



George Rogers Clark Chapter

The Ohio Society

Sons of the American Revolution

Springfield, Ohio

Our Goals:
PATRIOTISM
HISTORY
EDUCATION

in Preserving our
Heritage and Lineage

2007 CONSTITUTION WEEK DINNER

We the People . . .

Those famous words begin the Preamble to our United States CONSTITUTION, the longest-lasting basic document of any constitutional government.

Once again summer has sped by quickly and it's time for our annual meeting of Constitution Week. We are celebrating the 220th Anniversary of a proposed new form of government sent for ratification by the original 13 states as a distinguished group of Americans completed their work on September 17, 1787. This year is a dinner meeting on ***WEDNESDAY evening, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007***, as we return our focus onto the present day application of the legal powers inherent in that living document of democracy.

We celebrate CONSTITUTION WEEK (designated as September 17th-23rd) with a program provided by ***JUDGE DOUGLAS M. RATSTATTER***, currently Judge of the Clark County Common Pleas Court. Many people are not aware that the writing and eventual ratification of the U.S. Constitution involved what was to be a temporary compromise for citizenship rights. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court case in 1857 known as the ***DRED SCOTT DECISION***. Even then, 70 years after that 1787 supposed fix, slavery and the full definition of citizenship were not clear in both the free states and the free territories, of which Ohio and the rest of the Northwest Territory were once a part.

Come listen as Judge Ratstatter relates this milestone case to our society today. Come hear how some of these Constitutional issues affect ***YOU*** and our community !

We will also provide an update on 225th and other Anniversary events being celebrated as well as the recent 250th birthday of Maj. Gen. Marquis de Lafayette.

We know this program will be interesting to all Compatriots & their guests.

PLEASE COME JOIN US for an excellent evening of fellowship.

DINNER SPECIFICS

WHEN: ***WEDNESDAY --- September 19, 2007 --- 6:30 P.M.***

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott Springfield (100 S. Fountain Avenue downtown)

MENU: Chicken Dijonnaise, roasted red potatoes, fresh vegetables, Garden Salad, rolls, and beverage and another great Chef's Dessert Surprise

COST: \$13.50 per person (gratuity included)

WHO: Compatriots, spouses, guests, DARs, prospective members, and friends.

=====> Please *mail* your Meal Reservations N.L.T. Saturday, September 15, 2007 <=====

... E-mail reservations via tawhetstone@sbcglobal.net - will require payment at the door.

... Make any Late Reservations by phone to ***Terry Whetstone (399-8848)*** N.L.T. TUESDAY NOON.

... Send clipped form below with your check payable to: ***George Rogers Clark Chapter***

RESERVATION(s) for Sept. 19, 2007 evening CONSTITUTION WEEK Dinner @ \$13.50 per person

Number of reservations _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Name _____ Name(s) of Guest (s) _____

----→ **SEND TO:** **Terry Whetstone 1761 Golfview Drive Springfield, OH 45502-7201**