



# The Buckeye Patriot

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### From The President's Desk

Compatriots & Friends,

It's been a fun & rewarding two years as President of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 S.A.R. I'd like to congratulate Mark Tyler for stepping up to be our next President, and congratulate Vince Martin for stepping up to be our next 1st Vice President. I'll still be involved with the chapter, acting as Chairman of the Americanism Score Sheet Committee, Chairman of the Veterans Committee (Stark Award Score Sheet), and Chairman of the Youth Awards Committee.

Highlights from this year include the chapter's 75th anniversary dinner, the Concord grave markings, compatriot grave markings, live video from North Carolina, as well as other various grave markings and chapter meetings we've attended. As you may know, the Color Guard participated in several parades, and even won first place & a cash award at the Geneva Grape Jamboree. Of course, participating in Wreaths Across America is always rewarding too.

We also honored four veterans for their service in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. With three of the veterans receiving a Wounded Warrior Coin & Certificate. Steve Hinson became Central District Vice President General for 2023 & 2024. Tim Ward received the Gold Henry Knox Medal for recruiting 1,000+ new members over the years.

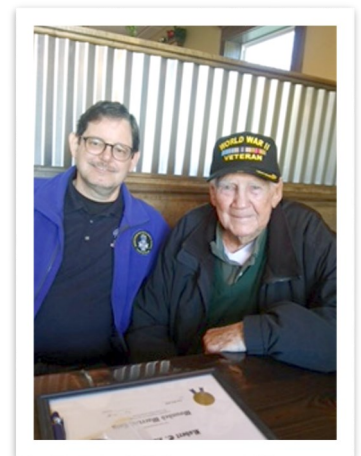
Our Chapter has grown. Though, sadly, Dennis Smith passed away before he could be initiated, please say a prayer for Dennis and his family.

Before I go, I'd like to remind you that membership dues are \$70.00 and are due by December 15th.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Patriotically yours,

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Gage Georgeff & World War II Veteran, Bob Zonneville

# Welcome New SAR Members!

William Henry Hess  
Casey Ray Kozłowski



## The Continental Army's Arrival at Fort Laurens

[Bolivar, Ohio] - Fort Laurens Museum partnered with the Brigade of the American Revolution to provide an event commemorating the 245th anniversary of the Continental Army's arrival at the site of Fort Laurens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 18th.

On November 18th, 1778, General Lachlan McIntosh led his Continental Army of 1,200 men across the Tuscarawas River to build a fort on its western bank. Named for Henry Laurens, president of the colonial Continental Congress, the fort was part of a strategy to stage an attack on the British at Fort Detroit during the American Revolution.



Reenactors in period dress marched into the site of Fort Laurens just as the Continental forces did in 1778. Visitors could greet the soldiers as they marched in, watch historical demonstrations, and learn about 18th-century weaponry, tools, and practices.

Fort Laurens was an American Revolutionary War fort on a northern tributary of the Muskingum River.

Fort Laurens is Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort and includes a museum, memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Patriot, and visible outline of the original fort. The site was considered a stepping stone across the West to stage an attack on the British at Fort Detroit during the American Revolution. It's managed by the Zoar Community Association and is located in Bolivar, Ohio along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. ([www.timesreporter.com](http://www.timesreporter.com))

## Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers

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# *The Times That Try Men's Souls*

*The Adams, the Quincys, and the Battle for Loyalty in the American Revolution. A compelling, intimate history of the Revolutionary period through a series of charismatic and ambitious families, revealing how the American Revolution was, in many ways, a civil war. "Posterity! You will never know, how much it cost the present Generation, to preserve your Freedom! — John Adams to Abigail Adams, 26 April 1777*

