

Meeting Minutes

Ben Franklin Chapter of the OHSSAR

17 JUNE 2023 at Noon

MCL Restaurant & Bakery

3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington, OH 43221



Attending: 35 Total

OPENING

Call to Order - Chuck Finley, President at 12:00 PM

Prayer - Father Mike Nimocks, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance - Larry Potter, Secretary

SAR Pledge - Larry Potter, Secretary

Introduction for Special Guest and Dignitaries - Chuck Finley, President

- OHSSAR Officers
 - President Don Miller
 - 2nd VP Elect David Lupien
 - Chaplain Father Micheal Nimocks
- DAR/CAR Members
 - Mrs Susan Matthews, Wife of New Member
- New BFC Members Present
 - John Rodger Matthews - James BYRNSIDE/BURNSIDE P-329716
 - Steven Dean Tamerius - Ezra SANFORD P-284407
 - William Leo Lager - Joseph MILSTEAD P-328717
 - James Andrew Gregory - Jordan MANNERING/MANRING P-241213
- Shelby Shaffer (Grove City HS NJROTC) JROTC Winner, Mrs Shaffer (Mom), and Chief Anthony Christie
- David Lupien, Guest Speaker, and Northwest Territory Secretary/Treasurer

Lunch (Please let Bill Diehl and our speaker, Steve Brubaker, go first in the lunch line)

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Bill Diehl, Treasurer

Presentation / Instruction

“Major General Anthony Wayne” by David Lupien

Thanking of Guest Speaker - Chuck Finley, President

- A SAR Challenge Coin was presented as a token of our thanks

Induction of Members - Chuck Finley, President

- New Members
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Presentation of Awards to the Chapter - Chuck Finley, President

- Ribbon from the Marietta Chapter Patriot Memorial Service

Presentation of Chapter Awards to Members - Chuck Finley, President

- Don Miller - Chapter Past President
- Steven Conrad - Bronze 250th Medal
- Larry Potter - Patriot Grave Marking Medal
- Bill Diehl - 25-Year Pin

SAR Veteran Member Recognition

- Plee to be recognized. Our chapter only has four members who have had their military service recognized by the SAR. We would like to increase that number.
- An Application must be filled out and returned to the chapter secretary, Larry Potter. That application is called "The Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form" and is available at <https://www.sar.org/committees/veterans-recognition-committee/>

Don Miller, OHSSAR President

- Gave thanks to our Veterans with "Stars for our Troops" for each one present
- Provided an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the OHSSAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAOHSSAR) Quilt
 - <https://www.ohssar.org/ladiesaux>
- Provided an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the OHSSAR General Anthony Wayne Memorial Musket Raffle
 - French Charleville Musket Raffle: \$10 Tickets available via David Lupien of the Northwest Territory Chapter (419-769-0514 or lupiend158@gmail.com). Drawing will be made at the October 2023 Central District Banquet.

BOM / OFFICER REPORTS

President - Chuck Finley

- None

1st Vice President - Bill Johnson

- Absent

2nd Vice President - Steve Powell

- Absent

Historian - Steve Brubaker

- None

Sergeant At Arms - Tony Rugger

- None

Registrar/Genealogist - Lincoln Fraser

- Continuing efforts are underway to improve and streamline the application process for our current and prospective members.
- Four New Members this month
- Applications being reworked and submitted regularly

Chancellor/Parliamentarian - Chad Kohler (Absent)

Chaplain - Father Mike Nimocks

- The passing of Don Miller's father

Treasurer - Bill Diehl

- Reporting 05/08/2023 through 06/07/2023
 - \$9,270.53 Opening Balance (Checking)
 - \$168.35 Income
 - \$855.81 Expenses
 - \$8,583.07 Ending Balance (Checking)
 - \$27,954.64 Restricted CD
 - \$4,550.97 Unrestricted CD
 - \$3,892.07 Unrestricted CD
 - \$44,980.75 Total of Balances
- Unapproved charges were discovered on the credit card. The card is being replaced and the charges have been refunded.
- Motion to Approve by Bill Diehl & second by Curt Oberrath - Unanimous

