



## CINCINNATI **PATRIOT**

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

Compatriot Ian Cunningham was invited to describe a few of our Chapter's activities during a presentation to a combined DAR Chapter meeting in Russellville October 8. Members of the Sycamore, Taliaferro, Waw-Wil-A-Way and Ripley-Lt. Byrd Chapters participated. To say the least the ladies were impressed with our accomplishments. And this president's jaw dropped. Gentlemen, **your Cincinnati Chapter** is making an impact on this community!

Your efforts touch the lives of veterans. They plant and nourish seeds of patriotism in people of all ages. They instill and awaken interest in history – especially the founding of our nation – among young people. And Compatriots, this is our “short list”.

Annual Dues season will be upon us in a matter of weeks. It is vital to the continuation of these efforts that each current member renews. This issue is being received by members who, for a variety of reasons, did not keep up with their annual dues. If what we have accomplished sounds to them a good basis to grow upon, we welcome their reactivation.

Your Chapter leadership team has plans to provide additional patriotic service; one example: offering practical help to families of deployed Reserves (grass cutting, etc.). The Chapter has few members in certain area counties and is not making many accomplishments there. Our existence must be made known to spur recruitment and man activities.

**Current service and that yet to be implemented requires a just few hours from many.** One compatriot and father of five (ages 14 years to six months) has only two months volunteer time available annually. Those months happen to fit perfectly with a youth education program. Renew or reactivate and our many giving a few hours will turn into a multitude.

Fraternally,

P.S. Please complete and return the Thanksgiving Luncheon form in this issue right away!

## A Tip of the Tricorn

### Paul M Wilke

The Cincinnati Chapter's own Paul M. Wilke has, in his own words, "*been there, done that*". Chapter level: numerous committee



positions and Offices up to President; Ohio State Society: ditto; National: too many committees to count, and Vice President General of the Central District Sons of the American Revolution, the second highest elected office in the National Society.

A distinctive addition was made to Paul's SAR career at the 121<sup>st</sup> Congress this summer. President General Larry Magerkurth appointed him and four other compatriots to the NSSAR Executive Committee. These men and the elected national officers lead the organization.

Congratulations Paul! Very few compatriots can say they have been *there*.

### Charles G. Edwards

Cincinnati Compatriot Charles G. Edwards was named recipient of the 2010 Griffin Yeatman Award by the Hamilton County Ohio Recorder's Office. The award is



Edwards with County Recorder Coates

for excellence in historical preservation, research, or achievement which has contributed to the preservation of buildings, sites, structures and objects pertaining to Hamilton County's history. In a letter of April 25th announcing the award recipient, Hamilton County Recorder Wayne Coates states "While there were many worthy nominations this year, the Recorder's Office believes that the efforts of Charles G. Edwards on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution were so successful and have made such an impact that he is an obvious choice for commendation and celebration".

Charles currently serves as Historian for the Ohio State Society and is Past President and active member of the Cincinnati Chapter. He is author of Centennial History of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His dedication to the community has led to the marking of numerous graves of Revolutionary War veterans throughout Hamilton County.

## Honoring Today's Patriots

Fifty veterans from Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapters 156 and 3620 along with one compatriot MOPH member were awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate in grateful recognition of their service in the United States Armed Forces during wars and conflicts from World War II through the Iraq War. This took place at the Chapter's annual Constitution Day Luncheon held on September 10. Cincinnati television stations 5 (NBC) and Fox 19 covered the event.

### Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

Tom Anderson	US Army	WWII	William S Lawrence	US Marines	Vietnam
William Bass	US Marines	Vietnam	Roger Leib	US Air Force	WWII
Louis J. Bedel	US Army	WWII	Ron Marmon	US Marines	Vietnam
Tom Bittner	US Marines	Vietnam	Lee Meyers	US Army	WWII
Thomas R Blakley	US Navy	Vietnam	Howard W Moreland	US Marines	Korea
Robbe Bluestein	US Marines	Vietnam	Paul F Mullenger	US Army	WWII
Robert Booth	US Marines	Korea	Tony Murphy	US Army	Korea
Garland Bradley	US Army	WWII	Paul J Niehaus	US Army	Korea
Eric S Bryan	US Army	Iraq	Howard Osterkamp	US Army	Korea
Casey Callahan	US Army	Iraq	Tony Otte	US Army	WWII
Dave Callahan	US Army	Vietnam	Louis M Prince	US Army	WWII
Russell J Carlson	US Marines	Korea	Mike Reenan	US Army	Vietnam
Leonard Cecere	US Army	Vietnam	Robert Schinaman	US Marines	Vietnam
Michael Diehl	US Army	Vietnam	Clint Seitz	US Army	WWII
Henry M Ferguson	US Army	Korea	Louis E Smith	US Marines	WWII
Arnold Fields	US Army	WWII	Arthur L Stautberg	US Army	WWII
Horace C Flannery	US Marines	Korea	John R Stenger	US Army	WWII
Dennis Gardner	US Army	Vietnam	Ron Stover	US Marines	Vietnam
Gary Griffis	US Marines	Vietnam	John Ullman	US Army	Vietnam
G Richard Hagee	US Army	WWII	Edward C Vlaikov	US Army	Vietnam
James R Halls	US Army	WWII	Ed Von Strohe	US Army	Vietnam
Bill Hancock	US Marines	Vietnam	Joseph G Wenneman	US Army	Korea
Melvin R Heis	US Marines	Vietnam			
Daniel R Hof	US Army	Iraq	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Posthumously</b>	
Bill Huth	US Army	WWII			
James Kennedy	US Army	Vietnam	Branden P Haunert	US Army	Iraq
Tony Kohl	US Marines	Vietnam	Taylor B Prazynski	US Marines	Iraq





