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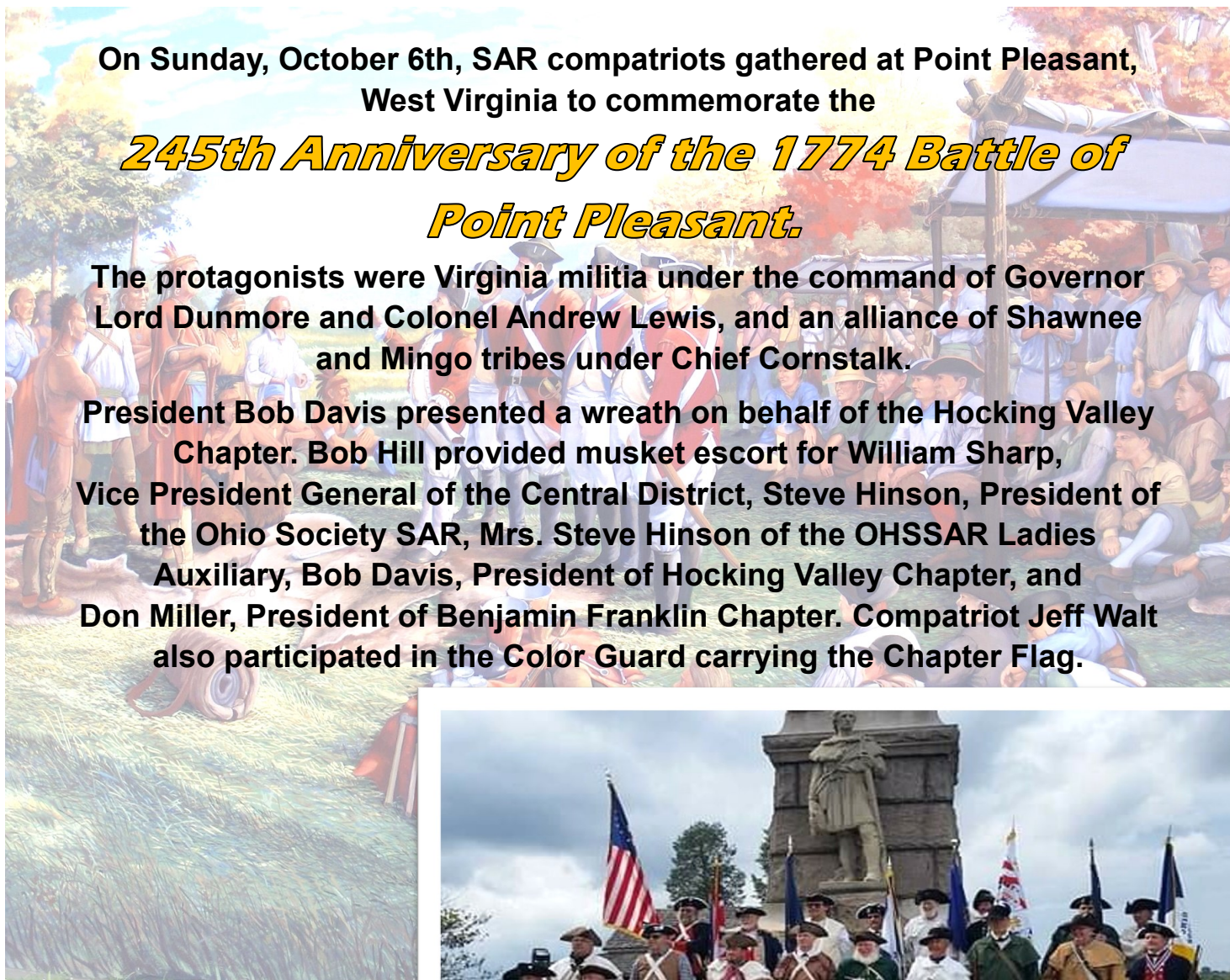
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On Sunday, October 6th, SAR compatriots gathered at Point Pleasant, West Virginia to commemorate the

245th Anniversary of the 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant.

The protagonists were Virginia militia under the command of Governor Lord Dunmore and Colonel Andrew Lewis, and an alliance of Shawnee and Mingo tribes under Chief Cornstalk.

President Bob Davis presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter. Bob Hill provided musket escort for William Sharp, Vice President General of the Central District, Steve Hinson, President of the Ohio Society SAR, Mrs. Steve Hinson of the OHSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, Bob Davis, President of Hocking Valley Chapter, and Don Miller, President of Benjamin Franklin Chapter. Compatriot Jeff Walt also participated in the Color Guard carrying the Chapter Flag.



SAR Compatriots gather for a group shot at Point Pleasant, West Virginia after the ceremony.



