



Summer 2024 Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was honored to be sworn in as the President of the Ohio SAR. Below is a condensed version of my acceptance speech, including themes and goals.



The Ohio SAR leadership has been outstanding in recent years. We owe a tremendous amount of thanks to our past presidents. With your help, we can keep this progress going.

As an organization we need two things. Growth in membership and, perhaps more importantly, growth in member engagement. Member engagement can be newer members taking an active role in the leadership of their chapter. It can be more members participating in existing service activities. It can be expanding the chapter's service by adding another service program.

That brings me to my theme for the upcoming year. As most of you know, I recently retired after 40 years of being a retail pharmacist. Therefore, my theme is this: "The prescription for success is to add an activity." I am asking all chapters to add at least one new service activity. In my experience, members want to be involved. The more activities you have, the more enthusiasm is generated. Add an activity, and more members will become involved. With excitement and fun, tremendous growth is possible.

The Ohio Society exists to help the chapters in those efforts. We need somewhat better communication, mostly from the chapters up to the state. What resources can the state provide? What help do the chapters need? Tell us!

We are already addressing a few things some of you have asked for. We will distribute more officer training material, and more help in promoting our school contests, including the new video contest. We are also bringing back the long-range planning committee. We are revamping the board of management meetings to expand chapter feedback. Come check it out.

I will close by saying the future looks bright. By all of us working together, our organization can continue to prosper. Again, thank you for your trust. Together, let's have a great year ahead.



**Prescription for Success: Add an Activity**



## WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

### Western Reserve Chapter

Zenko, Gregory Richard  
Zenko, Matthew Richard

### Cincinnati

Gunn, Alexander Patrick  
Gunn, Ian Connor  
Gunn, Lucas Alexander  
Gunn, Patrick Michael  
Gunn, Trevor James  
Hatton, Macsen John  
Hatton, Cayden Anthony  
Hatton, Macsen John  
Hatton, Michael Casey  
Knab, Jared Paul  
McGeehan, Vincent John  
Reagan, Patrick Spencer  
Saylor, Ethan John  
Wolken, Charles Albert  
Wolken, Henry Lee

### Benjamin Franklin

Noble, Mark Michael  
Pool-Robinson, Scott Ryan  
Reeser, Alexander Battacharjee  
Reeser, Jonathan Charles  
Reeser, Michael Bhattacharjee

### Richard Montgomery

Keller, Kevin D

### John Stark

Altomare, Richard Lee JR  
Oberschlake, Timothy Allan  
Ogden, Edward Ernest

### Northeastern Ohio

Rhodes, Gary Lee

### Arthur St Clair

Pfeifer, Jacob Paul

## .....REINSTATEMENTS.....

### Cincinnati

Strickler, Thomas Clark

### Benjamin Franklin

Schweitzer, Matthew Stephen

### Lafayette

Hahn, Robert Leon  
Spiker, Eugene John Jr.

### Northeastern Ohio

Harper, Darryl Scott  
Thomas, James Oliver

### Firelands Bicentennial

Schwab, William Lawrence

### John Hancock

Evans, William Leland

## .....IN MEMORIAM.....

### Western Reserve

Denham, James Quinton  
Durfee, Dick Wilcox  
Johnson, Philip A.  
McGill, Gerald Lee

### Cincinnati

Nagel, Raymond Charles  
Smith, Eric Howard

## 2024/2025 Ohio Society Officers

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## AROUND THE STATE

Annual Meeting  
May 3-5, 2024 in Granville, Ohio



George Washington addresses the assembly.



Jakin Bass, sponsored by the Hocking Valley Chapter took first place in the state's oration contest.



Ohio essay winner Aubree Neuhaus sponsored by Western Reserve



Don Miller accepts a Von Steuben Award from President General Dodd.



"Heritage Fife and Drum" entertains at the awards banquet



Jesse Wayne Andrews was awarded the Samuel Hubbard Scott Laureate. Fellow Laureates McGraw, Wilkerson, and Schaffer presented Andrews with the award.



2024-2025 SAR State Officers sworn in by PG Dodd.



## Grave Markings



Patriot William DeCoursey grave marking in Eaton, Ohio on May 11, 2024.  
Jointly sponsored by the Richard Montgomery Chapter (Ohio) and the Simon Kenton Chapter (Kentucky).



Patriot Jacob Nagle Historical Marker Dedication held in Canton, Ohio on May 18, 2024  
After the Revolutionary War, Nagle joined the First Fleet that settled Australia. The Fellowship of First Fleeters is attempting to mark the graves of all First Fleeters. This was the first one in North America. They had representatives from Australia, England, and Canada present. In addition to the Fellowship, this event was sponsored by John Stark and Mahoning Valley Chapters SAR, as well as DAR chapters: Canton, Jane Vain, Massillon, and Great Trail.



