

**NEO SAR #12**  
**Saturday, 11 November 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. Saybrook Methodist Church**  
**Saybrook, Ohio**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Georgeff at 12:09 p.m.
2. **Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to our joint SAR/DAR Veterans' Day meeting: President Georgeff**
3. **Opening Thought: President Georgeff** *"While only one day a year is dedicated solely to honoring our Veterans, Americans must never forget the sacrifices that many of our countrymen have made to defend our country and protect our freedoms"* – Randy Neugebauer
4. **Invocation** by Pastor Vern Palo
5. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Diane Gilbert, DAR**
6. **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."*

7. **DAR American Creed led by Karyn Hobson**

*"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."*

8. **Announcements** by President Georgeff
  - 50/50 Raffle, Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
  - Adjournment for lunch 12:16; meeting resumed 12:54

**9. Venie Hinson and Pam Amy of the Stanley Redmond Harper chapter of the DAR presented Vietnam War veteran Raymond Lawson (Combat Engineer E5, United States Army) a quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Mr. Lawson was also awarded a certificate from the Stanley Redmond Harper chapter of the DAR in recognition of his service during the Vietnam War. Additionally, President Gage Georgeff awarded Mr. Lawson with a Wounded Warrior coin and certificate.**

**10. Venie Hinson awarded Vietnam pins on behalf of the Department of Defense to Raymond Lawson and Jim Gilbert.**

**11. Quote: Gage Georgeff** *“While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation’s defenders, we can always do a little more.”* – Gary Sinise

**12. Program:**

- Lt. Ryan Bailey, United States Army, spoke about his vast experiences during the 14 years that he served.

**13. Minutes Report: Ed Hanlon**

- Minutes of the previous meeting were posted online at the NEO#12 website as well as emailed to the membership. A copy of the minutes were also available at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve Hinson and seconded by Ryan Bailey. The motion carried.

**14. President’s Report:**

- December 16<sup>th</sup> will be Wreaths Across America at Greenlawn Memory Gardens in North Kingsville.
- National dues will be increased from \$35 to \$50. State and local dues will remain at \$10 each. Dues paid before December 31<sup>st</sup> count towards our Americanism scoresheet.

**15. Protocol Introductions:**

- Steve Hinson – Vice President General, Central District  
National Chairman Patriot Records Committee  
Past President Ohio Society  
Past President Northeast Ohio 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
- John Opre – Past President, Mahoning Valley Chapter, SAR
- Venie Hinson – National Vice Chair East Central Division, DAR  
DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee  
Ohio Chair DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee  
Past Regent, Stanley-Redmond-Harper Chapter, DAR  
Senior Society President, Simon Fobes - Elizabeth Harper  
Society, Children of the American Revolution
- Diane Gilbert – Regent, Stanley Redmond Harper Chapter, DAR

#### **16. Secretary's Report: Ed Hanlon**

- Regarding dues, two emails have been sent out to remind members to pay their dues by December 31st. Hard copy reminders were mailed to those who do not receive email.
- National Life Membership certificates arrived and will be handed out to all in attendance who signed up to be life members.
- A donation of tea was made on behalf of the Chapter to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary reenactment of the Boston Tea Party that is performed by the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum. A certificate commemorating our participation will be mailed to us some time in 2024. Information is available for those wishing to make their own donation.
- Gage Georgeff – the National SAR website has a t-shirt available commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party

#### **17. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Gadley**

- Copies of the report were distributed to each table. The starting balance September 1, 2023, was \$5,669.64. Receipts were \$2,062.07. Disbursements were \$264.00. The ending balance October 31, 2023, was \$7,082.71, accounting for a balance increase of \$1,413.07. Collecting dues today. You can pay via PayPal or check.
- Please also remember combat veterans' mothers who also suffer greatly.

#### **18. Registrar's Report: Troy Bailey**

- Two new member packets that will be processed shortly.
- Very little new membership activity in the last three months. The latest applications were the first received in two weeks. Usually get five or six a week. We need to work on recruiting members.
- Trenton Tipton-Fletcher's application will be mailed on Monday.

## **19. Americanism Committee: Gage Georgeff**

- Doing well, but we need to work on youth awards and the amount awarded to winners.
- Also doing well with working with veteran.
- Speakers Bureau. We can always use speakers to speak at different venues.
- Currently our Chapter has 143 members. We should be at 148 members by the end of the year.
- The President's Cup and Streamer – in the 5,000-point range. Top Chapters based on membership size average 26,000 points.
- Stark Award – This is an award for working with veterans. We currently have about 5,000 points. Our participation in Wreaths Across America and donations to the Sub-Zero Mission will also count towards this. Please pass along if you participated in any activities like attending a veteran's funeral, taking a veteran to lunch/dinner, or visiting with a veteran where they reside.

## **20. Color Guard Committee: Troy Bailey**

- No parades currently.
- We won a first-place trophy and \$100 from the Grape Jamboree.
- Next time we will need Color Guard participation is for Wreaths Across America on December 16<sup>th</sup> and Greenlawn Memory Gardens. We also need people to place wreaths on veterans' graves. Ryan Bailey – Have an alternate for each branch of service to lay wreaths during the program. Lat year we found out last minute that someone could not make it. Also, there was some miscommunication with the rifle salute/playing of taps at the end of the ceremony. It would be helpful to do a dry run to eliminate most, if not all, of the miscommunication. Venie Hinson will speak with the American Legion who will be performing these activities. Gage Georgeff – This also goes back to the Stark Award for points for all the activities we perform, including laying wreaths.
- Three flag poles were damaged. Three new poles have been ordered. We were given a 25% discount. We have a bill for \$159.00 that will be turned in to the Treasurer. We also need three new plastic stands due to damage. They are \$35 each. Motion to purchase them by Ryan Bailey, seconded by Gage Georgeff. The motion carried.
- The Chapter no longer has an electronic bugle. One can be ordered for \$585.00. Motion to purchase an electronic bugle by Gage Georgeff, seconded by Ryan Bailey. Motion carried.

