



**CINCINNATI PATRIOT**

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**ATTENTION!                      ATTENTION!                      ATTENTION!**

**2008 DUES NOTICES**

**MAILING DATE -- 1ST WEEK IN OCTOBER**  
**DUE DATE -- NOVEMBER 15**  
**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR &**  
**ADHERE TO DEADLINE**

Compatriots!

Congratulations are in order to the numerous Compatriots who have given our Cincinnati Chapter unwavering support since my installation as President last November. I deeply appreciate the efforts of our members, which have certainly made my job easier and more enjoyable. Due to your efforts we have been able to incorporate numerous activities that allow us to adhere to our patriotic, educational, and historical Society objectives. Many of our Compatriots may not be aware of the extent of this involvement and I have listed the Chapter Committees below, which currently present reports at each monthly Board of Management meeting (BOM), for your perusal:

- President's Report..... Thomas E. Geimeier
- Secretary's Report..... Jack O. Langlitz
- Treasurer's Report..... Harry D. Geimeier
- Registrar's Report..... George W. McCain
- Committee Reports..... By Chairman

**Committees:**

Archives.....	Randall J. Krueger	Luncheons.....	Thomas E. Geimeier
Awards .....	Robert F. French	Ertel Fund.....	Jesse W. Andrews
D.G. High Oration.....	James E. Hough	Good Citizenship.....	George W. Vincent
Color Guard.....	Randall J. Krueger	Naturalization.....	Albert E. Good
Flags.....	Paul Wilke	Publicity.....	Charles G. Edwards
Eagle Scouts.....	Harry A. Sjolin	Rev. War Graves.....	Charles G. Edwards
ROTC.....	Harry A. Sjolin	Telephone.....	Randall J. Krueger
Veterans.....	Harry A. Sjolin	Webmaster.....	Martin L. Greene
G.S. Knight Essay.....	Thomas E. Geimeier		

The Cincinnati Chapter has also printed hundreds of professional quality, color brochures to publicize and promote our Committee activities. Our "Color Guard" has been visible at numerous local events. The "Color Guard" participated in the Blue Ash Parade and won the Most Patriotic entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Anderson Parade. The "guard" most recently posted the colors at The Cincinnati Observatory for a worldwide American Institute of Aerodynamics & Astronautics convention. Our youth activities have been pro-active in developing our innovative Digital Production Contest. We have an outstanding Website developed and maintained by Martin Greene. (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohccsar/>)

Paul Wilke informed me that the Cincinnati Chapter won the Liberty Bell Americanism Award & Streamer, at the National Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia for Chapters with a membership Of 100-199. We also received an honorable mention in the President General's Activity Award category. That's great news and further evidence of the positive effects of our collaborative efforts. Paul and Valerie Wilke have been asked to be the keynote speakers at the Purple Heart Society's annual convention next spring in Cincinnati with our "Color Guard" also involved. Paul and Val have done an outstanding job, traveling the State of Ohio with the Miller Flag Collection. numerous appearances and presentations. The Cincinnati SAR salutes Paul and Val for a tremendous year and their hard work as the State Society's Presidential Team.

**Key dates to remember:**

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| * August 18, 2007:     | Battle of Blue Licks (See flyer enclosed)                                  |
| * August 25, 2007:     | Lochry's Defeat, Aurora, IN  |
| * September 1, 2007:   | Siege of 1782 at Fort Henry, Wheeling, WV (See flyer enclosed for details) |
| * September 5, 2007:   | Next Board of Management Meeting   |
| * September 15, 2007:  | Constitution Day Luncheon (See enclosed flyer)                             |
| * October 1- 7, 2007:  | Official dues notices sent for 2008  |
| * October 5-7, 2007:   | Point Pleasant Battle Days, WV   |
| * October 26-28, 2007: | NSSAR Central District Meeting (See flyer enclosed for details)            |
| * November 15, 2007:   | Deadline for dues payment  |
| * June 18, 2008:       | Boone Family Reunion (Contact Charles Edwards for details)                 |

Fraternally,  
Tom

**Constitution Day** (or **Citizenship Day**) is an [American](#) federal [holiday](#) that recognizes the ratification of the [United States Constitution](#). It is observed on [September 17](#), the day the U.S. [Constitutional Convention](#) signed the Constitution in 1787.