Last month's Grave-Marking and Commemoration event in association with the up-coming October's Battle of Kings Mountain.



On Friday, September 13th, Compatriot Jeff Walt presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter at a Patriot Grave-Marking Ceremony at the New Bethel Cemetery in Piney Flats, Tennessee. The ceremony was sponsored by the Kings Mountain Chapter, TNSSAR. The grave marking honored five (5) patriots who were early Sullivan County pioneers, soldiers in the Revolution, and prominent citizens in the development of the area. The five patriots were John Allison, David Hughes, Thomas King, John King Jr, and John White. Hughes and White served as privates in North Carolina. Both Kings were originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. These men are said to have fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain. The cemetery sits adjacent to the New Bethel Presbyterian Church, founded in 1781 by Reverend Samuel Doak, a legendary Revolutionary War Minister in the region.



On Saturday, September 14th, Jeff Walt presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter at The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals Ceremony near Elizabethton, Tennessee. Jeff was accompanied by his wife, and Lady Auxiliary member, Deb Walt. The ceremony commemorates Patriot Militias that gathered here, then marched through the Appalachian Mountains to meet the Loyalist Army under British Colonel Patrick Ferguson, culminating in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The Battle of Kings Mountain

On Monday, October 7th, compatriots Al Gummere and Bob Hill, represented the Hocking Valley Chapter at the **239th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina**. Also present was Al's wife and Lady Auxiliary member Janet Gummere, who represented the Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter DAR. Al presented the wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter.

The event was well-attended by many representatives of the National Society SAR, and many various state SAR chapters. Also various chapters of the DAR, Descendants of those who fought at Kings Mountain and Signers of the Declaration of Independence, the National Park Service, high schools and historical reenactors such as the Over Mountain Men Militia.

It was here at Kings Mountain that the myth of British invincibility was shattered. When the British were defeated at Saratoga, New York in October, 1777, they simply changed their strategy to split the colonies and headed south. With resounding victories at Charleston and Camden, Lord Cornwallis wanted to ensure his left flank, the American western frontier, was secure from rebel attack as he headed north into North Carolina.

He selected Colonel Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Foot Regiment to lead this incursion. Ferguson was a brave and capable soldier, and the inventor of a breech-loading rifle. If the British Army had decided to mass-produce these weapons, it may have changed the outcome of the war. But thankfully, they thought the weapon too complex for the average soldier.

Ferguson created a sizeable Loyalist Army, but he had a condescending attitude towards the American frontier backwoodsmen. This caused him to underestimate his enemy. He threatened to hang all rebel leaders and "put to fire and sword" the homes of all those who did not take an oath of allegiance to the King. This only infuriated the independent-minded frontiersmen, and they rallied their militias to meet the threat.

They surprised Ferguson's Loyalist Army at Kings Mountain, and in little over an hour, Ferguson was killed, and his army destroyed. This defeat, along with another defeat at Cowpens in January 1781, and the bloody draw at Guilford Courthouse in March, would set up Cornwallis for his ultimate defeat at Yorktown, Virginia that October. All this, of course, would effectively lead to American independence.



