

# Sons of the American Revolution



Ewings Chapter

April 2016



Rocky Boot Factory Grill – 45 East Canal Street - Nelsonville, Ohio - Athens County

The Venue for the April 28, 2016 meeting will be held at The Boot Factory Grill in Nelsonville, Ohio. The Grill is located in the old Rocky Boot Factory in downtown Nelsonville. We have used this venue before with great success. The great thing about this location is that you can come early and shop in the Rocky Boot Factory store outlet. The meeting will be held in the **Community Room** at the rear of the store. Just ask an employee for directions when you enter. The meal is on you. You will order from the menu and pay following the meal and before the program/meeting. You can check out the menu and info on the store at their web site <http://www.rockyboots.com/the-boot-grill/the-boot-grill.html>

We are hoping to start the dinner around 6:30 in the Community Room. If you can arrive early that would be great as we will need additional time for ordering the meals. As of the writing of this newsletter a featured speaker had not been procured. We do have an award item to present to Mike Brooks and Rocky Boots that will be part of the evening activities. We also have other business items to consider:

- Discussion on upcoming Awards Program – **several nominations have been submitted that need to be addressed as well as additional nominations for the various awards that may be presented at the meeting.** (Awards to be presented at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- Future meeting dates and venues – Please come with ideas and suggestions
- Report from the Nomination committee \*(see note below)
- Ewings Chapter Web site - [www.sar-ewing.org](http://www.sar-ewing.org)

## 2015 -2016 Ewings Chapter Officers OHSSAR

President – James Lochary

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tom Romine

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Carl Denbow

Secretary – George Benz

Treasurer – James Smith

Web Master – Carl Denbow

Genealogist/Registrar – George Benz

Please take the time to extend a Thank You to the above officers for the work this past year.

\*Please support your Ewings chapter officers by helping with venue suggestions and preparations, programs and active participation in meetings. May will soon be here and time for election of new officers for the 2016 – 2017 meeting year. Please consider stepping up if nominated for one of the above offices.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- April 28, 2016 – Boot Factory Grill – Nelsonville, Ohio
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> - OHSSAR 127<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Blue Ash, Ohio
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Service Mound Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Awards Banquet – Chester Court House complex, Chester, Ohio
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Annual potluck dinner with Nabby Lee Ames DAR – Home of George and Charlotte Benz

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### **Historical Moment: Causes of the American Revolution: Part 4 - Quartering Act of 1765**

[Behind the Scenes at the Boston Tea Party Museum »](#)

### **The Quartering Act (May 15, 1765)**

British officers who had fought in the French and Indian War found it hard to persuade colonial assemblies to pay for quartering and provisioning of their troops. Lieutenant General Thomas Gage, Commander in Chief of British North American Forces, asked Parliament to do something about it. Many colonies had supplied the troops with provisions during wartime, but this issue was now being debated during peacetime. The Province of New York assembly passed an act to provide for the quartering of British regulars, which expired on January 1, 1764.

### **Colonists Disputed the Act**

The Quartering Act of 1765 went way beyond what Thomas Gage had requested. Of course, the colonists disputed the legality of this Act because it seemed to violate the Bill of Rights of 1689, which forbid taxation without representation and the raising or keeping a standing army without the consent of Parliament. The colonists wondered why the British troops remained in North America after the French had been defeated. The Quartering Act stated that Great Britain would house its soldiers in American barracks and public houses. And if the soldiers outnumbered colonial housing, they would be quartered in inns, alehouses, barns, other buildings, etc. 1,500 British troops arrived in New York City in 1766 and the New York Provincial

Assembly refused to comply with the Quartering Act and refused to supply billeting for the troops; the British troops were forced to remain on their ships. For failure to comply with the Quartering Act, Parliament suspended the Province of New York's Governor and legislature in 1767 and 1769. In 1771, the New York Assembly allocated funds for the quartering of the British troops. All other colonies, with the exception of Pennsylvania, refused to comply with the Quartering Act; this act expired on March 24, 1767.

### **March 24<sup>th</sup> - Meeting Rewind:**

If you were not there on the 24<sup>th</sup> you missed a great presentation from fellow Ewings Compatriot, Tom Romine. Tom has presented his Revolutionary War drummer program to various groups in the area and we were honored to have him come and present this enlightening and entertaining program to us. Thanks! Tom for a job well done.

### **Meeting Reminder:**

All local members - Please be looking for an email from President James Lochary concerning Thursday's meeting at the Rocky Boot Grill facility. If by chance you do not receive his email consider this newsletter your notification. Please reply all communications concerning the meeting to President Lochary at [jameslochary@gmail.com](mailto:jameslochary@gmail.com) no later than Monday, April 26 2016. Even though reservations are not needed it would be courteous to send Mr. Lochary and email of your intentions.

**Note:** Please try to attend Ewings meetings and remember to check the Ewings Chapter web site for chapter, state, and national information as well as Ewings chapter newsletters and additional information of meetings and up-coming events.

Hope to see many of you there!

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