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### July 2013 House of Delegates Committee & Program Reports

#### Americanism & Flag Recognition

Thanks to the chapters who have already given out Flag Certificates this year. Let me know if you are in need of any. Make sure you report back to letting me know who/what /when/ where. My email address is : [mjkreps@gmail.com](mailto:mjkreps@gmail.com) The Daniel Guthrie Chapter anticipates giving out 2 certificates via Ed Hitchcock to the Day Funeral Home and the Deremiah & Frye Mortuary in Bloomington.

#### **District 1 – 25% Of Chapters Awarding Certificates)**

- Alexis Coquillard: none reported for 2013
- Anthony Halberstadt: none reported for 2013
- Duneland: The Duneland Chapter presented their first flag certificate ever this year! Urschel Laboratories on May 29, 2013 with a certificate in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America. From left, Lyle Lovell and Robert Phillips did the presentation.
- Simon Kenton: none reported for 2013

#### **District 2 – (40% Of Chapters Awarding Certificates)**

- Alexander Hamilton: none reported
- Benjamin Franklin:
  - Brad Matzensburger gave a flag certificate to Dale and Rebecca Carver of New Whiteland.
- Continental: On March 14 , 2013 Tom Schnuck accompanied with 3 other compatriots presented a Flag Certificate to a manager of Toyota of Muncie, IN
- Cook Chapter: none reported
- John Martin: none reported
- William Henry Harrison: none reported

### **District 3 – (66% Of Chapters Awarding Certificates)**

- Daniel Guthrie:  
A certificate was given to the French Lick Springs and Casino, date and presenter unknown  
On April 21, 2013 the Daniel Guthrie Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to Sergeant Major and Mrs Joseph Jones, USMC Retired in Stanford, Indiana. The Compatriots that participated was SGM Ron Burkhart, USMC Ret., SFC James C. Arnold, USA Ret. and Compatriot Ed Hitchcock.
- John Hay: None report
- David Benton: On May 9, 2013 the David Benton Chapter President Jerry Brown presented a Flag Certificate to Schorer Drapery of Brownstown. SAR member John Sheets accepted for Mrs. Schorer who was ill. On June 13, 2013 David Benton Chapter President Jerry Brown presented a Flag Certificate to the Multi-Color Company of Scottsburg, IN. Sherry Schmitt and Marge Stotsman accepted for that organization. SAR member Darrell Scifries is an employee of Multi-Color.

### **District 4 – (33 % Of Chapters Awarding Certificates)**

- General Thomas Posey:
  - Chapter Pres. Stephen H. Johnson and Bob Hall presented a Flag Certificate on March 26, 2013 to the Koodie Hoo's Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, IN .
- George Rogers Clark: None presented
- Ohio Valley Chapter: None presented

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Kreps  
INSSAR Flag Chairman

### **Audit**

Earl Salisbury and myself met with Art Bowers to review the State's funds. During this audit we found that the State has no irregularity and everything internal with the states budget is correct.

Sincerely,

John C. Boone

### **C.A.R.**

Summer has finally come and everyone is enjoying a well deserved break. CAR chapters around the State have participated in various 4th of July Events from ,parades, reading of the Declaration of Independence, Symphony on the Prairie at Conner Prairie. Now focus has shifted to the Annual CAR regional meeting in Chicago Next week. This meeting will be Start of another year of CAR projects and Charity. Hannah Vandermolen our 2013 Indiana State CAR president has

launched her State project "Circle of Change" Providing dogs to help Vets recover from their war stresses.

Respectively,  
Rick Smurdon, INSSAR

## Color Guard

During the period 1 April-30 June, members of the INSSAR Color Guard, Southern Command, participated in the following events:

Saturday, 27 April: grave dedication ceremony for Patriot John P. Phillips at the Killinger (Phillips) Farm Cemetery in Greene County north of Bloomfield.

Sunday, 5 May: grave dedication ceremony for Patriot John Carpenter at the Hicks Cemetery near Freedom in Owen County.

Saturday, 18 May: carried the colors for the annual Harrodsburg Heritage Days parade.

Saturday, 18 May: participated in the Saturday evening "Arch of Steel" ceremony INSDAR state meeting.

Saturday & Sunday, 25 & 26 May: staffed the SAR information/recruiting tent at the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous and participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual national SAR ceremony honoring George Rogers Clark's capture of Fort Sackville.

Saturday, 15 June: presented the colors at the Lion's Law Camp graduation ceremony, Vincennes University.

## Eagle Scout

- From May 2013 to present, we recognized 2 new Eagle Scouts.
- I have not submitted any claims since July 2007. Since then, I have paid \$2310.00 out of my pocket and I wish to donate those charges to our cause and I will not be requesting reimbursement.
- I truly enjoy my position in the SAR recognizing young Eagles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Randy J. Hillenburg  
Eagle Scout Chairman

## Genealogy & Registry

During the period 1 April-30 June 2013,

- a. 15 regular applications and 8 supplemental applications have been approved.
- b. 17 regular applications, 2 junior applications, 1 memorial application and 23 supplemental applications are being processed by National Headquarters or are en route
- c. 1 regular application has been pended.

This brings the total of new applications approved since 1 January 2013 to 30.

