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# Germany SOCIETY

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GERMANY SOCIETY

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### GERMANY SOCIETY MEMBERS ATTEND PATRIOT'S DAY EVENT

The Society's Vice President led the members of a contingent and placed a wreath to honor eight Patriots at a Grave Marking Ceremony in Hopewell Cemetery in Montgomery, OH near Cincinnati on April 17, 2021. The Society Flag joined the National Colors, chapter flags and six Regimental Flags from the Revolution. Joining V.P. Jack Bredenfoerder were: Society Secretary Mike Gunn, Gordon Stokely, Mike Blum, Gary Duffield and Elwin Spray.



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### NEWS FROM PRIMARY MEMBERS IN GERMANY

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Recent Zoom meetings with several of our primary members of the Society and Officers of the Germany Society have encouraged optimism for progress in achieving objectives for progress in growth of membership in Germany. A committee has been established there to facilitate a continuation of these meetings and a newsletter to give improved communications within our active primary members. The following articles demonstrate their progress.

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Dear Bruce and Jack

Tuesday, 27 April 2021

Through Peter Bothwell, I spoke today with the Organizing Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter here in Germany about possible cooperation in the future. We had a lovely conversation and there seems every good reason to presume that, whenever Corona allows it, we can be doing joint projects.

They have fond memories of the SAR trip to Germany several years ago. Also, I actually talked to some of their members in 2019 when we were all fondly thinking of a Germany Society trip to Germany. (But then came Corona.)

Our situation here is that we have basically a large handful of people scattered around a country almost the size of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois put together. This may mean that the events with all of our members will be exceedingly rare.

Still, if we can cooperate with the DAR, I would hope that any of our members who are within range of their events would represent the SAR at those events and vice versa.

I think the appropriate term here is 'force multiplier'

I now have a newsletter ready to go out to our members but I have noticed that it contains some personal stories, so I am a little hesitant to put these out just as an email, since a couple of our members have expressed concerns about including personal information in such publications.

This raises the question of whether our Germany Society has a Facebook page. As I understand it, this lends some 'security' to our contents and might encourage our people to share information with other members such that it does not fall into the public domain. A reasonable precaution in these days of hacking and character assassination. If we have such a Facebook page, can you put me in touch with the person who runs the page?

The DAR Chapter here also has such a Facebook page and I expect to talk to their page manager in the next couple of days about the ins and outs of setting up such a Facebook page. Once I have that information, I will get back to you so that we can see what you want done in this matter. If however, at this point, you don't want a Facebook page, for whatever reason, please let me know ASAP.

I think I will hold off on the in-country newsletter for a couple more days until we have cleared this matter. (I attach the draft for your perusal before publishing.)

The other question is - what do we call the 'organizing committee', i.e., those who are working on getting things going here in-country? You wrote of 'Primary GERSSAR Leadership.' Could we make that simply 'In-Germany Organizing Committee'. I think that is very clear, including to the uninitiated.

People always like to know who they're dealing with, and it is always useful when communicating with outsiders to have a title that indicates that one has some authority. So, as I seem to be leading this, with your permission, I would like to call myself 'Chairman', 'In-Germany Organizing Committee' or simply "Organizing Chairman". It has the appropriate heft and we don't have to identify anything further.

Do look at The Dispatch draft.

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And I would like to clear this Facebook business as soon as possible so that we can be getting on.

Thank you much!

I wish you a lovely week.

Stay Safe.

In Patriotism,

Chris McLarren, Primary Member, Germany Society

## DRAFT EXAMPLE



***The DISPATCH***  
**Newsletter for SAR Members in Germany**

Number 1 April 2021

**In the 245<sup>th</sup> Year of the United States of America**

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*Our Germany Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has hundreds of members. But of those only a large handful of us actually live here in Germany. The National Society and our German Society Pres. Bruce Buehler, hope that we few here in-country, despite our physical distance from each other, might nevertheless get together 1) to enjoy each other's company, both as fellow descendents and as Americans, but also 2) to show the (13-star) flag here in Germany, to do what we can to remind ourselves and our neighbours of the accomplishments of our ancestors and strengthen respect for our country's role in the rise of democracy and freedom in the Western world.*

*The DISPATCH is meant to support those aims. Because this is supposed to be our Newsletter, I certainly hope that you will help me make this a useful vehicle of communication. The easiest way to do that would be to submit articles about you and your ancestor just as I have done in this issue. All of our people contributed to the establishment of our country, and all of them had stories to tell. This is a good place to tell those stories.*

**Christopher McLaren**

*Editor*

*.....Cont'd personal information, per Contents.*

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