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From The President's Desk

Well here we are, off and running on another program-packed year (see our schedule of events on page ten). I wish to thank the members at the Presidents' Day meeting in February for electing me to my first term as President of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR. Special thanks goes to Troy Bailey who, for several years, has served as our chapter president. He's certainly earned some well-deserved time off. Wouldn't you agree? Oh, don't worry, we did not kick him out. He's now serving as our Treasurer, he's still our Color Guard Commander, and was just re-elected to another term as State Society Registrar. I'd also like to thank all of the faithful NEO Chapter #12 officers for their past and ongoing service. Our officers for 2017 are listed on page two.

Tim Ward, Troy Bailey, Jim Gilbert and I have just returned from a weekend, May 5th - 7th, in City of Blue Ash, Ohio (near Cincinnati), where we attended the OHSSAR 128th Annual Conference. The conference featured an executive dinner and meeting on Friday night; annual member meeting and election of officers on Saturday morning; youth contest judging on Saturday afternoon; formal dinner and awards banquet Saturday evening; and the memorial service & swearing in of new officers on Sunday morning. We were pleased to have two NEO Chapter #12 youth award winners at the state level (see Eagle Scout Contest Winner on page five and Americanism Poster Award contest winners on page six). Tim Ward, Troy Bailey, my wife Venie Hinson, and the NEO Chapter #12 all received awards (see 2017 Northeastern Ohio Chapter Award Winners on page seven). I believe the highlight of the weekend was the election of past NEO Chapter #12 & State President, Tim Ward as the 2018 - 2019 Vice-President General. Tim has been a tireless worker in the SAR, and well deserving of this honor. In a little over a year, Tim will be installed at the National Convention as the leader of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Way to go Tim! Newly elected state officers are listed on page seven.

A few words about fundraising are in order. Perhaps one of the most difficult things to do is campaign or beg for money. However, contributions at the chapter, state, and national level are vitally important to all our special programs. In this newsletter, you will see opportunities to participate in fundraising programs at the chapter (grave marking fugs) and state (Challenge Coin and Fort Laurens Regiment) levels. National level fundraising routinely comes to you direct from National Society. Please give these opportunities to contribute consideration.

Lastly, the keynote speaker at our Annual conference was Larry Guzzy, Secretary General of the National Society. Larry's speech was on engagement of members. This year, through chapter efforts, the Ohio Society gained a little over 100 new members and lost almost the same amount. Net gain was four members. The same problem exists nationally. We all know that in almost every organization there are a few dedicated leaders and believers in the cause and a majority of followers. In these organizations, these leaders are often seen as cliquish, or as part of a "good ol' boys club." While we hope that is not the case in our chapter and state societies, we understand it very well could be an issue. We are truly interested in having everyone participate at the highest level and will be looking for ways to engage all of our members. I would be interested in your thoughts and feelings on this subject and will be actively looking at how to engage members to have them be actively involved in SAR activities. My phone number and email address are provided below. Please contact me.

Patriotically yours,

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Welcome New SAR Members!

*Kristopher William Crowley
David George Gregory
James Andrew Gregory
James Jackson Gregory*

*Paul Christian Harris
Thomas Eugene Harris
Mathew William Johnson
Christopher Allen Wentz
Elbert Russell Wentz*

Mahoning Valley Chapter SAR Chartered by National Society

Blue Ash, Ohio was the scene of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution 128th Annual State Conference from May 5-7th. On Saturday evening, May 6th, State President Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, Jr. presented representatives of the Mahoning Valley Chapter SAR with a Charter from the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Accepting on behalf of the Mahoning Valley Chapter were Vice President John Opre, and acting Secretary Scott Davis.

