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GERMANY SOCIETY MEETING AT NATIONAL CONGRESS
JULY 16, 2023 IN ORLANDO, FL.

Minutes of the Germany Society meeting 7/16/2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Bredenfoerder at 11:00 AM, Sunday July 16, 2023. This was followed by an Invocation led by Chaplain Jessel; The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag led by V.P. Carr; then a Pledge to SAR led by Treasurer Spray.

President Bredenfoerder welcomed all present (see sign in sheet following Minutes). He then made some personal presentations to all officers as a gesture of gratitude for their support. He announced where everyone may assemble for a group Photo of Society attendance at this Congress.

First Lady Laurie Bredenfoerder recorded these minutes, Thank You!

~Treasurer Spray then reported we have a balance in the Society Account of Approximately \$6,000.00. Dues notices will come out in September or late October as the President will be on a trip to Germany. Contact President Bredenfoerder if you do not receive the notice by end of October.

~Secretary Gunn published the Spring Meeting minutes in the Spring Newsletter.

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We are finalizing the Von Steuben Chapter in Germany, finding a few additional officers at present. May be able to have their election soon to finalize the Charter for the Von Steuben Chapter in an upcoming Zoom Meeting with those Primary Members in Germany. A Motion was proposed by President Bredenfoerder to enable the Executive Committee to perform the required steps during a Zoom meeting for finalizing the Charter with the Primary Members and their officers; Motion Made by John Fulwider, seconded by Oliver from Virginia.

Under New Business:

1) V.P. Carr presented the topic of a transfer from Alabama into the Germany Society as a Primary Member. This may be an existing Dual Member (SAR # 181774, since 2015) seeking lower annual Society Membership fees. Officers will check our By-Laws to this event as Secy Gunn was led to believe this was a transfer to Primary Membership as it was approved by Registrar General W. Allen Greenly . V.P. Carr will attend a By-Laws Committee Meeting to bring clarity to this item.

2) Several streamers were presented to the Society; first a banner for participation in the Let Freedom Ring on July 4th in Litchfield, CT and Genealogist Perkins also presented the white & blue banner for participating in the Battle of Springfield in New Jersey.

3) David Jessel spoke of the continued support he helped us provide for the ROTC in Germany. We hope the new chapter could take over handing out the Medals we have been sending to Germany.

4) David Perkins explained that regarding the Eagle Scout Program in Germany will be continued with the Trans-Atlantic Council providing \$2500 in support.

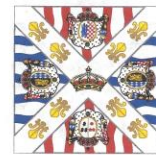
5) We have had a request from a German National about an Application hoping for approval. We currently have three from one family.

For the Good of the Order: Elwin Spray spoke of a possible visit to Germany by the new PG next year, including a tour. He suggests having our passports in order, etc. for a visit to Lyon, The Royal Dupont or more around May 12 - 25.

Another Compatriot noted that the 80th Anniversary of Normandy is another opportunity.

The French Society also has ideas of similar tours starting at Rochambeu.

The meeting was adjourned, then the SAR Recessional, Benediction By Chaplain Jessel. At 11:27 AM.



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Sign in • July 16, 2023 • Raven Plaza, Orlando FL

1. Jack Bredenfoerder	21. Michael P. Schenk
2. DAVID JESSEL	22. Brett Osborn
3. Bill Schwetko	23. Pat Kelly
4. David Ludley	24. DEREK BROWN
5. Brooks Hyles	25. Michael E. Seibert
6. William Dobb	26. P. N. M. M. V. S. Europe
7. Pat Niemann	27. _____
8. Elwin Spray	28. _____
9. Kenneth MORRIS	29. _____
10. Stephen Miller	30. _____
11. William Behrke sr	31. _____
12. Dr. John Fulwider	32. _____
13. David F. Cook	33. _____
14. Timothy S. Patten	34. _____
15. Charles B. Smith	35. _____
16. DAVID J. PERKINS	36. _____
17. Preston E. Irving	37. _____
18. Stephen Renouf	38. _____
19. Ray Daman	39. _____
20. Kevin Carr	40. _____

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Germany Society officers
present at Congress
offering a toast to the new
Baron Von Steuben Chapter
(L-R):

