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**From Your President ...**

We are finalizing plans for the 118th Ohio State Council, which will be held on March 9-10, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington.

The registration and reservations form, along with other meeting details, can be found on page 10. Since our 1812 State Council and the DAC State Assembly are both being held at the Crowne Plaza this year, on Friday night we will join with the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Colonists for a combined banquet at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, registration for our 1812 State Council business session will begin at 8:15 a.m. The business meeting will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude following the luncheon. Since there have been some changes with respect to our

regulatory reporting, after the close of Council, State Treasurer Carolyn Chapman will lead a treasurer's workshop for chapter treasurers and any other interested chapter members. No pre-registration is necessary for this workshop.

One of our state projects this administration is the development of an Ohio Society state pin, which could be worn on the official 1812 ribbon. I'm pleased to report that the design(s) under consideration will be presented to our members at State Council.

Minutes from the October meeting begin on page 11. The written reports submitted for this meeting have been combined and will be distributed to State Officers, State Chairmen, and Chapter Presidents.

We have experienced some recent difficulty with our current email

distribution system, and are looking into some other options for free or very low-cost distribution of our *Star and Anchor* newsletter and other membership announcements. Hopefully we will have this situation resolved quickly.

January and February are busy months when it comes to formally reporting our activities and accomplishments. Ohio Daughters have done much to promote learning and knowledge of our 1812 era – so please do your best to make sure that your reports are submitted by the stated deadlines.

In 1812 friendship and service,  
Susan Leininger  
State President



**Grave Marking**  
**Joseph C. Vance**  
**13th Governor of Ohio**  
**Ohio Militia Captain, War of**  
**1812**  
**Urbana, Ohio**

*(Please see the grave marking article, which follows on page 2.)*

Pictured, from left, at the program to honor former Ohio Governor Joseph C. Vance: Richard A. Davis, State President of the General Society of the War of 1812 in Ohio; Susan Leininger, State President of the Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812; former State of Ohio Governor Bob Taft; Nancy Schirm Wright, State Regent of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Ohio Governor Joseph C. Vance  
Grave Marking Event**

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, the Ohio Society Daughters of 1812 and the Urbana Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution honored Joseph C. Vance, Ohio's 13th Governor, with official grave markings by both organizations. The General Society of the War of 1812 in Ohio was also represented, and former Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Urbana Mayor Bill Bean were in attendance as well. The Urbana Chapter DAR did an outstanding job of organizing and coordinating the overall event, and it was delightful to have so many Vance descendants brave the unseasonable weather to participate in the ceremonies. The main program was held inside the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, followed by a police escort out to Governor Vance's gravesite at Oak Dale Cemetery.

Captain Joseph Vance organized a rifle company out of Urbana prior to the start of the War of 1812, primarily due to Champaign County, Ohio being situated on the frontier. County histories indicate that Vance's company was called up whenever there was a threat of Indian attack. Indeed, Vance's rifle company was called up to patrol the county borders in May and early June of 1812. His company also served again in August 1812 during the general call up of militia after the fall of Fort Detroit. Vance would ultimately rise to the rank of Brigadier General in the Ohio Militia. He also served several terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, as well as several terms in the United States House of Representatives, and was elected as Ohio's 13th Governor in 1836.



## Graves Registration Cards for Ohio Veterans Are Now Online!

The collection of Ohio's Graves Registration Cards at the Ohio History Connection was digitized and made available last fall on two online sites – [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com) and [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). This collection is named "Ohio, Soldier Grave Registrations, 1804-1958," and requires either a Fold3 or Ancestry.com subscription in order to access the collection. As an alternative, microfilm of this collection is available at the Ohio History Connection in Columbus; and the original cards are still available at most of the individual county recorder offices.

Why is this of interest to Ohio 1812 members? For those of you looking to document War of 1812 veterans buried in your county, the Graves Registration Cards can be a valuable resource in starting your search. While these Graves Registration Cards are by no means complete (or completely accurate), they still provide a good base for further research.

Each of the Ohio county recorder offices maintains its own veteran graves registrations, though in a few counties the cards themselves may no longer be available to the general public, as the cards may have been converted to an electronic database format. Within each county, the original Graves Registration Cards are generally filed either alphabetically within the county or grouped by cemetery name. The grave card will typically include the war in which the veteran served, the year of death, cemetery, location within the cemetery, and (hopefully) service information. Some of the cards also include birth date and location, or even next of kin. Below is the Graves Registration Card for former Ohio

Governor Joseph Vance, whose grave was marked by the Ohio Society in October.