"Our Chapter is proud to join the Ohio Society family and wish to thank all those of the State Society who aided in our success. The Mahoning Valley Chapter serves the Ohio counties of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana." Several NEO Chapter #12 SAR members are now charter members of this new chapter



Left to Right: Ohio SAR State President Donald C. McGraw, Jr.; Mahoning Valley Chapter Vice-President John Opre; Mahoning Valley Acting Secretary Scott Davis

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers

*President - Steve Hinson
1st Vice President - Jim Gilbert
2nd Vice President - Jim Pildner
Registrar & Genealogist - Tim Ward*

*Secretary - Dan Matheke
Treasurer - Troy Bailey
Historian - Scott Wludyga
Chaplain - Bill Robinson*

Ohio's Most Historic Battlefields



Artist's Rendering of Pontiac

1.) **The Battle of Fort Sandusky:** The Battle of Fort Sandusky was one of many clashes during Pontiac's Rebellion in 1763. The Native American leader gathered several tribes in a loose alliance and attacked British forts throughout what is now Ohio and Michigan. Although Pontiac's uprising ultimately failed to drive out the British, a group of Wyandots managed to take Fort Sandusky on May 16, 1763. They entered the stronghold after requesting a council and then slaughtered everyone inside.

2.) **The Battle of Chillicothe:** Colonel John Bowman led roughly 300 members of the Kentucky militia in an attack on a Shawnee town of Chillicothe, near modern-day Xenia, in May 1779. While the Shawnee ultimately repelled Bowman and his men, who were unable to extricate the Native American fighters from their fortifications, the American soldiers burned down the town and killed a Shawnee chief.

3.) **Gnadenhutten Massacre:** After Native Americans kidnapped and killed several Pennsylvanians in 1782, Captain David Williamson led a group of militiamen to a Moravian Church in Gnadenhutten where they captured more than 100 members of a Christian Delaware tribe. Although that particular group of Native Americans had nothing to do with the kidnappings and killings in Pennsylvania, the militiamen voted to execute them the next day.

4.) **The Battle of Piqua:** Following a series of Shawnee raids on American settlements throughout Kentucky, George Rogers Clark led more than 1,000 men across the Ohio River and burned five Shawnee villages in August, 1780, before marching north and confronting a Shawnee army near present-day Springfield. Both sides suffered heavy losses, but American forces eventually won the encounter. Today the clash is called the "Battle of Piqua," which is short for Pekowi, a branch of the Shawnee.

5.) **The Siege of Fort Laurens:** The Continental Army built Fort Laurens in 1778, hoping to use it as a jumping off point for an invasion of Detroit during the American Revolution. But the British discovered the fort, surrounded it and laid siege to the stronghold on Feb. 22, 1779. The Fort Laurens commander was tipped off to the attack and prepared the fort. However, both sides eventually suffered from a shortage of food and supplies. The soldiers inside managed to outlast their attackers, however, and the British ended the siege on March 20 of that year. American troops later abandoned the fort, which they determined wasn't close enough to Detroit to serve as a staging ground for an attack.

6.) **St. Clair's Defeat:** General George Washington ordered U.S. forces to take control of the Northwest Territory (including what is now Ohio) after the American Revolution. The resulting campaign was unsuccessful at first, marked by a series of defeats at the hands of Native American tribes more familiar with the region. One such defeat came when U.S. military commander Arthur St. Clair, leading an army largely comprised of inexperienced men who were also short on food and rest, faced off with a Native American force led by Little Turtle near present-day Fort Recovery on November 4, 1791. His mostly untrained troops were routed by the Native American forces, losing nearly half their soldiers. The defeat was such an embarrassment that General Washington demanded St. Clair's resignation.

7.) **Siege of Fort Recovery:** Believing Fort Recovery to be too heavily armed to attack directly, Native American forces instead attempted to starve the American troops of food and supplies first. While Native American fighters managed to capture a train delivering supplies to the fort on June 30, 1794, their subsequent attack on the fort itself failed, and they ultimately retreated.

Ohio's Most Historic Battlefields (Continued)

8.) **The Battle of Fallen Timbers:** United States soldiers faced a confederacy of Native American tribes led by Blue Jacket outside of what is now Maumee on Aug. 20, 1794. They won a decisive victory that paved the way for American expansion into a region of the Northwest Territory that would eventually become Ohio. The fight became known as "The Battle of Fallen Timbers" because it was fought in the trail of a tornado that felled tree trunks which provided the ill-fated Native American warriors with cover. Blue Jacket's men retreated to a British fort, but the fort's commander refused to admit them, fearing the possibility of war with the United States.

