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From The President's Desk

Compatriots & Friends,

Well, it's that time of the year again, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and the election of Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers. Speaking of elections, I am reminded that as SAR members, we are prohibited from supporting or promoting political candidates and issues. Certainly, we are encouraged and are welcome to have and offer our personal political views, but please keep them outside of our SAR activities, or share them in environments not associated with your SAR Membership. For those of you who have not been able to be involved in our chapter activities this past year, I have asked our secretary, Dan Matheke, to put together a summary of 2016 activities. The report can be found on page seven. I think you will be as surprised, was I when I read about the number and variety of activities our chapter was involved in during 2016.

Our Wreaths Across America program turned out to be very successful. For our first year, we really accomplished a lot and got the word out. I must admit I had higher expectations but in the end, it went off without too many glitches. The Geneva Cemetery staff was very helpful and supportive. We certainly appreciate all the help they provided. Also, the Blue Star Mothers added a great deal to the activities by promoting and selling wreaths, as well as participating the day of the program. The weather could have been nicer, perhaps a few degrees warmer but all-in-all, the weather was not much of a deterrent. We powered through! At this point, it is uncertain as to whether or not we will sponsor a program next year. If anyone is interested in heading up a Wreaths Across America committee, please make your interest known.

Preliminary plans are underway for a series of Grave Marking Programs which will be conducted this upcoming summer. Details of the programs will be announced as they become available. I hope that you will attend these programs and help us honor and memorialize the contributions of our Patriot Ancestors. If you have a particular patriot or cemetery where you would like a program held, Steve Hinson is the chair of the Grave Registry Committee.

On another note, if you are interested in Genealogical Research, you might be interested in knowing that our current NSSAR web page is moving toward developing a site that includes the ability to search for approved SAR Applications, and will eventually print them for a fee, similar to the system currently available at www.dar.org. In preparation, several discussions have been held regarding digitizing our approved applications and associated documentation. I will keep you posted as more details become available.

Patriotically yours,

Troy Bailey, President
Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
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"The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that is good."

George Washington

Welcome New SAR Members!

*John Paul Dalbec
William Joseph Daugherty
David Alan English
Thomas William Jones*

*John David Phillips
Stephan Gerard Sandberg
Larry James Travis*

American 'Holy Grail' Punch Bowl to Go on Display



A colonial-era punch bowl that has been called the "Holy Grail" of American ceramics is to go on public display for the first time in New York this month after its discovery during excavation on the site of the new Museum of the American Revolution here. The ceramic bowl, dating from about 1770, is the earliest known example of American hard-paste porcelain, a technique that was perfected by the Chinese hundreds of years earlier but which eluded European china makers. Although scholars have found documents indicating that the porcelain was

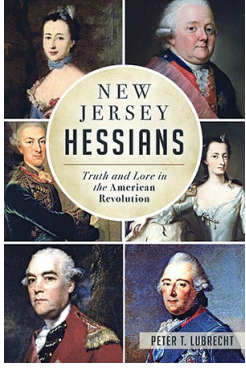
made in America during the Revolutionary period, no such objects had previously been discovered. "It's the first physical evidence of what we call hard-paste porcelain being produced in America," said Robert Hunter, an archaeologist and the editor of the journal Ceramics in America. "I've used the term 'Holy Grail of American ceramics.'" The bowl was found in 2014 among some 85,000 other items on the museum site. It was initially thought to be stoneware but later determined to be porcelain that was probably made in Philadelphia. The production of technologically advanced goods like the bowl can be seen as more evidence of the colony's efforts to become independent from England, Mr. Hunter said. "The making of porcelain in Philadelphia in particular was a revolutionary act," he said. "It was the American attempt to gain economic independence." The bowl will be exhibited at the New York Ceramics and Glass Fair at Bohemian National Hall on East 73rd Street. Later, it will go on show at the Museum of the American Revolution, which is to open in Philadelphia on April 19. (www.nytimes.com)

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Officers

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Treasurer - Steve Hinson
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New Jersey Hessians in the American Revolution



