

Hocking Valley Chapter, Ohio

Sons of the American Revolution



2019 Quarterly

Fife & Drum Newsletter

Issue One

Editor's Letter

Welcome Compatriots to our new quarterly newsletter, The Fife & Drum! Since we got a late start this year, we hope to put out three editions this year, and in the future, four editions per year. I'm the Chief Editor, and Bill Lyman is the Graphics Editor. However, all of you are both our readers and reporters. Whenever you have anything of interest to contribute to the newsletter, please feel free to contact us.

The intent is to keep all our members informed of the activities of our chapter each quarter on a more personal level beyond the Business Meeting Minutes sent out each month. We would also like to know what's going on in your lives and any concerns you'd like to voice that might improve our chapter. I would like to highlight someone's ancestor every issue, so start writing! Historical information and trivia are welcomed. Announcements and accomplishments will be noted.

This is not the first attempt at creating a newsletter for our chapter. Credit for that goes to Dave Nessley when he was serving as our President. The newsletter was entitled "The Hocking Valley News," and was issued in 2015. It was a great idea, but faded with time since Dave was on his own and had limited time as President. Which brings me to my next point. This newsletter is also a reach-out to all our members asking you to contribute something of your time and talents to the chapter, if you haven't already. We have 60 plus members of which about 9 are extremely active, perhaps another 6 are fairly active, seen at half the events, and perhaps another 6 are seen a few times a year. We can do better than that.

We all have our individual lives that involve family, work, travel, or health issues. It is an unfair burden that only a few must carry most of the load to keep this a viable chapter. If everyone just committed to a few events a year with our Color Guard, or took up just one chairmanship or officer post and did nothing else, the burden could be spread out and would not be a burden at all. It comes down to what is in your heart. Did you join the Sons of the American Revolution just to recognize yourself as being descended from a Patriot ancestor with a nice certificate? Are you honoring yourself or your ancestor? If you're honoring your ancestor, then think about contributing to your chapter some time and talent. We need you. Help us educate children and others about our country's beginning and your ancestor's sacrifice. Help us promote patriotism and love of country and honoring our veterans. Can you hear it? The fife and drum are calling for muster!

Bob Hill, Chief Editor

Honoring the life of:

Keith Harold Kaufman

1958 – 2019

At the end of January, 2019, compatriot Keith Kaufman received confirmation from his doctor of dreaded bad news. His white blood cell count was out the roof and he had the same disease that had taken the life of his sister years ago, acute Leukemia. Back then, Keith had donated some of his bone marrow and gave his sister three extra years of life.

Now, it was too late for Keith since the disease had progressed and cancer was throughout his body. The doctors told him chemotherapy would buy him a few weeks more time. Without it, they told him he had a week. Keith didn't want to be sick with the time he had left, so he opted out of treatment. He would live three more weeks. He told chapter members of his predicament in early February, and of course, this was a shock to all since no one had a clue Keith had been stricken. He always seemed vibrant and healthy. Keith faced the end

of his life with great calm, clarity of mind, and courage. Keith was the founding father of the Hocking Valley Chapter. He had joined the SAR years earlier as a member of the George Rogers Clark Chapter near Springfield. Later, he served as President of the Rufus Putnam Chapter in Zanesville. The idea to organize a new chapter came as early as the fall of 2007. Keith began work in earnest the following year, and with the help of a few Ohio Society officers and new members he was organizing, the Hocking Valley Chapter received its National Charter on October 3, 2009. Keith would serve as the chapter's first President for 3 years.

Keith was an enthusiastic Charter President during his tenure, and he loved to put on great programs involving the Color Guard, and when he could get it, period music performed by the Heritage Fifes & Drums. He loved to present awards that recognized community service to first responders, veterans, students and educators. He was also an enthusiastic reenactor, and enjoyed dressing as a frontier militiaman. In colonial clothing, he gave an outstanding rendition of Patrick Henry's speech, "Give me Liberty, or give me Death!" Keith's wife, June, a member of the DAR, often appeared with Keith in period dress. Keith was also very active with the Peerless Masonic Lodge in Crooksville.

Keith passed away on February 21, 2019, at only 60 years of age. A 3- hour vigil was held by the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard at the Funeral Home on February 24th, and a musket salute given at his funeral in New Lexington the following day, as he requested.