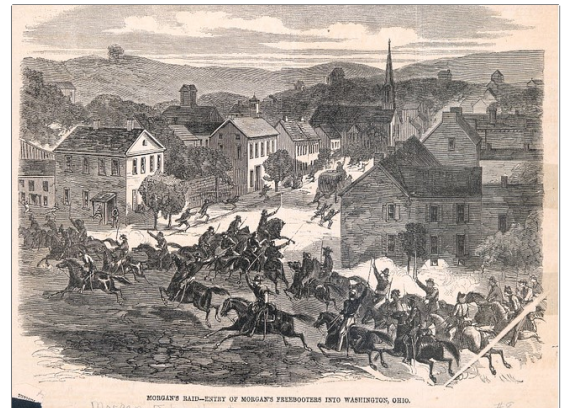
9.) **The Battle of Marblehead Peninsula:** On a quest to secure croplands to feed American troops during the War of 1812, American militias marched into Danbury Township on the Marblehead Peninsula near modern-day Port Clinton. A force of Native Americans aligned with the British ambushed them in the marshlands on Sept. 28, 1812, resulting in the first battle in the War of 1812 to take place in Ohio. Whether or not the Americans won depends on the historian you talk to, but a monument on the site of the battle commemorates American lives lost.

10.) **The Battle of Fort Stephenson:** After British and Native Americans forces failed to take Fort Meigs, they tried to trick the fort's inhabitants out of their stronghold by firing their weapons into their air, creating the illusion of a battle. Their trickery failed and British and Native Americans troops instead tried to take Fort Stephenson, near modern-day Fremont. American soldiers under the command of Major George Croghan successfully fought off the attackers on Aug. 2, 1813.

11.) **The Battle of Lake Erie** (also called The Battle of Put-In-Bay): This naval encounter was a turning point in the War of 1812. British ships took Lake Erie early in the war, which they held until Sept. 10, 1813, when nine American ships captured six British ships at Put-In-Bay. American Naval Commander Oliver Hazard Perry broke through the British Line on the Niagara to ensure an victory for U.S. forces. With British hold on Lake Erie in disarray, the U.S. was able to win back Detroit. The Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial now stands in Put-In-Bay to commemorate the battle.

12.) **The Siege of Fort Meigs:** Future President and then-general William Henry Harrison had his men build Fort Meigs in February 1813 in an attempt to halt advancing British forces assisted by Tecumseh-led Native American fighters. British and Native American troops reached the fort in April of that year, and Harrison's men held them off until a unit of the Kentucky militia arrived in May and fought off the British and Native Americans.

13.) **Battle of Buffington Island:** Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan cut a bloody swath through Ohio and Indiana during the American Civil war in a campaign that became known as Morgan's Raid. After terrorizing Union towns and cities, he tried to return to confederate territory, only to be surrounded by Union forces and routed at Buffington Island on July 19, 1863, beginning his retreat to the northeast. Although Union soldiers captured the bulk of Morgan's men, the general himself and 700 soldiers escaped, only to be caught days later.



Battle of Buffington Island

14.) **The Battle of Salineville:** Following his defeat at Buffington Island, Morgan fled east and then north, but was eventually stalled by Union troops in what is now Salineville on July 26, 1863. Morgan's men tried in vain to break through the northern force. Morgan himself initially escaped from the battlefield, but was later captured. (Patrick Cooley, cleveland.com)

John Hancock, the Most Memorable Signer of the Declaration of Independence

John Hancock is perhaps the most memorable signer of the Declaration of Independence. This, in part, is due to his large signature and character. Born in 1737, Hancock was raised by a wealthy uncle, but learned about and advocated for the common man. Before signing the document that serves as a judicial bible next to our constitution, John Hancock was a merchant, a clerk, and a prominent patriot in the American Revolution. Eventually, through honesty and strong character, Hancock was sent to London as a representative of his uncle's firm where he worked with several loyalists. However, unlike every loyalist he worked with, Hancock was not interested in financial gains but, instead, joined revolutionary politics. His sentiments were clear, independence from Great Britain. He became a statesman and was elected as president of the second Continental Congress after Payton Roth resigned. The Declaration of Independence was signed during the second Continental Congress; Hancock signed a large signature not because he wanted to be different or more important than anyone else who signed the document, but it was so that the king could read Hancock's signature. Scouts are taught to do their best and to help other people at all times. Hancock did exactly that to free people from the stronghold of the king, despite potential consequences. Hancock was humble and respectful. Even though he wasn't a Scout, he lived the Scout Oath by performing duty to country. He signed the Declaration of Independence, and helped draft the Constitution of the United States. We as current citizens need to follow his lead as humble and respectful citizens who help forge the way for our country, even if in small measures. Hancock learned King George was not respectful and humble, but was desperate for power and control because prior to signing the Declaration of Independence, a bounty was put on the heads of members of the Continental Congress for illegally distributing goods. John Hancock responded and said the accusers should double their bounty and signed the document accordingly. Hancock not only stood up for the common man, but he showed dignity by standing up to a power hungry king who held little regard for anyone. Records show that everyone who knew him felt he was a very honest and capable man. Hancock's service to our country is an example for all of us and it is very similar to the values taught in scouting. For example, the



