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From The President's Desk

Compatriots & Friends,

We've had a busy 2015, and I would like to thank everyone for their participation and support. In fact, I hope that we can continue to expand our programs and participation in local, regional, and state events. I also hope that you'll be able to participate in them as well. As you will note, many of the activities involve the color guard, but everyone's invited to attend to lend support on the sidelines, distribute promotional literature, or simply be part our cheering gang!

As you may know, Steve Hinson has been heading up the cemetery memorial activities committee, and has been working on a number of programs for 2016. Presently, plans are being developed for memorial programs at the Austinburg Center Cemetery, Lulu Falls Cemetery in Kingsville, and possibly even the Pioneer Cemetery in Windsor. I'll be sure to keep you updated as plans are finalized.

I know that we're barely into spring, but we need to get busy on finding wreath sponsors for our Wreaths Across America program. Although the program will not be conducted until December 17th, we need to have enough wreath sponsors. Wreaths are \$15.00 each with \$5.00 going to the chapter. For more information, please go to www.wreathsassamerica.org, or contact Jim Gilbert at (440) 244-0252, jgilbertz@windstream.net.

To ensure we make this event happen, we really need your help. Not only do we need individuals to purchase wreaths, we also need corporate sponsors as well. And of course, we'll need help on the day of the event. This is a big project, and commitment on our part is critical. Jim has informational brochures, which will be available at our April 16th meeting. If you're unable to attend the April meeting, just contact Jim, and he will get you one. We're conducting the wreath laying at the Evergreen and Mt. Pleasant Cemeteries in Geneva. All total, there are approximately 800 veteran graves there. The memorial program will be conducted at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Geneva.

Remember, you can find current information about Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 programs and activities on our web site (neo12sar.net). Of course, your suggestions for future meetings, topics, locations, and dates are always welcome and encouraged.

Patriotically yours,

*Troy Bailey, President
Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution*

*"To encourage literature and the arts is a duty
which every good citizen owes to his country."*

George Washington

Welcome New SAR Members!

*James Madison Alexander
(Patriot William Pangburn)*

*Kenton Max Marks
(Patriot Christian Straley)*

National Society SAR Spring Leadership Conference



*Left to Right: Tony Robinson, James D. Schaffer, Tim Ward,
Troy Bailey, and Jack Bredenfoerder*

The Ohio Society was well represented at the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky at the historic Brown Hotel. The three-day meeting, which ran from February 25th-27th, included committee meetings and a trustee meeting held in two sessions on Thursday and Saturday.

In attendance from the Ohio Society were State President James D. Schaffer; Trustee & Registrar Troy Bailey; Treasurer Steve Hinson; Director-at-Large Wm. A. "Tony" Robinson; Director-at-Large Tim Ward; Board Member John H. Franklin, Jr.; Board

Member Elwin Spray; Oration Committee Chairman John Bredenfoerder; and Compatriot James Gilbert.

The business of the Trustee Meeting included discussions, debates, and decisions on: the HQ building and construction; the King's College Proposal; additional budget needs for 2016; the Ramsey Estate bequest (Eagle Scout Fund); outreach education; the status of IT enhancements; the digitization of SAR records; the database "big picture"; the Solid Light Project; and the Boston Congress.

After the Solid Light discussion, the trustees voted 44 ayes to 29 nays to move forward with the implementation of the Solid Light Plan; and to only proceed as funds become available, with a goal to raise 10 million dollars for the build-out of the museum by the SAR Foundation Capital Campaign. (ohssardispatch.wordpress.com)

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers

*President - Troy Bailey
1st Vice President - Kirk Bacon
2nd Vice President - Jim Pildner
Registrar & Genealogist - Tim Ward*

*Secretary - Dan Matheke
Treasurer - Steve Hinson
Historian - Scott Wludyga
Chaplain - Vernon Palo*

