



The Lt. George Ewing Chapter Newsletter

Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Southeast District of Ohio

Winter 2026

From the President



President John P. Davis

Compatriots,

Happy New Year!

Our first meeting of the new year will be held Presidents Day at the Athens IHOP on E. State Street. That is Monday, February 16 from 12-2 p.m. We will have cake and celebrate George Washington's Birthday.

Our guest speaker for the meeting will be the current Ohio SAR Color Guard Commander, and 2nd Vice President Robert Hill. He will be giving a presentation on the Turtle from the Revolutionary War.

Please note Jim Lochary's obituary. For those of you that didn't know Jim he was a past president of the chapter and of the Ohio Society SAR. Jim was the fifth member of the chapter to become state president.

Instructions on how to order your Ohio SAR license plates are below.

Please come out and join us on February 16th!

Respectfully,
John P. Davis

The Lt. George Ewing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical, patriotic, educational 501c3 organization of men who have ancestors who fought for or otherwise supported the War of Independence from Great Britain that established the United States of America.

Membership is open to any male (no age limit) who can prove descent from a man or woman who contributed to our country's Independence.

A patriot did not necessarily have to serve in the military but might have supported the Revolution by paying a supply tax, providing food for troops, serving as a juror, or being a local public servant.





The Lt. George Ewing Chapter #11

Chartered 1936



Upcoming Events

February 7 – Ohio Society Winter BOM meeting
Plain City, OH

February 16 – Washinton's Birthday Celebration/Meeting

March 19 – Regular Chapter meeting

April 24 –26 Ohio Society Spring Meeting & 127th
Annual Conference, Archbold OH

May 9 – Camp Charlotte Chapter Patriot Grave
Marking, Circleville OH

May 14 – Regular Chapter meeting

June 13 – Arthur St. Clair Chapter Patriot Grave Marking,
Chillicothe OH

July 10-16 136th SAR Congress, Greensboro NC

August 1 – Highlanders Chapter Veterans Memorial
Dedication, Hillsboro OH

October 10 – Pt. Pleasant Memorial Service

October 17 – Ohio Society Fall BOM Meeting,
Columbus OH

November 6-7 – NSSAR Central District Meeting,
Parkersburg WV

December 6 – SAR/DAR Regional Holiday Luncheon,
Parkersburg WV

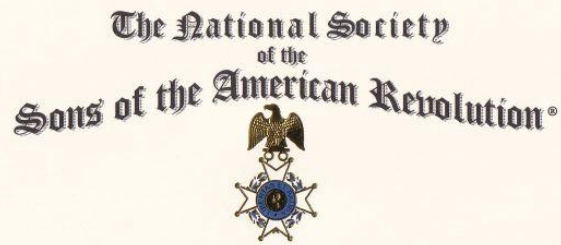
Lt. George Ewing Chapter Officers for 2026

President	John P. Davis
1 st Vice President	Doug Pettit
2 nd Vice President	Preston Denton
Secretary	Gilbert Figueroa
Treasurer	Steve Chiki
Historian	Carl Denbow

Committee Chairmen

Americanism	Doug Pettit
American Flag	Doug Pettit
American History Teacher	John P. Davis
Knight Essay Contest	Carl Denbow
Newsletter Editor	Doug Pettit
ROTC	Steve Chiki
Veterans	Doug Pettit *
Youth Video Contest	Doug Pettit *
Website	Carl Denbow

*State Committee Chairman



Lieutenant George Ewing Chapter Ohio SAR

is hereby recognized for supporting

Partners in Patriotism
and
Wreaths Across America

as part of their Patriotic Outreach in 2024.



Darryl S. Addington
President General

Elwin Spray
Committee Chairman

The Chapter received a National SAR Patriotic Outreach Certificate for 2024



In September President Davis received the Ohio SAR Distinguished Chapter Award and Streamer for 2024



President Davis receiving the chapter's Patriotic Outreach Certificate for participating in Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across American during 2024

Member Spotlight



James Lochary

November 10, 1930 - September 19, 2025

James Henry Lochary, 93, of Amesville passed away Friday, September 19, 2025 at The Laurels of Athens where he had been residing since May 2024. He was born on November 10, 1930 in Gallipolis, the son of the late Patrick Lochary and Clara Eleanor Henry Lochary of Pomeroy.

He was a graduate of Pomeroy High School and Ohio University. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving in Greenland and Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. He was honorably discharged in July 1954 as a First Lieutenant. He married Ruth McCurdy in 1954 and they had four children, Susan, James, Jr., Patricia and William "Chris".