Isaac Cooper & Scout Award Chairman Lance Beebe

first word in the Scout Law is trustworthy. John Hancock was trustworthy and honest and this allowed him to serve his country in a high capacity. Also, the first phrase in the Scout Oath is: "On my honor". John Hancock's career epitomizes that phrase and the Scout Oath in its entirety. As an Eagle Scout, I am expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law, but also as John Hancock who kept his integrity. John Hancock stood up honestly for his beliefs and created change for the better of our country; thus, it is up to each of us as Americans to continue the American Revolution legacy and remember our duty to our country.

*— Isaac James Cooper
Eagle Scout Contest Winner*

Color Guard Helps Kickoff Summer at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR Color Guard members helped kickoff summer activities at historic Geneva-on-the-Lake on Saturday May 13th, 2017.

Color Guard members, Troy Bailey, Cathy & Kirk Bacon, Tim Ward, Jim Gilbert, Steve Hinson, and Brian Johnson marched in the parade route through the "GOTL Strip," starting at the Geneva Township Park, ending up the Geneva State Park Lodge area.



Left to Right: Troy Bailey, Tim Ward, Cathy Bacon, Kirk Bacon, Steve Hinson, Brain Johnson, and Jim Gilbert

Americanism Poster Award Contest

This national contest is open to students in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade depending on when the American Revolution is taught in their school system. This year's theme was "Revolutionary War Person." Judging was based upon portrayal of the theme, originality, evidence of research, neatness, artistic merit, and creativity. Winners progress from chapter winner, to state winner, to national winner.

This year, Ms. Katherine Jernigan, Guidance Counselor at the Pymatuning Valley Middle School helped five 5th grade students enroll as NEO contestants. Third place was a little difficult to decide. So, a decision was made to award three third place winners. Awards were presented on May 10th, at a Pymatuning Valley Middle School convocation by Jim Gilbert, Troy Bailey, and Steve Hinson. The winners were:

Lilly Luce	First Place	\$60
Marriea Simon	Second Place	\$30
Jacob Teter	Third Place	\$10
Mya Skarlinsky	Third Place	\$10
Karah Collins	Third Place	\$10

Lilly Luce's first place entry was a red, white and blue poster with a portrait drawing of George Washington and about thirty clouds around the poster, each having a snippet from his life. Lilly's entry was taken to state contest where she was awarded second place in the state and received a certificate and check for \$75. Thanks to all of our winners and special thanks to Jim Gilbert who chairs our youth committee.

2017 Northeastern Ohio Chapter Award Winners

Each year at the state Ohio Society meeting compatriots, chapters and people from the Ohio community receive awards for their contributions to the national and state organizations and for community service. The awards are presented following the speaker at the annual dinner by the Ohio Society President and Chairman of the Awards Committee. Winners from Northeastern Ohio were:

SAR Medal of Distinguished Service

Steve Hinson

Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Tim Ward

Distinguished Service Certificate

Troy C Bailey

Dan Matheke

Martha Washington Medal

Venie Hinson



Compatriot L Stephen Hinson & Ohio SAR President
Col. (Ret) Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

2016 Distinguished Chapter Award

Streamer

Northeastern Ohio Chapter

2016 Ohio Society Membership Awards

Third Place Tie - Northeastern Ohio Chapter (thirteen new members)

2016 Ohio Society Sponsorship Awards

First Place - Timothy E. Ward (forty-one new member sponsorships)

2016-2017 Ohio Society Spirit of Volunteerism Awards

Tim Ward

2016-2017 Ohio Society Perfect Attendance Award

Steve Hinson

Tim Ward

Newly Elected Ohio Society Officers



President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Genealogist

Chaplin

Historian

Donald C. McGraw, Jr.

