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MESSAGE FROM THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

I cannot believe that 2009 is almost half over. The time has quickly passed with much Cincinnati Chapter activity to report to you. I will try to summarize some of the activities that have occurred over the past six months. In no way do I intend to minimize the valued contributions of the various officers, committee chairs, and members who have done so much for the Chapter; it is simply too much to put into a brief article.

The current economic conditions have not left the Cincinnati Chapter of the SAR untouched. Our Ertel Memorial Fund, which is the largest investment portfolio of the Chapter, has suffered poor performance, and as of March 2009 has lost approximately 49% of its value from the summer of 2008. As of the April 2009 meeting, the report was that the fund was performing poorly, but was holding its own. May of 2009 brought news that the performance may have improved slightly. Our position remains "ride-it-out".

Programs continue to be a strong draw of attendance for the Chapter, and serve to bring much public attention to our patriotic organization.

- The *February 28th Presidents' Day Luncheon* in Erlanger, Kentucky, organized by Compatriot Thomas Geimeier, drew the largest attendance recorded for such an event, with 111 attendees. The featured speaker, Major Thomas C. Griffin, a member of the famed World War II Doolittle's Raiders, was arranged by Compatriot Ray G. Hughes. At this event Cincinnati Chapter Compatriot John O. "Jack" Langlitz was awarded his *Bronze Color Guard Medal*, Compatriots Larry W. Collins and Charles S. Reeves were awarded *Flag Certificates*, and Compatriots Robert F. French and George W. McCain were awarded *Outstanding Achievement Certificates*. New Members John Albert Ludwig, Nicholas Gregory Ludwig, and William Franklin Sprague were inducted into the Society.

- The *April 19th Patriot's Day Celebration* in Montgomery, Ohio, organized by Compatriot Gerry Houchell, also drew a sizeable crowd and featured several speakers on the topic of the American Revolution. This event resulted in a Proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Ohio recognizing April 19, 2009 as Patriots Day.
- In addition to upcoming Flag Day, Constitution Day, and Thanksgiving Luncheon Programs, the Cincinnati Chapter is planning a new event for August 8th which will be a combined SAR/DAR social at the Historic Waldschmidt House in Camp Dennison, Ohio. The special Ad-Hoc Committee for this event, chaired by Compatriot Jack Langlitz, has promised a Flag Retirement Ceremony to be incorporated into the activities.

I cannot say enough about the many activities and appearances of the *Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard* and *Miller Flag Committee* over these past months.

- The *Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard*, under the command of Compatriot John Kirts, has developed into a group that is sought after for appearances at a multitude of patriotic events and ceremonies, and that brings much public attention to our mission. The Guard is a proud representative of our Cincinnati Chapter.
- The *Miller Flag Collection* has traveled to many events, with Chairman Paul Wilke being the historical speaker that brings the saga of the American Revolution alive through his stories of the flags.

The Cincinnati Chapter reached out to the Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution and very generously supported both its Great Lakes Regional Conference and Ohio State Conference with separate monetary donations.

In late March, I was notified of the approval of a Charter for the Northern Kentucky Simon Kenton Chapter by the Kentucky Society. This new Chapter was founded by several members of the Cincinnati Chapter, and soon led to the transfer of approximately 24 members from the Cincinnati Chapter, 12 of who still maintain dual-membership status. The primary reason for this split was to give more representation to a growing number of members who live in Northern Kentucky. Please note that growth is encouraged by the National Society, and this new Chapter in such close proximity will add to the success of both of our great Chapters.

At the OHSSAR Annual Meeting held May 1-3 in Warren, Ohio, our Chapter received the *Distinguished Chapter Award* for the dedicated efforts of its members in 2008. Compatriot Paul Wilke was awarded the *Hubb Scott Award*, the highest honor that the Ohio Society can bestow upon a member. Compatriot Charles Edwards once again was elected to the state office of Ohio Society Historian.

In the January 2009 Patriot Newsletter, I outlined the goals for my Presidency as being:

- To build upon the great accomplishments of the Cincinnati Chapter.
- To further the Chapter's patriotic involvement with the community.

- To foster our relationships with our kindred societies, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution.
- To increase involvement of the Chapter's members in the furtherance of the SAR mission.

I continue to reflect back on these goals as our roadmap for success, and strongly believe that our hard-working and involved Compatriots are the ones keeping us on a straight course.

Sincerely,

James D. Schaffer

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History of Flag Day



Flag of the United States

Several people and/or organizations played instrumental roles in the establishment of a national Flag Day celebration. They are identified here in chronological order.

[1861, George Morris](#)

The earliest reference to the suggestion of a "Flag Day" is cited in *Kansas: a Cyclopedia of State History*, published by Standard Publishing Company of [Chicago](#) in [1912](#). It credits George Morris of [Hartford, Connecticut](#):

To George Morris of Hartford, Conn., is popularly given the credit of suggesting "Flag Day," the occasion being in honor of the adoption of the American flag on June 14, 1777. The city of Hartford observed the day in 1861, carrying out a program of a patriotic order, praying for the success of the Federal arms and the preservation of the Union.

The observance apparently did not become a tradition.

[1885, Bernard J. Cigrand](#)

Working as a grade school teacher in [Waubeka, Wisconsin](#), in [1885](#), Cigrand held the first recognized formal observance of Flag Day at Stony Hill School in Waubeka. The school has been restored, and a bust of Cigrand also honors him at the National Flag Day Americanism Center in Waubeka.

From the late 1880s on, Cigrand spoke around the country promoting patriotism, respect for the flag, and the need for the annual observance of a flag day on June 14, the day in [1777](#) that the [Continental Congress](#) adopted the Stars and Stripes.

