
The Hoosier Patriot

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Indiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution
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Parade News

On June 11, 2005 The INSSAR Color Guard formed to march in the Haubstadt, Indiana Sesquicentennial Parade. The Ohio Valley and Daniel Guthrie Chapters combined their Color Guards with seven compatriots and two ladies (in Colonial dresses carrying the SAR banner in front). Members of the Color Guard was: INSSAR President T. Rex Legler II, South-Central Director Robert D. Howell Sr., Daniel Guthrie Chapter President James C. Arnold, INSSAR Genealogist Ed Hitchcock, South Director John G. West, Captain of the Guard Wil Teague and Ohio Valley Chapter Chaplain Don Counts. The two ladies were Mrs. Becky West and Mrs. Rose Arnold. It was a very long, hot parade route with 170 units. Jim & Rose Arnold worked the very attractive, informative SAR display in the Haubstadt Gymnasium.

A few hours earlier, the Ohio Valley Chapter marched in the Newburgh SummerFest Parade with Mrs. Ruth Hall in her Colonial dress carrying the SAR banner; Mrs. Becky West carrying the Betsy Ross Flag, chapter member Don Counts carrying the Bennington "76" Flag and chapter member John West with musket, tomahawk and pistol.

Thanks to Compatriot West for this item.

Schedule for Muncie INSSAR House of Delegates

Saturday, 16 July 2005

Minnetrista Cultural Center
1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway
Muncie, IN 47303

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00

Coffee, juices and assorted Danish
Provided by Continental Chapter

Meeting: 10:00 – 12:00

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00

Program: President T. Rex Legler's Flintlock
Presentation

Lunch Menu:

Lasagna
Fresh Garden Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
Dinner Rolls w/ Butter
Raspberry Cheesecake
Beverage

OR

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/ Butter and Chives
Green Beans flavored w/ Ham and Onions
Dinner Rolls w/ Butter
Apple Crumb Pie and Cherry Pie
Beverage

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Respond with reservations by Friday July 8,
2005 to:



**From INSSAR
President T. Rex
Legler's Desk**

I am truly honored to be elected and serve as the 77th President of the Indiana Society, SAR. I look forward to leading our society in the coming year as we continue to build upon the work of our predecessors serving our great state & nation.

Each president in recent years has chosen a theme to emphasize during their respective term in office. As I traveled the state as Vice-president, INSSAR and visited 11 of our chapters, I was reminded that our society is similar to any living organism. We are either growing and reproducing or we are dying. Immediate Past President Roger D. Barnhart clearly stated that maintenance of the status quo was not sufficient and I wholeheartedly agree. I most certainly would encourage all of us to continue these recruitment efforts. We must also have a society that is worth our financial support, that is worth our time, and that gives our members a desire to participate again and again and again.

I am going to emphasize continued lifelong involvement of our membership. In those chapters that I visited that had active, on-going programs with regular scheduled meetings I saw Compatriots in age from their 20's to their 90's working together as friends and bridging at least 3 generations. I saw numerous father/son

groups and a goodly number of grandfather/father/son combinations. I saw cooperative efforts with local DAR and CAR chapters. These SAR chapters were paying attention to the needs and desires of their members. Involvement and retention of current members is crucial to attracting new members. Growth in activity and increased longevity of individual members is an important indicator in the health and well being of our society.

I therefore encourage all individual Compatriots to visit adjoining chapter meetings, attend state meetings, support local DAR & CAR activities where possible, and share your friendship. Be an active member of your chapter and just not a name on a roster. Sure, all this takes effort, but believe me, the return on your investment is well worth it.

Again, I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to meeting even more Compatriots in the coming year as we continue to build and grow our Society.

Theodore Rex Legler II, M.A., O.D., F.A.A.O.
Colonel, USA Retired
State President, Indiana Society, SAR

Editor's Comments:

Please visit INSSAR.org and find new information added for your benefit! There's historical information that may help you as a reference, information about current programs, photographs and many, many items of interest to members and visitors alike! Remember: your suggestions are appreciated. We are here to serve you!

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Morning tour for the ladies:
 Minnetrista Cultural Center Galleries, Gift Shop,
 Orchard Shop, Oakhurst Gardens.

