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From The President's Desk

Compatriots & Friends,

First, I'd like to apologize for missing our February 21st chapter meeting. At the last minute, I discovered that I needed to be out of town that weekend. In any case, I'd like to thank Jim Pildner for filling in for me, and for your vote of support to re-elect me as your chapter president.

Our Patriots' Day program is scheduled for this Saturday, April 18th, at 11:30 a.m. at [Rivalry's Restaurant](#), which is located in the [Ramada Austinburg-Ashtabula](#) (1860 Austinburg Road, Austinburg, Ohio 44010). Jim Pildner has lined up an interesting program for us, and I hope you'll be able to attend. Following the meeting, we'll be presenting a flag certificate to Richard Reuschling at 38 East Walnut Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047. Directions will be provided at the meeting.

As you may know, Steve Hinson and I have begun working on another SAR grave marking program, similar to the one we conducted in Andover last summer. This year, we're focusing on ten American Revolutionary War Patriots' graves. Five that are buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery and five that are buried in Edgewood Cemetery. Both cemeteries are located in Ashtabula Township. In fact, we plan on conducting the program on Sunday, July 5th, in conjunction with activities planned by the Ashtabula County Historical Society. More details will be forthcoming. In addition to your participation/attendance at the event, we will also need financial support to purchase the markers. If you are interested in contributing, or you know of a local business or organization that would be willing to support our efforts, please let me or Steve know as soon as possible. The markers are \$80.00 each. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Please join me in welcoming our newest SAR Junior Member, John Kosar. We plan to induct him during our May 17th meeting, which will be held at the [Geneva Public Library](#) (860 Sherman Street, Geneva, Ohio 44041) at 1:00 p.m. The program, titled "The Captain Howard Miller Flag Collection," will be presented by Compatriot Paul Wilke. Paul and his family will be coming up from Cincinnati, and we obviously look forward to his presentation.

Remember, you can find current information about NEO chapter programs and activities on our web site: neo12sar.net. Of course, your suggestions for future meetings, topics, locations, and dates are welcomed and encouraged.

Patriotically yours,

*Troy Bailey, President
Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution*

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one."

George Washington

Welcome New SAR Members!

*John Kosar
Descendant of Isaac Moss*

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Presidents Day Program



2015 Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 officers and guest, Sandy Zikursh. Left to Right: Steve Hinson, Scott Wludyga, Jim Pildner, Dan Matheke, Tim Ward. Seated: Sandy Zikursh as Betsy Ross

*The February 21st
Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Presidents Day meeting featured a
program conducted by
Sandy Zikursh, who portrayed
Betsy Ross.*



*Compatriot Steve Hinson presenting Grave Registry
Medal to Compatriot Brad Woodworth*



*Sandy Zikursh portraying Betsy Ross,
discussing her life and design of the
flag of the United States*

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers

*President - Troy Bailey
1st Vice President - John McClellan
2nd Vice President - Jim Pildner
Registrar - Tim Ward
Treasurer - Steve Hinson*

*Secretary - Dan Matheke
Historian - Scott Wludyga
Chaplain - Vernon Palo
Genealogist - Troy Bailey*

Chowning's Tavern Reopens as Ale House after Renovations

Williamsburg's reimagined Chowning's Tavern has opened for the season as an ale house with a new Alewerks. Brewing Company beer, a remodeled interior and a new menu. The tavern, located on Duke of Gloucester Street in the Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area, has been recrafted as an authentic 18th Century ale house, according to a news release from the living history museum. The ale house will play host to a series of beer tasting events throughout the year called Beers in the 'Burg. Front and center will be the new Alewerks beer brewed especially for Colonial Williamsburg called Wetherburn's Tavern Bristol Beer.



Beer tastings are scheduled for May 23rd, June 20th, August 8th and September 19th. The new menu features shepherd's pie and light fare including pork sliders, flatbreads, corn chowder, trenchers and salads. Menu staples like Welsh rarebit remain available, as do the tavern's deserts. "We're located in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg's Revolutionary City," Seth Farrell, director of Historic Area hospitality operations, said in the news release. "We invite guests to stop in any time all day long, whether for a full meal, a refreshing drink or a dessert. The atmosphere at Chowning's is informal and welcoming, but the authenticity of the tavern that people have come to love remains intact."

