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National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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## **GUTEN TAG:**

Greetings from the Germany Society. This is the first issue of a society newsletter published periodically for the information of society members, other compatriots of the NSSAR, and persons interested in becoming members of the NSSAR. The Germany Society website explains who we are, how we are organized and our several purposes. That web address is sargermany.org. This newsletter hopes to cover activities of the Society such as our donations program, out outreach to US and Germany citizens in Germany, committee meetings and social activities.

This newsletter will be in English but may from time to time lapse into German as the occasion might dictate.

Member photo and text contributions are most welcome and should be sent to the editor at <u>amjohnson@juno.com</u>. These may be about the activities of Society members and their families or about appropriate historical and cultural events that may be of interest to our membership.

We are, of course, completely non-political.

**EVENTS AT CONGRESS:** 



President Buehler conducted our customary membership meeting at the annual Congress held in Greenville, SC from 19-23 July 2014. It was noted that we currently have 175 paid members in the Germany Society. A committee chaired by Larry Guzy (with CW Posey, Stephen Renouf, and Walter Stevenson) has diligently revised our society Constitution and Bylaws and the new product was Look on the discussed and approved. website for the revised text in a few weeks. Our Society's contribution of \$750 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage has been made. With the matching funds from Compatriot Sam Powell and President Dooley's Challenge, the donation grew to \$2,000.00. Additionally, the society made a donation of \$250.00 to support the USO in Germany. During the Awards session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Congress, our society was awarded President General's streamers for both donations.

President Buehler awarded the silver Roger Sherman Medal to 5 society members



The Roger Sherman medal

who have extended themselves for the benefit of our Society? The members recognized were Larry T. Guzy, Dr. Walter B. Stevenson, Jr., David G. Jessel, Stephen R. Renouf, and Reverend (Dr.) James C. Taylor.

An issue of great importance discussed during the meeting is regarding nominations for Society Chancellor and Society Sergeant at Arms. Please contact President Buehler at <u>brucebuehler@att.net</u> or (334) 467-6646 if you are interested in filling one of these important positions.

Of great importance is fostering membership growth in Germany. We currently have 5 members actually residing there. Our recruiting recent efforts have potential identified 6 prospective members. We are working with them to transfer their primary membership. If you know of NSSAR members living in Germany, please email the Germany Society Registrar Walter Stevenson at SAR.Germany@gmail.com with contact information. If you are acquainted with German citizens who are qualified for NSSAR membership, we especially want to hear from you!!

## NOTABLE MEMBERS:

Among the notable members of the Germany Society is member Lindsey Cook Brock, our newly elected President General. PG Brock is a past Treasurer of the society and a great supporter of the work being accomplished by our members.

Larry Guzy was elected at the congress to be the National Registrar General. Larry is a thorough and methodical man and ideally suited to perform the duties of Registrar-General. Few would be surprised if this active compatriot is seen in higher NSSAR offices in future years.

Charles "Bruce" Pickette was elected as the Liberian General. Bruce has been a supportive member of the Germany Society for a number of years. His educational background and record of volunteer service to local libraries make him well qualified for this and higher positions.

Regarding color guard matters, Larry Guzy often appears in the grey uniform of the Royal Deux Pont Regiment that fought for American independence and fought with the French at the battle of Yorktown.

THE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEDAL: The well-designed medal you see at the masthead of this newsletter is a symbol of membership in the Germany Society. It is available to members in full size medal and in miniature for formal wear.

SOCIETY DUES: Society dues are separate and above your primary state dues. Early submission of payment is always appreciated and the dues remain at \$10.00 for the year. The dues cards will be sent to Society members NLT 15 September. Your dues allow the Germany Society to continue good works and are very much appreciated.

**RECRUITING:** If you enjoy the activities of the Germany Society and wish those works to expand, please tell other members about the Society and why you enjoy being a member of it. Ancestry is not a requirement but many, probably most, members have German heritage and perhaps even relatives in what is now Germany. It is a heritage worthy of celebration! Joining is easy. What should you say to a prospective member: This from our "The Germany website: Sons of the Society

American Revolution was establish to honor the men of German Regiments who fought under the French Expeditionary Forces of France in support of establishing Independence for America. Many of our members have ancestors of German heritage. However. only our requirement for membership in the Germany Society is to be an active member in good standing in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Our society was also created to help promote and support the National Society of the American Revolution and the founding principles our democratic republic.

We also provide financial support to the National Society through our society contributions to various needs and projects. Our yearly membership dues are only \$10.00 but the rewards of participation are invaluable!"

Send your application and a check for the modest sum of \$10.00 (How many DM to a dollar was that in the old days?) and send to Treasurer Larry Guzy at 4531 Paper Mill Rd. SE, Marietta, GA 30067-4025.

Your life will never be the same again.