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The seal of the Society of the Cincinnati is a circular emblem. It features an eagle with its wings spread, perched atop a shield. The shield contains a landscape with a river, a bridge, and a building. The eagle is encircled by a wreath. The words "SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI" are inscribed around the perimeter of the seal.

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The State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania

There are three basic legs to the Institution: education of the public concerning the values underpinning our country; friendship; and beneficence. The Pennsylvania Society has accomplished much in all three areas over the past triennium.

One way in which we have worked to educate the public about the values that underpin our country is by maintaining an ongoing relationship with the American Historical Theatre, promoting presentations about General Washington in the local schools. The children greet these efforts with much excitement and pleasure. We have also continued support for various historical buildings in the area, specifically Moland House, where the marquis de Lafayette first met General Washington during the Neshaminy encampment; Cliveden, the site of the battle of Germantown; and the Caleb North House, where one of our original members, who served as our president from 1828 to 1840, served as high sheriff of Philadelphia after the war. We also continue to support a



Members of the Pennsylvania delegation at the 2007 Triennial.



Moland House, where Washington and Lafayette met.

doctoral fellowship at the McNeal Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and we have maintained our venerable forty-six-year tradition of presenting a medal to the outstanding cadet at the Valley Forge Military Academy. We are currently working with the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to identify and mark the graves of Cincinnati members buried in the Philadelphia area.

We also maintain a Web site that draws over 2,000 visitors a week. We have just added a new section, which consists of a matrix that identifies all campaigns, battles and encampments in which Pennsylvanians participated. The matrix includes all Pennsylvania Continental army and navy units, as well as all ranks an officer held. The data can be searched the following three ways: 1) by officer, tracking which rank an officer held in which battle and to which unit he belonged; 2) by military action, tracking which units and officers participated in the action; and 3) by unit, tracking the unit's history, such as which battles it participated in and whether it merged into others. This added feature will be invaluable not only to members of the Pennsylvania Society, but also to outside researchers who desire more information on Pennsylvanians who served as officers in the Continental army and navy.

Another recent accomplishment of the Pennsylvania Society was its underwriting of half the cost of a life-sized statue of the marquis de Lafayette, for which there was a dedication in York, Pa., on January 27, 2007. Mr. Lowell Davis, vice president of the Pennsylvania Society,

worked tirelessly to make this lasting tribute to Lafayette and his famous toast to his longstanding friend General Washington possible.

The Pennsylvania Society has held two Standing Committee meetings away from Philadelphia since the 2004 Triennial. The first was held in Washington's Crossing, Pa., where we had a marvelous tour of the David Library of the American Revolution and the state park, as well as a lovely lunch at the Washington Crossing Inn. The second Standing Committee meeting was held at Anderson House, during which we toured the presidential yacht, *Sequoia*, and hosted a full table for dinner in the formal dining room. In line with our military history, it turned out that of the twenty-one men present, eighteen had served—or were currently serving—in the armed forces. It was most remarkable.

We have hosted a range of speakers at our Washington's Birthday luncheons and annual meetings during the past triennium. The topics have ranged from "Gen. Henry Knox and the Big Guns," "The Women of the Revolution" and "Hessian Soldiers as Prisoners." The meetings are well attended, and the side conversations never cease—except when the main speaker is speaking.

One of the important aspects of our One Society of Friends is helping those whose circumstances require our beneficence. Recently one of our members died, leaving his wife in less than favorable financial circumstances. The Pennsylvania Society purchased a 1790 Philadelphia directory from the estate and donated it to the Society of the Cincinnati Library at Anderson House. The library also purchased some of the books from the collection.

In line with such help, our scholarship program continues to assist students in meeting the expenses of their college or graduate education expenses. We are able to assist many of those who apply, and we always welcome more applications.

The state of the Pennsylvania Society is healthy. Our membership growth has outweighed the inevitable attrition, and during the past triennium we welcomed five new members and four successor members. We continue to emphasize our core principles, which include educating the public of the values for which our forebears bled and died and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members and take pride in our numerous philanthropic, educational and historical efforts.

Clifford Butler Lewis
President, 2005-present

Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland

As I look back on my three years as president of the Maryland Society, I find it hard to believe that my term is now up. The years have just flown by! It was a privilege and an honor to serve in this capacity, and I owe a great debt of gratitude to the officers and Standing Committee members who served during my presidency.

I am proud of a number of initiatives that were established during this time, but none more than our new tradition of having members of the Maryland National Guard play "Taps" at the beginning of our annual

dinner meetings to honor our fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. This new tradition began after we welcomed Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, as an honorary member. It is especially appropriate now, since so



*New Maryland members at Anderson House,
February 17, 2007.*

many of our National Guard members are serving on active duty.

Other highlights from the last three years include the wonderful cocktail party for Maryland Society members and guests hosted by the French ambassador, Jean-David Levitte, and his wife at their residence in Washington, D.C. It was a truly memorable evening.

Beginning in the fall of 2004, the Maryland Society, under the supervision of Publications Committee chairman Jonathan W. Pine Jr.,