Colonial Williamsburg's New Musket Range



Ozzy Osbourne & Jack Osbourne
(CW Photographer, Darnell Vennie)

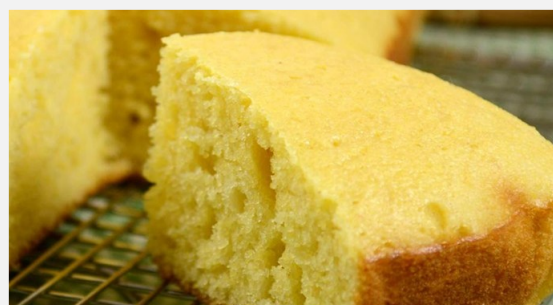
While in Williamsburg, the Osbournes tried out the new educational musket range and toured trade shops along D & G Street. "We were indeed thrilled to have Ozzy and Jack Osbourne visit the Revolutionary City. Their visit underscores Colonial Williamsburg's undiminished relevance and the broad appeal of our new and more engaging programming," Colonial Williamsburg spokesman Joe Straw aid. "Late last year we learned that Ozzy Osbourne would be teaming up with his son Jack for a new show on the History Channel. The show features the father and son duo traveling together and spoofing historic events," RockFeed reported. • Come

fire 18th-century firearms at the Colonial Williamsburg Musket Range. Participants will learn the history and become familiar with two 18th-century weapons used during the Revolutionary War. Participants will fire live rounds at a target. Must be 14 or older and present a valid photo ID at time of purchase to receive the provided waiver. Youth aged 14-17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is not shooting, and the parent or guardian must sign the provided waiver. All signed waivers must be turned in upon arrival at the musket range. Session includes: range instructions, ammunition for weapons, targets, safety equipment, and transportation to and from the range. Tickets are available only onsite, at any onsite ticket location. Weather Permitting. Ground Transportation departs promptly at scheduled appointment time. Shuttle transportation is required; participants may not drive themselves to the range. Spectators are not allowed at the range. Adult and Youth tickets are \$119 per participant. Call (855) 296-6627 for more information. (www.colonialwilliamsburg.com)

Martha Washington's Mount Vernon Cornbread

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup regular flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 well-beaten egg



Directions:

1. Sift together cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Then, stir in milk and egg.
2. Pour into buttered 8 or 9-inch-square pan and bake in oven preheated to 425 degrees for about 20 minutes. Serve hot with butter. (www.dailycommercial.com)

Donald Trump: The New George Washington?



Donald Trump supporters explain the logic behind their admiration for the candidate in terms that fans of George Washington would understand. The styles of the two men could not be more different, even as the logic about how a leader ought to present himself resonates with the revolutionary American political theory that supported Washington's rise. Voters who advocate for a Trump presidency often state two factors that guide them to their position: he is so rich that he cannot be bought by special interests, and he says what he thinks without caring about their "political correctness." The Trump campaign has promoted the first of these ideas--that Trump's wealth makes him immune to the pressures of lobbyists. Trump himself frequently mentions that he is "self-funded" and therefore independent in a way that no other candidate can be. While he could afford to bankroll his presidential campaign, he has not done so: much of what he has spent to date has come from

donations, making him just as readily pressured as any other candidate relying on large donations. Despite the funding realities, the claims of his disinterest resonate with (some) voters.