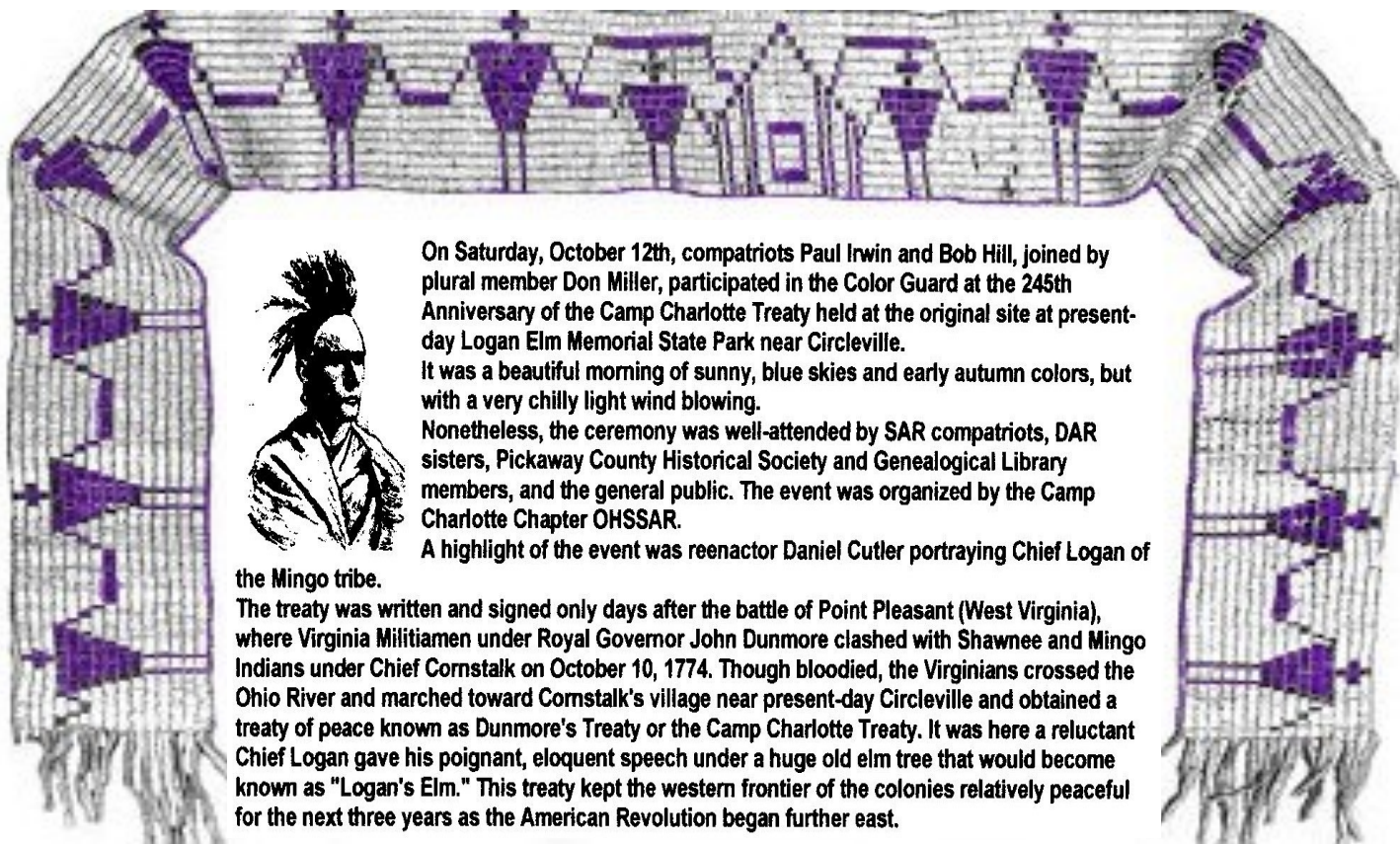
Compatriots Bob Hill and Al Gummere at the Battle Monument on Kings Mountain.



SAR compatriots gather for a photo. This is only half the SAR who were present!



The Over Mountain Men Militia fires a musket salute under the watchful eye of a National Park Ranger.



On Saturday, October 12th, compatriots Paul Irwin and Bob Hill, joined by plural member Don Miller, participated in the Color Guard at the 245th Anniversary of the Camp Charlotte Treaty held at the original site at present-day Logan Elm Memorial State Park near Circleville.

It was a beautiful morning of sunny, blue skies and early autumn colors, but with a very chilly light wind blowing.

Nonetheless, the ceremony was well-attended by SAR compatriots, DAR sisters, Pickaway County Historical Society and Genealogical Library members, and the general public. The event was organized by the Camp Charlotte Chapter OHSSAR.

A highlight of the event was reenactor Daniel Cutler portraying Chief Logan of the Mingo tribe.

The treaty was written and signed only days after the battle of Point Pleasant (West Virginia), where Virginia Militiamen under Royal Governor John Dunmore clashed with Shawnee and Mingo Indians under Chief Cornstalk on October 10, 1774. Though bloodied, the Virginians crossed the Ohio River and marched toward Cornstalk's village near present-day Circleville and obtained a treaty of peace known as Dunmore's Treaty or the Camp Charlotte Treaty. It was here a reluctant Chief Logan gave his poignant, eloquent speech under a huge old elm tree that would become known as "Logan's Elm." This treaty kept the western frontier of the colonies relatively peaceful for the next three years as the American Revolution began further east.



L to R: Paul Irwin, Bob Hill, Dan Cutler as Chief Logan, and Don Miller.



Paul Irwin holds the Ohio Society President's gavel made from the wood of the original "Logan Elm" after the tree died and was chopped down in 1964. The gavel was presented to the Ohio Society SAR by the Ohio History Connection.



On Friday, October 18th, compatriot Jim Stoner gave a presentation to Berne Union Third Graders at the Sugar Grove Museum located above Stoneburner's Grocery Store in Sugar Grove.



Jim spoke to the students about the early settlement of Sugar Grove by Revolutionary War veterans and their families, including his 5th great grandfathers, Abraham Ream and John Stukey.



Chapter Meeting Activities



Compatriots Bob Davis and Matt Hardman hold a Logan-Hocking Schools Identity Tie Tack Clip representing their success at adding 9 new schools from this district for the Chapter's SAR School Poster, Brochure, Essay, and Oration Contests. This doubles the number of schools we now reach.



