

Sons of the American Revolution



Ewings Chapter

May 2016

2015 -2016 Ewings Chapter Officers OHSSAR

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A big **THANK YOU** to the above officers who served faithfully this past year. Please support your new Ewings chapter officers that have stepped up to the plate by helping with venue suggestions and preparations, programs and active participation in meetings. The new officers for the 2016 – 2017 meeting year will be announced in the June newsletter.

Historical Moment: Causes of the American Revolution: Part 5 – The Townshend Acts

A series of 5 acts: New York Restraining Act, the Revenue Act of 1767, Commissioners of Custom Act, the Indemnity Act of 1767 and the Vice Admiralty Court Act passed by the British Parliament in 1767 and 1768. Named for Charles Townshend who was the Chancellor of the Exchequer at that time. These acts resurrected hostilities in the colonies after a period of relative calm after the repeal of the Stamp Act. These acts raised new taxes on paper, glass, lead, painter's colors, and tea. Also, by creating a new regime of custom officials to enforce these custom laws it also gave greater jurisdiction to the Royal Courts to try accused violators. These courts were manned by Crown appointed judges without the use of trials by a jury. The final outrage was to shut down the New York assembly until this assembly agreed to comply with the hated Quartering Act. The New York Restraining Act suspended the Governor and the legislature from any further activities until they agreed to abide by the Quartering Act. As a reprisal, the New York merchants responded by boycotting all British goods. On **March 5, 1770**, the very same day as the Boston Massacre, Parliament began discussing the repeal of the Townshend Act taxes. On **April 12, 1770**, King George III, signed the repeal of the Townshend Acts.

The venue for Ewings Chapter's **May 26, 2016** meeting will be in Chester – Meigs County Ohio. This is our annual awards banquet where we honor local citizens for making a difference in their community. We will also be honoring individuals who have made contributions to the SAR and especially Ewings Chapter. Awards to be presented are: EMT – Fire Safety – SAR Service awards – Martha Washington and numerous Certificates of Appreciation. In addition to our awards program Professor Sarah Kinkel from the history department of Ohio University will be our featured speaker for the evening. Please plan on attending this very important meeting as we finish out the 2015-2016 season.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Chester Academy building where we will eat. The main entree will be meatloaf. The cost will be \$14.00 per plate prepared by the Chester Shade Ladies Association. If you haven't already made reservation please do so ASAP to President Lochary at **740-448-7269** or jameslochary@gmail.com. Yes, sorry my newsletter is about a week late.

Other Business:

- Future meeting dates and venues
- Ewings Chapter Web site - www.sar-ewing.org
- Report from nomination committee and election of Ewings Chapter officers for 2016-2017

Opportunities to participate in SAR events:

Marietta Chapter OHSSAR Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory

The Marietta Chapter OHSSAR Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory, will be held on **Thursday May 26, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at Mound Cemetery, Fifth and Scammel Streets, Marietta, OH. The Memorial Service will be followed with a Guided Tour of Mound Cemetery and lunch provided by the Marietta Chapter at the Campus Martius Museum. (There is no charge for lunch, and a special group rate of \$4.00 per person if you would like to tour the museums) **(This is a State Color Guard Event)**

The Marietta Chapter OHSSAR Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory is a Color Guard activity. All participating Color Guardsman will muster at 9:30 AM at Mound Cemetery.

Contact: sfrash-51@hotmail.com or 740-697-0194 ASAP

Background information:

Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, is the site of the first organized settlement and Capital of the Northwest Territory. After the Revolutionary War, many New England officers and enlisted men formed the Ohio Company and left their homes for life on the frontier. Landing in Marietta on 7 April 1788, a group of 48 patriots led by *General Rufus Putnam*, started the western expansion of the United States. Over the next several years, a great many soldiers and sailors and/or their families came to live here in a county named for their leader, *General George Washington*. These men who had fought for their country's independence in the American Revolution had lobbied with the new Congress for land as payment for their service. One result of the efforts of these men was the creation of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 which established territories north of the Ohio River to Canada and East of the Mississippi River, abolished slavery (Article VI) and served as the model for the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution. The Northwest Ordinance was unanimously passed on 13 July 1787 as one of the first significant pieces of legislation passed by the Continental Congress after the war. On 17 September 1787, almost 2 months to the day of the passing of the Northwest Ordinance, Congress slightly modified that Ordinance and

adopted it as our US Constitution. In the heart of Marietta is Mound Cemetery, the final resting place for many of our Patriots. Inscribed on a marker in front of the Mound, "It has been told that more Revolutionary Officers are buried in this County than in any Region of the United States."

The total numbers of officers and enlisted men of the Revolutionary War who lived in Washington County is unknown, but throughout the years the question of who these Patriots were has been extensively studied. In the spring of 2007, our Marietta Chapter OHSSAR began research on these local Revolutionary War Patriots, and to this date have listed nearly 300 Patriots, 37 in Mound Cemetery.

provided by Steven Frash, president of the Marietta Chapter SAR

Annual SAR-DAR Picnic – Saturday, June 4th



The Nabby Lee Ames Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution cordially invites Ewings Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to their June picnic. It will be held at the home of Charlotte & George Benz, 4841 Angel Ridge Road, Athens. The date is June 4. The time is high noon. It is a potluck, so bring along your favorite summer dish. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. wkb