The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator [Robert Byrd](#) to the [Omnibus spending bill](#) of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day". In addition to renaming the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day. In May 2005, the [United States Department of Education](#) announced the enactment of this law and that it would apply to any school receiving federal funds of any kind. This holiday is not observed by granting time off work for federal employees.

When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions unofficially observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday. This was the case in 2005, when Constitution Day was generally observed on Friday, [September 16](#) and 2006 when the holiday was observed on Monday, [September 18](#).

### History

In 1939, [William Randolph Hearst](#) advocated, through his chain of daily newspapers, the creation of a holiday to celebrate citizenship. In 1940, [Congress](#) designated the third Sunday in May as *I am an American Day*.

In 1952, [President Harry Truman](#) signed a [bill](#) which proclaimed Citizenship Day to be [September 17](#). Some Americans still observe this [holiday](#). The bill's purpose was to recognize everyone who had become a United States citizen the previous year. It has since been expanded as a general celebration of citizenship.

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Charles Edwards is shown presenting a copy of his book "Centennial History of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution" to the Delhi Historical Society on April 9 following his talk on "The Sons of the American Revolution: What It Is and the Objectives - Educational, Historical, and Patriotic." Accepting for the Historical Society are, from left, Mary Finn and Doris Zeiser. I later received a note from Doris Zeiser who said that the presentation was very informative and that several people had told her that they had never heard of the SAR. She told me that she was glad that the Delhi Historical Society was instrumental in getting the word out.



The Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, on July 11, participated in the ceremony dedicating a bronze plaque to the Cincinnati Observatory Center. The plaque was presented for its landmark role in American science. The Observatory Center is a National Historic Landmark.

### **Lochry's Defeat Commemoration Ceremony:**

**Date: August 25, 2007 (Saturday)**

**Time: 11:00 a. m.**

**Place: Riverview Cemetery, South of Aurora, Indiana**

**Directions: Northeast of Laughery River on Highway 56, 4 miles south of Aurora, Indiana**

**Featured Speaker: Charles Edwards, OHSSAR Historian and  
Past President Cincinnati Chapter**

**Chris McHenry, author of "The Best Men of Westmoreland County", published in 1981, which documents Lochry's Defeat, will be honored by the SAR.**

**All veterans are encouraged to attend, as well as SAR, DAR, CAR and other interested individuals. Women are encouraged to dress in colonial attire.**

**DAR will be participating, as well as Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Color Guards.**

**In case of rain, the commemoration will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of 4th and Main, Aurora, Indiana.**

**NOTE: Color Guard should muster at 10:00 a. m.**

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**The Cincinnati Chapter**  
*Ohio Society*  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



**Constitution Day Luncheon**

**September 15, 2007**

**12:00 Noon**

**Receptions - Erlanger, Kentucky**

(I-75 to Exit 184 West ...approx. 1 mi. turn left at 1379 Donaldson Road)

***Program***

*Mr. Robert Zwick, an American History teacher for 27 years, and an author, with graduate degrees from Xavier and Miami Universities. Mr. Zwick's theme will be the Constitution, and Amendments, with a focus on the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment & the "true story" of liquor in Prohibition Era greater Cincinnati.*

***Menu***

***Hearty Luncheon Buffet***

Spring Greens Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Steamed Vegetable Bouquet

Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter

Choice of Two Entrees:

Grilled Chicken with Tomato Basil Salsa & Pasta of the Day

Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus with Buttered Parsley Potatoes

Coffee, Decafe Coffee, Hot & Cold Tea

Assorted Dessert Carrousel

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**\* Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Chapter (SAR) Sons of the American Revolution.  
Please make reservations by Thursday, September 6 at \$22.00 per person.**

**Mail to: Compatriot Treasurer Harry D. Geimeier  
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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Guest** \_\_\_\_\_



The Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution cordially invites you to attend and participate in the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Battle of Blue Licks, August 18, 2007. The Battle site is located inside the Blue Licks State Resort Park on KY Hwy. 68, approximately 40 miles NE of Lexington, 20 miles SSW of Maysville.