President Bob Davis presented Chapter Genealogist David Nessley with a certificate recognizing his sixth Liberty Medal (Bronze Oak Leaf). The Medal or Oak Leaf is awarded for recruiting 10 new members and being the first line signer on applications.



President Bob Davis, right, and Secretary Chuck Bundy, left, congratulate Compatriot Ryan Cooper on his acceptance into the SAR. Ryan's ancestor was Peter Cline Sr. a private in both the PA Militia and later in the Continental line.



Chuck Finlay of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter in Columbus was Guest Speaker at the October 19th Meeting and gave an interesting presentation on Revolutionary War uniforms.

Yorktown, Virginia

October 19, 1781

YORKTOWN IS WON!

Cornwallis' Sword is Delivered to American Forces

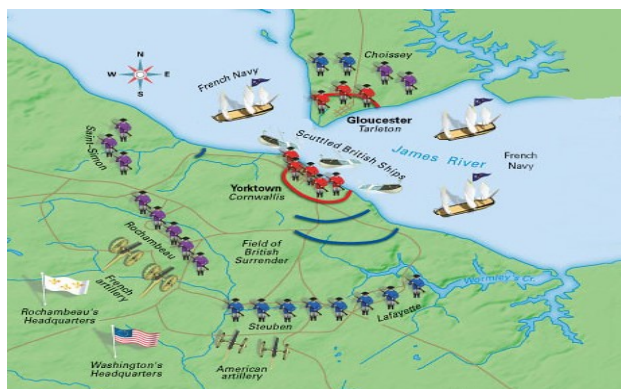
"The World Turned Upside Down"

Compatriot Bob Hill attended his third consecutive year at the Yorktown Days Commemoration in Yorktown, Virginia, on Saturday, October 19th, the 238th Anniversary of British General Cornwallis's Surrender.

This year, Bob was the only representative for the Hocking Valley Chapter among 8 other Ohio compatriots, all of the Cincinnati Chapter and their wives. On Friday evening, in keeping with tradition, the compatriots and their wives met at Christiana Campbell's Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg for a candlelight supper, then took a walk afterwards during a beautiful Autumn night on the quiet main street of Williamsburg. Early the next morning, the compatriots met at the historical Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown to take part in the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at General Thomas Nelson Jr's gravesite. Bob Hill presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter. Immediately afterward the compatriots mustered and marched in the huge Yorktown Days Parade that included units of all branches of service, JROTC units, high school bands, the Old Guard Army Fife & Drum, the NSSAR, DAR, CAR, politicians, and many other organizations. After lunch in Yorktown, the Ohio compatriots held a Memorial Service at the Surrender Monument.



Ohio Society Compatriots stand for a group picture after the parade. Bob Hill is standing in second row, second from left.



The remains of Redoubt Number 10. On the night of October 14th, 1781 about 400 Americans under the command of Alexander Hamilton attacked this position with fixed bayonets and unloaded muskets. The French attacked nearby Redoubt Number 9. Both positions were taken successfully and allowed the American lines to move up and fire their cannon at point-blank range into the British positions in Yorktown, forcing Cornwallis to ask for negotiations on October 17th, and their surrender on October 19th.

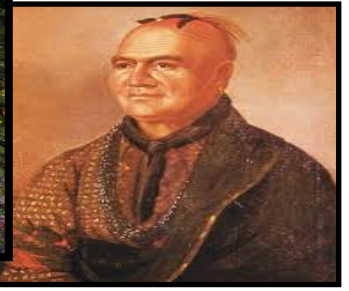


On Tuesday morning, October 22nd, compatriot Chuck Bundy gave a presentation to Watkins Middle School students at the Old Colony Burying Ground in Granville.

Chuck stood by the gravestone of Timothy Rose and told the story of Rose who originally came from Granville, Massachusetts. At age 13, Rose was in the militia at the start of the Revolutionary War, and in 1779 he enlisted in the Continental Army. At the siege of Yorktown in 1781, Rose was a sergeant and captured a British Officer. After the war, he led a group of Massachusetts veterans and formed the Licking Land Company, and was a founding father of Granville, a successful businessman, church deacon, and Licking County's first judge.

Chuck also discussed with the students the Refugee Land Tract surveyed between the Scioto River in Franklin County, crossing through Licking County upon which Granville sits, and continuing through Perry County to Zanesville in Muskingum County. The land tract was originally meant for Canadian families who supported the patriot cause during the Revolution. Several of the students live within the boundaries of the former land tract today.





On a rainy Saturday, October 26th, compatriots Bob Hill, Bill Lyman, and Don Miller participated in a **Grave Marking Ceremony at the Battle Site of Lochry's Defeat** located in Dearborn County, Indiana about 2.5 miles south of Aurora. Vice President Bill Lyman presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter. The steady rain cancelled a musket salute that Bob Hill was scheduled to perform, but a local American Legion Post firing M-1 rifles was able to perform a salute and play Taps.

