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The Hoosier Patriot is a quarterly publication of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. While the editors and contributors strive to provide accurate and timely information, please consult local chapters and the Indiana Society web site for updated and additional information concerning specific meetings and events.

Compatriots;

Eleven months ago after you selected me to lead the Indiana Society I shared with you activities I thought would not only maintain us as one of the top State Societies in the SAR but also stretch us to grow. A lot of the Indiana Society activities happen because of your individual interests and commitment. And that is good and has been a credit to our Society. So let's look at where we stand against the stretch goals and see what remains to be done:

Grow new leaders: We have managed to elect and appoint 33% of our officers and committee chairs as new to their positions this year and new to participation at state meetings. I plan to continue this growth. Please respond affirmatively when I ask you to undertake some responsibility.

Grow the fellowship amongst the Compatriots: Several Compatriots and their spouses stayed overnight prior to the Summer and Fall meetings and good fellowship was enjoyed. I personally enjoyed the Summer meeting overnight because I was able to visit with Compatriots I did not know very well. Unfortunately I arrived very late for the Fall overnight because of family matters so did not get to enjoy the fellowship; however, several who did arrive early enjoyed the fellowship along with some Casino activities I understand.

Grow in our knowledge of the Revolutionary War: At the first two House of Delegates we learned about and commemorated two battles that occurred during the Revolutionary War in Indiana: Petit Fort in the Indiana Dunes State Park and Lochry's Defeat near Aurora. A winter storm prevented us from having a program on a Revolutionary War Soldier for our January meeting. These "history lessons" will be continued in 2014.

Form a new chapter in Southeast Indiana: We will have on our agenda at the April Annual House of Delegates meeting a request by a group of 12 Compatriots near Madison to grant them a Charter for a new chapter. From discussions that began nine months ago this formation activity has moved along at a brisk pace. I'm excited by the prospect of this new chapter coming into existence. I suspect that the Society can look forward to new members applying from Southeast Indiana because of the proximity of a Chapter.

Grow participation in Youth programs: We'll have contestants in the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration and Poster contests this year and perhaps an entry in the new SAR Middle School Brochure contest. We've investigated the JROTC program to find Cadets to compete at the state level in line with the National contest. The problem is that these cadets need to be High School Juniors because of the timing of the selection process and award. Juniors don't seem to be nominated by their Commanders for our SAR awards. We need to better interpret the requirements to the Schools and Commanders.



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Attract New Members and Retain Current Members: The Indiana Society had a 20% increase in membership counting new members and reinstatements in 2013. However, 14% failed to renew their membership for 2014 and many of these were the new members. This non-renewal needs to be addressed this year. It can most effectively be done at the Chapter level by giving them the New Member Handbook and by developing a mentorship program where experienced Compatriots help new members become active in meetings and committees.

Patriotic Outreach: 9 Chapters of the 16 Chapters in the Society awarded Flag Certificates to date. This is down from last year. As I have visited Chapters this past year, I see in their communities numerous facilities flying flags. This should be an easy award to make. All of our Chapter can make this award in 2014! 14 Chapters of the 16 Chapters participated in activities with Veterans Groups and received credit for Partners in Patriotism Points. This is much improved over previous years. Remember, any activity (parade, grave marking, contribute goods and/or visit VA Hospitals, etc.) with Veteran group participation counts. Let's have 100% of our Chapters achieve this award in 2014.

Grow in community involvement: There are a number of compatriots who giving talks, historical demonstrations, and the like to service clubs and schools on a regular basis. You can read some of their articles and see their pictures in the Hoosier Patriot. I want to challenge those Compatriots to help train and encourage others of us who don't know the contact tricks to do the same in our communities. The goal would be to have a majority of our Chapters in the Society involved in their community this way.

Participation with DAR and CAR: As I read the reports of the State Color Guard Commander, the District Vice President's and the articles in the Hoosier Patriot I am struck by the involvement in events of our Society with the DAR. While it is not clear to me that every Chapter is doing this, I think it a reasonable goal to have every Chapter involved with a DAR chapter. The DAR chapters are more numerous in the counties where we have SAR Chapters, so it should be a no brainer! The CAR has far fewer "Societies" (as they call their chapters) than the DAR, but I think it reasonable for each Chapter in the area of a CAR Society to participate in some fashion (joint meeting, social event, etc.) with that Society. I have a contact list of the CAR Societies for those who inquire.