Jim was employed as a school administrator at various schools in Ohio and Indiana. He was a representative of John Wiley and Sons in the sale of college textbooks until retirement. After retirement he moved to Centerville, Ohio with Ruth, then moved to Amesville to live on the family farm in 1998. The Henry Farm of Amesville was inherited thru his uncle Harry Glen Henry and his mother, Clara Eleanor Henry. The farm was founded in 1816 by John Henry. Jim was the sixth generation to live on the farm.

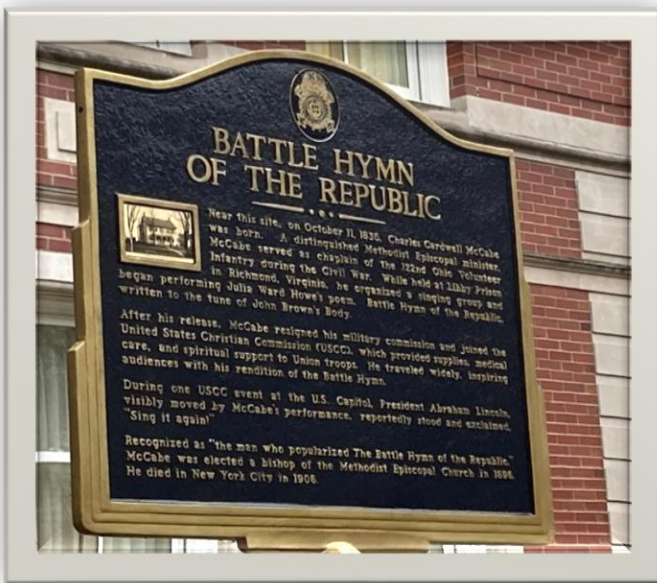
He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (Ewings Chapter), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (John S. Townsend 108) and Amesville Grange 798. He was a member and Past Master of Amesville Lodge 278 F&AM and a member of the Athens York Rite Masonic Bodies. He was also a lifetime member of the Clan MacBean of North America. Jim is survived by his daughter, Patricia Polizzi (Tommy) of Scranton, PA; his grandson Shane Leep (Christina) and his great-grandson, Declan Leep of Circleville; his son, William "Christopher" Lochary of Lancaster; his son in law, Steven Garguillo who lives on the Henry Farm in Amesville; a brother, Charles Lochary of Mathews, NC; a nephew, Robert Lochary of Golden, CO; and a niece Dr. Margaret Lochary of Mathews, NC.

Besides his parents he is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth McCurdy Lochary, who died in 2010; a son, James Lochary, Jr., who died in 2019; and a daughter, Susan Rebecca Lochary Garguillo, who died the day after Christmas in 2020.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 12:00 noon at Beechgrove Cemetery, Pomeroy with Steve Hays officiating. Arrangements are with Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens. Please share a memory, a note of condolence or sign the online register at www.jagersfuneralhome.com.



President John Davis awards a Flag Certificate to President Jim Smith of the Chester Shade Historical Association. Jim Smith is also a past president of the Ewing Chapter



Lt. George Ewing Chapter Historian Carl Denbow discusses the importance of the new historic marker, unveiled in Athens, celebrating Charles C. McCabe. This marker is close to the spot where Charles McCabe, chaplain of the 122nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was born in 1836. Chaplain McCabe was recognized by Julia Ward Howe as the major popularizer of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



Several members of the Lt. George Ewing Chapter are also members of SUV Townsend Camp 108



Mahoning Valley Chapter Patriot Grave Marking – Oct. 25, 2025



President Steve Barlow of the Mahoning Valley Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking in October that marked the grave of Daniel Herbert.



Cousins Carolyn Stepien and Vice President Doug Pettit meet for the first time!

Both are descendants of [Patriot Daniel Herbert](#)

SAR/DAR Holiday Luncheon – December 7, 2025



From left to right - Compatriots Pettit, Davis, Macak, Figueroa and Denbow.

Lt. Colonel (Ret) William Macak, USMC was recongnized with two National SAR Certificates of Patriotism for his military service. He was a F-4 and F-18 pilot.



Ladies of the DAR in attendance at the luncheon

Wreaths Across America – December 13, 2025



Vice President Doug Pettit and Past President Jim Smith participated as Color Guard for the Nabby Lee Ames' Wreaths Across America program at Athens Memory Gardens in December 2025. Yes, it was cold and windy!