**Driving directions for the State Meeting in
 Muncie are listed on our web site:
 INSSAR.org for this meeting.**

Upcoming Meetings

2-6 July, 2005, NSSAR 115th National Congress,
 Louisville, KY

16 July 2005, Indiana Society S.A.R. Summer Meeting,
 Muncie, IN, Hosted by Continental Chapter

23-24, Sept., 2005, NSSAR Fall Trustees Meeting,
 Louisville, KY

7-9 October 2005, Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point
 Pleasant, West Virginia, Hosted by Point Pleasant Chapter

21-22 Oct., 2005, NSSAR Central District Meeting,
 Charleston, WV

29 Oct. 2005, Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting, South
 Bend, IN, Hosted by Alexis Coquillard Chapter

21 Jan. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting,
 Evansville, Indiana, Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter

24-25 Feb., 2006, NSSAR Spring Trustees
 Meeting, Louisville, KY

22 **or** 29 Apr. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual
 Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, Hosted by Clarence
 A. Cook Chapter (exact date TBA).

22 **or** 29 July 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Summer
 Meeting, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Hosted by Anthony
 Halberstadt Chapter (exact date TBA).

6-8 Oct. 2006, Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point
 Pleasant, West Virginia, Hosted by Point Pleasant
 Chapter

Oct. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting,
 Vincennes, Indiana
 Hosted by George Rogers Clark Chapter (exact
 date TBA).

20 **or** 27 Jan. 2007, Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter
 Meeting, Greencastle, Indiana, Hosted by William
 Knight Chapter (exact date TBA).

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**House of Delegates Meeting
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring Mill State Park
April 15-16, 2005**

The Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held at Spring Mill State Park, April 15 – 16, 2005. Friday evening was an opportunity for informal fellowship and discussion. The Saturday session was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Roger D. Barnhart. Chaplain J. D. Strouth gave the invocation, colors were posted by the Color Guard led by Commander Steven D. Oberlin, and Pledges to the American Flag and the SAR were led by Vice President T. Rex Legler II. Chancellor R. Carlton Brumfield was appointed Parliamentarian, and the agenda was approved on motion duly made and seconded. To determine that a quorum of delegates was present, Secretary Robert E. Burton called the roll of chapter representatives present as follows:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
Alexis Coquillard Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
Continental Chapter:
4, including 2 delegates-at-large
Clarence A. Cook Chapter:
6, including 2 delegates-at-large
Daniel Guthrie Chapter:
8, including 2 delegates-at-large
David Benton Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
George Rogers Clark Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
John Martin Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
Ohio Valley Chapter:
4, including 2 delegates-at-large
William Knight Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
William Henry Harrison Chapter:
2 delegates-at-large

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Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:

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William Knight Chapter:

1 delegate-at-large

William Henry Harrison Chapter:

2 delegates-at-large

Also present was Central District Vice President General J. David Sympson of the Thrusten Chapter of KYSSAR.

Approved on motion duly made and seconded were minutes for the meeting of January 22, 2005. Secretary Burton's membership report showed that to the January 1 figure of 555 had been added 10 new members and 54 reinstated, for a total of 609, reduced by the death of one member to 608. INSSAR membership increases

to 617, because of two youth registrations and seven dual members with home membership in other states. For the year, eight supplemental applications have been approved for five compatriots. He noted that 11 reinstatements and one reinstatement/transfer included in the 54 resulted from a campaign of NSSAR, which wrote men who been inactive. He also reported that the first approved application has been received from the Thaddeus Kosciusko Chapter, which is still in its organization phase.

Because this is his last meeting in office, as a matter of personal privilege Secretary Burton took a few minutes to express appreciation for the privilege of serving in the office for 11 years; for the opportunity of meeting and working with many good people at chapter, state, and national levels; for Compatriot Brandon R. Halleck's willingness to assume the office; for the work of the "applications" team-Registrar Noel K. Reen and Genealogist Edward E. Hitchcock, who with the Secretary process all applications; and especially to Compatriot Hitchcock who has served unofficially as Assistant Secretary and has received and prepared applications for mailing.

Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck's printed report showed \$ 8,470.79 in cash and money market accounts and \$41,350.01 in CD's for a total of \$ 50,324.37 compared with \$52,025.79 in January. Dedicated funds total \$8,951.95 and the endowment funds total \$35,281.33, leaving \$6,091.09 available for expenditures and investment.