The original Veteran Graves Registration Cards were prepared as part of a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project during the late 1930s to early 1940s. Even though these cards are considered to be government records, *care must be taken to verify the service listed for veterans with War of 1812 service.* For example, as part of our State President's Project research, we have found that at least three Ohio counties have Captain James Alexander, listed in the Ohio Roster (1916) on page 5, as being buried in that particular county. Obviously further research is needed! We have also noticed that unpensioned veterans buried in Ohio, but with service in other states, tend to be overlooked.

**GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD**

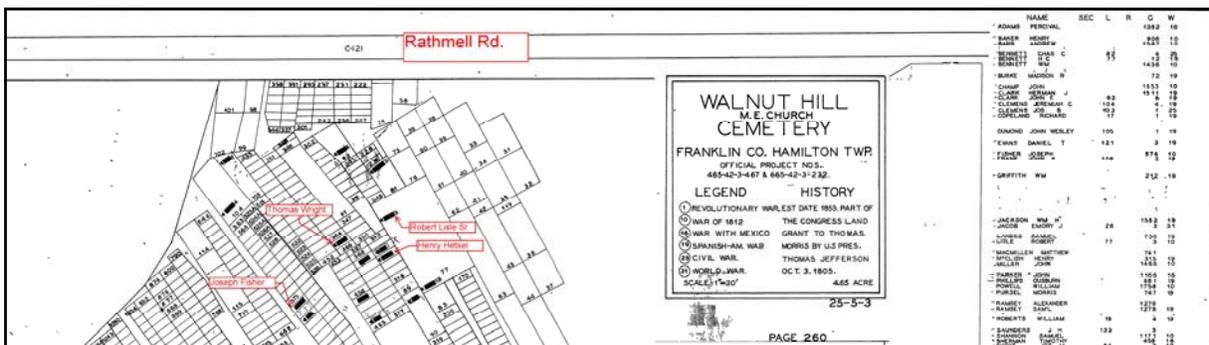
Name Vance, Joseph  
 Address -  
 Date of Death 1852 Place -  
 Cause - Date of Burial -  
 Date of Birth 1786 Place -  
 Name of Cemetery Oakdale Location Urbana Twp. Champaign Co.  
 Lot No. 28 Section No. 35 Block No. - Grave No. -  
 Marker: Flat - Upright Headstone None -  
 Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

**SERVICE RECORD**

War Served In: 1812  
 Date Enlisted 8-19-1812 Date Discharged 8-29-1812 Serial No. -  
 Branch of Service Army Rank Captain  
 Company, Outfit or Ship Capt. Joseph Vance Own Co.

Something many of us may not be aware of is that in most Ohio counties, WPA cemetery maps were also developed based upon these Graves Registration Cards. These rather large maps provide a drawing of the individual plots in each cemetery, along with a key to identifying each veteran's specific grave location and war served. These maps can be an excellent tool in both identifying the veterans and also helping to find where their graves are located within the cemetery ... especially given that many of the older gravestones are often weathered and can be somewhat challenging to read.

For an example of one of these WPA cemetery maps, please see [http://www.ohiodaughters1812.org/ohio1812/graveindex/maps/Franklin Walnut Hill.pdf](http://www.ohiodaughters1812.org/ohio1812/graveindex/maps/Franklin%20Walnut%20Hill.pdf) A small sample section of the map is shown below. The red annotations on this particular map are part of our Ohio Society's Graves Database Project, to more easily identify the War of 1812 veterans. (It should also be noted that we have seen a few instances of where a headstone seems to have "migrated" a bit from its position as plotted in the original WPA documents.)



**Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter**



Members of the Scioto Valley Volunteers (SVV) Chapter finished 2017 with several local community donations. Much consideration was given in deciding which projects and/or organizations the chapter most wanted to support for their service, or their cause. Following are the recipients of our community donations:

**"We Got Books!"**

In November, students of the Scioto County Career Technical School's (SCCT) book club received funding for their first project of the school year. Although students participate in fundraisers for the purchase of their books, they are left waiting until funds are available to buy the next books. The Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter's donation enabled them to purchase their first set of books for this school year.

According to the SCCT School's Librarian, Mrs. Elisabeth Claxon, "the goal of the book club is to get students to read and to keep the books in circulation. Students can either keep the copy of their book after they read it, or they are encouraged to give it to someone else to read to keep them in circulation."

Mary Crist, SVV Treasurer, nominated the book club as a recipient for a donation from the chapter as a way for the SVV to support the youth of our community by encouraging students to read.

**William A. Baker Post #363 Donation**

Commander Ron Caldwell of the William A. Baker American Legion Post #363, Lucasville, along with fellow Legionnaires were on hand recently to accept a \$100 donation from the Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter. SVV President, Beth Normand, caught up with the Legionnaires as they were decorating the Post "Cabin" for Christmas.

