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# The Cincinnati Patriot



**New Members!**  
**Welcome to the**  
**Cincinnati**  
**Chapter!**

We are proud to welcome four new members in Q1 2024:  
Carpenter, Robert Andrew  
Carpenter, James Wallace  
Rice, Dennis Ray Jr.  
George, Paul Jackson II



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# AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Compatriots & Friends of the Cincinnati Chapter SAR,

It is hard to believe that one quarter of 2024 is over. As I write this, our April meeting has already occurred, so I have already presided over 40% of the regular BOM meetings scheduled for my term as President this year. Time is flying.



It has been a momentous year so far. We have learned since my last message that the Cincinnati Chapter's January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, membership was 237 members, up nine members from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, we were at 244 members having added four reinstatements and four new members. With the new member applications in the pipeline, we have a good chance of reaching 260 members and setting a modern era membership high before year-end.

Winter is typically a slower time, but we had a major event in January for the opening of the "Revolutionary War Experience" travelling exhibit at the Harmon Museum in Lebanon, OH. Over 200 people attended the opening reception, and over 2000 visited the exhibit during its one-month run at the museum.

We had pleasant weather for early February and a good turnout for the commemoration of William Henry Harrison's 251<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Presidential tomb in North Bend, OH. Later in February, approximately twenty members plus their guests attended and participated in an enjoyable Presidents Day luncheon hosted by the Cincinnati Chapter of the DAR.

Now we are moving into the busiest months of the year. Non-SAR organizations have invited us to take part in at more than six events so far this year that we have not participated in before. Most of these events are new and some of them are one-time events including special anniversaries and dedications.

I had thought things would pick up as America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary drew nearer. I believe it has started and will continue. Our presence is increasingly in demand. Public interest in the Revolutionary War and the founding of the nation is increasing. Many SAR members, like me, are old enough to remember our country's Bicentennial, but many, like me, were not yet SAR members at that time.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us as individuals and for us as an organization. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. The celebrations and commemorations of the events that resulted in our independence and shaped the nation will continue up through July 4, 2026, and should continue for more than ten years beyond that. In the middle of it all, the SAR will hold its 2028 National Congress in Cincinnati.

If you have not gotten involved or have not been involved recently, you are most welcome, and it is an excellent time to come and join us.

In Patriotism,

Scott Freeman  
President, Cincinnati Chapter SAR

# ***NATIONAL SAR 2028 CONGRESS CINCINNATI SELECTED AS HOST***

**Consistently, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution places as the top rated SAR chapter in the country.**

**Each year, the SAR hosts a National Congress where all the chapters leaders and members are encouraged to participate.**

**Business of the organization is addressed, decisions are proposed and made, and future goals are formalized.**

**In 2028, the Cincinnati and Ohio SAR Chapters will be honored with hosting this event in Cincinnati.**

**Lee Wilkerson is the “2028 National Congress Committee Chairman for “Cincinnati 2028”.**

**The link to the our chapter website below captures the most recent information on this upcoming event:**

**<https://cincinnatisar.org/2028-congress/>**

**All can agree that this is a tremendous honor as well a significant responsibility and undertaking. There will be a lot of work going forward to make sure this event is a meeting to remember.**

**First, we will relish in our success of winning the hosting of the event. Then the next phase of work starts. We will be reaching out to get commitments on roles and responsibilities for this upcoming event.**

**We will share more news as it unfolds.**

**Congratulations to all the Cincinnati and Ohio SAR leaders and members who worked tirelessly to make this happen!**



# EVENTS

## Harmon Museum—Friday January 19th

Friday evening January 19th, 2024, we attended an event at the Harmon Museum in downtown Lebanon.

The event was organized by the American Battlefield Trust and the Turtle Creek Chapter of the DAR. The Cincinnati and Richard Montgomery (Dayton) Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the opening event for the month long exhibit.

