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From The President's Desk

Compatriots & Friends,

I hope all of you had a very enjoyable and memorable Christmas, and that the New Year is progressing positively for you. Despite the extremely cold record-breaking weather, we hope that 2014 will prove to be a banner year for you and the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR.

Speaking of breaking records, as of this writing, I am proud to say that Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 has three members who are also Ohio Society SAR officers! Not only has Steve Hinson agreed to serve as our chapter treasurer, he has accepted the Ohio Society position of OHSSAR Treasurer. In addition to Steve, I am the OHSSAR Registrar, and Tim Ward is an OHSSAR Past President, Registrar, and Treasurer and serves on other state, district and national level committees. Way to go guys! Keep up the good work.

I am looking forward to getting together with you for our Presidents Day program. The program will be held on Saturday, February 15th at Ferrante Winery & Ristorante, 5585 N River Rd W, Geneva, Ohio 44041 at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP at tbailey@suite224.net or call (440) 275-7829. As a side note, I have reserved a larger room for our meeting. Hopefully, we won't be as crowded as we have been at the past few meetings. Jim Pildner has planned a special program to help celebrate George Washington's birthday. Also, our Eagle Scout Scholarship contestant, Robert McKay, has been invited to attend and to receive our chapter award. His essay will be forwarded to the OHSSAR Eagle Scout committee, to be entered in the state competition. In addition, our 2014 election of chapter officers will be held on the 15th. If you would like to be considered for an office or would like to nominate someone, please contact Jim Pildner at (440) 992-2972 or by e-mail at jkrpildner@roadrunner.com. The current officer slate is: President, Troy Bailey; 1st Vice President, John McClellan; 2nd Vice President, Jim Pildner; Treasurer, Steve Hinson; Historian, Steve Hinson; Registrar, Tim Ward; Chaplin, Vernon Palo; and Genealogist, Troy Bailey. Don't be bashful! If you are interested in serving, let Jim know.

Our Ohio SSAR Winter Board of Management meeting (BOM) will be held February 7th and 8th at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel located at 50 N 2nd St, Newark, Ohio 43055. All SAR friends and members are welcome and encouraged to attend. More information and details about this event were included in the recent issue of the Ohio Country Bulletin and on the Ohio Society Web page (www.ohssar.org). Details about current and future Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 programs and activities are posted on our web site (www.neoi2sar.net). As always, Jim and I welcome suggestions for future meetings, including topics, locations, and dates. Be sure to let us know if you have any suggestions.

Patriotically yours,

*Troy Bailey, President
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"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company." - George Washington

Ohio Society Web Page Update

The Ohio Society's web page got a major face lift last month. Be sure to check out the new look at www.ohssar.org. Lance Beebe of Firelands Bicentennial Chapter worked with State President George Ruch and the Executive Committee to generate the updated look and interactive pages. President Ruch was excited about the new look, and encourages all members to check out each of the pages and note that the Newsletter is on-line for review. Special thanks to Joe Prell of the Cincinnati Chapter who has maintained the original web site look for over ten years. The changes in the organization and the web based technology over the last decade have been challenging, and Joe has kept the site active through it all. As members schedule events and update programs they are encouraged to pass on the information so the web site can stay current. (ohssardispatch.wordpress.com)



Fort Stephenson Festival Focusing on Wyandot in 2014 by Daniel Carson



British troops fire on Fort Stephenson during a battle re-enactment during the bicentennial celebration on Saturday, Aug 3rd, 2013

A primary focus of the 2014 Battle of Fort Stephenson festival will be on a Native American group and its contributions to Fremont's history, one of the event's organizers said Tuesday. Katherine Rice, chairwoman of the Fort Stephenson Bicentennial Commission, said an emphasis will be placed in the 2014 festival on the Wyandot Indian tribe and their connection to the history surrounding the battle and the area before and after European settlement. "I like the focus. I think it will be great to put the Wyandot Indians and Native American culture into play with the festival," Rice said. For last year's bicentennial, Rice said, organizers placed a special focus on military veterans and their place in local history. She said preliminary plans for the 2014 festival include a possible powwow, the construction of a couple of long houses and the return of the Black Swamp InterTribal Foundation. Organizers will have the 2014

festival Aug. 2 and 3, with the event taking place in the same downtown Fremont venue. Rice said next year's festival also will see the return of the popular Peninsular Farm tours, with three tours through the historical property on the morning of Aug. 2 via a 56-passenger van. She said re-enactors from around the region already had been contacting the commission and inquiring about the 2014 festival. "That community likes the fact that we're going to do it again," Rice said.

