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Greetings Compatriots,

We are over half way through the SAR year. It sure has been a busy one for myself and the color guards. The color guard has participated in several events in Ohio, Kentucky and one in Indiana. Some of the Highlights were Harrison's Tomb in Cleves, Ohio, The Cincinnati Art Museum, Vietnam Memorial in Eden Park, New Memorial in Walton, KY., Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention, and Marking Sgt. Brown's Grave Site.

Valerie and I did some school presentations with the usual questions like "Did you meet General George Washington at Valley Forge?" and "Did any Redcoats shoot at you?" Speaking of Valerie (my wife) do you know that there is a very active Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies do their activities during OHSSAR meetings and enjoy whatever they do.

As your President I have attended National Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY., NSSAR National Congress in Pittsburgh, PA. and OHSSAR Meetings in Columbus, St. Clairsville, and Zoar, OH.

The rest of the year will also be busy with meetings, Grave Markings, Posting Colors, Schools, and whatever else we can do to promote PATRIOTISM. I am always open to suggestions and help from fellow Compatriots. "TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT" is a neat saying that is an invitation to you to become active with us who did and now do.

Yours in Patriotism,
Paul M. Wilke
Cincinnati Chapter President
OHSSAR Secretary
Southwest District Chairman

President Bush Proclaims September 11 as Patriot Day

President Bush

Presidential Proclamation Released by the White House Office of the Press Secretary

Washington, DC

September 4, 2002

On this first observance of Patriot Day, we remember and honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We will not forget the events of that terrible morning nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania - with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope.

We will always remember our collective obligation to ensure that justice is done, that freedom prevails, and that the principles upon which our Nation was founded endure.

Inspired by the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens, our Nation found unity, focus, and strength. We found healing in the national outpouring of compassion for those lost, as tens of millions of Americans participated in moments of silence, candlelight vigils, and religious services. From the tragedy of September 11 emerged a stronger Nation, renewed by a spirit of national pride and a true love of country.

We are a people dedicated to the triumph of freedom and democracy over evil and tyranny. The heroic stories of the first responders who gave their all to save others strengthened our resolve. And our Armed Forces have pursued the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and elsewhere with valor and skill. Together with our coalition partners, they have achieved success.

Americans also have fought back against terror by choosing to overcome evil with good. By loving their neighbors as they would like to be loved, countless citizens have answered the call to help others. They have contributed to relief efforts, improved homeland security in their communities, and volunteered their time to aid those in need. This spirit of service continues to grow as thousands have joined the newly established USA Freedom Corps, committing themselves to changing America one heart at a time through the momentum of millions of acts of decency and kindness.

Those whom we lost last September 11 will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our Nation. As we mark the first anniversary of that tragic day, we remember their sacrifice; and we commit ourselves to honoring their memory by pursuing peace and justice in the world and security at home. By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has authorized and requested the President to designate September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2002, as Patriot Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services and candlelight vigils.

I also call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

Further, I encourage all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time, or another appropriate commemorative time, to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty seventh.

GEORGE W. BUSH

CONSTITUTION DAY (CITIZENSHIP DAY)

September 17

On this day in 1787 the Constitution was approved and submitted to the states for ratification. Thirty-nine delegates signed.

The United States Constitution is the oldest national constitution in the world. It has influenced the governments of an estimated 165 other nations as they wrote their constitutions.

The average age of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention was 44 years. About half were lawyers and about half were college graduates. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest at 81 years; Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest at 26 years.

Two delegates to the Constitutional Convention went on to become Presidents of the United States -- George Washington and James Madison.

The Constitution was drafted in less than 100 working days.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER, SAR**

July 31, 2004

The following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Cincinnati Chapter, SAR, will be submitted to the Chapter Board of Management (BOM) at the September 1, 2004 meeting. If approved by the BOM, the changes will be submitted to the Chapter for approval at the September Constitution Day Luncheon meeting:

1. The date of the annual election and installation of officers will be changed from the Annual Meeting of the Chapter in December to the November Thanksgiving meeting of the Chapter. The new officers' terms will begin immediately after the Annual Meeting in December.
2. The positions of the 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents will be eliminated as was approved in the October, 2003, meeting of the BOM.