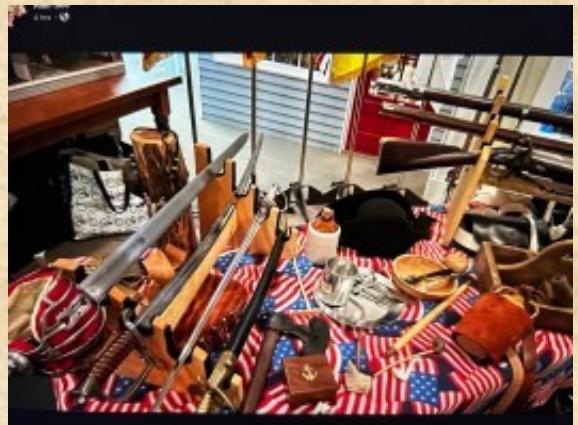
Cincinnati SAR members Brad Jarard, Michael Gunn, George Stewart, Jeff Hartman, Ed Bonniwell & Tim Madden were in uniform and Cincinnati SAR President Scott Freeman joined members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter and local DAR chapters to participate in the kickoff event of the American Battlefield Trust's "American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit".

Michael Gunn displayed his extensive 18th Century collection of Revolutionary War Era artifacts and provided History Presentations from 6:30 to 9:00 PM in the reception area.

Members of the SAR took time to speak with visitors and answer the many questions people had seeking to learn more about the Revolutionary War experience and colonial life.

See the impressive video of the event captured by Alan See of the Richard Montgomery—Dayton SAR Chapter: <https://www.facebook.com/699177236/videos/365951792825985/>

The exhibit we saw will travel around the country through the spring of 2025, sharing the rich history of this turbulent and remarkable time. This was a truly remarkable experience.



# EVENTS

## William Henry Harrison—Birthday Bash!

On Friday February 9th, 2024, there was a celebration of the birthday of former Ohion native and US President William Henry Harrison.

The program started with a parade starting at the North Bend Ohio Municipal Building and headed up the hill for about a mile to the William Henry Harrison Tomb.

The weather was blustery however mild for February. For that we were grateful.

The parade was led by members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution with help from local Eagle Scouts carrying the flags. Once to the tomb, the participants assembled on the area outside the tomb where local and state dignitaries joined to speak to the crowd.

There was music provided by the a local school choir. A number of speakers made remarks to the group, covering the history of William Henry Harrison including his short tenure as US President.

The Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution – Nolan Carson Color Guard performed a musket salute, followed by a ceremonial “mourn arms” while a member of our local armed forces played taps.

At that point the ceremony ended and the crowd disbursed.

Happy Birthday to William Henry Harrison, his legacy is us remembering the contributions he made to our great country and Ohio.



# EVENTS

## Presidents Day Luncheon

On Saturday February 17th, there was a special event, featuring the nations first president and first lady.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, combining with the Sons of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution joined forces to welcome George and Martha Washington at a Presidents Day Luncheon.



The events featured star power of the first President and his wife Martha Washington. President Washington thanked his wife Martha for attending this event last year on his behalf.



The event started with the posting of the colors by the Nolan Carson Color Guard of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, followed by a call to order.

Speakers included the head of the Cincinnati Chapter of the DAR – Monica Mohlenkamp. Monica introduced the heads of state which included Scott Freeman – President of the Cincinnati SAR, as well as the Ohio President of the Children of the American Revolution – Meridith Haynes.

A terrific lunch was served by the team at the Cincinnati Woman's Club. The venue was perfect for this event and we were not disappointed.



The real draw for this event was the former President. President Washington gave an inspired presentation describing his past, the struggle for independence and the personal challenges he / they faced during his service to our new country and a new form of government.

During the event, the Cincinnati SAR Chapter inducted a new member Cougar Jameson Perkins. As a special touch, his grandmother Natalie Fair-Albright, a Cincinnati Chapter DAR member participated in the induction and she pinned on the rosette on his lapel signifying SAR membership.



At the conclusion of the event, the Cincinnati SAR Color Guard retired the colors, followed by the benediction delivered by Sharon Weber, Chaplain of the Cincinnati DAR.

# YOUTH EDUCATION

## SAR Youth Education & Awards Committee

One of the cornerstones of our chapter outreach is our Youth Education efforts. We go into schools and share experiences and history from the 1770's with students and faculty.

This Committee is led by Bob Bowers and Ed Bonniwell. They are supported by a team including Dan Schmidtz, Mike Gunn, Lee Wilkerson, George Stewart, Jack Bredenfoerder, Gregg Ballman, Gary Duffield and Mike Blum.