Memorial Service for all Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory  
Marietta, Ohio – May 23, 2024





George Rogers Clark Memorial – Vincennes, Indiana – May 25, 2024



Grave Marking performed by the Northeastern Ohio SAR Chapter in Conneaut on May 26



WW2 MIA 2nd Lt. James H. Marrah reinterment services in London, Ohio – May 25, 2024



Honor Flight – Dayton, Ohio – June 1, 2024



Dayton, Ohio



A few of our Memorial Day parade units  
Buckland, Ohio



Granville, Ohio





Arthur St Clair Chapter's grave marking ceremony on June 15, 2024

## Future Bulletins

The Ohio Country Bulletins are scheduled to be published 30 days prior to each Ohio Society Board of Management meeting. **All articles and chapter activity photos should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the publication date.** The schedule for the remaining year is as follows:

### Publication Date

September 23, 2024

January 5, 2025

March 29, 2025

### Board of Management

October 26, 2024

February 8, 2025

May 2-4, 2025

Submit all articles and photos to Steve Kaplan at [skpk1984@aol.com](mailto:skpk1984@aol.com)



## The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution



### Summer Board of Management Meeting Fort Laurens Memorial Service July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - 2024

Come to our annual celebration of the only Revolutionary Fort built in Ohio. We will be holding a Memorial Service for the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War soldier. Join us for our Board of Management or Ladies Auxiliary meeting. Everyone welcome.

#### Venues

Fort Laurens Historical Site	Wilkshire Event Center	Sleep Inn
11067 Fort Laurens Rd. NW Bolivar, OH 44612	474 Jeanne Anne Lane Bolivar, OH 44612	11155 OH-212 E. Bolivar, OH 44612

#### Itinerary for Friday July 26

8:15 am Muster	Guard Duty - Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier - 9am to 3pm	Fort Laurens Historical Site
5:00 pm	Doors open / Social time	Wilkshire Event Center
6:00 pm	Dinner served	Wilkshire Event Center
7:00 pm	Program – Todd Knisley presents colonial and frontier glassware	Wilkshire Event Center

#### Itinerary for Saturday July 27

9:00 am	Board of Management Meeting	Wilkshire Event Center
9:00 am	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Wilkshire Event Center
10:30 am	Muster for color guard and musket squad	Fort Laurens Historical Site
11:00 am	Fort Laurens Memorial Service	Fort Laurens Historical Site
12:30 pm	Doors open / Social time	Wilkshire Event Center
1:00 pm	Lunch served	Wilkshire Event Center
2:00 pm	Awards ceremony	Wilkshire Event Center

#### Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sleep Inn in Bolivar until July 14<sup>th</sup>. Make reservations by calling the hotel at (330) 874-3435. Ask for the Ohio Society SAR rate. However, make payment to the Ohio Society Treasurer to avoid unnecessary taxes.

#### Meal Information – advanced registration required.

Friday's dinner will be a buffet of chicken picatta, salmon, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, garden salad, pie, and beverage for \$29 per person.

Saturday's lunch will be a buffet of assorted wraps and croissants, vegetable beef soup, pasta salad, cake, and beverage for \$18 per person.



**The Ohio Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**



**Summer Board of Management Meeting  
Fort Laurens Memorial Service  
July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - 2024**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday accommodations at Sleep Inn

You must call (330) 874-3435 to make your reservation:

Two double beds    # rooms \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$139 = \_\_\_\_\_

One king bed        # rooms \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$124 = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday dinners at Wilkshire Event Center # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunches at Wilkshire Event Center # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due to OHSSAR: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to OHSSAR and include with this form.

Mail no later than July 14<sup>th</sup> to:

OHSSAR Treasurer Michael J. Blum  
2999 Acer Court  
Hamilton, Ohio 45013-9551

Presenting a wreath at the Memorial Service:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guard Duty at Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Bob Hill in advance for assignments: [leeslegiondragoon@gmail.com](mailto:leeslegiondragoon@gmail.com)

Muster at 8:15 AM. Tomb Guard will begin around 9:00 AM and last until 3:00 PM with each round of guard duty lasting about 15 minutes each. Participants may guard more than once. Continental or militia uniform is fine. Bring white gloves for duty. Wear no extra equipment like a cartridge box, haversack, or canteen. Bayonet and Musket will be provided for guard duty. Water will be provided. Bring your own snacks and seating.



# Wayne Veterans Memorial News

As to the dedication weekend, please go to the Ohio SAR Web Page and find all of the materials you will need for housing, programs and costs for program events. The weekend of Friday, August 23 and Saturday August 24, 2024 will see us dedicate and bring to a successful conclusion the presenting of the Monument to Defiance, NW Ohio, and the people of the nation.