District Director-North Willard Watterson reported that President D. Ray Jewel of Seth Jewel Chapter is facing hospitalization, and that Alexis Coquillard Chapter is moving ahead with plans for hosting the INSSAR meeting on October 1 at South Bend. He asked which District the new Kosciusko Chapter will be in and was told the North Central District. [Secretary's note: That decision was made without access to a map. Warsaw is in the North District in as much as Bylaw 9 describes it as "All of Indiana north of Road 16, from the Illinois line to Huntington and of Road 224 from Huntington to the Ohio line."]

District Director-North Central was not present. District Director-South Central Brandon R. Halleck reported that all four of its chapters are represented at today's meeting. Clarence A Cook Chapter has held its Orations contest; Daniel Guthrie Chapter has had its awards meeting, and John Martin Chapter will be meeting in the coming week.

District Director-South John G. West reported that David Benton Chapter meets regularly and is getting excellent newspaper coverage. General Thomas Posey Chapter met recently with Compatriot Robert Hall presenting the program and a new member inducted. The Ohio Valley Chapter heard the same program at one meeting and had its annual awards meeting on March 19 with recognition of 17 Color Guard members and compatriots who had given programs and awarded nine medals. This meeting celebrated The Chapter's 36th year. The Chapter awarded JROTC medals to cadets at Evansville Central and Harrison High Schools.

Color Guard Commander Steven D. Oberlin reported that during the first three months, the INSSAR Color Guard has participated in 10 events and has approximately 30 more scheduled at this time. The national President General's Color Guard Trophy is not being presented this year, so the application submitted was not considered. Nine members have qualified for the Bronze Color Guard medal. Two men this year have joined SAR through participation in the Color Guard. The Guard has upgraded its flag dedication, and has a balance of \$4,024.17 in its treasury.

Registrar Reen reported that 25 membership and six supplemental applications await NSSAR approval. He continues working to obtain copies of missing applications from the Registrar's files and to clear up discrepancies in the records.

National Trustee Jack E. Moore reported that Registrar General Butler had reported at the last Trustees meeting that substantial progress had been made in processing applications. Also attending the meeting were Compatriots Legler, Garry Eckard, and Past INSSAR President Charles F. Bragg. A plan is being developed to provide computerized access to information involving changes of address, awards, supplementals, with chapter secretaries having access to chapter information, and state secretaries having access to state information. He also reported that NSSAR plans to resume campaign activity in July to raise funds for the new library building.

Americanism Chairman John A. Kesler, Sr. noting that he had found a Gideon Bible in his hotel room was pleased that they continue to be available, despite efforts of some groups to have them removed.

President Barnhart urged chapters to award ROTC medals at high schools and colleges with such programs in their area.

Past President Theodore J. Williams reported on activities of the NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee which so far has identified about half of the grave sites, but locating others may not be possible. Improving the quality of SAR grave markers has been achieved. He reported that the Kansas SAR has been granted approval to develop an SAR memorial to the Leni

Lenapi Indians who served during the Revolutionary War, and that the Virginia Society has received financial support from the Virginia State Legislature for grave care.

Secretary Burton noted that there have been opportunities at earlier meetings for discussion of the proposed amendments to the INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws; that a copy of the proposed documents had been distributed to each chapter and to state officers; and that the last issue of The Hoosier Patriot had included the language of minor changes suggested at the last INSSAR House of Delegates meeting. When no further questions for suggestions were raised, Vice President Legler moved with a second by Past President Marshall Miller that revisions of The Constitution and Bylaws be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

National Trustee Jack E. Moore reported that there were no changes in the list of those nominated to be officers for 2005-2006. Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, the following were elected: President, T. Rex Legler II; Vice President, Garry M. Eckard; Secretary Brandon R. Halleck; Treasurer, G. Thomas Schnuck; Registrar, Noel K. Reen; Chancellor, John A. Kesler, Sr.; Genealogist, Edward E. Hitchcock; Historian, Carson C. Smith; Chaplain, J. D. Strouth; Director-North Willard W. Waterson; Director-North Central, Shawn Clements; Director-South Central, Robert D. Howell, Sr.; and Director-South, John G. West. Included in this motion was approval of nominations, subject to election at the National Congress this summer, of Roger d. Barnhart, National Trustee, and of T. Rex Legler II, Alternate National Trustee.

Treasurer Schnuck offered for approval the 2005-2006 budget, which was presented at the January meeting of the House of Delegates. It provides for expenditures totaling \$7,870.00. On motion duly made and seconded, the budget was adopted as presented.