## Hoosier Patriot Newsletter

June 23, 2013

To: President, INSSAR  
From: Jeff Hornung, Hoosier Patriot Editor  
Subject: Hoosier Patriot Report

Postcards were mailed to 400 members at a cost of \$292. Members received the postcards on or around July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The website link to the summer edition of the newsletter was emailed on June 23rd. Members should remember that back copies are available on the INSSAR.ORG website.

As always, I encourage all members to submit information and pictures for next issue. Please be sure all pictures submitted include names of the people and a description of the event.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Hornung  
Hoosier Patriot Editor

## Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary has provided the INSSAR Secretary with a letter of welcome to be included with new member packets, inviting new compatriots to sponsor a legally related woman in becoming an Indiana Ladies Auxiliary member.

## Patriot Graves Registry

There has been no other information disseminated pertaining to the relatively new Patriot Grave Medal. Should find out something at the next Leadership Meeting at NSSAR, Louisville.

Allen Manning is in the process of ordering two headstones: one for Robert McKay, in McKay Cemetery and the other for Thomas George, in Wirt Cemetery – both in Jefferson County.

Allen Manning has stated the headstone for Robert Stephens Rogers in Long Run Cemetery, Switzerland County, has been approved by the VA, as well as one for Kimbrow Landers, Cotton Cemetery, Switzerland County.

The VA has approved the application for a headstone for Gerrardus Ryker, Jr. buried in Ryker Cemetery, Jefferson County.

Revolutionary War Soldier, Henry Williamson, appears to have been buried in Henry County, IN. Mark Kreps has researched a number of sources, including the Henry County Assessor's Office. Mark has some documents of where Cornelius, son of Henry Williamson purchased 80 acres of land in 1829. The property was in Wayne Township located on Co. Rd. 550S. Mark looked on the GIS map using their directions. In cross-referencing the site, he found it was not too far away at Fort (Feurt) Cemetery. The Fort's and Williamson's families intermarried and came from Scioto County. There would be no doubt that the Fort and Williamson families are closely related to Mark's wife's ancestors, Williamson/Feurt. Consequently, it appears Henry Williamson, Rev War Soldier, is buried there – Fort (Feurt) Cemetery. Mark also has copies of the pension papers for Henry Williamson which indicates Henry filed his request and states the battles he was in.

Mark Kreps reports that Rev. War Patriot Benjamin Fort is buried in Wayne County instead of Henry County as originally thought. It is believed that he was buried in Old Centerville Cemetery in Wayne County, IN.

As you may know, the VA rejected the headstone order for James Anderson buried in Sanborn Cemetery, Knox County, IN. A descendant and cemetery trustee has reordered the VA stone. No further information has been received.

The stone at the grave of Patriot Jacob Kepler in Graves Cemetery in Perry County was set many years ago and still is in good condition. The cemetery has a lot of small briars and saplings that need to be cut. In addition, an access to the cemetery is needed. The township trustee has been requested to help resolve this cemetery problem – no response has been received. Supervision of the problem continues. As of April 2013, the DAR is involved in helping resolve this situation. In the meantime, the DAR of Tell City, IN, is working on cleanup of the cemetery. A dedication is planned for the first or second Saturday of April, 2014.

Mark Owens has reported that the headstone for William Stewart in Stewart Cemetery, Washington County, IN has been set. Dedication is planned by John Hay Chapter for 2013. No further information is available.

Mark Owens has reported that a new VA stone is planned to be ordered for Rev. War Patriot Daniel Guernsey to be placed in Guernsey Cemetery in Clark County, IN. Work is underway to get legal access to the cemetery as well a large number of pine trees have to be cleaned up due to the tornado that went through the area in 2012. Apparently, Terry English has been helping to alleviate this problem.

John McBride, PS, NC is buried in McBride Cemetery, Lawrence County, IN. VA prohibits a stone for anybody not a soldier; therefore, Architectural Stone Sales, Inc. volunteered to make the headstone for Patriot John McBride. Peggy Craig then picked up the finished headstone and set it - she is a prospective DAR member of the John Wallace Chapter. A dedication will hopefully take place this year. We want to give the stone company and Peggy Craig appropriate recognitions. Both the stone company and Peggy have gone "above and beyond" resolving the situation.

Edward Hitchcock is working on finishing the procedures for ordering headstones.

The refurbishing of the headstone for Nathan Ricketts in Ohio County is still pending. Pieces of the headstone were found a couple of years ago on private property. A dedication is planned for 2014.

From 2009 to 2012, as per Ron's database, there has been 190 patriots whose cemetery locations, documentations, and photos have been completed.

We are interested in keeping track of grave dedication conducted in Indiana. Please contact Ron Burkhart at burkhart@indiana.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronald E. Burkhart  
INSSAR Patriot Grave Committee Chairman

## ROTC/JROTC

Presentations of SAR ROTC and JROTC medals and certificates for the 2012-2013 school year have been completed. However, some information on presentations may have been lost due to computer problems. As best as can be reconstructed, of the 40 Indiana high schools with JROTC units, the names of 29 cadets who received awards are known, including a DOD school in Japan, names are not available for 9, and no nominees were received from 2 schools. ROTC awards are known to have been made at the following colleges and universities; Purdue, Ball State, Indiana, Southern Indiana, Rose-Hulman and IUPUI.