We will always be indebted to Keith for organizing the chapter of which we are all proud to be members. And the Hocking Valley Chapter is a legacy of which I know he was proud.



January

Photo One: Compatriot Bob Hill stands with OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Steve Frash at the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens Wreath Laying Ceremony on January 19th. The ceremony was held at the Cherokee County History and Art Museum in Gaffney, South Carolina.



Photo Two: Inside the museum, cannon and many artifacts testify to the active role Cherokee County played in the American Revolution.



Photo Three: Between January and March, compatriot Matt Hardman and wife Sharon visited the Cleveland Clinic 7 times for testing and enduring 2 heart surgeries. Compatriot Bob Hill accompanied Matt and Sharon on 5 trips. Pictured is Matt, Sharon, and Bob after Matt's first surgery in January.



February



Photo One: During the February 16th meeting the officers for 2019 were sworn-in by OHSSAR State President Shawn Cox. Compatriots then treated the President to lunch at Lancaster's Ale House 1890. Left to right, Dave Nessley, genealogist; William Lyman, vice president; Matt Hardman, chaplain; Chuck Bundy, secretary/registrar; Bob Hill, treasurer; Bob Davis, president; Shawn Cox, State President. Not shown, Jeff Walt, historian.

Photo Two: After lunch with President Cox, four compatriots went to New Lexington to visit stricken compatriot Keith Kaufman. As the Charter President, Keith was asked to swear-in his compatriots a second time. Left to right, Matt Hardman, Bob Davis, Bob Hill, Keith Kaufman. Witnessing the event was outgoing president Paul Irwin, Keith's wife, June, and Matt's wife, Sharon. At the end of their visit, all joined hands as Matt led in prayer.



Photo Three: The annual Washington's Birthday Luncheon was held at the Old Dutchman Restaurant in Logan with a nice turnout on February 17th.

Photo Four: After Keith's passing on February 21st, a 3-hour vigil on February 24th was held at the Roberts Winegardner Funeral Home in New Lexington by the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard. Below left, compatriot Tom Hankins, and on right, compatriot Bob Davis, stand watch. Compatriot Steve Hart of the West Virginia Society drove up to help, and would also attend the funeral the following day.



Photo Five: Part of the Color Guard at Keith's funeral in New Lexington on February 25th. A musket salute was given, with period music provided by the Heritage Fifes & Drum. Photo credit Phyllis Bundy edited by Bill Lyman



March/April



Photo one: On March 30 - 31st, compatriot Bob Hill attended a "Learning Weekend" with a Revolutionary War reenactment group, the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, at a reproduction 18th century Campbellsport Tavern in Ravenna, Ohio. He learned about period camp cooking, von Steuben manual-of-arms, history of the regiment, drum calls, care of flints, games played by soldiers, live artillery firing, and medicine during the Revolutionary War. Bob has enlisted with the regiment.



Photo Two: On April 4th, three compatriots traveled southwest and helped the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard at their Annual Youth Awards Banquet. It was held at the beautiful Cincinnati Women's Club, founded in 1894. Left to right, Al Gummere, Bob Hill, his Excellency General George Washington, and Bob Davis.

Photo Three: Compatriot William Lyman appeared in Kit and on stage in a musical production entitled "A Star-Spangled Salute to The Armed Services" performed by the Land of Legend Barbershop Chorus. The event took place on April 6th at the Midland Theatre in Newark, Ohio.



In Memoriam

The past year has been hard on the Hocking Valley Chapter with the loss of three charter members: Keith Kaufman on February 21, 2019, Tom Darnell on November 3, 2018, and John Dye on February 8, 2018. They and other chapter members who have passed.

Keith Harold Kaufman,

March 9, 1958 - February 21, 2019,
age 60. Charter President of the Hocking
Valley Chapter.

Walter Thomas Darnell,

August 29, 1931 - November 3, 2018,
age 87. Active in Color Guard, SAR scouting
and education programs. Every year Tom
presented 5 Outstanding Citizenship Awards
at the Gorsuch West Elementary School.
Served as a Chapter Chaplain.