3. The listing of annual Chapter dues and fees for new applications will be removed and replaced with the statement that the annual chapter dues and application fees will be established by the BOM. These will be attached to the constitution as a supplement. (Chapter approval of revised dues and fees will not be required.)

Note: An increase in Chapter annual dues from \$8.00 to \$12.00, an increase of Chapter fees for new applications from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and a new Chapter fee for supplemental applications of \$5.00 will be proposed to BOM at the September 1, 2004 meeting. These will go into effect for the year 2005. The Treasurer will collect the proposed 2005 dues in September, 2004. Should the proposed changes not be approved, the overpayment will be credited towards the 2006 dues.

4. A standing committee will be established to make arrangements and to select programs and speakers for meetings of the Chapter. The committee will consist of a chairman and two members, at a minimum.
5. The number of elected members to the BOM will be reduced from nine to five. All living Past Presidents in good standing will be members of the BOM. (Presently, the limit for Past Presidents is the last 10 living and in good standing.)
6. A webmaster will be added as a standing committee.

After review and approval of these changes, the Temporary Constitution Committee will prepare and propose more detailed changes that conform to the present operation of the Chapter and to improve the effectiveness of the Chapter. Submitted by the temporary Constitution Revisions Committee: Martin Greene, George Seldon, Bob French and Bill Fahr—Chairman.

PRICE GAINES, JR.

January 20, 1923-June 24, 2004

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Price Gaines, Jr.**, 81, beloved husband of Patsy.

Price was a member and past president of the Sons of the American Revolution, a Presbyterian church elder, a Kentucky Colonel, past president of the Cincinnati Jaycee's and member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He served in the United States Naval Reserve July 1, 1943 to August 19, 1946.

Mr. Gaines received an SAR 25-year membership pin in 1981; an SAR War Service Medal in 1989; a 50-year SAR Membership pin in 2002; and the photo shows him receiving the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award at the chapter's Washington's Day luncheon at the Vernon Manor Hotel just this last February. Presenting the award was Chapter President Paul Wilke. This award was for outstanding service to the community and the Cincinnati Chapter SAR.



Mr. Gaines also received numerous awards from insurance societies. He served for 23 years at the National Underwriter Company, retiring in 1990.

At the National Congress these members of the Sons of the American Revolution wait to board a bus in front of the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers, Downtown, for a memorial service. Our Chapter President Paul Wilke is second from right.



SGT. WILLIAM BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, July 24 a Memorial Service and dedication of a government marker was held at Memorial Pioneer Cemetery on Wilmer Avenue in Cincinnati, with approximately 45 in attendance, including members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and descendants of Sgt. Brown.

Following Presentation of the Colors by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, various speakers were introduced by M. C. Charles Edwards. Chapter President Paul Wilke talked about the importance and activities of and membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Brian Schilling gave a dissertation on the life of Revolutionary War hero and one of the first recipients of the Purple Heart (Badge of Military Merit) Sgt. William Brown. Fred Payne talked about the history of Memorial Pioneer Cemetery. Fred is responsible for cleaning up the cemetery and collecting and repairing broken stones over many years. John Erby of the Purple Heart Society gave a history of the Purple Heart.

Those who missed this ceremony missed out on a great deal of history. I urge anyone to attend any Grave-Marking or Memorial ceremony honoring our Revolutionary War patriots. It will be well-worth it.

Sergeant William Brown was a member of the 5th and 8th Connecticut Regiment. He enlisted in the army at the age of 16. He fought bravely at Germantown, survived the cold winter at Valley Forge, fought at Monmouth and at Stony Point.

