





Compatriots of the OHSSAR,

I hope that you and your family have had a great and safe summer. As we wind down our summer activities, I want to thank all of the chapters that has organized and participated in events through the State.

I want to thank all members that attended and made the summer EXCOM, BOM meetings and the Fort Laurens Memorial Service a success.

The EXCOM approved my proposal to redistrict the OHS districts. This change will only affect a few chapters and all chapters affected have been notified.

As we enter our fall quarter it will soon be time for the chapters to start the call for the 2024 SAR dues collection. With the increase in National dues I hope this is not a factor for you not to renew your SAR membership. I want you to know that the OHSSAR delegation did express the Societies



DON MILLER, PRESIDENT OHIO SOCIETY SAR

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"nay" to this increase. Please do your diligence to make sure that all OHSSAR members contact information is correct and any changes make sure to notify Troy Bailey.

With the start of the 2023-2024 school year it is time for the chapters "Youth Education" outreach chairman to start contacting their local schools. Also remember that it is mandated by the NSSAR for all members that are in contact with youth are to have taken the Youth training course.

The fall BOM meeting will again be held in Bellville, Ohio at the Deer Ridge Golf Club. This is a great opportunity for the Chapters Presidents and Secretary's to get firsthand knowledge of what is happening at the State level to take back to their Chapters members. The RSVP is attached in this edition.

"Ask not what the SAR can do for you, but what you can do for the SAR".

In Patriotism

Donald & Miller

~ Ohio Society SAR ~

Fall 2023 Board of Management Meeting Saturday, October 14, 2023

~ Registration Deadline: October 1, 2023 ~

All meetings for Saturday will be held in the

Dear Ridge Golf Club Saturday, October 14th

900 Comfort Plaza Drive Bellville, Ohio 44813 LUNCH— 11:30 AM BOM — 12:30 PM





11:30AM Lunch—\$23.00 Roasted Turkey & Bacon Wrap (cold) or Smoked Ham & Swiss Croissant (hot) Fruit Salad, Home Made Chips Tea, Coffee, Lemonade, Water

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CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE 9:00am on Saturday, October 21, 2023

TERRACE PARK COUNTRY CLUB 5341 S, MILFORD RD, MILFORD, OH 45150

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS HOMEWOOD SUITES

CINCINNATI/MILFORD 600 CHAMBER DR., MILFORD, OH 45150

HOTEL RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

ROOM RATES: 1) King Studio Suite \$143.17 (tax incl) 2) One Bedroom King Suite \$153.47 (tax incl) Rooms will be charged to your credit card. (not being collected by Central District)

TWO OPTIONS FOR BOOKING:

LINK: https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CVGMLHW&groupCode=CHWSAR&arrivaldate=2023-

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BOOK BY PHONE: Hotel Direct (513) 248-4663. request "SAR" or "Sons of American Revolution Group Block".

FRIDAY EVENING 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM MEET AND GREET IN HOTEL LOBBY

Wine/Beer/Wine Cooler/Water - Hors D'oeuvres: \$10/person donation requested (in lobby)

FRIDAY EVENING - DINNER ON YOUR OWN - Restaurant selection will be provided.

BOM AT TERRACE PARK COUNTRY CLUB 5341 S. MILFORD RD, MILFORD, OH 45150

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 AM - OPENING CEREMONY (Terrace Park Country Club)

9:15 - 11:30 AM CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

9:15 - 11:30 AM LADIES PROGRAM (Tour of Promont House, 906 Main St, Milford, OH 45150) http://www.milfordhistory.net/

SATURDAY MID DAY 12:00 Noon Buffet Lunch (\$29.00)

Deli Buffet (Sandwiches, Wraps, Potato Salad, Vegetarian Soup, Soft Drinks, Tea Coffee, etc.)

MYER'S CEMETERY
6640 OH RT 48, GOSHEN; CLERMONT COUNTY. OHIO

SATURDAY AFTER-NOON

2:00PM GRAVE MARKING 45122 GPS — 39.22269, -84.18363); Color Guard Muster — 1:15 PM (see page 2)

MILLCROFT GALLERY
203 MILL STREET D, MILFORD, OH 45150.

SATURDAY EVENING DISTRICT BANQUET DINNER (Black Tie/Jacket/Period),

5:00 PM Cash Bar (Cash and/or CC) 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Speaker

Buffet \$65.00: Hors D'oeuvres, Caesar Salad, Pork Tenderloin/Filet Mignon, Mashed Potatoes/ Broccolini, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea (unsweet), Water







CENTRAL DISTRICT GRAVE MARKING

2:00PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023

Myer's Cemetery 6640 OH RT 48, Goshen CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO 45122 GPS - 39,22269, 84,18363

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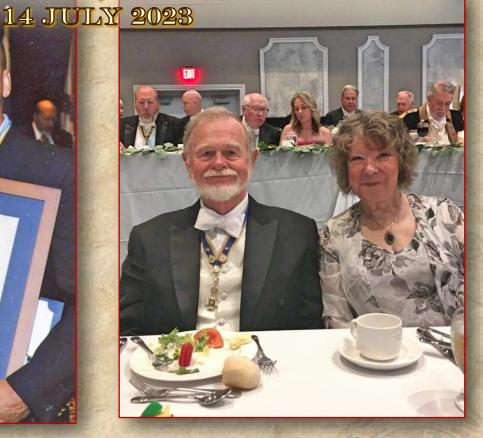
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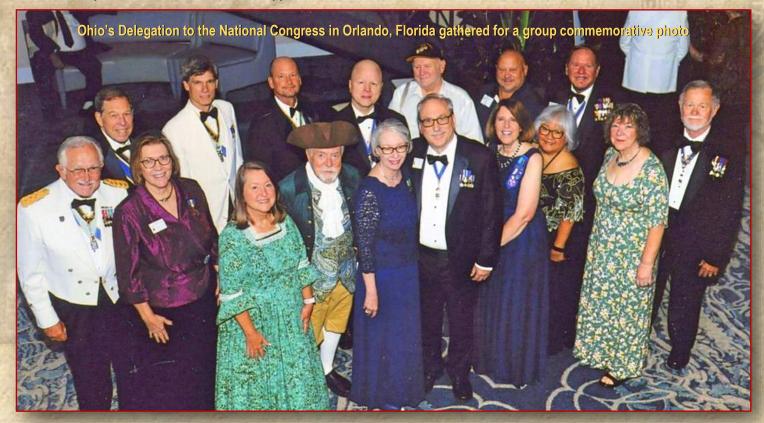
THE 132ND NATIONAL CONGRESS



President General (2022) C. Bruce Pickette awards Timothy E. Ward of the Ohio Society special recognition for completion of 1000+ new member applications



Newly Minted Vice President General L. Stephen Hinson & his bride, **Venie Hinson**



ANTHONY WAYNE MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATE

Compatriots

It has been a most interesting quarter of actions in Defiance, Ohio. There was a meeting between various parties that we were not invited to attend and decisions made that did affect us directly. Shortly after the meeting I received an email from Cara Potter, Director of the Defiance Public Library. She shared that she had been delegated to work out with us where the Wayne Veterans Memorial was to be installed. She indicated that her next board meeting was August 23 and our local committee did attend the meeting in their Hicksville Branch. I had been told that we would be added to the agenda by addendum prior to the meeting. She apparently had spoken with her board meeting, she shared a number of facts:

- 1. That the memorial would not be put into the Ft. Defiance grounds, period.
- 2. That the memorial was really too big and did not architecturally fit the library grounds,
- 3. That she was not really sure how she was going to handle this matter; because, her board was dead set against being a part of the project.