On August 24th, 1781 Colonel Archibald Lochry was leading a small force of over 100 militiamen, horses, and supplies travelling by boat down the Ohio River. They were attempting to catch up with a larger force led by George Rogers Clark with plans to attack the British at Fort Detroit. When the group stopped on the north shore of the Ohio River to rest and eat, they were surprised by a force of British-supported Shawnee warriors led by Chief Joseph Brant. It was a lop-sided victory for the Indians who suffered no losses, and the entire American force was either killed (37 men) or captured (64 men). Many of the men were killed after they surrendered, including Lochry, but Chief Brant stopped the killing before it became a complete massacre. The prisoners were taken to Fort Detroit. Today the site is marked as the **Lochry Massacre Site**.



Compatriots Bill Lyman and Bob Hill. Bill wears the regimental coat of the 2nd Virginia Regiment to which one of his ancestors belonged.



At the Central District Banquet in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on Saturday evening, compatriots L to R: Tony Robinson (Camp Charlotte Chapter), Mike Gunn (Cincinnati Chapter), Bob Hill (Hocking Valley Chapter), and John "Jack" Manning (National Society President General from New Hampshire).



Compatriot Bill Lyman stands with plural member Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.



Vice President Bill Lyman acknowledges the Hocking Valley Chapter wreath presented.



Compatriots Corner

Building a Musket for the Timid

By Compatriot Chuck Bundy



When I joined the SAR I guess it was expected that I would serve in the Color Guard. So, I obtained a militia kit and musket.

The musket didn't serve me very well, so I determined to build one myself. I found a company online, Track of the Wolf, and decided to build a Bucks County Pennsylvania rifle.

First job is to embed the barrel in the stock. This requires carving the stock so the barrel fits snugly. Otherwise, when fired, the stock could crack and ruin your whole day.

Following jobs such as embedding the lock into the stock, then assembling the trigger and guard into

the stock, and then the butt plate into the stock. See the trend here? Lots of woodworking with this stock is required. My stock was hard maple which has a definite grain making it easier to work in one direction than the other direction. It's not hard work but requires lots of patience.

The barrel then must be pinned to the stock. This entails drilling through the stock and through the tang on the barrel.

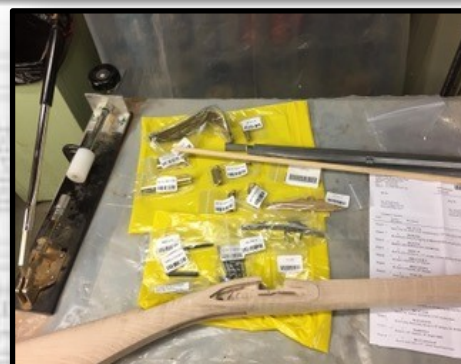
When inletting things into the stock, you use Inletting Black so that when you press the metal to the wood, it leaves a "fingerprint" so you will know where to remove more wood.

At this point you would mark and drill the barrel for the touch hole liner. This is a tricky maneuver as the slightest error would render the touch hole in the wrong place relative to the powder pan.

"Measure twice, cut once" comes to mind.

Since the stock comes to you in a rather primitive condition, you will want to carve designs in it to personalize your musket. I worked on these designs when I got frustrated with inletting stuff. You do your carving slowly and lightly so as to not ruin your project. I ended up spending the most time on the butt plate. This is a brass sand cast piece that comes to you 'raw', meaning you must file and sand it smooth. Same holds true for the trigger guard that must conform to the heel of the stock which takes a lot of trimming and filing.

After sanding, filing, sanding etc. you are ready to finish the weapon. You can produce a mediocre piece but if you finish it well, it will look great. I used a powdered dye in Light Walnut for the color and finished it with Tru-Oil gunstock finish.



NOVEMBER

VETERANS DAY



Color Guard members present at Licking Heights South Elementary School, L to R: Bob Hill, Bob Davis, Jeff Walt, Paul Irwin, Chuck Bundy, Bill Lyman, Al Gummere.



On Friday, November 8th, seven compatriots visited **Licking Heights South Elementary School in Pataskala** for a Veterans Day Program. This was the Hocking Valley Chapter's eighth consecutive year to visit the school for Veterans Day. The school was packed with students, teachers, and invited veterans related to the children.

The Hocking Valley Chapter presented the Colors as the students recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Color Guard Commander Bob Hill addressed the crowd on behalf of the Chapter. There were two such assemblies, and in-between, the compatriots visited a fourth-grade classroom and spoke for an hour on the American Revolution. The school treated the compatriots to pizza for lunch.



