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Greetings Compatriots,

This has been a busy year for SAR activities. As of this writing October 4, 2004 I have participated in forty-five events. Twenty-six were in American Revolutionary Uniform. My uniform is wool and the colors of the Pennsylvania Continental Line of which my ancestor was a member. Being a member of the Color Guard is a great chance to meet people and tell them about our forefathers and what the SAR does to promote Patriotism, especially to kids.

Valerie and I already have appointments to talk at five schools and Green Township Historical Society. We would be glad to talk to you about coming to your school or youth group. We wear period clothing (me uniform, Val colonial dress, and teacher as militia) and bring Pennsylvania Rifle, Musket with bayonet, Cannonballs (which the kids pass around), Colonial Flags and miscellaneous small accessories. The talk takes about twenty minutes and then open to questions.

This is still in the planning stages. On April 19, 2005 we will be celebrating the 230th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Around The World". Now here is the plan. With your help the chapter would gather in a very public place to fire muskets at noon and have speakers to talk about what this day means to us. A couple places that would be nice are Fountain Square or The Peace Bell. If you can help or have connections to arrange this and Resolutions from politicians please give me a call. Even though April is a few months away we need to plan now. This is also being planned in Columbus, Dayton and Cleveland. We do not want to be outdone by other cities. My telephone is 513-941-7878 or email tinman01@fuse.net. Remember our Society is only one generation away from extinction if we do not have our children and grandchildren join. Others and myself will do the printing of applications for you. All you have to do is furnish the information.

Yours in Patriotism,

Paul M. Wilke, President Cincinnati Chapter
OHSSAR Secretary; OHSSAR Southwest District Chairman

SAR DEDICATES REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVE MARKERS

FINNEYTOWN CEMETERY

During a September 4 ceremony at this obscure cemetery new headstones were dedicated to mark the resting place of two Revolutionary War veterans -- Ebenezer Ward Finney and David Sprong.

The ceremony was led by members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The introduction was given by Ohio Society SAR President James H. Lochary and a Call To Arms by Rufus Putnam Chapter SAR President Keith H. Kaufman. Cincinnati Chapter SAR Compatriot and descendant of both Patriots, Joseph Prell spoke on the Forgotten Patriots. Remarks included those by Cincinnati Chapter SAR President Paul Wilke, Ohio Society SAR President James H. Lochary, Cincinnati Chapter DAR Regent Marilyn Wooster Fuchs, USMC Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles Duncan, and Disabled American Veterans Production Manager James A. Chaney. The procession to the tombstones was led by the Fife and Drummer and a riderless horse, and Young Marines Lance Corporal Andrew M. Prell (Brown Bess musket), son of Compatriot Joseph Prell. The Headstones were uncovered by Monica E. and Anastasia G. Prell, daughters of Compatriot Joseph Prell. The Laying of Wreaths was by the Finneytown Garden Club President Jan Hagerman. The 21-Gun Volleys were by Paul Vail VFW Post 4369, Westley Werner American Legion Post 513 and Ohio SAR (Musket Salute).

It was through the efforts of Cincinnati Chapter Revolutionary War Graves Chairman Charles G. Edwards that the new markers were obtained from the Veterans Administration. The markers are issued to qualifying veterans at no cost. However, documentation of the veteran's service must be proven. Compatriot Edwards did that. Also, the VA needed to know the ownership of the cemetery, which ordinarily would be a simple matter. However, the ownership of this cemetery was in question. This started a separate year-long search of Cincinnati and Hamilton County records. After Compatriot Edwards contacted Congressman Steve Chabot, he (Congressman Chabot) pursued the matter and the question of ownership was resolved. Compatriot Edwards then called the VA in Washington and the VA approved the application and the headstones were delivered and Compatriot Joseph Prell arranged for and organized the ceremony, which was well attended.

Ebenezer Ward Finney: He was born 1755 in Norton, Massachusetts and died 27 December 1822 at Finneytown, Ohio. He served in 1775 from Fairfield County, Connecticut; in 1777 from Westchester County, New York in the 4th Regiment under Col. Thaddeus Crane. He was living in Albany County, New York in 1790. He came to Cincinnati in 1798, returned to New York and brought back his family and relatives by flatboat in October 1800. He married Rachel Raymond in 1775 at Westchester County, New York.

David Sprong: He was born April 13, 1762 in Rensselaer County, New York and died April 22, 1842. He married Lois Finney March 1, 1792 in New York, daughter of Ebenezer Ward and Rachel Raymond Finney. He was a Private in the New York Militia.
