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### **GERMANY SOCIETY CHARTERS THE BARON VON STEUBEN CHAPTER IN GERMANY FOR ITS PRIMARY MEMBERS**

The Germany Society, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has a new chapter in the Germany!

In mid-September 2023 John H. Bredenfoerder, President of the Germany Society traveled to Berlin, Germany. His mission was to present the new chapter charter to the primary members of the Germany Society and swear in the officers of the Baron Von Steuben Chapter.



He arrived along with his First Lady Laurie on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. They were welcomed with a cordial meet & greet chartering dinner which was held at a popular local Berlin restaurant.

On Saturday, the Bredenfoeders were given a tour of Sans Souci, the palace of Fredrich the Great. Floral tributes were also placed by the group at the statues of Baron Von Steuben in both Pottsdam, and

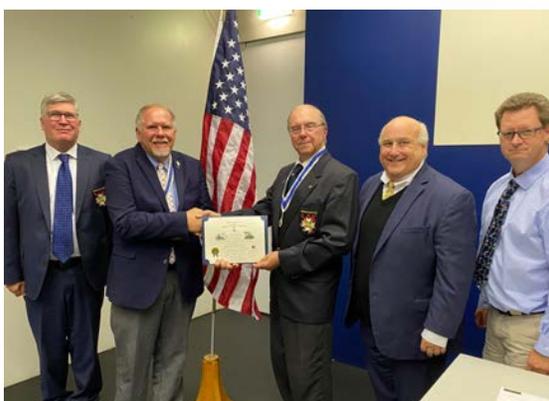
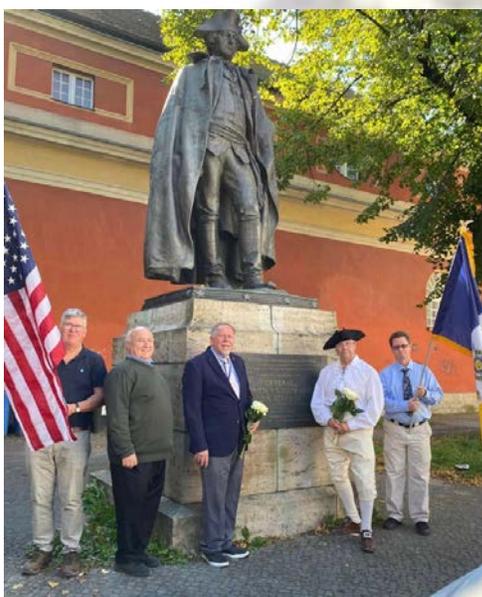
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Berlin. That evening the chapter officially met for the first time in person at the Allied Museum in Berlin. After the traditional SAR opening ceremonies, the first officers of the newly chartered Baron Von Steuben Chapter were sworn in by Germany Society President Bredenfoerder. The newly installed officers were:

Chapter President Robert Christopher McLarren, Member # 211000.  
Vice President John Paul (Ashley) Null, Member # 199580.  
Secretary/Treasurer Clarence Eugene Butler Member # 223051  
Also present was Charter Signer Mark Wilder Griffith Member # 222954.

Chapter President McLarren gave a rousing vision of the chapter speech and an educational presentation about Baron Von Steuben.

The charter will continue to be circulated and signed by the other primary members located throughout Germany during the coming year. A final copy will be delivered to the Germany Society historian at Fall Leadership 2024. Congratulations, welcome, and much success to the Baron Von Steuben Chapter!



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### **Germany Society Members Gather after the Memorial Ceremony Held at Fort Laurens on July 29, 2023 in Bolivar Ohio.**



Pictured from left to right:  
Michael Gunn, Secretary Germany Society  
John H. Bredenfoerder,  
President Germany Society  
Michael Blum, OHSSAR Treasurer  
Elwin Spray, Treasurer & Sgt of Arms  
Germany Society

At the SAR Marker located at the Ft. Laurens site.

### **Cincinnati SAR gathered with a group of 80 on Independence Day, 2023 in Washington Park**

The park is located in downtown Cincinnati, OH and at 2 PM on 7/4/2023 many gathered to bring recognition and honor to 54 forgotten Revolutionary War Patriots. Nowadays, Washington Park is a community gathering place, but 150 years ago it was a cemetery. In a county where as many as 55 Revolutionary War veterans were buried. On this day Five of the 54 soldiers were honored, the remaining 49 will be entered in future ceremonies leading up to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in July of 2026. Six members of the Germany



Society joined in the ceremony: Elwin Spray, Gordon Stokely, Jack Bredenfoerder, Gary Duffield, Michael Blum and Michael Gunn.

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### **Ten Members of the Germany Society Attend October's Central District Grave Marking Ceremony in Goshen, Ohio.**

On a drizzly Saturday afternoon on October 21st, 2023 in the Myers Cemetery in Goshen Ohio members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) hosted a Patriot Grave Marking event sponsored by the Central District of the Sons of the American Revolution's new Vice President Steve Hinson. The weather may have dampened our attire, however never our spirit. We were honored to have the President General John L Dodd of the National SAR participate in the Central District events on Saturday. He addressed and inspected the Color Guard participants at the start of the event. Our Germany Society Secretary Dr. Michael Gunn Emceed the event where six patriots were honored. They are:

- ~ Ludwig F. Fryburger (1745-1802) a Private with PA.
- ~ Daniel R. Roudabush (1749-1804) Rendered Service in the Revolution.
- ~ Johann Jacob Stroup, Sr. (1767-1862) a Soldier in the Revolution.
- ~ Lewis Fryberger (\_-1845) served one year in the Revolution.
- ~ Jacob Reader (1757-1842) a Soldier in the Revolution.
- ~ And A. Simmons (1747-1827) a soldier whose grave site is unknown here.

Another significant part of the event was the presentation of ceremonial wreaths from the many SAR, DAR, CAR and local civic groups who participated in this event, 42 wreaths were placed by attendees who included six SAR General Officers in addition to our President General.

11 Germany Society Members in attendance: Donald Miller, Gordon Stokely, Michael Gunn, William Behnke, Larry Collins, Jack Bredenfoerder, Brooks Lyles, PG John L. Dodd, Gary Duffield, Bruce Bennett, and Larry Perkins (not pictured).