So, we left this meeting, unsure what was truly happening to say the least. But, we did know that we were not going to be on the library property or Fort Defiance grounds per my initial indication from Tony Sansalone when we had talked about this.

Now, in the meantime, Tony Sansalone (who still supports the project we were told by the Mayor) has purchased all of the homes on the original plat of Defiance (East to West) as well as the immediate home to the south on Jefferson Street across from the library. He is focusing on a plan to assist the Defiance Library with an annex building which will apparently include the Green Space, where we were originally putting the memorial with his support.

Thus, we made arrangements to meet with the Mayor to work out what is happening concerning all of these actions being taken and not being kept in the loop or part of the decision making.

We came out of the meeting with the Mayor with him preparing to make quiet contacts with members of the City Council to get their feelings on how they or what they would accept concerning our project. We also came up with three potential city sites that now may be in consideration for the memorials placement.

- 1. Along Washington Street that runs along the Auglaize River West side up by the Fort.
- 2. Along Fort Street up along the Maumee River by the

Clinton Street Bridge

3. Riverside Cemetery in front of the Chapel. State Route 111 runs by this site and we would have high visibility by placing it on the Green Space in front of the Chapel. The Mayor seemed to be potentially leaning towards the Chapel.

At our Chapter meeting on September 9, we revisited all of this with the membership and we came up with one more thought we will present to the Mayor for his consideration. Lot One of the Original Plat of Defiance lies at the corner of Washington and Fort Streets. It is owned by Tony Sansalone. We are going to ask the Mayor to ask Tony if he would allow us to place our memorial on this site. It was in the 1820's, a trading post area per our understanding. It is currently private property and once we place our memorial, we would have the understanding that Tony will donate the property to the city. This takes the city out of the decision making process and we reason why they would not accept the donation. Later on then if Tony wants to add his Bronze he could with any other amenities. This would meet everyone's needs per the project.

But, if the Mayor will not move from his current position of not wanting to tear down this home, we will look at the Chapel #1, Maumee River site and then Auglaize River site.

The mayor has asked us for a couple of weeks to get his contacts made and will be back in touch. We have indicated that we would still like to keep our timetable of installing the base in May of 2024. And dedicate it in August or September of 2024. Thus, we need to have a site approved by January 2024 to get our building permit applications completed and approved to begin the actual construction in May of 2024.

This is the most recent addition to our finding a home for the Wayne Veterans Memorial. We are excited to report that Delphos Granite Works is currently preparing the sample etchings of the images onto granite for our approval. And our final raffle of the 1768 Charleville Musket is moving forward with sales lasting up through the Central District Meeting in Milford, Ohio on Saturday, October 21. Our drawing will take place after the Saturday evening dinner and program. I thank VPG Hinson for his support and assistance on this initiative.

I will be at the Fall BOM so if any one has concerns or questions, please bring them so we can address them. Thanks to all for your support. Once we get this done, we can all be very proud of the effort.

Respectfully submitted,

2nd Vice President David L. Lupien

ANTHONY WAYNE MEMORIAL IN THE NEWS

The Crescent News

Saturday August 26, 2023

Gen. Anthony Wayne still generating controversy and support

By TODD HELBERG

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The controversy over place names involving one of Defiance's key historical figures has reached the national level.

The U.S. Forest Service issued a press release this week proposing that the Wayne National Forest in southeast Ohio - so named for U.S. General Anthony Wayne — be changed to "Buckeye National Forest."

Builder of forts at Defiance and Wayne, the general trained and led an army that subdued a Native American confederacy in 1794, thus leading to the Treaty of Greenville and limiting tribal

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land in Ohio to all but the northwest corner of the state. Some years after Ohio achieved statehood in 1803, these tribes were removed by government decree.

According to news reports, federally recognized Native American tribes with connections to those whose ancestors lived in Ohio at the time want the name change. However, not all are happy about another federal effort to change place names that some may find offensive.

The office U.S. Sen. I.D. Vance - one of Ohio's two U.S. senators issued a press release Thursday stating his opposition to the proposal. He has composed a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom noting Vilsack Wayne's heroics and requesting that federal renaming committees be dissolved.

"Wayne heroically served our nation in a

time when its continued existence was not a foregone conclusion," Vance wrote. "He fought wars and won peace for our government, the government you now serve, and hewed Ohio out of rugged wilderness and occupied enemy territory. Just as the United States would not exist without George Washington, Ohio would not exist without Anthony Wayne. Unfortunately, I am left to conclude that the USDA possesses such a low opinion of Ohioans that you believe us incapable of appreciating the complexities of American history ... I ask that you reverse this misguided decision to rename Wayne National Forest. It would greatly benefit Ohioans and all Americans if our government could be counted on to defend our Founding Fathers, instead of capitulating to politically motivated renaming efforts. Until such courage can be found, I humbly recommend that the federal government disband all renaming committees."

Wayne monument in board's approval.

Defiance continue.

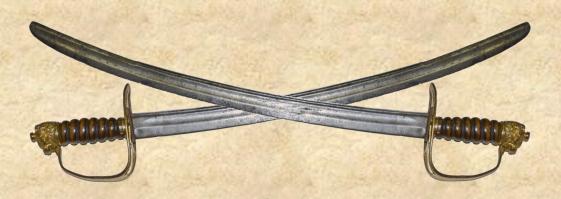
The Sons of the American Revolution have raised private funds to build the monument on donated land on the north side of Fort Street, across from Defiance Public Library. That project has not yet started because the location is not a sure thing.

According to Mayor Mike McCann, discussions are continuing about building the monument on the fortgrounds, just east of the library. This idea has wavered back and forth during the past couple years, and is still undecided.

The monument, he said, "is still a viable idea. We're just working through all the logistics, all the different options in that fortgrounds campus."

