



# Marietta Chapter Newsletter



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*Friends & Compatriots,*

*Happy Independence Day!*

*I attended the OHSSAR Annual Meeting held in Indian Hill, Ohio on May 5th. At the Annual Awards Dinner that evening, the Marietta Chapter was awarded a Distinguished Chapter Certificate Award and Streamer for 2022 and received 2nd Place in the Membership Growth Awards.*

*The Winter Ohio Society Board of Management will be held in Marietta at the Lafayette Hotel on February 9-10, 2024. Stay tuned for upcoming details.*

*Our annual event held at Mound Cemetery was a success. We had perfect weather this year and Ohio Society President Donald Miller, Chaplain Michael Nimocks, Color Guard Commander Robert Hill and immediate Past President John Bredenfoerder were all in attendance.*

*Patriotically,*

*R. Douglas Pettit, President*

*Marietta Chapter #40*

*Ohio Society*

*Sons of the American Revolution*

## *FBI Returns Stolen Artifacts*

*The Federal Bureau of Investigations helped return dozens of artifacts that had been stolen from museums and historical societies from all across the country. During a ceremony held at the Museum of the American Revolution, the agency returned fifty items -- including many valuable firearms -- to 16 different museums and historical societies after they were stolen more than 50 years ago.*



PROVIDED IMAGE/MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*"I'm a little bit speechless about describing the wealth of what we see here from our American History," Jacqueline C. Romero, U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, said, as she viewed the items. According to law enforcement officials, the investigation that would end in the recovery of these artifacts began in 2009 when Upper Merion Township detectives and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office re-opened a cold case investigation.*

*They wanted to follow up on the thefts of valuable antique firearms and other items that occurred between 1968 and 1979 from the Valley Forge Historical Society Museum in Valley Forge and other museums, officials noted. During that investigation, law enforcement officials said, a confidential source turned over several antique firearms believed to have been stolen from museums in Pennsylvania, including an 18th century flintlock musket stolen from the Valley Forge Museum in 1970 and a 1775 musket that was stolen from a museum in Schoharie, NY.*

*Further investigation, officials said, led to the discovery of more stolen antique firearms and other items at a home in Newark, Delaware in May of 2017. In 2021, the man who lived at that home, an antique dealer named Michael Kintner Corbett, was indicted by a grand jury for possession of firearms and other items stolen from museums in the 1970s. Police said these items included an 1847 Mississippi rifle stolen from a Mississippi museum, a World War II battlefield pickup pistol belonging to General Omar Bradley stolen from the U.S. Army War College Museum, and 19th century Pennsylvania rifles stolen from Pennsylvania museums, including the Daniel Boone Homestead. Corbett entered a guilty plea to that charge and, as part*

*of the plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office, officers said he agreed to turn over other stolen firearms to which he had access.*

*Officials said that the groups who saw items returned were: The Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, as well as Blair County Historical Society at Baker Mansion in Altoona, Delaware County Historical Society in Chester, Nitre Hall - Haverford Township Historical Society in Havertown, The Hershey Story Museum in Hershey, Tuscarora Academy Museum/Juniata County Historical Society in Mifflintown, Longmeadow Historical Society in Longmeadow, Mass., Mississippi Department of Archives & History in Jackson Miss., Museum of Connecticut History in Hartford, Conn., Old Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie, NY, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg, Springfield Armory National Historic Site in Springfield, Mass., Belchertown Historical Association/Stone House Museum in Belchertown, Maine, and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center/U.S. Army War College in Carlisle.*

*Some of the items returned during the ceremony included a 1758 powder horn carried by Ensign Justus Dwight during the French and Indian War, a 1775 Revolutionary War-era American-made Brown Bess style musket, 18th Century English and Scottish pistols, 18th and 19th Century Pennsylvania long rifles made in Bedford, Berks, Huntingdon and Lancaster counties -- including a long rifle stolen from the Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro and a number of other weapons. The items were recovered following a joint investigation by the FBI Art Crime Team along with law enforcement officials in Upper Merion Township and Montgomery County.*

*(<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/>)*

### **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.

- Working to preserve our nation's past
- Assisting schools, teachers, and the public
- Sustaining and preserving our history and constitutional principles



**L to R: Larry Butcher, Doug Pettit, Jean Yost  
Compatriot Larry Butcher receives his chapter SAR Meritorious Service Medal**

Marietta Founders Day, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### What is Marietta Founders Day?

“After the war, the newly formed United States had little cash but plenty of land. Eager to develop additional lands, the new government decided to pay veterans of the Revolution with warrants for land in the Northwest Territory, which was organized under federal authority in 1787 by the Northwest Ordinance. Competing states had agreed to end their claims to the lands; Pennsylvania and Virginia received some lands in a settlement. Arthur St. Clair was appointed by the president as governor of the new territory. He was inaugurated on a site now marked by the Start Westward Memorial.

The Ohio Company of Associates had supported provisions in the ordinance to allow veterans to use their warrants to purchase the land. They bought 1.5 million acres of land from Congress. On April 7, 1788, 48 men of the Ohio Company of Associates, led by General Putnam, arrived at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers." (Wikipedia)



**Compatriot Michael Farnsworth receiving his Certificate of Distinguished Service**



Did you Know? Coffee was so popular during the American Revolution that women in Boston rioted to keep the cost of coffee low.

When merchant Thomas Boylston manipulated the price of coffee by stockpiling it, at least a hundred women marched to his warehouse.

Abigail Adams wrote about the July 24, 1777, riot.

"A number of females, some say a hundred, some say more, assembled with a cart and trucks, marched down to the warehouse, and demanded the keys, which he refused to deliver." When Boylston refused to open the warehouse, things took an aggressive turn: "One of them seized him by his neck and tossed him into the cart. Upon his finding no quarter, he delivered the keys, then they tipped up the cart and discharged him, then opened the warehouse, hoisted out the coffee themselves, put it into the trucks and drove off."

(Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSSAR newsletter)

# Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory Memorial Service

Mound Cemetery - May 25, 2023



**Marietta Chapter Vice President Tony Durm delivered a special address about the recent project his Troop 207 Eagle Scout Landyn Listermann completed. Landyn's project involved the updating of the Rufus Putnam grave area in Mound Cemetery. Landyn was presented with a SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award and lapel pin.**





**Marietta Chapter Historian Scott Britton delivering his keynote address commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and Marietta's connection to that event.**

Scott's keynote address can be downloaded [here](#).





**Memorial wreaths were placed at Commodore Abraham Whipple's grave.**





**Color Guard participants in front of the Great Mound.**

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Marietta Chapter  
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has been awarded the

*Distinguished Chapter Award*  
**2022**

in recognition of notable accomplishments  
in support of Chapter and Society objectives



May 5, 2023  
Date

*John H. Gudmundson*  
Ohio Society President

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*John H. Gudmundson*  
President



**The scheduled meetings of the Marietta Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution  
for the remainder of 2023 are being held at:**

**[The Levee House Bistro](#)  
127 Ohio Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750**

**on the following Wednesdays at 12:00 noon:**

**July 19  
September 20  
November 15 (chapter elections)**