

**NEO SAR #12  
Meeting  
5/15/2021  
Zaback - Ducro - Williams Funeral Home Conference Room  
Ashtabula, OH**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President James Pildner at 12:24 pm, 11 members and 7 guests present.

President Pildner gave an opening thought about the brave men and women in our armed forces.

The President declared that a quorum of members was present.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Pro-tem Richard Dana gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance/SAR:** Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited by all present and the SAR Pledge was recited by all Compatriots present.

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

**President's Report:** A new member, Michael Geddings, was inducted by Tim Ward. His rosette and certificate of membership were presented. His wife, Carol, accompanied him on the trip from Amherst, NY.

Prospective new members Dennis Gadley (accompanied by his wife Karla) and Ed Hanlon were introduced by President Pildner.

The President asked Steve Hinson to give an update on the May 29<sup>th</sup> Grave Marking ceremonies. Steve reported five patriots will be honored at three different cemeteries in the Monroe/Conneaut area. The ceremonies will be a State Color Guard Event and will include musket firings.

President Pildner announced the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal will be presented to the immediate past Ashtabula County Sheriff, William Johnson, at a time and place to be determined.

The President gave an update on Liberty Camp. One camp will be held in Lake County, July 12 - 16, 9am - 1pm. The other camp will be held in Geauga County, Chickagami Park, July 26 - 30, 9am - 1pm. More information will be forthcoming.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob reported the balance as of 4/30/2021 is \$5394.64. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. The report was approved.

**Registrar's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** Gage Georgeff, Chapter Americanism Chair, reported the chapter has achieved 370 points towards the Americanism Award and 305 points towards the President General's Streamer.

**New Business:** President Pildner asked Steve Hinson to review the recent OHSSAR Annual Meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Steve reviewed the activities held during the weekend. He noted those chapter compatriots and Ladies Auxiliary receiving awards at the banquet on Saturday evening. Steve presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* and the *State Meritorious Service Medal* to Compatriot Kenyon. Compatriot Henson presented the *2020-2021 Distinguished Chapter Award Streamer* to the chapter.

*Silver Roger Sherman Medal (Oak leaf Cluster)* - Steve Hinson, Tim Ward

*Distinguished Service Certificate* - Troy Bailey, Tim Ward

*Daughters of Liberty Medal* - Chris Bailey

*Martha Washington Medal* - Venie Hinson

*2020-2021 Ohio Society Spirit of Volunteerism Awards* - Troy Bailey, Tim Ward

*2020-2021 Ohio Society Perfect Attendance Award* - Troy Bailey, Steve Hinson

*2021 Hub Scott Award* - Troy Bailey

The President announced two flag certificate presentations to be held on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the homes of Rick & Jeanne Pildner (noon) and Ken & Carol Smith (12:45 pm).

President Pildner noted a "Quilt of Honor" was presented to his father, John Pildner, Sr. by Compatriot Hinson, and his wife Venie at his dad's American Legion meeting.

The President noted the local *Wreaths Across America* observance has been organized by the Stanley - Harper - Redmond Chapter of the DAR for the last several years. The Blue Star Mothers and our chapter could be added in a rotation to organize the

observance each year. A motion was made by Compatriot Dana and seconded by Compatriot Anderson for our chapter to participate in the rotation of responsibility. Motion carried. Our chapter will be the organizer for 2021.

Compatriot Hinson reminded the members regarding the organization of a new CAR society, Simon Fobes/Elizabeth Harper Society, in our area. Six children are needed to become members within one year of the society's organization.

**Correspondence:** None received.

**Program:** *"Armed Forces Day ~ A Grateful Appreciation!"* President Pildner gave a short narrative concerning Armed Forces Day. Compatriot Ward introduced Will Kessler. Will is a retired USAF Colonel who served in Iraq and Afghanistan from 1990-2013 doing Pararescue. He was encouraged by his father to enlist. Will flew C-5 and C-10 cargo planes to Saudi Arabia. The longest Special Forces training in the military is Pararescue (two years). Their job is to rescue Navy Seals and Army Rangers under hostile fire conditions. Will is the recipient of three Purple Hearts.

President Pildner distributed small American flags and bookmarks to everyone.

Compatriots Evan Howe (fife) & Sean Howe (drum) played the various military branch anthems.

Chaplain Pro-tem Dana said a memorial prayer.

**Adjournment:** President Pildner adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

**Closing Obligation:** Closing Obligation was recited by all Compatriots present.

The President gave a closing thought about our "guardians at the gate."

**Benediction:** Benediction was given by Chaplain Pro-tem Dana.

Submitted by Bob Kenyon, Secretary Pro-tem