He added that "we can go ahead and build that monument, but I think in the end we'll be saying to ourselves I wish we would have thought that through a little more."

the Putting ment at the fortgrounds would have to receive the Meanwhile, plans for Defiance Public Library



Retain 'Wayne' Forest

THE BLADE EDITORIAL BOARD

Published: August 28, 2023

227 years after his death, attached to a highway, a high school, and history. The general who made the Northwest Territory safe for settlers with victory in the battle of Fallen Timbers and subsequent Treaty of Greenville is honored beyond northwest Ohio. In a callous act of historic cluelessness, the federal government threatens to sacrifice the memory of Anthony Wayne on the alter of political correctness.

Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Wayne National Forrest are named for Anthony Wayne because there was no trail when General Wayne cleared a path from the Ohio River to Lake Erie at the behest of President George Washington and the United States Congress. They were concerned that Native American tribes trained and armed by the British would overwhelm the nation's first frontier.

The fledgling territory that became the state of Ohio was besieged following the rout of U.S. forces led by General Arthur St. Clair, who was responding to invasions of pioneer settlements by Native American warriors. Between the British and the Native Americans, the future of states that became Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, America. Apparently, they also hate Ohio. Illinois, and parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota was in grave doubt.

General Anthony Wayne prevailed over Native American warriors who had inflicted a military massacre of tional Forest. General St. Clair's army. Now, those Native American tribes want the U.S. Forest Service to rename the Wayne National Forest and because of his "complicated legacy," and the feds are going along.

The Forest Service says Wayne National Forest is 'offensive because of this history of violence" and

nthony Wayne is a revered name in greater Toledo wants to rename the land as the Buckeye National For-

U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance (R., Ohio) has reacted with strong opposition that deserves broad support for the wellversed defense of Anthony Wayne's historic importance to the United States and Ohio and for the understanding that all of America's founding fathers could be affected by the precedent of name change.

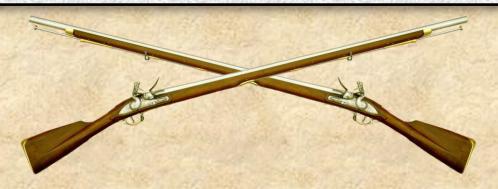
Mr. Vance is correct to fight "the federal trend that is replacing real people with abstract things and real histories with vapid anecdotes." Anthony Wayne was considered a hero of the American Revolution and was the man President Washington turned to when the new nation's continued existence was in jeopardy.

Federal attempts to erase Anthony Wayne's name as if his proud legacy is shameful is a cultural war on American history that threatens the legacy of all who created the United States.

President Biden should be embarrassed by his administration's reflexive woke knee-bending. This is why Republicans have come to believe that Democrats hate

Senator Vance deserves bipartisan support from Ohio and all of the Great Lakes states Congressional delegation for his battle to preserve the name of Wayne Na-

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D., Ohio) and U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) should condemn the U.S. Forest Service's abuse of a hero of the American Revolution.



OHIO POLITICS AND

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

Mike DeWine, is now the point person who will be dealing with the Ft. Laurens rebuild issue. She had requested any additional information and documents that she might not have.

I hand delivered, a week ago Monday, a current site map of Ft. Laurens with the outline of the forts original foot print along with a copy of the 1915 House Bill 252 authorizing the purchases of the land and rebuilding the fort and associated earthworks from the Ohio Legislature Archives. I aalso provided a copy of my notes and presentation to the Ohio 250th Celebration Commemorative Committee. I emailed her all of my documents from 1915 to current as well as important emails I know she had not seen.

Ms. Puff has committed that after her review of the documents she will schedule a meeting with Darrell Markijohn—Chairman of the Rebuild Committee and Board Member of the Zoar Community Association, Dee Grossman—Director of the Tuscarawas Business and Visitors Bureau, Marty and Marcia Zawacky — Friends of Ft. Laurens, Tom Hankins—Rebuild Committee Member and Megan Wood—Ohio 250th Celebration Commissioner & Executive Director of the Ohio History Connection.

I spoke with Ms. Puff at the August 5th Grave Marking Ceremony and expressed our frustration at getting a meeting with the Governor even after having an hour long meeting with his Counselor. That's when she (Tammy Puff) informed me that she is now the main person to deal with. She is also a member of the 250th Commemorative Committee. I believe that she will be very fair in dealing with this issue. So I remain extremely hopeful that a meeting with the Governor will occur. She is very aware we are in a tight timeline to get the fort built.

On another topic about Ft. Laurens I will be cochairing a team to transfer the remains of Ensign John Clark of the 13th Virginia Regiment whose remains are currently in the Tomb to the crypt in the museum and transferring one of the Unknown remains from the crypt to the Tomb. After our first team meeting I will update the Ohio Society as well as the National SAR 250th Celebration Committee. Information will also be sent to the National Semiquincentennial Committee.

Thomas Hankins C.C.P. Emeritus
Ft. Laurens Rebuild Committee Member
Ohio 250th Celebration Commissioner
Hocking Valley Chapter SAR



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

A FINAL HOMECOMING...





FLIGHT OFFICER CHESTER L. RINKE

KILLED IN ACTION – 26 JUNE 1944 – SAPEKHATI, INDIA 678TH BOMB SQDN, 444TH BOMB GRP (VH), 58TH BOMB WING, 20TH BOMB CMD UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Air Forces Flight Officer Chester L. Rinke, 33, of Marquette, Michigan, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 5, 2023.

In the summer of 1944, Rinke was assigned to the 678th Bombardment Squadron, 444th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy), 58th Bombardment Wing, Twentieth Bomber Command. On June 26, Rinke while serving as the flight officer on the B-29 Superfortress crashed into a rice paddy in the village of Sapekhati, India after a bombing raid on Imperial iron and steel works at Yawata, Kyushu Island, Japan. All 11 crew members were killed instantly in the crash.

On June 28, 1944 a team from 342nd Service Squadron, 329th Service Group visited the crash site recovering and identifying only seven sets of remains which were interred at in United States Military Cemetery in Panitola, Assam, India and subsequently disinterred and sent to their final internment on Jan. 13, 1948. By September of that same year, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC) concluded that Rinke's remains were non-recoverable.

In October 2014 the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (a DPAA predecessor organization) conducted a Joint Field Activity in Sapekhati, which led to the location of the crash site and the recovery of life support equipment and wreckage associated with the B29 aircraft. In 2018 and 2019, South-

eastern Archaeological Research (SEARCH) a DPAA partner organization excavated the site and recovered possible osseous remains and material evidence.