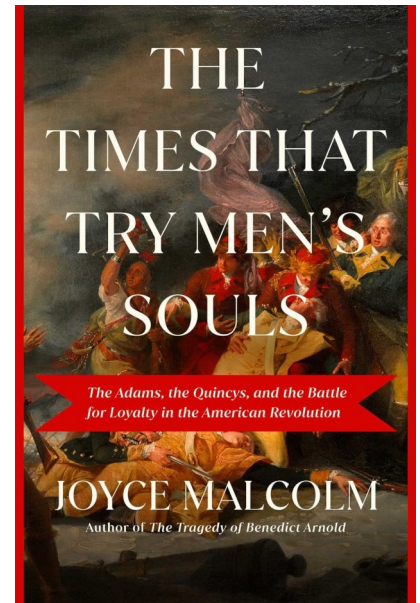
*All wars are tragic, but the "revolutionary generation" paid an exceptionally personal price. Foreign wars pull men from home to fight and die abroad leaving empty seats at the family table. But the ideological war that forms the foundation of a civil war also severs intimate family relationships and bonds of friendship in addition to the loss of life on the battle fields.*

*In "[The Times That Try Men's Soul](#)," Joyce Lee Malcolm masterfully traces the origins and experience of that division during the American Revolution—the growing political disagreements, the intransigence of colonial and government officials swelling into a flood of intolerance, intimidation and mob violence. In that tidal wave opportunities for reconciliation were lost. Those loyal to the royal government fled into exile and banishment, or stayed home to support British troops. Patriots risked everything in a fight they seemed destined to lose. Many people simply hoped against hope to get on with ordinary life in extraordinary times.*

*The hidden cost of this war was families and dear friends split along party lines. Samuel Quincy, Josiah Quincy's only surviving son, sailed to England, abandoning his father, wife, and three children. John Adam's dearest friend, Jonathan Sewell, fled with his family to England after his home was stormed by a mob. Sewell's sister-in-law was married to none other than John Hancock. James Otis's beloved wife Ruth was a wealthy Tory. One daughter would marry a British Army captain and spend the rest of her life abroad while the other wed major general in the Continental Army.*

*The pain of husbands divided from wives, fathers from children, sisters and brothers from each other and close friends caught on opposite sides in the throes of war has been explored in histories of other American wars, yet Malcolm reveals how this conflict reaches into the heart of our country's foundation. Loyalists who fled to England became strangers in a strange land who did not fit into British society. They were Americans longing for home, wondering whether there would—or could—be reconciliation.*

*The grief of separated loyalties is an important and often ignored part of the revolutionary war story. Those who risked their lives battling the great British empire, and those who left home loyal to the government were all caught in a war without an enemy. In his rough draft of the Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson reflected sadly that "we might have been a free and a great people together." "[The Times That Try Men's Souls](#)" is a poignant and vivid narrative that provides a fresh and timely perspective on a foundational part of our nation's history. ([authorlink.com](#))*



# Order Your SAR Henry Rifle Today!

*In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution, a special commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10 years, beginning in 2023. Each edition will be offered for approximately 1 year, depicting a different scene from the American Revolution. A portion of the proceeds from each rifle sold go to support the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.*

*If you are interested in purchasing the 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle—Boston Tea Party Edition, visit your local [Cabela's](#) or [Bass Pro Shops](#) and provide the sales clerk the SKU number: 3815337.*

*This is brand new, so the sales' clerk may not know it's available. It isn't listed in their catalogue or existing product list, but if the clerk or manager uses the SKU number (3815337), they can find it and order you one.*

*I suggest being polite but persistent. It's on the "Golden Boy" platform, if asked. Ordering soon may get it to you in time for Christmas! Please join me in securing this important collector piece which also benefits the SAR Education Center and Museum.*

*You can also contact the [Henry Repeating Arms Company](#) directly.*

*John L. Dodd  
President General 2023-2024*

## SAR 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle

**Boston Tea Party Edition**



# *A "Revolutionary" Discovery in Historic Middletown Cemetery*

*[Poughkeepsie, New York] My entire life I have been lucky enough to live right here in New York's Hudson Valley. The area is known for being one of the most beautiful for sightseeing, especially during the Fall season and tourists flock to the region, take in the sights and visit all of our scattered small towns.*

*While the Hudson Valley is a gorgeous area, it's also an area that is filled with history. Many of the towns and places throughout the region date back to the very beginnings of America as a nation. This brings me to present day where gravestones for soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War were recently discovered in a local Middletown Cemetery.*