During the American Revolutionary War, the British hired 30,067 men from six German states to assist them in bringing the rebellious colonists in America back under British control. As about half of the men came from Hesse-Cassel and Hesse-Darmstadt, all of the men came to be known as Hessians, making up about one-quarter of the British Army that was shipped to America. In tracing the Hessian movement, Lubrecht observed that "the tracking of Hessian legends was a journey almost equal to the one that the soldiers from Germany took during the American Revolution. "The next step began in Bremerhaven, Germany, supposedly the port from which the German troops left their home country. A discussion with the curator of the new Auswanderer Museum in Bremerhaven provided the information that

many of the troops left from Bremen Vegesack, one hour to the east over the Weser River. Vestiges of the old harbor remain, and the museum had some material on the Hessian troops' departure. The research trip in this world, taken by Autobahn, was certainly quicker than the march of the earlier soldiers." • Once on board the ships that were to carry them to the New World, Lubrecht's research reflects that the journey included crowded conditions and severe restrictions on behavior. Upon their arrival, the men were shipped to Long Island, where they were introduced to their first battle in which the Continental Army was badly defeated and forced across the Hudson River into New Jersey. On Nov. 20, 1776, the British and Hessian troops crossed the Hudson River into New Jersey. The next major battle would be the Christmas 1776 Battle of Trenton. In this battle, Gen. George Washington was successful in his surprise attack, which resulted in 29 Hessians killed and 918 captured and taken to Pennsylvania. After several conflicts in the Saratoga, N.Y., area, on Oct. 17, 1777, Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered with 5,728 men. As part of the surrender agreement, Burgoyne had his army viewed as a convention army rather than as prisoners of war. Burgoyne's army arched to Cambridge, N.Y., where it spent the winter of 1777-78. By spring, the residents of that area wanted the soldiers gone, as they had undergone a considerable expense and time providing food, shelter and guards for them. It was eventually determined to send them to Charlottesville, Va., but it was November before the first contingent got moved. Lubrecht wonders if perhaps they were marched out in the cold winter weather with the hopes that many of them would desert prior to reaching their destination. • The first group spent the night of Dec. 3, 1778, in Warwick and the next morning they entered Vernon along what is now Route 94. According to Lubrecht, the 1777 Hessian map shows the troops traveling down Route 94 to Route 519, then Route 517 through Hackettstown and Long (then German) Valley toward Pennsylvania. Eventually they arrived in Charlottesville. Lubrecht says that it took two days for the troops to get through New Jersey, with the Hessian 1777 map specifically noting Casper Shaefer's. He wonders why nothing has been recorded locally about the troops passing through Sussex County, as it must have generated considerable interest to the residents of that date. • According to tradition, 12 of the men are said to have deserted in Stillwater, a community that had been settled one-half century earlier by former Germans. By the time that the group arrived at their destination in Virginia, only about 2,000 remained, with about 4,000 unaccounted for. Presumably the others deserted along the way, or perhaps passed away, and were buried along the wayside. In his epilogue, Lubrecht concedes that "the stories and tales of the fate of the 12,000 German soldiers who were killed, deserted or stayed behind after the American Revolution will remain shrouded by the clouds of historical tales. Their records and stories can be found in manuscripts and artifacts in various archives and museums."

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Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR Event Photos



Laura Bush to speak at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

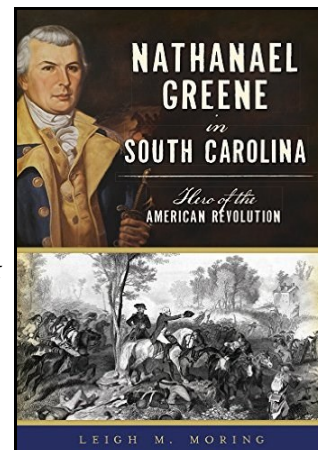
Former first lady Laura Bush will speak at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in May as part of the historical site's commemoration of the 250th birthday of the nation's seventh president. Bush, the wife of former President George W. Bush, accepted the Andrew Jackson Foundation's invitation to be the keynote speaker at its annual Spring Outing, a 117-year tradition that started as a picnic on the mansion's lawn during the site's early preservation days. The invitation-only event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit foundation. "We are particularly excited that Mrs. Bush has agreed to come and be the speaker this year," said Howard Kittell, the foundation's president. "It's Jackson's 250th birthday. We want to, clearly, commemorate the things that he did in his life, and to raise people's awareness of The Hermitage in metropolitan Nashville but also around the country." Bush's speech is a highlight of The Hermitage's yearlong celebration of Jackson's birthday, which is March 15. Additional Jackson-themed events are planned locally as well as at sites across the country that have ties to the president, including the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the National Museum of the American Indian. The foundation's selection of the former first lady as an event headliner is in keeping with its recent efforts to raise the Nashville site's national profile. Bush will be the first person to have lived in the White House to speak at the Spring Outing, Kittell said. Hermitage celebrates Andrew Jackson with new exhibit. The presidential site launched an effort to increase national awareness in 2014. The foundation wants Andrew Jackson's Hermitage to be as well known a place to learn about American history as George Washington's Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Kittell said. "We felt that The Hermitage deserved that level of national recognition and that Nashville deserved that recognition too as a seat of a presidential home," Kittell said. The 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark northeast of downtown Nashville is one of the country's first presidential museums. The Ladies Hermitage Association, now called the Andrew Jackson Foundation, opened The Hermitage to the public in 1889. Due to the prominent role of women in the site's preservation history, the foundation typically picks a woman as the Spring Outing speaker, Kittell said. Past speakers include Nashville Mayor Megan Barry and Tennessee first lady Crissy Haslam. Bush, who toured Jackson's home in 2009, has interests that are in keeping with The Hermitage's work, including education and preservation, Kittell said. The former first lady serves on the Council for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and the board of trustees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. While her husband was in office, she served as honorary chair of the Save America's Treasures grant program. In 2000, the Andrew Jackson Foundation received a grant from that program to restore two cabins from Jackson's early political and military years. Andrew Jackson's life tells 'remarkable story' "She was very focused on education and reading and literacy, and so much of our programming is about adult and children's education," Kittell said. "The fact that we're a preservation site, one of the earliest preservation sites in the country, it fits with her interests in preserving our country's history." More than 500 people are expected to attend the Spring Outing, which starts at 11:30 a.m. May 17. To receive an invitation, contact Jennifer Harris at 615-889-2941, ext. 203. (www.tennessean.com)



