



# GERMANY SOCIETY

## Sons of the American Revolution

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#### Germany Society Members at Veteran's Day Memorial Service in Cincinnati, OH

On November 11, 2020 the 75th Anniversary of the Honor Roll Memorial located in the Mohawk Community of the City of Cincinnati was celebrated with social distancing and by wearing protective masks by attendees and presenters alike. Mohawk is located in the "Over the Rhine" Area of Cincinnati, named for the large number of citizens with German ancestry who lived there. The memorial was originally Dedicated on November 18, 1945 and rededicated in 2011 by replacing the bronze plaques which had been pilfered by thieves with Granite panels containing the names of the several hundred local citizens who responded to their call to serve in WWII.

It is our duty now to remember their sacrifices and those others who stood to obtain and protect our freedoms over the 250 years since the founding of our Republic, these United States of America.



*VP Jack Bredenfoerder &  
Secy. Mike Gunn*

Assembled this day to bring the honor at this Memorial Service were:

Emcee Michael Wolber, CWO4 USN Retired, son of Honoree

A singer with a DMA from Cinti Conservatory of Music, who preformed the National Anthem and Post Ceremony 1940 songs.

Invocation and Benediction by Rev Dr. Ed Boniwell, OHSSAR & Cincinnati SAR Chaplain  
Post of Colors & Musket Salute by Cincinnati SAR Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard

OHSSAR; Pres Lee Wilkerson, V.P. Jack Bredenfoerder and Secy. Michael Gunn of the Germany Society, and other Cincinnati SAR members.



Congressman, Army Lt. Colonel, Dr. Brad Wenstrup, was the keynote Speaker and Gulf War Veteran, known for attending to the other Congressman who was shot at the Ballgame Practice Held at Eugene Simpson Stadium Park in Washington D.C. in June 14, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Family of John Wolber, Honoree and a Wreath

Ceremony by Honoree Jim Pragar's Grandson  
Taps by Beth Fischer, Bugles Across America and Colors Retired by Cincinnati SAR

Special Note: by a show of hands about 60 of the 80 attendees were family of at least one of the Honorees at this moving Veterans Day & 75th Anniversary of the Memorial in 1945.

### Germany Society Presents Wreath at Patriot Joseph Catterlin Grave Marking

On Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 2 PM the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) Honored Joseph Catterline (1741-1822) a Revolutionary War Patriot by marking his grave located at Miami Chapel Cemetery, 6210 River Road in Fairfield, Liberty Twp., Butler County, OH. Rain was predicted for the morning and disappeared with a gift of bright sun, but with a brisk wind by noon with gusts of 30 mph, as we set up the 8 flags and the podium behind Joseph's Gravesite.



*OHSSAR President Wilkerson brings Greetings as Encee Mike Gunn prepares to complete the Program*

This was a Social Distancing Event, due to the existing 2020 Pandemic and protective masks required as additional assurance of a safe event during the ceremony expected to be an hour in length. The agreement with the City of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Officials and common sense both dictated such. Fairfield also required we reach out to Joseph's descendants, which was already done as one of our CCSAR Compatriots, Charles Rogers had informed us of the interest to mark this grave by Descendant Thomas Foster Stander, CCSAR Member # 963392. We initially planned to honor this ancestor in late 2018. Unfortunately, Compatriot Stander died in 2019 and didn't get an opportunity to be here and participate personally.



*City of Fairfield, OH Officials*

OHSSAR President Wilkerson began with Greetings from the 2000 + SAR members in Ohio and himself, then said “Today we are not just celebrating man’s patriotism and a remembrance of his willingness to defend a land in which he believed.” The only guests attending were the with City of Fairfield including Mayor Steve Miller, City Manager Mark Wendling, Council Member & Park Board member, Leslie Besl,

Park Board member, Gwen Richie, Director of Parks & Recreation, Tiphonie Howard and Robert Schappacher with the Parks Department.

After the reveal and dedication of the SAR Marker Nine Wreaths were then presented, including the Ohio Society, the Germany Society by John H. Bredenfoerder, the Indiana Society and several from SAR Chapters in Ohio.

Joseph served as a 1st Lieutenant in the in 1st Regiment Somerset County, New Jersey Militia in the Revolutionary War, and were known as the Jersey Blues due to their blue coats and Pants. The records of the Adjutant General indicate his unit was active before November, 1777.



He was also a recruiting officer in New Jersey for the Continental Army.

He was buried here in 1822 and his name is also on Panel #9 of the Butler County, Soldiers & Sailors and Pioneers Monument in Hamilton, OH.

The Germany Society flag joined seven others in tribute to the services rendered by Patriot Catterlin in the Revolutionary War, all standing testimony to the 21 gun musket salute by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard and Taps played after the Benediction administered by Chaplain Boniwell.