## **21. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Troy Bailey**

- Not much activity regarding this. We will be planting five Liberty Trees in 2026 in Ashtabula County.
- National focus right now until the end of the year will be the Boston Tea Party.

- We need to start talking about/promoting the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and what will be done to celebrate it.
- We are involved with the Ashtabula County Commissioners on the Ashtabula County 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.
- We need to all be involved in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- John Opre – we should have a statewide celebration.
- Ed Hanlon – Wreaths Across America is taking place on December 16<sup>th</sup> which is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. We need to incorporate that into the ceremony.

## **22. Flag Committee: Troy Bailey**

- We have not given out any flag certificates recently.
- We will be presenting a Wounded Warrior coin to Robert Zonniville on November 16<sup>th</sup>. On the same day, a Flag Certificate will be presented to The Patriotic Flag Company.

## **23. Wreaths Across America Committee: Steve Hinson**

- \$17.00 can be given to Steve if you want to sponsor a wreath. They can also be ordered online. Make sure to use the correct cemetery number and the group number so the wreaths will be delivered to the correct cemetery and the Chapter will receive proper credit.
- The last day to purchase wreaths is November 28<sup>th</sup> to ensure they are delivered for the December 16<sup>th</sup> wreath laying event.
- A partnership of SAR, DAR, and Blue Star Mothers work together on this project. We led it last year; DAR will lead it this year.

## **24. Patriot Grave Marking Committee: Steve Hinson**

- At least two grave markings will take place in Conneaut at the Center Cemetery on Sunday, May 26, 2024. These two Patriots do not have gravestones. The gravestones have been ordered and will be delivered and installed next week. Sinclair Fox is one of the Patriots and one of his descendants and her family who live in Missouri will be attending the ceremony.
- Venie Hinson – Thank you to all who attended the Grave Marking in October

## **25. Nominating Committee: Troy Bailey**

- The following have been nominated for 2024/2025:
  - Mark Tyler – President
  - Vince Martin – First Vice President
  - Greg Gorzelle – Second Vice President
  - Dennis Gadley – Treasurer
  - Ed Hanlon – Secretary
  - Troy Bailey – Registrar
  - Tim Ward – Genealogist
  - Bill Robinson – Chaplin
  - Bob Kenyon – Historian
  
- Elections will be February 17, 2024, at a place to be determined.

## **26. New Business & Correspondence**

- Venie Hinson, DAR – A motion was made to forgo meeting today for a zoom meeting instead. Motion was seconded by Diane Gilbert. Motion carried.
- Kirk Bacon – We need to look into upgrading our PA system. There has been difficulty hearing at previous events, especially those outside. Steve Hinson – A committee needs to be formed to pursue this further. The audio problems at the Grave Marking in October were due to bad batteries. Kirk Bacon asked for a motion for the formation of a committee, seconded by Gage Georgeff. Motion carried.
  
- **Induction of New Member:**

William Hess was sworn in by President Georgeff. William spoke about the process he went through in becoming a member and about his Patriot Jacob Roller
  
- **Awards and Presentations: Steve Hinson**
  - Mark Tyler and Gage Georgeff were awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
  - Our Chapter was awarded the President General's Education Outreach Streamer
  - National Life Membership Certificates were presented to those who became life members.

- **Northeast Ohio Chapter, SAR Veterans' Muster Roll**

- Chief Petty Officer Paul Anderson, U.S. Navy Submarine Force
- Sergeant Kirk Bacon, U.S. Air Force
- Lieutenant Ryan Bailey, U.S. Army
- Staff Sergeant Troy Bailey, U.S. Air Force
- Specialist First Class Paul Bertan, U.S. Army
- Specialist 5 Littleton Kirkpatrick, U.S. Army
- James Lighton
- Raymond Rabbett
- Electronics Tech First Class William Robinson, U.S. Navy Submarine Force
- Sergeant Michael Shadle, U.S. Air Force
- Master Sergeant (Retired) David Van Allen, U.S. Air Force
- Electronics Mate Edward Ward, U.S. Navy
- Captain Larry Pugel, U.S. Army
- John Opre, Sergeant in the U.S. Army, and Petty Officer Second Class in the U.S. Navy
- Corporal Dennis Gadley, U.S. Marine Corps

**27. 50/50 Raffle:** \$114 (\$57 each to Chapter and winner the Lawson family). The Lawson family donated their share of the winnings back to the Chapter. Second prize was a book about D-Day.

**28. Motion to Adjourn:** by Ryan Bailey, seconded by Steve Hinson. Motion carried.

**29. 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."*

**30. Closing Thought: President Georgeff**

*"This country has not seen and probably will never know the true level of sacrifice of our veterans." – Thomas M. Smith*

- To all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!
- Our next meeting is Saturday, February 17, 2024, at noon at a place to be determined.

**31. Benediction:** by Steve Hinson

**Adjournment 2:14 p.m.**

Submitted by Ed Hanlon – Secretary