Shawn Cox

L Stephen Hinson

Turner Lee Wilkerson III

John C. Bredenfoerder

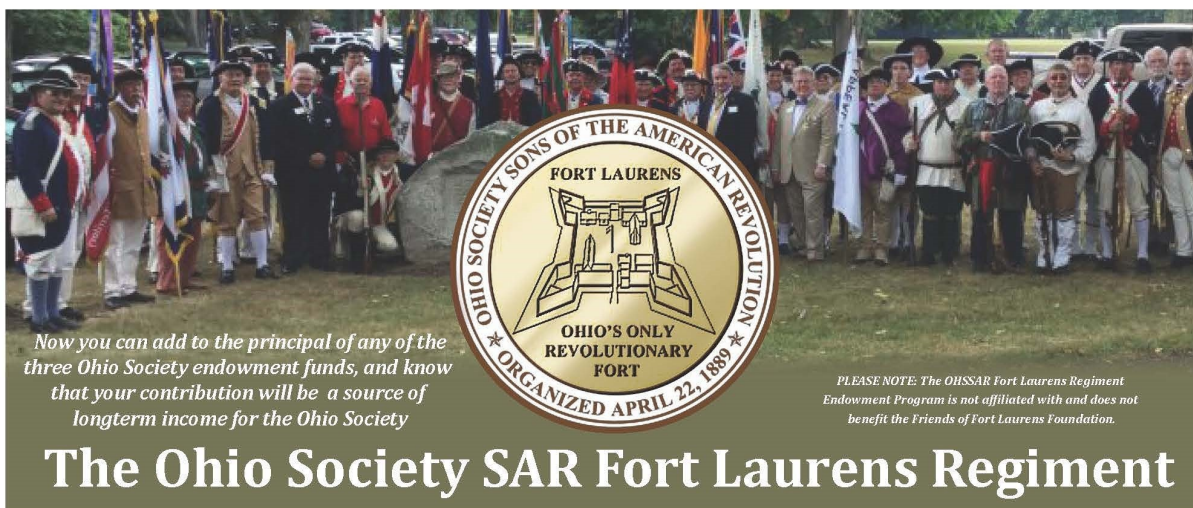
Troy Bailey

Timothy Ward

James O. Fast

James River





Now you can add to the principal of any of the three Ohio Society endowment funds, and know that your contribution will be a source of longterm income for the Ohio Society

PLEASE NOTE: The OHSSAR Fort Laurens Regiment Endowment Program is not affiliated with and does not benefit the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation.

The Ohio Society SAR Fort Laurens Regiment

Details

Individuals who make a contribution, or in whose name a contribution is made, to any or all of the three Ohio Society endowment funds shall be given a rank in the Ohio Society Fort Laurens Regiment, based on the level of the contribution:

- A contribution of at least \$100.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Sergeant."
- A contribution of at least \$300.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Captain."
- A contribution of at least \$500.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Colonel."
- A contribution of at least \$1000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General."
- A contribution of at least \$5000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General of the Regiment."

You decide where the money goes.

You can designate that your entire contribution should be allocated to any of the three Ohio Society Endowment Funds, or you can divide your contribution among two or more of the endowment funds.

Lapel pins: Display your rank in the Ohio Society Fort Laurens Regiment

The National Society has the George Washington Endowment Fund. Other state societies have various endowments that support their operations. The National Society and other state societies award lapel pins to their donors to wear as a special testament to the donor's generosity.

When you make a contribution under the Fort Laurens Regiment Program, the Ohio Society will award you, or the person in whose name you make the contribution, a lapel pin with the insignia of the appropriate rank in the Fort Laurens Regiment.

Donations are cumulative.

A donor may contribute \$100.00 in one year, and be "commissioned" as a Sergeant. Later on, the same donor may contribute an additional amount, and be promoted to a higher rank. For example, if this same donor contributes \$100.00 annually, after the third \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Captain, and after the fifth \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Colonel. With each promotion, this donor would receive the lapel pin appropriate for his new rank.