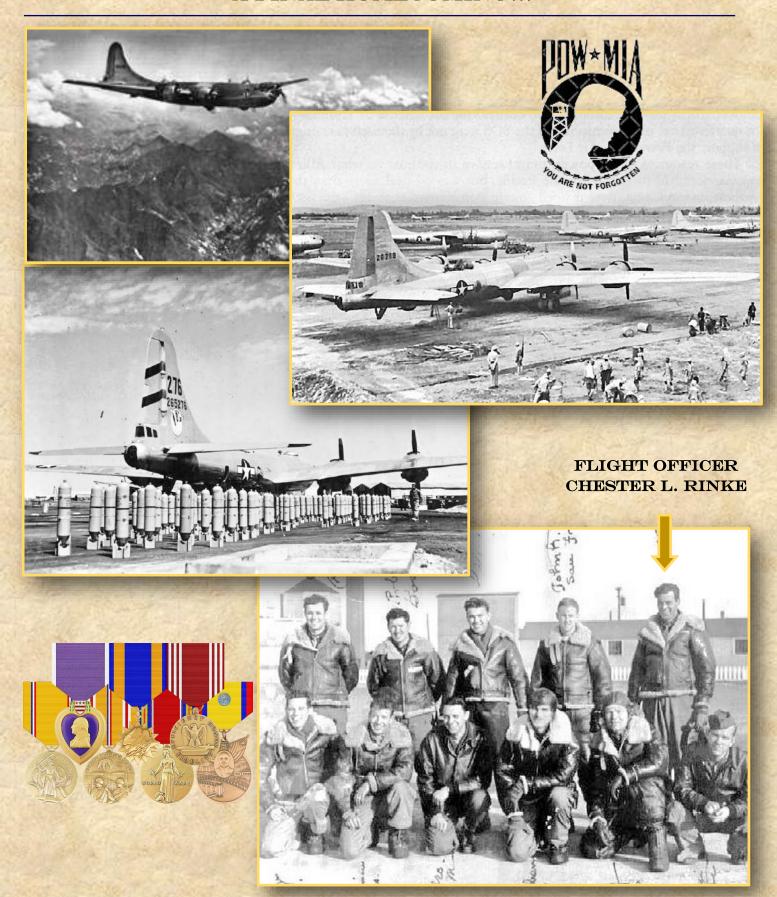
To identify Rinke's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological analysis as well as material evidence. Additionally, scientists from the <u>Armed Forces Medical Examiner System</u> used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), analysis.

Rinke will be buried at Seville, Ohio, on a date to be determined.



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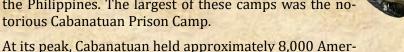


PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS FRANKLIN BROOKS

KILLED IN ACTION – 10 DECEMBER 1942 – CABANATUAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP LUZON, PHILIPPINES 192ND TANK BATTALION UNITED STATES ARMY



Following the Allied surrender on the Bataan Peninsula on April 9, 1942, the Japanese began the forcible transfer of American and Filipino prisoners of war to various prison camps in central Luzon, at the northern end of the Philippines. The largest of these camps was the notorious Cabanatuan Prison Camp.



ican and Filipino prisoners of war that were captured during and after the Fall of Bataan. Camp overcrowding worsened with the arrival of Allied prisoners who had surrendered from Corregidor on May 6, 1942. Conditions at the camp were poor, with food and water extremely limited, leading to widespread malnutrition and outbreaks of malaria and dysentery. By the time the camp was liberated in early 1945, approximately 2,800 Americans had died at Cabanatuan. Prisoners were forced to bury the dead in makeshift communal graves, often completed without records or markers. As a result, identifying and recovering remains interred at Cabanatuan was difficult in the years after the war.

Private First Class Thomas F. Brooks joined the U.S. Army in Kentucky and served with the 192nd Tank Battalion in the Philippines during World War II. He was captured in Bataan following the American surrender and died of beriberi on December 10, 1942, at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp in Nueva Ecija Province. He was buried in a communal grave in the camp cemetery along with other deceased American POWs; however, his remains could not be associated with any remains recovered from Cabanatuan after the war. Today, Private First Class Brooks is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.

A PRISONER OF WAR FROM WWII IS COMING HOME TO KENTUCKY

BY PAULA L. RATLIFF



U.S. Army Private First-Class Thomas Franklin Brooks will be laid to rest near his childhood home in Edmonson County, Kentucky on Sunday, October 1, 2023 as the community honors his ultimate sacrifice, having died as a prisoner of war in the Philippines during WWll at the age of 23 on December 10, 1942.

He joined the U.S. Army in January 20, 1941 and served at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Louisiana and the Philippines. He was in the first combat unit to arrive in the Philippines just a few days before the islands were invaded by the Japanese. He fought in the Battle of Bataan which lasted nearly four months and was one of the deadliest battles of the war.

He was there as thousands of men marched in the "Bataan Death March" to the Cabanatuan POW camp in Northern Luzon, Philippines. He was wounded and admitted to a field hospital on Bataan before being transferred to the prison camp in May 1942 where he survived for over eight months. He was buried in a mass grave with eight other men just outside of the prison camp in a shallow grave, dug by other soldiers in the prison camp.

Since his death in 1942, his remains along with thousands of others have been moved and disturbed several times in attempts to identify them. Finally on June 21, 2023, multiple DNA tests confirmed his identity and he has returned to the country he died to protect, to the county that never stopped searching for him and to his family that never stopped loving him.

"Frank" as he was known to family and friends was born October 3, 1919, and raised in Edmonson County, Kentucky near Mammoth Cave National Park. He was the 7th of 12 children and of the 6 males, 5 served in the military including Frank. Three served in WWII, as did Frank, and one served in the Navy in the 1930s. His parents, Charles Smith and Francis Isabell Priddy Brooks were farmers, loggers and owned a small country store.

Frank along with his brother Easol traveled to Louisville, KY to join the Army. Easol was assigned to Ft. Hood, Texas and Frank was assigned to the 192nd Tank Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His company

of 97 members was comprised almost completely of men from Kentucky, known as the "Harrodsburg Tankers." His unit was requested by General Douglas MacArthur and was evaluated during maneuvers by Major General George S. Patton who noted "That is the finest tank unit I have ever seen."

While he was assigned in close proximity to home, Frank traveled home and invited fellow soldiers to accompany him to enjoy home cooking, family and friends. The journey home involved multiple modes of transportation including bus transport of about 50 miles from Fort Knox to Park City, then a road of hitchhiking through Mammoth Cave National Park to the Green River Ferry, developed in 1934, and walking approximately 10 miles to home. There were no phones to announce their impending arrival. His last visit home was in the summer of 1941.

