



# **CINNATI PATRIOT**

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## **GEORGE WASHINGTON, POET**

When you think of George Washington, what image springs into your mind?

For many, it is of an inspiring general who led an ill-fed rag-tag army to victory over the mightiest military machine on earth.

Others recall him literally towering over his confreres at the Constitutional Convention, creating a nation that has stood the test of time.

But how many ever think of a moon-struck teenager, writing mushy poetry to a neighbor girl whom he admired from afar?

At age sixteen, the Father of Our Country penned the following less than immortal lines:

"From your bright sparkling eyes I was undone. Rays you have more transparent than the sun, Amidst its glory in the rising Day, None can you equal in your bright array; Constant in your calm and unspotted Mind, Equal to all, but will to none prove kind; So, knowing, seldom one so young, you'll find

Ah! woe is me, that I should love and conceal, Long have I wishes, but never dare reveal, Even thou severely love's pains I feel, Xerxes that great, wasn't free from Cupid's Dart, And all the greatest Heros, felt the smart."

Fortunately for us, he later abandoned the thought of becoming a poet and paid more attention to soldiering.

Greetings Compatriots,

I would like to thank the Board of Management members for the opportunity to serve as Chapter President for the year 2004.

You will note that we are going to change our monthly meeting location and time. This is what we hope will bring more compatriots to participate in our activities.

In the future, starting in March we are going to have guest or compatriot speakers to talk on different themes of interest to all.

The Color Guard is off to another year with our first event on February 7th a parade and musket salute at Harrison's Tomb. Also, a rededication of the Vietnam Memorial in Eden Park, a new Memorial dedication in Northern Kentucky and Grave Marking with musket salute in August at my Patriot ancestor's grave.

I am looking forward to a busy and successful year with input, suggestions and help from fellow Compatriots.

Yours in Patriotism,  
Paul M. Wilke  
President Cincinnati Chapter SAR  
Secretary OHSSAR

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## **ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE**

Valley Forge, Concord, Cowpens, Point Pleasant, Fort Laurens and many other battles were important events in the victorious battle for independence for the United States of America.

The authenticity of our historical past is in danger of being lost. The knowledge of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other American Founding Fathers must be preserved.

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage will do just that -- and will serve United States citizens from coast to coast.

It is now our turn to preserve for posterity the history of the Revolutionary War and the Patriots who risked everything they possessed for our liberty. We can make it happen by providing everyone with dynamic programs that tell the remarkable story of the sacrificial achievements of our Forefathers.

The Center's educational activities are actually already underway. For example, over 4,000 Cds titled "America's Heritage, an Adventure in Liberty" -- a history lesson plan for elementary, middle and high school teachers and students -- have been distributed to schools nationwide, with added Cds being sent out every day from National Headquarters in Louisville. Other ambitious plans are in work to spread the word about our country's historical achievements and genealogical records.

You -- Compatriots of the SAR -- are key fighters in preserving the events of our American Heritage. History will record the success or failure of our efforts. Your support is needed now!

We can reach our goal if every Compatriot offers a modest contribution of \$100 -- or a check now for \$100 and a pledge of \$100 per year for the next 4 years.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE FORM

Please send THIS FORM TO: The SAR Foundation, Inc., 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203

To make possible the construction of a new Center for Advancing America's Heritage and to inspire my fellow Compatriots to support the patriotic, historical and educational mission of SAR, I/we pledge the following sum:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)    \_\_\_ I wish this gift to remain anonymous.

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, payable to: SAR Foundation, Inc.

**The balance will be paid as follow: Year 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 4 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I/we expect to make the next payment on \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

Special Instructions or Designations: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SAR Society/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

I received two applications from Dan Beard Council Eagle Scouts. Our chapter winner was James Turnwald, a senior at Loveland High School. His essay was on John Hancock. The other applicant was from Owen Waits, a junior at Little Miami High School who lives in Morrow.

Harry Sjolín  
Chairman, Eagle Scout Scholarship  
Cincinnati Chapter

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**For information on Cincinnati Chapter SAR activities, officers, committees, etc. please see our Web Site at ["http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohccsar/"](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohccsar/).**

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**NOLAN CARSON MEMORIAL COLOR GUARD**

Our Color Guard consists of members of the American Revolution, outfitted with revolutionary era uniforms and muskets. We are available to post the National Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem at your meeting or event.

We can provide a musket salute, depending on the event. We participate in parades, grave marking ceremonies, meetings, school American history lessons, luncheons, sporting events, etc.

Contact the Color Guard Commander, John E. Simmons, to schedule your event. He can be reached at: 4017 Benjamin Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245-2225 (telephone: 513-947-0212) E-Mail ["mailto:bert1957@aol.com"](mailto:bert1957@aol.com)

All members are volunteers. Donations are accepted to help outfit the unit with uniforms and accouterments.

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**FLAGS OF OUR NATION SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

Compatriot and Mrs. Paul M. Wilke are available to give presentations in our area schools on "Flags of Our Nation." To schedule a presentation, contact Compatriot Wilke at: 3361 Shady Lane, North Bend, Ohio 45052-9538 (telephone: 513-941-7878) E-Mail: ["mailto:tinman01@fuse.net"](mailto:tinman01@fuse.net)

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**NOTE:** If you have any suggestions for activities to improve our meetings or for meeting locations, please contact our President Paul Wilke.

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Any man of the age of eighteen 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.

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Posted on Sat., Aug. 23, 2003

### **Descendants furious over removal of Daniel Boone's name from Kentucky highway**

**Roger Alford**

**Associated Press**

**HAZARD, Ky.** Descendants of Daniel Boone are furious over Kentucky's decision to drop the frontiersman's name from a mountain highway and give that honor to the area's congressman.

