Regent’s Message from Jan Mauch:

What a pleasure it was to see 38 attendees at our last meeting. We had a wonderful turnout including members, new members, prospective members, HODARS, a C.A.R. member and other guests. Our National Defense Chairman presented information regarding a poignant way to honor the missing service men and women in our lives (see page 4.) The business portion of the meeting included presentation of the nomination committee report and slate for our vote at the October meeting, and we discussed our plan for chapter participation in the National Day of Service. Following a very busy business meeting, we were treated to an extremely informative and interesting program presented by two excellent speakers. Please see page 2 to read about the History of Voice of America. In short, it was a busy but productive morning. Following our regular meeting and program our Registrar Carrie met with a group of members and those pursuing supplemental applications to provide information regarding the application process It is exciting and rewarding to see the level of enthusiasm that is so evident in our chapter as we work toward completing our year on a high note. I am particularly looking forward to our next meeting as we not only have a wonderful program, but then we will work as a chapter to thank first responders in our various communities. Please see page 3 for more information.

October is breast cancer awareness month: Does that pink ribbon remind you of something? October 21 is National Mammography Day and the entire month is dedicated to increasing awareness of and encouraging women to take the necessary steps for early identification of a very serious disease. We all know that this is not a disease that “only happens to someone else.” We are all encouraged to keep up on our mammography screening.

Mariemont Receives Recognition: Following the State Conference in March several certificates were brought home and presented to individual members as well as some chapter certificates. At the Fall Fun Fair in July more certificates were provided to our chapter and it was a pleasure to present the following information at our September meeting:

- Chapter Achievement Award: Level 1
- Historic Preservation Committee: for Mercer’s Station Blockhouse Marker Database Entry. (Thank you to Rebecca Lubitz our Preservation Chair)
- Celebrate America! Committee: Recognition for chapter participation in Honoring Our Heritage Through Meaningful Community Service. (Thank you to Chair Shelley Jensen)
- Two certificates to member Amy Barron for her submission of two articles to the National Defender (Way to go Amy.)

September Meeting and Programs:

October 15: Please join us at Armstrong Chapel as we listen to the story of Susie Lafferty and her father living in Kentucky during the Civil War: “Daddy was a Confederate: a Kentucky Perspective”

10:00: Refreshments and meet and Greet
10:30: Meeting
- Vote for officers
- Vote to accept a new budget
- Present Officer reports for the 2016 year

Program to follow

****Be sure to bring your cookies and a card with your name and the amount of time it took to make your cookies. We will enter these hours into our Service to America Tally. Specific information regarding this project will be sent shortly by the Committee in charge.

Later In This Issue:

- Celebrating Constitution Week ............... Pg 3
- Honoring our First Responders ............... Pg 3
- Honoring Veterans November 19th ........... Pg 2
- How Can We Become More Involved?....... Pg 2
- New Members .................................. Pg 4
- NSDAR Day of Prayer .......................... Pg 3
- Service to America Hours .................... Pg 2
- Slate for Vote in October ...................... Pg 3
- Sympathy to Alma Linn and her Family ... Pg 3
- Thank you to Amy Barron..................... Pg 4
- Voice of America Program ................... Pg 2
Voice of America: William Faulkner is quoted as saying. “Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.” This quote appears to fit well into our program presented at the September meeting when our speakers shared the powerful message of the history of Voice of America (VOA). This international multimedia broadcaster services an estimated weekly global audience of 187.7 million providing news, information and cultural programming through the internet, mobile and social media, radio and television.

The mission of VOA is to “Tell the truth and let the world decide.” Two speakers joined us from the VOA and presented fascinating information regarding the history of this amazing institution. Mr. John Dominic spent more than 38 years in public broadcasting retiring a VP & CET Station Manager CET and is currently the Executive Director of the National VOA Museum of Broadcasting. Mr. Jay Adrick is a fellow of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers and the Society of Broadcast Engineers and was the 2013 recipient of the National Association of Broadcasters Television Engineering Achievement Award. After retiring, he joined the board of the National VOA Museum of Broadcasting.

The VOA began broadcasting in 1942 to combat Nazi propaganda with accurate and unbiased news and information. How many of us have seen the VOA site in Westchester but never realized the world wide importance of this site and museum. Those who heard our speaker last year, Mrs. Sonja Stratton, may remember her story of being a young girl in Germany during the war and how the family gathered secretly around a radio to hear from the West. VOA is also responsible for many who learn English through carefully developed programs designed for those in process of expanding their English skills. Tours and special programs are offered to the public. See the website at www.voamuseum.org/ for more information.

How can we become more involved in our Chapter?

The end of the current term is near and the new Regent will be selecting committees and committee chairman to begin work in January. This is the perfect opportunity to really become involved in areas of interest for all members. Please email Jan if you have any interest in a specific committee for next year. If you do not know committee names, but have an interest in one of our three missions, please just let us know and the new administration will find ways to involve you. The areas are Patriotism (Current military, veterans, veterans families) Preservation and Education (schools, education within our chapter in areas such as conservation, scholarship contests, honoring youth). Please notify Jan of your interest and she will pass this information on to the new Regent following elections at the October meeting.

November 19: Honoring our Veterans

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the November 19 meeting at Armstrong Chapel. This is a very special meeting in which we will honor 27 Vietnam War Era Veterans. We have been accepted as a Commemorative Partner of the United States of American Vietnam War Commemoration Program under the chairmanship of Miriam Lillback. Cincinnati SAR will join us and will provide the color guard. Our program will be given by David Savage sharing the history of the Vietnam War Wall in Washington DC, and most importantly, we will honor the veterans and their spouses. Be sure to begin saving your items to donate to the Veterans Hospital for that day. Watch your email for more details as we approach November 19.

