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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Compatriots,

Time flies when you are having fun! April is rapidly approaching and I'd like to thank all of those who have helped make this what I consider a fairly successful year. I'm sure the next and subsequent years

will be equally so.

A pleasant Presidential task is signing new membership certificates. I've not kept a count but it's been a bunch. We're still going through the annual effort of contacting Compatriots who have yet to renew their membership for 2008, but I'm confident most will return to the fold.

Regrettably, we've lost several Compatriots who will be honored at the Annual House of Delegates Meeting in Muncie on 19 April.

It's been a busy year with the Color Guard and individual chapters participating in events statewide, including ceremonies marking the three Revolutionary War battles that took place in Indiana: Fort Sackville, Col Lochry's Defeat and Col. Auguste de la Balme's Defeat. The most recent event was the 3 February presentation of a George Rogers Clark, or First Indiana Militia Flag, to MGEN Umbarger for the Indiana National Guard's 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team now training for deployment to Iraq. Thanks to all of those who participated for making all of these ceremonies a success.

I've visited several chapters but haven't gotten to as many as planned. Our two-week 50th wedding anniversary trip took a chunk of time but I was informed if I wanted another 50

years, we were going to Alaska. We went! Then, Marge's shoulder surgery required a further reduction in travel.

I strongly encourage you to attend House of Delegates meetings as well as meetings at the district and national level: particularly the NSSAR Leadership Meetings in Louisville. Information on the upcoming "Annual" House of Delegates meeting on Saturday, 19 April, in Muncie is posted on the INSSAR webpage and in this newsletter.

As you're aware, the NSSAR has been working for several years to raise money for construction of the CAAH adjacent to the current Headquarters building. At the Fall Leadership Meeting, a decision was announced to consider another approach – adapt an existing building vice new construction. The Winter 2008 issue of *SAR Magazine* reported on progress on the CAAH. The Fulton Conway Building on West Main Street was under study and, to date, looks promising. A report will have been and, hopefully, a decision made at the February Spring Leadership meeting. Utilizing an existing building rather than new construction appears to be a less expensive and quicker way of completing the project.

The success of any organization depends on their members and/or employees. While many organizations are in decline, the SAR seems to be doing well. For the SAR, chapters with good programs and activities are vital. Enthusiastic members are more likely to be active and talk up the SAR with relatives, friends and members of the community. There's interest in the SAR and the DAR as evidenced by the activity we saw at the SAR booth at the Fort Wayne Federation of

Genealogical Societies 2007 Conference. Belated thanks to the Compatriots and DAR members who gave of their time to work in the booth.

We need Compatriots to become more actively involved by holding offices at the chapter, state and national levels. Compatriot Eckard worked hard to find volunteers to fill the new District Director posts created by the realignment approved at the April Annual House of Delegates meeting.

We've had some additional successes in recent months.

State Secretary: Compatriot Bill Sharp has stepped forward to replace Secretary Moore when his term ends in April.

History and Handbook: Compatriot John West has stepped forward to manage the History and Handbook.

Hoosier Patriot Editor: Compatriot Mike Oberlin has volunteered to assume the editor's duties.

State Chaplain: Compatriot Don Counts has replaced Charles Carpenter, since his church duties preclude his attending the House of Delegates meetings.

Opportunities still abound. Some current or upcoming vacancies include:

Knight Essay: Compatriot Kreps has done an excellent job but would like a change of pace so he's running for State Genealogist.

Public Service & Heroism Awards: Compatriot Doug Arnold's work schedule change required him to resign his chairmanship.

CU at Muncie in April!

- Robert D. Howell, Sr. President, INSSAR

COLOR GUARD PRESENTS FLAG TO NATIONAL GUARD

(Indianapolis - 4 February 2008) As resolved by the Indiana Society House of Delegates at their January meeting, Society President Robert Howell led the INSSAR Color Guard, in presenting a George Rogers Clark flag to the Indiana National Guard's 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The flag was originally commissioned in November 1778 and carried by Indiana militiamen during the American Revolution. Major General Martin Umbarger gratefully accepted the First Indiana Militia Flag in behalf of the present Indiana "Militia" as they prepare for deployment to Iraq.