*Middletown Cemetery, Hillside Cemetery, 50 Mulberry Street, Middletown, New York 10940*

*For such a historic discovery, it makes sense that these Revolutionary War grave sites were discovered at a historic cemetery. Though, finding grave stones for soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War is monumental, it by no means was planned. Actually, the reality is that these graves stones were found by accident. According to Spectrum News, the story starts with a man by the name of Andy Mills, who has a long history of visiting the cemetery.*

*Mills explained that as a child, his grandmother would take him to the cemetery frequently and one particular area of the cemetery captured his attention. This one area was a section where a massive cluster of headstones were placed so closely together, that they were nearly impossible to read and that's in addition to the hundreds of years of weathering the stones have endured.*

*It is further explained that descendants of Middletown's founder David Moore were brought to the site to determine if one of the cluster of headstones was Moore's. It was in this act that while they did find David Moore's headstone, they found five headstones which belonged to Revolutionary War soldiers. One of these headstones was for Captain Daniel Denton, one of Andy Mills ancestors.*

*Upon the identification of the headstones, a fundraiser was put together where proceeds were then used to buy a new commemorative and honorary headstone for the cemeteries Revolutionary Soldiers. Mills would further go on to state that more work is being done to invest in more historic markers for the cemetery for the various other famous folks who reside on the grounds. That would also include several recipients of the Civil War Medal of Honor. (by Dan of [wpdh.com](http://wpdh.com))*

# *A Piece of Central Jersey's Rich Revolutionary War History Preserved*

*[Bound Brook, New Jersey ]- Somerset & Middlesex counties are partnering to preserve a piece of Revolutionary War history in time for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.*

*The counties are splitting the \$3 million cost of buying the two-acre site along the Raritan River east of the Queens Bridge that straddles the border between Bound Brook and Middlesex Borough that was the setting for the Battle of Bound Brook in 1777.*

*The property, now owned by a trucking company, will be developed as a public park by the two counties.*



*“Our vision is to develop this property into a public park that would connect to Somerset County’s ‘Raritan River Greenway,’ our long-term walking and biking trail initiative,” said Somerset County Commissioner Director Shanel Y. Robinson in a news release. “We will partner with Middlesex County to acquire the property and begin to restore, maintain, and interpret the battlefield in time for the 250th anniversary of the nation in 2026.” (Mike Deak, [mycentraljersey.com](http://mycentraljersey.com))*

## *Fragment of Revolution-Era Cannon Discovered Near Iron Furnace Site*

*A cannon fragment dating from the Revolutionary War was recently discovered hiding in plain sight not far from where it was originally forged nearly 250 years ago. It was found by Andy Stout, a trained archeologist who began his new position as the executive director of the Washington County Historical Society several months ago. Discovered on a junk pile off Mt. Aetna Road in Hagerstown, the cannon was a cast-off that was never completed by the Mt. Aetna Furnace that operated in the area from the 1760s to 1830s. “This cannon never saw any battle. It didn’t survive the forging process, which is why it was discarded as scrap,” Stout explained. “There must have been a flaw in the cannon when it was forged, and it wasn’t finished, or it didn’t come out of the forging process appropriately,” he said. “We have about three-quarters of it. The end of it — the muzzle — is missing.” Owned in the 1760s by Barnabus Hughes and his sons, Samuel and Daniel, Mt. Aetna Furnace was one of four furnaces built by that family in Washington County, and Franklin County, Pa. — an operation that made them the largest iron producers in Maryland at that time. The furnace produced pig iron, firebacks and domestic iron wares before accepting a contract for cannon production in support of George Washington’s Continental Army. Although there are no physical remains of the furnace today, there have been clues to its location. When construction on a house near the site began in the 1950s, “they found a lot of artifacts from the iron furnace,” Stout said, “including a cannon fragment. The fellow that lived in that house had them in his front yard as yard art.” ([www.heraldmillmedia.com](http://www.heraldmillmedia.com))*