A special ceremony was also held outside at the school's Veterans Memorial green area, where a tree was planted by Mr. Brian Wilkinson's fourth grade class and compatriots Bob Hill and Bill Lyman. A plaque will be placed near the tree, commemorating the event in honor of the American Revolution. Called the "October Tree," the tree recalls critical patriot victories won in October: Saratoga in 1777, and Yorktown in 1781.

VETERANS DAY

*** HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ***

LOGAN VETERANS DAY PARADE



Compatriots at the Logan Veterans Day Parade, L to R: Matt Hardman, Chuck Bundy, Paul Irwin, Janet Gummere, Jeff Walt, Al Gummere, Bob Hill. Also present but not in the parade or photo was lady auxiliary member Phyllis Bundy.



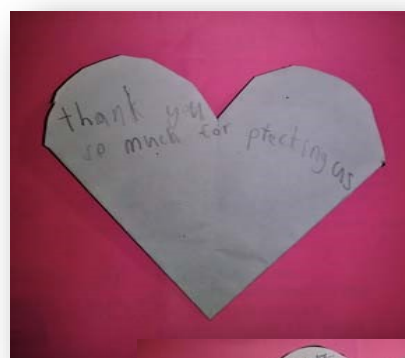
Spectators watch and wave along a portion of East Main Street. In the right distance can be seen the gazebo where last July 4th's Reading of the Declaration of Independence took place.



On Sunday, November 10th, six compatriots and a lady auxiliary member were dressed in kit and participated in Logan's Veterans Day Parade.

A parade wagon was borrowed from Lancaster's American Legion Post 11 (the Chapter Parade Wagon is still in need of repair).

This year, the parade was blessed with perfect weather and had a high attendance in participants and spectators. A highlight of the parade came on East Main Street when the parade wagon momentarily stopped. A beautiful little girl, coaxed by her mother, ran up to the parade wagon and handed compatriot Bob Hill a heart-shaped crayon colored note. In it, colored in red, white, and blue, and in her handwriting were many thank-you's for service, freedom, bravery, keeping her safe, and other traits she attributed to veterans. As the wagon pulled away, she waved goodbye, and all were deeply moved by the little girl's gesture.





On Saturday, November 30th, the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Awards Luncheon was held on the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Fairfield District Library in Lancaster. The Awards Chairman and Master of Ceremonies this year was Al Gummere.

Many awards were presented this year. A highlight was the presentation of the SAR War Service Medal to the mother of Sergeant Joseph P. Collette, a local soldier killed in action in Afghanistan earlier this year. A moving biography of Joseph was read by Lady Auxiliary member Deborah Walt.

Three Heroism Medals were presented. The first to Brian Irwin by his father, Paul Irwin, for saving a family in a burning house. The second medal went to Matt Hardman for assisting a severely injured driver in a burning car, and the third medal to Matt's friend, John Bondurant, who assisted in the same incident.

A Lifesaving Medal went to Shelley Nessley for saving her mother's life by performing CPR when heart failure occurred and before medics arrived. Shelley is the daughter of Lady Auxiliary member Phyllis Nessley and Chapter Genealogist Dave Nessley.

The Chapter Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Bob Hill. The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal awarded to Chuck Bundy. The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal awarded to Jeff Walt, Matt Hardman, and Bob Hill.

The Patriot Grave Marking Medal was awarded to Dave Nessley and Bob Hill.

The Bronze Color Guard Medal awarded to Bill Lyman, Al Gummere, and Matt Hardman. Chapter Color Guard members took part in 51 events this year, a new record.

Toward the end of the luncheon, a ceremony was performed to attach streamers earned at events this year to the Chapter flag.

The Lydia Darragh Medal was awarded to Lady Auxiliary member Phyllis Bundy.

Nine (9) 5-year tenure pins/certificates were awarded this year, and five (5) 10-year tenure pins/certificates. One (1) 20-year tenure pin/certificate was awarded posthumously to Keith Kaufman, who made his 20-year membership in January, and passed away in February.



A lone table setting with an empty chair and photo of Sergeant Joseph P. Collette. A lone table setting, and empty chair is a tradition at meals by patriotic and veteran's groups to honor those killed, missing in action, or being held as prisoners of war.



A group photo of the participants at the November 30th Awards Luncheon. Also present was Stephanie Gwinn, Regent of Lancaster's Elizabeth Sherman Reese DAR Chapter, and Steve Frash, Ohio Society SAR Color Guard Commander.

