



Winter 2025 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In case you were not at the Fall Board of Management meeting and have not heard, here are a few updates. Ohio will not be proceeding with the planned “Club Express” dues-billing and communication platform. This system was supposed to be provided free from NSSAR. However, we have learned that the project was removed from the national budget. So for now, chapters are to continue to collect their member’s dues payments.



I would like to introduce “SAR University” to all chapters. We have posted 20 chapter-officer training courses on our state website. Each office has recommended “required courses” to take and electives that may be chosen. Eventually these courses will be produced in video format from NSSAR. But for now, the content of these courses is available in hand-out format and chapters are encouraged to utilize this new resource. Look for the link under the “Members Only” section of www.OHSSAR.org.

When in Columbus, stop and see the SAR display at the Statehouse. Many thanks to Rich Minshall and Lee Wilkerson who worked hard on this project. Also, to the Compatriots who loaned artifacts to make this possible. The display will be up January 7th through June. It is nice to see the Miller Flag collection displayed here publicly, as well as, the Hubbard Scott Flag collection displayed at the McKinley Memorial. More SAR exposure is a good thing.

Everyone is invited to attend the next Board of Management Meeting. It will be February 8th at the Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. There are very nice meeting rooms behind the bakery/gift shop and we have reserved one for the men and one for the ladies. So, everyone is invited. See the attached registration form.

Thanks for your support!
Steve



Prescription for Success: Add an Activity



WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

Western Reserve

Ross, William

Cincinnati

Bailey, David
Bissell, James
Bissell, Thomas A
Bissell, Thomas T
Elliott, Andrew
Hounshell, Rodney
McClanahan, Stephen
Ross, Dean
Williams, Michael

Benjamin Franklin

Furlong, Kyle
Furlong, Luke

Richard Montgomery

Cavanaugh, William
Dembski, Matthew
Kaplan, John
Kaplan, Nicholas
Kaplan, Patrick

George Rogers Clark

Phillips, Hayden
Phillips, John
Phillips, Logan

Northeastern Ohio

Miller, Robert

Firelands Bicentennial

Iselin, Brian

Camp Charlotte

Donahue, Kevin

Hocking Valley

Flowers, Duane
Mattix, John
Owen, William

Buckeye

Carr, Brett

.....REINSTATEMENTS.....

Cincinnati

Crosley, William
Dent, James
Henrich, Andrew
Hollis, Ian
Kuschel, Sawyer
Moore, Jesse
Robben, Braydon
Robben, Bryce
Rogers, Mark
Rogers, Ronan
Sanders, Joseph
Woltz, Jackson

Western Reserve

Wells, Michael

Benjamin Franklin

Dana, Nathan
Rogers, Frank

Northeastern Ohio

Udell, Robert

Samuel Huntington

Hoyes, John

Buckeye

Morgan, James

.....IN MEMORIAM.....

Western Reserve

Shepard, William

Cincinnati

Houston, James

Benjamin Franklin

Amrine, Max
Funk, Charles
Hamblin, Edward

Richard Montgomery

Gifford, Guy

George Rogers Clark

Raymond Krugh
Howard Stahl

Samuel Huntington

Schmidt, Robert

John Hancock

Altstaetter, Daniel
Brown, Michael

Ebenezer Zane

Linn, Denzel

Mahoning Valley

McCune, Raymond

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Sons of the American Revolution Ohio Society



Best Practices for Reports

Chapters need to file many different reports. Some are to report SAR activities, and some are required by the government. Below is a listing of the most common.

Dues / Reconciliation Report

This is covered on its own Best Practices page.

1. Annual Reconciliation/Dues

SAR Reports - due annually at the end of the calendar year.

Each report has its own Best Practices page.

1. Americanism Scoresheet
2. Stark Scoresheet
3. Distinguished Chapter (if applicable)
4. Education Outreach Report (if applicable)
5. C.A.R. Activity Report (if applicable)

Governmental Returns

Each report has its own Best Practices page. Contact Compliance Committee for assistance.

1. IRS Return - due annually at the end of the chapter's fiscal year.
2. Ohio Attorney General return - due annually at the end of the chapter's fiscal year.
3. Unclaimed Funds return – due annually on November 1st

Chapter Leadership / Elections – due when held.

