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The following slate of Society Officers was proposed to attendees at the March 29, 2020 meeting by President Bruce A. Buehler, then subsequent to a motion made by Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, FL to approve them by acclamation, approved unanimously by the 30 members present:

President/Alternate Trustee: Bruce A. Buehler,

Vice President: John H. Bredenfoerder,

Treasurer: Kevin R. Carr,

Secretary: Michael B. Gunn,

Registrar/Genealogist: Eric H. Troutman,

Chaplain/National Trustee: David G. Jessel,

Chancellor: John L. Dodd

Sergeant-At-Arms: Donald Burdick

Congratulations Officers!

Submitted by Secretary Dr. Michael B. Gunn

Germany Society Wreaths Placed at New Jersey Battle Sites

By Michael B. Gunn, Ph.D., Secretary Germany Society

In the last Newsletter of the Society, Vol 2, No 2 September 2015 the topic of obtaining a Regimental Flag for the Society was still a dream. Since then, through the efforts of Vice President Jack Bredenfoerder we have three copies and they are most impressive. Indeed, when posted or carried they always illicit positive comments and curiosity. This article will demonstrate where our Society Colors impressed the public.

On June 15, 2018, nine members of the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard packed up their muskets, bayonets, cartridge boxes and haversacks and began a journey that would take them back 240 years to the early years of the America's Fight for Independence. Compatriots



rendevoused in Princeton, NJ and met their guide, Roger Williams, the next morning at the Princeton Battle Monument in downtown Princeton. Roger welcomed us and proceeded to outline the travel route that he had planned for the day.

Our caravan was four cars long and the distance covered would be about seventy-five miles along back roads and highways connecting Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Eve 1776, the subsequent march to Trenton and the Battle with the Hessians. We next reviewed the location and detail of the Battle of Assunpink Creek in what is now downtown Trenton, followed the path of Washington's Continental Army to Princeton, NJ and reviewed the action that had taken place there against the British on January 3, 1777 at the 2nd Battle of Trenton.



The next day we met with President Rob Meyer of the New Jersey Society and participated in the ceremonies planned for the 240th Commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth. The Ohio Society, Germany Society and

Chapters present were invited to place wreaths in memory of the patriots lost during the battle at Monmouth. Vice President Lee Wilkerson, Ohio Society; President Jack Bredenfoerder, Cincinnati Chapter; President Ken Carpenter, Highlanders Chapter; Treasurer Bob Hill, Hocking Valley Chapter, and Dr. Michael Gunn, German Society all placed wreaths before the monument of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben along with wreaths placed by our hosts the New Jersey Society SAR and DAR. The ceremony was concluded with a benediction and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Ralph Bonniwell and a 21 gun musket salute by a combined New Jersey and Ohio Society squad of muskets.

Towards evening, the Cincinnati contingent packed up and headed back to the Princeton Battle Field for a final commemoration at the graves of British and American soldiers that died during that battle. Once again, Vice President Lee Wilkerson, Ohio Society; President Jack Bredenfoerder, Cincinnati



Germany Society VP Jack Bredenfoerder and Secretary Michael Gunn with the Germany Society Regimental Colors.

Chapter; Treasurer Bob Hill, Hocking Valley Chapter and Mike Gunn, Germany Society all placed wreaths at the grave site. The Rev. Dr. Edgar Ralph Bonniwell, solemnized the ceremony with the closing prayer, as the Color Guard assumes the Mourn Position with the Regimental Colors. This was, indeed, a rare occurrence, as only few ceremonies have ever been orchestrated by SAR at the Princeton Battlefield Memorial. We members of the Germany Society are pleased to have been able to add our Society to those who've honored the Patriots who served and died at these New Jersey battle sites to garner the successful triumph safeguarding our freedom and liberties in these United States of America.