CCSAR Joins Independence Day Celebrations

Montgomery

It has been nearly a decade since the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) last marched in the City of Montgomery's July 4th Parade. At that time, the CCSAR would lead the parade, but over the years, our Color Guard numbers decreased and those who remained could no longer make the two mile trek.

This year demonstrated a revitalization of the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard with nine CCSAR members marching while a "camp follower" distributed red poppies to an enthusiastic crowd. Many of the onlookers applauded the Color Guard along the route. CCSAR's contingent was fifth in the march that began at the Sycamore Junior High School on Cooper Road to Montgomery Road and finished at Schoolhouse Lane just past the business district in Montgomery.

Camp follower, Emma Hartman, joined the CCSAR Color Guard members, led by Acting Commander John Bradley Jarard. She passed out poppies along the march of honor and remember our veterans and patriots. Emma is the daughter of Compatriot Dr. Jeffrey Hartman. The Color Guard wore uniforms of the Revolutionary War period that represented the dress of their patriot ancestors. The Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard is pictured above (left to right): Turner Lee Wilkerson, Joshua Hartman, John H. Bredenfoerder (CCSAR President, kneeling), Emma Hartman, Dr. Jeffrey Hartman, Connor Smith, John Bradley Jarard, Dr. Michael Gunn (kneeling), Shaun Smith and Rev. Ralph E. Bonniwell.

We were pleased to celebrate our country's birth by honoring those who declared its independence and fought to secure it.

Madeira

In the early evening of Monday, July 3 the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) mustered in the parking lot of the Madeira High School to march in the Annual Madeira Independence Day Parade. After organizing our ranks, we progressed towards Miami Avenue where there was a long pause, as a giant rotating fez and several peculiar one man small vehicles sped by in a circular motion (continued on page 6)
Presidents Message

August 4, 2017

PRESIDENT’S LETTER – August 2017

Compatriots,

July was an exceptionally eventful month for the Cincinnati Chapter: Four Independence Day Events, The NSSAR Congress in Knoxville, SAR Night at the Great American Ballpark, The OHSSAR Summer Board of Management Meeting and Fort Laurens Memorial Service, plus a Naturalization Ceremony at the American Red Cross on Dana Ave.

At the NSSAR Congress we celebrated! Compatriot Paul M. Wilke was inducted as NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year and the Cincinnati Chapter received the prestigious Liberty Bell Award for our Americanism work in 2016.

I had the honor to serve as the NSSAR Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Co-Chairman along with fellow Co-Chairman John Franklin from Ohio’s The Western Reserve Chapter. Our Ohio contestant, Isaiah Paik took Second Place in the overall competition. Compatriot Franklin was also honored and inducted as a Minuteman at the NSSAR Awards Night Ceremony.

At the OHSSAR Summer Awards Luncheon, President McGraw formally presented the CCSAR with the Liberty Bell Award, The chapter received the Patriot Biographies Award largely due to the amazing work of Compatriots Gunn and Blum. The Cincinnati Chapter was also awarded a certificate for participating in the 2016-2017 Partners in Patriotism program. The award recognizes our work with veterans groups in the pursuit of common goals. Franz Ott II was once again awarded the Liberty Medal for his outstanding recruitment efforts. There is much to celebrate!

Mark your calendar. On August 7th we will be posting the Colors for the Purple Heart Day Ceremony on Fountain Square. We will be welcoming the return of another Honor Flight to CVG on the evening of August 22nd. Also remember our September 6th Board of Management Meeting and Dinner at the Crowne Plaza. Dinner is at 6:00 PM – Meeting at 7 PM.

In the June newsletter, I requested that all the officers and committee chairmen evaluate their job descriptions and submit any revisions by September. These revisions will help us to further refine our Chapter By-Laws. I have asked Mike Blum to head up this effort. Mike did an outstanding job refining the last round of By-Laws revisions and he will certainly be an asset during this final polishing stage. Please take the next few weeks to develop your suggestions for improving your officer or committee description. You can find these descriptions in the By-Laws that can be downloaded in the Members’ Section of the CCSAR website. Please begin forwarding those suggestions to Mike and me at your earliest convenience.

Yours in patriotism,
Jack
The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial
(The first three paragraphs were presented to the Chapter and recorded in our archives in 1991)

In 1991, the Cincinnati Chapter S.A.R. issued a Resolution that supported the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.. This would be the first national symbol honoring enslaved and free black persons who fought in Revolutionary War.

The Department of Defense re-wrote its publication “Black Americans in Defense of Our Nation.” At the end of the chapter on the American Revolution there is a paragraph about the Patriots Memorial that says “It is significant to note that the Sons of the American Revolution has emerged as one of the strongest support groups.”

There were between 5,000 and 10,000 forgotten slaves and free blacks who voluntarily fought in the army, navy and militia between 1775 and 1783. Many blacks served as substitutes for their masters, fought alongside them or ran away and enlisted.

