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Color Guard Commander John Franklin

## **From East to West, we WRSSAR members were there...**

On Friday, June 20th, 29 WRSSAR members and guests attended the first annual Family Night Out with the Indians. The evening began with a cool mist, but everyone enjoyed the all-you-can-eat and club seating event. While the Indians didn't win, the post game fireworks show was truly amazing.

On July 4th, the Archibald Willard Color Guard lead the Gates Mills Fourth of July Parade. There were bands, floats, antique cars, horses and even fox hounds. Compatriot Fred Watkins presented 4th grader, Eryn Molley, with a check and certificate for her winning essay. Compatriot Franklin reported that this was possibly the largest turnout at the parade ever. Even Slider, the Cleveland Indians' mascot was there.

Your Color Guard has been extremely active again this year. On April 5th, they posted colors for the Akron DAR & SAR Lafayette chapter Awards luncheon. They posted colors for the Memorial Day events at Lake View Cemetery and at the Flag Day / Naturalization Ceremony at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on June 13th. Great job guys!



The Berrys and friends cheer for the Indians.



The Archibald Willard Color Guard leads the celebrations!

## WESTERN RESERVE CIRCULAR

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## SAR Renewal & Dues Update

The Western Reserve Society is the largest local chapter of the SAR. We consistently maintain a membership of around 450 members. With fall quickly approaching, it will be time for us to reach out to our members to renew for 2015. There will be NO dues increases this year on regular memberships. However, the NSSAR supplemental APP fees have now increased from \$40 to \$60.

The WRSSAR Board approved an Auto Renew policy for your convenience. If you are not yet a Life Member, with your renewal letter this fall, you will also find an application for auto-renewal. By providing your credit card information, your annual local, state and national dues will be charged automatically to your credit card. There will be no risk of forgetting to renew which inevitably leads to the dreaded reinstatement fee. Your credit card information will not be maintained electronically so there is no chance of hacking or theft. Its simple, safe and time saving!

But, for those members who want to SAVE MONEY over time, the best option is to become a Life Member. Life memberships can be paid via check or credit card. By becoming a Life Member, your local, state and national dues WILL BE PAID for life AND WILL NEVER INCREASE! We all know that SAR dues will increase over time as part of natural inflation. But, by becoming a life member, your dues will be covered for life regardless of any future increases by the local, state or national SAR. **What a great Christmas gift for any child or grandchild!** Lock in your legacy for life.



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## Our Spring Membership Luncheons



On April 9th, the WRSSAR held its annual high school oration contest at the Union Club of Cleveland. Seven students wrote an original oratory on topics related to leaders, events or themes associated with the Revolutionary War. It was a real battle between Gilmour Academy students Nupur Goel and Sophia Zupanc who took 1st and 2nd places, respectively. Students Anav Sood, Elizabeth Brett, Jeremy Levinson and Matthew McMillan did an outstanding job representing their schools: University School and Shaker Heights Public High School.



On May 14th, professor Jim Smith of Baldwin Wallace College spoke to the WRSSAR membership at the Union Club on the topic: What does the Pursuit of Happiness really mean? Jim is the founder and past President of the Cleveland Coach Federation and past two-term president of the Cleveland Society for Human Resource Management. He is the author of *Happiness At the Speed of Life: 13 Powerful Strategies for Finding Happiness at Home and On the Job*. Jim spent more than 20 years in the corporate world.

### WORKING TO BRING YOU WHAT YOU WANT!

In an effort to attract more members to our regular monthly luncheons we are meeting at the **UNION CLUB** in downtown Cleveland. Valet parking is included in the price and an effort has been made to offer more exciting meals such as Pot Roast , Sirloin Steak and fresh bakery desserts.

### A Special Project: Ohio's ONLY Revolutionary War era fort needs our help!

In 1915, the Ohio General Assembly considered legislation which required the state "to purchase for the state the lands upon which Fort Laurens is located, and such additional lands adjacent thereto as may be necessary to properly restore said fort and works..." This proposal passed the Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Frank Willis. But, since then, while the land has been acquired and a non-profit created, no real progress has been made to reconstruct the fort which was the original intent of the legislation. Current OHSSAR President and longtime WRSSAR officer Ted Minier is issuing a call to ALL SAR members, leaders and friends. With SAR chapters throughout Ohio, how can it be that almost a century has passed and Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort remains unrestored? Do you have ideas on how we, the SAR, can support the effort to rebuild the fort? Can the WRSSAR, once again, show true leadership and make this dream a reality? Feel free to contact President Minier with your thoughts and suggestions: [tmmjam @windstream.net](mailto:tmmjam@windstream.net).

## Up-Close and Personal with One of Our Newest Members



John H. Kirk graduated from Kenyon College and earned an M.B.A. degree from Case Western Reserve University. He had a brief career as a math teacher followed by a 37 year career with The Astrup Company. The Astrup Company was founded in 1876 by his great-grandfather. The company manufactured awning, tent and marine hardware and distributed outdoor, recreational and technical fabrics. John served as President & C.E.O. from 1983-1999 and as Chairman & C.E.O. from 1999-2007. John retired after selling this 131 year old company to one of his suppliers. John has been married to Karen – a teacher and realtor - for nearly 46 years. They have two children and five grandchildren.