MOPH Ohio Department  
Commander Tony Kohl and Chapter  
156 Commander Mel Heis



Some Purple Heart Veterans  
speaking with Jack Langlitz



OHSSAR Secretary Jim Schaffer,  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve Kelley, President Jim  
Fast and Historian Charles Edwards

## Selected Chapter Activities Since The Spring *PATRIOT*

### Blue Ash Memorial Day Parade, May 30



### Combined DAR C.A.R. SAR Flag Day Event June 18

The Cincinnati Chapter DAR and Fort Washington Society C.A.R. joined with Cincinnati SAR to observe Flag Day. The day's activities combined the rich traditions of all three groups. Ceremonies began with elements of all three opening rituals led by officers of each organization. Before lunch the DAR inducted their new Chapter Regent and officers. Compatriot Charles Edwards was presented the prestigious Yeatman Award by Hamilton County Recorder Wayne Coates and Eldean Gilbert was inducted as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Flag Retirement Ritual with DAR and SAR officers participating event concluded the event.



Compatriot Gilbert comes forward  
for induction into the SAR



SAR 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tooley and DAR  
Regent Straus inspect flags  
presented for retirement



Compatriot Ken Carpenter joined  
others in retiring flags

## **CAMP DENNISON -- COMES ALIVE, June 25 & 26**



The Ohio Society DAR Waldschmidt Homestead, near Milford, hosted a commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. The Homestead property was part of 500 acres leased by the government as a training camp and troop hospital. SAR compatriots volunteered in non-uniformed capacities including vehicle traffic control, the manning of displays and even acting. The pictures above are from a reenactment of the presentation ceremony in which the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry received its regimental flag made by the ladies of Cincinnati.

### **Flag Recognition**

Saint Dominic Parish, Delhi Township, was awarded an SAR Flag Certificate on September 8. The certificate was presented to the church's pastor, Rev. James Walsh by Cincinnati Chapter President Jack Langlitz who said, "Anyone driving up Delhi hill cannot help but notice two prominent symbols. One's eyes are first drawn to the tall steeple of St. Dominic Church topped by a cross. Old Glory waving in the breeze so fresh and free is the next thing they see. These two symbols silently witness the faith deeply held as well as the patriotism of the parish community and the wider Delhi community.



Rev. Walsh and Langlitz flanked by parish staff members

### **A Day With The Experts**

A genealogy fair was hosted by the Public library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County at its Main Branch in downtown Cincinnati October 1. The day included beginner and advanced sessions on family blogging along with displays and assistance from genealogy and lineage organizations. Our Chapter's table was manned by Registrar West and new compatriot, Erv Dalton. They reported making contact with two likely prospective members and many interested individuals.

### **American Heritage Girls**

The program for our October meeting was a presentation on the American Heritage Girls (AHG). It was given by Troop 3130 Coordinator (Mrs.) Sarah Fisher and members Alexandra West and Kylie Fisher.

AHG is actually part of the Boy Scouts. Their oath summarizes the organization: "I promise to love God, Cherish my family, Honor my country, and Serve in my community." AHG is building future women of integrity. For more information: [www.ahgonline.org](http://www.ahgonline.org).