Report to OHSSAR secretary, who will forward information to NSSAR.

Governmental Non-Annual Filings

1. For chapters that are incorporated, a “Statement of Continued Existence” must be filed once every five years to the Ohio Secretary of State. A renewal notice is sent to the statutory agent listed with the Secretary of State’s office. A searchable database is available on their website.
2. Statutory Agents – process changes when needed.

State Chairman Notifications - due when contests or certificates are completed. These include: JROTC Program, Eagle Scout Contest, Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, Essay Contest, Oration Contest, American History Teacher Award, Flag Certificate, and Flag Retirement Certificate. Each of these programs has its own Best Practices page with contact information.

Notification of Public Service & Heroism Awards – due when awards are presented. These include: Law Enforcement, Fires Safety, Emergency Medical, Heroism, and Life Savings. Each Award has its own Best Practices page. Notification is done by the sending the Public Service & Heroism Awards report to the OHSSAR Secretary.



AROUND THE STATE Selected Activities



Policeman Awards during Richard Montgomery Chapter meeting – Oct 2nd



Fall Leadership in Louisville
Oct 4-5, 2024



250th Anniversary of the Point Pleasant
Battle – Oct 10, 2024



Bob Hill giving a presentation on “The Turtle” during 250th Anniversary of the Point Pleasant Battle - Oct 12, 2024



250th Anniversary of the Camp Charlotte Accords
Oct 12, 2024



SAR information booth at Circleville Pumpkin Show



Central District Historian Don McGraw receives Medal of Appreciation from VPG Wayne Eells



Central District Patriot Grave Marking – Oct 19, 2024



Ohio Northern University Choir performs at the Fall Board of Management Meeting
Oct 25-26, 2024



Joint Patriot Grave Marking between Richard
Montgomery Chapter and Daniel Cooper DAR Chapter
Nov 1, 2024



Hocking Valley Chapter presents a school program
in Pataskala, Ohio – Nov 9, 2024



Dayton Veteran's Day parade. Richard Montgomery Chapter wins
the "Honor and Glory Award" – Nov 9, 2024



Damen Horvath gives the keynote address
during the Western Reserve Society SAR
Veteran's Day luncheon on November 9, 2024.



Patriot Grave Marking
Nov 9, 2024



Veteran's Ceremony at Dayton Memorial Park
Nov 11, 2024



Cincinnati Chapter's Veteran's program at Mars Academy
in Mason Ohio – Nov 11, 2024



Bill Finley provides an educational program on
"The First American Regiment" during the
Benjamin Franklin Chapter SAR meeting on
November 15, 2024.



Compatriot Kevin Riley, OHSSAR State Archivist, is
awarded the "Excellence in Historic Preservation"
medal from the Daniel Cooper DAR Chapter.
Nov 16, 2024



Richard Montgomery Chapter presented a SAR
program for the Miami County Historical Society.
Nov 21, 2024



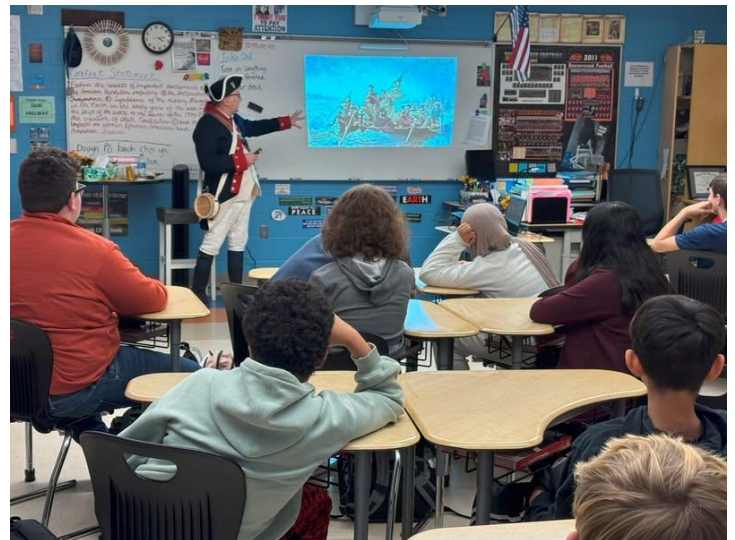
Joint Holiday Luncheon with Marietta Chapter OH and Captain James Neal Chapter WV along with DAR chapters at Parkersburg Country Club on December 8, 2024. Ohio President Kaplan provided the program, Surgeon General Turley installed officers, Past Genealogist General Fish inducted a new member and awards were presented.



