Keegan Evan Polatz  
Oliver Turner Polatz

New Chapter News

In sync with our stated goals for 2015-2016, an initiative is underway in Brown, Highland, and Adams Counties to charter a new SAR chapter, with Compatriot Ian Cunningham of the Cincinnati Chapter taking the lead. Presence at community events, media attention, and coordination with four DAR chapters in the three county area have assisted in his recruiting efforts. In addition, Cincinnati Chapter Registrar Franz Ott is helping the effort by processing new membership applications until the new chapter is chartered. For information on this particular chapter formation, contact Compatriot Cunningham at ian_cunningham@frontier.com.

Forming new chapters not only increases membership potential, but also encourages member participation in state and chapter activities. Further, it brings our patriotic, historical, and educational programs to new communities. All three should be considered an on-going initiative for our organization.

The chartering process is delegated by the National Society to the individual states. Under Ohio Society Regulations, whenever ten or more eligible new member candidates and members of this Society make application in writing to the Secretary for a warrant to organize a local chapter, the President and Secretary, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may issue a warrant authorizing the formation the chapter. However, it is necessary to thereafter maintain a membership of at least five, in addition to some other requirements, in order to keep the charter active.

The NSSAR has published an excellent guidebook on this topic, titled *Creating New SAR Chapters Guide*, a copy of which can be obtained from the Chairman of the OHSSAR Membership Committee, Compatriot James D. Schaffer. Information is also available in the *NSSAR Official Handbook Volume II*, which can found on the NSSAR website at www.sar.org.

An excellent resource for starting a new chapter is your OHSSAR District Chairman.

Committee Corner

At the helm of most of the Ohio Society’s operations, programs, contests, and events are the committees. The chairmen and member compatriots of these committees serve diligently throughout the year in furtherance of our patriotic, historical, and educational objects, and strive to ensure efficient and effective operations.

Each incoming president appoints the committee membership, district chairmen, and operational positions, subject to approval by the Board of Management at the Spring Meeting.

For 2015-2016, thirty-eight program, operation, and event committees were approved, with nearly forty compatriots serving as either chairmen, co-chairmen, vice-chairmen, or members. In addition, six district chairmen were appointed, and two non-elected officers were approved.

For a full listing of compatriots serving in these positions, including contact information, visit the OHSSAR website at www.ohssar.org.

In Memoriam

**Benjamin Franklin Chapter**
Dana G. Rinehart  
February 15, 2015  

**George Rogers Clark Chapter**
Lorin Morgan Wear, Jr.  
January 1, 2015  

**Marietta Chapter**
Kenneth Walter Riley  
January 13, 2015  

**Northeastern Ohio Chapter**
William Robert Leonard  
March 10, 2015  

**Western Reserve Society**
William Stanton Foulks, Jr.  
March 7, 2015  
Hudson DeMott Fowler, Jr.  
April 29, 2015
DAR & C.A.R. News

The Ohio Society has two new co-chairmen of the DAR-C.A.R. Liaison Committee. Compatriot Paul M. Wilke will coordinate inter-organization activities in the south half of the state, and Compatriot Dan Matheke will handle the north. Both chairmen have strong associations with the DAR and C.A.R., and will place emphasis on local chapters within them, as well as increase SAR recruitment efforts.

SAR chapter registrars are encouraged to submit DAR Finder forms with new member applications whenever the applicant is referred by a DAR member. The DAR state society with the most referrals to SAR receives a monetary award at year’s end. In addition, SAR has several individual medals available for presentation to DAR and C.A.R. members, such as the SAR Medal of Appreciation; the Martha Washington Medal; and the C.A.R. - SAR Medal of Appreciation.

The DAR and C.A.R., being heredity societies, have great potential for new SAR membership.

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 24th & 25th, 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. However, we have outgrown the small meeting facilities at the hotel, and have reserved meeting rooms 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.

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 Historian General Bob Bowen of the Virginia Society. 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.

Anyone who intends to present a wreath is requested to notify Don McGraw at donald.cmcmgraw@gmail.com. Color guardsmen need to contact OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Tony Robinson at wrobinson3@columbus.rr.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)

Awarded to NSSAR for approval.

