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### MESSAGE FROM THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

We have had a very exciting and productive first-half of 2010 on the Chapter, State, and National levels of our great organization!

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Cincinnati Chapter hosted its Presidents Day Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio. Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, a well known author, retired German History Professor, President of the German American Citizens League, and Curator of the German Heritage Museum delivered a presentation on "The German Contribution to the American Revolution", and Mrs. Nancy Arnold, Charter Member of the Military Support Group and The Thank You Foundation spoke on "George Washington". The event was well attended.

At the 2010 Ohio Society Spring BOM and Annual Meeting in Chillicothe, Ohio, on May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 2010-2011 elected officers began their new terms. Compatriot John H. Franklin Jr. of the Western Reserve Society assumed the duties as Ohio Society President, joined by three of the Cincinnati Chapter's own members, John O. "Jack" Langlitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Charles G. Edwards, Historian, and Paul M. Wilke, Director at Large.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Cincinnati Chapter hosted its Flag Day Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio. We were honored to have in attendance both the Ohio Society President, John H. Franklin Jr. and his wife Betty, as well as the Kentucky Society President, James B. Strohmeier, of Lexington, Kentucky. The Cincinnati Chapter's "Captain Howard A. Miller Memorial Flag Collection" of over 70 flags was displayed by Compatriot Paul M. Wilke, our Chapter Flag Committee Chairman.

Ohio was privileged to host a very successful 2010 National Congress in Cleveland, Ohio on June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Numerous hours were involved in the planning, organization, and execution of this event. I wish to recognize the dedicated efforts of Cincinnati Chapter Compatriots Jack Langlitz and Paul Wilke, and Valerie Wilke of the Ohio Society Ladies

Auxiliary, in helping to premiere Ohio to the NSSAR!

At the National Congress, Compatriot J. David Sympson of the Kentucky Society was elected to the office of NSSAR President General. PG Sympson is a dual member of the Cincinnati Chapter and Ohio Society. And our own Paul M. Wilke was elected to the office of NSSAR Vice-President General for the Central District which includes the SAR State Societies of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia.

In the Spring 2010 edition of our Cincinnati Patriot newsletter, I challenged each of you “to commit yourselves to focus on the mission, to work in unison with your compatriots in achieving our goals, and to promote SAR within our communities.” Do you see that happening in the activities that I have summarized to you above?

OHSSAR President John H. Franklin Jr. has announced that during his tenure he will concentrate the Ohio Society’s efforts towards “*recruitment, renewals and reinstatements*”. *Renewals* and *reinstatements* are by-products of rejuvenated and re-energized members, active and inactive. However, recruitment relies upon the active promotion of SAR within our communities. President Franklin says that “we are all members of the Membership Committee”.

Let us align with our OHSSAR President in the achievement of his and our Society’s mission.

Sincerely,

*James D. Schaffer*

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Cincinnati Chapter President

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Nolan Carlson Color Guard, members of DAR Chapters and C.A.R. members from the Fort Washington Society joined forces to march in the Blue Ash Memorial Day parade again this year.

We were especially honored to have N.S.C.A.R. Committee Chair Virginia Heckel



Early birds...numbers grew and a C.A.R. truck joined the contingent before the parade stepped off.

and O.S.C.A.R. President Anne Schmid marching with us.

It was a beautiful, sunny, but hot May day. Bottled water was plentiful. Our presence was appreciated by the many onlookers. Patriotism is alive and growing.



Scenes during the 2010 Blue Ash 2010 Memorial Day Parade

### FLAG DAY LUNCHEON

The Cincinnati Chapter held its annual Flag Day Luncheon on June 24 at the Blue Ash Crowne Plaza Hotel.



Newly installed Ohio Society President John H. Franklin Jr. and his First Lady Betty were special guests. The Franklins live near Cleveland. Their diagonal trek across the state was a witness to the high regard held by our Chapter at the state level.

The featured program was our Chapter's very own Captain Howard A. Miller Memorial Flag Collection. There are more than 70 flags in this valuable collection. Chapter Flag Committee Chairman Paul M. Wilke delivered a brief presentation on each of the flags. Compatriot Wilke was assisted by his lovely wife Valerie. The occasional banter between them made the interesting program very enjoyable.



## COMPATRIOT FOCUS

President Schaffer's message repeated his challenge to focus on the SAR mission and to work in unison with our compatriots in achieving our goals. He also repeated OHSSAR President Franklin's words that it takes rejuvenated and reenergized members. It also takes more members participating to the extent their life obligations allow. Greater Chapter activity will positively impact our communities and advance our patriotic, historical, and educational mission. It will also generate interest in SAR and bring us new members.

With this issue we begin highlighting Compatriots involved in Chapter activities. Our goal is to spotlight the many things going on in the Chapter and plant the seed of involvement. With so many committees and events you can be sure there is a role for you.

### **Compatriot Charles S. Reeves, Chapter Chaplain and Veteran's Committee Chairman**

Chuck is an Army veteran and retired Vice President of Sales of an insurance publishing company. As a retiree he made the choice to devote several hours a month volunteering at the Cincinnati Veterans Hospital on behalf of the Chapter

Chuck spends a day every 10 days or two weeks at the hospital. Part of his routine is replacing magazines in the hospital waiting rooms on all nine floors of the building. He also stops at patients' room to inquire if they would like a magazine and, depending on their state of health, may stay and chat for a few minutes. Chuck is great with these vets.

As an elected officer serving in the position of Chaplain, Chuck leads compatriots in prayer and delivers benediction at each meeting.