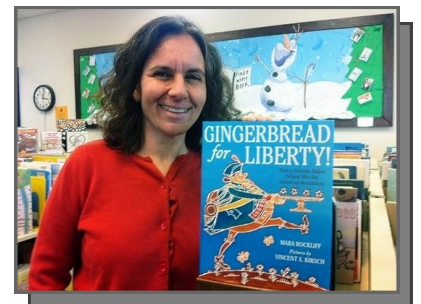
The tavern's new look features a paint scheme built on research conducted into how buildings would have appeared during the 18th century. "What we've found is that interiors were much brighter than we previously thought," Matt Webster, the director of the Grainger Department of Historic Architectural Preservation, said in the news release. "So, we

have repainted the interiors to better represent these findings. Using paint from Benjamin Moore's Williamsburg color palette, the ceilings are painted hardwood putty, mimicking whitewash, and the woodwork is now a rich cream called bracken biscuit. The dark finish has been removed from the floor, which has been treated to look as if the boards are unfinished as they would have been, even though they do have a protective coating."

Along with the new paint job, a display cabinet near the entrance to the ale house features artifacts found at tavern sites throughout the Historic Area by archaeologists. The ale house is open from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily with no reservations required. Free parking is located in the tavern lot on Francis Street or after 5:00 p.m. in the employee lot on Franklin Street. (wydailly.com)

"Gingerbread for Liberty!" by Mara Rockliff

Christopher Ludwick is a German-born American patriot with a big heart and a talent for baking the best gingerbread in Philadelphia. No one goes hungry if he can help it--"Not in my America!" he says. When cries of "Revolution!" begin, Christopher marches off to feed General Washington and his hungry troops. But Washington never expects his favorite baker to sneak off on a risky secret mission across enemy lines... Brought to life by Vincent Kirsch's innovative cut-paper illustrations, "Gingerbread for Liberty!" is the story of an unsung hero of the Revolutionary War who changed the course of history—one delicious mouthful at a time. (Amazon.com, mararockliff.com)



Author Mara Rockliff

Marietta Turns 227 Years Old



*Happy Birthday Marietta!
227 Years of History*

Compatriots of the Marietta and Hocking Valley Chapters of the SAR celebrated the 227th anniversary of the founding of the city of Marietta, Ohio in 1788. Mayor Matthews, city police officers, and members of The Sons of the American Revolution met Tuesday morning, April 7th, at the Start Westward Monument for the annual raising of the Marietta and American flags. The celebration included a traditional "bell ringing" at the Henry Fearing House Museum. Photo Courtesy of the News Center, Parkersburg, WV. (ohssardispatch.wordpress.com)

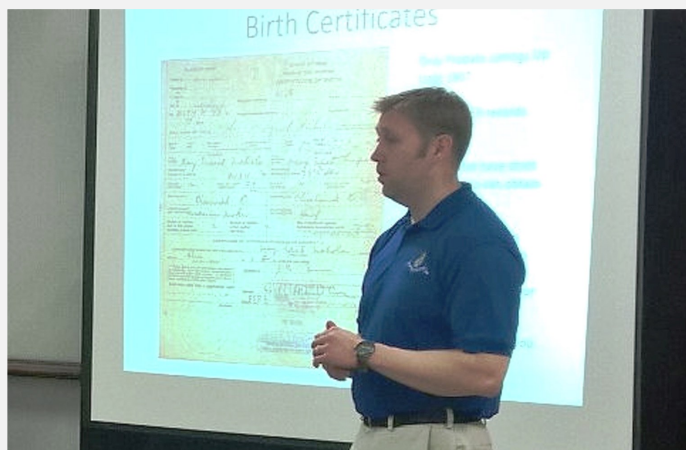
Patriots & Pioneers Celebration

Patriots & Pioneers of Washington County also celebrated the 227th Anniversary of Founding of Marietta and the Northwest Territory. The month-long celebration began with the Annual Presentation of the Washington County Public Service Awards held in Beverly, Ohio and included a special presentation at Campus Martius Museum, retelling the founding of the Marietta and the surrounding communities. April 7th was Founders Day in Marietta, with numerous festivities along the Ohio River front and a dinner at Hotel Lafayette. On April 14th, a dinner was held to commemorate the founding of Belpre. Hats off to the Marietta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for helping to memorialize the earliest founding of Ohio by American Revolution Patriots in Marietta. (ohssardispatch.wordpress.com)



