The Americans during the Revolutionary War completed the construction of Fort Laurens—named after Henry Laurens, president of the Continental Congress—in early December 1778 under the command of General Lachlan McIntosh. The fort, built on the west bank of the Tuscarawas River (located in eastern Ohio 25 miles from both Canton in the north and Pennsylvania in the east) was to serve three purposes. First, the Americans hoped to use Fort Laurens as a base to attack the British garrison located at Detroit. Second, it would hopefully deter American Indians loyal to the British from conducting raids against American settlers in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. And finally, by offering protection to the neutral Christian Delawares, the Americans might convince them to forsake their neutrality and join the patriots’ cause.

In total, 21 soldiers (and 5 unknown) lost their lives at Fort Laurens after a handful of British soldiers and a couple hundred Wyandot, Mingo, Munsee, and Delaware warriors laid siege to the fort before it was abandoned in 1779. Later, part of the fort was demolished during the building of the Ohio and Erie Canal. Currently none of the original fort remains above ground, but the outline of the fort is visible.

However, we in the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honor those who died here during the War that gave us our freedom our liberty and our Country and hope that some day Ohio will recognize this, the only Revolutionary War site in the State by re-constructing this important historical site!
Presidents Message

Dear Distinguished Compatriots of the Cincinnati SAR,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the Cincinnati Chapter SAR has received the rare honor of receiving the top three major National SAR chapter awards in the same year:

**The Liberty Bell Americanism Award** (chapters 200+)
For the Chapter that presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles

**The President General’s Chapter Activities Competition Award** (chapters 200+)
For the Chapter based on size that presents evidence of the most activities.

**The President General Cup** (chapters 200+)
For the Chapter based on size that presents evidence of the most complete program of activities.

One might consider the receipt of these three awards in the same year as the equivalent of “The SAR Triple Crown”. I think it is safe to say that in 2017 we were the highest performing chapter in the country! Your combined work and dedication to the principles of patriotism have made this extraordinary recognition of our chapter possible. Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation.

On July 28th Ohio SAR President Shawn Cox presented these awards to the chapter at the OHSSAR Summer Board Meeting.

In addition, our Americanism Poster entry by Jackson Torrans received the **2nd Place National Award**. Many thanks to Chairman Dr. Bonniwell and the Americanism Poster Committee!

With much appreciation, respect and gratitude,

John H. Bredenfoerder
President, Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Wins Award at Local Parade

The CCSAR won the Best Patriotic Spirit award at the Montgomery Independence Day Parade. It is estimated that more than 5,000 spectators came out for this year's event. The crowd, all dressed in their red, white and blue, waved and cheered as our group of fine men (and one lady) marched down the street. It was a hot, muggy day but well worth the effort. Congratulations to the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard!

Reminder: The CCSAR Summer Picnic is Saturday, August 18th, from 4:30 to 8:00pm at the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead. There will be Food, Fun, Games and Prizes! Please plan to attend with your families and enjoy some time with your fellow compatriots.
SAR – The DAR’s Older Brother  George Stewart, Chapter Historian


Guest Column
Charles G. Edwards

How many readers of this newspaper know of the S.A.R.? When mentioning the Sons of the American Revolution, many people say that they have never heard of us, although we will be 100 years old April 30 [1989] – a year older than the Daughters of the American Revolution. The S.A.R. will celebrate its 100th birthday May 6 at 6:30 p.m. with a banquet and program at Imperial House North in Cincinnati and continue through May 7. S.A.R. members and guests from all walks of life will come from all parts of Ohio to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic organization composed of lineal descendants of colonists who took part on the American side in the Revolutionary War against the British. As the original states existed before our federal union was formed, so a number of state societies were organized before the formation of the national society. It grew out of their desire for a more perfect union. The Sons of Revolutionary Sires was the first of the modern state patriotic societies. It was planned and instituted Oct. 22, 1875, in San Francisco, where the 1989 Congress of the S.A.R. will be in July.

A call was issued for a delegate convention in New York City April 30, 1889, for the formation of a national society. On this date, the national society Sons of the American Revolution was organized, during the centennial celebration of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, at a meeting in the famous Fraunces Tavern where George Washington bade farewell to his generals at the close the Revolutionary War in 1783 and a few hundred yards from the spot where Washington was inaugurated April 30, 1789. The national society S.A.R. was given a charter by Congress June 6, 1906, signed by United States President and S.A.R. member Theodore Roosevelt.