Sgt. Brown led the assault on Redoubt #10 at the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia. He and the men faced murderous fire in hand-to-hand combat until they captured the bunker a quarter of an hour later with surprisingly few casualties.

Sgt. Brown received the Badge of Military Merit on May 3, 1783 for his "Forlorn Hope" mission at the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia. It was pinned on him by George Washington.

After the war William Brown and his family moved to the Columbia settlement. He became an important member of the community. He helped build roads, founded a school, and served in the Ohio Militia until his death in 1804.

WALTON VERONA VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

May 31, 2004

Following the Posting of the Colors by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard of the Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Compatriot Brian Schilling of the Cincinnati Chapter S. A. R. gave a talk on Revolutionary War hero and one of the 1st recipients of the Purple Heart (Badge of Military Merit) Sgt. William Brown. Compatriot Schilling compared Sgt. Brown with the war heroes of today and of all the wars since the Revolutionary War.

Chapter President Paul Wilke presented a Membership Certificate to new member **Paul Tipton** (left) at Compatriot Tipton's home on Memorial Day. Compatriot Tipton is legally blind and can no longer drive to attend our meetings.



On Sunday, July 18 OHSSAR Southwest District Chairman Paul M. Wilke and his wife Valerie, together with former VPG Bob French and his wife Ardis, attended the annual summer picnic of Richard Montgomery Chapter held at the Washington Township Recreation Center in Dayton. Compatriot Wilke recognized the Richard Montgomery Chapter for its support of SAR objectives with special recognition of the chapter's long time care and control of the Ohio Society Hub Scott flag collection, which consists of about 100 flags. Compatriot Wilke presented Certificates of Appreciation to Helen Handley and Cheryl Lincoln for their support in the cleaning and maintenance of the flags. Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Robert Keen and Bernard Handley (center) for their support in transporting and setting up of the flags where their display was requested at OHSSAR functions and the State of Ohio Bicentennial Celebrations. On the left is Southwest District Chairman Paul Wilke and on the right is former VPG Robert French.



FLAG CERTIFICATE AWARD

Master Print Center of Cheviot was recently honored by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for exemplary patriotism for the continuous daily display of the flag of the United States of America. Accepting the SAR Flag Certificate Award from Chapter President Paul Wilke is Master Print Center Manager



Pam Taylor. Joining her in the presentation ceremony are (from Pam's left) co-workers Denise Traynor, Lee Ann Sander, and Rick Krieger.

The SAR Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. The flag must be flown or otherwise displayed continuously every day.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) are descendants of Revolutionary War patriots by birth and their goals are to recognize good citizenship and patriotism and make us all aware of our heritage and the sacrifices of our ancestors.

JROTC: HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY --

On May 14 Tom and Harry Geimeier presented Cadet Daniel Johnson with an SAR Certificate and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

ROTC: UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI --

On May 27 Harry Sjolin presented Cadet Lucas Miller with an SAR Certificate and a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

CALENDAR

September 1, 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	The Manor House at Maple Knoll Village, 600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale	
September 4, 2004	Dual Grave Marking Ceremony, Finneytown Cem.	2:00
September 11, 2004	Constitution Day Luncheon	12:00 Noon
	(See Flyer)	
September 24-25, 2004	NSSAR Trustees Meeting (Louisville, KY)	
October 1, 2004	OHSSAR Executive Meeting (Columbus, OH)	
October 2, 2004	OHSSAR B. O. M. Meeting (Columbus, OH)	
October 3, 2004	Battle of Pt. Pleasant, WV Memorial Service	
October 6, 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 22-25, 2004	Waldschmidt House Bicentennial Festival	
October 29-30, 2004	Central District Meeting (Florence, KY)	
November 3, 2004	Cincinnati Chapter SAR Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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Sons of the American Revolution Constitution Day Luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004

12:00 pm.
The Vernon Manor Hotel
400 Oak Street
Cincinnati, Ohio **45219**
Phone number (513-281-3300)

Awards Presentation and

Speaker:

