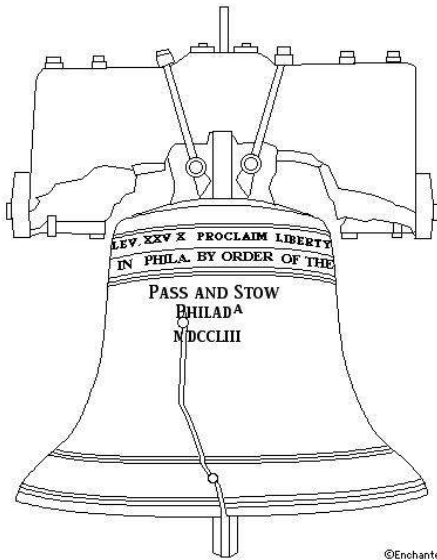

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(This does not apply to members that do not maintain a computer email account).

Editor's Comments: Apologies go out to all for the slow delivery of this issue. Computer problems relating to a failed hard drive and a corrupt backup CD led to beginning from scratch - most of this issue was completed twice due to lost files. I am very sorry for any inconvenience experienced by recipients.

INSSAR House of Delegates to meet in Vincennes

Saturday, 14 October 2006

Location: Isaac K. Beckes Student Union located at the intersection of Second St. and University, (with a parking lot on the Third St. side of the building) Vincennes, Indiana.

Schedule:

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 CDT – Coffee, Juices and assorted pastries - Provided by the George Rogers Clark Chapter.

Meeting: 9:30 – 12:00 CDT

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 CDT

Program:

Provided by employees of George Rogers Clark Historical Park

Lunch Menu:

Smoked Turkey rounds with bacon and cranberry sauce, saffron rice, sugar snow peas, salad, rolls and butter, and a dessert of Baileys cheesecake with raspberry sauce.

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**From the Indiana
Society SAR
President**

Garry M. Eckard

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - (10 September 2006) At its July 2006 Annual Congress the National Society SAR (NSSAR) awarded the Indiana Society SAR (INSSAR) the highest award the NSSAR presents to a State Society. It is "The Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award" for presenting evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles. Two members of the INSSAR were elected to National Offices, Charles F. Bragg (Genealogist General); and Dan Heller, M.D., an Arizona member who is a dual member in Indiana, (Surgeon General). Also, two additional INSSAR members chair National Committees. Theodore J. Williams (Chairman, Revolutionary War Graves Committee) and T. Rex Legler II (Co-Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee).

Most of last year's INSSAR Committee Chairmen have continued to serve this year. Several new state committees have been added. New INSSAR Committees include the six member Fund Raising Committee with Roger D. Barnhart, Chairman; Americanism Poster Contest Committee with G. Thomas Schnuck, Chairman; 4-H Committee with John G. West, Chairman; Chapter Web Coordination Committee with Christopher D. Myers, Chairman; Publicity Committee with Terry J. Record, Chairman; and Public Service and Heroism Awards Committee with Douglas J. Arnold, Chairman. Flag activities have been added to the Americanism Committee and it has become the Americanism and Flag Committee with J.D. Strouth, Chairman.

The INSSAR now has seven active Youth Programs. They are Americanism Poster Contest, Children of the American Revolution (CAR), Eagle Scout, Knight Essay Contest, 4-H, Rumbaugh Orations Contest, and ROTC/NROTC. Since two of these youth programs are new this year the Finance Committee will review the INSSAR financial structure supporting the youth programs. Marshall E. Miller is Chairman of the four member Finance Committee.

The INSSAR Americanism and Flag, Veteran's Programs and Color Guard Committees have all been active with a variety of public activities. The INSSAR Color Guard continues to receive many accolades for its appearances before thousands of people during the four days of Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Independence Day concerts. INSSAR's Historian/Archivist is researching alternatives for preserving INSSAR records. The INSSAR Membership Committee is active and new members continue to apply, but much more new member and new chapter development activity are encouraged for the long range health of the SAR. Most INSSAR Committee Chairmen and Chapter Presidents should begin preparing for annual reports the NSSAR expects.