I challenge all the Compatriots and Chapters in INSSAR to make 2014 a Banner Year!

Patriotically,

Bill Sharp

INSSAR President



War:

We are at war. Can you imagine how those words struck fear through the hearts of the colonist, Tory and Patriot alike. I can remember dreading Viet Nam, I remember going to church and praying not to have another bloody horrific Viet Nam as the tomahawks flew over the sea and land to Bagdad. When the towers came down on 9-11 I knew before the last brick hit the ground we were going to war and I knew it would not be good. Now 12 years later how much have we forgotten of that event. What do we recall of the men that made and created headlines, the men that led others to war and the men that appeased the terrorist like a dark cloud and the men, **no** the cowards who misplaced the blame to make themselves feel better. The pain, the retching, the misery incurred buy a fearful nation still exist in those Patriots who love their country but fail to promote and discuss for fear of discrimination or worse yet of being mocked.



Many outside of the SAR and DAR have forgotten those men who started the Revolutionary War. How many of those holy names are still familiar to you unless it is a Patriot of a member. Names such as James Otis, Thomas Hutchinson, Deputy Sheriff Thomas Jefferson, or the cheap by the hour uneducated small time attorney Patrick Henry.

In following editions of the HP, I plan to examine the lives and deaths of these brave men. The treasonous men who signed the Declaration of Independence who would have paid with their life had the outcome been different. Where are bravery, honor and leadership? What men had it and maybe what men didn't.

Let us journey back in time and examine the bawdy, bloody history of the formation of the most precious country God has allowed to form. This country, The United States of America, all men and women are created equal under the law. The SAR is a non-political organization so it will be hard to keep current political commentary out of it but it will be done. Things like the good Congresswomen from Texas stating we have had a Constitution for 400 years is easy prey. But will not be included. I want to review and extol the men and women who changed the course of history. Freedom, what is it, what was the price? Can we still afford to pay it? Are we willing to continue to pay the price?

There are men who were faceless. Never knowing who they were, they fought, prayed and bled for this country we enjoy today. Thousands never knew they died free men and women. These are the true heroes. Hensley, Franklin, Adams, Mason, Madison and the idiot Lee, all names in history some know, some don't. Let us bring these faces to life and examine why they are Patriots. Stay tuned.

Submitted By C. David Betzner

National Society Announces New Youth Program



The National Society SAR Americanism Committee is pleased to announce the Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest (aka, National Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest). The aim of this contest is to stimulate interest in American History in support of the established school curriculum.

This contest is directed at students in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system - including ecumenical and home schooled students. This completion was begun to aid studies at the school grades following elementary school and before the sophomore grade in high school. If the American Revolution period of American History is technically not specifically covered during these middle school grades, an entry will still be accepted for the competition by the state society.

The contest is also open to members of the Cub Scouts and Brownies and C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) who are in the same grades but whose school system may not be participating in the contest. In the case where the local school system, or its equivalent, is participating, the young person must enter the contest through the school and not as a separate entry.

The topic/theme for the Middle School Brochure Contest is the same as the topic/theme for the Elementary School Poster Contest in a specific School Year. The topic/theme for the Poster and the Brochure Contests is set by the NSSAR Americanism Committee annually at the Spring Leadership Meeting. Beginning in 2013, the Committee began to select the annual topic to coincide with the location of the upcoming Annual Congress. The upcoming topic/theme will continue to be announced after the winning posters and winning brochures are recognized at each Congress, the hope is that by having up to 3 years of future themes available, compatriots will be better able to work with local schools in planning curricula and thus increase participation in these contests.

The contest theme for the 2013-2014 school year is "Francis Marion: The Swamp Fox".

Patriot Grave Marking Medal, and New 125th Anniversary Medal

The Patriot Grave Marking Medal, authorized in 2012, was created to recognize both past efforts to identify and report data on Revolutionary War graves, and to encourage new efforts to identify graves. The data generated by these efforts

will help build and improve the existing database on these patriots by precisely locating and cataloging their final resting places. This research will also provide crucial data to potential members (including those not even born yet) by identifying these significant places so that they may not be lost to future generations.



