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Important Chapter Meeting March 2, 2011

ATTENDANCE BY BOTH LONG TERM COMPATRIOTS AND NEWER MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED

The Chapter's Executive Committee recognizes two issues central to the future of your Cincinnati Chapter:

1. Many newer members lack full knowledge or understanding of our organizational background. Current and future leadership needs to draw on the wisdom and experience of compatriots still actively involved as well as those now less engaged and,
2. The chapter, its members and ultimately the wider community will benefit from a restructuring of our existing committee system.

These issues are unquestionably related and will be discussed in a facilitated open forum following a single agenda item business meeting. See the president's message for more info.

The meeting begins at 7:15p.m. in the Hunt Room at the Blue Ash Crowne Plaza. Most members begin with dinner in the hotel's Atrium restaurant at 6:00p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

Our most recent Former President Jim Schaffer referred to "your SAR" in his final message for this publication. He said "I say this because the Cincinnati Chapter and SAR are what 'you' make them. SAR offers an extensive '*patriotic menu*' of activities and events for you to choose from. In this message, I have given you a summary of five events that have been offered to you since June. Many more opportunities are out there! All that SAR asks of you is your commitment."

Since the first of December your SAR has continued to participate in or host activities from that

patriotic menu. We participated in Wreaths Across America, and three combined DAR\C.A.R.\SAR meetings; one hosted by the Mariemont DAR Chapter and two by the Cincinnati DAR Chapter.

Two contest committees quite successfully chose excellent Essay and Oration winners who will go on to compete at the Ohio Society level. Your Chapter also held its first luncheon of the year commemorating Presidents' Day. Pictures and articles on these activities are contained in this Winter Issue.

The Cincinnati Chapter is guided by an exceptional 2011 leadership team working under the oversight of the Board of Management. This year's Executive Committee members are your

- 1st VP Charlie Tooley
- 2nd VP Bill West
- Secretary Zac Haines
- Treasurer Jerry Knight. Your president rounds out the committee.

Your Executive Committee has met three times to date. This committee is five leaders truly working as peers to present the Board of Management with ways to: 1) provide greater volunteer satisfaction for our members by offering them more opportunities for action, 2) increase camaraderie and appreciation for our shared heritage, and 3) operate with greater efficiency.

The committee considers **your participation in the March 2nd meeting critical.** Why?

We, as an up-and-coming chapter *and* as a committee, must be aware of

- how we came to carry out our patriotic, historical and educational mission in the ways we currently do,
 - why do we do some things certain ways and,
 - what are the reasons for our present organizational structure
- ...these are reasons we ask our **“veteran”** members to be present. **Newer** members should attend to be enriched and encouraged by the veterans. And our committee extends a **special invitation to members who do not normally participate** to help us identify
- obstacles that prevent participation,
 - activities, events or community service to broaden our scope within the mission, or
 - suggestions for improving how or what we do.

Your current leadership team encourages veteran members to reinitiate regular attendance with this March meeting. There will be less formal business and much more by the way of interesting programs in the months ahead. We also hope to engage a greater number of newer compatriots with activities that appeal and bring greater value to your membership

We will attempt to arrange transportation for anyone desiring to attend who finds night driving difficult (like me if it's raining). Simply email underwood@fuse.net or call (513) 451-7297 and leave a brief message with phone number.

Gentlemen, start your engines!

Fraternally,



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The Cincinnati Chapter SAR participated in the Wreaths Across America program honoring veterans buried in Rest Haven Cemetery on December 11th. Also participating were Patriot Guard Riders, the Fort Washington Society C.A.R. and the Paul Vail VFW.

Opening ceremonies were held at the VFW



post. Our own Paul M. Wilke, Central District Vice President General read a proclamation from President General J. David Sympson.

Following the cemetery program everyone returned to the post for some great chili.

COMBINED MEETINGS



Mariemont DAR Regent Pat Sammons with Jack Langlitz



Compatriot Jesse Moore Posting National Colors



Cincinnati DAR Regent Alisa Straus, Jack Langlitz and Dr. Straus' daughter getting a head start on Easter. Bunny ears all around!