In keeping with Bylaw 28, which governs selection of delegates to the National Congress, Secretary Burton asked those planning to attend to so indicate. Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, the following delegates were approved: Compatriots Barnhart, Legler, Williams, Bragg, Waterson, Kesler, Moore, Eckard, and Burton. The motion authorized the President to certify additional delegates within the INSSAR quota of 14 if they decide to attend.

President-elect Legler announced the following appointments of committee chairmen for 2005-2006:

STANDING COMMITTEES: Audit, Jack E. Moore; Budget, G. Thomas Schnuck; Nominating, Roger D. Barnhart; Membership, Charles F. Bragg; and Medals and Awards, Garry M. Eckard.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: American Legion, Earl Salisbury; Americanism, J. D. Strouth; Archivist, Carson C. Smith; CAR, Timothy Jones; Color Guard, Steven Oberlin; Credentials, Brandon R. Halleck; Eagle Scout, Randy Hillenburg; Essay Contest, TBA; Golden Chapter, Charles F. Bragg; Grave Restoration, Theodore J. Williams; Hoosier Patriot, John Van Zandt; Orations Contest, David Betzner; ROTC Awards, Larry Sperzel; Web Master, Steven Oberlin; and Website-Revolutionary War, Wade Harshman. On motion duly made and seconded, appointment of these Chairmen was confirmed. Mark R. Kreps was thanked for serving several years as Chairman of the Essay Contest.

Vice President General Sympton was welcomed. As a matter of business, he reported that the Central District has accumulated \$768.00 and asked that those planning to attend its meeting in October to be thinking how that money should be used for the common good of the four state societies which make up the district. Vice President Legler suggested the possibility of adding the money to the NSSAR Endowment Fund. On motion duly made and seconded, INSSAR will support this concept.

New Member David Betzner of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter was inducted by National Trustee Moore. Betzman developed his interest in SAR through participation in the Color Guard.

After grace was offered by Chaplain Strouth, the meeting recessed for lunch in the Inn's dining room.

Chaplain Strouth gave the invocation for the afternoon session which opened with Vice President General Sympton continued his remarks. He stated that SAR is organized into local chapters which make up state societies. The Central District is comprised of state societies in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, and the National Society is the top echelon, but in reality, he believes all levels are an extension of the local chapter. He stated that he likes to work with chapters, and regardless where he is in the country as he has pursued his candidacy for national office, he has found their members to be a good group of men.

State DAR President JoAn Nichols, wife of Indiana Society Compatriot Lowell E. Nichols, Sr., brought greetings from the 5,000 women that make up 87 chapters in Indiana. Our organizations, she stated, share the same goal of promoting patriotism; and the two working together can build membership and develop an appreciation of our nation's history. But to do so we must reach out, for we cannot wait for prospective members to come.

Greetings from the Women's Auxillary of SAR were brought by

Martha Barnhart, wife of President Barnhart. She stated that there is a national organization of this group but that Indiana does not have such a group at this time. It was organized in California, which has over 500 members and has supported SAR projects. It meets annually at the time of the SAR National Congress. Membership costs \$5 and is open to women related in any way to SAR members.

Chairman Kreps stated that he had enjoyed working with the students, suggested that DAR could be asked to encourage student participation, and expressed appreciation to those chapters that had sponsored contests. Winner this year was Ralph Volena, sponsored by Owen Valley Chapter.

It was reported that the Eagle Scout trophy, medal and certificate was won by the Scout sponsored by the Continental Chapter, who will receive them from Chairman Randy Hillenburg later.

Chairman Brumfield stated there would be two Oratorical contest participants, one each sponsored by William Henry Harrison and Continental Chapters.

Vice President Legler thanked Jean Williams who was responsible for the program enjoyed by a dozen or more spouses present. He also acknowledged the services of National Trustee Moore, who will leave that office after the National Congress this Summer, and of Secretary Burton, who with this meeting completes 11 years in that office. Awards were announced as follows: Martha Washington Medal, Martha Barnhart; Certificate of Appreciation, Stephen D. Franklin, retiring as web master for the Patriot Graves Project; John Sheets, Meritorious Service Medal; Edward E. Hitchcock, first cluster for the Meritorious Service Medal; State Distinguished Service Medal, Scott F. Hosier, Jr.; and Patriot Medal, Noel K. Reen and Robert N. Hall.