1. Chapter must receive at least one Color Guard participation sheet to the OHSSAR President by January 15th.

2. Chapter must submit a community event as listed in item 9.

3.Chapter must have at least one liaison with the DAR and the CAR.

4. Chapter must present at least one Color Guard member participate in a community event as listed in item 9.

5. Chapter must present 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 email. Chapter must present photos, newspaper articles, or other documentation to OHSSAR Historian regarding chapter activities.

6. Chapter must submit an Americanism Scoring sheet to the OHSSAR President by January 15th.

7. Chapter must present at least one contestant for any of the SAR Youth Contests.

8. Chapter must hold at least one Color Guard meeting 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 email. Chapter must present photos, newspaper articles, or other documentation to OHSSAR Historian regarding chapter activities.

9. Chapter must participate in at least one community event (i.e. Parade, Grave Marking, etc.)

10. Chapter must have at least one liaison with the DAR and the CAR.

11. 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 2015 calendar year, it is not too late to earn this award. The deadline for applying is April 15th of 2016.

Ladies’ Auxiliary (From Pg. 4)

at 6:00PM, followed by an informal meeting at 7:00PM to craft cards for the military. The Zoar Community Association has also made historic village tours available at 1/2 price to attending SAR members. Go to the Zoar Store & Visitors Center and mention you are with the Ohio Society SAR for the discount.

Ladies interested in membership need to be related to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution. They welcome wives, mothers, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces, aunts and adopted daughters. Contact Betty Franklin at (216) 319-0997 or by email at bjhfwmwm5@aol.com.

State Conference (From Pg. 2)

The conclusion of the Conference on Sunday morning began with the annual Memorial Service conducted by Ohio Society Chaplain, Rev. James O. Fast. Thirty-four 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 PG Dooley.
OHIO SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
Summer Board of Management Meeting and Fort Laurens Memorial Service  
July 24th - 25th, 2015

VENUES

Firehouse Grille & Pub  
162 Main Street  
Zoar, OH 44697  
(330) 874-2726  
40° 36’ 42.32” N

Sleep Inn Hotel  
11155 SR 212 N.E.  
Bolivar, OH 44612  
(330) 874-3435  
40° 38’ 30.36” N

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

ACTIVITIES

Friday July 24th  
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 25th  
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 meetings will be held at the Firehouse Grille & Pub in Zoar, Ohio, a distance of 2.6 miles from the hotel. Please adjust your plans accordingly.

Sleep Inn Bolivar  
Rooms at the Sleep Inn are available at a cost of $103.00. 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 Sons of the American Revolution. A block of rooms has been reserved until July 10th, so call before then to get this rate.

OHIO SOCIETY SAR SUMMER MEETING REGISTRATION

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________  
Society/Chapter_______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone (Optional): ______________________ Email (Optional): _________________________________

SELECTIONS

Firehouse Grille Buffet Dinner  
Persons ____ @ $20.50 $________

Firehouse Grille Lunch  
Persons ____ @ $12.00 $________

Sleep Inn  
Rooms ____ @ $103.00 $________

Meals & Hotel Total: $________

PAYMENT

Make check payable to Treasurer, OHSSAR and mail to:  
Mr. L. Stephen Hinson  
5863 Beech Street  
Andover, OH 44003  
Registration Deadline Friday, July 10, 2015
Dates to Remember

June 26 - July 1, 2015: 125th NSSAR Congress, Louisville, KY
July 24 - 25, 2015: OHSSAR Summer Meeting, Zoar, OH
July 25, 2015: Fort Laurens Memorial Service, Bolivar, OH
September 25 - 26, 2015: NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
October 2 - 3, 2015: OHSSAR Fall Meeting, Gallipolis, OH
October 23 - 24, 2015: NSSAR Central District Meeting, Madison, IN
December 7, 2015: Wreaths Across America at the Statehouse, Columbus, OH
December 12, 2015: Wreaths Across America Ceremonies, Statewide
February 5 - 6, 2016: OHSSAR Winter Meeting, Findlay, OH
April 29 - May 1, 2016: OHSSAR 127th Annual Conference, Blue Ash, 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
www.facebook.com/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/

CENTRAL DISTRICT
www.cdsar.org

OHIO SOCIETY
www.ohssar.org
www.ohssardispatch.wordpress.com
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