On behalf of the SVV members, President Normand expressed appreciation for the support of the Post's Honor Guard when they have been called upon to assist in the SVV's veterans' projects. Normand thanked the Legionnaires for their service and expressed appreciation on behalf of the SVV Chapter's members.

**American Legion James Dickey Post #23, Portsmouth, was the recipient of a donation**

Just prior to the opening of the Legionnaires November meeting, SVV Chapter President Beth Normand was introduced by Post Commander Beacher Wright. *(continued on next page)*

Above: SVV Treasurer Mary Crist presents a check to SCCT Librarian Elisabeth Claxon.

Below: SVV President Elizabeth Normand presents a check to Post Commander Ron Caldwell with Legionnaires



### Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter



SVV President Beth Normand presents a check to Post Commander Beacher Wright with Legionnaires.

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To those in attendance, Normand expressed the SVV members' appreciation for the support the Post has provided. A special nod of recognition was extended to Legionnaire Susan Frasher, Director of the Post's Honor Guard.

Normand thanked the Legionnaires for their service to our country and our community, expressing gratitude for the dignity and reverence the Honor Guard brings to the services held in memory of the veterans of the War of 1812.

### Grave Marking Ceremony for Thomas Morgan

The Dever Historical Cemetery in Lucasville was the site of something likely never seen there before. On October 7, 2017, the Honor Guard of American Legion Post #363 descended upon the area with quiet, distinguished dignity as members of the Scioto Valley Volunteers (SVV) Chapter gathered around the headstone of Thomas Morgan to honor his service during the War of 1812.

It has been recorded that Captain Thomas Morgan, of the Ohio Militia, was the Commander of the Second Regiment Ohio Volunteers; he oversaw 84 men from Ross and Scioto Counties. Morgan's company served from July 28 to September 9, 1813, and then again from February 13 to March 18, 1814. A good deal of family history is known of this War of 1812 veteran and accomplished businessman.

At the start of the Grave Marking Ceremony, SVV Chaplain Ann Meyers gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by SVV Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Schomburg. Naomi Shewman, SVV Librarian, sang the National Anthem. Commodore Bryan K. Davis, Scioto County Commissioner, shared his words of tribute to Thomas Morgan, Portsmouth native; and Iraq War Veteran Captain Dale King gave a memorable delivery of the poem by singer/songwriter Johnny Cash "Old Tattered Flag." President Normand recognized the proven lineal descendant "granddaughters" of Thomas Morgan, sisters and SVV members Carla Dunham, Charlotte Dunham Jones, Dianne Dunham Wales, and Judy Dunham Fannin.

A patriotic flower grave blanket was placed at the headstone of her ancestral grandfather by Carla Dunham, followed by the War of 1812 marker being "revealed" by descendant granddaughter Charlotte Jones.

A Proclamation recognizing Captain Thomas Morgan for his service in the Second Regiment of the Ohio Volunteers in the War of 1812, signed by Bill Johnson, United States House of Representatives, Member of Congress, was read by SVV President Normand and presented to Thomas Morgan's descendants.

Following closing remarks by President Normand, Chaplain Meyers gave the Benediction, and the American Legionnaires presented the Colors, TAPS and Final Salute.



### Jacob Stemple Chapter

Jacob Stemple program presenters this year were Tecumseh by Carla Smith; Windsor Chairs by Miriam Feters; Colonial Household PEP from the DAR Museum by Kathy Foust; Noah Webster, The Forgotten Founding Father by Gloria Fast; and November will be The Great Escape by Joan Stripe.

The Wreaths Across America program is sponsored in Van Wert by Boy Scouts. This program began in 1992, when a wreath company in Maine found they had a surplus of wreaths near the end of the season. Those wreaths were donated to Arlington National Cemetery to be placed in an older section of the cemetery. Since then, many have quietly donated to the project, seeing this as a way to remember and honor our country's fallen heroes. Wreaths Across America has become larger than one wreath company. Jacob Stemple Chapter supports this project at Van Wert Woodland Cemetery. Wreaths are purchased and picked up to place on a veteran ancestor's grave in Woodland or another cemetery. The local Boy Scouts receive \$5.00 from each wreath.

Some reading recommendations for your winter evenings: The Forgotten Founding Father: Noah Webster by Joshua Kendall; The Other Trail of Tears by Mary Stockwell; Johnny Logan by Allen Eckhert; An Army Lost by Stephen Edward Paper; and Killing England by Bill O'Reilly.

After receiving flags at the September meeting, members were reminded to fly their Flag on September 14 – Star-Spangled Banner Day, September 17 - Constitution Day, October 16 – Columbus Day, and November 11 – Veterans Day.

