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**MESSAGE FROM THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

As you can tell by this newsletter, your Chapter has been hard at work this year. We have had a successful first half of the year especially with our membership recruiting and outreach efforts. The involvement of new members in these programs is very encouraging and speaks highly of the quality of our membership. As we head into our summer break, I trust you will return in September with a continued and maybe re-energized commitment to our patriotic, historical and educational efforts.

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](mailto:Donald.c.mcgraw@gmail.com) or call me at (513) 404-4982. I look forward to working with you all in 2013.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

**2013 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Elected at the November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 Thanksgiving Day Luncheon & Chapter Membership meeting, your Cincinnati Chapter Officers and Board of Management members for 2013 are:

President - Donald C. McGraw Jr.  
First Vice-President - Ian M. Cunningham  
Second Vice-President - Kenneth R. Burck  
Secretary - Christon J. Hurst  
Treasurer - Gerald Knight  
Registrar - Franz B. Ott II  
Historian - Ervin Dalton

Chaplain - Kenneth G. Carpenter  
Board of Management Member - Michael J. Blum  
Board of Management Member - Larry W. Collins  
Board of Management Member - Larry J. Denny  
Board of Management Member - Thomas R. Luce  
Board of Management Member - George Stewart Jr.  
And All Living Past Presidents

**STAYING CONNECTED: CCSAR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

Your Chapter has been hard at work this year keeping the membership informed and reaching out to prospective members. Two initiatives have resulted from these efforts.

1. There is a new **Cincinnati Chapter of the SAR website**: [www.cincinnati-sar.org](http://www.cincinnati-sar.org) Compatriot Jack Bredenfoerder has taken on the project to update and maintain our new website.
2. At the same time last fall, we launched the **Cincinnati Chapter of the SAR Facebook** page. This page is used to keep our meeting schedule current, to post upcoming events and to advertise the things the Chapter does for the community and our patriotic heritage. A link to the Facebook page is at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cincinnati-Chapter-Ohio-Society-Sons-of-the-American-Revolution/306890799391223>

## OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Earlier this year OHSSAR President Steve Kelley started a Blog on-line that highlights SAR events throughout Ohio. You can view the Blog at <http://ohssardispatch.wordpress.com/> Watch for articles submitted by SAR Chapters from around Ohio, as well as from our own Chapter.

The OHSSAR Winter Board of Management met on 1 & 2 February, 2013 at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Compatriot James D. Shaffer has been elected 2nd Vice President, Ohio Society, SAR.

## RECENT CINCINNATI CHAPTER SAR ACTIVITIES

\* Miller Historical Flag Collection was displayed January 8th, 2013, at the Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. SAR Compatriot Paul M. Wilke told the stories of 70 flags from before the American Revolution up to the present day, tracing the evolution of the many flags which have symbolized this nation's struggle for freedom, and the birth of the United States of America. Wilke was assisted by Valerie Wilke and Compatriots Ian Cunningham and Jim Schaffer.

The Cincinnati Chapter is proud to be the custodians of the collection of 3 ft. by 5 ft. reproduction flags which accurately depict the colors and designs of the originals, and are described based upon authentic historical research.



\* On a cold February 2nd, we helped the North Bend Community celebrate President William Henry Harrison's birthday. Local chapters of the SAR and DAR added assistance. Brigadier General Alton Berry gave the commemorative address.



\* On February 6th, Samantha Atel received the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Scholarship from the CCSAR.

\* On February 16th, the Cincinnati Chapter SAR members were guests of the NSDAR Cincinnati Chapter DAR for their President's Day Luncheon, at the Cincinnati Women's Club. Color Guard posted and retired the colors.



## CINCINNATI PATRIOT

\* Compatriot Gerald Knight posted and retired the colors for three Naturalization Ceremonies during Jan., Feb. and Mar. and Compatriot Paul Wilke posted and retired the colors at NSSAR Spring Leadership.

\* The Cincinnati Chapter displayed the Miller Flag Collection at the Cincinnati Museum Center over the Washington Birthday weekend, February 22 & 23. Hosted by the Cincinnati History Museum, "OH Pioneer 2013" is an annual event highlighting the skills and lives of the pioneers of early Ohio Territory. — at [Cincinnati History Museum](#).



\* On March 6th, the Cincinnati Chapter was proud to announce our Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest winner, Anthony Thompson, a junior at Winton Woods High School. He represented our Chapter at the OHSSAR Annual Meeting/Oration Contest on the 27th of April in Dublin, Ohio, and won 1st Place in the state oration contest. He will now represent our chapter and OHSSAR at the NSSAR National Congress/Oration Contest in July in Kansas City.