DOUGLAS G. HIGH ORATION & GEORGE S. AND STELLA KNIGHT ESSAY CONTESTS

Cincinnati Chapter winners move on to compete for Ohio Society Championships



Oration contest winner Mr. Isaac Moore was presented his first place medallion and certificate after delivering his speech on Thomas Jefferson at the Chapter's February meeting. Making the presentation was Oration chairman Timothy Langlitz.



Essay contest winner Miss Virginia Heckel was presented her first place medallion and certificate at the Chapter's Presidents' Day Luncheon. Making the presentation was Essay chairman and Chapter Secretary Zachary Haines.

PRESIDENTS'S DAY LUNCHEON

On February 12th fifty compatriots and guests gathered for the Chapter's annual Presidents' Day celebration. The program and luncheon were held in the Blue Ash Room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash.

New Compatriots were inducted by Vice President General Paul M. Wilke. Compatriot Thomas Luce received a Supplemental Certificate and Miss Virginia Heckel was presented her prize for winning the Chapter's Essay contest.

Following a delicious meal everyone was treated to *Cincinnati in 1848: A Panoramic Portrait of a River Community* presented by M'Lissa and Rick Kestermam from the Cincinnati Historical Society.

In the mid-nineteenth century Cincinnati was the sixth largest city in America as well as its largest inland port. Traffic on the river was at an all time high, with over 3000 steamboats arriving in Cincinnati annually. In 1848 Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter captured this bustling river city in an eight-plate daguerreotype panorama, which is now part of the collections of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. This historic view, being the earliest known photograph of Cincinnati's waterfront, was the focus of their dual slide program



The Kestermans provided background information on the photographers, Fontayne and Porter, as well as a history of the panorama itself. In addition they surveyed Cincinnati's riverfront taking a look at the buildings, businesses, and steamboats found in this panoramic view of the city's past.

Chapter Awards chairman and First Vice President Charles Tooley presented M'lissa and Rick Kesterman each with a Certificate of Appreciation for their excellent presentation

Following the luncheon the Kestermans expressed how pleased they were to receive their certificates. They said they now feel on a par with their daughter who was recently presented a Good Citizenship certificate from the Cincinnati SAR.

Welcome new Compatriots

Richard William Alcorn, ancestor of Private Benjamin Purdy, Jr.

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Thomas Carroll Cundy, ancestor of Private John Casper Hounshell

Andrew Michael Prell, ancestor of Private David Sprong

William Charles West, III, ancestor of Private John Dick

REMINDER: All membership and supplemental applications as well as questions or communications about them are to be directed to Chapter Registrar Jesse Moore, 6825 Rapid Run, Cincinnati, OH 45233 (513) 941-6352 jesse.gordonm@netscape.net. Thanks!

2011 Cincinnati Chapter Leadership

Chapter Officers

John O. Langlitz, President*
 Charles R. Tooley, First Vice President*
 William C. West IV, Second Vice President*
 Zachary T. Haines, Secretary*
 Gerald P. Knight, Treasurer*
 Jesse G. Moore, Registrar
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*Executive Committee

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Larry J. Denny
 William K. Harrison, Jr.
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 Thomas R. Luce
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 All Living Former Presidents

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS

- March 2** **Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Ohio (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road)**
- March 25-26 Annual State Conference of the Ohio Society Children of the American Revolution, Crowne Plaza, Blue Ash, OH
- April 29 – May 1 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, Crowne Plaza, Independence, OH
- June 18 Combined Cincinnati DAR, Fort Washington C.A.R. and Cincinnati SAR Flag Day Meeting, Picnic Lunch (provided) and Flag Retirement Ritual, Christian Waldschmidt Homestead, Camp Dennison, OH (near Milford). **Note:** Reservations and checks payable to Cincinnati Chapter DAR in the amount of \$ 14.00 per person are due no later than June 10 and are to be mailed to Jessica Lech, 338 Van Zandt Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45211. Please include a note listing attendees be sure to mark “SAR Reservation on your note.

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