About sixty people attended the July 2006 INSSAR meeting in Fort Wayne. Its minutes can be found at: http://www.inssar.org/newsletter/Minutes_072906.pdf on www.inssar.org. We are looking forward to having a good turn out for the October 14, 2006 INSSAR meeting in historic Vincennes. We expect initial proposals for changes in the INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws to be presented at the October 2006 meeting. Such changes may relate to the structure of the Secretary position, financial issues and possibly other areas. Duplicate written copies of any proposals are requested. Discussion of any proposed changes can take

place at the January 2007 meeting with voting on changes to take place at the April 2007 meeting. The INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws are in the recently distributed INSSAR Handbook. October meeting registration information can be found in the *Hoosier Patriot* and at:
http://www.inssar.org/temp/vincennes_reg.pdf
on www.inssar.org.

On June 9, 2006 the Indiana Lieutenant Governor presented a Proclamation to the INSSAR. The Indiana Governor and Secretary of State signed the Proclamation. It commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the SAR Charter by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was an SAR member. Sixteen U.S. Presidents have been members of the SAR. The official organization of the SAR took place on April 30, 1889, the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the U.S.A.

David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States and an SAR member, made an unusually candid speech about the U.S.A. at the SAR 2006 Annual Congress. The SAR President General has encouraged SAR members to read and feel free to use it. The message is at
<http://www.gao.gov/htext/d06990cg.html>. All interested parties are encouraged to check the INSSAR website <http://www.inssar.org> and NSSAR website <http://www.sar.org> to get SAR activities and membership information. Contact info: Garry M. Eckard, INSSAR President (317) 844-6200
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Online at INSSAR.org

Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) Meetings

28-30 September, 2006

NSSAR Leadership Meeting
Brown Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky

6-8 October, 2006

Point Pleasant Battle Days
Point Pleasant, West Virginia
Hosted by Point Pleasant Chapter

14 October, 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting
Vincennes University-Student Union
Building, Vincennes, Indiana
Hosted by George Rogers Clark Chapter

27-8 October, 2006

NSSAR Central District Annual Meeting
Ramada Plaza Hotel Cincinnati North
Springdale, Ohio

20 January, 2007

Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting
Greencastle, Indiana (further details TBA)
Hosted by William Knight Chapter

21 April 2007

Indiana Society S.A.R. Spring Meeting
Spring Mill State Park
Near Mitchell, Indiana
Hoted by Daniel Guthrie Chapter

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Ladies Program (Vincennes): A tour of the home of the 9th President of the United States, William Henry Harrison. The Mansion is owned by the Frances Vigo Chapter, DAR and they have a quilt show on this weekend.

We have a block of 12 rooms at Vincennes Comfort Suites for that date. This is Vincennes newest and best hotel. The rate is \$71.95 + tax and includes a free breakfast.

The motel is located at the Hart Street Exit of US 41. The address is 2555 Hart Street, Vincennes, Indiana 47591. (812) 882-2244.

Check in is 3:00 PM

For anyone staying Friday night, we've arranged for those wanting to enjoy Southern Indiana Fellowship and a good meal, to join other SAR members at the new 630 Café and Restaurant located at 630 Kimmell Road (across the intersection from the Comfort Suites on Hart Street). **Those interested in this Friday get-together should meet at the restaurant about 6:30 PM.**

Reservation Form for Vincennes (State Meeting)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Chapter: _____

E-mail: _____ Number of attendee(s) - ladies program _____

Each reservation/guest(s) are same price @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make your reservations by October 5. Checks should be made out to: GRC SAR

Send to: Marshall Miller, Secretary, 2004 Prospect Avenue, Vincennes, Indiana 47591



(Indianapolis- 19 August 2006) - With the 19th Infantry (Civil War) in the background, INSSAR guardsmen David Betzner, Earl Salisbury, Dee Doane, Steve Oberlin, Stuart Hart, Jim Arnold, Robert Cunningham, Doug Arnold, Jack Carmichael, Ed Hitchcock, and Carson Smith present arms during Taps at the annual Benjamin Harrison Presidential wreath ceremony. Below, (Columbus - 9 September 2006) - The INSSAR Color Guard leads the bagpipe and drum processional during the opening ceremonies of the Columbus Scottish festival. Compatriots Steven Oberlin, Doug "Doc" Hill, Robert Howell, James Arnold, Edward Hitchcock, Douglas Arnold, (2nd row) Robert Cunningham, John Sheets, James Harvey and James Jackson presented colors and fielded questions about the SAR from attendees and prospective members.