Three members, Kathy Foust, Joan Stripe, and Gloria Fast, marched in the parade at Put-In-Bay with other 1812 ladies. This parade has become an annual event since the 2013 re-enactment of the Battle of Lake Erie.

Jacob Stemple members decorated a display case at the Brumback Library Children's Department for the month of September. One shelf held items remembering the Battle of Lake Erie; one shelf was on the burning of Washington, D.C., Fort McHenry, and the Star-Spangled Banner; one shelf remembered the Battle of New Orleans and Andrew Jackson. Books, flags, pictures, pamphlets, jewelry, medals, and pins were included in the display. The library staff thanked the chapter for this popular display.

Jacob Stemple Chapter filled three Christmas stockings to be sent to deployed service members. The Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding, as part of the Veterans and Family Memorial Care Provider, ships these stockings for the chapter.

### James Madison Chapter

On December 21, 2017 James Madison Chapter members Marilyn Jarvis and Martha Herrnstein visited the Dayton Veterans Medical Center and gave out Christmas cards to the veterans. They were escorted around to all the waiting rooms. In addition to cards from the James Madison Chapter, cards from the Old Trails Chapter DAC were also distributed.

While they were there, Marilyn (pictured on left) and Martha (on right) also went to the Dayton National Cemetery. With some 116 acres and over 50,000 interments, Marilyn reports that it was truly "an awesome experience."



### Annual Historic Heritage Parade - Perry's Victory Memorial

Ohio U.S.D. 1812 members participated in Put-In-Bay's annual Historic Heritage Weekend again this year! Morning activities on September 9, 2017 started with the Battle of Lake Erie Commemoration and Memorial Service. This was a moving tribute to those directly involved in the September 10, 1813 battle, as well as to the enduring peace between the countries involved in the War of 1812. Following the formal program on the back lawn of the Perry's Victory visitor center, participants moved to the harbor wall, where each was provided with a red carnation bearing the name of one of the veterans of the battle. Memorial wreaths, along with the red carnations, were then launched into the harbor.

The Historic Heritage Parade took place that afternoon, and Ohio members were fortunate to have several non-members volunteer to help carry the Society's parade banner, as well as to hold personal belongings of the members marching in the parade.

After the parade, our members couldn't pass up the opportunity to stop and catch up with Commodore Perry and his crew, who had traveled the parade route in his longboat. (Yes, it had some motorized assistance.)

Many thanks to Connie Beebe of Perry's Victory Chapter, who will be coordinating the Ohio Society's involvement in the 2018 Historic Heritage Parade!



## Peter Navarre Chapter & Portage Trail-Commodore Perry Chapter Marker Rededication

On September 10, 2017, the anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, Peter Navarre and Portage Trail-Commodore Perry Chapters joined to rededicate a marker placed by the Commodore Perry Chapter in 1921. The ceremonies were at Fort Huntington Park in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, on the site of the original Fort Huntington, which was erected in 1813 and served as a fortress and supply depot for the Army of the Northwest.



The original marker was placed on the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Cleveland, and was rededicated during the U.S.D. 1812 Quasiquicentennial.

Pictured from left are Rose McIntyre, Marlene Wilkinson, Susan Leininger, Deborah Marisch, Jane Baran, Lucy Sekerka, Vicky Heineck, and Doris Gorgas.

Immediately preceding the rededication, the chapters had participated in the annual Fort Huntington Park commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie. This ceremony was held at the park's Oliver Hazard Perry monument, and was organized by the Early Settlers Association of Cleveland.



### National Defense Committee



This is the time of year chapters are contacting

ROTC and JROTC programs at universities and high schools to arrange to present awards to outstanding cadets in 2018.

In 2017, Ohio chapters of U.S.D. 1812 presented 33 medals and certificates to outstanding ROTC and JROTC cadets. In comparison, Ohio chapters gave 27 such awards in 2016 and 20 in 2015. The 2017 report shows a 65% increase in awards presented from 2015 to 2017.

Eight gold medals were presented to outstanding ROTC cadets in 2017, a 100% increase from the four awarded in 2016. Of the 60 JROTC programs in Ohio, cadets at only 25 schools were given awards from U.S.D. 1812. Chapters are encouraged to focus on this avenue of supporting the young men and women who are the future of the United States military.

Carolyn H. Chapman, State Chairman, National Defense Committee

## Commander William Wetmore Chapter

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Commander William Wetmore Chapter participated in the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Memorial Day parade on May 29, 2017. This was the 85<sup>th</sup> year for this annual parade event. The Daughters participating included Sandra Christopher, Marilyn Mazzarella, Peggy Maloney, and Sharen Jarzen. Several of the Junior members, grandchildren of Marilyn Mazzarella, were also a very popular part of our parade entry! Best of all, our chapter's guest of honor, Dr. Bill Miller, a Vietnam veteran, rode in our parade vehicle. It was heartwarming to see the crowd's respectful and enthusiastic reaction of welcoming for Dr. Miller. He served as a dentist during the Vietnam conflict. Other supporters for the group were the driver of the car, and two sons of Marilyn Mazzarella.