A block of rooms is "on hold" at the French Quarter motel/hotel in Maysville, \$85.00 per night – (606) 564-8000 (closest to Blue Licks and where Friday's social hour will be held) . Other nearby motels: Motel 8 (606) 759-8888; Hampton Inn (606) 759-0600; Best Western (606) 759-5696.

FRIDAY, August 17, 7:00PM – A "greetin' meetin'" (social hour) – French Quarter motel/hotel "waterin' hole" - Dutch treat.

SATURDAY, August 18, 11:30AM – Registration for SAR luncheon, in SAR reserved Dining Room, Blue Licks Lodge. At 12:00 Noon – Buffet Luncheon - \$13.00 per person.

Guest Speakers: Heather French Henry, founder of Heather French Foundation for Veterans, and Robert Morgan, author, whose book *Boone, A Biography*, will be released October 16, 2007.

Advanced Registration is requested for the luncheon. Please use the attached reservation form – mail to: Rev. Forrest B. Chilton, 906 North Pope Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40299. Checks should be made payable to Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution. Please respond by Friday, August 10, 2007. All attendees of the luncheon, all Color Guard members and wreath presenters will receive a distinctive commemorative lapel pin.

2:00PM - At the Monument, Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher and others are scheduled to speak.

3:00 PM - SAR Memorial Service at the Battle of Blue Licks Monument. All Color Guards participating in the Memorial Service will receive a 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Blue Licks streamer for their flags. A 21-gun salute requiring 21 musketeers or riflemen is planned.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a Park Entrance Fee of \$5.00 per person at the Park entrance. (children under 12 free). This fee will be waived for all pre-registered luncheon reservations, participating Color Guard members, wreath presenters and musketeers/riflemen. **I NEED THE FOLLOWING FROM YOU:** In addition to pre-registered luncheon reservations, I need a list of those participating in Color Guards, wreath presenters and the units they represent, all musketeers or riflemen participating in the 21-gun salute. Their names will be printed in the Memorial Service program.

Hope to see you at Blue Licks in August.

Forrest B. Chilton, Chairman  
 Kentucky Society Blue Licks 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
 Phone: Home: (502) 245-8718; Cell: (502) 645-1810  
 E-mail:

ADVANCE LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Presenter \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$13.00 per person for the Battle of Blue Licks Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, August 18, 2007.

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

THE OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION  
&  
EBENEZER ZANE CHAPTER  
EXTENDS AN  
INVITATION TO ATTEND THE

**225th ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE SIEGE OF 1782  
AT FORT HENRY**

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2007  
DOWNTOWN  
16TH STREET PLAZA  
10:00 am

Reception to follow at SITE 1 Oglebay Park  
Wheeling, WV at the Fort Henry Days 2007  
10th Annual Encampment & Battle Reenactment

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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# PLAN NOW TO ATTEND! NSSAR CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
OCT 26, 27 & 28, 2007

Friday

Genealogy Workshop held at renowned Allen Co Public Library  
featuring

Dr. Charles F. Bragg, SAR Genealogist General  
Curt Witcher, Genealogy Dept Mgr, Speaker, Writer & Consultant  
Vicky Thresher Zuverink, NSDAR Librarian General  
ACPL Genealogy Dept - Special Hours - Open until Midnight!

Evening Theater Presentation "Sentimental Journey"

Saturday

Central District Meetings, Ladies Luncheon  
Formal Banquet  
Hon Edward F. Butler Sr  
SAR Chancellor General as Keynote Speaker

Sunday

Revolutionary War Commemoration Ceremony  
Col Augustin de LaBalme Site

Hotel - Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Center  
1020 So Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN, Ph (260) 420-1100

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