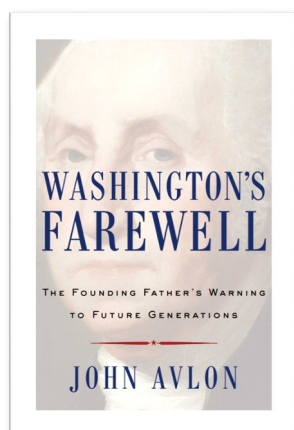
Former First Lady Laura Bush

Book Pays Tribute to Nathanael Greene

A key leader of the American Revolution, including battles fought at Star Fort in Ninety Six, is the subject of a new book, "Nathanael Greene in South Carolina: Hero of the American Revolution," by author and historian Leigh M. Moring. The book tells the story of Greene and the liberation of the Lowcountry at the end of the American Revolution. According to information from the National Park Service about the Ninety Six National Historic Site, Greene was the Patriot commander at Ninety Six. A former Quaker from Rhode Island and the youngest brigadier general in the Patriot army, Greene assumed command of the Southern Department for the Patriots. Greene faced the British in several key battles in South Carolina in 1781. Ultimately, Greene was able to rid South Carolina of the British and free the important port city of Charleston. Moring, 26, said she had wanted to write about another South Carolina Revolutionary War hero, Francis Marion, but David Preston, a professor at The Citadel, suggested she consider Greene. "Once I started researching him and reading his papers, I was hooked," Moring wrote in an email. "Greene can be called the 'savior of the south.'" Greene was a self-taught man, Moring wrote. "One of the things he enthusiastically studied was the art of war," Moring said, noting Greene also studied the military strategies George Washington employed, particularly favoring skirmishes and attrition instead of frontal assaults. "A little known fact is that South Carolina actually hosted more battles than any other colony during the Revolutionary War," Moring wrote. Her goal for the book, Moring wrote, is to enable readers to "learn something that they never knew about the Revolutionary War in South Carolina." "This book is purely nonfiction, but my intended audience is the general public. I also discuss a typically overlooked part of the war, which is the period after surrender at Yorktown. The British did not leave Charleston for another year and much happened during those months." (www.indexjournal.com)



Washington's Farewell the Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations



George Washington's Farewell Address was a prophetic letter from a "parting friend" to his fellow citizens about the forces he feared could destroy our democracy: hyper-partisanship, excessive debt, and foreign wars. Once celebrated as civic scripture, more widely reprinted than the Declaration of Independence, the Farewell Address is now almost forgotten. Its message remains starkly relevant. In Washington's Farewell, John Avlon offers a stunning portrait of our first president and his battle to save America from self-destruction. At the end of his second term, Washington surprised Americans by publishing his Farewell message in a newspaper. The President called for unity among "citizens by birth or choice," advocated moderation, defended religious pluralism, proposed a foreign policy of independence (not isolation), and proposed that education is essential to democracy. He

established the precedent for the peaceful transfer of power. Washington's urgent message was adopted by Jefferson after years of opposition and quoted by Lincoln in defense of the Union. Woodrow Wilson invoked it for nation-building; Eisenhower for Cold War; Reagan for religion. Now the Farewell Address may inspire a new generation to re-center our politics and reunite our nation through the lessons rooted in Washington's experience. As John Avlon describes the perilous state of the new nation that Washington was preparing to leave as its leader, with enduring wisdom, he reveals him to be the indispensable Founding Father. (www.simonandschuster.com)