The commitment invested by Bob Bowers and Ed Bonniwell is tremendous. The success of these efforts is recognized nationally and principally the result of these two men.

Getting access to our public schools and sharing the message of the American Revolution and how it impacts our lives today with our youth is the driving force behind these efforts.

Congratulations and our appreciation to these fine men and their energy and support of our mission.

## Youth Education—School Presentations—1st Quarter 2024

In the first quarter of 2024, the Youth Education team made presentations and participated in two schools.

Typically the SAR representatives go into classrooms and depending on the needs and interest of the students, display period artifacts, dress in 1770's military and civilian attire, make presentations on battles fought, discuss what military and day-to-day life was like as a colonist.

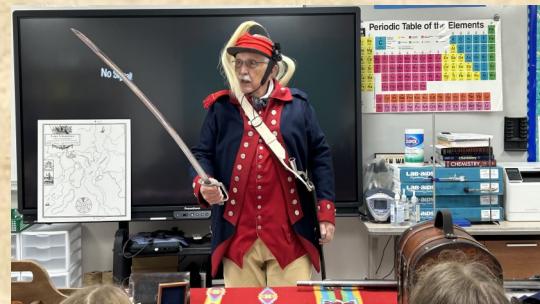
The students are encouraged to ask questions. Our goal is to share history in a three dimensional person to aid in retention of this history.

The presentations were made to the following schools:

- Monroe Elementary—Monroe Ohio
- Schilling School for Gifted Children—Cincinnati

## Interested in making an impact?

The Youth Education team is always seeking new members to make school presentations. If you have interest and want to influence our youth, please reach out to Bob Bowers for more information.



# **VETERAN OUTREACH**

## **Support Local Veterans Seeking Continuing Education**

### **Douglas Carver Scholarship Fund**

#### **University of Cincinnati—Blue Ash Campus**

At our April Cincinnati Chapter SAR meeting, we learned that Compatriot Douglas Carver established a Scholarship Fund for student veterans at the University of Cincinnati's Blue Ash Campus.

This is a terrific gift and we are grateful for Douglas Carver's generosity and support.

UC Blue Ash has over 5000 students around 4% identify as US Veterans. Veterans may be able to take advantage of the GI Bill. Unfortunately, the GI Bill only covers about 25-50% of their overall expenses.

Mr. Carver graciously set up this Veterans Scholarship Fund to bridge the gap between the GI Bill and the full cost of education.

Depending on fund availability, the fund plans to award scholarships up to three (3) students annually in the amount of \$500 per student per year.

Applicants must be considered Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Preference will be made to students who were deployed overseas during their service.

A more complete explanation is attached, copy the link below to your browser for the flyer with more complete details:

<https://cincinnatisar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Veterans-Scholarship-Fund-Program-Flyer-v1.pdf>

The hope is that others will donate additional funds and this will permit this scholarship fund to be converted to a longer term endowment fund.

If you wish to donate or have any questions, please reach out to Clay Crandall, Cincinnati SAR – Veterans Committee Chairman for more information.

**Lets continue to honor those who serve our great country by giving back where and when we can.**

# ***CINCINNATI CHAPTER COMMITTEES***

## **Citizenship & Naturalization**



During the first quarter of 2024, there were ten Naturalization Ceremonies on the Cincinnati Chapter SAR calendar.

Jerry Knight, Jack Bredenfoerder, and Mike Gunn from the Cincinnati Chapter attended these events and extended well wishes of our chapter to these new US citizens.

At these ceremonies, there were on average 40-50 new citizens at each event representing 20-30 countries.



# ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

## **Events for the Second Quarter of 2024!**

### **Busy! Busy!!**

**See the Cincinnati SAR calendar for more information including location at:  
[www.cincinnatisar.org/meetingsevents/](http://www.cincinnatisar.org/meetingsevents/)**

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings—Montgomery Inn—Wed PM 5/1, 6/5, no 7/2024 mtg.**

We will be holding our monthly Board of Management meetings at the Montgomery Inn in downtown Montgomery on the first Wednesday of the month. Open to all members, come join us at 5:30-7:00 for a social hour and you may partake in a Montgomery Inn meal prior to the 7:00 PM formal meeting start.