To an early American historian, such claims echo the logic of "civic republicanism," a political theory central to the understanding of George Washington and his fellows at the time of the founding. According to this logic, men in public life should be "disinterested," by which they meant independent agents not beholden to anyone. The ideal was old, drawn from ancient Roman political theory, and it promoted the idea that the only men suitable for public office were wealthy landowners who could live off the income from their lands. In this political theory, being the employee of another person made one too dependent to act properly in the political realm. That logic lay behind the English policy that the only men allowed to vote owned enough land to make themselves independent, which was calculated at the time as a "40 shilling freehold." Men of business were considered ineligible as well, as their profits placed them in a web of relationships with business associates and creditors. By the logic of civic republicanism, most American voters today would be disfranchised, one way or another. We are in business or we are employees, not to mention the fact that half of us are women. George Washington cultivated the image of the disinterested landowner, willing to lead his country without regard for his own benefit and more than willing to retire to his own lands when he was no longer needed. His fellow national leaders had to entice him away from the life of a planter at Mount Vernon, to which he had returned at the conclusion of the revolutionary war, so that he could become the nation's first president. Arguably it was the fact that he had retired from public life that made him so very suitable to serve. As a corollary to disinterestedness, no man would campaign for president or any other office. To seem to want power was to disqualify oneself from holding it. So although the logic of Trump's appeal may sound superficially like that of Washington, in every way he violates the tenets of civic republicanism. Trump, a business man, uses not only his own money but that of other wealthy men to support his Presidential campaign. Moreover, he utterly fails the test of appearing uninterested in gaining office, as he fights his way down the road to the White House. The new George Washington he is not. (www.huffingtonpost.com)

Affleck & Damon to Reunite for American Revolution Movie



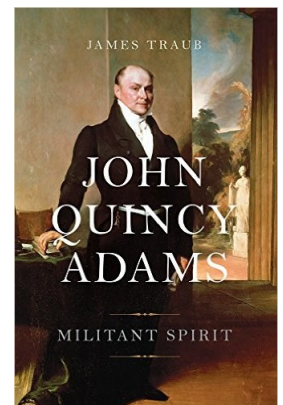
Matt Damon & Ben Affleck

Los Angeles — the two actors and friends could be set to reteam for a historical movie about the American Revolutionary War, reports *Deadline*. Ben Affleck is apparently tipped to direct this big-screen reenactment of the Battle of Bunker Hill, with Matt Damon on the cast. The upcoming feature film, in development at Warner Bros., is inspired by the true story of events that occurred in Boston in 1775 during the first years of the American Revolution, a war of independence waged to overthrow the authority of Great Britain. The plot focuses mainly on Bunker Hill, the bloodiest battle of the era that saw over 200 Crown soldiers killed. Matt Damon is reportedly lined up for the lead role, playing Joseph Warren, a doctor and soldier who went on to become the leader of the Patriots — the

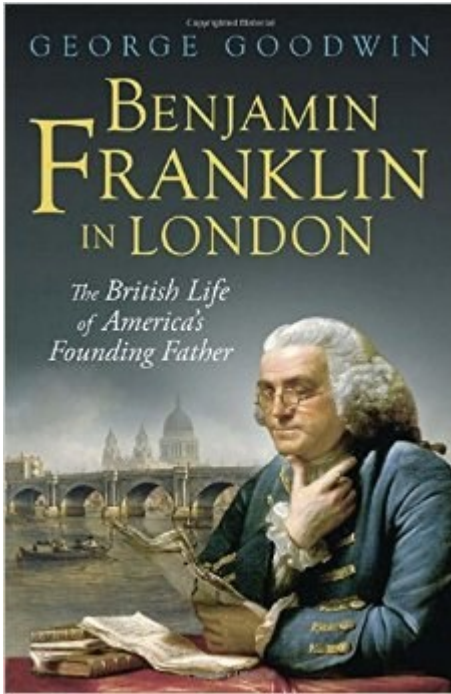
name given to the colonial rebels — who died on the battlefield at Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. Other key roles include that of Paul Revere, another revolutionary Patriot, plus Thomas Gage and General Howe, commanders of the British forces. This historical movie has actually been in the pipeline at Warner since 2013, when the studio acquired the movie rights to Nathaniel Philbrick's book *Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution*. At the time, screenwriting was assigned to Chris Terrio, who also wrote the screenplay for Ben Affleck's Oscar-winning picture *Argo*. Terrio has since penned other movies featuring the Hollywood star, such as *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* and *The Justice League: Part One*. However, the project is now in the hands of Aaron Stockard, another of Ben Affleck's faithful collaborators, who wrote the first two movies directed by the star, *Gone Baby Gone* and *The Town*. The question now is when Ben Affleck will find the time to direct this movie. In a few days, he'll be stepping back into his Batman costume to start filming *The Justice League: Part One*, due out November 17, 2017, in the US. In parallel, Affleck is reportedly drafting the screenplay for a caped crusader reboot, which he may direct, while also working on the post-production of his latest film, *Live by Night*, scheduled for release in autumn 2017. — AFP

