

Sons of the American Revolution



Lt George Ewing Chapter (Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Counties, Ohio) Mar 2017

Chapter Meeting Dates and Presentations: evening meetings begin at 6:30pm

- March 23rd Tom O'Grady will discuss the origin of Southeastern Ohio History Center; history in the making
Where? History Center at corner of West State and North Congress Streets (parking on street)
Meal? Catered by Texas Roadhouse, RSVP, pay Scott at the door, \$14, RSVP required please
- April 27th Sarah Kinkel, OU History Professor, will present "Women of the American Revolution"
Where? Lui Lui Restaurant, 8 Station Street Plaza; individually order from the menu, please.
- May 25th Awards Dinner at Chester Academy and Courthouse (with catered meal). RSVP required, please.
Tentative speaker:
- June 3rd Noon: Joint DAR-SAR Potluck picnic at the Benz's home, 4841 Angel Ridge Road, Athens
All to bring a dish to share, Patriot and Flag themes desirable



Members of Nabby Ames DAR and Lt. George Ewing SAR and guests (totaling 35) gathered at Lui Lui's Restaurant on Feb 20th to celebrate George Washington's birthday. Dr. Sarah Kinkel (2nd from right) from Ohio University's History Department, being an expert in the colonial period and the Revolutionary War, made remarks about the "ten talents" John Adams attributed, somewhat sarcastically and condescendingly, to Washington. The talk was well-received as well as humorous. Marissa Sermentilli (center) was our guest, together with her mother, as she is working on an oration regarding Samuel Adams for the SAR History Contest. Color Guard L to R: Andrew Chiki, Thomas Romine and Scott Moody.



The SAR Chapter also presented during the luncheon the 2017 Flag Displaying Certificate to Therese and Keith Lackey at 7061 SR 329, Guysville. Photos of their home with many flags was in the January newsletter.



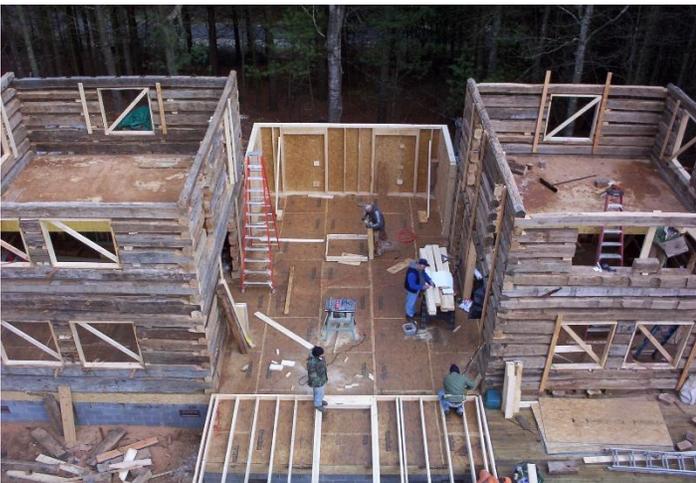
February 19, 2017: The Ohio Society SAR, Marietta Chapter held their Annual Washington's Birthday Luncheon at Campus Martius Museum, Marietta Ohio. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Scott M. Moody, Emeritus Professor of Biology, Ohio University, Athens, OH. Along with the Marietta Chapter SAR and Lt. George Ewing Chapter SAR the following Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters that

attended were the Nabby Lee Ames Chapter of Athens, OH, Muskingum Chapter, Zanesville, OH and the Marietta Chapter, Marietta, OH. Compatriot Moody presented what we know about the DNA of the Founders of the USA: Franklin, Hamilton, Washington, Adams and son Quincy, Jefferson, Monroe and Madison.

Which founding father are you? Take quiz <http://www.quizony.com/which-american-founding-father-are-you> in order to determine from your personality and philosophy of life (politics) which of the founding fathers is closest to you. Yours truly (Scott) thought that I would be calculated to be John Adam but instead I was pegged as Benjamin Franklin (very proud of that too as he was the first scientist of the country).

Our chapter met at Rocky Outdoor Apparel store in downtown historic Nelsonville for the February meeting. Marissa Sermentilli (center) was our guest, together with her grandfather, and she presented her penultimate oration regarding Samuel Adams for the SAR History Contest.

Our own compatriot Barney Grueser provided the slide show program on Log Cabins and Barns constructed by the Settlers of Appalachia, and his renovation of these historical buildings to make them inhabitable again. We all learned a lot of terminology as well as the methods of construction. Here are several before and after photos of his incredible works.