### OUTING

The Commander William Wetmore Chapter sponsored an outing to the McKinley Monument and the First Ladies Museum in Canton, Ohio during June 2017. It is quite a pleasure to have both of those im-



portant historic sites close to our chapter home. One of the honorees of the First Ladies Museum is Dolley Payne Todd Madison, the wife of James Madison. President Madison was our country's Chief Executive during the War of 1812. Dolley Madison, herself, is credited with saving the classic portrait of George Washington from burning when the White House was set afire by the British during the War.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER CAMP

Two of the Commander William Wetmore Chapter members, Mary Jane Jones and Teri Siroki, participated in the Portage County Historical Society's Summer Camp (Camp Liberty). They were re-enactors for the day. Mary Jane was dressed as and represented Mary Pickersgill, and Teri did the same for Dolley Madison. The capacity group attending the camp totaled 70 students and ranged in age from those attending the first through the sixth grade. Education stations took the students back to before settlers from Europe landed in North America, through the colonial time as English subjects, through the Revolutionary War and the writing of the Constitution, right up to the War of 1812. This War firmly established the United States of America as separate from Great Britain.

### BROCHURE

The Commander William Wetmore Chapter members developed a Daughters of 1812 chapter brochure to serve as a publicity/recruitment tool to use as a handout at attended events. The brochures were also placed at several local locations that focus on historical activities so that any interested prospective members would have access to them.

### OHIO STATE OFFICERS CLUB



If you are a current or past chapter president, or a current or past state officer - then you are eligible to join the Ohio State Officers Club!

The Ohio State Officers Club (OSOC) is the oldest state officers club in the U.S.D. 1812!

We meet annually at State Council, and dues are only \$2.00 per year. The club helps support projects of the Society, primarily the American Merchant Marine Library. And, as an OSOC member, you are also eligible to purchase this lovely State Officers Club pin from Hamilton Jewelers!

Please join us! If you have any questions on eligibility or your dues status, please contact OSOC president Susan Leininger.



**Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812 – State Council  
Ohio Society Daughters of the American Colonists – State Assembly  
March 9-10, 2018 - Registration and Meals Reservations Form**

The DAC State Assembly and 1812 State Council are both being held at the Columbus Crowne Plaza North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus 43229. The DAC State Assembly will be Friday, March 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a joint DAC-1812 banquet at 6:00 p.m. The 1812 State Council will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, and will conclude following luncheon. This year you may register for all events using a single registration form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members and spouses are welcome at all meals.  
**\*\*Please note any dietary restrictions below\*\***

<b>Friday, March 9, 2018 - DAC State Assembly, 2:00 p.m.</b> Registration fee of \$5.00	\$5.00	\$ _____
<b>Friday, March 9, 2018 - DAC/1812 Banquet, 6:00 p.m.</b> Business or cocktail attire. Please indicate your choice of entrée: ___ Roasted Chicken Breast with Apple Cider Herb reduction, Roasted Root Vegetables & Mashed Sweet Potato ___ Shrimp & Scallop Stuffed Sole served with Garlic Buerre Blanc Sauce and Rice Pilaf Both entrées include Baby Spinach Salad, Chef’s Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, and coffee/decaf/tea/iced tea.	\$37.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 1812 State Council, 9:00 a.m.</b> Registration fee of \$5.00	\$5.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 1812 Luncheon, Noon-1:15 p.m.</b> Chicken Caesar; Herb Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast served on a Bed of Crisp Romaine Lettuce topped with Shaved Parmesan Cheese, Crunchy Garlic Croutons & Caesar Dressing. Served with Assorted Rolls & Butter, Chef’s Dessert, coffee/decaf/tea/iced tea.	\$22.00	\$ _____
<b>Total enclosed:</b>		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Ohio Society U.S.D. 1812** and mail to  
Carolyn Chapman, 4888 Rays Circle, Dublin, OH 43016-6071

**Meeting registration and meal reservations must be received by March 1, 2018**

## Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812 - State Meeting

October 28, 2017, Der Dutchman Restaurant- Bellville, Ohio

The October meeting of the Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812 was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by State President Susan Leininger. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Betsie Goad; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Chair Carolyn Hilliard; the Salute to the Flag of 1812 was led by State Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Normand; and the American's Creed was led by State 2nd Vice President Doris Gorgas.

The minutes from the Ohio Society U.S.D. 1812 State Council meeting on May 6, 2017 were printed in the September 2017 *Star and Anchor*. The minutes were approved as printed.