John Theodore Dye,

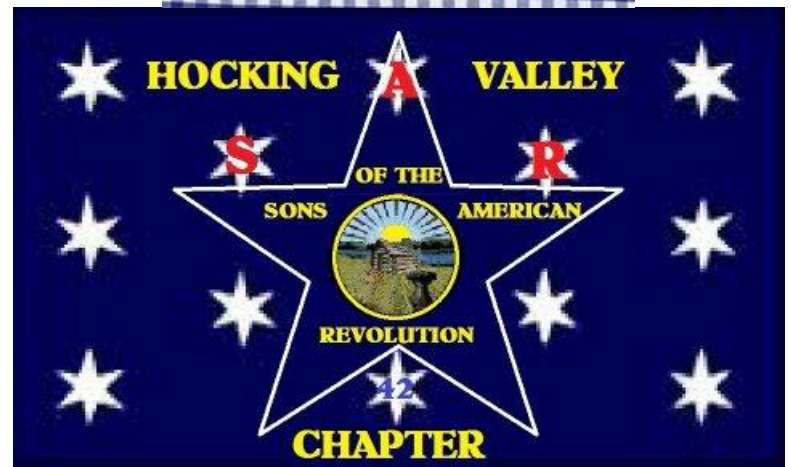
August 27, 1927 - February 8, 2018,
age 91. Active in Chapter Color Guard and
extremely active in educational programs,
on his own initiative and with the SAR.
John had a real passion to educate others
about history. He was active in schools, at
the Liberty Camp for Kids and as docent
with the Fairfield County Heritage Association.
John was awarded the Chapter Meritorious
Service Medal and Certificate.

Reverend Thomas Paul Rogers,

January 5, 1944 - January 27, 2014,
age 70. Chapter Chaplain.

Martin M. "Marty" Byron,

September 30, 1940 - December 21, 2014,
age 74. Very active in Chapter Color Guard.



April

The Hocking Valley Chapter First Place Poster Winner for 2019, Jakin Bass, of Albany Academy Elementary. Presenting her with a certificate and \$75 cash prize is Chapter President and Contest Chairman Bob Davis, left, and Jake Reynolds, Awards Committee Chairman. This year's contest for Hocking Valley Chapter involved 9 schools and nearly 2,800 students. Jakin will now compete at the State competition on May 4th with a chance to compete at the National SAR Congress in June.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the Chapter Website at www.hockingvalleysar.com or the Chapter Business Meeting Minutes email for more details, and read any email announcements that may involve corrections, cancellations, or reminders. Thank you.

Chapter Meetings: Sat, May 18, Jun. 22, Jul. 20, Aug. 17: Chapter Business Meeting, Lancaster, 11:00 AM

MAY

May 4, Sat: State Conference at Columbus Airport Marriot, 9:00 AM BOM Meeting and afternoon Poster Judging.

May 11, Sat: Certified Musket Safety, Firing, and Cleaning Class, at David Nessley's property near Sugar Grove, 11:00 AM. There will also be drill on firing commands and manual-of-arms.

May 23, Thu: Memorial Service for Revolutionary Soldiers of the Northwest Territory, at Mound Cemetery, Marietta. 9:30 AM.

May 27, Mon: Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony, in Granville, 9:45 AM.

JUNE

Jun.14, Fri: Flag Day Ceremony at the Shamrock Club, in Columbus, 4:00 PM.

Jun. 15, Sat: Grave-marking Ceremonies in Fulton County, starting at Edgar Cemetery, 12:30 AM, OR Washboard Festival Parade in Logan, 5:30 PM.

Jun. 29, Sat: Stars & Stripes Parade, at Sugar Grove, 10:00 AM (Tentative).

JULY

Jul. 4, Thu: Independence Day Parade, in Lancaster, 9:00 AM. For volunteers: Musket salute after reading of Declaration of Independence, in Logan, 6:00 PM (Tentative).

Jul. 13, Sat: Guarding Tomb of the Unknown Patriot, at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Jul. 23, Tue: Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids, Logan, 5:00 PM. Compatriots involved with Paul Revere Class.

Jul. 24, Wed: Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids, Logan, 5:00 PM. Posting of Colors, musket salute, and teaching classes on Continental Army, Militia, and Revolutionary War Medicine.

Jul. 27, Sat: Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fort Laurens, Bolivar. 10:00 AM.

AUGUST

Aug. 3, Sat.: The Baltimore Festival Parade "Hometown Heroes," in Baltimore, 9:30 AM.