Personally I was most fascinated with Barney's discussion of Rumford fireplaces; I had always been intrigued by these type of fireplaces and had always thought they were due to burning coal, but I was wrong; should have looked up the throat of the chimney.



Rumfords used to be very popular in this country when people heated their homes with fireplaces. Thomas Jefferson built Rumfords at Monticello, and George Renick (who introduced shorthorn cattle to Ohio in the 1790s, creating Route 22 in the process) built them in Chillicothe, Ohio. By 1854 Henry David Thoreau, in *Walden*, listed Rumford fireplaces along with plaster walls and Venetian blinds among the comforts taken for granted by civilized man. By mid-century everyone had Rumfords and the word "Rumford" was synonymous with "fireplace."

Count Rumford, for whom the fireplace is named, was born Benjamin Thompson in Woburn, Massachusetts in 1753 and, because he was a loyalist, he left (abruptly) with the British in 1776. He spent much of his life as an employee of the Bavarian government where he received his title, "Count of the Holy Roman Empire." Rumford is known primarily for the work he did on the nature of heat.

Back in England, Rumford applied his knowledge of heat to the improvement of fireplaces. He made them smaller and shallower with widely angled covings so they would radiate better. And he streamlined the throat, or in his words "rounded off the breast" so as to "remove those local hindrances which forcibly prevent the smoke from following its natural tendency to go up the chimney..."

Rumford wrote two essays detailing his improvements on fireplaces in 1796 and in 1798. He was well known and widely read in his lifetime, and almost immediately in the 1790s his "Rumford fireplace" became state of the art worldwide.

I copied the above from an extensive article that you can read at: <http://www.rumford.com/articleRumford.html>



January 13, 2017: Upon the invitation of the National SAR, The South Carolina SAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter SAR, Steve Frash Southeast District Chairman of the Ohio Society SAR and President of the Marietta Chapter SAR joined members from other state societies to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens at Spartanburg & Chesnee, SC by placing a carnation on the base of the Statue of General Daniel Morgan located in beautiful downtown Spartanburg, South Carolina.



January 14, 2017: Cowpens, SC Upon the invitation of the NSAR, The South Carolina SAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter SAR, Steve Frash Southeast District Chairman of the Ohio Society SAR and President of the Marietta Chapter SAR joined members from other state societies to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens at Spartanburg & Chesnee, SC Located in Cowpens National Park, Chesnee, South Carolina.

The **Battle of Cowpens** was a decisive engagement of the American Revolution's southern theatre, fought on January 17, 1781. It was fought in northwestern Cherokee County, South Carolina, north of the town of Cowpens.

A small force of the Continental Army under the command of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan had marched to the west of the Catawba River, in order to forage for supplies and raise the morale of local Patriot sympathizers. The British had received incorrect reports that Morgan's army was planning to attack the important strategic fort of Ninety Six, to the west of the Carolinas. Morgan's army was therefore deemed to represent a threat to the British left flank. Cornwallis dispatched Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton to defeat Morgan's command. Upon learning Morgan's army was not at Ninety Six, Tarleton, bolstered by British reinforcements, set off in hot pursuit of the American detachment.

Morgan resolved to make a stand near the Broad River. He selected a position on two low hills in open woodland, with the expectation that the aggressive Tarleton would make a headlong assault without pausing to devise a more intricate plan. He deployed his army in three main lines. Tarleton's army, after exhaustive marching, reached the field malnourished and heavily fatigued. Tarleton attacked immediately, however the American defence-in-depth absorbed the impact of the British attack. The British lines lost their cohesion as they hurried after the retreating Americans. Morgan's army went on the offensive, and wholly overwhelmed Tarleton's force.

The battle was a turning point in the American reconquest of South Carolina from the British. Tarleton's brigade had been wiped out as an effective fighting force, and, coupled with the British defeat at King's Mountain, compelled Cornwallis to pursue the main American army into North Carolina, which eventually led to the eventual defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