### Reports of State Officers

**State President:** Susan Leininger has traveled around the state to take part in various dedications, ceremonies, and veteran grave markings sponsored by our Ohio chapters. Her complete activity report will be published in the next national *News-Letter*.

**State 1st Vice President:** Sarah Keeler's report was filed. State President Leininger thanked Sarah for her work in preparing the state directory.

**State 2nd Vice President:** Doris Gorgas reported on the events that she attended this past summer.

**State Chaplain:** Betsie Goad reported that Norma Cowan, state member-at-large, was not included in last year's service; and that member Dorothy Lauriant passed in September. She urged all chapter chaplains to notify her of deaths, and encouraged them to send get well cards, bereavement notes, and general "we are thinking of you" notes and cards to those unable to attend meetings.

**State Recording Secretary:** Mary Crist reported on the events she attended or participated in since taking office in May.

**State Corresponding Secretary:** Elizabeth Normand contacted member Sharon Myers, inquiring whether the Ohio Society could be of assistance following the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Mrs. Myers expressed her gratitude and asked simply for "prayer."

**State Treasurer:** Carolyn Chapman reviewed the balance sheet and profit and loss reports. She stressed the importance of the timely remittance of annual dues.

**State Registrar:** Kathy Foust reported the Ohio Society has 290 members and nine applications pending at National. The Registrar National now has an assistant who is reviewing supplemental applications.

**State Historian:** Marilyn Jarvis reported that two chapters reported on their grave marking ceremonies and ROTC medal presentations.

**State Librarian:** Alice Schauss had no report.

**State Curator:** Maryann Gunderson contacted Michelle Thornton, Curator National, who stated that the National Society's priorities include the Restoration of Properties Donor Pin, which supports the long-term efforts of maintaining our properties in Washington, DC. Curator National Thornton is working on a video tour of the U.S.D. 1812 Museum; anticipated completion is April 2018.

### Reports of Chapter Presidents

**Peter Navarre #4:** Deborah Marisch's report was filed.

**Madison McKinley #42:** Sharon Snowden reported for President Debbie Hinton. Madison McKinley presented one JROTC medal this year, and marked the grave of Jehu Grubb, a War of 1812 veteran who served as Representative in the Ohio House. Chapter activities and programs were also reported.

**Portage Trail/Commodore Perry #118:** Carol Meyers reported that Portage Trail/Commodore Perry Chapter meets four times a year and has several applications nearly ready to be signed and submitted. President Meyers mentioned the chapter's meeting programs and annual field trip.

**Lucas Sullivant #158:** Carolyn Chapman reported that Lucas Sullivant Chapter presented four gold medals to outstanding cadets at four local universities and eight bronze medals to local high school JROTC cadets. Four Star-Spangled Banner Day posters were presented to local schools and the chapter laid a wreath at the grave of Lucas Sullivant in honor of his birthday.

**General William Henry Harrison #179:** Marjorie Smith's report was filed.

**Governor Thomas Kirker #189:** Joyce Redder reported for President Roxanne McCoy. The chapter has eight members and will be meeting in November.

**Silverheels Trail/Mary Bird Lake #226:** Maryann Gunderson reported that the chapter has five prospective members and meet four times a year. Chapter programs and activities were also reported.

**Jacob Stemple #243:** Joan Stripe reported for President Gloria Fast. The Jacob Stemple Chapter reported on program topics and activities supported by the chapter, including displays in libraries and Wreaths Across America.

**Samuel Lewis #383:** Beverly Riggs reported that the reconstruction of a pioneer log cabin near the Mansfield Blockhouse, a project the chapter helps to support, is progressing well. There will be a Christmas open house at the Blockhouse on December 2. The chapter also reported on other projects its members help support.

**Commander William Wetmore #435:** Sandy Christopher reported on activities and chapter meetings. Sharon Jarzen will be the new chapter president effective November 4.

**Scioto Valley Volunteers #451:** Beth Normand reported that the chapter presented a Bronze Medal to an outstanding JROTC cadet at Belmont High School. The chapter held a grave marking in honor of Phillip Noel, and a Flag Presentation to the Scioto County Commissioners in celebration of the National Society's 125th Anniversary.

**Perry's Victory #469:** Alice Schauss reported on the many community service projects Perry's Victory Chapter has been involved with.

**Black Swamp #471:** Diane Altman reported on the Black Swamp Chapter activities for the year and plans for the upcoming year.

**General Elijah Hill Wadsworth #471:** Sarah Keeler's report was filed.

**James Madison #478:** Marilyn Jarvis reported that the chapter held two flower presentations at Greenlawn Cemetery near South Charleston, Ohio. The chapter presented one Gold ROTC medal to a Wright State University cadet and two Bronze JROTC medals to two high school students.