"The large family was loving and accepting of his friends" said U.S. Army (retired) great nephew Gerald Carroll who recalled that Frank's mother would ask about his friends in letters to the Army after he was

missing. "It was years and years of no answers and his parents and siblings died without knowing what happened to Frank."

Frank's company trained diligently to prepare for probable deployment in 1941, participating in the Louisiana maneuvers across the US southern states. Frank wrote a postcard home from Tremont, Louisiana on August 6, 1941 that he "was having a fairly good time and the hot weather and mosquitos are terrible but I can take it, I guess."

The 192nd Battalion arrived in the Philippines on November 20, 1941 and eighteen days later, on Dec 8, 1941, Frank and his fellow soldiers received their baptism by fire when the Japanese attacked US and Filipino forces on the islands. Frank and his unit were in almost constant close combat with the Japanese. They fought valiantly without reinforcements or resupply until ordered by their superiors to surrender in April 1942. The soldiers who could not escape were forced to endure the infamous "Bataan Death March" as prisoners of war. Only 37 of the original 66 Harrodsburg Tankers survived captivity.

During the fighting, Frank was wounded and admitted to a field hospital on Bataan. The extent of his injuries is unknown. History indicates that the Japanese

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allowed the hospitals to continue to operate until the US forces on Corregidor eventually fell about a month later and the hospitals were closed and Frank was transferred in May 1942 to the prison camp. Conditions in the camp were horrific with rampant malnutrition and disease; as well as, unspeakable brutality from the Japanese military. Over 2,700 soldiers died in the camp as unknowns.

LEFT IN THE PHILIPPINES

After the Japanese surrendered and the war ended on August 15, 1945, there were multiple efforts to identify the men who were buried in the prison camps. Those efforts were partially successful as 6 of the 8 men buried with Frank were identified, but Frank and 2 others were buried together as unknowns in January 1950 among the 17,000 buried in the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines and 36,286 missing, mostly lost at sea and aircraft losses.

He remained buried as an unknown from 1950-2018, when the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) exhumed the remains and began the analysis of DNA, making a positive identification, 81 years after his death.

"Frank's family was never informed as to what hap-

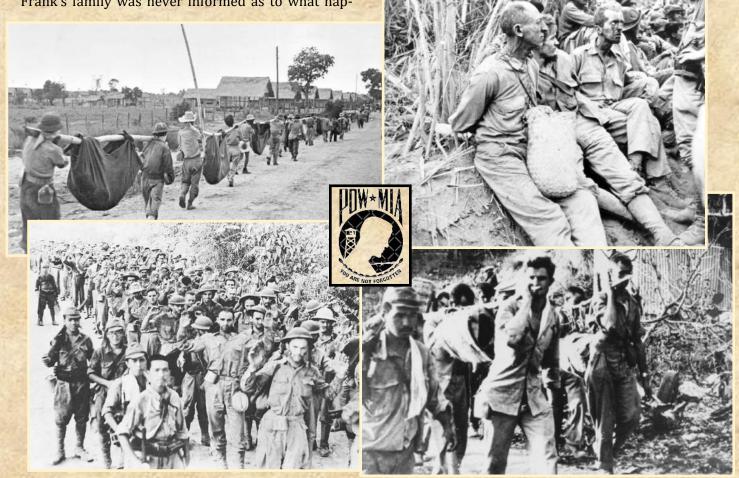
pened," said Carroll, "and each of his siblings died without knowing the story of his death or what happened to him. The family made many inquires over the years, but no satisfactory answers were received; however, we are grateful that we know more of what happened and that his life and his death is relevant again."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND APPRECIATION

The family invites the public to celebrate his life and legacy as they prepare for his homecoming.

At this time, details are unavailable as to when his remains will arrive before the schedule graveside service on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hill Grove Missionary Baptist Cemetery in Mammoth Cave. He will be buried with full military honors.

Individuals and businesses along the procession route are encouraged to create patriotic displays of American Flags and yellow ribbons. "We are so appreciative of the Patriotic displays of the American flag and vellow ribbons, and so many acts of kindness. Our family is deeply honored," said Carroll.





VETERANS SITREP

OHSSAR Veterans Day Remembrance & Celebration Events Across Ohio

Date/Time	Chapter	Location	Event Type	Color Guard	POC
Saturday 4 Nov 2023 Noon	Cincinnati	The Carriage House The Manor House Mason, OH	Luncheon w/WWII Speaker	Yes	George Stewart President Cincinnati Chapter georgehstew- artjr@gmail.com
Sunday 12 Nov 2023 10:00am	Cincinnati	Washington Park & Memo- rial Hall Cicinnati, OH	Commemora- tive Presenta- tion	Yes	Michael B. Gunn mgunn@fuse.net
Saturday 11 Nov 2023 Time: TBA	Marietta	Marietta (TBA)	Parade Needs Color Guard	Yes	Doug Petit rdpettit@icloud.com





318th US Infantry Regiment 80th Division "The Blue Ridge Division" U.S. National Army American Expeditionary Forces































VETERANS SITREP

The Veterans Affairs Committee urges all veteran compatriots to submit a NSSAR Veterans Multi Corps Recognition Form which will allow the compatriot to be recognized and issued a Certificate of Patriotism that then allows the purchasing of the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal by the compatriot or compatriot's chapter.

If you are a veteran that has not been recognized by the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee and want to receive your Certificate of Patriotism, please contact your chapter president, chapter veterans committee chairman, or myself to get that process started.

The Veterans Affairs Committee is still in need of a SAR Representative for the Dayton Medical Center. Please contact me if you are interested. These positions are worth 100 points on your chapter's USS Stark Award Memorial Report. You do not need to be a veteran to fill this position.

I encourage all Ohio Society chapters to fill out and submit a USS Stark Memorial Award Report for 2023. The purpose of this report is to recognize SAR chapters for their support of and service to the veteran community.

Chapters which participate in programs such as Partners in Patriotism, Wreaths Across America, or Honor Flight need to submit a USS Stark Memorial Award Report to report that participation. Chapters that do so will receive a certificate from the NSSAR noting participation in those programs.

USS Stark Memorial Award Report submissions for 2023 should be sent to Ohio Society Secretary Don McGraw and myself no later than January 15, 2024.

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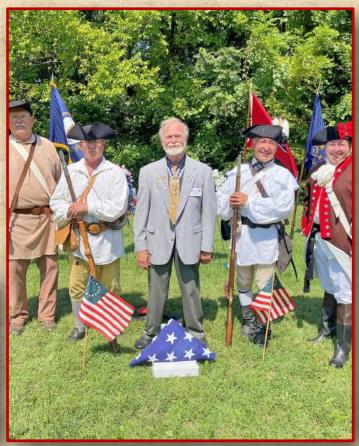
The OHSSAR was represented at a Patriot Grave Marking in Lexington, Kentucky hosted by the Lafayette Chapter on 20 August 2023 for five Patriots buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

In attendance were 5 Compatriots, representing the Ohio Society and three OHSSAR Chapters.