Friday, August 23 will see the Ladies Auxiliary and local DAR helping us decorate the VFW Hall for the Saturday luncheon program. beginning at 8 am sharp. The first event being the Speakers Symposium will begin at 1 pm at the Performing Arts Center of the Northeastern Local Schools located at 5855 Domersville Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512. The event will have an afternoon session to conclude at 5 pm. Break for dinner and doors will reopen at 6:30 pm for the evening program featuring Dr. Mary Stockwell. Dr. Stockwell will also have a Greet and Meet in the lobby beginning at 1 pm until 5 pm.

Saturday morning will be an early start as we muster at 8 am at the corner of Fort Street and N. Clinton Street. Period music will be provided by Scott Giltner from 8 until 8:50 am. Then he will join the flag procession headed by Color Guard Commander Robert Hill. We will step off at around 9 am. We will then run through our dedication program and hope to complete it all by 11 am.

Pictures immediately thereafter and off to the luncheon for those who have purchased their tickets and wish to attend. Featured speaker will again be Dr. Mary Stockwell on Ohio Indian Removal. Tickets and wreath registration information are contained with the invitation sent out to all of the chapters by internal email distribution to chapter secretaries and presidents c/o Don McGraw. You can also find the info on the State web page. I have asked Lance Beebe to post IMMEDIATELY! Remember only 250 tickets are available and they will be promoted to the general public beginning July 1, 2024.

Also, we have sent out our pre-order form for the Wayne memorial Commemorative challenge coin. Should be in our hands by Fort Laurens celebration weekend. Only 400 coins are available and will be \$25 plus \$5 S/H if ordered through email/mail format. I will have them with me at Fort Laurens for those who want to get this special remembrance coin. Lee did a great job in laying out the coin and the company creating the finished product is outstanding in their quality.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please email me or call me at 419-212-2224. The PR Announcement does have hotel information for your convenience. Watch the deadline dates please!

To all who have had a part in making this come to fruition, I and my local committee can only say, THANK YOU. And, to Lee, John B., and Don M., your direct support in administrative, marketing and fundraising support have been most beneficial to us all.

We are about to cross the finish line and leave a magnificent testament of our history and purpose as members of the Northwest Territory Chapter, The Ohio Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

My very best regards,

David L. Lupien



# Anthony Wayne Veterans Memorial Dedication

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye....!

### THE ANTHONY WAYNE VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT 8:00 AM

... AT THE CORNER OF CLINTON STREET AND FORT STREET IN DEFIANCE, OHIO

Procession of Colors by Honor Guard will be at 9:10 AM to the corner of Fort Street and Wayne Avenue

This service is the presentation of the Major General Anthony Wayne Monument to the Community, County, State and Nation.

*This program is open to the public*

*Bring your own seating for the event*

**F**ollowing the Dedication Service please join us for a Reception at the Defiance VFW Post 3360 on the corner of First Street and North Clinton Street beginning at 11:30 AM.

Your reservations can be made for tickets at \$30 per person to:

**Compatriot Rodney France**

221 Lakeview Drive

Bryan, OH 43506.

Phone—419-636-6730

email — rcf69xke@gmail.com

Check should be made out to:

**Northwest Territory Chapter, SAR.**

Reservation deadline is:

**Monday, August 19, 2024.**

The banquet Hall is in the basement. If stairs are a problem, there is elevator access on the south side off of Court Street.

Main entrance of VFW, go south towards courthouse, the first street is Court Street on your left.

sent your respects and salute to the patriots. You will then simply check-in on Saturday morning by 8:30 AM so we know you are in attendance and set your wreath by the memorial. Contact:

**Compatriot Kurt Dahlberg**

Phone—419-270-1511

Email—dahlbergkurt@gmail.com

Deadline to register a wreath is:

**Monday, August 19, 2024.**

## Speakers Symposium

Friday, August 23, a Speakers Symposium is scheduled at the Performing Arts Center on the property of:

**The Northeastern Local Schools**

5855 Domersville Road,

Defiance, Ohio

43512.

Doors will open Noon and Program starts at 1:00 PM and runs throughout the afternoon until 5:00 PM.