Secretary - Larry Potter

- Motion for the Approval of May Minutes by Larry Potter & Second by Lincoln Frasier - Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grave Marking - Don Miller

- Marker is now on order & paid in full
- Date & Time: Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 12:15pm-3:00pm
- Location: Seceder Cemetery (2087 Baltimore-Reynoldsburg Rd, Reynoldsburg OH)
- Five Patriots:
 - John Cochran
 - James Crawford
 - Jonathan French
 - William Graham
 - Thomas Torrence

America 250 SAR Programs Committee - Larry Potter

- Over 1,000 Flags were retired in a combination of two events earlier this week. Both were in support of local Scouts BSA Troops.
- A new Benjamin Franklin Chapter Tri-Fold was created and thanks to our Registrar/Genealogist Linclon Fraiser we have plenty of copies available.

Color Guard Itinerary - Larry Potter

- **ALSO, SEE <https://www.ohssar.org/calendar>**
- 6/24/23
 - Arthur St. Clair Chapter
 - Patriot Grave Marking in Grandview Cemetery
 - Chillicothe, OH
- 6/30/23
 - Camp Charlotte
 - Ashville 4th of July Celebrations Kick-Off Parade
 - Ashville, OH
- 7/4/23
 - Hocking Valley Chapter
 - Granville 4th of July Parade
 - Granville, OH
- 7/4/23
 - Cincinnati Chapter
 - Independence Day Memorial at Memorial Hall & Washington Park
 - Cincinnati OH
- 7/4/23
 - Camp Charlotte Chapter
 - Ashville 4th of July Parade
 - Ashville, OH
- 7/28/23
 - OHSSAR
 - Fort Laurens Unknown Soldier Tomb Guarding
 - Bolivar OH
- 8/5/22
 - Hocking Valley Chapter
 - Patriot Grave Marking in Old Colony Burying Ground
 - Granville, OH
- 8/19/23
 - KYSSAR
 - 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks
 - Blue Licks (Carlisle, KY)
- 8/26/23
 - Benjamin Franklin Chapter
 - Patriot Grave Marking in Seceder Cemetery
 - Reynoldsburg, OH

Wreaths Across America (WAA) - Larry Potter

- Received back from WAA \$80.00 for wreaths already sponsored.
- PLEASE, share the link everywhere you can - <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0379P>
- Thanks to Lincoln Fraiser for creating and providing a number of business cards and postcards that can be used to promote our WAA page via QR Codes.

Flag Committee - David Birthelmer

- No additional Presentations made this month
- **Nominations are welcome**

Oratorical/Poster/Brochure/Teacher Contests - Chuck Finley

- Nothing to Report

Eagle Scout Contest - David Mansperger

- Absent
- No Report
- **Eagle Scout Recognition Contacts:** Mason Stewart (Troop 412) & Libby Greenbaum (Troop 777)

JROTC/ROTC - Dave Birthelmer

- Shelby Shaffer (Grove City HS NJROTC) JROTC Winner was recognized for placing third in the state with an additional check

Public Service and Heroism Commendations - Jeff Myers

- **Save the Date:** Noon on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the TAT Ristorante DI Famiglia
- Nominations have been received and selections will be made at the end of the month
- Fliers explaining the program were provided.