#### **Naturalizations—see Calendar – various dates**

There are four Naturalization Ceremonies on the schedule for the 2nd quarter of 2024. If you would like to participate either in Color Guard attire or not, please reach out to Jerry Knight to coordinate meeting.

#### **Patriots Day – Washington Park – Grave Marking – Sat. April 20th**

There will be a grave marking ceremony downtown Cincinnati in Washington Park honoring five additional American Revolutionary War Patriots. The Nolan Carson Color Guard will be present for the ceremony and we hope to perform a musket salute. There will also be an additional service on Memorial Day.

#### **Honor Flight – CVG Airport – Hebron KY—Tues. April 16th & Tues. May 22nd**

We will welcome home Military Veterans traveling to Washington DC to visit their respective military war memorials.

#### **Youth Education—School events— various locations**

Including Classical Conversations Home School and Mariemont Experiential School.

#### **Youth Award Presentations— various locations**

This year in lieu of an awards banquet, we are arranging to visit Youth Award winners at their respective schools to make a presentation of their award. This will generate more awareness of our programs to the broader school student body, teachers and administrators.

#### **ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentations – various locations—dates ranging from April 16th thru May 7th**

We will present certificate and financial scholarship awards at eleven ROTC/JROTC scheduled events within the Cincinnati area.

Continued .....

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**Ohio SAR Spring Meeting – Granville Ohio—Fri. May 3rd—Sun. May 5th**

**Board Meeting, Youth Awards, Patriot Grave Marking and Memorial Service, Officer inductions**

**“Field of Memories” - Arlington Memorial Garden—Cincinnati —Mon. May 27th**

**On Memorial Day, we honor the memories of service men and women and first responders. Over 1000 flags are flown to honor those who gave it all.**

**Flag Day Luncheon—Hamilton, OH - Saturday June 8th**

**DAR hosted and SAR participating in the event which celebrates Flag Day.**

**Historical Event—Waldschmidt Homestead Museum—Sat. June 22nd**

**Located in Camp Dennison, this treasure awaits all who want to learn more about the early history of the Cincinnati area. We will be sharing more information as it becomes available.**

### **Other Events**

**Note that there are additional events on our calendar which are in adjacent states and parts of Ohio. If you would like to participate or attend any of them, please do so.**

**If you participate, either as a member of the Color Guard, blue coat, or simply are there, please let the chapter Secretary Bob Bowers or President Scott Freeman know you attended. Doing so may benefit our chapter as a result of your participation.**