The John Stark Chapter welcomes two new members. December 12, 2024



New officers are sworn in at the Rufus Putnam Chapter December 14th meeting.



Steve Kaplan from the Richard Montgomery Chapter teaches a history lesson to 6 different classes of 8th graders at Jacob Coy Middle School in Xenia.



Many chapters participated in Wreaths Across America
December 14, 2024

Submit your photos for the next Ohio Country Bulletin to skpk1984@aol.com



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



Winter Board of Management Meeting
Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio
February 8th - 2025

All Compatriots and Ladies are invited to the
Winter Board of Management Meeting.
Important agenda items include the budget and nominations for next year.
The meeting will be held at the Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 S Jefferson, US Route 42, in Plain City, Ohio 43064
Meeting rooms are behind the bakery/gift shop
Business attire

Itinerary for February 8th	
10:30am	Doors Open
11:30am	Amish Buffet
12:30pm	Board of Management Meeting
12:30pm	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
2:30pm	Adjournment

Meal Information – advanced registration required.

Amish buffet includes broasted chicken, ham, tossed salad, homemade bread, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, noodles, corn, green beans, assorted pies, and beverage. Cost is \$25 per person.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Chapter or Society: _____

Contact email: _____

Amish buffet lunches # _____ @ \$25 = _____
Total Due to OHSSAR

Make check payable to OHSSAR and include with this form.
Mail no later than January 28th to:

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



LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE

Historical



Educational



Patriotic



Happy New Year Compatriots and Ladies!

Coming up is the February 8th Board of Management meeting that will be held at the Der Dutchman in Plain City. God willing, the Ladies Auxiliary will be presenting a Quilt of Valor to Frank Wetenkamp. Frank is a 98-year-old veteran who served in the Pacific during WWII. We will present the Quilt after lunch at the start of the men's meeting. The ladies will then move to another room for our meeting. We will be taking Frank with us, and he will speak to us about his experiences in the Pacific. While Frank is very humble, he is a hero and an engaging speaker. I encourage all ladies to attend and hear Frank's stories. There are few WWII veterans left, and we should take every opportunity to honor them and hear their stories. I hope to see all of you there as we honor a true national treasure!

Patty Kaplan



250th Anniversary of Battle of Point Pleasant



250th Anniversary of Camp Charlotte Accords



Ladies Auxiliary at Ohio Northern University



Ladies Auxiliary at National William McKinley Memorial
Note: OHSSAR's Samuel Hubbard Scott flag collection in background



DATES TO REMEMBER

Ways to Stay Informed

National Society
www.SAR.org

Central District
www.cd.sar.org

Ohio Society
www.ohssar.org

February 8, 2025
February 27-March 1
May 2-4, 2025

May 19, 2025
May 23, 2025
June 17, 2025
July 13-17, 2025
July 26, 2025

Ohio Society Winter Meeting at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio
Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky
Ohio Society Spring Meeting and 126th Annual Conference at
Austin Landing (Dayton, Ohio)
Lafayette Tour in Cincinnati
Lafayette Tour in Marietta
Statue unveiling in Lebanon, Ohio of Maj Gen Joseph Warren.
NSSAR Congress in Uncasville, Connecticut
Fort Laurens

Help promote the SAR

Remember to regularly check the Ohio SAR and your chapter's Facebook posts. Like, share, and follow to help us get maximum exposure.



Photo provided by Ebenezer Zane Chapter

eLearning

Important: Every Compatriot working with youth should take the "Youth Protection Training" on SAR.org, under the e-learning tab and send their certificates to the state. Certificates are good for 3 years.