Veterans Outreach - Steve Conrad

- Additional Veteran's Essentials will be delivered July 1st.
- The Columbus Veterans Administration Military Appreciation Days at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium** July 1- July 4, and includes the Welcome Home Event on July 1, 2023 9:00AM - 2:00PM, with free admission, meal and festivities celebrating veteran service. For more information see the link: MILITARY FAMILY DAYS | Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
 - <https://www.columbuszoo.org/events/military-family-days>
- **Operation Fish With A Hero** - US Army Corps of Engineers - Paint Creek Lake - July 8, 2023
 - <https://corpsdams.org/fish-with-a-hero/>
 - The US Army Corps of Engineers has an annual **Operation Fish With a Hero Veterans Appreciation** Event that will be held at Paint Creek Lake in Bainbridge Ohio on Saturday, July 8, 2023, 7:00AM - 2:00PM. Any veterans can register for the event for free. Steven Conrad will provide sponsorship for and volunteer at the event. He is encouraging us to consider volunteering on shore or as boat captains.

- Next will be in early September at Caesar Creek
- **2023 Boundless Freedom** - Veterans Adventure Weekend in partnership with Team Red, White and Blue, and the Wounded Warrior Project at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, July 14-16, 2023. Please see attached Flyers.
- Please keep your Veteran related activity and expense reports up to date for the **Stark Report**
- Recognition of our veteran members via the “**The Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form**” - <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Veterans-Multi-Corps-Recognition-Form-03-2020-1.pdf>

DAR Liaison - Bill Diehl

- Bill Diehl continues to work to keep our George Washington Birthday Celebration before the leadership of our local DAR Chapters.

CLOSING

Old Business

- Chapter Resolution Against the National Dues Increase

New Business

- No Meetings for the next two months.

For the Good of the Order

- Please, Leave a Tip

Benediction - Father Mike Nimocks, Chaplain

SAR Recessional - Larry Potter, Secretary

Adjournment: Motion by Larry Potter & second by Linclon Fraiser

This Month (JUNE to AUGUST) in Revolutionary History

June		
2 June 1774	Quartering Act of 1774, one of the "Intolerable Acts"	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/q74.html
4 June 1781	Charlottesville, VA Raid	
6 June 1781	Americans recapture Augusta, GA	
8 June 1776	Revolutionaries fail to take Three Rivers, Quebec	
9 June 1772	The Gaspee Affair, Newport, RI	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/gaspee.html
11 June 1775	Action at Machias	
12 June 1776	The Virginia Declaration of Rights	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/vabor.html
14 June 1777	Flag Resolution	https://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagfact.html
15 June 1775	June 15: George Washington named Commander-in-Chief 1775	https://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/washington/george2.html
17 June 1775	Battle of Bunker Hill: The British drive the Americans from Breed's Hill, Charlestown, MA	https://www.ushistory.org/us/11d.asp
18 June 1778	British abandon Philadelphia and return to New York	
18 June 1781	British hold off Americans at Ninety Six, SC	
19 June 1778	Washington's army leaves Valley Forge	https://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/history/vstory_leaving.html
20 June 1780	Patriots rout Tories at Ramseur's Mill, Lincolnton, NC	
20 June 1779	Battle of Stono Ferry, Rantowles, SC, Major General Lincoln inflicts extensive British casualties in indecisive battle	
21 June 1779	Spain declares war on Great Britain	
21 June 1788	U.S. Constitution adopted, when New Hampshire ratifies it	
22 June 1774	Quebec Act, one of the "Intolerable Acts"	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/cqa.html
28 June 1776	Battle of Sullivan's Island, Charleston, SC, breach inlet action; failed British naval attack	
28 June 1778	The Battle of Monmouth Court House ends in a draw	
28 June 1776	American forces decisively defeat the British Navy at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina	
28 June 1778	Battle of Monmouth, NJ	
29 June 1767	The Townshend Revenue Act	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/townshend.html
29 June 1776	Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet, Cape May, NJ	
29 June 1776	The First Virginia Constitution	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/vaconst.html
July		