# *Lexington, Concord Officials Seek State Funding for 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution*

*Each Patriots Day, thousands of spectators from near and far flock to Lexington and Concord for a parade and reenactment of the “shot heard ’round the world,” that took place on the cold morning of April 19, 1775. The 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord — the first armed conflict of the American Revolution — is anticipated to draw much larger crowds, and officials from both towns say they need state support to ensure a safe and memorable celebration. State lawmakers are considering a bill that looks to create a special fund to help Lexington and Concord cover security protections and operational expenses for anniversary celebrations in 2025 and 2026 — the semiquincentennial of the battle and America’s birthday.*

*Henry Dane, chairman of the Concord Select Board, is helping organize the 250th anniversary of the battle in town. He anticipates the celebration to be similar to major remembrances held in the past, but the number of attendees and costs to be “substantially greater because of higher expectations.” The professional management needed to ensure the event lives up to those expectations, Dane said, is “well beyond the resources of any town of some 16,000 residents, no matter how, apparently, affluent it is.”*

*The organizing committee, Concord250, has prepared a detailed budget which indicates the cost to soar over \$2 million, Dane said. It has raised less than half of that so far from local resources, he said. “At present, we have no other recourse than to ask the Legislature to make a significant contribution so that we can pay due respect to those who gave their lives and limbs so that we may live together as free men and women,” he told the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development last week.*

*State Reps. Michelle Ciccolo and Simon Cataldo, from Lexington and Concord, filed the bill jointly, asking for creation of a special fund that doesn’t expire until after 2026 since preparations for the events will take longer than a year, and security operations recurring over several years. If the bill is approved, Ciccolo said, it would pave the way for “very major fundraising from potentially foundations and corporations,” and money raised would go into the state fund.*

*A coalition of organizers from Arlington, Lexington, Concord and Lincoln has been meeting regularly to work out the logistics and prepare, Ciccolo said. For the bicentennial in 1975, streets closed down and shuttles were used to get from place to place, she recalled. “This is something that small towns are not necessarily used to doing on a regular basis,” she said.*

*Reenactments and parades are planned for 2025 and 2026, but the anniversaries are also expected to include lectures, exhibitions, concerts and other family friendly events, said Doug Lucente, a member of the Lexington Select Board. “We expand the scope of activities in Lexington and integrate the vision of Concord partners, the financial calculus becomes glaringly obvious,” he said. “Adequate funding is crucial.”* ([www.bostonherald.com](http://www.bostonherald.com))



*The anniversary of the Battles of Lexington & Concord draw huge crowds each year.*

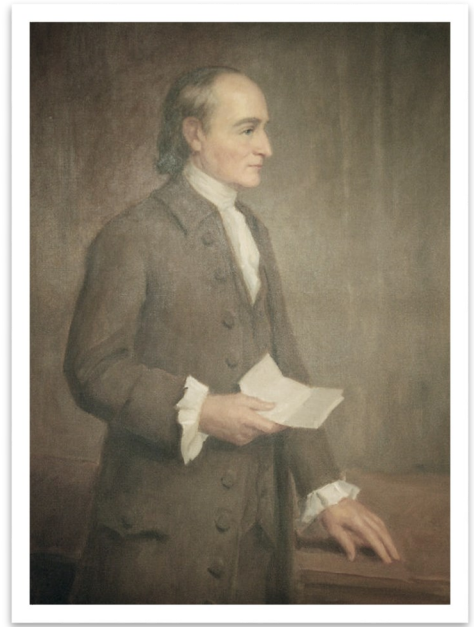
# Virginia College Removes Names of Revolutionary War-Era Figures to be 'More Inclusive'

Virginia Peninsula Community College announced that it would change the names of two halls, one named for Founding Father George Wythe and the other for Dr. Corbin Griffin, who served as a surgeon for Virginia Patriot soldiers.

"Virginia Peninsula Community College is renaming Griffin and Wythe halls, which are connected and function as one building, to Kecoughtan Hall. The name is a tribute to the Kecoughtan tribe, the early settlers of the land where VPCC's Hampton campus is located," VPCC announced on its website.

According to school official Steven Felker, the process of changing over the signs will be "gradual." The school had formed a naming task force and gathered feedback from faculty, student government, and others on the proposed changes.