The 2013 Fort Stephenson bicentennial festival celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stephenson and drew an estimated 10,000 people to the area over three days. Rice said organizers are still up in the air over whether the 2014 festival will feature a fireworks display and parade. The local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter will be involved more in next year's event, Rice said, and she added that the downtown business community was excited about the 2014 festival and had expressed interest in participation. (thenews-messenger.com)

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Being George: The Real-Life Drama in the Contest to Re-Enact Washington Crossing the Delaware

Men will vie for the honor, but there can be only one George Washington crossing the Delaware. This eye-opening documentary enters the cutthroat world of historical reenactment - and follows four men in their ultimate quest to portray Washington at the annual crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Day. (A film by Nyier Abdou and Adya Beasley, Produced by Bumper DeJesus) Watch the trailer at video-embed.nj.com



Crossing the Delaware

Ohio Military Museum a Showcase of War Memorabilia by Steven M. Grazier

According to Bob Haas, chairman of the Ohio Military Museum in Massillon, "people will find out a little bit about our military history, and learn about some heroic events and actions of our troops." Haas is a retired U.S. Army general. The museum's November 11th open house highlighted six Medal of Honor recipients from Massillon, according to Haas. They included Harold Epperson, World War II; George Kelly, Civil War; Robert Pinn, Civil War; William Pittenger, Civil War; William Richardson, Civil War, and Robert Scott, World War II. Overall, the museum has nine displays of Ohio Medal of Honor recipients, which is the largest in the state, Haas said. Museum visitors can also read about Sharon A. Lane, a nurse in the Vietnam War who was the first female troop killed by hostile fire, Haas said. She died June 8th, 1969.



Independent Kevin Whitlock - Retired U.S. Army Gen. Bob Haas talks about one of the many military displays at the Ohio Military Museum. Pictured is a display of Army Capt. Todd A. Moriarty, a Fairless High School graduate.

A representative from the Stark County Veterans Service discussed military benefits and pensions. In addition, a West Point officer attending the event discussed military service academies with interested high school students. Haas said the goal of the open house was to encourage public interest in the museum. "We want to make people aware we're here and have them come out to view our displays," he said. The museum opened in 1983. Some historic items include century old U.S. flags, medals, artillery, vehicle and aircraft models and Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard uniforms all dating back to The War of 1812. "The military has regained its respect over the last twenty years, and we need to show a little about the cost of freedom." (www.indeonline.com)



AMC Spies New Series in Revolutionary War-Era "Turn"



"Turn," an Original AMC Series to Premiere April 6th at 9pm

In its search for a series to replace *Mad Men* and *Breaking Bad*, AMC is turning to the American Revolution. Based on Alexander Rose's non-fiction book "Washington's Spies," "Turn" follows a small group of farmers living in British-occupied Long Island who form a remarkably successful spy ring to provide information to George

Washington. Premiering April 6

at 9pm, the series stars Billy Elliot's Jamie Bell as one of Washington's real-life spies, Abraham Woodhull. Like many of the colonists, Bell is British - which may make you wonder what his teachers back in the United Kingdom taught him about the American Revolution. "They taught us that we lost. It isn't really taught in schools. I don't think it's something that still to this day we look upon fondly." If it's any comfort to Bell, this isn't a story Rose was taught, either. He was looking for a subject for a book and having rejected Benedict Arnold, he began to wonder whether there were any books about spies on the American side. To his surprise, there weren't. "It was such an obvious subject, I figured this must have been covered a billion times or more...I found out there was this vast untapped reservoir of espionage history." The key, he says, was discovering the enormous cache of correspondence between Washington and his spies. "At that point I said OK - this is what it's going to be." Despite the efforts of those spies, by the way, Rose's take is less that we won than that the British lost - or more precisely, quit. "They grew bored with the war. It became too expensive, mostly because Washington was very good at drawing out the war....They were in the empire business, not the colony business." (www.usatoday.com) For more information, visit www.amctv.com/shows/turn/about