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 Year in Review

Here we are in 2017, with 2016 not too far in the rearview mirror. It's been a busy year, with the U.S. Presidential Election (never thought it would end), the Summer Olympics in Rio, the Cavaliers' NBA Championship, the Indians-Cubs World Series, and perhaps the busiest year our chapter has had, which all started in February, when we held our chapter elections and celebrated President's Day. It wasn't long until our first parade of the year, the annual Maple Festival Parade in Chardon. We marched both days and were fortunate enough to have good weather both days. This year we marched in a total of ten parades, including the Grape Jamboree in Geneva, where we won a trophy and received a check for \$100! The Color Guard also participated in three New Citizens Naturalization Ceremonies, and seven Flag Certificate Presentations. We presented the Colors at various events from the Memorial Day Cantata in Burton, two Constitution Week events in support of the DAR, and ending with two concerts in Ashtabula, with the Good Life singers during Veterans Day weekend. We also helped the Mary Chesney Chapter DAR of Trumbull County celebrate their 100th anniversary. Our Color Guard participated in the ceremonies and memorial program sponsored by the Vietnam Moving Wall in Burton as well. • On the state and national level, we have also been busy. We participated in the National Color Guard events at Fort Laurens, Point Pleasant, and our own Wreaths Across America event in Geneva. Sadly, we also participated in two OHSSAR Past Presidents' funerals this year. We earned the State Distinguished Chapter Award, Partners in Patriotism Award, Wreaths Across America certificate, and ribbons for our participation at Fort Laurens and Point Pleasant. The Youth Programs this year were well-represented. We had entrants in the SAR Essay Contest, Eagle Scout & ROTC Awards, Poster Contest, and Brochure Contest. The Essay Contest winner was Jonah Bryce Lake from Westerville, Ohio. Jonah is in the 12th grade in the New Albany-Plain School District. The Eagle Scout was David Patrick Dugan Wood from Wooster, Ohio; Troop No. 4063. He placed 1st in the State. The Brochure contest winner was Zoe R. Haffa from Williamsfield, Ohio. Zoe's in the 8th grade at Pymatuning Valley School. She placed 2nd in the State. • This was also a busy year for Grave Markings. In April, we assisted the DAR with three Patriot Grave Markings out near Vermillion. Here, in Ashtabula County, we marked eighteen patriot graves in five different cemeteries on three separate days. In 2016, we added thirteen new members to Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12. To all of them, "welcome aboard!" Having said that, we'll be losing eight to ten of our chapter members in 2017, since there's a new chapter forming in the Mahoning Valley area and it's closer for some of our members. We wish them the best of luck, and hope they build a strong chapter that will continue to grow in that area. We are continuing to form partnerships with other organizations in our area. We have done several functions with the Western Reserve and Firelands Chapters of OHSSAR. We also assist the Stanley-Redmond-Harper and New Connecticut Chapters of the DAR, as well as the Blue Star Mothers. • During many of our events, we are assisted by our Women's Auxiliary & Camp Followers. They've assisted us in many ways, including the wearing of colonial dress, singing during programs, playing taps, bringing water, and helping with setup/teardown. As you can see, we've been a pretty busy chapter this year. We're always looking for new members to help out and assist in our activities. Remember, you DO NOT need a uniform to participate in many of our activities. We can always use the help. If you're interested in getting a uniform, let us know. We can surely steer you in the right direction. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, stop by. We're always glad to have you!

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Important Dates to Remember

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12

Presidents Day Program &

Election of Officers

Saturday, February 18th at 11:30 am

Best Friend's Restaurant

1741 OH-534, Geneva, Ohio 44041

Geauga County Maple Festival

April 29th & 30th, 2017

Main Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024

www.maplefestival.com

Spring Leadership Meeting

March 2nd - 4th, 2017

Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway

Louisville, KY 40202

OHSSAR Annual Conference

May 5th - 7th, 2017

Crowne Plaza Cincinnati

Blue Ash, 5901 Pfeiffer Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

127th NSSAR Annual Congress

July 7th - 13th, 2017

OHSSAR Board of Management

& Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Saturday, July 29th, 2017

11064 Fort Laurens Road

Bolivar, Ohio 44612