Service to America: Thank you to those who are adding their Service to America hours. Several people have added hours and others have sent their hours to your Regent to enter. Either way is great….just be sure to report them!
Celebrating Constitution Week:

Constitution Day was Friday, September 16 and in honor of the writing of this amazing document we joined in reciting the Preamble and members who do not have copies of the constitution were invited to take a constitution booklet with them. Member, Kyla Owens shared the way she honored Constitution Week through introducing her students to Thomas Jefferson

“My 8th graders had the honor of meeting Thomas Jefferson for Constitution Week. They had studied the Articles of Confederation and discussed how it was very weak for a new Nation. Mr. Jefferson came to discuss how he had written the Declaration of Independence and brought up many of the possible problems the Nation would face that were addressed in the Constitution. He of course was in France and was not available to write it, but he was going to be President under it’s confines and limitations a few years after it was signed.

All in all it was a very fun question and answer session for the middle schoolers and Mr. Jefferson has promised to return to the Ohio territory again to discuss his presidency and subsequent arguments over the Constitution with the hot tempered Alexander Hamilton.”

DAR celebrates:

National Day of Prayer on October 9th!

Public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer during the forming of a new nation. The National Day of Prayer was established by an act of Congress in 1952 and in 1988 the first Thursday of May each year was so designated.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution established the NSDAR Day of Prayer as the Sunday closest to October 11th, the “birthday” of this organization which was founded October 11th, 1890, one hundred (120) years ago this year.

Sympathy to Alma Linn and her family:

We continue to keep Alma Linn and her family in our prayers as they mourn the recent loss of Alma’s husband Bud (Culver). Bud was very active in the Shriners and was always ready to help at Waldschmidt as well. All of us who knew Bud will miss his great smile and friendliness.

Slate for vote in October:

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Miriam Lillback, Julia Hann and Jane Street for presenting a slate of officers for consideration at the September meeting. Since no other nominations were made from the floor, the following slate will be presented for vote at our October meeting. The Nominating Committee found this task very difficult due to the large number of very qualified members and the number of ladies willing to serve. DAR is based on the work of committees and the nominating committee was very anxious that the chapter utilize the many qualified and energetic members as important committee chairs. It is only through the combined work of officers and committees that our chapter is successful. We thank the committee and the nominees and look forward to a new and productive term.

Regent: ..................................................Shelley Jensen
Vice Regent: .............................................Jane Street
Recording Secretary: .............................Barb Steinmetz
Corresponding Secretary: ..................Judy Sheakley
Chaplain: .................................................Julia Hann
Treasurer: ..............................................Liz Niehaus
Registrar: ...............................Carrie Conlin-Royalty
 Historian/Librarian: .........................Lorraine Lewis

Honoring our First Responders:

This year it was the unanimous vote of our chapter to honor first responders for their protection and care of our communities as our part in the National Day of Service. The plan is for each member to provide cookies, which will be brought to the October meeting. Following our meeting, we will fill boxes with homemade cookies for each of our communities. We will also have a card with each box and members will deliver them to the various police and fire departments in the area. The number we deliver will, or course, depend on the amount of cookies that our members bring. Please watch your email for specific details. This idea was the sparked when Myrna Smith talked to some of us about the great fun she and her granddaughter had in making and delivering “Cookies for Cops.” What an easy, enjoyable way to honor those who look out for our safety every day. Please start planning the recipe you will make!
Thank you to Amy Barron for serving as hostess and providing a lovely refreshment table. We all noticed that an empty place was set at the end of the table. As National Defense Chairman, Amy explained that this was symbolism to honor our missing soldiers in action. She emailed the symbolism to members, but here it is again in case you missed it.

The Fallen Service Member Honor Table

- The white cloth on the table symbolizes the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.
- The single red rose stands for the family with faith and love for those who serve. They’re held with the highest respect for that’s what they deserve.
- A yellow ribbon symbolizes our continued uncertainty and hope for their return.
- An inverted glass represents that the fallen can no longer share a toast.
- A lemon wedge reminds us of their bitter fate, captured or missing in a foreign land.
- The salt is put in place for all the loved ones’ shedding tears, for the service member is no longer present to help calm our fears.
- The lighted candle stands tall to reflect our hope for their return—alive or dead.
- The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

“This visual tribute is one that can easily be replicated at patriotic events, family gatherings or meetings where we gather to commemorate our missing or fallen heroes. It falls to us, the living, to always remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and also those now serving our nation. The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and fallen or missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War.” Thank you Amy!

Reminder: Dues are due by our October meeting!

New Members: Welcoming new members is such a special pleasure. Most recently Jeanne (Neeva) Bond was approved for membership and we were very pleased to see her at our September meeting. We look forward to the initiation ceremony at our Christmas luncheon for Jeanne and the other new members this year.

Sally Hamlin has been approved by chapter vote to become an Associate Member of Mariemont and we are very happy that she has chosen to retain contact with our chapter despite moving to Chicago.

It is a pleasure to announce that your Regent received a very nice complimentary email (to our chapter) from Darlene West, of Gov. Othneil Looker chapter. Our two chapters have shared events and programs over the years and Darlene has requested that she be approved as an Associate member of our Chapter. Darlene is the Regent of her chapter, State Recording Secretary, and many of you know her from her boundless energy and involvement with Waldschmidt Homestead as a Trustee. We will vote to approve her at our next meeting.