National Patriot Grave Marking Medal chairman Del White (Kentucky Society) looks forward to seeing much interest and effort put forth by Hoosier compatriots in helping preserve the memory of our patriots. Set aside those golf clubs for a little while, and spend some of these forthcoming warmer days on the path to finding a lost or wayward patriot!

Interested compatriots are encouraged to visit the website of the National Society to find further information on rules, the patriot grave reporting form, as well as the Patriot Grave Marking Medal application form.

The National Society has just unveiled 125th Anniversary Medal, designed to proudly commemorate the founding of the SAR on April 30, 1889. The medal may be purchased (\$30) by any member in good standing during the current year (including newly approved compatriots). The medal features the likeness of President George Washington, and also serves to celebrate the 225th anniversary of his taking the oath of office.

Please visit the SAR store at the National Society's website for further details, and to purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAR 100th Anniversary

Date:

April 5, 2014

Time:

12:30-4:00

Where:

Caroline Scott Harrison DAR House

INSSAR ANNUAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Date:

April 19, 2014

Time:

9:30 a.m.

Where:

Hall's Guesthouse
1313 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Agenda:

Awards, Oration Contest, Nomination
Elections, Program, budget and bylaw
Modifications

Lodging:

Hall's Guesthouse
260-489-2524

Group rate: \$79 single, \$89 double
Reservations by March 25
Request Sons of the American
Revolution rate
Socializing dinner 18th

George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying

Date:

May 24, 2014

Time:

11:00-12 noon

Where:

George Rogers Clark Memorial
401 South 2nd Street
Vincennes, IN 47591
Contact: Robert Cunningham
rpcunnin@indiana.edu
Opening Ceremony at 10



The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution INSSAR Annual House of Delegates Meeting

Pre-registration Form

19 April 2014, 9:30 a.m. (Eastern time)

Compatriot Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter : _____

Guests Names: _____

Awards	Member	# of Guests	Total	Price	Total
				Total Due	

Advance Registration is \$30 per person.

Please complete and mail this form, along with payment.

Checks made to: Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, INSSAR

Mail to:

**Larry Drook
2912 Sugarmans Trail
Fort Wayne, IN 46804**

George Rogers Clark Ceremony

On 25 February, for the 11th year, the INSSAR Color Guard participated in ceremonies held in the Rotunda of the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, Vincennes, Indiana, marking the 235th anniversary of the British surrender of Fort Sackville. To halt Native American raids into Kentucky, Clark was authorized to attack the British forts north of the Ohio River. In 1778, he quickly captured Kaskaskia and Cahokia, and occupied Vincennes. With 500 men, Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor of Canada, counter-attacked and retook Vincennes, named it Fort Sackville, and, with 90 men, settled into winter quarters. With 127 men, Clark marched through often flooded lowlands to attack Fort Sackville. After a short siege, Hamilton surrendered to Clark on 25 February 1779. Clark's victory roughly doubled the size of the United States. Better known as the Northwest Territory, we now know the region as the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.



Daniel Guthrie Chapter



On February 18, the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR, Bedford, Indiana, held its “annual” meeting at which the chapter officers were inducted for the new program year and the following awards presented:

Military Service Medal – PO1 Stuart Rees Holloway, USN, a chapter member.

Heroism Medal - Mr. Patrick Reagan and Mr. Timothy J. Tague, AT&T employees who helped rescue victims when a small plane crashed into a home.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal – Capt. J. J. McWhorter, Perry-Clear Creek VFD, and Engineer Chris Welch, Bloomington FD, who rescued an unconscious man from his smoke-filled home at considerable risk to themselves since neither man had an air-pack.

Emergency Medical Services Medal - EMT Tina Ferguson and EMT Robbie Lichtenstein who, while transporting a non-emergency patient to a hospital, were was flagged down to assist a woman with severe chest pains who became unresponsive and stopped breathing. They promptly initiated CPR, called 911 and the State Police; thus saving the woman’s life.

