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FLAG DAY

Flag Day was inaugurated by the National Society S. A. R. in 1900. Two years later, the Cincinnati Chapter presented to the Mayor of Cincinnati a copy of our Flag Day booklet.

Flag Day commemorates the date in 1777 when the Continental Congress resolved to give the budding union a flag of thirteen Stripes and a blue field of thirteen white stars representing a "new constellation."

The first national program of the Sons of the American Revolution Was the observance and general display of the "stars and Stripes", the national ensign, on Flag Day, June 14th of each year (in 1890). In 1891, throughout several cities thousands of American flags were flown on June 14 as a result of the S. A. R. program.

In 1895, an S. A. R. resolution was adopted promoting the flying of the American flag on all public buildings on every patriotic holiday. Shortly thereafter, the President of the United States ordered that the American flag be flown continually from the White House. Previously, it had been flown only on special occasions.

A National Society Flag Committee was appointed to secure legislation from both the National Congress and state legislatures to outlaw the desecration and improper use of the flag of the United States.

On April 30, 1897 the Sons of the American Revolution passed a resolution "to foster public sentiment in favor of honoring the flag"; in the fall of 1897, representatives of S. A. R. were on hand in New York for the founding of the American Flag Association.

The National Society S. A. R. Congress in San Francisco on July 4, 1989 adopted a resolution in favor of a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from desecration.

The American flag is more than a proud symbol of the courage and determination that transformed thirteen fledgling colonies into a world power. It is a symbol of freedom, equal opportunity, religious tolerance, and of good will for other people who share our aspirations.

The Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American Revolution celebrates Flag Day annually with a special luncheon or dinner program and a display of historical flags collected by the late Howard Miller, Vexillologist (military flag historian) over forty years and donated to the Cincinnati Chapter S. A. R.

(Copied from the book "Centennial History of the Cincinnati Chapter SAR" by Charles G. Edwards 1997)

Welcome New Members!

The Cincinnati Chapter is honored to have the following compatriots added to our membership:

- Christon James Hurst
- John Walter Lyons
- Charles Sherman Reeves
- John Clay Winfield

Necrology:

Since the last Newsletter, we received word of the passing of Compatriot Robert A. Vandegriff, a long-time member and Past President of the Cincinnati Chapter and the Ohio Society. We will miss him dearly.

We also received sad news of the passing of the mother of Compatriot Jim Schaffer, in early April. Let us keep Jim and his family in our prayers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots!

The Cincinnati Chapter staffed a booth for the American Heritage Educational Foundation, at the Cincinnati Home School Convention, in March. The event was a huge success. The Foundation, centered in Texas, collaborates with SAR Chapters across the country to promote the quality instruction of American History. Our members passed out hundreds of complimentary American History CDs to home school, public, and private school teachers. The event provided great exposure for the SAR and our Compatriots passed out numerous packets of information.

My brother, 1st Vice President, and Treasurer, Harry Geimeier covered the April meeting for me while I was in San Francisco. Our 3rd Patriots' Day event was held at the World Peace Bell site in Newport on April 19. We moved the event indoors, due to the rain, and heard speakers provide a panorama of patriot involvement across the generations. I set the tone with an introductory reading and was followed by: Page Williams from the DAR; Bob Clements representing the Sons of the Union Veterans; David Boone, the Sons of the Confederacy; Don McGraw describing the contributions in WWII and Korea; George McCain Vietnam; and Paul Wilke with concluding remarks. Newport City Commissioner Jan Kneppshield was the keynote speaker. Harry Geimeier served as the master of ceremonies. We are thankful to the Newport Police Honor Guard, our Cincinnati SAR Color Guard, and Jesse Andrews and friend in kilted attire. Jim Schaffer and Harry Geimeier were the event chairmen with Charles Edwards providing the publicity. (two news stations and both papers were in attendance)

Our Cincinnati Chapter will be represented in the Americanism Poster Contest this year by a student from Immaculate Conception Academy in Norwood. Jim Hough is chairing the competition and will have our entry submitted in the May 5 judging. Ockerman Middle School will have their winning Digital Production presentations at our June BOM meeting. Ockerman has been serving as a pilot program for this innovative contest. Bob French and the committee on our youth events hope to see this contest move to the state level and eventually national. Ockerman Middle School, in Boone County, also received a Flag Certificate in April for their patriotic efforts. The school principal installed a 40 foot pole with six beams of light providing around the clock illumination. Harry Sjolin has been busy planning for his spring visits to numerous area schools with the JROTC and ROTC awards.

I hope to see numerous Cincinnati Chapter Compatriots at the State Conference on May 4,5, and 6 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

Don't forget to sign up for the Flag Day Luncheon / Cruise on June 9. There will be an excellent meal on the B & B Riverboats with re-enactor Mel Hankla portraying Gen. George Rogers Clark. Contact Harry Geimeier to make reservations.

George McCain, Registrar, has been very active with contacts and applications. Now is an excellent time to think about completing the paperwork on your sons and grandsons.

Regards,

Tom

CALENDAR

May 12, 2007:	Law Enforcement Awards Program	Zanesville, Ohio
June (TBA)	Board of Management Meeting	TBA
June 9, 2007:	Flag Day Luncheon at B & B Riverboats & Flag Retirement	(See flyer)
July	No Board of Management Meeting	
July 6-11	NSSAR National Congress	Williamsburg, VA
July 27-28	Ft. Laurens Wreath Laying & OHSSAR Board of Management Meeting	

The Cincinnati Chapter
Ohio Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Flag Day Luncheon
June 9, 2007
12:00 Noon
B & B Riverboats - Newport, Kentucky
&
Flag Retirement Ceremony
10:30AM
Program

*Speaker - Mel Hankla, from the Kentucky Humanities Council, will portray
General George Rogers Clark, as we dine on & cruise the Ohio River*

** This program is funded in part, by the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities

Menu

Hot Buffet

Sirloin Beef Tips & Marinated Roast Chicken Breast
Buttered Noodles & Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Tossed Spring Mix with Salad Bar
Pickled Beets, Cottage Cheese, & Applesauce
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decafe Coffee, Hot & Cold Tea
Brownies

* Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Chapter (SAR) Sons of the American Revolution.
Please make reservations by Friday, June 1 at \$32.00 per person.

** *The increase in price is due to the luncheon / cruise combination*

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