WW II Veteran John Pildner Sr. Honored at SAR Veterans Day Program

John Pildner, Sr. recently received the French Legion of Honor medal for his service in World War II. Each year 100 of these medals are awarded to deserving veterans of World War II who participated in the liberation of France. Pildner was awarded the medal but had not received a presentation ceremony. The November 9th Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR meeting provided an ideal opportunity to acknowledge the award. Compatriot Jim Pildner read a letter from the Consulate General of France of Chicago. The letter recognized John Pildner Sr. for his contribution in the liberation of France in WWII and the pride, thanks, and respect that the French have for American soldiers who participated in their liberation. In recognition of such contributions, the Legion of Honor, established by Napoleon, is presented. Honoree Pildner was asked to comment on his service in France during WWII. A member of the 290th Infantry Division, he was deployed to England prior to D-Day. He landed at Le Havre, France after the D-Day invasion and shortly after his 19th birthday. His division was then transported inland, where he served in a mine platoon of an anti-tank unit and saw action at the Bulge, Colmar Pocket, and Ardennes. John Pildner Sr. received a certificate of appreciation and recognition from the SAR Chapter #12 as well. (www.ne012sar.net)



John Pildner, Sr.

Powhatan Stands in for Yorktown in Filming Scenes for New American Revolution Museum

by Steve Vaughan

It will be more than two years before the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown opens, but preparations are already being made for the museum's content. Last week Cortina Productions shot video and still photography for up to six media displays planned for the museum exhibits. Cortina is working under a \$1.13 million contract that excludes a new introductory film for the museum, according to Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation spokeswoman Debby Padgett. "These will be shown as part of the exhibits galleries," she said. "Some will be more still photography than video."



*Filming for American Revolution Museum at Yorktown
(Joe Fudge, Daily Press /October 27, 2013)*

Recently, Cortina was shooting in Powhatan County, west of Richmond, which stood in for both the Yorktown battlefield and for Saratoga. That's because the museum will cover more than just the Siege at Yorktown. "The museum will cover the entire Revolutionary Era," Padgett explained. "And both Saratoga and the Siege of Yorktown were decisive events." Cortina used both volunteer re-enactors and cast actors to recreate the battles. "They used a casting agency to find people for the main roles and then chose from re-enactors for extras," said Heather Hower, manager of the museum's media programs. "We had a terrific response from re-enactors."

Hower said the set in Powhatan was elaborate. "They built a full-sized redoubt and that's what was used," she said. Hower said the contract with Cortina also calls for some audio productions, which visitors to the museum could hear as they looked at an exhibit, for example. Although the footage is being shot now, it will be a long time before the public sees it. The current schedule has American Revolution Museum at Yorktown replacing the Yorktown Victory Center in 2016.

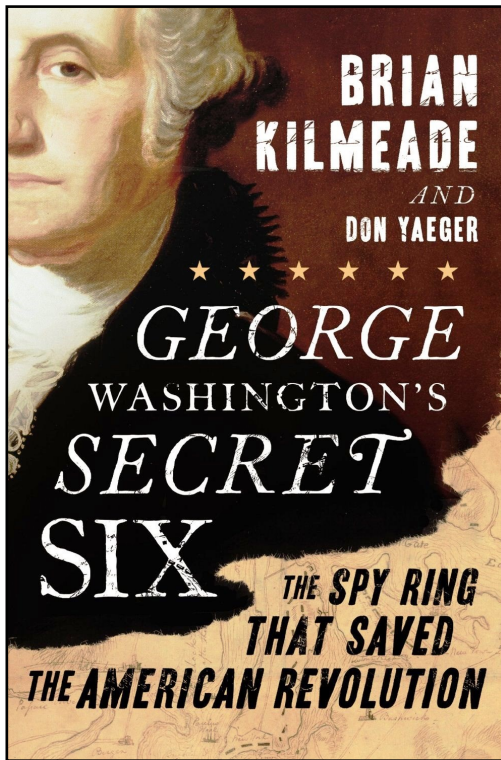
(www.vagazette.com)