Albert Hallenberg
Will speak on early historical
sights in greater Cincinnati
With a revolutionary war setting

Menu:

Hot Buffet Luncheon
Pot Roast **or** Chicken Breast
Green Salad, Fresh Fruit
Vegetable, Mashed Potatoes
Roll and Butter
Assorted Cakes
Coffee, Tea Decaf, or Iced Tea

Please make checks payable to Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the
American Revolution and send them no later than September 3, 2004 to:

Brian Schilling,
1084 Morado DR.
Cincinnati, OH 45238-4444

Name (s) _____

Choose one: Chicken Breast or Pot Roast (\$20.00)

DUES 2005

As part of a plan to improve our operation~ we are sending the annual DUES LETTER with the August Quarterly Newsletter. This will eliminate the expense and effort of mailing individual letters.

Annual Dues 2005

Please send a check to the Chapter Treasurer, payable to *Cincinnati Chapter, SAR*, for **\$46.00** (\$12.00 Chapter dues, \$9.00 State dues, \$25.00 National dues). The Treasurer must receive your dues by October 15, 2004. This **will** enable the Chapter Treasurer to send a roster of members in good standing to the Ohio State Treasurer before his deadline for late dues. Late dues paying members may be required to submit a reinstatement form.

In the past, the Chapter has sent membership cards with the DUES LETTER. This year, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your dues remittance and a membership card will be sent to you. Membership cards will also be available at our monthly meetings and at our quarterly luncheons.

Please fill in the information sheet at the bottom of this page. Indicate any changes in your address or telephone number. If you have an e-mail address, please include it as this would be helpful. Correct addresses and telephone numbers are vital to good communication and prevents the Chapter from paying a penalty to the Post Office for incorrect services.

Life Membership

The Ohio Society, SAR, has a life membership program (LMP) which eliminates the need to pay annual dues. If you wish to take advantage of this program, please contact the Chapter Treasurer for further information.

Every Compatriot is welcome to attend the monthly Board of Management (BOM) meetings, luncheons and Chapter events. Your ideas and suggestions for improving the Chapter operation and overall programming are welcome. You may bring them, in writing, to a BOM meeting or give them to a Chapter Officer.

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Sons of the American Revolution

Central District Meeting

October 29 and 30, 2004

Enjoy Central District and Northern Kentucky
Come early and stay late

The meeting will be held at the deluxe **Hilton Greater Cincinnati Airport Hotel**, which provides wonderful facilities including oversize rooms with cherry furnishings at reasonable rates.

Friday October 29 a registration table will greet incoming compatriots, in addition Northern Kentucky Tourist Bureau will welcome all with a local hospitality host providing informative information on places to fit your interest.

A hospitality room will provide a great atmosphere to meet your friends and meet new acquaintances, and of course, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Dinner Friday evening will start with a hospitality hour, dinner then noted Kentucky Chautauqua Speaker George Rogers Clark presented by the Kentucky Humanities Council would entertain all with stories about his famous adventures. The evening will close with a drawing for an American Flag, which flew over the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Saturday October 30 will start with an exhibition on Revolutionary War artifacts. A business meeting will be held for the compatriots and the ladies will enjoy entertainment at the Ladies Hospitality Room.

Saturday afternoon a tour of the famous Newport Aquarium will be offered. The 100,000 square foot aquarium displays thousands of creatures in 60 exhibits of aquatic life from every continent and ocean. Visitors follow a one-way path past numerous exhibits of ocean fauna such as graceful jellyfish, splendid attired penguins, and sharks. The design of the tanks allows the visitor to walk through acrylic tunnels and gives the sensation you can actually touch the fish swimming around them. The aquarium is a short drive from the hotel and immediate adjacent to the aquarium is the Newport on the Levee entertainment district, which features shopping and restaurants including the Hofbrauhaus which there are only two in the world.

Banquet Saturday evening will start with a hospitality hour, banquet and remarks from the President General. The evening will conclude with a drawing of the centerpieces.