DECEMBER

SOMERSET ***CHRISTMAS*** ***PARADE***

On Saturday, December 7th, seven (7) members of the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard marched in the ***10th Annual Small Towne Christmas Parade in Somerset, Ohio.***

Mother Nature cooperated and gave the compatriots cool, but beautiful weather. The Chapter has marched in this parade every year for 10 years. It is short and sweet, just over half a mile, and there's always an enthusiastic crowd at the General Sheridan roundabout in the center of town. Somerset is the birthplace of Union Civil War General Philip Sheridan. Afterwards, the compatriots and a few wives followed tradition and had an enjoyable evening meal at the Clay Haus, an historic 19th century inn and tavern in Somerset.



Color Guard members, L to R: Bob Hill, Bill Lyman, Paul Irwin, Chuck Bundy, Jeff Walt, Don Ferguson, Al Gummere.



Traditional supper at the Clay Haus, L to R: Paul Irwin, Bill Lyman, Wanda Lyman, Don Ferguson, Bob Hill, Al Gummere, Chuck Bundy, Phyllis Bundy.



Group picture of the SAR Color Guard and ladies of the Granville DAR.

WREATHS *across* AMERICA



Former Governor Ted Strickland addresses the crowd as a guest speaker.

On Saturday, December 14th, the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard participated in its last event of the year, a DAR-hosted Wreaths Across America ceremony in Granville, Ohio.

A light, chilly drizzle dampened things, but it

was tolerable compared to last year's heavy rain that soaked participants. The program was well attended by the public, and participants included the SAR, DAR, the American Legion Color Guard and Rifle Salute Squad, representatives from each branch of service, former Governor Ted Strickland, the mayor of Granville, and high school students who played Taps and sang the National Anthem and America The Beautiful. Compatriot Tom Hankins presented a wreath on behalf of America's War Dead. Afterwards, the compatriots enjoyed brunch at the Granville Inn, joined by lady auxiliary member Wanda Lyman.

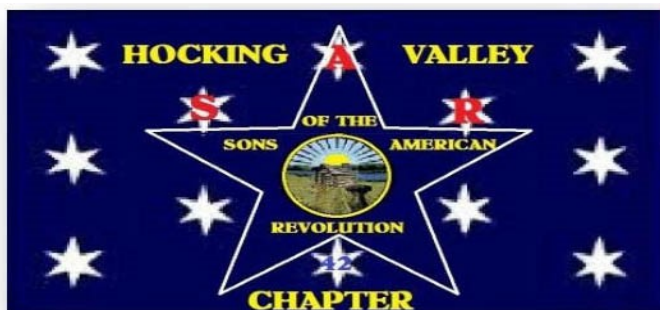
Thanks to Ashley Diebold of the Granville DAR who provided these photos.



The HVC Color Guard prepares to march at the beginning of the ceremony.



The Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard attending the Granville WAA, L to R: Tom Hankins, Bob Hill, Bill Lyman, Al Gummere.



Chapter Meeting

Activities

On Saturday, December 21st, the Hocking Valley Chapter held its last, and best-attended meeting of the year. For the first time in its 10-year history, two candidates were seeking the office of President. The candidates were Bill Lyman and Matt Hardman, and they addressed the audience with their vision for the Chapter prior to voting by members. 21 votes were cast, and Matt Hardman received 57 percent of the votes. The Chapter Officers were then sworn-in by visiting State Society President Steven Hinson. Outgoing President Bob Davis gave an eloquent farewell speech to Chapter members.



2020 Officers after taking their oath administered by State Society President, Steven Hinson, at far right. Right to left, Matt Hardman - President, Bill Lyman - Vice President, Chuck Bundy - Secretary/Registrar, Bob Hill - Treasurer, Jeff Walt - Historian, Bob Davis - Chaplain, Dave Nessley - Genealogist (to be assisted by Bill Lyman).



Miss Kennedy Couch, a senior at Fairfield Christian Academy, will be the Hocking Valley Chapter's Essay Contestant at the State Society Contest in 2020. Kennedy brought her family and read her essay at the December meeting.



New Members, Trent Reichley, far left, and Jason McKnight, second from right, receive their membership certificates by State Society President Steven Hinson and Chapter Secretary/Registrar Chuck Bundy. Trent's patriot ancestor was Leonard Litzinger, and Jason's patriot ancestor was George Adam Zirkle.



Compatriot and Vice President Bill Lyman also received a certificate for his first supplemental ancestor, Ignatius Waterman, who is buried in Marietta and was a cousin to Benedict Arnold.

Compatriots Corner

Honey

Beekeeping (or apiculture)


Honeybees are a common sight in America today, but they haven't always been native to North America until the arrival of English settlers that brought these European honeybees to America. Later when England levied high taxes on sugar, colonial beekeepers began substituting it with honey made by their honeybees, which also served as a source of income for them. By the mid -1700's, beeswax, another by-product made by these honeybees became a minor export from North Carolina. It was soon after that this export of beeswax was realized by the colonial government for its economic value and was taxed under the 1745 Quit Rent and 1768 Tax Act at the rate of one shilling per pound.