One of his Revolutionary War veteran ancestors is his fourth great grandfather, David Levy. David was born in 1741 in London, came to America in 1754 and settled in Frederick, Maryland. He was a farmer in the pre-Revolutionary War years. On 21 July 1776, David enlisted as a private in the German Regiment of the Continental Army. He crossed the Delaware with General George Washington to attack Trenton and Princeton and participated in the battles at Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth Courthouse. He spent the winter of 1777/1778 at Valley Forge where he was promoted to quartermaster sergeant. He was discharged 27 July 1779. His son David served as a drummer boy in the same regiment. The 1790 census shows him as the head of a 34 person household. He died 8 January 1804. He was buried in the German Presbyterian Reformed Church graveyard.

### WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE WRSSAR IN 2014:

John Hayden Kirk, Rocky River

John Glenn Miles, North Ridgeville

Nathan Philip Carmon, Richfield

Ernest Quentin Petrey III, Cincinnati

Charles Lee Gatliff Petrey, Cleveland

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

The entire family and membership of the Western Reserve Society SAR wish to honor the memory of our members who died in 2014. We send our deepest condolences and support to their families and friends.

*Bruce Gail Harper: January 25th, 2014*

The WRSSAR will host another Pistol & Rifle Challenge in 2014. Despite our BEST EFFORTS to hold the event downtown so that it would be centrally located, we simply could not make it happen. Thus, compatriot Horner will hold the 3rd annual event, this fall, at a west side location. If you are interested in this FREE event, please let him know that you are interested at [jatleehorneriii@gmail.com](mailto:jatleehorneriii@gmail.com) or 216-357-1646.

## A Call To Action: We Need New Leaders Like You!

**A Message from President McVean:** Our forefathers joined together to give their time, talents, and even their lives to form this great nation of ours. Since that time, when patriotism called, our citizens have answered that call resoundingly. Our Society was formed to promote patriotism. Each of our members has linked themselves to a founding patriot. Now, your Society is issuing a call to its members. Think about why you sought membership in the S.A.R.. Was it because that it stood for patriotism; or because you were eligible and membership would look good on your resume; or because you had a genuine interest in promoting the mission of the S.A.R., and you had the skills, motivation, and desire to accomplish that? Our Society has many opportunities available for your participation. If our many outreach programs are to continue, we need to constantly seek the participation of our membership in filling these leadership roles. At this time, only approximately 10% of our Society's membership have elected to participate in a meaningful manner in the operation of the Society. So, the time has come for the remaining 90% to answer our call for our future leaders to identify themselves and assume an appointed or elected position, and lead our Society in managing the evolution of our Society. Your officers in the Nominating Committee look forward to receiving you as you make yourself known to them. The time to ACT is now! You can email me with questions or to volunteer at [moontartan@ameritech.net](mailto:moontartan@ameritech.net).

### AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP

**Public Relations Officer**  
**Co-Editor, Newsletter**

**Graves Committee Chairman**  
**Name Tag Printer**

**Facebook WebMaster**  
**Future Trustee / Officer**

**Join one of our successful committees: Veterans' Affairs, Oration Contest, Flag Award, Poster Contest, Flag Flying Certificate, Archibald Willard Color Guard, Audit Committee, Programs and Hospitality.**

## EVENTS SPONSORED BY OUR FRIENDS



### GRAYS ARMORY HOSTS SWING DANCING!

GI Jive Swing Dance, featuring Don Zola's 19 piece orchestra, Saturday, November 08, 2014. Music will cover the 1940-1950 and include many Benny Goodman tunes. Military reactors and swing dance fans are welcome to wear their uniforms, Zoot suits, and vintage dresses from the 1940-1950s, or you can dress casual. Contact us at 216-621-5938 or email us at [grays1837@yahoo.com](mailto:grays1837@yahoo.com) with any questions.



**DAR FALL DINNER at the Shaker Heights Country Club.** Show your SAR pride and join the Moses Cleaveland DAR chapter for their special fall dinner and program. The DAR always attend our WRSSAR events. Now, let's fill 2 tables and support our mothers, sisters and friends! Please contact [jatleehorneriii@gmail.com](mailto:jatleehorneriii@gmail.com) for more information and details.



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### **Up-Coming WRSSAR Events**

**September 10th: Luncheon: The Union Club of Cleveland. Topic: "O Say Can You See"**

As we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Star Spangled Flag of 1812, learn why the flag was made and how it inspired our National Anthem. Speaker Sharon Myers will use PowerPoint and a short film.

**October 24th: Archibald Willard Award Night: The Union Club. Topic: "A 9/11 Survivor's Tale"**

George Sleigh was born in England and graduated with a degree in Naval Architecture. He spent his career in ship design. After many moves, George ended up working on the 91st floor of the World trade Center for the American Bureau of Shipping. Come to hear what happened that fateful day.

**November 12th: Veteran's Day Luncheon: The Union Club. Topic: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.**

William Vodrey will discuss General Chamberlain who was a college professor from Maine who volunteered during the American Civil War. Although he had no training in military strategy, he attained the rank of brigadier general and commanded the Union troops at the surrender ceremony for infantry of Robert E. Lee's Army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

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Youth Programs, and Membership Programming!**