## Symposium Program

1:00 PM Anthony Wayne presented by David Rousculp

2:00 PM Donald C. McGraw—History of US Flags

3:00 PM Richard Hartinger—Camp Charlotte Accords, Lord Dunmore's War-1774

4:00 PM Rachel Walker portrays Mary Penrose Wayne

5:00 PM **Break for Dinner**

**Evening Session**

7:30 PM Keynote Speaker,

Dr. Mary Stockwell—

Unlikely General: Anthony

Wayne

8:30 PM Q & A Session

9:00 PM Announcements & Adjournment

Dr. Stockwell will conduct a Meet & Greet in the PAC Lobby between 12:00 & 5:00 PM



**Major General Anthony Wayne  
Commemorative Coin  
Order today!**



Name				Phone #	
Street Address				Email Address	
City			State	Zip	
Number of Coins	Price per Coin	Shipping	Total Amount Due	Checks Payable To	NWT Chapter, Ohio Society, SAR
				Memo	Wayne Coin
_____ X <u>\$25.00 each</u> + <u>\$5.00 each</u> = \$ _____			Ordering Address	David Lupien 428 North Myers Street Bryan, OH 43506-1337	

**Support Ohio's 2028 Congress Planning  
Raffle tickets on sale**

**2028 NATIONAL SAR CONGRESS FUND  
OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION**



**The Boston Tea Party SAR Commemorative  
.22 Cal Henry Rifle**



Tickets are \$10.00 Donation ~ only 1500 tickets available  
 Winners responsible for all costs associated in claiming their prize  
**DRAWING AT THE FALL 2024 OHIO SOCIETY BOM  
MEETING**

Thank You For Your Support ~ You Need Not Be Present To Win!



# LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE

Historical



Educational



Patriotic



Greetings Compatriots!

The 2024-2025 officers of the Ladies Auxiliary were installed by President General Dodd at the OHSSAR Annual Meeting held in Granville. They are, President Patty Kaplan, Vice President Sandy Tyler, Secretary Laurie Bredenfoerder, Treasurer Venie Hinson, Membership Kathleen Lauri-Lewis, and Chaplain Carole Gunn. We look forward to an exciting and busy year.

I would like to thank Past President Don Miller and his wife, Anita, for all the help they gave our Auxiliary during his term. Don was most gracious and accommodating as we planned our meetings to coincide with his Board of Management Meetings (BOM). Anita promoted our Spirit of 1776 Quilt raffle as she accompanied Don to his many chapter visits and events. She did a fantastic job selling tickets! I thank them both for helping us make the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year a success.

For those who might not know, our State Chaplain, Father Michael Nimocks, won the Spirit of 1776 Quilt at the drawing held at the Annual Meeting. Congratulations Father Mike! I had a chance to speak with him at the Marietta Chapter's luncheon following their Memorial Day Service. He was quite happy to have won the quilt and is really enjoying it! Most of the proceeds for the yearlong raffle were awarded at the Annual Meeting to the winners of the OHSSAR Youth Contests. It is a joy to join OHSSAR in rewarding the Youth Contest winners.

This year's heirloom-quality king-size quilt was made by our own Venie Hinson and hand quilted by Alma Troyer. It has been named Liberty Trails and tickets are \$5.00 each. They will be for sale at all BOM meetings and at visits made around the State by President Steve and myself! You may also contact me at [pattyk7345@gmail.com](mailto:pattyk7345@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.

As always, the ladies of our Auxiliary enjoy attending events and supporting OHSSAR!

*Patty Kaplan*



Ladies Auxiliary with SAR  
at First Fleeter Ceremony



Nimocks wins 2023-24 quilt



Kaplan presents greetings



Ladies with SAR at Honor Flight



Wreath laying in Chillicothe



2024-25 Quilt Raffle





## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Ways to Stay Informed

National Society  
[www.SAR.org](http://www.SAR.org)

Central District  
[www.cd.sar.org](http://www.cd.sar.org)

Ohio Society  
[www.ohssar.org](http://www.ohssar.org)

July 10-17, 2024	National Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 18, 2024	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves (Virginia)
July 26-27, 2024	Ohio Society Summer Meeting and Fort Laurens Memorial in Bolivar, Ohio
August 17, 2024	Battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky
August 17, 2024	Patriot Daniel Shuster Grave Marking in Mineral City, Ohio
August 23-24, 2024	Wayne Veteran Memorial Dedication in Defiance, Ohio
October 3-5, 2024	Fall Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky
October 10, 2024	Battle of Point Pleasant, West Virginia
October 12, 2024	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camp Charlotte Treaty
October 14, 2024	Siege of Yorktown
October 19, 2024	Central District Meeting (location TBD)
October 25-26, 2024	Ohio Society Fall Meeting at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio
December 14, 2024	Wreaths Across America
February 8, 2025	Ohio Society Winter Meeting at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio
February 27-March 1	Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky
May 2-4, 2025	Ohio Society Spring Meeting and 126 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Austin Landing (Dayton, Ohio)

### Who is your District Chairman?

Northwest District	North Central District	Northeast District
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