## *Welcome new Compatriots*

Ervin Dalton; descendant of Private Reuben Dalton, Virginia Militia

John Dillon Spelman, Jr.; descendant of Private Timothy Spelman, Massachusetts

Loyd Eldean Gilbert; descendant of Private Charles Rose, New Jersey Militia

Robert Francis Spelman, Jr.; descendant of Private Timothy Spelman, Massachusetts

Eddie Lawson, Jr.; descendant of Sergeant William Lawson, Virginia Militia

George Harry Stewart, Jr.; descendant of Thomas H. McDill, South Carolina

Edgar Ernesto Loyd; descendant of George Wright, Virginia Militia

James Arthur Weeks; descendant of Captain Nathan Ellis, Pennsylvania Militia

James Williard Ridenour; descendant of Captain Philip Pindal, Maryland

**REMINDER:** All membership and supplemental applications as well as questions or communications about them are to be directed to Chapter Registrar William C. West III, PO Box 578, West Chester, OH 45071 (513) 777-9427 [wwest@cinci.rr.com](mailto:wwest@cinci.rr.com). Thanks!

## *‡ In Memory of Compatriots ‡*

Harry A Hodges; February 4, 2011

George Russell Hambrecht; October 13, 2011

Donald Charles McGraw; June 10, 2011

## 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\*

William C. West III, Registrar

Charles S. Reeves, Historian

Charles S. Reeves, Chaplain

### Board of Management Members

Larry J. Denny

William K. Harrison, Jr.

Christon J. Hurst

Thomas R. Luce

Frederick L. Riggs

All Living Former Presidents

\*Executive Committee

**Cincinnati Chapter Sons of the American Revolution**  
**2011 Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
**"Ye Heroic Sons of Independence"**  
**Revolutionary War Roots of the U.S. Army on the Frontier 1775-1795**

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**Noon – 2:30 p.m.**

**Crowne Plaza Cincinnati Blue Ash 5901**  
**Pfeiffer Road**  
**(I-71 Exit 15)**  
**Blue Ash, Ohio 45242**

**Blue Ash Room**

*Located directly inside hotel's main entrance*



**PROGRAM**

**Ye Heroic Sons of Independence**

The story of the First American Regiment will be presented:

After the end of the Revolution the Continental Army was disbanded in 1784. By 1784, only a small group of artillerymen were left as Congress was wary of establishing a regular army. However, with a large frontier to defend, Congress soon realized a need for a larger force. Thus, it created the First American Regiment. The regiment was organized on 3 June 1784. Eight infantry and two artillery companies comprised the regiment.

**Uniformed Presenter**

Dave Heckaman, B.A., M.A.T., Miami University, educator, researcher, author, speaker, performer, participant, and re-enactor of living history programs.

Nomination, election and induction of the Chapter's 2012 Officers and members of its Board of Management will also be held.

**BUFFET LUNCHEON**

A traditional Thanksgiving menu as well as Roast Pork Loin will be available as well as  
 Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Crudites and Garden Salad with Rolls  
 Coffee, Hot & Iced Tea  
 Chef's Choice Selection of Cakes

**Reservation Deadline: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**



(Detach & Enclose Below with Payment)

**RESERVATION: CINCINNATI SAR THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCHEON**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Mail to: Gerald Knight, 518 Milgin Drive, Cincinnati OH 45238-5333

Email: gpml@cincic.com

Name: _____	Member of: _____	Amt: _____
Name: _____	Member of: _____	Amt: _____
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Name: _____	Member of: _____	Amt: _____

Total Enclosed Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \$23.00 each    Ages 7 to 12 - \$12.00 each    Ages 6 & under – Free

**Make checks payable to Cincinnati Chapter SAR**

## SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS

- Oct. 29     **City of Mason Liberty Elm Memorial Dedication** 11:00 a.m. – noon, 6000 Mason-Montgomery Rd. SAR Ohio Color Guard will participate in this ceremony to honor the patriots who held meetings under the original “Liberty Tree” in Boston
- Oct. 29     **Patriot Fair: Celebrating our Constitution, Founders, and Petticoat Patriots** 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mason Municipal Center 6000 Mason-Montgomery Rd. This patriotic and history event surrounds the Elm Tree Dedication. For more information see: [www.aseaohio.com](http://www.aseaohio.com)
- Nov. 2      **Chapter Board of Management Meeting** 6:00 p.m. dinner, meeting at 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Blue Ash. Members encouraged to attend
- Nov. 11     **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Memorial Program** 10:45 a.m. Main Branch Public Library, 800 Vine St., Cincinnati. A Veterans Day celebration including our Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, the Walnut Hills H.S. choir, and the sheriff’s Bagpipe & Drum Corps. The Chapter will also present a wreath
- Nov. 12     **Chapter Luncheon** see Reservation Form on previous page
- Nov. 12     **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Veterans** 5:45 p.m., Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd. Our Chapter will have an information table at this event. For more information see: [www.thankyoufoundation.org](http://www.thankyoufoundation.org)
- Dec. 14     **Chapter Board of Management Meeting and Annual Meeting** 6:00 p.m. dinner, meeting at 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Blue Ash. Members encouraged to attend

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