Twenty-six years later the Memorial has not been built. Numerous fund-raising attempts have failed. In 2013 the Congress finally authorized building of the “National Liberty Memorial.” A “National Mall Liberty Fund” was also authorized to once again to begin raising private funds to construct the memorial. Under the rules established, this fund has seven years remaining (until January 2, 2020) to raise the necessary funds to build the memorial and to obtain siting and design. On September 26, 2014 President Barack Obama signed legislation allowing the “National Liberty Memorial” to be placed on the National Mall on a site next to the Department of Agriculture. To learn more, check out this link: https://libertyfunddc.com/

George Stewart, Chapter Historian
The Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) held a ceremony on Independence Day at the SAR/DAR Revolutionary Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery Arboretum to honor the actions of 59 Patriots who are named on the Bronze Plaques there. This cemetery location has the largest number of Revolutionary War Patriot graves in the whole State of Ohio, and this is the fourth event held by CCSAR in as many years to recognize these brave colonists who risked all to give us the United States of America.

The nine members of CCSAR included eight of the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard. Emmie Blum was also present. She led us in the Pledge to the Flag and took the attached photograph. CCSAR members present were: Turner Lee Wilkerson, Robert Bowers, John Bradley Jarard, Michael Gunn, James Houston, John H. Bredenfoerder (CCSAR President), and Shaun Smith. First the colors were posted, we pledged to our flag, then recited the Pledge to the SAR, an Invocation was prayed by Emcee Gunn. Dignitaries present were OHSSAR Secretary Wilkerson and OHSSAR Treasurer Bredenfoerder. Then the memorial was formally re-dedicated: “We, the members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Re-dedicate this marked Memorial to the glory of God and in the recognition of the memory of these honorable Patriots of the American Revolution.”

Compatriot Bowers read some of the Patriot’s names; each followed name was followed by the chime of a bell rung by Compatriot Houston. Compatriot Bredenfoerder placed a wreath on behalf of CCSAR and Compatriot Blum placed a wreath on behalf of the Germany Society of SAR. Acting Color Guard Commander Jarard led a musket salute, fired by Compatriots Wilkerson, S. Smith and C. Smith. Compatriot Blum led the SAR Recessional, the colors were retired in place and the ceremony ended with a brief Benediction by Emcee Gunn.

This was a fitting ceremony for those responsible for the birthday we remember on the 4th of July! Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.
CCSAR Color Guard Commander Awarded Gold Medal

Contributed By: MICHAEL GUNN | CCSR

Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Commander Paul M. Wilke received the NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Award at the NSSAR Congress in Knoxville. Wilke is a resident of North Bend. The Gold Color Guard Medal was presented by President Gen. Michael Tomme during the annual Congress Awards Night.

Criteria for this prestigious award specify that each year, there shall be no more than one SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. He shall be selected pursuant to procedures set forth by the National Color Guard Committee. An SAR Color Guardsman must have both the bronze and silver color guard medals before he can be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. In addition, a Color Guardsman must have completed three years of service at the National level.

Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate one compatriot each year for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. State Societies and Chapters should consider that Compatriot who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit.

The SAR Color Guardsman of the Year must attend the SAR National Congress at which he is awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal, and is expected to attend the subsequent National Congress as well. For the year following his election, the Color Guardsman of the Year will carry the National SAR flag at all National events.

Pray~Hope~Believe Foundation (PHBF) 5K Run/Walk

Cincinnati Chapter Compatriot Paul M. Wilke and his granddaughter Anna K. Wilke presented the National Colors for the event’s opening flag raising ceremony. They then started the 5K Run/Walk with a patriotic dual musket firing.

The Pray~Hope~Believe Foundation (PHBF) is a nonprofit organization established to honor the memory of Tony Merk, a 6-year-old boy who died on July 4, 2011 after an almost three-year battle with brain cancer. The PHBF provides funding for pediatric brain tumor research.

The event took place at the Colerain Township Government Complex, 4200 Springdale Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CCSAR Compatriot Paul Wilke is pictured here at the right side of the Flag pole with his grand-daughter Anna, both amongst the participants in the event.
Naturalization Ceremony Welcomes 60

Cincinnati SAR President Jack Bredenfoerder welcomed 60 new citizens at a naturalization ceremony held at the Cincinnati Chapter Red Cross headquarters at 2111 Dana Ave on Friday, July 21. The Honorable Stephanie K. Bowman presided over the ceremonies.

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in order to please the attending crowd along the southern route down towards the business district.

The wait, however, was not without some local entertainment, as an 8 inch tall, dark green parrot sat on the cable wires above us. Apparently it was looking for something familiar as it bobbed its head up and down, but found nothing very familiar in the colonial clothing and uniforms worn by CCSAR that evening.

After the mobile crowd-pleasing festival passed, the more historical perspective was given the okay to proceed, so we started to march. In coordinated motion we traveled about 100 feet before another halt was called as we paused so action by the mobile festival could perform again somewhere down Miami Avenue in front of us. This is how the 1¾ mile progress until its end at Saint Gertrude School.