\* On March 16th, the Miller Historical Flag Collection was displayed and demonstrated in Portsmouth, Ohio, at the Joseph Spencer Chapter DAR meeting, on the seventh floor of the Masonic Temple. Compatriots McGraw, Wilke and Cunningham were in attendance, with assistance from Valerie and Anna. A comment was heard that Paul had not been as high as the 7th floor, before.

\* On Saturday March 23rd, two WWII veterans were honored with French Legion of Honor Medals, at the Ohio Veteran's Home in Georgetown, Ohio. Sgt. Daniel R. Constable entered the Army in Feb. 1944, and Sgt (T/5) Joseph R. Shinkle entered the Army Nov. 1942. Presiding Andrew Vogel, OVH director, and Col. Thomas Moe,



Director of the Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services. Compatriot Jim Weeks was instrumental in guiding the award application process.



\* On April 10th, Compatriot Paul Wilke inducts 3 new compatriots: Chris Imbus for his patriot Joseph Reynolds, Franz Ott Sr. for his patriot Dennis Hudson and Ed Waltz for his patriot Hezekiah Barker.



\* On March 23rd, three new members are inducted into the SAR by Paul Wilke and President Don McGraw. Ian and Carl Abernathy, for their patriot William Abernathy, and Louis Parker, for his patriot Daniel Shuster.

\* The Dan Beard Council of Boy Scouts of America, Blue Jacket District, held the 2013 Blue Jacket Rendezvous on April 19-21, at Cub World and Peterloon Field in Loveland, Ohio. Cincinnati Chapter SAR members, Don McGraw, Mike Gunn & Ian Cunningham spoke to the participating Scouts about Revolutionary War history and citizenship in today's world.



\* On April 13th, Cincinnati SAR Chapter Compatriot Brian Schilling presented an SAR award to Princeton High School Navy JROTC Cadet Nicholas Graves. The 16th Annual Cadet Awards Banquet and Ball Ceremony was held at the Sharonville Crowne Plaza Hotel, under the direction of R. D. Brockway, LCMD, USN, (Ret).

\* On April 24th, Compatriots Paul Wilke and Mike Gunn offered their congratulations to Andre Colon, 2013 recipient of the SAR JROTC Award at Diamond Oaks High School. This spring, a total of ten JROTC awards were given to outstanding Cadets, and five ROTC awards went to college ROTC students.



\* The Ohio Genealogical Society held its 52nd annual conference at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati on April 25-27. The Cincinnati Chapter SAR had a recruitment display table in the vender's exhibit hall, where Compatriots Ian Cunningham and Gordon Stokely were on hand to tell the SAR story to all who came by. Attended by about 625 visitors, speakers and exhibitors, the exhibit hall was completely filled with 40 exhibitors, including the Cincinnati Chapter SAR.

Next year the OGS Conference will be at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio from April 30 to May 3, 2014. Contact Compatriot Kenny Burck at [kburck@juno.com](mailto:kburck@juno.com) for details about 2014 OGS Conference.

# CINCINNATI PATRIOT

\* On May 8th, three of the newest Chapter members were inducted by President Don McGraw and 1st V.P. Ian Cunningham; David Stroup for his patriot Jacob C. Edick, Carlos Day for his patriot John Dye, and Thomas Cunningham, for his patriot Thomas Cunningham. Three more family members of Carlos', were not present for the photo.



\* The Cincinnati Chapter would also like to welcome two new transfer members, Keith Williams from Alabama, and Eddie Wilson from Colorado.

Reminder: All membership and supplemental applications as well as questions or communications about them are to be directed to the Chapter Registrar, Franz Ott, 4330 Southcross Dr. Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 735-2308, [franzbott@yahoo.com](mailto:franzbott@yahoo.com).

## 2013 NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE

New Members Approved 9  
New Members Pending Approval 3  
Supplemental Approved 2  
Supplemental Pending Approval 7  
Applications in processing 4

## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

For this Editor's first newsletter, please forgive any omissions and/or errors. Suggestions and corrections from the membership will always be welcomed.

## CINCINNATI CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

5-Jun-13	Dinner & BOM Meeting – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)
15-Jun-13	Flag Day Luncheon & Flag Retirement – Location TBA
13-Jul-13	Breakfast Meeting (Sat) – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (9AM)
10-Aug-13	Breakfast Meeting (Sat) – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (9AM)
11-Sep-13	Dinner & BOM Meeting – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)
14-Sep-13	Constitution Day Luncheon – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (12PM)
9-Oct-13	Dinner & BOM Meeting – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)
6-Nov-13	Dinner & BOM Meeting – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)
16-Nov-13	Thanksgiving Luncheon – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (12PM)
4-Dec-13	Dinner & BOM Meeting – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)
14-Dec-13	Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner – Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash (6PM)