Some of the Memory Gardens wreath crew



Wreath crew Comrades from VFW Post 9893



President Davis and DAR members at the Pine Street Cemetery in Gallipolis

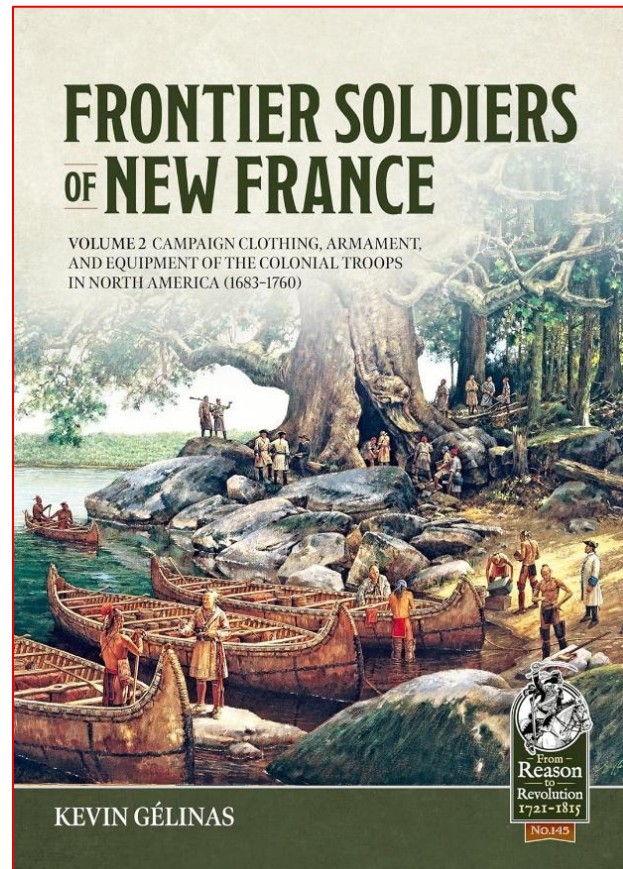


**Ohio SAR License Plates are
now available.**

**Instructions on how to order
your personalized
Ohio SAR license plate are [HERE](#)**

For The Bookshelf

A comprehensive look at how French colonial troops in New France adapted their clothing, arms, and tactics for wilderness warfare between 1683 and 1760.



Frontier Soldiers of New France Volume 2 explores the evolution of the French colonial troops' campaign attire and equipment adapted for North America's demanding climate and terrain, integrating European military methods with practical adjustments for wilderness warfare. It focuses on the material culture of the Compagnies franches de la Marine in New France from 1683 to 1760, examining their specific campaign clothing, arms, and equipment. The study highlights their adaptation to the local environment and interactions with Native American cultures, including the adoption of items such as breechcloths, leggings, toboggans, snowshoes, moccasins, scalping knives and tomahawks.

The survival of New France owed much to a strategic doctrine of raiding warfare developed by Canadian colonial officers in collaboration with allied Native American tribes and the colonial militia. This groundbreaking study provides the first comprehensive survey detailing the clothing, weaponry, and equipment used by the stationed troops from 1683 to 1760 to maintain defensive pressure on New Englanders and engage hostile Native American tribes in warfare. Drawing on groundbreaking research based on archaeology, existing artifacts, and newly discovered records, this volume highlights their exceptional ability to adapt to North American conditions, including both winter and summer wilderness campaigns.

Contact Doug Pettit (rdpettit@icloud.com) for any of the below items or raffle tickets

The 2028 Ohio Congress

Congress Medals
\$50.00/set

**Challenge
Coins**
\$25.00 ea.



Medal Reverse Side



**Lapel
Pins**

\$18.00 ea.



**Cockades
&
Rosettes**
\$25.00 ea.



The Ohio Society Ladies Auxiliary

The 138th Congress Lady's Broach / Pendant

This beautiful Broach and/or Pendant was custom designed by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ohio Society SAR.

The Cardinal prominently featured in the center of the broach is the Ohio State Bird preparing to lite in a bed of Trillium, the Ohio State Flower.

The outer ring is encrusted with faux gemstones providing that certain sparkle suitable for every occasion!

The one and half inch diameter broach may easily be worn as an adornment on clothing or as a pendant suspended from a chain.

\$55.00 each



A REPLICA OF THE BAILEY SILVER & IVORY HILTED CUTTOE

- ◆ RAFFLE BEGINS AT THE SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING IN 2025
- ◆ ONLY 250 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
- ◆ TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH
- ◆ YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
- ◆ DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE FIRST NATIONAL MEETING EVENT AFTER THE 250TH TICKET IS RELEASE
- ◆ THE WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COST ASSOCIATED WITH CLAIMING THE SWORD

