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Greetings from President Betzner



Greetings;

It has been a busy summer with so many compatriots participating in so many events throughout the state. Sometimes it is difficult to determine which event has the highest priority. I won't try to list all of the events or even highlights as each one is important to our mission. I did however have an opportunity that exceeded my wildest expectations. Having an overage of participants in the Color Guard the second night at Conner Prairie in July, I had the extreme pleasure to stand at the top of the hill as the music "The Patriot" was played by the orchestra and the Color Guard, made up of compatriots from all over the state, marched up the hill in lockstep. It was absolutely breathtaking. I was then as always so full of pride of the INSSAR. Every compatriot should have this opportunity. It is no wonder the Color Guard is invited back year after year.

The Indiana War Memorial has extended to the INSSAR an invitation to provide living history at the Revolutionary War display in the museum any time we would have compatriots available. You do not have to be in uniform to participate. But please be prepared to answer questions and tell a story or two. The busiest times are on the weekends when tour groups come through. Stuart Hart will be the point of contact if you would like to participate.

The July meeting was very well attended with many compatriots participating in discussions on different topics. Most notably, the Alexander Hamilton Chapter was reinstated. District VPG T. Rex suggested a modification for the Joseph R. Rumbaugh Orations contest which was adopted. Now every chapter can send a student to the State Contest without investing in the student. The awards will be covered by the INSSAR and we will only have a State level competition. Please get the word and invitation out to all schools in your areas including private schools and those students that are home-schooled.

At the Central District meeting in October, I will be asking the CD to support a new National Society of State Secretaries. Be sure to thank your Chapter Secretary as you have no idea how much work they do. Special thanks to INSSAR State Secretary, Wayne Ells for all you do.

Best wishes for a safe fall, and remember to check the INSSAR magazine for all of the Indiana connections.

C. David Betzner
President, INSSAR

INSSAR July 2011 State Meeting



INSSAR AWARDS MEDAL

Helen Wildermuth received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate at SAR meeting 30 July. Ms. Wildermuth, owner of the Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration Company, lives in Brown County, IN. At her expense and as a public service, she picked up the stones and set each one of them in separate cemeteries. One stone was for Revolutionary War Patriot John Carney buried in Bick Farm Cemetery and the other stone was for Revolutionary War Patriot Nicholas Jones in Jones/Yeley Cemetery. Pictured with Helen are State President David Betzner and Compatriot Ed Hitchcock.



FLY THE U.S. FLAG!

Mark Kreps (left) presented a flag certificate to thank Ken Gilkey and his wife Peggy at the 30 July meeting. All chapters should be getting these out to people and businesses that fly the United States of America flag proudly and properly. We are at 50% chapter participation want to achieve 100% this year.

Upcoming Events

Central District Meeting (IN, OH, KY, & WV)

Date: Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16, 2011

Where: Bloomington, IN

Host Hotel - Hampton Inn, 2100 N. Walnut Street

Bloomington IN 47404

TEL: 812-334-2100

Conference Center - Terry's Catering, LLC

3124 Canterbury Drive (off Arlington Road)

Bloomington IN 47402

TEL: 812-333-0999

Friday Evening Reception - Gasthaus Legler

4630 N. Chatham Drive

Bloomington IN 47404

TEL: 812-876-9951

October House of Delegates Meeting

Date: 22 October 2011, Saturday

Registration: 12 noon-12:30 p.m. Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Where: The American Legion

The Department of Indiana

777 North Meridian

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 603- 1300

Food: Coffee and light snacks provided

The building is on the American Legion Mall, East side of Meridian just south of the Library almost across from the Scottish Rite Cathedral and just north of the Indiana War Memorial.

Metered parking is available on the side streets surrounding the "park." The library has paid parking (\$5 for 4-8 hours).

Other Paid garages are also a few short blocks away.

Plenty of restaurants close by in the downtown for lunch and dinner.

Additional Information: A short memorial presentation for 9/11

Annual Colonel Augustin de La Balme Ceremony

Date: Saturday, 5 November, 2011

Where: Whitley Co. near Columbia City

Time: Muster-1 p.m. Step-2 p.m.

Contact: Roger Barnhart at

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Fallen Hoosiers Memorial



On Sunday, September 11, 2011 the INSSAR participated in the events honoring the Hoosiers who have fallen while serving in the Military since 9/11. The Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial for Enduring Freedom was Established in May of 2002 and is the oldest post 9/11 Memorial in the Country. It is located in Westfield, Indiana. Each of the hand-made crosses has a limestone base made from Hoosier stone and ensures the memory of those who protect our freedoms is honored.

This year, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, over 50 Gold Star families were in attendance. A bell rang out as the names of each of the 266 fallen Hoosier's names were read. Invited speakers included Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

The INSSAR was invited to have the color guard as part of the activities, along with the color guards from the Boy Scouts, Westfield Fire Department and the VFW.

