

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12  
Sons of the American Revolution

February 10th, 2018

**Call to Order:** President Steve Hinson called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. The meeting was held at Best Friends restaurant in Geneva, OH. There were 16 members and 7 guests present

**Invocation:** Invocation was given by Compatriot Bill Robinson, Chaplin.

**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, November 11th, 2017 were posted online at the NEO#12 website and a copy was available at the meeting. Compatriot Jim Pildner made a motion to approve the minutes and Compatriot Jim Gilbert seconded. Motion the Minutes were approved.

**Program:** Our Presidents Day program was based on Abraham Lincoln our 16<sup>th</sup> President. Christine Fisher was our speaker. She related many stories of here life and her love of the study of Abraham Lincoln. She told us when she was about 10 she was travelling with here family and her mother wanted to stop at Antietam battle ground. Being a child, she did not want to stop and once they did it opened her eyes to history.

She spent much of her life going to various historic sites the involved Lincoln in some way. In 2008, at a friend urging, she entered the Horace Mann Insurance contest for educators and was selected as one of fifty Lincoln Fellows. She spent a week in Springfield, Illinois studying and participating in behind the scenes tours of the historic sites and museums.

**Presidents Report:** President Hinson introduced the guests present and discussed the latest edition of the newsletter. He also discussed the activities of the previous year including the parades, Color Guard awards and the many Grave Markings that were done during 2017

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Matheke discussed the National Veterans Museum in Columbus. The state will be inviting all Color Guard members attend the opening as they can. May 4-6 is the Ohio State conference in Dublin Ohio.

We received 11 approvals for Grave Marking Medals last week. Most were 2<sup>nd</sup> or higher award with three Compatriots receiving their fourth and one Compatriot earning his first.

The Americanism Award scoresheets have been submitted. We earned about 10,700 points this year. Last year we had scored over 11,200. Most of the decrease was for categories that were reduced by the committee. Wee had a very busy year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was submitted in writing. As of this date we have \$6587.58 in our accounts. A large amount of this was from the payment of annual dues.

**Registrar's Report:** Yearend reconciliation was completed. We currently have 122 members.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

## **New Business:**

### **Induction:**

Four new members were inducted to the Chapter, Gary Heroon, Steve Sandberg, Tom Sanders and his son Paul who currently resides in Florida. We would like to welcome the to the Chapter.

Compatriot Bailey and Ward presented the slate of candidates for office for this coming year. The nominations were then opened for any additional candidates. The call for nominations was closed after three times with no further nominations being made. The following were elected for the upcoming term:

Steve Hinson	President
Jim Gilbert	1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Troy Bailey	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Dan Matheke	Secretary
Bob Kenyon	Treasurer
Jim Pildner	Chaplain
Tim Ward	Genealogist/Registrar
Scott Wludyga	Historian
John McClellan	Newsletter Editor

Thank you to those that volunteered to take on these important positions to help keep our chapter strong and growing. The slate was approved as presented.

**Awards:** The following awards were presented:

Grave Marking Medals/Oak Leaf: Troy Bailey, Steve Hinson and Dan Matheke (4). Jim Gilbert, Jim Pildner, Tim Ward, and Scott Wludyga (3), Kirk Bacon (2).

Chapter Distinguished Service Medal: Dan Matheke and Troy Bailey.

Bronze Roger Sherman: Jim Gilbert

Past Presidents Pin: Steve Hinson

Certificate of Distinguished Service; Jim Pildner, Scott Wludyga, Kirk Bacon, John McClellan.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion was made by Compatriot Pildner and seconded by Compatriot Blake. Motion to adjourn was approved at 1:48PM.

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

**Benediction:** Benediction was given by Steve Hinson.

Submitted by Daniel M. Matheke  
Secretary NEO#12 OHSSAR