John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit

In "John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit," scholar and journalist James Traub draws on Adams' diary, letters, and writings to evoke a diplomat and president whose ideas remain with us today. Adams was a fierce nationalist who, as secretary of state, championed the idea of American expansion. Yet, at the same time he warned against moralistic and militaristic policies abroad—a chastening wisdom that makes him the father of what we now call "realism" in foreign policy. As president, he was a bold proponent of the idea of activist government later brought to fruition by Abraham Lincoln and others. Adams' numerous achievements—and equally numerous failures—stand as testaments to his unwavering moral convictions. A man who refused to take refuge in the politically prudent course of action, Adams was repudiated by his own Federalist party and, as president, by the nation that voted him out of office. And yet, in the final decade of his life, Adams regained the country's regard, and even reverence, for as a congressman he often stood alone against the forces of slavery, twice beating back motions of censure. "John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit" tells the story of this brilliant, flinty, and unyielding man whose life exemplified political courage—a life against which each of us might measure our own. (www.amazon.com)



Benjamin Franklin in London



For more than one-fifth of his life, Benjamin Franklin lived in London. He dined with prime ministers, members of parliament, even kings, as well as with Britain's most esteemed intellectuals—including David Hume, Joseph Priestley, and Erasmus Darwin—and with more notorious individuals, such as Francis Dashwood and James Boswell. Having spent eighteen formative months in England as a young man, Franklin returned in 1757 as a colonial representative during the Seven Years' War, and left abruptly just prior to the outbreak of America's War of Independence, barely escaping his impending arrest.

In this fascinating history, George Goodwin gives a colorful account of Franklin's British years. The author offers a rich and revealing portrait of one of the most remarkable figures in U.S. history, effectively disputing the commonly held perception of Franklin as an outsider in British politics. It is an enthralling study of an American patriot who was a fiercely loyal British citizen for most of his life—until forces he had sought and failed to control finally made him a reluctant revolutionary at the age of sixty-nine. (www.amazon.com)

Meet the Revolutionary Woman Mercy Otis Warren

Mercy Otis Warren was a political writer and propagandist of the American Revolution. In the eighteenth century, topics such as politics and war were thought to be the province of men. Few men and fewer women had the education or training to write about these subjects. Warren was an exception. During the years before the American Revolution, Warren published poems and plays that attacked royal authority in Massachusetts and urged colonists to resist British infringements on colonial rights and liberties. During the debate over the United States Constitution in 1788, she issued a pamphlet, "Observations on the new Constitution, and on the Federal and State Conventions" written under the pseudonym "A Columbian Patriot," that opposed ratification of the document and advocated the inclusion of a Bill of Rights. Observations was long thought to be the work of other writers, most notably Elbridge Gerry. It was not until her descendant, Charles Warren, found a reference to it in a 1787 letter to British historian, Catharine Macaulay, that Warren was accredited authorship. In 1790, she published a collection of poems and plays under her own name, a highly unusual occurrence for a woman at the time. In 1805, she published one of the earliest histories of the American Revolution, a three-volume "History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution," the first history of the American Revolution authored by a woman. Until her death in 1814, at the age of 86, Mercy continued to write and publish, eventually under her own name. (thefederalist.com)