(Left to Right) Marietta Chapter Registrar, C. Jean Yost, Washington County Emergency Medical Services - Gwynette Hammond, Belpre City Fire Depart - Chief Eric Sinnett, Marietta City Fire Dept - Lt. Larry Bargeloh, Marietta City Police - Allan Linscott, Washington County Sheriff Dept. - Sgt. Kelly McGilton, Washington County Firefighters Assoc. - Jeff Lauer, Marietta Chapter President Steve Frash

John Hancock Chapter Presents Genealogy Seminar



Daniel Haas of the John Hancock Chapter

Daniel Haas of the John Hancock Chapter presented 'Genealogy 101' at the University of Findlay on March 31st. This was open to all students, faculty and staff. This presentation was an introduction to the 'art' of genealogy which included where to start, tools, sources and how to put it all together to discover ones roots. Of course, it talked about the benefits of lineage societies such as the Sons of the American Revolution.

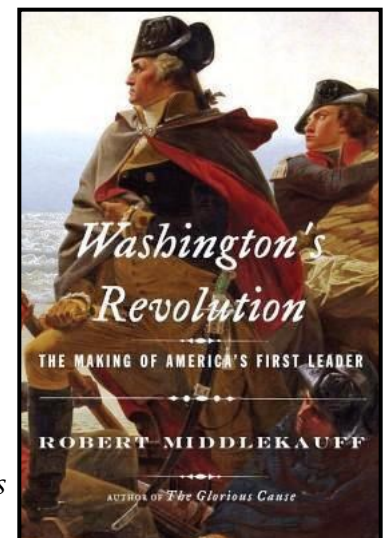
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In "Washington's Revolution," Robert Middlekauff Deftly Traces the Founding Father's Growth in Reputation and Leadership

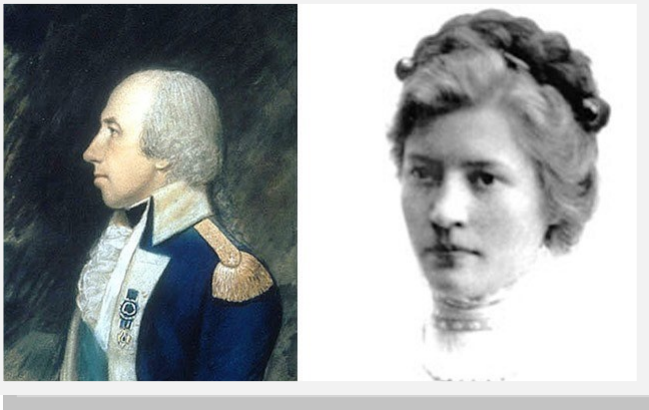
Leaders are made, not born. Perseverance is rewarded. It's lonely at the top. These are just several of the truisms compellingly illustrated in "Washington's Revolution: The Making of America's First Leader" (Alfred A. Knopf, 384 pp., \$30). Author Robert Middlekauff, whose earlier "The Glorious Cause" ranks as the best narrative account we have of the American Revolution, focuses here on George Washington's development as a leader from his early years through the end of the War of Independence. Besides leadership, growth and transition are this volume's main themes, emphasized by its division into three sections: "Virginian," "American" and "Citizen of the World." "Like many Americans," asserts Middlekauff, at the start of the revolutionary period – the end of the French and Indian War in 1763 – Washington was a provincial. He regarded himself first and foremost as a Virginian. Republican ferment and ascension to command of the Continental Army in 1775, with all the responsibilities that entailed, "transformed him into an American." And ultimately, he became "something more . . . an established citizen of the world."