In the photo left to right: Al Gummere (Hocking Valley), Donald Miller (Benjamin Franklin), Steve Hinson (Northeastern Ohio), Bob Hill (Hocking Valley) and Steve Conrad (Benjamin Franklin).

Attending were members from various State SAR and DAR Chapters and two NSSAR District Chairman in attendance plus some General Public.





From the left are; President Henry Stobbs, Secretary/Historian Mark Cook, Treasurer Jim Williams, Vice President Phil Wolfe and Member Daniel Altstaetter attending the Fort Laurens Festival.

The John Hancock Chapter members attended the Fort Laurens Festival in Bolivar Ohio July 15, 2023.



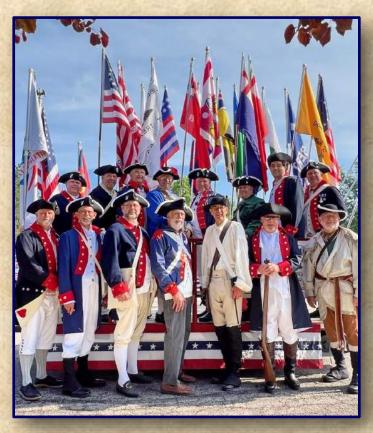




n 19 August 2023 several members of the OHSSAR traveled to Carlisle, Kentucky to attend the 241th Anniversary Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service and to honor five Patriots buried in the Blue Licks State Park Cemetery that died in battle. On 19 August 1782 around 350 Loyalists and Native Warriors ambushed 182 Kentucky Militiamen, routing and killing 65 Patriots.

This year there were around 90 wreaths placed and 31 rifle/musket men participated in the "Musket Salute".

The OHSSAR had 16 members from 10 chapters and two members from the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance.







Richard Montgomery Chapter's outstanding participation of uniformed members on our 4th of July float.

Cincinnati Chapter Celebrates Independence Day in Cincinnati's Washington Park

Richard Montgomery Chapter President Lee Emrick presenting a wreath at Granville Grave Marking.







FORTLAURENS









LIBERTYCAMP

During the same week as the Siege at Fort Laurens Memorial Ceremony on July 29th in Bolivar, Ohio, Hocking Valley Chapter members were busy at the Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids in Logan, Ohio. The camp focuses on teaching kids, ages 8-12, early American history...settlement and colonial life, events leading to the American Revolution, the war and life of soldiers and militiamen, founding documents, patriotism, government and civics.

Liberty Camp Flag Folding: On Tuesday, July 26th, compatriot Al Gummere narrates the Meaning of the 13 Folds



as compatriot Bob Hill folds the flag with the assistance of camp staff member Jim Hiles. Afterward, Bob and Al taught three (3) rotating 20-minute classes on Paul Revere's Ride and events leading to the battle of Lexington / Concord.





On Wednesday, July 27th, compatriots Bob Hill and Tom Morris, who are also members of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment Brigade of the American Revolution, took part in demonstrations on linear marching, musket firing, and artillery. Bob would also help

teach three (3) rotating classes on von Steuben's musket drill, and Tom would help teach classes on a soldier's uniform and equipment.

After posting the colors and firing a musket salute, Hocking Valley Chapter members Tom Hankins, Al Gummere, Bob Hill, and Tom Morris helped the kids and staff at Liberty Camp plant a Liberty Tree and dedicate a plaque.

This year's tree was an Eastern RedBud, dedicated to the patriot lives sacrificed in the American Revolution. Each child and adult shoveled earth into the hole to help plant the tree.

The compatriots then taught three (3) rotating classes: Tom Hankins on Army Surgeons and Medicine, Tom Morris on White Captives Who Assimilated into Indian

Tribes, Bob Hill and Al Gummere on Continental Dragoons and Militia.



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY AT OLD COLONY BURYING GROUND



On Saturday, August 5th, the Hocking Valley Chapter hosted its third consecutive Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Old Colony Burying Ground in Granville, Ohio.

Next year will be its final grave marking here to complete the honoring of all 22 patriots buried at this historic cemetery. The ceremonies this year and in the past have been organized by local resident and compatriot Tom Hankins.

Near the end of ceremonies, the Grand Union flag is presented to a descendant of patriot David Messenger after Color Guard Commander Bob Hill and compatriot Tom Hankins lowered and folded the flag prior to raising the National Colors. / Photo # Granville Raising the Colors 2023.

A three-volley musket salute is fired immediately after the wreath-laying portion of ceremonies. Present Arms came next with Mourn Muskets as Taps was played twice and a bagpiper then played Amazing Grace.





SAR compatriots form for a group photo at the end of ceremonies. At this grave marking were 5 DAR chapters, 13 SAR chapters from 4 states, 3 historical societies, 3 state societies, 2 national societies, and 9 other organizations. 35 wreaths were presented.

With Liberty Camp, Fort Laurens, and hosting the Granville Patriot Grave Marking behind them, Hocking Valley compatriots got busy with their 250th Anniversary Patriot Cemetery Sign and Grave Marking Project after receiving the first order of 50 black polished granite laser-etched SAR grave markers. As of September 1st, 49 patriot grave markers have been placed with another 50 on order, 15 sign decals are on order, and another 15 will be ordered before mid-September. It is hoped 100 grave markers and 30 cemetery signs can be placed before winter. A grant from the South Central Power Company has been a great benefactor for this project,





allowing for focus on research and cemetery work, saving time from fundraising.

On August 11th, compatriots Tom Hankins, Al Gummere, and Bob Hill met at Al's house near Lancaster and epoxied the black granite markers to cement landscape bricks with con-

struction epoxy. The work took two hours.

The completed grave marking stones are set aside and allowed to cure for a few days before being cleaned

of residue and placement at patriot graves.

Compatriot Al Gummere begins digging a hole for the placement of a SAR Patriot granite grave marker. Al has been indispensable with his enthusiasm for this project. First, he drove hundreds of miles through four (4) counties helping researcher Tom Hankins find and verify patriot cemeteries and graves, often in very secluded rural





areas. Al also pursued the proper cemetery authorities for their signatures on permission slips allowing for the placement of patriot signs and markers. And it is Al who has tirelessly placed patriot grave markers at cemeteries in Fairfield County, often working alone or with one other compatriot.

A completed placement of the new black granite SAR marker at the grave of patriot Nicholas Beery at Mount Zion Cemetery near Bremen, Ohio.