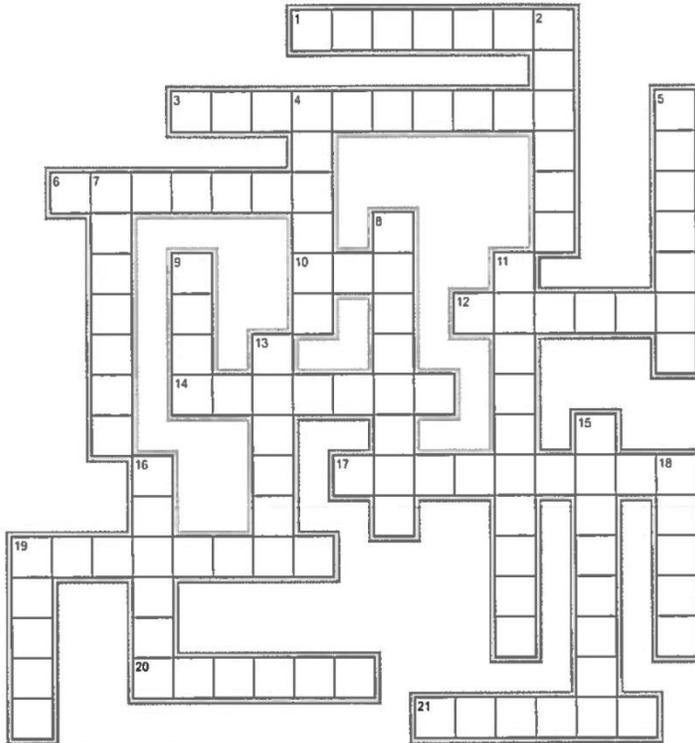


January 28, 2017: Marietta Chapter President Steve Frash traveled to Huntersville, NC to take part in the 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford. The program was hosted for the National Society SAR by the Mecklenburg Chapter, North Carolina SAR at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church Huntersville, NC. President Frash Carried the Ohio Flag and presented a wreath for the Marietta Chapter SAR, Marietta, Ohio.

The **Battle of Cowan's Ford** was a battle in the Southern Theater of Cornwallis's 1780–1782 Campaign that eventually led to the British Army's surrender at Yorktown during the American Revolutionary War. It was fought on 1 February 1781 at Cowan's ford on the Catawba River in northwestern Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, between a force of about 5,000 British and fewer than a thousand Americans who were attempting to slow the British advance across the river. The American general William Lee Davidson was killed in this battle.

Ewing Crossword March 2017

Scott Moody



EclipseCrossword.com

Word bank

ANDREW COLORGUARD COWANS COWPENS DAVIDSON DNA DRUMMER FLAG
 FRANKLIN FRASH GRUESER JOHNADAMS KINKEL LACKEY LUILUI MARISSA MORGAN
 NOMINATION OGRADY RUMFORD SARAH TARLETON

Across

1. Our oration competition applicant
3. Chiki, Romine and Moody comprise the _____ of the Lt George Ewing SAR Chapter (2 words)
6. Tom Romine is the _____ for our color guard
10. The topic of compatriot Scott Moody's talk at Campus Martius last February
12. The continental army General _____ defeated the British at the Battle of Cowpens
14. Speaker for the February meeting
17. Sarah Kinkel presented the 10 attributes of George Washington as originally written by the 2nd president _____

19. Scott Moody's personality and aptitude is closest to this founding father
20. Therese and Keith _____ received the Flag Award of the year
21. Steve Frash also participated in the 236th anniversary of the battle at _____ Ford of the Catawba River, NC

Down

2. Tallest member of the Ewing Color Guard
4. Speaker for March meeting
5. This battlefield in South Carolina was the beginning of the end of the Cornwallis campaign
7. A loyalist Lord _____ invented a unique design for fireplaces that was highly efficient

8. General Daniel Morgan out-smarted the tyrannical British Lt Colonel _____
9. This certificate was presented to Therese and Keith Lackey
11. Committee that is organized every winter for the purpose of finding a slate of officers for the upcoming year
13. Athens Restaurant serving great meals (advertisement) and where we celebrated GW's birthday
15. American General killed at the Battle of Cowan's Ford in NC
16. Speaker for the April meeting
18. History Professor Dr Kinkel
19. Marietta SAR President who escaped the cold to travel south to participate in color guards at Revolutionary War Battlegrounds

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WEBSITE, please visit: <http://www.sar-ewing.org>

Nomination Committee for creating a slate of officers for next year: George Benz, Tom Romine and Alan Goldsberry

President Lochary also set up a Committee to investigate the feasibility of participating in the Wreaths around America: Andrew Chiki, Tom Romine, Scott Moody (For details see the February newsletter)

Treasurer Report, January-February, March 2016, by Scott Moody

Date	Credits	Debits	Balance
01/01/2017			990.82
		251 meal reimbursement	
	138 meals		
	64 donations		
03/17/2017	65 dues		1006.92