Washington was only 22 when he first heard the bullets whistle as a militia colonel fighting the French and Indians on the Virginia frontier. Conventional wisdom holds we often learn more from failure than success, and, if so, "Washington learned much in the mid-1750s, for he and his Virginia forces failed repeatedly." However, by the French and Indian War's end, declares Middlekauff, "Washington had become a soldier of considerable skill" through the hard lessons he had learned. An especially insightful chapter traces Washington's transformation from Virginia planter to American patriot. Fundamentally a conservative, but like many others of his class, he was extremely "sensitive to challenges" to his rights and liberty. As the imperial crisis with Britain intensified, Washington began referring to the defense of American liberty as "the Glorious Cause." As the patriots' most experienced soldier, he was the obvious choice to command the newly formed Continental Army after war broke out with Britain. The force he led, like the new nation it served, "was very much a work in progress," writes Middlekauff. Washington's biggest challenge was simply holding it together. Brief enlistment periods prompted him to despair that his was an army of "comers and goers." Everything – food, clothing, weapons, pay – was scarce.

In assessing Washington's generalship, Middlekauff furnishes ample evidence not only of the enormous logistical challenges the British faced, but also of the squabbling and confusion among rival British commanders in America and the ministers back in London. As he points out, while Washington "had never led an army," the British had never confronted an imperial rebellion on such a large scale. Both sides had to feel the way ahead. Washington grew into his role much more successfully than his opponents. He came to excel as a supreme commander. For someone born in an imperial backwater, he exhibited a remarkably sophisticated appreciation of sea power and also diplomacy in dealing with our French allies, who were essential to American victory. Well before the war's end, Washington had gained international renown "as a man not just of courage, but of character." His determination and selflessness increasingly led foreigners, as well as his fellow Americans, to regard him "as a perfect representative of a nation created in the name of liberty and equality." Middlekauff concludes this fine biography by claiming that although "Washington did not seek such a status," he certainly merited it. While his judgment, will, decisiveness and battlefield achievements secured independence for America, it was his "grand imagination, a vision of his new country" that made him indispensable. (cleveland.com)



Revolutionary War General, Navy Cryptologist Recognized as Great Ohioans



Rufus Putnam (Left) and Agnes Meyer Driscoll

Pioneers from two vastly different eras — American Revolutionary War Brig. Gen. Rufus Putnam and 20th-century cryptographer and security expert Agnes Meyer Driscoll — were named as 2015 Great Ohioans. The selections were announced by the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and Capitol Square Foundation based on nominations made statewide by individuals and organizations, according to William Carleton, executive director of the Capitol Square Board. The annual award, bestowed previously on thirty people, recognizes Ohioans who played a significant role in state, U.S. or world history, and who lived in the state for at least five

years. The events that nominees are recognized for must be at least twenty-five years in the past. The two nominees were recognized for being on the leading edge of movements, Putnam as a Revolutionary War veteran who helped found one of the first settlements in Ohio and Driscoll as a trailblazer in cryptology and national security at a time when there were almost no women in the field.

Putnam was born in 1738 in Massachusetts and fought in the French and Indian War and later in the American Revolutionary War, where he reached the rank of brigadier general. After the war, Putnam, a surveyor by trade, founded the Ohio Company and settled along the Ohio River in what would become Marietta. He was later appointed to a judgeship by President George Washington and as U.S. Surveyor-General.

Nancy Putnam Hollister, a descendant of Putnam's, served briefly as Ohio's only female governor in 1999, after having previously been elected lieutenant governor and mayor of Marietta. Driscoll, born in Illinois in 1889, moved to Westerville where her father became a music teacher at Otterbein College. She received a degree from Ohio State University and studied at Otterbein before joining the Navy in 1918. In a field dominated by men, Driscoll became a leading cryptanalyst for the Navy, helping break several Japanese naval fleet codes. After her military service, Driscoll joined what eventually became the National Security Agency, where she was known as Miss Aggie and Madam X. Driscoll is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Previous Great Ohioans include Orville and Wilbur Wright, John Glenn, Jesse Owens, Thomas Edison, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Eddie Rickenbacker, Denton T. "Cy" Young and Annie Oakley.
www.dispatch.com

New Book Series on the American Revolution

[The Journal of the American Revolution](http://www.dispatch.com) is launching a new book series on the American Revolution in partnership with Westholme Publishing, LLC. The journal and Westholme will jointly serve as the editorial board of the series, known as Journal of the American Revolution Books. Two titles will serve as the inaugural volumes of the nonfiction series, both publishing in March 2016. The first book, "The Road to Concord: How Four Small Cannons Set Off the American Revolution," is authored by J. L. Bell. The second title, "Grand Forage 1778: The Revolutionary War's Forgotten Campaign," is authored by Todd W. Braisted. www.prweb.com

“Turn: Washington's Spies” American Revolution Espionage Tale Returns

He has committed murder, betrayed men who counted him as a friend, even burned down his own house. There seems very little Abe Woodhull (Jamie Bell), wouldn't do to serve the Patriot cause. Played with great control, impressive nuance and wit by Bell, Abe is the hero of “[Turn: Washington's Spies](#),” AMC's spy thriller about the American Revolution, which returned for its second season with a feature-length installment on Monday.