ARTHUR ST. CLAIR CHAPTER PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING



Shawn A. Cox (left) who served as Master of Ceremonies and Robert E. Grim who was the speaker for the event.



Members of the Ohio Society Sons (SAR) Color Guard fires a musket salute.

On June 24th Arthur St. Clair Chapter conducted its third annual patriot grave marking ceremony at Patriots Square in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe honoring five patriots of the American Revolutionary War. Over 300 veterans of the war are buried in Ross County.

Shawn A. Cox, a past OSSAR President served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and Robert E. Grim a past chapter president was the principal speaker. Grim spoke about the importance of the 1777 Battle of Saratoga and how the American victory in that battle spoiled the British plan to separate the New England Colonies from the other colonies and hopefully end the war.

The chapter president, Dr. Richard Shellenberger, PhD, welcomed the guest and placed a wreath for the chapter during the wreath laying part of the ceremony. Several organization including the DAR presented wreaths.

Ohio Society SAR President Donald Miller and Terressa Reep, Regent Nathaniel Massie Chapter DAR brought greetings and commended the SAR for honoring the Revolutionary War Patriots and placed wreaths during the wreath laying part of the ceremony.

Chapter treasurer and past president Dr. Michael Geron, M.D. gave a biographical sketch of the five patriots being honored: Christopher Young, Thomas Miller, James Terney, James Stinson and Henry Hill.

The Ohio SAR Color Guard under the command of Bob Hill fired a musket salute. Both Cox and Grim are members of the Color Guard as well as Tony Robinson, a past OSSAR president, who serves as chapter chaplain. He gave both the invocation and benediction. The Chairman of the SAR Ohio Eastern District, Daniel Matheke played Taps.



Patriots Square in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe.



BASEBALL, HOTDOGS, APPLE PIE & SAR COLOR GUARD... ALL AMERICAN

game on September 8th.

The minor league affiliate of the Reds annually sets attendance records for all of the minor league and is expecting 10,000+ fans in the stands for the Friday evening game.

"This is a great chance to have a whole new audience experience the SAR," said Alan See, the chapter's color guard commander. The chapter has seen an outstanding growth in its color guard. There are currently 20 members in uniform. This is up from 4 members just 5 years ago. The chapter added 11 his-

he Richard Montgomery Chapter will be present- torical flags and started to look for more opportuniing the colors at the Dayton Dragons baseball ties. "We started with parades, then did a couple of grave markings and suddenly we were in demand. Now veteran groups, civic organizations, and city officials are requesting us," said Past-President Steve Kaplan.

> He added, "The more events we tried, the more excited the chapter became, and the more members wanted to join in the fun." Members Scott Grigsby learned to play the drum and Robert Pruitt learned the fife. The chapter also features Allan Howey on the bugle. This is a grand example of a growing chapter and lots of public involvement.





Now a bit about submitting applications for SAR 250th Anniversary Medals. Medal applications should be submitted using the following form: **250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf**.

Keep in mind that the SAR 250th Anniversary Program is fundamentally about raising awareness of the American Revolution. Events being considered for medals should first and foremost have something that presents the American Revolution to the public. Additionally, the event should be promoted with the SAR 250th logo and the SAR 250th flag should be in evidence at the event.

Chapter meetings, State meetings and such are rarely attended by the public. As such, they will not qualify for 250th credit even if a historical presentation is given. Similarly, a Grave Marking event does not qualify unless a Revolutionary War presentation is made with the public attending the event. Let's face it, every SAR member is already well aware of the American Revolution.

The application should have the type of event, and location. It should be noted that a historical presentation was made. The applicant's role and manner of dress should be reported along

with the date. For example, a candidate may be the emcee of the event, attending in colonial attire. That would count for 10 points as non-leadership, plus 5 points for attending in colonial attire. An event organizer would garner 20 points plus those for his dress.

If you "Attend Event" it is implied that you attended in civilian attire and are awarded 3 points. Similarly, if you "Attend in Colonial Attire", you are awarded 5 points. You are awarded 3 points for "Attending Event" plus another 5 points for "Attending in Colonial Attire" for a total of 8 points.

Finally, strictly speaking, a Chapter may approve a Bronze Medal application. However, it is recommended that the application be approved at the State level for accurate record keeping and the uniform application of grading standards. Silver medal applications are only approved at the State level. Gold medals are only approved by Gary Gift at National.

The SAR 250th Anniversary Medals should mean something. Let's not demean them to be "participation trophies"!



Ohio License Plate Campaign

Update as of July 24, 2023

House Bill 232 Historical and Patriotic Education license plate.



The SAR License Plate program is back on track. I have been informed that our License Plate application has been reintroduced by District 57 Representatives Jamie Callender, and Mike Loychik, District 65. Co-sponsors of this bill are Representatives Sarah Fowler Arthur, Jennifer Gross, Adam Mathews, Joseph A. Miller, III, and Jean Schmidt.

I have provided a link to the Ohio House membership directory. I encourage all of you to contact your Ohio State Representative and ask them to cosponsor and vote in the affirmative for HB 232.

Because our State Legislators are in recess until September, we still have time to contact our legislators. They can be contacted in person, by mail, telephone, or email.

https://ohiohouse.gov/members/directory.

I need your support and I would appreciate it if when you contact your representative, you please me an email letting me know who you contacted and when.

At some point in September, we will be asked to attend a hearing on the bill. When I become aware of the hearing date, I will ask Don McGraw to send a notice to chapters.

Patriotically,

Rous

Troy Bailey 440-645-0465

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SAMPLE Letter/Email:

Dear Representative ____

My name is ____ and I am a member of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution. We are a non-profit lineage society whose purposes are Patriotic, Historical, and Educational.

I would appreciate and encourage you to support our application for an Organizational License plate for our organization. The House Bill is HB 232.

Patriotically yours,

Ohio SAR'S Ladies Auxiliary

CONGRATULATIONS TO VENIE HINSON, FIRST LADY OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT!



At the 2023 SAR Congress in Orlando when Steve Hinson was installed as the new Central District VPG, the LAOHSSAR's treasurer and past president, Venie Hinson (far left in the photo), became First Lady. For the next year, Venie and Steve will be representing SAR during visits to chapters all across Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky. Congratulations and safe travels, Hinsons!

KATHLEEN LAURI-LEWIS SPEARHEADS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AUXILIARY MEMBER-SHIP INITIATIVE



Kathleen Lauri-Lewis (in the center, in red, at the Ft. Laurens Memorial event) stepped forward during the LAOHSSAR meeting in Bolivar, Ohio and volunteered to spearhead an initiative to complete collection of

auxiliary membership dues for the 2023-24 year. Her efforts are proving to be highly successful. The LAOHSSAR is grateful to Kathleen for her willingness to pitch in with this important project!