Golden Chapter Awards were presented by Chairman Williams as follows; Large Chapter, Daniel Guthrie; Medium sized Chapter, Ohio Valley; and Small Chapter, David Benton, which has held the award since establishment of the three award plan.

Jeremy Turner, who has a Native American background in cultures of the Choctaw, Cherokee, and Delaware tribes presented in native costume, a talk and demonstration of weapons relating to guerilla activities of Native Americans friendly to the American cause during the Revolutionary War.

Vice President General Sympton installed officers for 2005-2006, Retiring President Barnhart turned over to President Legler the symbols of that office, and he in turn presented the Past President's pin to Compatriot Barnhart and the Past National Trustee's pin to Compatriot Moore.

Chairman Brumfield conducted the Orations Contest, subsequent to which it was announced that winner was Rachel Jackson, Monticello High School, sponsored by William Henry Harrison Chapter, and second place winner was Megan Mitchell, Arsenal Technical High School, sponsored by Clarence A. Cook Chapter. Simultaneously, a round robin of displays and demonstrations was held, giving attendees an opportunity to learn about such subjects as Colonial uniforms and clothing, documents bearing signatures of a number of signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Graves Restoration project, weapons of the period from 1765 to 1787, Fort Laurens, PA, and activities of the Color Guard and individual chapters.

In his remarks, Retiring President Barnhart noted that INSSAR membership has increased in the past year but emphasized the need to continue to find new ones, as well as new chapters. He applauded the work of the Color Guard in promoting SAR ideals and thanked its members for participating and all committee chairmen for their work. Noting that the year had not gone without some difficulties, he said that the organization seems to be on track now. He expects to, and he hopes all members will support the new officers, and thanked all who participated during this past year.

President Legler expressed appreciation for being able to serve as the 77th President of INSSAR and suggested "Grow or Die" as a theme to emphasize recruitment of new members during the coming year. He urged members to participate actively throughout their SAR membership-as early as their 20's and as late as their 90's. He also suggested being active beyond local chapter programs by cooperating with local DAR and CAR organizations, visiting chapters, and attending state meetings-by being more than simply a name on the roster.

Those assembled moved to an adjoining outside area for presentation of Color Guard awards and the Memorial Service. Three year awards were presented to Compatriots T. Rex Legler III, West, Hall, and James Arnold. It was announced that Bronze Color Guard medals are to be awarded to Ron Darrah, Gary Rutherford, Carson Smith, Michael Oberlin, and Steven Oberlin.

Chaplain Strouth conducted the service memorializing the following compatriots who died since the last annual meeting: At Large, J. Irwin Miller; Alexis Coquillard Chapter, Merle Blum and Lawrence Epley; Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, Robert O. Dellinger; George Rogers Clark Chapter, William D. Reel, Jr.; Clarence A. Cook Chapter, Wilbur Graves and Eric B. Larsen;

Continental Chapter, Albert Tingley Morris, a Past State President, James Marshall Mock, and Loy L. Hudson; General Thomas Posey Chapter, Roger Stump; John Hay Chapter, George R. Martin; William Henry Harrison Chapter, David O. Reed; and William Knight Chapter, Harold M. Everson. Compatriot Epley is the first Memorial Member of INSSAR. Under procedures established by INSSAR, such members are recorded as new compatriots when the membership application is approved and then recorded in the year-end report to INSSAR as deceased. A chapter may perpetuate a Memorial Member in any manner it chooses.

The Color Guard fired a salute to honor those who had died. The colors were retired, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Burton

SAR and DAR Honor Patriot

On the morning of Saturday, 30 April, the Old Trinity Springs cemetery echoed with the sound of a musket salute as members of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard rendered honors at the conclusion of the ceremony dedicating a new headstone and SAR grave marker for Jesse Henson, a soldier of the American Revolution. He joined the North Carolina militia at about age 16. He subsequently married and moved to Indiana where he lived, except for a few years in Kentucky, in several counties before finally settling in Martin County where he died about 1852. Participating in the INSSAR Color Guard were Edward E. Hitchcock, T. Rex Legler II, J. Dee Doane, James C. Arnold, Rev. Charles Carpenter, and R. D. Howell, Sr. of the Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter, Bedford; John Sheets of the David Benton SAR Chapter, Brownstown, and Wade Harshman of the Clarence A. Cook SAR Chapter, Indianapolis.

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