'My American Revolution: A Modern Expedition through History's Forgotten Battlegrounds'

The title of "My American Revolution: A Journey Through History's Forgotten Battlegrounds" is a bit misleading. It is not a journey through history's forgotten battlegrounds in general but just those that took place in New York, New Jersey and a bit of Pennsylvania. While it may be true, as the author asserts, that many of these battles are much less well known than those that took place in Massachusetts, certainly they are not the only less famous battles that were fought in the American Revolution and it would have been better to either call the book New York and New Jersey's Forgotten Battlefields or to include rambles through other part of the country, such as Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. In fact, the title could even have referred to The Forgotten Battlefields of the North and it would have been more accurate. However, after you accept that these battlefields are all located within an area that can almost be seen from atop the Empire State Building, the book is often interesting and entertaining. Robert Sullivan not only recounts his adventures rambling in the footsteps of Washington and his troops, camping in New Jersey backyards, attempting to signal with mirrors from behind dumpsters, and slogging through mountains in the snow. He also shares stories of oddball characters from the area throughout the country's history, from farmers who doubled as spies for Washington to those who have sponsored and participated in reenactments through the years, as well as poets and artists who have used the Revolution as a subject. It's a unique look at American history that is definitely worth the attention of history buffs. (Rhett Akamatsu, www.seattlepi.com)

Six Secret Heroes of the American Revolution Who's Names You Should Finally Know

by Brian Kilmeade & Don Yaeger



Every era has its heroes—a handful of names that stand out as the masterminds and superhuman workhorses, names that immediately invoke iconic images and harrowing tales. The history of the American Revolution has an especially rich roll-call of heroes: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Betsy Ross, Paul Revere, Nathan Hale. They led armies and negotiated with foreign governments; they created symbols to rally the troops and they gave us memorable stories and quotes about patriotism and sacrifice. And now, we propose six more figures be added to that distinguished list of household names we all recognize in an instant for their stories of heroism and selflessness.

"George Washington's Secret Six," which was published by Penguin Press on November 5th, lays out the daring twists and turns of the Culper Spy Ring in their quest to obtain intelligence from the British and help General Washington defeat the most powerful army in the world. Abraham Woodhull (code name: Culper), Robert Townsend (Code name: Culper, Jr.), Austin Roe, Caleb Brewster, James Rivington, and a female agent (known only by her coded moniker of 355) -- very few people outside of a small corner of New York and

Connecticut have ever even heard of these five men and one woman who helped determine the outcome of the war and changed the course of American history.

But that is precisely why we wrote this book -- to celebrate not only these six specific individuals, but also what makes America great. The Culpers included a farmer, a longshoreman, a tavern-keeper, a store owner, a socialite, and a journalist. They were a cross-section of America: working class and upper crust, entrepreneurs and hired hands. And they understood that the future of the nation rested as much with them as it did with the governmental leaders and public figures that captured the headlines.

Their tireless work saved the country from economic collapse, allowed for vital reinforcements from France to land safely on American shores, uncovered the treachery of Benedict Arnold, and even saved the day at the battle of Yorktown. To say that the efforts of this one small ring were essential to the success of American independence is hardly an exaggeration. But just as fascinating as their accomplishments were their personal lives. Through their letters we learn that they were at times scared, defiant, nervous, excited, anxious, depressed, determined, and heartbroken. In short, despite their heroics, they were ordinary people. Like all heroes, they were men and women who risked life, limb, reputation, fortune, and honor to work for a cause bigger than themselves. But like superheroes, they had secret identities unknown even to those closest to them -- even to General Washington himself. Like superheroes, they lived double lives often steeped in danger and loneliness. And like superheroes, when the job was done, they went quietly home and resumed the extraordinarily ordinary task of day-to-day living. (foxnews.com)