LADIES TURN OUT FOR SUMMER SAR EVENTS

The ladies of the Ohio Society were well-represented at the Ft. Laurens Memorial weekend in July.





The Ohio Ladies Auxiliary convened their quarterly meeting Saturday morning, July 29 at the headquarters hotel in Bolivar. Their "Auxiliaries in Action" display was set up in the meeting room. Print-outs of all of the LAOHSSAR's Ohio Country Bulletin articles since 2021 accompanied the montage of photographs of recent auxiliary activities. The display had been prepared for the National Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the Orlando Congress, where Ohio and 15 other state

ladies auxiliaries promoted their programs and share successful, widely usable ideas.



LAOHSSAR president Laurie Bredenfoerder laid the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary wreath at the Memorial Service at the Ft. Laurens site.



The ladies joined the men for casual meals at the Wiltshire Event Center in Bolivar.



On Saturday evening, the ladies enjoyed an impromptu "fellowship" event at the hotel.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS PRESENT WREATHS AT GRANVILLE AND BLUE LICKS



Patty Kaplan, LAOHSSAR Vice President, laid a wreath on behalf of the LAOHSSAR at the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks on July 19, 2023. (above).



Also at Blue Licks, LAOHSSAR president Laurie Bredenfoerder presented a wreath on behalf of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR.



Vice President Patty Kaplan presented the LAOHSSAR wreath at a Patriot Grave Marking at the Old colony Burial Ground in Granville, Ohio on August 5, 2023.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE: DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE SPIRIT OF '76!

For the past several years, you may have watched someone else win the beautiful heirloom-to-be king-size bed quilt being raffled by the Ladies Auxiliary, Ohio Society SAR. And you may be aware that all proceeds from quilt-ticket sales are used to fund the auxiliary's cash awards to winners of the Ohio Society's SAR Youth Award contests. You may even be convinced that this, finally, is your lucky year (even Don Miller, current Ohio Society president, has only won two of them!) But for your luck to change, you first have to have your name on some of those LAOHSSAR quilt-raffle tickets! Tickets, \$5 each, are available from Ohio Society First Lady Anita Miller at most Ohio SAR events, or, if you'd rather not wait until then, contact LAOHSSAR president 2023-24 Laurie Bredenfoerder at byalley@fuse.net for a chance to take it all home.

President Miller will have tickets at all OHSSAR events and on his chapter visits as well. You can also purchase tickets from President Miller by land mail — he will email your stubs back to you!



OHIO SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP STATUS

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

WESTERN RESERVE (1)

Gross, Jason Michael

CINCINNATI (3)

Hill, Boston Lee Smith, Keith Patrick Smith, Thomas Ronald Moon, Maddox Ryan Perkins, Cougar Jameson

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (4)

Peters, Alan Wilson

RICHARD MONTGOMERY (6)

Fisher, Dane Robert Greig, Colin Jeffrey Wertz, Wayne W.

JOHN STARK (7)

Kelley, Richard D. Kelley, Kevin Doran Kelley, Brian Douglas

LAFAYETTE (8)

Geesling, Cozette Thomas Jr. Geesling, William David Geesling, Bobby Joe

NORTHEAST OHIO (12)

Smith, Dennis Dale

FIRELANDS BICENTENNIAL (14)

Moorman, Michael Daniels

JOHN HANCOCK (28)

Duvall, William Brian Dryden, David Michael

MAHONING VALLEY (44)

Currey, Howard Roger

BUCKEYE (99)

Roebuck, Douglas William

DUAL MEMBERS

BUCKEYE (99)

Smith, Shaun Philmore Smith, Connor McKinley Smith, Philmore Harland

TRANSFERS

TRANSFER OUT

Snider, Zachary Robert Wasser, Evan Lee



AMID THE HONORABLE PLENTY

STEVEN EARLY JR. WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE CENTRAL DISTRICT SAR CONFERENCE ON 21 OCTOBER 2023 AT THE GALLERY IN MILFORD, OHIO.

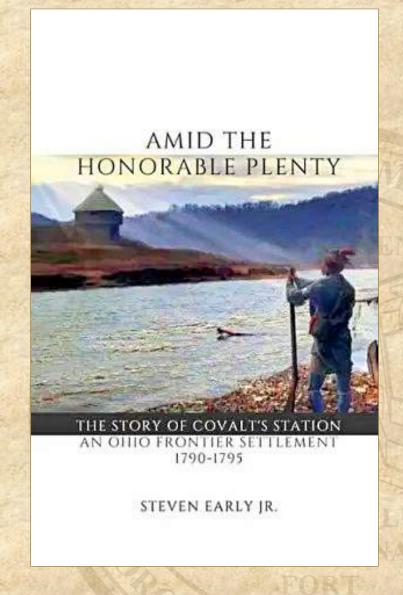
(see pages 4, 5 & 6 for detail)

In January of 1790, Revolutionary War veteran Captain Abraham Covalt Jr. led 45 white settlers up the Little Miami River to establish Covalt's Station.

It was the farthest inland settlement yet attempted in the Miami Purchase and was located in present day Terrace Park, Ohio.

But the land they chose was already claimed as seasonal hunting ground by the Miami and the Shawnee, and neither had any intention of letting it go.

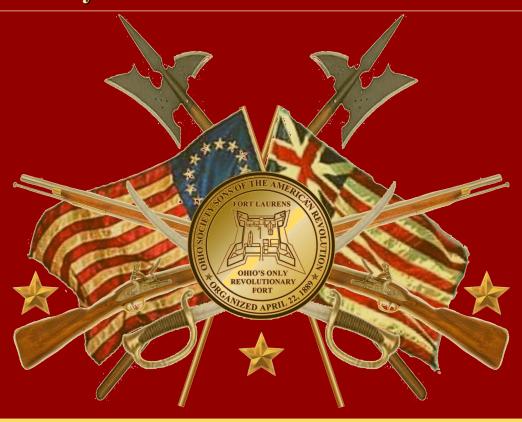
This is the story of the violence, bloodshed, creation, and destruction that occurred when these cultures collided as one empire began and another began to disappear.



Steve Early, Jr., long time Terrace Park resident, former TP Historical Society president, Village Views editor and author, has recently published a new book: 'Amid the Honorable Plenty' - the true story of Covalt's Station, a fortified pioneer outpost that was located in present day Terrace Park, Ohio, during the 1790's. It was built as an outpost for Columbia, Cincinnati's original settlement. But the Miami and Shawnee already had claims to this land and they were not going to let it go without a fight. This is the forgotten, true story of Cincinnati's earliest days and life on the Little Miami during the Ohio Indian Wars.

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