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Germany Society

Minutes of Meeting at NSSAR Congress

Marriott Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

Friday, July 12, 2024, 11:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by President John H. Bredenfoerder, with both Members present at the Marriott and by Zoom in Germany & USA.

Opening Ceremonies by Pres. Bredenfoerder, who introduced the three members of the Von Steuben Chapter: Chapter Pres. Christopher McClarren, Ashley Null & Mark Griffith; First Lady Laurie Bredenfoerder who is helping here today with notes; then Secretary Michael Gunn in Cincinnati. He Gave a quick overview of the activities of the Von Steuben Chapter's Eagle Scout & ROTC in Germany read from a report from Pres McClarren about meetings he attended in Berlin, where he added specific information regarding the

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involvement of Colonists in battles prior to the "Revolutionary War in 1716" and movement towards independence in America; all with substantial support from German resources.

- A Vocation by President Bredenfoerder
- Pledge of Allegiance led by V.P. Carr
- Pledge to the SAR led by Tres. Spray

Declaration of a Quorum by Pres. Bredenfoerder; followed by introduction of:

- V.P Carr, who Gave greetings
- Treasurer Spray who reported \$3000.00 in our account and Merchendice available for purchase.
- Registrar Perkins who acknowledged a new Primary member in Germany, Vincent A. Gilkey and another 2 currently in process.

Old Business:

- A motion from Ashley Null to renew the \$500 for funding the Eagle Scout Contest in Germany passed unanimously.
- A Reminder that regular updates in the Germany Society Newsletters are to be found at the website <http://germanysocietysar.org/>

New Business:

- Pat Kelly, VA spoke of a Grave Marking Ceremony, Saturday, August 24th at 10AM in Whitfield VA at St. John Lutheran Church. for Pastor George Daniel Flore who was with the Royal Dupont Regt. at Redoubt #9 Yorktown. Also in October at the same church six German Soldiers will be honored in a Grave Marking.
- Elwin Spray reminded all members to place wreaths at Grave Markings, then send photo's with information to Mike Gunn so the spread of Germany Society activity may be shared in our Newsletter.

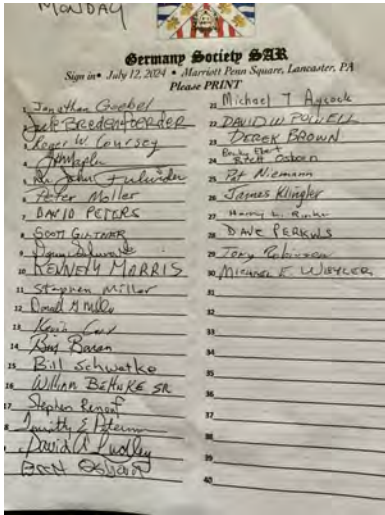
A brief Discussion regarding David Jessel's wife and her medical condition warrents prayers from our membership.

The meeting was adjourned after the Benediction and the SAR Recessional at 11:55 AM.

Thanks to Laurie Bredenfoerder/ Michael B. Gunn, Secretary Germany Society

[If you did not receive an E-mail from Michael Gunn on 7/16/2024 about the passing of David Jessel's wife Brenda The E-mail address we have for you no longer works, or your mail box is full. Please send mgunn@fuse.net an operating address/ Phone Number, Street Address if you wish additional communications. Or rely on the Website]

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Germany Society Attendees at the 2014 Congress & Awards



And Medals for Some Officers:



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Photo: Compatriot Ashley Null presented with the Gold Roger Sherman Medal by Germany Society President Jack Bredenfoerder

Germany Society Compatriot Ashley Null Takes Patriotism to the Global Stage

SAR Germany Society's Ashley Null is a man of many talents – and at several continents. From his base in Berlin, Germany, Ashley pursues his “day job” as a leading scholar researching the Reformation and publishing scholarly treatises. In service to SAR, he is the Vice President of the Germany Society SAR and Vice President of the newly chartered SAR Baron Von Steuben Chapter headquartered in Berlin. The chapter serves SAR members throughout Germany. Despite the distance, Ashley regularly returns to the US to attend the SAR Congresses and Leadership meetings. In 2022, Ashley developed an alliance with Scouting's Trans-Atlantic Council. This alliance made it possible for Eagle Scouts living in Europe to participate in the SAR Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. In 2024, both the Germany Society and the France Society were able to sponsor Eagle Scout candidates for the 2024 NSSAR contest. Because of Ashley's outstanding efforts in working with the Trans-Atlantic Scout Council, we now receiving entries from scouts residing throughout Europe. Many of these scouts are sons and daughters of US military stationed there. Ashley was recently awarded the Gold Roger Sherman Medal by President General Dodd for exemplary work in developing SAR programs in Europe. Ashley's work with youth is consistent with his long-time support of Olympic elite athletes. His work brings the soothing power of prayer into the pressure-filled lives of many young athletes. Ashley's spiritual coaching helps them to better focus and achieve what others may think is unachievable. This past July, Ashley was once again on-site at the Olympics, working with members of the USA's Swim Team. The compatriots of the Germany Society are truly proud of Compatriot Null and how he has fostered patriotism on the global stage. Congratulations Ashley!

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Germany Society Wreaths Placed: at Ft. Laurens Memorial

President John Bredenfoerder & Secretary Michael Gunn placed a Wreath by the Germany Society Flag at the Annual Ceremony held 27 Jul 2024 in Bolivar, Ohio



Secretary Michael Gunn joined about 200 attendees at the Battle of Blue Licks in Robertson County, Kentucky on August 17, 2014 where he presented a Wreath on behalf of the Germany Society. This was the largest event he'd ever attended and the best organized, see photos below.



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Pictured here on the far left is that of Christian Marquis de Deux-Ponts at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis (by John Trumbull). He was recently assigned a Patriot number 347781 in NSSAR PRS.



Christian DE DEUX-PONTS/VON FORBACH/VON ZWEYBRÜCKEN SAR Patriot #: P-347781

The following information was assembled from numerous sources and cannot be used directly as proof of Qualifying Service or Lineage. It is considered a research aid and is intended to assist in locating sources that can be used as proof.

Patriot Detail Grave Detail Contribute Biography Additional Information

State of Service: FRA Qualifying Service: Lieutenant Colonel
Birth: 20 Nov 1752 Zweibrücken / Rhineland-Palatinate / Germany
Death: 25 Oct 1817 Munich / Stadtkreis München / Bavaria (Bayern) / Germany

Qualifying Service Description:

1. Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal Deux-Ponts Regiment ((French: Régiment Royal-Deux-Ponts), under the name of Christian Graf von Forbach, then Christian Marquis de Deux-Ponts, 1780 to 1783
2. Led the famed Royal Deux-Ponts Regiment, including the assault on Redoubt 9, in the Battle of Yorktown (October 1781) helping force the surrender of British General Cornwallis

Spouse: Adélaïde-Françoise de Béthune-Pologne
Children: Marie-Amélie Charlotte Auguste; Marie-Amélie Charlotte Françoise Auguste; Kasimira-Maria Louise Antonette;

Members Who Share This Ancestor
None

*This means that the NSSAR has no applications for this Patriot on file. Instead the information provided is best effort, and from volunteers who have either researched grave sites, service records, or something similar. There is no documentation available at NSSAR HQ to order.