Indiana Chapter National Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Chapter of the National Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution met at 10:00a.m. Saturday July 29, 2006. The meeting was held at Hall's Guesthouse in Ft. Wayne during the same time period as the business portion of the summer meeting of the INSSAR.

Along with coffee or tea, the 19 ladies in attendance were treated to 6 different sweets from the Revolutionary War period, baked by Martha Barnhart. Not only were these delicious, sweet treats provided to the ladies, they were also accompanied by copies of the recipes which included some interesting facts about the period.

Each lady was given something to read about the Revolutionary War period. Three of the ladies read short articles about George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

The program was a book review presented by Janeen Peters, whose husband Charles, is a member of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, INSSAR. The book was entitled "A Midwife's Tale – The Life of Martha Ballard" authored by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich. It was a most interesting story, telling of the hardships and triumphs of Martha Ballard's life during the time of the American Revolution. Mrs. Peters did a fine job relating many important stories about the lives of the people with whom Martha Ballard interacted.

A brief business meeting was conducted with reports from several members regarding the Ladies Auxiliary meetings and activities held during the Congress in Dallas, TX in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m. The next scheduled meeting is to be in Vincennes, IN on Saturday October 14, 2006 during the fall meeting of the INSSAR.

Master Roster of Patriots

To many of us involved with the study of the American Revolution and of our ancestors who served as military patriots or others who aided that cause, there is one lack that mystifies us all. There has been no effort to our collective knowledge to develop a listing of all of these patriots in one document accessible to all who are interested.

Yes, there are three major lineage societies active today: the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and the Sons of the Revolution (SR). All of these maintain detailed records of the service of those from which ancestry is claimed by their members. All also maintain programs of locating, preserving, and honoring the graves of these and others who served when these graves can be located and verified. But, to our knowledge, there has been no concerted effort to document the service of ALL who so served. The National Archives maintains a tremendous number of documents from this era but have made no effort, and none is planned, to consolidate the contents of these documents into one searchable whole.

The Veterans Administration estimates that there were about 217,000 military patriots who served in various capacities in the Revolutionary War. The Archives of the individual Colonial States contain muster rolls of the State Militias and the many Historical Societies have large numbers of documents concerning local militias and individuals who

served. The unsolved problem, to date, is the task of assembling all this data into one searchable database for access by any and all interested in such a list.

The SAR National Graves Committee is earnestly soliciting the aid of the SAR State Society Graves Committee and individual SAR members to help us in this major but very necessary task of establishing and publishing the MASTER ROSTER.

Please contact Chairman Williams with any questions or comments you may have concerning this Project. Copies of the Style Manual, descriptions of the Project, and a CD of the current status of the Project are available to those who would like to participate.

Our thanks and welcome to all who are interested in this project. Thank you very much.

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On a related note: visit our **Indiana Patriot Graves Project**, the online memorial to those who contributed to American Independence and are buried in the state of Indiana (web site: INSSAR.org). Members of various patriotic and historical groups have spent countless hours researching these patriots and their graves to ensure they are not forgotten.

Indiana Society SAR

2006 winner of the National Society's highest state award, the coveted Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award for supporting and promoting understanding of the fundamental American traditions upon which our country was founded. The INSSAR, its Chapters and its Compatriots won many other awards at the 2006 National Society Annual Congress.

Muncie's Mayor Honors S.A.R.

The City of Muncie, through Mayor Dan C. Canan, honored the Sons of the American Revolution with a Proclamation issued on 09 June. This was in recognition of the centennial of our Congressional Charter, signed in 1906 by then-President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of S.A.R.

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