### **Compatriot Timothy A. Langlitz, D.G. High Oration Committee Chairman**

Tim is in his early 30's and with his wife, is raising four children. Professionally he is Vice President of a national media company; he also leads the youth ministry program at his church.

Tim is an example of a compatriot with little time to spare. He was recruited for this chairmanship because of his experience. Tim speaks nationally at professional conferences and he formerly taught oration and drama. Our Chapter should remain very competitive in speech competition.

Any of us at Tim's stage in life would be concerned about time commitment. As it turned out the committee is only active two months a year. Those timeframes just happen to be the same two months there is nothing major planned for the youth group.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

A tip of the tricorn to the Cincinnati Chapter's George and Stella Knight Essay Contest winner Mr. Kyle Nienaber. Kyle finished in Second Place at the Ohio Society level in a field of very strong competition.

**A TASTE OF CONGRESS 2010 IN CLEVELAND**



Youth Awards Luncheon stage



Parade of Colors at first evening banquet



Youth Awards Luncheon attendance



Retiring the Colors at second evening banquet



Incoming VPG Paul M. Wilke and his lady Valerie



PG Butler places ribbon on new PG Symphon

## *DAR & C.A.R. Meetings \*\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!*

Our Chapter is invited to two Cincinnati DAR Chapter Luncheons and to a combined meeting with the Mariemont Chapter DAR and Fort Washington Society C.A.R. We will also hold a joint Cincinnati Chapter DAR, Fort Washington Society C.A.R., Cincinnati Chapter SAR meeting and Flag Retirement Ritual in June 2011:

Dec. 18, 2010 Cincinnati DAR Holiday Luncheon, Cincinnati Women's Club  
Jan. 15, 2011 Mariemont Chapter and Fort Washington Society, location TBD  
Feb. 19, 2011 Cincinnati DAR President's Day Luncheon, Cincinnati Women's Club  
June 18, 2011 Joint Meeting, casual box lunch and Flag Retirement, Waldschmidt House

### FORT LAURENS SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT WEEKEND PICTURES



The Cincinnati Chapter was one of only six in the state to receive an Ohio Society President's Distinguished Chapter award and streamer for 2009-2010. Cincinnati also received it for 2008-last year, the first year the award was ever presented.

In this picture President Schaffer accepts the award from 2009-2010 state president and 2010-2011 National Trustee W. Anthony Robinson



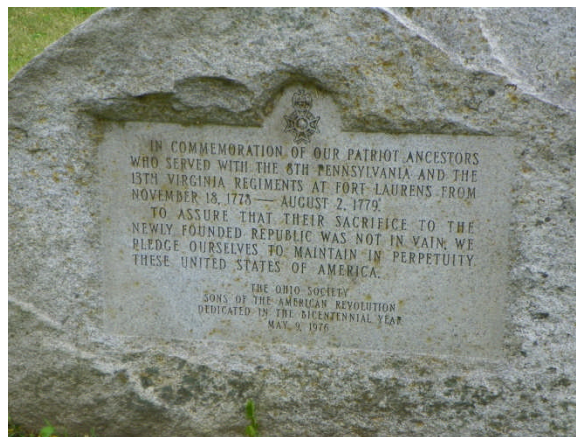
Combined OHSSAR Color Guard on the march



Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier



Assembled DAR, C.A.R. and SAR participants



OHSSAR Marker

## [2010 Cincinnati Chapter Leadership](#)

### **Chapter Officers**

James D. Schaffer, President  
 John O. Langlitz, 1st Vice President  
 Randall J. Krueger, 2nd Vice President  
 Gerald Houchell, Secretary  
 Thomas R. Luce, Registrar  
 Larry J. Denny, Historian  
 Charles Reeves, Chaplain

### **Board of Management Members**

William K. Harrison, Jr.  
 David F. Pohl  
 Fred L. Riggs  
 Brian G. Schilling  
 Jackie D. Miller  
 All Living Former Presidents

### **COMMITTEES**

Archives:	Larry J. Denny
Audit:	Paul M. Wilke
Awards:	Charles Tooley
By-laws:	James D. Schaffer
Calling:	vacant
Color Guard:	Paul M. Wilke
D. G. High Oration:	Timothy A. Langlitz
Eagle Scouts:	Harry A. Sjolin
Ertel Fund:	Jesse W. Andrews
Flags:	Paul M. Wilke
G. S. Knight Essay:	Randall J. Krueger
Good Citizenship:	George W. Vincent
Junior R. O. T. C.:	Brian G. Schilling
Naturalization:	Brian G. Schilling

**Committees Cont'd**

Newsletter: John O. Langlitz  
Programs: Gerald Houchell  
Publicity: Charles G. Edwards  
R. O. T. C.: Harry A. Sjolin  
Revolutionary War

Graves/Sites: Charles G. Edwards  
Veterans: Charles S. Reeves  
Webmaster: Joseph M. Prell  
Yearbook: Charles G. Edwards

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- August 21, 2010: Battle of Blue Licks 221<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- September 1, 2010 Cincinnati Chapter SAR BOM Meeting - 6:00 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Ohio (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road)
- September 11, 2010** Cincinnati Chapter SAR Constitution Day Luncheon "Battlefields of Ohio"- Noon Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Ohio (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road)
- September 23-25, 10 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- October 1&2, 2010 OHSSAR Fall BOM Meeting & Pt. Pleasant Battle Days, Hampton Inn, Gallipolis, OH
- October 3, 2010 Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial and Commemorative Services and Wreath Laying, Point Pleasant, WV
- October 3, 2010 Cincinnati Chapter SAR BOM Meeting 6:00 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Ohio (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road)
- October 29&30, 10** NSSAR Central District Meeting Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Ohio (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road)