The three Ohio Society endowment funds

• The OHSSAR Youth Programs Fund

This newly established endowment helps fund the OHSSAR Youth Programs with the exception of the D.G. High Oration Contest. The programs include:

- The Americanism Poster Contest
- The Americanism Brochure Contest
- The Eagle Scout Program
- The ROTC/Junior ROTC Program
- The Knight Essay Contest

• The OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Fund

is a the major source of funding for the OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Contest. The D.G. High Oration Contest was originally founded in Ohio and continues as one of our most established youth programs.

• OHSSAR Permanent Fund

endows all other OHSSAR programs as approved by the OHSSAR Board of Management.

Fun for family and friends

Donations may be made on behalf of individuals other than the donor. For example, parents or grandparents can make donations in the names of their children or grandchildren. For a donation of \$100.00, a grandfather can make his grandchild a Sergeant in the Fort Laurens Regiment. Make yourself a General and all your kids Sergeants. (Better yet make your wife a General!) Donations will gladly be accepted from individuals who are not members of the Ohio Society, or indeed, members of the SAR.

So . . . everyone can enlist in the Fort Laurens Regiment and support the important work of the Ohio Society SAR!



Sign up today for the Fort Laurens Regiment

Yes, I'd like to support the Ohio Society SAR by enlisting in the Fort Laurens Regiment

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____

I would like this contribution to be divided among the three Ohio Society endowment funds as follows:

OHSSAR Youth Programs Fund \$ _____ OHSSAR D.G. High Oration Fund \$ _____ OHSSAR Permanent Fund \$ _____

(Note: The sum of these three amounts must equal your total contribution.)

If you are making this contribution in someone else's name, please tell us who: _____

Please mail this completed form, along with your check payable to "Ohio Society SAR" to:

L. Stephen Hinson, Treasurer, 5863 Beech Street, Andover, OH 44003

Tax Deduction: The Ohio Society SAR is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contributions to the Ohio Society SAR may be deductible on your Federal and state tax returns. Please consult your tax attorney or accountant.


Ohio Society SAR Challenge Coins

The beautiful Ohio Society Challenge Coins designed by Former President General Joe Dooley are now available for purchase. They feature the Fort Laurens site – Ohio's only Revolutionary War battle site. The proceeds of the challenge coins will benefit the OHSSAR general fund. Add this coin to your collection or they will make a fine gift to honor a special event or person! Download the order form from this link

OBVERSE
National
Society Seal
Sons of the
American
Revolution



REVERSE
Ohio Society
Seal
Sons of the
American
Revolution

Challenge Coin Order Form					
		Name			
		Shipping Address			
City		State		Zip	
Phone #		e-mail			
Number of Coins ordered @ \$25.00 each					
Make Check Payable to:		Treasurer OHSSAR			
Mail Check and Order Form to:		Mr. L. Stephen Hinson 5863 Beech Street Andover, Ohio 44003			

Ohio Society SAR Challenge Coins can be purchased by mail as noted above – cost for coin, shipping & handling by mail is \$25.00 per coin. Coins may also be purchased at Board of Management meetings from the Secretary for \$20.00 – no shipping and handling charges added.

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Libertas et Patria!

*This newsletter is intended for members of the
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

Blossom Time Festival

Sunday, May 28th, 2017
Parade Begins at 2:00 pm
400 E Washington Street
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

Saybrook Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th, 2017
from 9:30 am to 10:30 am
7911 Depot Road
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Ashtabula Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th, 2017
from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Main Avenue, Downtown Ashtabula

JVCOCC Flag Day, Army Birthday & Naturalization Ceremony

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017
Program Starts at 12:00 pm
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
1100 East 9th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Western Reserve Society SAR 125th Anniversary

Friday, June 16th, 2017
Benefit Gala Begins at 6:00 pm
Shaker Heights Country Club
3300 Courtland Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

NEO Chapter #12 Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 11, 2017
Saybrook Township Park, 12:00 pm
5941 Lake Road W
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Grave Marking Ceremony

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 at 2:00 pm
US 322 & Roberts/Creek Road
Wayne, Ohio

Naturalization Ceremony

Friday, July 7th, 2017
Garfield National Historic Site
8095 Mentor Ave
Mentor, Ohio 44060

127th NSSAR Annual Congress

July 7th - 13th, 2017
Holiday Inn, Knoxville
525 Henley Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902