

**NEO SAR #12**  
**Saturday, 11 February, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. Geneva Public Library**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Georgeff at 12:00 p.m.  
Opening Thought: George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
2. **Invocation** by Chaplain Bill Robinson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - DAR Yearbook Chairperson Wendy Williams
4. **SAR Pledge**

*"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."*

**The American's Creed - Regent Venie Hinson, Stanley Redmond Harper Chapter, DAR**

*"I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."*

**5. Announcements**

President Georgeff: Thanked DAR

**Break for lunch**

**6. Program**

Chris Mowery, host of the Vlogging Through **History YouTube** channel and the podcast of the same name.

Topic: New Jersey/New York Campaign of 1776

**7. Guests:**

**Children of the American Revolution President, Wyatt Pringle**

- Invited members to encourage eligible children to join this new chapter.

#### **Jack Bredenfoerder, Ohio Society SAR President**

- Provided an update on how the State Chapter has been reaching out to each of the local chapters across the state.
- 250th Anniversary of the United States Celebrations are coming up across Ohio.
- Many donations are coming in to support projects
- Fort Laurens rebuild or partial rebuild is being discussed
- Northwest Ohio area chapters are working to construct a memorial to Anthony Wayne.
- Annual meeting coming up May 4th at Peterloon Emery Estate
  - A number of events are planned in conjunction with the annual meeting
  - Registration details will be distributed to all chapters and members within the week.

#### **Laurie Bredenfoerder, Ohio Society SAR First Lady**

- A quilt, “E Pluribus Unum” is being raffled to support prizes for all the state-wide Youth Awards Contests

**Others Present:** Tim Ward (OHSSAR Genealogist, Past NEO President, VPG Central District), Steve Hinson (OHSSAR Director at Large), Venie Hinson (National Vice Chair, DAR), Troy Past (OHSSAR past president, OHSSAR Registrar), Chris Bailey (Ohio Ladies Auxiliary Secretary), Jim Pildner (Past President, NEO SAR#12).

#### **Venie Hinson**

- Presented various upcoming partnerships and opportunities to recognize Vietnam Veterans

#### **8. New Members**

Presentations of Membership were done by President Bredenfoerder, President Georgeff.

- John Carpenter

Rosette presented by Troy Bailey

John commented on two of his patriot ancestors.

**Minutes Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting, were posted online at the NEO#12 website- Bob Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ryan Bailey. The motion carried.

## **9. Officers' Reports**

### **A. President's Report:**

- Six flag certificates awarded last year
- Six Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honored six Patriots
- Five Eagle Scouts recognized
- Dale Fellows spoke about George Washington
- Naturalization Ceremony at Garfield House in Mentor.
- CAR ceremony to name president of new chapter
- Participated in Wreaths Across America in December
- Youth awards were presented this year.

### **B. Secretary - Scott Wludyga**

- Contact Database has been updated. Let us know if you prefer paper mail.

### **C. Treasurer - Steve Hinson**

Balance as of 1/31/2022 - \$6057.76

### **D. Registrar - Troy Bailey**

- 143 Members as of 1/1/2023
- 1 application pending

## **10. Color Guard Report - Troy Bailey**

- 1st Place Grape Jamboree
- Grave markings scheduled for June 3rd in Lake Co.
- Other various festivals in Lake and Geauga County
- Liberty Camp to be held in July in Lake and Geauga Co.
- Next event 18 February 2023 at The Country Club
- Maple Festival in Chardon scheduled for April 29th & 30th.

## **11. Awards - Steve Hinson**

The following have been submitted

- Stark Award
- Americanism Award
- Distinguished Chapter

## **12. Grave Marking Event**

- 3 June 2023 will recognize Patriot Graves in Concord Township, Lake County

## **13. Youth Awards**

- Two youth contestants are expected: one essay entry and one brochure entry. No Eagle scouts this year

## **14. National Defense Report - Joyce Williams, DAR**

- Presented updates on latest articles

## 15. Chapter Awards

- Service Awards
  - 10 Year Certificate
    - Dan Matheke
    - Steve Hinson
    - Bill Robinson
  - 15 Year Certificate
    - Jim Gilbert
  - 20 Year Certificate
    - Tim Ward
  - Chapter Appreciation
    - Bob Kenyon
    - Ed Hanlon
    - Chris Mowery
  - Roger Sherman Award
    - Jim Gilbert
    - Richard Dana
  - Lydia Darragh Award
    - Laurie Strukel
  - Distinguished Service
    - Scott Wludyga
  - Vietnam War Veteran Award
    - Bill Robinson
  - National Lafayette Volunteer Service Award
    - Gage Georgeff
  - Color Guard Von Steuben
    - Dan Matheke
  - Military Service
    - David Van Allen

## 16. Old Business - None

## 17. Election of Officers

Officer slate presented by nominating committee chair Bob Kenyon. Seconded by Ryan Bailey.

Officer slate elected.

President: Gage Georgeff

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Richard Dana
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Gregg Gorzelle
- Secretary: Ed Hanlon
- Treasurer: Jack Martin
- Registrar: Troy Bailey
- Genealogist: Timothy E. Ward
- Chaplain: William Robinson

- Historian: Bob Kenyon

**Change signer on bank accounts to new Treasurer Martin in place of former Treasurer Hinson. Motion: Tim Ward 2nd: Bob Kenyon Motion Carried.**

**18. Upcoming events**

- 75th Anniversary of the chapter on 23 April 2023. Details will be sent to the Chapter members.
- President Georgeff - asked for nominations of public safety or other local heroes who have saved lives, folks we could recognize by the chapter
- Dale Fellows talked about Youth Leadership coming up in Lake and Geauga County. Looking for youth to participate.

**19. 50/50 Raffle** - \$94.00 (\$47 each for Chapter & winner - Vince Martin)

**20. Motion to Adjourn** - Greg Gorzelle motion by second by Ryan Bailey. Motion carried

**21. Closing Obligation**

*“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”*

**Benediction**

**Adjournment 2:19 p.m.**

Submitted by Scott Wludyga, Secretary