

NEO SAR #12
Sunday, 23 April 2023
12:00 p.m. Pine Ridge Country Club
Wickliffe, Ohio

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Georgeff at 12:08 p.m. Color Guard posted the Colors.

2. **Welcome to the NEO Chapter's 75th Anniversary: President Georgeff**

Recognized Ohio Society President Jack Bredenfoerder, 1st Vice President of the Ohio Society Donald Miller, the Samuel Huntington Chapter, David Webster. From the DAR – Suzanne Nahumck, the New Connecticut Chapter, the Simon Fobes Elizabeth Harper C.A.R. Chapter, the Harper-Redmond-Stanley DAR and Laurie Bredenfoerder, the Ohio Ladies Auxiliary President.

Opening Thought: *"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."* – George Washington

3. **Invocation** by Chaplain James Pildner

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **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."

6. **Announcements** by President Georgeff
50/50 Raffle, Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

7. **Minutes Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting were posted online at the NEO#12 website and emailed to the membership. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The Minutes were approved.

8. **President's Report:**

- Jack Martin declined his nomination as Treasurer. Dennis Gadley will be installed as Treasurer. Dennis was sworn into office by Ohio Society President Jack Bredenfoerder.
- The Ohio Board of Management Annual meeting will be May 4-6, 2023 in Indian Hills, Ohio.

- We will be doing Patriot Grave Markings for 6 Patriots on June 3, 2023 from 1:00p.m. – 4 p.m. at two cemeteries in Concord Township, Ohio.
- The 133rd NSSAR Annual Congress will be held July 13 – 20, 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

9. Protocol Introductions:

- Casey Koslowski – Ashtabula County Commissioner
- Jack Bredenfoerder – President, Ohio Society
Past President, Cincinnati Chapter
- Laurie Bredenfoerder – First Lady, Ohio Society
Secretary, National SAR Ladies Auxiliary
- Donald Miller – 1st Vice President, Ohio Society
Past President, Benjamin Franklin Chapter
- Tim Ward – Past Vice President General, National Central District
Past President, Ohio Society
Past President, Northeastern Ohio Chapter
Current Genealogist, Ohio Society
- Troy Bailey – Past President, Ohio Society
Past President, Northeastern Ohio Chapter
Current Registrar, Ohio Society
- Jim Pildner – Past President, Northeastern Ohio Chapter
- Jonathan Guerrier – President, Mahoning Valley Chapter
- David Webster – President, Samuel Huntington Chapter
- Suzanne Nahumck – Regent, New Connecticut Chapter of DAR

10. Secretary Report: Ed Hanlon

- Previous meeting minutes were already accepted and approved.
- Received a few email responses in regard to the potential increase of dues. They stated a \$15 increase was too much and would be more inclined to agree with a \$5 increase. Something to keep in mind when we are at Congress later this year.

11. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Gadley

- Copies of the report were distributed to each table. Motion to accept by Troy Bailey, seconded by Ryan Bailey. Motion approved.

12. Registrar's Report: Troy Bailey

- 4 or 5 potential new members that are in the application process.
- New member Andy LeGros

- Proposed dues increase by \$15. It will be a hot topic at Congress. No increase in 10 years and the last increase was \$5. Want to know how the membership feels about the increase so we know how to vote in July at Congress. President Bredenfoerder said he has heard similar comments from other Chapters. He said there will be more discussion about the dues increase at the State meeting May 4-6 since the President General, the Executive Director, and Vice President General will be attending. All the Chapters feel there should be a dues increase, but there is a difference of opinion when it comes to the amount of the increase.
- President Bredenfoerder spoke about the gun raffle to help pay for the memorial to General Anthony Wayne that the Northwest Territory Chapter of OSSAR is building.

13. Patriot Grave Marking Committee: Troy Bailey

- Nothing new, just the 6 Patriot grave marking happening on June 3, 2023.
- President Bredenfoerder mentioned there will be 3 Patriot grave markings on May 6 in Cincinnati as part of the State meeting.

14. Americanism Committee: Dan Matheke

- If you do an event with another SAR Chapter, grave marking, State meeting, National event, etc, let me know.
- New Award – Educating Youth Medal.

15. Color Guard Committee: Troy Bailey

- April 29th & 30th Geauga County Maple Festival.
- May 13th Mother's Day Kick Off to Summer Parade at Geneva-on-the-Lake.
- Jun 11th 200th Anniversary of a local church that wants a Color Guard.

16. 250th Anniversary: Troy Bailey

- Nothing to add at this time.

17. Flag Certificate: presented to Dino's Catering at Pine Ridge Country Club.

18. New Business & Correspondence

- Casey Koslowski, Board President of the Ashtabula County Commissioner presented a proclamation recognizing the Chapter's 75th Anniversary.
- Jack Bredenfoerder, President, Ohio Society presented a proclamation recognizing the Chapter's 75th Anniversary.
- James Pildner spoke to the history of the Chapter
- Suzanne Nahumck, Regent of the New Connecticut Chapter of DAR presented a Proclamation recognizing the Chapter's 75th Anniversary.

- Debby Kocsis, Organizing Secretary for the Ohio DAR gave congratulations on the Chapter's 75th Anniversary. DAR will be placing a marker on July 4 in Painesville in front of the Lake County Courthouse honoring the 85 Revolutionary War soldiers in Lake County.
- Dan Matheke had two items for New Business. Dan made a motion for the Chapter to purchase a commemorative brick for \$100 that will be part of the marker placed by DAR in Painesville in front of the Lake County Court House. Motioned seconded by Tim Ward. Discussion by Troy Bailey was to buy a brick for each county that the Chapter represents, Ashtabula, Lake, and Geauga counties. All voted in favor of purchasing 3 bricks for \$300. There was no discussion as to what the inscriptions on the bricks should say. Second request is for a donation to help CAR. DAR Chapter in Trumbull County made a generous donation to get the CAR Chapter going. Discussion by Dan Fellows, how much did Trumbull County DAR donate? Dan Matheke said \$50. Dan Fellows made the motion to donate \$100 to CAR. All voted in favor of the \$100 donation. Additionally, Sandy Zikursh asked that her speaking fee of \$50 be donated to CAR, bringing the total to be donated to CAR to \$150.
- **Awards and Presentations: Tim Ward**
 - James Pildner – 30 Year Membership Pin & Certificate
 - Richard Joiner – 10 Year Membership Pin & Certificate
 - Mark Tyler – Fire Commendation Award & Certificate
 - Gage Georgeff – Past President Pin for 2022
 - Pine Ridge Country Club (Dino's Catering) – American Flag Certificate
 - James Gilbert - Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

19. Induction of New Members:

Andy LeGros was sworn in by President Bredenfoerder. Troy Bailey presented the rosette. Andy spoke about his Patriot John Montgomery.

Break for dinner

20. Program:

- The Life and Times of Betsy Ross as portrayed by Sandra Zikursh
- Revolutionary War by the Numbers as explained by Karl Johnson, Revolutionary War Reenactor & Historian since 1976

21. 50/50 Raffle: \$166 (\$83 each to Chapter and winner Jack Bredenfoerder) Jack donated his share of the winnings back to the Chapter. Second prize was a

statue of Betsy Ross won by Ed Hanlon. 3 door prizes of SAR car badges were also given out.

22. Motion to Adjourn: by Ryan Bailey and seconded by Jim Pildner.

23. 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.”

24. Benediction: by Chaplain James Pildner

25. Closing Thought: President Georgeff

“They who can give up essentially liberty, to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.” – Benjamin Franklin

Adjournment 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by Ed Hanlon – Secretary