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MESSAGE from the CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

We are half way though the year and it has certainly been a busy one. As you may recall, we do not hold formal meetings in July and August but I have arranged for brunch at the Crowne Plaza on 12 July and 9 August; just a chance to get together informally. On 12 July for those interested, a few of us will be going to the Pioneer memorial Cemetery (near Lunken Airport) to walk around following brunch. As always, if anyone has any suggestions, questions or just general comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may email me at Donald.c.mcgraw@gmail.com or call me at (513) 404-4982.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

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STAYING CONNECTED on the WEB

1. Cincinnati Chapter website: www.cincinnati.sar.org
2. Cincinnati Chapter Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati.sar>
3. OHSSAR Activities from around the state: <http://ohssardispatch.wordpress.com/>
4. OHSSAR website is up-dated at: <http://ohssar.org>
5. NSSAR website is recently up-dated at: <http://www.sar.org>

2014 COMING CHAPTER EVENTS

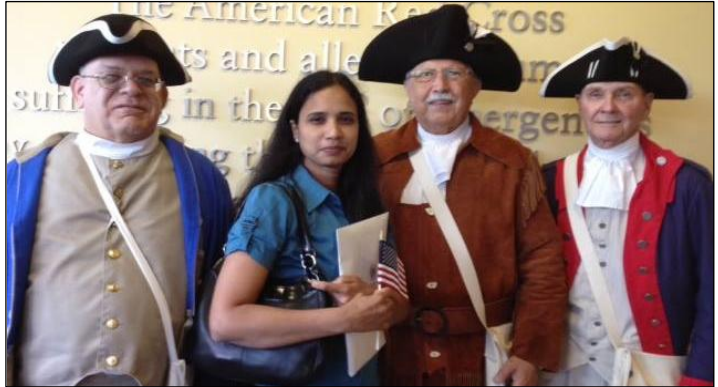
- July 4 Independence Day - *Happy Birthday, America!*
- July 11 Naturalization Citizenship Ceremony, USDC in Cincinnati, 2:00pm.
- July 12 CCSAR Saturday Breakfast Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blue Ash, 9:00am.
- July 18-24 NSSAR 124th Annual Congress at Greenville, South Carolina <http://congress.sar.org>
- July 25-26 OHSSAR at Bolivar Ohio, and Fort Laurens <http://ohssar.org>





CINCINNATI CHAPTER SAR ACTIVITIES

* On June 3rd, A Naturalization Citizenship Ceremony was conducted by the Honorable Judge Beckwith at the American Red Cross Headquarters on Dana avenue. Compatriots Gerry Knight, Ken Carpenter and Mike Gunn greeted the new citizens after they were inducted. More than 70 new U.S. citizens from 29 different countries swore allegiance to the U.S.A. SAR Chapter Compatriots were present to offer patriotic literature to the new citizens and their families.



* On June 11th, Chapter BOM began with supper at 6:00pm and the meeting followed. Chapter President Don McGraw presented two supplementals, one to Compatriot Jeff Hartman for Patriot Benjamin Musser and one to Compatriot Larry Collins for Patriot Stephan Riddle.



Compatriot Jeff Hartman



Compatriot Larry Collins

The monthly Chapter BOM minutes are now posted on the Chapter website, with the details of each meeting's business, which will be very briefly noted here. Compatriot Jim Schaffer gave a report from OHSSAR - State Committee Chairmen were named, and President Don McGraw will be the new State Chief Compliance Officer.

Compatriot Michael Gunn, 2nd V.P. is compiling a list of Time and Talent Pool Volunteers, to make it easier to match Chapter members with the many choices of activities and responsibilities which promote the SAR goals of patriotism, history and education.





The Cincinnati SAR Chapter Flag Day Celebration and Luncheon was held Saturday, June 14th at the Crowne Plaza, Blue Ash, with featured speaker Ohio Senator Joseph Uecker. He served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, and now represents the 14th Senate District. Senator Uecker is an outspoken advocate for Ohio's veterans, and was awarded the Department of Ohio VFW "Legislator of the Year" award in 2013.



