



# Germany SOCIETY

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GERMANY SOCIETY

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GERMANY SOCIETY MEETING AT SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,  
MARCH 4, 2023 8:30 AM IN BROWN HOTEL

Minutes of the Germany Society meeting 3/4/2023

President Jessel called the meeting to order and led the 31 attendees with an Invocation.

He then displayed streamers from the Battles of Kettle Creek & Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, attended by the Germany Society in Georgia, followed by a request for members to forward their participation in events where they represent the Society to the President or Secretary for publication in our newsletter.

The following officers were asked to give their reports:

V. President Bredenfoerder spoke of the Ceremony in Germany he was unable to attend due to a personal injury

Treasurer Carr noted we have \$6497.39 in the account as of 1/31/2023. The reconciliation check for \$495.00 was submitted by request of our Secretary on 1/31/2023, leaving a balance of \$6002.39.

Secretary Gunn asked if anyone had any corrections or changes from the Minutes of the Fall meeting posted in the Newsletter (available on our website), hearing none they are accepted as posted. He also asked for article items for the newsletter to be sent to his attention.

Ashley Nunn (Von Steuben Chapter, GER) They are working of construction of Constitution & by-Laws for the new Chapter wit he help on President Jessel. In Germany they will set up a system of meetings moving to Zoom Meetings from a few cities in Germany focusing on the Military Bases. Mr. Nunn elaborated upon the

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great success of Registrar David Perkins with the BSA in Europe and Internationally, enabling Eagle Scout contests to flourish in the future. All attendees were appreciative of the job well done!

Registrar Perkins reiterated we have approval for Germany and the rest of Europe with Eagle Scout contests finally brought to fruition. Thanks David!

President Jessel spoke of the 6 JROTC units in Germany with presentations to take place ASAP and focus on DOD units.

Kevin Carr announced the availability of Germany Society Medals, pins, Patched, etc. at the Meeting.

Nomination Committee Chairman David Jessel Presented a Slate of Officers for the election to follow, each asked to stand and be recognized:

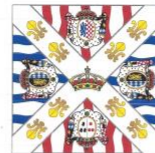
- President John (Jack) H. Bredenfoerder**
- Vice President Kevin Carr**
- Secretary Dr. Michael B. Gunn**
- Treasurer Elwin L. Spray**
- Registrar/Genealogist David J. Perkins**
- Chaplain David G. Jessel**
- Chancellor Dr. John F. Fulwider**
- Sergeant-at-Arms Elwin L. Spray**
- Trustees (Elected at this time, not installed until 133rd Congress)**
  - National Trustee David G. Jessel**
  - Alternate Trustee John (Jack) H. Bredenfoerder**

President Jessel then asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for each of the positions on the Slate, independently. Hearing none Eugene Smith moved to close the nominations, seconded by Russell DeVanney. The motion Carried.

A motion to approve all listed in the Nomination Slate by Acclamation was made by Russell DeVanney, seconded by Eric Troutman. The motion carried unanimously.

PG Lindsey C. Brock Stepped forward the swear into office the whole Slate of Officers, the two Trustees as Nominees.

There were winners of a raffle #614, 621 & more.



## Germany Society SAR

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President/Alternate Trustee: David G. Jessel, Vice President: John H. Bredenfoerder,

Secretary: Michael B. Gunn, Ph.D., Treasurer: Kevin R. Carr,

Registrar/Genealogist: David J. Perkins, Chaplain: William B. Fliegel, Jr.