1 July 1776	At the instigation of British agents, the Cherokee attack along the entire southern frontier	
1-4 July 1776	Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence. See Chronology of the Declaration	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/timeline.html
2-6 July 1777	Siege of Fort Ticonderoga, NY	
3 July 1776	British Land on Staten Island, NY,NY	
3 July 1775	Washington assumes command of the Continental Army	
4 July 1776	Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence; it's sent to the printer, AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY	
4 July 1778	George Rogers Clark captures Kaskaskia, a French village south of St. Louis	
5 July 1775	The Olive Branch Petition, Philadelphia, PA	
5 July 1777	St. Clair surrenders Fort Ticonderoga to the British	
6 July 1781	Mad Anthony Wayne repulsed at Green Springs Farm, James City, VA	
7 July 1777	Battle of Hubbardton, Rutland Co, VT	
8 July 1776	The Declaration of Independence is read publicly	
8-10 July 1776	Battle of Gwynn's Island, VA	
8 July 1777	Battle of Fort Anne, NY	
8 July 1779	Fairfield, CT, burned by British	
11 July 1779	Norwalk, CT, burned by British	
11 July 1780	French troops arrive at Newport, RI, to aid the American cause	
11 July 1782	British evacuate Savannah, GA	
12 July 1775	Battle of Fort Charlotte, Mt carmel, SC	
12 July 1780	Battle of Williamson's Plantation (Huck's Defeat) Brattonsville, SC	
15-16 July 1779	American "Mad" Anthony Wayne captures Stony Point, NY	https://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/served/wayne.html
15 July 1776	Battle of Lindley's Fort, Laurens, SC	
15 July 1780	Battle of Earle's Ford, Landrum, SC	
15 July 1776	Lyndley's Fort, SC, Patriots fend off attack by Indians and Tories dressed as Indians	
24 July - 14 August 1778	Penobscot Expedition; Battle of Penobscot Bay, ME	
27 July 1777	Lafayette arrives in Philadelphia	https://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/served/lafayette.html
30 July 1780	Battle of Fort Thicketty; Pacolet, SC	
30 July 1780	Skirmish Near Hanging Rock; Heath Springs, SC	
August		
1 August 1768	Boston Non-Importation Agreement	https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/bna.html
1 August 1776	Ambushed by Cherokees, Patriots are saved by a mounted charge at Seneca, SC	

2 August 1776	Delegates begin to sign The Declaration of Independence	
2 August 1779	Siege of Fort Laurens, Bolivar, OH	
6 August 1777	The Redcoats, with Iroquois support, force the patriots back at Battle of Oriskany, NY, but then have to evacuate	
6 August 1780	Patriots defeat Tories at Hanging Rock, SC	
8 August 1778	French and American forces besiege Newport, RI	
10 August 1776	Tugaloo River, SC, Andrew Pickens defeats Cherokees	
12 August 1776	Colonel David Williamson & Andrew Pickens' detachment surrounded by 185 Cherokee Indians, burn an Indian town Tamassy, "Ring Fight." Tammassee, SC	
16 August 1777	American Militia under General Stark victorious at the Battle of Bennington, VT (actually fought in Walloomsac, New York, several miles to the west)	
16 August 1780	British rout Americans at Battle of Camden, SC	
16 August 1780	Battle of Hanging Rock, Heath, SC	
18 August 1780	Battle of Musgrove's Mill, Clinton, SC	
18 August 1780	Battle of Fishing Creek, Fort Lawn, SC	
19 August 1779	Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee attacks Paulus Hook, NJ	
19 August 1781	French and American Armies depart NY for VA, Newark, N.J.	
19 August 1782	Battle of Blue Licks, Carlisle, KY	
23 August 1777	British withdraw from Fort Stanwix, NY, upon hearing of Benedict Arnold's approach	
25 August 1777	British General Howe lands at Head of Elk, Maryland	https://www.ushistory.org/march/philadelphia/elk.htm
27 August 1776	Redcoats defeat George Washington's army in the Battle of Long Island. Washington's Army escapes at night.	
27 August 1776	Battle of Brooklyn, NY / Maryland 400	
29 August 1778	Battle of Rhode Island (Quaker Hill), Newport, R.I	
29 August 1779	Newtown, NY, after two massacres, American forces burn Indian villages	