* On June 21st Compatriot Jim Schaffer attended an event at the Blue Ash Veteran's Memorial Park during which a section of I-71 in Blue Ash was dedicated as the "Spc. Donald Scott Morrison Memorial Highway". A portion of I-71, between mile markers 16 and 17 in Hamilton County was renamed to honor the fallen Blue Ash soldier. Senator Bill Coley was also in attendance for the ceremony. Scott was a Blue Ash native and a 2005 Sycamore Community Schools graduate.

Also known to his many friends and family as "Scottie", he joined the Army in October 2008 as a combat engineer and was deployed to Afghanistan in December 2009. Prior to joining the military, Scott was the fitness coordinator at the Blue Ash Recreation Center since 2006.





***** REMINDERS*****

The remaining Honor Flights take off and return to CVG on August 19th, September 16th, and October 21st. Remember, the Veterans arrive from DC before 11:00pm, so be at CVG early in order to find convenient parking. And parking is free, if you ask for a voucher.

OPERATION ANCESTOR SEARCH

See the March 2014 newsletter for an article about how the OAS originated at NSSAR, and for details of how the OAS can help Veterans research their ancestors, at no cost.



Presently, OVH resident Sam Gilkison has applied for SAR membership, and another OVH veteran may yet be able to complete an application. Additional veteran interest at OVH is being solicited for continued OAS activity.

MEMBER APPLICATION STATUS

COMPATRIOT	TYPE	PATRIOT	STATUS
KENNETH CARPENTER	SUPPLEMENTAL	THOMAS KINKAID	APPROVED
JAMES HOUSTON	REGULAR	ALEXANDER SCOTT	AT NATIONAL
JAMES SCHAFFER	SUPPLEMENTAL	JACOB MASSEY	AT NATIONAL
JARED STONE	JUNIOR	JACOB MASSEY	MAILED TO STATE
FRANZ OTT	SUPPLEMENTAL	HENRY BRAY	MAILED TO STATE
MICHAEL SIMS	REGULAR	WILLIAM SIMS	MAILED TO STATE
ELLIS SIMS	JUNIOR	WILLIAM SIMS	MAILED TO STATE
JOSEPH SIMS	JUNIOR	WILLIAM SIMS	MAILED TO STATE
SAMUEL GILKISON	REGULAR	GEORGE WILSON	MAILED TO STATE
LEE WILKERSON	SUPPLEMENTAL	JOHN BRADLEY`	MAILED TO STATE
AARON DAVIS	REGULAR	THOMAS CHADWICK	PENDING SIGNATURE
JIM ZIEGLER	REGULAR	ELEAZOR ALLEN	NEW IN PROCESSING
TODD ZIEGLER	REGULAR	ELEAZOR ALLEN	NEW IN PROCESSING
COREY ZIEGLER	REGULAR	ELEAZOR ALLEN	NEW IN PROCESSING
JEFF HARTMAN	SUPPLEMTNALS	CONRAD CLAYCOMB	NEW IN PROCESSING
WILLIAM RYBOLT	REGULAR	JACOB RYBOLT	LOCALLY PENDED
JERRY WIGGINS	REGULAR	CHRISTIAN GISH	LOCALLY PENDED
JACK BREDFENFOEDER	SUPPLEMENTAL	JOHN HOPPER	LOCALLY PENDED

THE ORIGIN OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.





After ratifying the text on July 4, Congress issued the Declaration of Independence in several forms. Jefferson's original draft, complete with changes made by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, and Jefferson's notes of changes made by Congress, are preserved at the Library of Congress. The most famous version of the Declaration, a signed copy that is popularly regarded as the official document, is displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This engrossed copy was ordered by Congress on July 19, and signed primarily on August 2.

The Declaration justified the independence of the United States by listing colonial grievances against King George III, and by asserting certain natural and legal rights, including a right of revolution. Having served its original purpose in announcing independence, references to the text of the Declaration were few for the next four score years. Abraham Lincoln made it the centerpiece of his rhetoric (as in the Gettysburg Address of 1863), and his policies. Since then, it has become a well-known statement on human rights, particularly its second sentence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Observance of Independence Day

- In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.
- In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.
- In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.
- In 1781 the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.
- In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