He moved to [Chicago](#) to attend dental school and, in June [1886](#), first publicly proposed an annual observance of the birth of the United States flag in an article titled "The Fourteenth of June," published in the Chicago *Argus* newspaper. In June 1888, Cigrand advocated establishing the holiday in a speech before the "Sons of America," a Chicago group. The organization founded a magazine, *American Standard*, in order to promote reverence for American emblems. Cigrand was appointed editor-in-chief and wrote articles in the magazine as well as in other magazines and newspapers to promote the holiday.

On the third Saturday in June [1894](#), a public school children's celebration of Flag Day took place in Chicago at Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks. More than 300,000 children participated, and the celebration was repeated the next year. Cigrand became president of the American Flag Day Association and later of the National Flag Day Society, which allowed him to promote his cause with organizational backing. Cigrand once noted he had given 2,188 speeches on patriotism and the flag.

Cigrand lived in [Batavia, Illinois](#), from 1913–1932.

Cigrand generally is credited with being the "Father of [Flag Day](#)," with the [Chicago Tribune](#) noting that he "almost singlehandedly" established the holiday.

[1888, William T. Kerr](#)

William T. Kerr, a resident of [Collier Township, Pennsylvania](#), for a number of years, founded the American Flag Day Association of Western Pennsylvania in 1888, and became that organization's national chairman one year later, serving as such for fifty years. He attended President [Harry S. Truman](#)'s 1949 signing of the Act of Congress that formally established the observance.

[1889, George Bolch](#)

In 1889, the principal of a free kindergarten, George Bolch, celebrated the Revolution, and celebrated Flag Day, as well.

[1893, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie](#)

In 1893, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution passed requiring the American flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. This is why some credit Philadelphia as Flag Day's original home. In 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

[1895, SAR](#)

In 1895, an SAR 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.

2009 Chapter Officers

James D. Schaffer, [President](#)
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George W. McCain, [2nd Vice President](#)
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Larry J. Denny, [Historian](#)
James E. Hough, [Chaplain](#)

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President -----	W. Anthony Robinson
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Historian-----	Charles G. Edwards
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**Ohio Society SAR Conference
Awards 2008/2009
(from Cincinnati Chapter)**

State Medal of Distinguished Service

Paul M. Wilke

SAR Medal of Appreciation

Patsy J. Gaines (To be awarded at OSDAR State Conference)
Valerie L. Wilke (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Martha Washington Medal

Linda L. Langlitz

**Children of the American Revolution-Sons of the American Revolution
Bronze Medal of Appreciation**

Alex Muetzel (To be awarded at the C.A.R. State Conference)
Anna K. Insprucker

Certificate of Appreciation

Walter D. Golladay (Membership Register)

Distinguished Service Certificate

John O. Langlitz (Secretary)
Charles G. Edwards (Historian)
Joseph M. Prell (Webmaster)

Former Chapter President Certificate

Harry D. Geimeier-Cincinnati #3

OHSSAR Distinguished Chapter Award

Cincinnati Chapter

Note from Brenda Cooper
Senior State President
Ohio Society C. A. R.

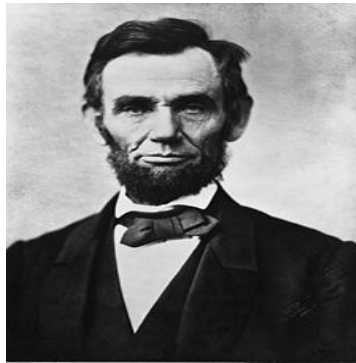
I just wanted to share with the compatriots that Alex Muetzel was elected National Vice President of the Great Lakes Region. So, Ohio will host in July and have an Ohioan as the VP of the Region and Kristina Marion is now State President.

Congratulations, Alex.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 3, 2009:** Cincinnati Chapter Board of Management Meeting
Perkins Restaurant, Westbourne Ave. (off Glenway)
- June 10, 2009:** Simon Kenton BOM
- June 13, 2009:** Flag Day Luncheon - Golden Lamb, Lebanon, OH
- June 20, 2009:** DAR Flag Day luncheon -- Cincinnati Womens Club
- July 4-8, 2009:** National Congress - Atlanta, GA
- September 12, 2009:** Constitution Day Luncheon - Cincinnati Art Museum
- November 14, 2009:** Thanksgiving Day Luncheon - a Receptions location

The Cincinnati Chapter
Ohio Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Abraham Lincoln



Flag Day Luncheon
Saturday, June 13, 2009
12:00 Noon - 2:00PM
At the historic **Golden Lamb Restaurant**
27 S. Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (*since 1803*)
Program

**Guest speaker* - Mr. Stanley Wernz is a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters who has been compared to our 16th President in speech, manner & appearance for the past 30 years. Mr. Wernz's career path has been as a teacher, principal, & school superintendent. Please make plans to join us, in the 200th anniversary year of Lincoln's birth, the grandson of his Revolutionary grandfather, also named Abraham Lincoln. The program will also include the installation of new Compatriots & various Chapter awards.

Menu (*Please select 1 entree & 1 dessert*)

Roast Turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, & Chef's vegetable
or
Old fashioned smothered Swiss Steak with whipped potatoes
Both selections have a side Garden Salad with dressing
Homemade rolls ... butter
Coffee, Hot & Cold Tea
Dessert selection - Shaker Sugar Pie or Traditional Cheesecake

Meal & dessert selections

* Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Chapter (SAR) Sons of the American Revolution.
Please make reservations by Friday, June 5 at \$22.00 per person.

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Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____