#### Reports of State Committee Chairmen

**American Merchant Marine Library:** Gail Adams just recently accepted this position and had no formal report.

**Budget and Finance:** Carolyn Chapman's report was deferred to new business.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Rosanne Fisher reported that she has answered inquiries concerning revisions of the Ohio Society's Standing Rules and the procedures to amend them.

**Correct Use of the Flag:** Carolyn Hilliard has responded to inquiries she has received.

**Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum:** Elaine Ortman had no activity to report.

**Flora Adams Darling Daughters and Junior Membership:** Sarah Keeler's reports were filed.

**Fort McHenry:** Martha Herrnstein reported that she sent letters to each chapter. She received five responses reporting donations totaling \$82.00.

**Historical Landmarks:** Susanne Burchett reported on highlights from the year, including Ohio chapters participating in the commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie and joining with the Early Settlers Association in the rededication of the Oliver Hazard Perry monument.

**Insignia:** Deb Jolley's report was filed.

**Lineage and Historical Records:** Joyce Vanatter had

no activity to report.

**Markers & Grave Locations of 1812 Service Personnel:** Jennifer Leininger's report was filed.

**Membership:** Belinda Bowman-Schaefer's report was filed.

**Membership Certificates:** Becky Thissen's report was filed.

**National Defense:** Carolyn Chapman reported that Ohio chapters presented 33 medals and certificates to outstanding ROTC and JROTC cadets. There has been a 65% increase in awards presented from 2015 to 2017. Of the 60 JROTC programs in Ohio, 25 are being recognized with awards from U.S.D. 1812. Chapters are encouraged to focus on this avenue of supporting the young men and women who are the future of the United States military.

**National Headquarters:** Michelle Leininger's report was filed.

**Newsletter and Star & Anchor:** Susan Leininger reported that the Star and Anchor Newsletter is distributed twice a year via email. Please contact her if you are having difficulties receiving this newsletter. Chapter and committee chairs, please send articles and photos of your activities.

**Patriotic Education:** Mary Crist recently accepted this position and had no formal report.

**Public Relations:** Chairman Terry Ray was unable to attend, but State Recording Secretary Mary Crist read highlights of her report. Chairman Ray reported on various ceremonies that raised awareness of the Ohio Society. She encouraged members to become involved with the Ohio and National Facebook groups.

**Schools:** Carrie Nelson's report was filed.

**Spirit of 1812:** Dolores Ronzi's report was filed.

**Veterans/Rehabilitation:** Connie Beebe reported that chapters have been doing a variety of activities in support of our veterans. Activities included participating in parades, volunteering at veterans' clinics and Veterans' Homes, placing flags on graves, making lap quilts and participating in wreath-laying ceremonies and marker rededications. It is important to remember our active duty men and women and to honor those who served in the past.

#### Reports of Special Committees

**Electronic Communications:** Susan Leininger requested notification of any changes in email, position, or chapter contact, etc. The online Veteran Grave Index has had over 2.9 million hits since its inception. She has also created a private Facebook group for the use of Ohio members.

**Old Fort Niagara:** Judy Baron's report was filed.

**St. Michael's and All Angel's Church:** Sherri Copeland's report was filed.

**State President's Project:** With the absence of Chairman Jean Muetzel, Susan Leininger reported that the project includes continuing the work on the online Veteran Graves Index. She asked that any members interested in helping to design a state pin for Ohio please contact her. She has also been exploring the possibility of digitizing our collection which is housed at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

**Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS):** President Leininger mentioned that this new national committee was just established during the summer. Sharon Snowden is the state chairman of this committee but is not eligible to be one of our 1812 representatives because she is already an assigned representative for the DAR. Sharon looks forward to working with the membership and getting VAVS representatives assigned.

### Old Business

The disposition of the Pennsylvania Archives was tabled. Suzy Davidson volunteered to help with looking into the handling of these volumes.

### New Business

Budget and Finance Chairman Carolyn Chapman presented the proposed budget for April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Motion from committee to adopt the budget. Budget was adopted.

The Ohio Society will again have a membership table at the OGS conference to be held April 11-13, 2018. Lucas Sullivant Chapter will be handling the membership table this year since the conference is in Columbus. Any members who would like to volunteer, please contact the chapter.

Motion by Betsie Goad to adopt the addition of proposed Standing Rule 14, needed due to confusion on the criteria for long-standing state awards. Second, Sunda Peters.