The experience was not without merits; we are finding a perceptible number of people who identify us as Revolutionary War soldiers, not pirates although sometimes children may be heard voicing "arggg" as the nine of us passed by. We carried a banner that read: Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, which helped those who can read. Followed by the Betsy Ross Flag, then five with muskets and Emma Hartman who carried a basket full of paper poppies and handed them out as gifts for those who care about veterans.

CCSAR participants: Jack Bredenfoerder, Lee Wilkerson, Michael Gunn, Jeff Hartman, Joshua Hartman, Shaun Smith, Connor Smith and Brad Jarard. We all hope you enjoyed celebrating the birthday of the Declaration of Independence, we did! And even a green parrot enjoyed some freedom.
Six members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Revolution (CCSAR) spent 5 days attending sessions, ceremonies and events including National Youth Awards and electing new national officers at the 127th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution held at the Knoxville, Tennessee Convention Center.

At the Youth Awards Luncheon national contestants for the Elementary School Poster, Brochure, Eagle Scout, ROTC Cadet, Essay and Oration were awarded from $200 to $10,000 for first place efforts and lesser amounts for the second and third placement. Participants said involvement in these events helped to promote character, increase confidence, foster Civic Responsibility and enhance critical thinking skills, in addition to being financial helpful to their educational costs.

Prestigious medals were presented to a few select members. The six Minuteman Awards and a single Gold Color Guard Medal were presented to our most deserving Compatriots. These recipients accepted their recognition in the most elaborate of ceremonial pomp and circumstance.

However, the most moving and impressive ceremony in the mind and eye of this author is that of the Memorial Service held on Sunday. It commemorates and honors the lives of the 658 SAR members who died during the last year. The event started with a march of the National Color Guard from the Convention Center to the First Baptist Church at 501 Main Street. Flags from each state in the Union and National Colors were posted inside the circumference of the chapel. We remembered this day, with thanksgiving to God, the lives of our lost Compatriots who so served God, our country and our society with devotion, loyalty and honor. They will live in our memory always, as they continue to live in a world not limited by time and space. Help us remember Lord! Help us remember Lord!

REMINDER

CCSAR Summer Picnic is on Sunday, August 13th at 2 PM in Sharon Woods Park.
CCSAR Members Honor Revolutionary War Patriots at Fort Laurens in Ohio

Fort Laurens is the only Revolutionary War Site in Ohio. It was constructed in 1778 as a stepping stone to the West and a location from which to stage attacks on the British at Fort Detroit during the American Revolution. The soldiers who built Fort Laurens started their journey at Fort Pitt in Pittsburgh, made their way down the Ohio River to build Fort McIntosh, then crossed Delaware (Lenape) Lands to reach the site of present day Bolivar, Ohio about 20 miles south of Canton and 40 miles west of Pennsylvania.

The British learned of some activity in the area and sent a group of their Native American allies along with Simon Girty, a colonial who was a British sympathizer and liaison with the Lenape tribe. They discovered upon arrival near the site of Ft. Laurens an unsuspecting group of unarmed American Soldiers gathering wood, ambushed them and left thirteen dead. They then laid siege to the Fort until starvation killed an additional number of soldiers, totaling 21 who lost their lives.

The fort was abandoned in 1779 and demolished later as part of the building of the Erie Canal.

Currently, no parts of the original Fort remain above ground, but archeology has identified its footprint and its outline, as well as the graves of some of the Patriots who were massacred here. The site is currently listed as a National Revolutionary Memorial and annually ceremonies are conducted here by the Ohio Society of SAR, Friends of the Fort Laurens Foundation, and the Zoar Community Association, whose goal is to some day re-construct this historically important structure.

On July 29, 2017 nine members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) joined over seventy others at a ceremony to honor the Patriots who lost their lives at Fort Laurens in 1778. They are: Donald McGraw; President Ohio Society SAR (OHSSAR); Turner Lee Wilkerson, Secretary OHSSAR; Jack Bredenfoerder, CCSAR President and OHSSAR Treasurer; Paul Wilke, Past Vice President General SAR; James D. Schaffer, Past OHSSAR President; Michael Gunn, Past CCSAR President; Shaun P. Smith; Connor M. Smith; and John Bradley Jarard.
For the Good of the Order

2017 COMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Mon Aug 7
Fri Aug 11th
Sun Aug 13
Tues Aug 22nd
Fri Aug 25th
Wed Sep 6th
Fri Sep 8th
Sun Sep 10th
Order of the Purple Heart, 11 AM Fountain Square
Naturalization 2 PM USDC Room 842
CCSAR Picnic 2 PM Sharon Woods
Honor Flight 9:30 PM CVG
Naturalization 2 PM USDC Room 842
CCSAR BOM Meeting 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Meeting, Crown Plaza
Naturalization 2 PM USDC Room 842
Constitution Day Luncheon, TBD

Membership
Any man of age eighteen (18) years or over, who is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who supported the war for American Independence is eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Men under eighteen (18) may join as junior members.

If you are interested in membership or need help with your application please do not hesitate to contact the Chapter Registrar, Franz B. Ott, II, at 513-384-7411.
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