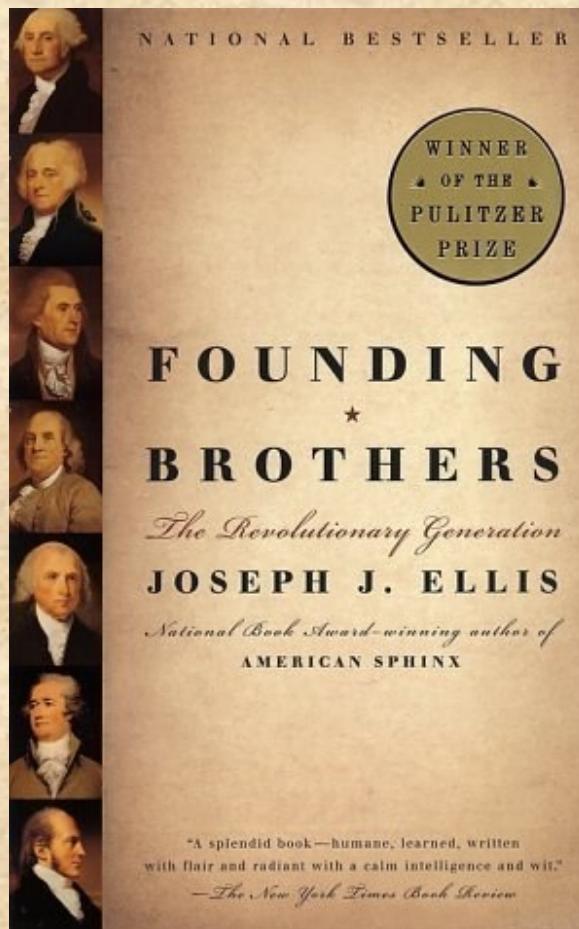
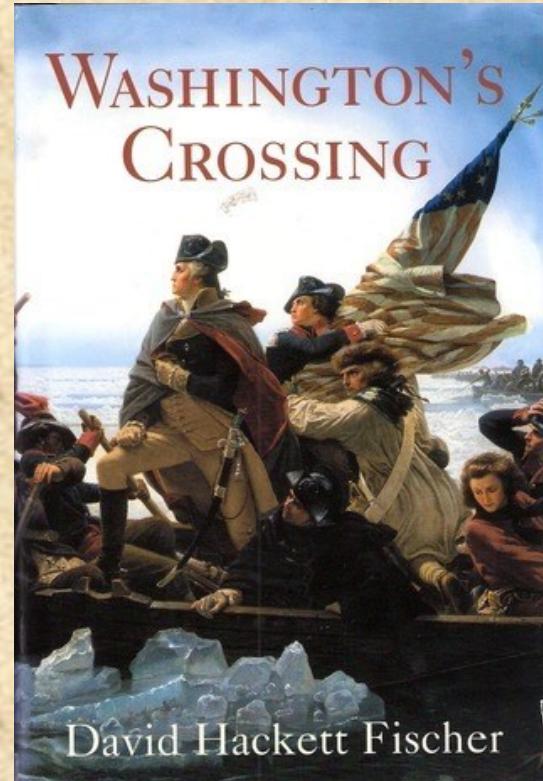
# READERS CORNER

Six months after the Declaration of Independence, after a string of military defeats, the American Revolutionary cause seemed lost. The British had routed the Americans at New York, occupied three colonies, and advanced within sight of Philadelphia.

George Washington refused to let the Revolution die. This is the story about the Christmas attack on the Hessian Garrison at Trenton New Jersey which resulted in the surrender of a thousand soldiers.

This book outlines how the campaign unfolded, the difficult decisions and sequence of events which influenced the outcome of the battles. It also contrasts the different fighting style of both armies.

These events captured and propelled the Americans toward a long and hard-fought marathon towards success and victory.



This story studies the intertwined lives of founders John Adams, Aaron Burr, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington.

Considered the greatest statesmen of their generation, they came together to lay the course for the new country. This book addresses six defining moments which addressed the most crucial issues facing this fragile new republic.

The book delves into the personalities and characters of these key founders. The author seeks to explore that the checks and balances that permitted the infant American republic to endure were not primarily legal, constitutional, or institutional, but intensely personal resulting in a dynamic interaction of leaders with quite different visions and values.

The result is an understanding of American politics both then and now that helps us understand and share perspective on the unpredictable forces that shaped our history.

# **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

## **Attention ..... Where Does Time Go?**

**This Newsletter highlights the more significant and newsworthy events of our chapter.**

**There is so much going on within our chapter that capturing all the activities would read like a novel.**

**We are grateful to all those within our chapter who contribute every day to our community, our purpose and each other.**

**If you want to get more involved, just reach out.**

**As members, below are sources of information available to you:**

- 1. This Newsletter—published quarterly**
- 2. Monthly / Periodic emails from our Chapter Secretary**
- 3. Our website <https://cincinnatisar.org>**
- 4. Our Calendar—our website always has the most current chapter calendar which can be viewed or downloaded—the link is: <https://cincinnatisar.org/meetingsevents/>**
- 5. Our Website Blog—in addition, our website has a “Blog” where we capture chapter activities, interesting articles and upcoming events. You can access that via the link at: <https://cincinnatisar.org/blog/>**
- 6. Our Facebook group —our chapter has a Facebook page where the “blog” articles are reposted, and in addition, members can add their own experiences, photos and share content with all our members. The link to our Facebook group is: <https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati.sar> Go there, sign up and follow us.**

**If you ever have any questions about upcoming activities, wondering how you can get more involved, please reach out to any of the leadership team.**

**Thanks again to all of our team who contribute**

**to making the SAR what it is today!**

**Hope you enjoy!**



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