Issues Still Cloud 'War of 1812'

by Richard Jones

Although the War of 1812 is often called "America's forgotten war," it is also one of the most memorialized. A panel of historians and one archaeologist convened at Miami University Hamilton recently to discuss the varying perspectives on "the second war for independence." "The War of 1812 is difficult to put sense to because Americans understand the war in different ways than the Canadians, which is very different from the way the British understand it which is very different from the way the Native Americans understand it," said Larry Nelson, editor of the journal "Northwest Ohio History."



A re-enactment of the British burning of the White House in the History Channel documentary "First Invasion: The War of 1812"

G. Michael Pratt, dean of the Miami University regional campuses who has done archaeological explorations of many War of 1812 battlefields, likened the War of 1812 to the current situation in the Middle East, particularly in regard to the conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians. "You have culturally different people who over the course of 60 years of conflict have killed members of each other's family," he said. "This makes it a very personal

war and you have generation after generation of people engaging in really nasty combat. "It was the last time in the Eastern United States and the Northwest Territories that you had resistance from the native people," he said.

"Historians disagree on just about every aspect of the war," Nelson said, "who won certain battles or even who won the war." Each side wanted something different, the panelists said. Americans claimed to have won the war because they accomplished what they set out to do. Canadians see the War of 1812 as a unifying event where they protected their homeland from "rapacious invaders from the south." The only clear loser, they maintained, were the Native Americans, who had their villages burned down "three times over," according to George Michael Ironstack, assistant director of the Myaamia Center at Miami University. The war led to the forced removal of the Native American population in the region.

"By 1810, the population ratio of Euro-Americans to Native Americans was 7-to-1," said David Curtis Skaggs, professor emeritus of Bowling Green State University. "The advantage was dramatically in favor of the Euro-Americans and this was a last-ditch stand for the Native Americans." Yet, in spite of the differing opinions and interpretations, the War of 1812 is memorialized in place names, including two state capitols, to an even greater extent than the American Revolution or World War II. "There are more places named after Monroe than Washington," Nelson said. Andrew Cayton, distinguished professor of history at Miami University, was the moderator for the discussion. (www.journal-news)



The Battle of North Point, which allowed the Americans to ultimately thwart the larger British advance into Maryland

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Important Dates to Remember

**Ohio Society SAR
Board of Management Meeting**
February 7th & 8th, 2014
Newark Metropolitan Hotel
50 N 2nd Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

**Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Presidents Day Program**
February 15th, 2014 at 12:00 pm
Ferrante Winery & Ristorante
5585 N River Road W
Geneva, Ohio 44041

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
February 28th to March 2nd, 2014
NSSAR Headquarters
1000 S 4th Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Geauga County Maple Festival Parade
Sunday, April 27th, 2014
Chardon Square, Short Court Street
Chardon, Ohio 44024

OHSSAR Annual Meeting
May 2nd-4th, 2014
Salt Fork Lodge
14755 Cadiz Road
Lore city, Ohio 43755

**Armed Forces Day Concert
with Dr. Timothy Kalil**
Saturday, May 17th, 2014 at 3:00 pm
First Covenant Church
3300 Carpenter Road
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

NEO Chapter #12 Flag Day Program
June, 2014 (TBA)
Laleure Vineyards
17335 Nash Road
Parkman, Ohio 44080

124th NSSAR Congress
July 18th-24th, 2014
Greenville, South Carolina

Geneva Grape Jamboree
September 27 & 28, 2014
U.S. 20 & Ohio 534
Geneva, OH 44041
parade@grapejamboree.com

**Friends of Fort Laurens
Annual Moccasin Roast**
September, 2014 (TBA)
11064 Fort Laurens Rd NW
Bolivar, Ohio 44612

**Ashtabula County Ohio
Covered Bridge Festival**
www.coveredbridgefestival.org
October 11th & 12th 2014
127 N Elm Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