*Standing Rule 14: That the Ohio Society may present state-level awards at State Council, including the following traditional traveling awards:*

- a. *Junior Membership Doll (baby doll in a basket): presented to the chapter with the largest number of junior members*
- b. *Flora Adams Darling Daughters Doll: presented to the chapter with the largest number of FADDs*
- c. *Mary Beech Bidwell Gavel: presented to the chapter with the largest percentage of members in attendance, excluding the hostess chapter*
- d. *Madge Sullivant Gavel: presented to the chapter with the largest percentage of members in attendance*
- e. *Membership Award (2015; miniature American Girl Doll Caroline): presented to the chapter with the largest number of new members during the past year.*

*There are two dolls; one for the largest number of new members, and one for the largest percentage of new members.*

*A property agreement form must be completed by the winning chapters, and the traveling awards must be returned the following year for State Council.*

*Additional State Society awards may be presented with the approval of the State President.*

### **Motion passed.**

Motion by Carolyn Chapman to adopt the addition of proposed Standing Rule 15 because of recent changes in the dues structure by the National Society. Second by Charlene Tancos.

*Standing Rule 15: That an Ohio member who is age 90 and above, and who is already exempt from paying National dues, no longer be required to pay state dues.*

### **Motion passed.**

Motion by Joan Stripe to replace the three missing State Officer pins – State President, State Chaplain, and State Historian. Second by Carolyn Hilliard. **Motion passed.**

### Updates from the 1812 National Board Meeting

An assistant was appointed to help the Registrar National with verifying new applications.

Membership was reminded of the National Society's Dress a Dolly/Dress a Darling contest. Information and guidelines are on page 9 of the National *News-Letter*.

Chapters having fewer than seven members and state societies having fewer than 15 members will be notified and have up to one year to bring their membership up to the minimum levels. The intent is to encourage chapters to increase their membership.

There are only a few 1812 Monopoly games left. Be sure to order yours before the games are all sold.

### Announcements

State Council will be held March 9 - 10, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Worthington. Friday night will be a joint dinner with the Daughters of the American Colonists; the 1812 business meeting will be on Saturday.

The hostess chapters will be General William Henry Harrison, Silverheels Trail/Mary Bird Lake, Commander William Wetmore, and Perry's Victory.

Pages are needed for the State Council; there is no age restriction. Please contact State President Leininger if you are interested.

Associate Council is April 6-8, 2018 in Washington, DC.

State Chaplain Betsie Goad gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Mary Crist  
State Recording Secretary

**2018 Dates to Remember**

**February 1: Deadline** ~ Chapter Chairmen reports due to State Chairmen and Chapter Presidents

**March 1: Deadline** ~ State Chairmen reports due to Chairmen National and State President

**March 1: Deadline** ~ Chapter President reports due to State President

**March 9: Joint 1812/DAC State Banquet**, Crowne Plaza Worthington

**March 10: 118<sup>th</sup> Ohio U.S.D. 1812 State Council**, Crowne Plaza Worthington

**March 15: Deadline** ~ Annual written reports of Officers National, Chairmen National, and State Presidents are due.

**April 5-8: 126<sup>th</sup> N.S.U.S.D. 1812 Associate Council**, Washington, D.C.

**May 19:** The Perry's Victory Memorial rotunda and observation deck re-open after restoration

**May 26-27:** Fort Meigs First Siege 1813

**September 8: Perry's Victory Memorial Historic Weekend Parade.** Ohio Daughters will again march in the annual Historic Parade!

**October 20 or 27, date TBD:** Ohio Society U.S.D. 1812 State Meeting. The Ohio Society DAC will meet the same day.

**October 19, 20, 26, 27:** Fort Meigs Garrison Ghost Walk

For additional events at Ohio's historic 1812 sites please visit <http://www.fortmeigs.org> and <http://www.nps.gov/pevi>



**Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812  
Index to the Ohio Grave Locations of War of 1812 Veterans and Patriots**

Since its inception in 1900, the Ohio Society United States Daughters of 1812 has been researching and documenting the Ohio burial locations of veterans and patriots of the War of 1812. Periodically this information was bound and donated to the State Library of Ohio. The Ohio Daughters created a separate index to all of these volumes; this index was updated and last published in 1988.

As part of its War of 1812 Bicentennial project, the Ohio Daughters of 1812 transcribed this 1988 index and supplemented it with additional information gathered since 1988. Please keep in mind that **this online index is a work-in-progress** and is by no means "complete."

[Volunteer to help collect photos and veteran information.](#)

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**Have you seen our Ohio Society's online index to the grave locations of War of 1812 veterans and patriots who are buried in Ohio?**

This project is still a work-in-progress, and currently contains information on over 10,000 veterans. If you know of any 1812 veterans buried in Ohio who are not listed, please let us know!

All submissions and updates to existing veteran records are most welcome!!

[www.ohiodaughters1812.org/graveindex](http://www.ohiodaughters1812.org/graveindex)