Abe's greatest sin, however, is to embark on a career despised by all men of breeding as illegitimate, dishonorable and sleazy: espionage. Spying is the kind of work that brings shame - the feeling that engulfed Abe's loyalist wife Mary (Meegan Warner) at the end of the first season when she discovered her husband's dark secret. Yet she helped him cover up his murder and set fire to their home. Will Mary betray Abe? That's the question on everyone's minds as the new season opens.

Turn received mixed ratings last year, but it never failed to be entertaining and thought-provoking. The new season opens slowly, but promises to provide viewers with more excitement. Abe and Mary have moved in with Abe's father, Judge Richard Woodhull (Kevin R. McNally) who is a most avid supporter of Britain and a great friend to the creepy Major Richard Hewlett (Burn Gorman) who controls their Long Island town of Setauket. The first season was largely confined to the town and explored the inner conflict that tore at Abe: Should he remain passive or put his lot in with Ben Tallmadge (Seth Numrich), his childhood friend and Continental Army spymaster?

The stories this season are set against a much larger landscape and take us into Manhattan and Philadelphia. A delicious new set of characters includes the infamous Benedict Arnold (Owain Yeoman), whom we meet while he's still loyal to General Washington. More fascinating still is Peggy Shippen (Ksenia Solo), a shrewd Philadelphian of very loose morals and shifting and uncertain loyalties who falls madly in love with one of the show's nastiest villains, British spymaster Major John André (JJ Feild).

This season, series creator Craig Silverstein amps up the “Mission: Impossible” angle with long sequences devoted to the minutiae of 18th-century spy craft. While history buffs will continue to quibble with the drama's trifling inaccuracies, fans of espionage stories will not be disappointed. (www.philly.com)



Owain Yeoman plays Benedict Arnold on "Turn: Washington's Spies." (Anthony Platt/AMC)



*In Memory of Compatriot William “Red” Leonard
† Who Entered into Eternal Rest on March 10th, 2015 †*

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Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 of the Sons of
the American Revolution. It is for educational
purposes only, and is not for sale.*

Important Dates to Remember

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Patriots' Day Program

Saturday, April 18th, 2015 at 11:30 am

[Rivalry's Restaurant](#)

Ramada Austinburg/Ashtabula
1860 Austinburg Road
Austinburg, Ohio 44010

Blue Star Mothers Veterans Dinner

Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:00 pm

Geneva Veterans of Foreign Wars
76 Depot St, Geneva, Ohio 44041

Youngstown State ROTC Awards Breakfast and Ceremony

Thursday, April 23rd at 8:00 am

DeBartolo Stadium Club
One University Plaza
Youngstown, Ohio, 44555

[Geauga County Maple Festival](#)

April 25th & 26th, 2015

Chardon Square, Short Court Street
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Ohio Society SAR

126th Annual Conference

Friday, May 1st - 3rd, 2015

[Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke
Conference Center](#)

10823 Chidlaw Road

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 & [Ashtabula Genealogical Society](#)

Sunday, May 17th, 2015

860 Sherman Street
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Chagrin Falls Blossom Time Festival

Sunday, May 24th, 2015 at 2:00 pm

400 E Washington Street
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

Patriotic Cantata

Sunday, May 24th, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Geauga County Fairgrounds
14373 North Cheshire Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

Ashtabula Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 25th, 2015, 12:00 pm

Point Park, Walnut Blvd.
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Flag Day Program at [Laleure Vineyards](#)

Saturday, June 13th, 2015 (Tentative)

17335 Nash Road
Parkman, Ohio 44080

[125th NSSAR Annual Congress](#)

June 26th-July 1st, 2015

809 W Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