One present day independent beekeeper is our very own Hocking Valley Chapter compatriot Al Gummere, who always loves sharing with others not only how he got started in this ancient trade, but what it takes to maintain these beehives.

"I'm a hands-on person. So, I met a man who has 300 beehives and asked him if he would be interested in teaching me what I need to do. So, I worked with him and learned to identify queen, drones, workers, eggs and capped broods which is the pupa stages within its honeycomb cell. Last year I bought two starter beehives, so called Nucs (refers both to the smaller size box and the colony of honeybees within it). These small beehives have 5 frames and as they grow you can add more frames, and when you reach 10 frames filled you will add another beehive body and more frames. While they are growing you will need to feed them, and this is a 2 to 1 ratio sugar water (equals to 25 pounds sugar to 2.5 gallons water). All through this process you are always checking for Varroa Mites, if the beehive is weak you look for Wax Moths and small beehive Beetles. If your beehive is strong your biggest worry is the Mites. This year I had one beehive that was strong enough to add honey supers to it. These are a smaller beehive box for the bees to start storing honey. I had one beehive that produced 58 pounds of honey."



A Letter From The Editor



Dear Compatriots,
We have reached the end of another year, and a busy one it has been! As Color Guard Commander I want to thank every one of you who participated in our various 51 events this year!
None of us can make every event, and that's not expected. But let me assure you that your presence is appreciated when you can make an appearance. The hardest thing with being a Color Guard Commander is you're never quite sure how many people will show up for an event, so there's always an element of "winging it." But I rely on a small core of members when it counts, and I want to say a special THANK YOU to Adjutant Al Gummere for being so reliable in many events this year, pretty much as our Color Guard Quarter-master and helping in set-ups for posting Colors or presenting wreaths. Also to Adjutant Jeff Walt for picking up and driving our Parade Wagon when needed, and for being my Safety Officer at the Fort Laurens Musket Salute.
And a special THANK YOU to Graphics Editor Bill Lyman, who has given us a beautiful Newsletter. Yes, I do the writing and grammatical editing, which is no small effort, but Bill does the layout of script, pictures submitted, and art. He has done beautiful work and we have a newsletter of which to be proud. I submitted our third edition to the NSSAR Newsletter Competition for next year's Besset Award. Let's keep our fingers crossed.
Lastly, a special THANK YOU to the members of our Ladies Auxiliary who have been instrumental in making many of our events a success, and who have taken pictures of us in action when we are unable to do it ourselves.
I might add there would be no newsletter of worth without the active participation of so many of which to write about. Thank you to all, God bless, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!
Bob Hill, Chief Editor

UP COMING EVENT:

***Chapter Monthly Business Meetings: American Legion Post 11,
279 Canal Street, Lancaster, OH 43130. Every third Saturday,
11:00 AM. January 18th, February 15th, March 21st.***

January 18th, Sat: 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Cowpens National Battlefield Park, 4001 Chesnee Highway, Gaffney, SC 29341; SAR Wreath-Laying Ceremony begins at 10:00 AM.

February 7th - 8th, Friday - Saturday: OHSSAR Winter BOM Meeting, Dayton, OH 45401. Visit ohssar.org for updated information on address and time.

February 16th OR 23rd, Sunday: Chapter George Washington Birthday Luncheon, The Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 State Route 664 South, Logan, OH 43138. Keep alert for updated date and time.

February 27th - 29th, Thursday - Saturday: NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

Attention All Hocking Valley SAR Members:

The chapter has continual operational costs to function effectively throughout the year. No one wants to pay more in their dues, so we have come up with a painless way to raise funds that requires only a little effort from our membership.

Kroger has a program called Community Rewards. But first, you must have a Kroger Plus Card. If you shop at Kroger, you probably already have one. If not, just go to the Customer Service desk and they'll fix you right up. **KEEP IN MIND THAT COMMUNITY REWARDS IS A SEPARATE PROGRAM FROM FUEL REWARDS AND DOESN'T AFFECT YOUR FUEL REWARDS POINTS. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!**

If you already have a Kroger Plus Card, go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com / click "sign in" / enter your email address and the password you used to get the Plus Card. If you have forgotten your password, you can ask for a new one. You'll be asked where your Community Rewards should go. Enter "Hocking Valley SAR." This designation appears at the bottom of your grocery receipt every time you shop.

EVERY TIME YOU SHOP, WE RECEIVE MONEY\$\$\$! The amount of money donated to us is based on a percentage of the amount of money you spend at Kroger. Lately, the donation check we get from Kroger has been averaging just under \$80 every quarter. Let's increase that average check! SIGN UP!

**Happy New Year
2020**