MESSAGE FROM INSSAR SECRETARY

Compatriots,

At the end of year 2007 we had 689 members. However we did not receive membership dues for the year 2008 from 86 members. We have had 17 reinstatements since then, so our membership is at 620. As you know, I am going out of office March 31, 2008 and being replaced by a new Secretary. I want to thank you for the help you have provided me during my term in office. I wish the new officers for year 2008-2009 good luck.

- Jack E Moore

19 April 2008
 Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual Meeting
 Ball State University Alumni Center
 2800 W. Bethel Ave.
 Muncie, IN 47304

Registration will begin at 0830 with the meeting at 0930
 A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday, 18 April
 (Rooms will be blocked until Thursday 1 April)
 Fairfield Inn by Marriott
 4100 W. Bethel Ave.
 (765) 282-6666

Lunch menu choice between
 Roast Pork with Red pepper Cream Sauce OR
 Grilled Chicken with Cheese Tortellini in Marinara Sauce

Cost for lunch is \$20 per person.
 Respond with reservations and choice of meal, by Friday
 11 April to:
 Dennis Babbitt, Secretary
 Continental Chapter INSSAR
 315 W. Jackson St.
 Muncie, IN 47305
 (765) 286-4484

Opportunities in the Indiana Society

by Compatriot Steven Oberlin



Evansville native, Clarence A. Cook, led a distinguished life of servitude and generosity of time and treasure. A successful businessman, Mr. Cook and a few contemporaries, were instrumental in the early years of the Indiana Society. He served as vice president general 1937-1939 and received the SAR Minuteman Award in 1953.

Banker, politician and historian, William H. English served in the Indiana legislature and four terms in the U.S. House of Representative and Regent of the Smithsonian Institution. He was Winfield Scott Hancock's running mate during the 1880 U.S. presidential election. William

English was very influential in the founding of the Sons of the Revolution and the Indiana Society.

Inaugurated on the 100th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration, President statesman, politician, soldier Benjamin Harrison also served an important role in the founding of the Sons of the Revolution. His wife, Caroline Scott Harrison, was the first President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

These three compatriots set examples for the rest of us. We all have busy lives, careers and families, yet many still find time and effort to put toward others. Those who have been involved know the joy experienced from interacting with children and veterans, or helping families restore a patriot grave. Our chapters sponsor the annual high school orations contests, ROTC recognitions, Eagle Scout scholarships and welcome new citizens at naturalization ceremonies.

Opportunities to present at schools and community events often avail themselves. People want to know about the men and women who founded our country. Given today's political climate, war in the Middle East, immigration and the misinterpretation of the separation between church and state, there is perhaps no better time than the present to become involved in relating America's past to America's future.

The largest and most prominent SAR Color Guard event anywhere in the United States is annually conducted by the Indiana Society. Our July 4th appearances with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Conner Prairie are enjoyable family experiences that cannot be described through mere words. Consider getting involved in just this single event, even if your not interested in regularly participating with the Color Guard. Please take a few minutes to look over the photos posted at www.inssar.org and you'll get a taste of what to expect.

2008 promises to be a very active year for the Indiana Society. There are several family grave dedications and Color Guard events planned. Society and chapter meetings have become venues for some interesting programs by some distinguished presenters. Please plan on attending, or better yet, becoming involved.

Regardless of how much or how often, thank you all for your continuing support of the Sons of the American Revolution. I'm quite confident our ancestors, never in their wildest imaginations, anticipated their descendents would form a private organization who's primary purpose is to perpetuate the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men and women who achieved independence for the American people.

Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, 19 April 2008 House of Delegates Meeting

Ball State University Alumni Center, Muncie

Name			
Chapter			
Address			
City, State		Zip Code	
Email		Phone	
Guest(s)			

Event	Attendees	Cost	Total
Luncheon (Men and Ladies)		\$20.00 each	
Indicate Lunch Menu Choices			
Roast Pork with Red Pepper			
Grilled Chicken with Tortellini			
Home Tour (Ladies Only)			

Please submit reservations and menu choice no later than 11 April 2008.

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