"This is a slap in the face to Daniel Boone and the entire Boone family," said Rochelle Cochran, president of the Boone Society, a national group of descendants of the famous explorer. "You may as well melt down the Liberty Bell. Do we not care about our history, about our founding fathers?"

Gov. Paul Patton's spokesman, Rusty Chevront, acknowledged Friday that the changing of the Daniel Boone Parkway to the Hal Rogers Parkway came at the governor's recommendation.

And Kentucky's transportation secretary only angered descendants further by saying it was about time the state started honoring some new heroes.

"There are no bears to slay, nor gaps to discover on treks to the West, so the heroes of our time follow new paths to greatness," Transportation Secretary James Codell wrote in a letter to the Boone Society.

He added: "As events unfold and the present becomes the history of tomorrow, it becomes appropriate to honor those persons who are the heroes of today."

*Rogers, a Republican from Somerset*, has represented eastern Kentucky in Congress for 23 years and helped obtain the \$13 million in federal funding that allowed the state to eliminate tolls on the parkway.

"Maybe U.S. Rep. Rogers is more well-known than I thought, but I had never heard of him before this came up," said Cochran, a resident of Hot Springs, Ark., who claims to be a distant niece in Boone's lineage.

"If the congressman had thought about it, it would have been a smart political move to decline having his name on the highway," she said. "It would have made him look so much more like a statesman, rather than just a politician who brought home the pork."

A Rogers' spokesman said Friday that the congressman would have no further comment. His only public statement on the issue was that he was honored and humbled to have the highway named for him. A spokesman for Patton said he was traveling Friday and unavailable for comment.

Since *the* decision was made in June, all the *Daniel Boone* signs along the 60-mile, two-lane road through rugged mountain forest have been replaced with Hal Rogers signs.

The Boone Society is hoping it's not too late to put it back the way it was. It has launched a public relations campaign and released a statement of its own calling it incomprehensible how this could happen in the state that Boone himself opened up to settlement.

The rugged, buckskin-clad explorer's place in the history of Kentucky is indeed legendary. Boone, who lived from 1734 to 1820, built *his* reputation as the model of the American frontiersman in the 1770s for hacking out the Wilderness Road, which led early settlers across the Appalachian Mountains to points west, and helping defend early encampments from Indians.

Ivan Lancaster, a Boone descendant from Trafalgar, Ind., said Rogers is not the one at fault in this situation, even though he could have declined the honor.

"I kind of feel like he is a victim of this, too, in a way, Lancaster said. The people who decided to honor Mr. Rogers were not thinking straight. They did him a great disservice, and they certainly did a disservice to Daniel Boone."

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### **CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2004**

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## March Board of Management Meeting

On Wednesday March 3rd at 6:00 PM our Board of Management dinner Meeting will be held at the Manor House, the Restaurant for Maple Knoll Village. The Manor House is located at 600 Maple Trace Drive in Springdale (513-782-4300). They have a wide variety of entree's as well as a bar & we will be in a private room.

Directions: Coming north on I-75, exit at Sharon Road go west (Lt.) approx. 2 miles to Springfield Pike (Route 4) at Traffic Light. Turn right and go approx 1/2 mile and turn right at the next Traffic Light onto Maple Trace Drive.

Coming from I-275, take Route 4 exit and go south approx 1 1/4 miles crossing Northland Blvd. to the next Traffic Light which is Maple Trace Drive.

If you come via Ronald Reagan Highway, exit at the Galbraith Road and go East to Springfield Pike, turn north (Lt) on Springfield Pike continue on Springfield Pike through Wyoming across Sharon Road to Maple Trace Drive on the right. Follow Maple Trace Drive to the manor House.

After the March meeting we can decide as the meeting location of future BOM meetings.

## *Meetings & Announcements*

February 3, 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting 6:00pm Rusty's
February 7, 2004	Harrison Tomb Memorial - 10:00am
February 21, 2004	George Washington Birthday Luncheon at the Vernon Manor
February 27-28, 2004	Spring Trustees Meeting at Louisville, Kentucky
March 3, 2004 - Wednesday	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting 6:00pm New location - Manor House
April 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting Boone County Library - Simon Kenton Speaker
April 2004	Vietnam War Memorial Dedication in Eden Park, Cincinnati - President George W. Bush
May 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
May 2004	Memorial Day Parade, Blue Ash
June 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
June 2004	Flag Day Luncheon
July and August	There will be no Cincinnati Chapter meetings.

July 3-7, 2004	114th National Congress Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
September 2004	Constitution Day Luncheon
September 2004	National Trustee's Meeting Louisville, Kentucky
October 2004	Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Service Point Pleasant, West Virginia
October 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
October 2004	Central District Annual Meeting
November 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
November 2004	Thanksgiving Day Luncheon
December 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting
Rusty's Ristorante 8028 Blue Ash Rd	Telephone 513-793-6881
The Manor House, at Maple Knoll Village. 600 Maple Trace Drive in Springdale.	Telephone 513-782-4300

**Sons of the American  
Revolution  
President's Day  
Program**

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 (12:00 p.m.)**

**Vernon Manor (513) 281-3300, 400 Oak St., Cincinnati, OH 45219**

**Awards Presentation and Speaker:**

**Patsy Gaines portraying Mrs. Anthony Wayne**

**Mrs. Gaines is an active member of the DAR at the local and state level.**

**Menu:**

**Top Sirloin or Vegetable Lasagna**

**Mixed Green Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables**

**Coffee/Tea/Decaf/Iced Tea**

**Assortment of Cakes**

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**Please make checks payable to Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American  
Revolution and**

**send them no later than February 14, 2004 to:**

**Brian Schilling, 1084 Morado Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238-4444**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Choose one: Top Sirloin (\$20.00) or Vegetable Lasagna (\$20.00)**