President

Jack Bredenfoerder

Treasurer

Elwin Spray

Registrar/Geneologist

David Perkins

Trustee/ Chaplin

David Jessel

Chancellor

Dr. John Fulwiler

Vice President

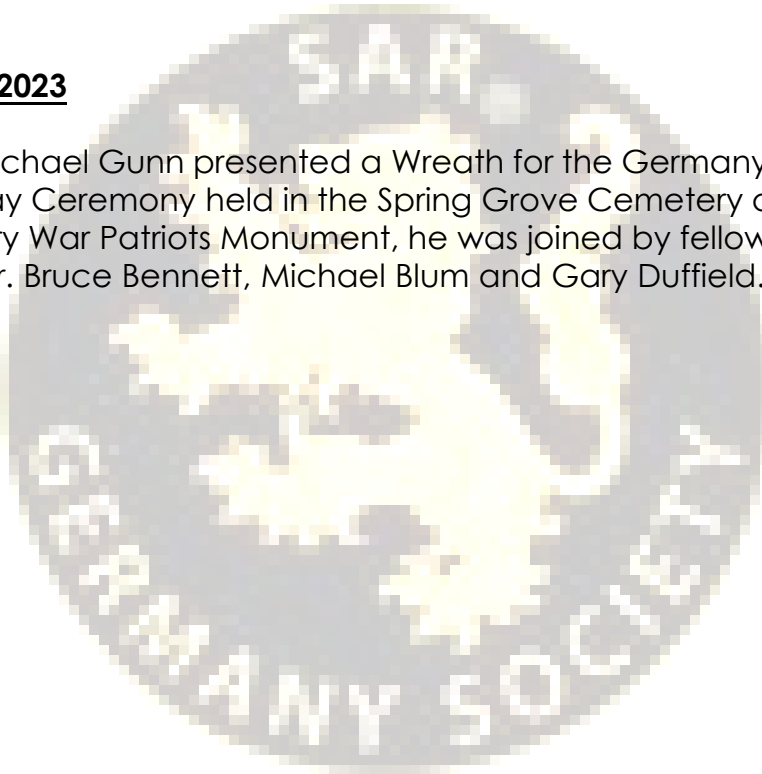
Kevin Carr

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On April 23, 2023

Secretary Michael Gunn presented a Wreath for the Germany Society at a Patriots Day Ceremony held in the Spring Grove Cemetery at the Revolutionary War Patriots Monument, he was joined by fellow Germany members: Dr. Bruce Bennett, Michael Blum and Gary Duffield.



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On June 8, 2023 three representatives of the Boston Tea Party & Ships Museum came to Cincinnati, OH to place a special Marker at the memorial tombstone of **Joshua Wyeth** Librarian, Kristin Harris; Creative Mgr. Evan O'Brian; and Marker Placer Catherine Philippe. Four members of the Germany Society were in attendance and participated in a ceremony to honor Patriot Wyeth for not only his role in tossing the British tea into the Boston Harbor, but also for coining the term "Boston Tea Party" during a newspaper interview in the 1820's here in Cincinnati. This ceremony was close to the end of the Museum's Program to honor their list of 130 participants in the event of December, 1773 in preparation of our **250th anniversary celebration.**

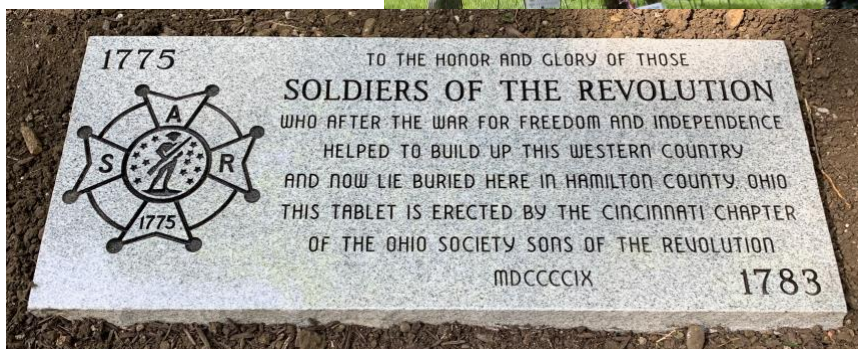
Members above, right: VPG Jesse Moore, VPG Elwin Spray (Treasurer), Larry Collins and Michael Gunn are joined by Catherine Philippe (in Colonial Costume) who placed the marker for the Museum. They flew the Society flag and laid our wreath at the ceremony.



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Society President John H. Bredenfoerder is pictured here > presenting a wreath at the Armstrong Chapel Cemetery, on 8300 Indian Hill Rd, Indian Hill, OH during the OHSSAR Summer Meeting near Cincinnati, OH on June 6, 2023. Four other members of the Society joined him at the event, including PG C. Bruce Pickette, Former VPG Jesse Moore, Highlanders Chapter Gary Duffield and Secretary Michael Gunn. Patriots honored at the event were William Finch P-158188; Jonathan Waring P-313536 and Samuel Kitchell P-230759. An OHSSAR Memorial Ceremony followed with a Youth Awards Luncheon and Recognition Dinner later in the afternoon where PG Pickette inspected the OHSSAR Color guard.

Eight Germany Society Members joined with the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution who gathered with a group of 80 on Independence Day, 2023 in Washington Park, located in downtown Cincinnati, OH at 2 PM to bring recognition and honor to 54 forgotten Revolutionary War



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Patriots. These heroes were buried when the Park was Cemeteries in the early 1800's before the City of Cincinnati made the area a park in about 1850. Their bodies may likely still be there under the grassy wooded surface. Five of the 54 soldiers were honored on that Tuesday having been dedicated at a Granite Monument in the Park and were entered into the National Database of Revolutionary War Veterans. 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. Pictured here are members: Treasurer Elwin Spray, Gordon Stokely, President Jack Bredenfoerder, Gary Duffield, Michael Blum and Secretary Michael Gunn.