Chapter-level winners of George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest were recognized as follows: (1st) Ms. Emily Maegerlein, Edgewood High School, Ellettsville, Indiana, (2nd) Ms. Karly Thornton, and (3rd) Ms. Ashley Worthington.

The Eagle Scout Scholarship, chapter level, was awarded to Eagle Scout Christopher D. Hartzell, son of Rev. Neal Hartzell, a chapter member. Eagle Scout Hartzell’s theme was sent to INSSAR for judging.



Welcome to Indiana State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution!



New Indiana SAR Members



Alexander Hamilton –

Willard Douglas Gibbens (Jacob Gibbons Sr. Virginia)

Alexis Coquillard –

John Threlkeld Haizlip (Francis Billington, Massachusetts)

Kent Dow Taylor (John Wallace, Massachusetts)

Clarence A. Cook –

Bradley Andrew Buskirk (John van Buskirk, Virginia)

George Abram Buskirk IV (John van Buskirk, Virginia)

George Abram Buskirk Jr. (John van Buskirk, Virginia)

George Abram Buskirk V (John van Buskirk, Virginia)

Gerald Lee Jones (Vinson Jones, Virginia)

Richard Everett Lahr (William Nethercutt, North Carolina)

Charles Schroeder Miller (Nathaniel Winchell, Connecticut)

Nathaniel Winchell Miller (Nathaniel Winchell, Connecticut)

James Michael Rodriguez (Elijah Garten, Virginia)

Daniel Guthrie –

Edward Martin Friesel (Joel Pratt, New York)

Walter Hendrikus Friesel (Joel Pratt, New York)

David Benton – none

Duneland –

Patrick Marion Cave Jr., (John Cave)

Ohio Valley –

Victor Eugene Garland (William Phillips, North Carolina)

Patrick William Hansen (Andrew Berry, South Carolina)

William Henry Harrison –

Carl Gene Salem



Anniversaries (calculated for period between January 1st and March 31st)

45th - Don Arnold Melching, Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

35th - Seba H. Case, John Martin Chapter

30th - Peter Morse Blackford, Duneland Chapter

William Arthur McKnight, Continental Chapter

25th - Joe Dale Carter, Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Mark Richard Kreps, Continental Chapter

Kyle Barrett Poorman, John Hay Chapter

20th - Norman Lee Winkler, Clarence A. Cook Chapter

15th - Mark Alton Reen, William Henry Harrison Chapter

Paul Henry Randall, Alexis Coquillard Chapter

Terry Lee English, J.D., Daniel Guthrie Chapter

Noel Kenneth Reen, William Henry Harrison Chapter

Roland Dean Scott, Clarence A. Cook Chapter

James Arthur Swift, Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

Col. Norman Ray Phares, Continental Chapter

10th - Douglas Alton Adams, Alexis Coquillard Chapter

James Walter Hicks, John Martin Chapter

Allan Earl Martin, John Hay Chapter

Jeffrey Dean Wilson, Alexander Hamilton Chapter

James Edward Woolsey, Alexis Coquillard Chapter

5th - Robert Allen Pitts, Ohio Valley Chapter

Wendell Dean Horn, Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

Get to know INSSAR.org

Our Indiana SAR website is chock full of helpful information. You should take some time to get to know it. All sorts of information is available including our calendar of events, Patriot Graves registry information, Color Guard information, and even a beautiful display and description of Indiana Society SAR Awards and Recognition. The all new look of 2013 is something to see!

Take the following link to see what you have been missing. Go ahead, the newsletter will wait right here for you to return! www.inssar.org

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Symphony on the Prairie, 3-5 July 2013

Established 1889

A historical, educational, and patriotic "lineage" society comprised of male descendants of patriots who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783.

EVENTS CALENDAR

◀ Jun 2013 ▶ Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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INSSAR LADIES AUXILIARY



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. INSSAR State Vice President Stuart Hart presents the ladies with their awards.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Brian Dennis Randall – Alexis Coquillard Chapter

William David Jones -- Clarence A. Cook Chapter

Justin Lloyd Thomas – George Rogers Clark Chapter

Lawrence H. Wheatley – John Hay Chapter

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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