Martha Stewart meets Martha Washington at Mount Vernon

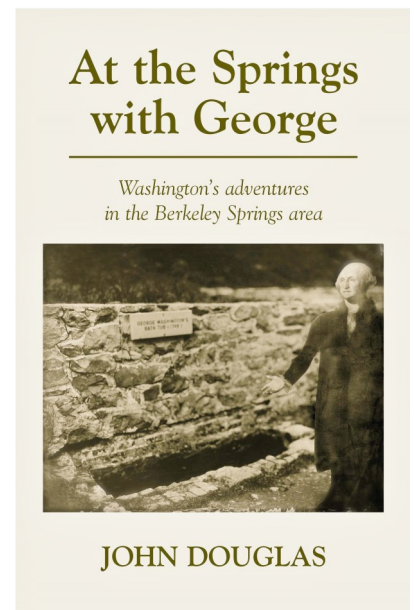


Martha Stewart meets a historical reenactor portraying Martha Washington during a tour of Mount Vernon. Photo courtesy of George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Hey, isn't that... Queen of "good things" Martha Stewart, touring historic Mount Vernon in Alexandria on Thursday? The media mogul, dressed in casual-chic khakis and toting a camera, was accompanied by her daughter, Alexis, and two grandkids (must be spring break). The party got a VIP tour of the estate from Mount Vernon president Curt Viebranz, a Mount Vernon rep tells us. A highlight of the visit was a summit of the Marthas: Stewart met a historical reenactor playing lady of the house Martha Washington, the wife of founding father George.
www.washingtonpost.com

Washington's Adventures in the Berkeley Springs Area

"At the Springs with George," the new book by John Douglas, sets the record straight on what actually took place and whether the facts match the legends. While At the Springs is mainly concerned with Washington's activities in and around Berkeley Springs, the story by necessity includes pieces of history from nearby areas in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In Washington's day, West Virginia was, of course, western, frontier Virginia. "Since Washington maintained contact with Berkeley Springs, Winchester, Cumberland and the Potomac River region throughout his life, the local story provides a good picture of the man and his interests at every stage of his career," Douglas said. As former editor of The Morgan Messenger and The Hancock News, Douglas wrote many historical pieces about the early days of this mountain region. His newspaper articles about Washington's area adventures were collected in a smaller book in 2002. With "At the Springs with George," he presents a much fuller tale with a lot of new information based on his later research, illustrated with more than 40 maps and pictures. Included is considerable new material about the teenaged Washington's work as a surveyor along the Potomac and Cacapon rivers, and his exploits trying to protect the region during the French & Indian War of the 1750s. There is new material about each stage of his life. "At the Springs with George" presents the real story of George Washington and his love affair with Berkeley Springs and the surrounding four state area.
www.wvbookco.com



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Important Dates to Remember

**Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Patriot's Day Program**

Saturday, April 16th, 2016 11:30am
Best Friend's Restaurant
1741 OH-534, Geneva, Ohio 44041

Geauga County Maple Festival

April 23rd & 24th, 2016
Main Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024
www.maplefestival.com

**Youngstown State ROTC
Awards Breakfast & Ceremony**

Thursday, April 28th, 2016
DeBartolo Stadium Club
One University Plaza
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

**Ohio Society SAR
127th Annual Conference**

April 29th - May 1st, 2016
Blue Ash, Ohio

Firelands DAR Grave Markings

Saturday, May 21st, 2016
Maple Grove Cemetery &
Brownhelm Cemetery
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**OHSSAR State Color Guard
Annual Memorial Service**

Thursday, May 26th, 2016
403 5th Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Naturalization Ceremony

July 1st, 2016 at 10:00 am
Garfield National Historic Site
8095 Mentor Ave
Mentor, Ohio 44060

126th NSSAR Annual Congress

July 8th - 13th, 2016
Westin Copley Place
10 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

**OHSSAR Board of Management &
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

Saturday, July 30th, 2016
11064 Fort Laurens Road
Bolivar, Ohio 44612