As part of the ceremonies INSSAR Secretary Wayne Eells presented a Flag Certificate to Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial for Enduring Freedom for their patriotism.

When the plans were being worked out for attendance at the event, it was discovered that in 2005 the Clarence A Cook Chapter had met with Don Peed, who created and maintained the memorial. When the Flag Certificate was ready for him – it was discovered he has passed away. The certificate was placed in a safe place. During the ceremonies INSSAR State Secretary Wayne Eells presented the Clarence A Cook Chapter's Certificate for Don Peed to his wife as a surprise (pictured above.) It was a very moving event for everyone involved.

If you know of any Gold Star families of Fallen Hoosiers, please let them know of this small but powerful memorial in Westfield, IN.



Color guard members (right to left) Earl Salisbury, Stuart Hart and Wade Harshman at the 9/11 memorial service.

Thomas W. Archibald Gravesite Rededication

On August 20th, several SAR and American Legion Post 43 members held a grave rededication in Decatur Indiana for Revolutionary war patriot Thomas W. Archibald. Activities included Color guard ceremony, speeches, music, and laying of the wreath.



Pictured above, left to right are T. Rex Legler, Mark Kreps, Janet Kreps, Alan Teller, Bill Sharp.



T. Rex Legler and Alan Teller guard the entrance and Janet Kreps approaches.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Any member can access their personal information in the NSSAR Database. Once there you can change your address, phone and email information. You can view your patriot ancestor(s), awards, offices held, etc. But remember that those can only be changed by the State Secretary. If you see errors in any of those sections, notify your chapter secretary who will then send the information to our State Secretary, Wayne Eells.

Wayne has supplied the following information so you can make sure your information is correct.

To access the Database –

Go to: <https://memberinfo.sar.org/memberlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fDefault.aspx>

Each member must register on this page for database access. Their sign on information for the SAR online store OR the SAR online forums (etc.) do NOT work here. They must create a new account as this is maintained in a separate system for information security purposes

Once they sign in, it will bring them directly to their personal account, and display all the fields they can change (Address, phone, email) as well as tabs to their other information.

If a member makes any changes to the NSSAR Database they should notify their chapter secretary of the changes immediately.

Helpful hint from Wayne - sometimes Microsoft Internet Explorer has difficulty showing the information properly. If you have this issue you may want to try one of the browsers below. Firefox seems to work very well with the database.

Some of the more popular alternatives to Explorer would be:

Mozilla Firefox – <http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>

Apple's Safari – <http://www.apple.com/safari/>

Google's Chrome - <http://www.google.com/chrome/>

Opera Browser – <http://www.opera.com/>

Remember the best source for up to date event information is the INSSAR website at <http://inssar.org>.



Indiana Society Color Guard

The Indiana Society Color Guard is probably best known for the color and pageantry their uniforms and flags bring to a parade, grave dedication or other community event. Emotions can range anywhere from children's questions and smiles to tears from a veteran's pride and memories. While all of this is true and important, one cannot overlook the wonderful side effect of fellowship with others who share common interests and passions.

New members are encouraged for local and statewide participation. There are loaner uniforms available and participation and travel is limited only by your own time and energy. Please consider serving in the Color Guard and experiencing the fellowship of your compatriots and the appreciation of your community.

Contact Color Guard Commander Stuart Hart for more information (317) 849-0882 or sar.stuart@gmail.com



The Indiana Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution, assists Indiana Society with programs, fund raising, historical education and carrying out its mission of

inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our patriot ancestors. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Auxiliary meets quarterly during the INSSAR House of Delegates meetings. In addition to conducting business, the ladies often have their own programs and speakers. The Indiana Ladies Auxiliary website:

http://inssar.org/sar_auxiliary.aspx



April Legler, Martha Barnhart and Dixie Oberlin receive medal of service awards from the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution at the July meeting in Indianapolis. INSSAR State Vice President Stuart Hart presents the ladies with their awards.

New Indiana SAR members - August and September

First / Middle Name	Last Name	Chapter
Mark Brian	Robinson	Clarence A Cook
Richard Grant	Seats	Clarence A Cook
Richard Kenneth	Farlow	Daniel Guthrie
Michael Albert	Tichenor	Duneland
Alfred Howard Sr.	Bauer	Ohio Valley
Gregory Alan	Bowers	Clarence A Cook

An estimated 3,500 veterans of the American Revolution are buried in the State of Indiana.

The Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution has cataloged over 2,200 such graves and posted relative information at <http://graves.inssar.org>

The *Hoosier Patriot* is a publication by and for the compatriots of the Indiana Society. Contributions of original, previously unpublished materials are welcomed and encouraged. Photos must have at least a paragraph describing the depicted event. Deadline for submitting material is 45 days prior to the upcoming quarterly House of Delegates meeting.

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