Wythe, who lived from 1726-1806, had a storied career in Virginia. As a law professor, he taught luminaries like Thomas Jefferson, Henry Clay, and John Marshall. In the years leading up to America's war for independence, he served as a delegate to the Virginia House of Burgess, where he openly opposed the Stamp Act. During the war, he was a member of the Continental Congress and signed the Declaration of Independence. He later attended the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and was influential in pioneering the field of constitutional law. Like many Founding Fathers, Wythe had a complicated relationship with slavery. Although he owned slaves, he was recognized as an early proponent of abolition and worked throughout his life to free them. As a judge in Virginia, he ruled in favor of freeing slaves during an internal family dispute over the will of a Quaker landowner.



Founding Father George Wythe



Virginia Peninsula Community College was previously named Thomas Nelson Community College

Less is known about Griffin, but historians know that he was a surgeon for Virginia's revolutionary soldiers and spent time on a British prison ship outside Yorktown. He was also a Virginia state senator.

VPCC was previously named Thomas Nelson Community College. Nelson was another Revolutionary War hero and signer of the Declaration of Independence. His name was removed so the college could be more "welcoming, inclusive, and representative of our unique region,"

according to school president Towuanna Porter Brannon.

Nelson was a member of the first Continental Congress in 1776 and 1779, led Virginian forces against the British from 1777 to 1781, and was governor of Virginia. ([www.dailywire.com](http://www.dailywire.com))



# *A Heartfelt Thank You & Farewell from the Editor*

*Dear Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 S.A.R Members,*

*It's with a mix of gratitude and conflicting emotions that I write to you. After more than a decade of serving as the editor of "The Buckeye Patriot," the time has come for me to bid you farewell and embark on new adventures.*

*First and foremost, I'd like to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you, particularly the chapter officers. Your support, enthusiasm, and engagement has been the driving force behind our newsletter. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of witnessing our membership grow, evolve, and become a vibrant assemblage of diverse voices and Perspectives, not unlike the unifying force behind our great nation, "from the people of many nations, one nation and one people."*

*My experience as your editor has been very rewarding, filled with shared stories, insights, and the gratification of connecting with like-minded individuals who share a deep-rooted passion & appreciation for patriotism. Together, we've celebrated milestones, explored new ideas about old concepts, and fostered a sense of belonging within our community.*

*Though I may be saying goodbye to my role as editor, I am not bidding farewell to the memories, connections, and shared experiences we've fostered. I encourage you to continue supporting and engaging with the newsletter, as it promises to deliver even more valuable content in the future.*

*Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey. Your support has meant the world to me, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as your editor for the past twelve years.*

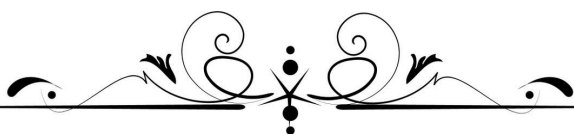
*Wishing you all the very best on your own journeys, and I hope our paths cross again in the future.*

*With heartfelt thanks & warm regards,*

*John A. McClellan  
Editor, "The Buckeye Patriot"*



*John & Silvia McClellan*



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## **Important Dates to Remember**

### **OHSSAR**

#### **Board of Management Meeting**

February 9th & 10th, 2024  
Lafayette Hotel  
101 Front Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

#### **Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Annual Chapter Board Elections**

February 17th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.  
**Austinburg First United Church**  
2870 OH-307  
Austinburg, Ohio 44010

#### **NSSAR Leadership Meeting**

February 29th, 2024  
**Brown Hotel**, 335 W Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

#### **Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12**

##### **Patriots' Day Program**

Saturday, April 13th, 2024  
Location TBD

#### **Geauga County Maple Festival**

April 25th - 28th 2024  
Main Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024  
[www.maplefestival.com](http://www.maplefestival.com)

#### **OHSSAR Annual Meeting**

Friday, May 3rd, 2024  
**Granville Inn**  
314 East Broadway  
Granville, Ohio 43023

#### **134th NSSAR Annual Congress**

July 10th - 16th, 2024  
**Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square**  
25 S Queen Street  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

#### **242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks**

August 17th, 2024  
**Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**  
10299 Maysville Road  
Carlisle, KY 40311