The national society S.A.R. has its headquarters in Louisville, Ky., with a membership of more than 25,000 throughout the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland and Great Britain. There are 49 state societies plus the District of Columbia, with 429 chapters.

The Ohio Society S.A.R. was organized April 22, 1889. The first meeting was in Cincinnati May 28, 1890, at the Burnett House. The society has fostered and steadfastly supported legislation requiring the teaching of American history in Ohio’s public schools – a requirement that apparently had been inadvertently eliminated by the General Assembly when the General Code was revised.

The Cincinnati chapter S.A.R. was organized May 14, 1896, at the office of the Honorable John Fassett Follett and granted its charter March 11, 1896. One of the members of the board of management of the Ohio society at that time was the honorable William McKinley, inaugurated president of the United States in 1897.

There have been many prominent members of the Sons of the American Revolution, such as presidents Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Warren G. Harding, Herbert C. Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower and William H. Taft. Others were General Douglas MacArthur, Senator Robert A. Taft, Hulbert Taft Jr. of Taft Broadcasting Co., Kingsley A. Taft (justice of the Ohio Supreme Court), Senator Robert Taft Jr. and federal court Judge John Weld Peck.

Eisenhower’s message to the 69th Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution:

“George Washington once spoke of the responsibility each citizen bears in the ‘foundation of our national policy.’ As the Sons of the American Revolution encourage a broad and intelligent concern for the problems which face our nation and world, they strengthen the basic traditions of the Republic.”

Charles D. Edwards passed away in 2013. He lived on Fourson Drive in Delhi and was a past president of the Cincinnati chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.
Naturalization Ceremony

By Michael B. Gunn

On Friday, July 20, 2018 at 2 PM three members of the Cincinnati SAR attended a Naturalization at the Cincinnati Red Cross Headquarters at 2111 Dana Avenue. The Service introduced 69 new citizens from 39 different countries with a ceremony where His Honor Michael R. Barrett was the presiding judge.

Judge Barrett introduced Gerald Knight, Daniel Schmitz and Michael Gunn (past Cincinnati Chapter President), then requested Michael to explain to the new Citizen candidates what we were wearing and the significance of the uniforms.

He said “to be members of the Sons of the American Revolution we must prove ancestry to a patriot who contributed to the Revolutionary War effort. Many of us elect to wear replicates of those uniforms used by our patriot ancestors. Mine for instance is that of the 1st Virginia Light Dragoons, unique by the leather helmet, trimmed with a red turban and boots up above the knee, off white breeches and a red waist coat. The heavy wool jacket of navy blue with Red facings was left in the car as it is very hot today and uncomfortable to wear. We dress this way to remind people of the sacrifices our ancestors made, even to death to establish the freedom and liberties we enjoy here in these United States of America. Plus a further reminder that soldiers continue to risk, even to today, to maintain these gifts for each of us.”

After the oaths are taken, many attendees enjoy having their photos taken with the compatriots in colorful uniforms as a memento. We enjoy the ceremony of those who enter this country in the legal manner and the way it is supposed to be done! God bless America!
For the Good of the Order

AUGUST CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

**Fri Aug 10**  Purple Heart Day, Fountain Square, Cincinnati, OH
**Fri Aug 10**  Naturalization Ceremony, 2pm, USDC Room 842
**Sat Aug 11**  OHSSAR Changing of the Guard, Ft. Laurens State Memorial, 9 am
**Fri Aug 17**  Naturalization Ceremony, 2pm, USDC Room 842
**Sat Aug 18**  Battle of Blue Licks, Blue Licks, KY 1:45 pm
**Sat Aug 18**  CCSAR Summer Picnic, Waldschmidt House, Camp Dennison, OH 4:30 pm
**Fri Aug 24**  Naturalization Ceremony, 2pm, USDC Room 842
**Thur Aug 30**  Ye Old Social Hour 6:30pm, Parkers Tavern, Blue Ash
**Fri Aug 31**  Naturalization Ceremony, 2pm, USDC Room 842
**Wed Sept 5**  Chapter BOM Meeting, Dinner @ 6 pm, Meeting @ 7 pm,
**Thur Sep 6**  Cheviot Harvest Home Parade, 6 pm
**Fri Sep 7**  Hamilton Garfield Middle School
**Sat Sept 8**  Constitution Day Luncheon, 1 pm

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. remingtnstorm@gmail.com

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For More Information about the CCSAR, please visit our website at: CincinnatiSAR.org

Our Facebook page also has many more photos of the events that you see highlighted here.

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