National Trustee: Bruce A. Buckler, Chancellor: John L. Dicks, Sergeant-At-Arms: Elwin L. Spray

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Michael Gunn         | 18. Pat Nigmann             |
| 2. William Ryan Bartz   | 19. Julie Brudman           |
| 3. Bill Schwecke        | 20. Bruce DeWaney           |
| 4. Russ DeVanney        | 21. Michael Hynes           |
| 5. Stephen Miller       | 22. Michael Wilson (VASSAR) |
| 6. Dr. John Fulwider    | 23. Henry Voegtle           |
| 7. Charles Smith        | 24. Michel E. Seibert       |
| 8. Wayne Malbor         | 25. Eric Troutman           |
| 9. Bill Darrin          | 26. Kenneth Morris          |
| 10. David Hooper        | 27. DAVID PERKINS           |
| 11. William B. Debbis   | 28. Ed Rigel Jr.            |
| 12. DAVID JESSEL        | 29. Michael B. Gunn         |
| 13. Ashley Null         | 30. Kevin Carr              |
| 14. Roger W. Conroy     | 31. Kevin Carr              |
| 15. Toby Schmechel      | 32. _____                   |
| 16. Bradley Hayes       | 33. _____                   |
| 17. Eugene Smith ARSSAR | 34. _____                   |

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Members Sign 3/4/2023

Michael B. Gunn, Secretary



## New Officers

From left to right after the induction:  
PG Brock, Dave Jessel,  
Pres. Jack Bredenfoerder  
VP Kevin Carr, Secy  
Mike Gunn, Tres. Elwin  
Spray, Chan. Wulfider,  
Reg/Gen David Perkins



Trustee Noninee David Jessel and  
Treasurer/ Sgt. At Arms Elwin Spray  
Show the streamers to attendees;



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Shown above.

## Compatriot Russell Frederick De Venney, Jr. M. Graham Clark Chapter

Compatriot Russ De Venney started in Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard in 2003, appointed as Central Missouri Color Guard Commander (2004) and as Adjutant of the SAR National Color Guard (2013).



Compatriot De Venney in his Zweibrücken uniform, holding the Royal Deux-Ponts Regimental Flag at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of Counts Christian and Wilhelm de Forbach in SAR's visit to Munich, Germany 2012.



The Royal Deux-Ponts (Zweibrücken) Regimental Flag.

The French Expeditionary Forces under the Command of Comte de Rochambeau, arrived at Yorktown to assist General Washington's American Forces. General Rochambeau's forces consisted of seven regiments, one of which was the Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts, specifically requested by Rochambeau due to its fighting reputation.

On October 14, 1781, the French Regiments of Royal Deux-Ponts (Prussian) and Gâtinais (French) under the cover of darkness attacked and captured British Redoubt No. 9 at the Battle of Yorktown. They faced Hessian troops at Redoubt 9 – Germans fighting Germans. The Regiment of 69 officers and 1,031 men suffered its greatest losses at Yorktown (losses greater than any other unit in the battle), with 46 killed and 68 wounded.

### About The Patriots

The Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts formed 1757 by Duke Christian IV of Pfalz-Zweibrücken who, being indebted to Louis XV of France, pledged his army to France. (This Germanic Region was near the French border.)

### About His Uniform

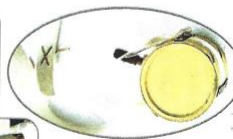
The uniform worn by Compatriot De Venney is distinctive, with its light blue and yellow facing coat, white underlings (weskit & pants) of lighter weight linen. It represents the uniform of the 104<sup>th</sup> Royal Deux-Ponts regiment formed in 1757 by Duke Christian IV of Pfalz-Zweibrücken under the command of Lt Col Wilhelm von Forbach.

### About His Accoutrements

When he commands troops, Compatriot De Venney wears the Officer's uniform with long pants, tricorne hat with plume, and carries an officer's French 'Hunting Sword'.



As a line soldier, he wears the same Regimental Uniform, with long pants, knee-length Gaiters and leather Garters. The Royal Deux-Ponts would have been furnished with a French Charleville .69-caliber musket. However, Compatriot De Venney carries and fires a replica of a British style .75-caliber Brown Bess, smooth bore, flintlock musket. He is also outfitted with a Bayonet and scabbard, a cartridge box, wooden canteen and linen haversack.



In Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence

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**Note From the President: Added a Youth Page to the Germany Society website with contacts for Eagle Scout, Oration, and ROTC / JROTC. I also added a Chapters page with contact info for the Von Steuben Chapter. JHB**

