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Greetings from President Cunningham

Greetings Compatriots,

Our January meeting is upon us. No one needs to remind us that this is our winter meeting. I would rather think of it as our first meeting of 2011. The meeting will be in Fort Wayne on January 15th. We hope that there will be a clearing in the weather because we need brave souls to attend the House of Delegates meeting where we have important items to be brought before us. These items will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis in April. I would like to see at least one representative from each chapter at the Fort Wayne meeting. We will have a great program for all of you history buffs.

It would be wonderful to see a big turnout at the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville on March 10, 11 and 12. If you feel you can only make it for one day, plan to come on Friday, the 11th. You have seen the pictures of our new library in the SAR magazine. Now plan to come to Louisville and see it in person. While you are planning your busy schedule, let's think about going to Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the National Congress July 8-

13.

I have taken great pleasure in signing certificates for 37 new members so far. I realize that the state presidency could be a full-time job and it is clear to me that my regular occupation interferes with those things I would like to do with the SAR. I have not been able to participate in the Color Guard activities at a pace that is normal for me. We need to push forward with a recruiting drive to get more SAR members involved in the State Color Guard. We have many opportunities we have to turn down due to the lack of numbers. If each chapter would set a goal to recruit two new Color Guard participants, that alone would add 36 more Color Guardsmen.

They say the best is reserved for the last, our Ladies Auxiliary, without them what would we do? They help us, they push us and they assist with the Color Guard. I cannot say enough about their support, financial and otherwise. "God bless them."

I would also be remiss if I did not mention our sisters, the DAR. They are one of our best recruiters. They equally promote patriotism, genealogy and history.

See you in Fort Wayne.

Robert Cunningham
State President

[Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution](http://www.indiansociety.org)

Solicitation for INSSAR officer candidates

The Indiana Society is seeking interested and qualified candidates for leadership roles within the society. There is much untapped talent within the organization which we'd like to place in positions ranging from committee chairs to state president. If you have a passion for helping the INSSAR grow and prosper, please contact the nominating chair,

Steve Oberlin.

steve@oberlins.com

www.mission-us.org - Computer-based history education game



This is an interactive computer game for use as a learning tool about the American Revolution. It is recommended for grades 5-8.

This program is fully funded by NBC and is supported by PBS. It is approximately 90 minutes long. The 6 trial states that implemented this program reported that their middle school's test scores increased by about 17%.

The players of the game assume the identity of a person during the American Revolution and make choices that lead to differing outcomes. There are 32 different conclusions. We suggest challenging the students to get all 32.

I would like to see the Chapters in INSSAR get this information to their area Middle Schools. Review the game yourself before you contact the school so that you can explain what they can expect. Also, it would be helpful to have the school principal and teachers review it prior to introducing it to their students.

Mr. Douglas Wilson, history teacher at Edgewood High School, Ellettsville, and winner of the first NSSAR Tom and Betty Lawrence History Award, said " It is as excellent program for middle school students" and that he has given this assignment to his high school students for "Extra Credit".

The point of contact at NSSAR is Ms. Colleen Wilson, cwilson@sar.org.

James C. Arnold
NSSAR
Patriotic Outreach Committee Chairman

www.mission-us.org

New Indiana Society Members (April-December)

Alexis Coquillard: Perry Gish, Jerry Degler

Anthony Halberstadt: David Peters, Brian Curry

Benjamin Franklin: Jack Richard Shields, Jack Andrew Shields, Seth Shields, Joseph Shields

Clarence A Cook: Nick Seats, Charles Sours, Phillip Greenwood, Richard Taylor, Jeffrey Slaughter, Wayne Eells, William Morgan, Reid Roush, Horace Newman, David Newton, John Moreland, Eugene Trent, Daniel Neice, John Herder, Joshua Hornung

Continental: Russell Armfield, Roger Armfield, Aaron Knight, Joshua Snodgrass, Jacob Snodgrass, Joseph Mumpower

Daniel Guthrie: Robert Newton, Gerardo Kennett, Alex Bauernfiend, Anthony Wray, Todd Wray, Larry Stroud, James Koontz, John Moore

John Hay: Mark Owens, Jason Overshiner

John Martin: Brian Watson

Ohio Valley: William Maxey

William Henry Harrison: Keith Lane, Michael Johnson

Col. Augustine de la Balme Memorial

On Saturday, 6 November, members of the INSSAR, INSDAR and INSCAR, lead by State President Robert P. Cunningham, State Regent Martha Barnhart, and State President Jacob Weaver, respectively; Dani Tippman, Director of the Whitley County Museum; and guests gathered in a field near the northern Indiana town of Columbia City to mark the 230th anniversary of Col. Augustine de la Balme's battle with Chief Little Turtle and the braves of the Miami Tribe.



The ceremony began with the INSSAR dedicating an SAR historical marker that tells a brief history of the battle. The marker was erected at the corner of East Old Trail Road and De La Balme Road. The dedication was followed by an INSDAR ceremony rededicating the renovated DAR memorial stone that was originally dedicated by the Colonel Augustin de la Balme DAR Chapter on 5 November 1930 on the banks of the Eel River near the battle site in rural Whitley County.

A display case containing a French sword found near the battle site created a tangible connection between the past and present. The sword was provided by Ms. Tippman, who is a member of the Miami Indian Tribe and a descendant of Chief Little Turtle.

Participating in the ceremonies were members of the INSSAR from the Anthony Halberstadt (INSSAR host chapter), Daniel Guthrie, Clarence Cook, Alexis Coquillard, and Continental Chapters; members of the INSDAR from the Augustin de La Balme (INSDAR host chapter), Mary Penrose Wayne, Pokagon, General Francis Marion, and Galloway-Prentice chapters; and members of the Jacob Lear C.A.R. Chapter.

Patriot Daniel Guthrie, Sr. Grave Rededication



On Sunday, 10 October, approximately 30 direct descendants of Patriot Daniel Guthrie, Sr. gathered with members of the SAR, DAR and the public from five states in a field near the small southern Indiana town of Leesville to dedicate a new bronze marker and place an SAR grave marker on his grave.

Born in 1737 in Pennsylvania on the Juniata River, he is said to have been a veteran of the

French and Indiana War though no documentation has been found. However, accounts of the Bedford County [Pennsylvania] Rangers of the Frontier document his Revolutionary War service as a private in the Bedford County militia from 1778 to 1783.

After the war, Patriot Guthrie lived in Virginia and Kentucky before he, his wife, five children and a son-in-law came to Indiana in 1810. They settled near Leesville where he died around 1826. Over the years, the location of his grave was lost. In 1938, both he and his wife Jane's graves were rediscovered amid briars, bushes, poison ivy and broom sage by a descendent, Bernice (Guthrie) Sallee Martin and her husband, Frank, while they were recording the graves in the Elijah Allen Cemetery.

In addition to his many descendents living in the area, Patriot Daniel Guthrie, Sr.'s name is well-known in the area through the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR, in Bedford, Indiana, which organized and conducted the ceremony. In addition to the SAR members in attendance, which included eight current and past state presidents, a number of DAR members from the John Wallace Chapter, Bedford, and the Christopher Harrison Chapter, Salem, participated in the ceremony. This will mark the final resting place of this Patriot for years to come.

WWII Veterans Recognition

WWII Veterans

All current members of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution World War II Veterans are encouraged to fill out the form on page 28 of the Summer 2010 SAR Magazine.

At the NSSAR National Congress in July 2011 all WWII Veterans that are current members will receive a certificate

from President General Sympson on behalf of the Society thanking each for their service to our country.

Please help us know who you are by filling out and sending the form to Compatriot Dan Mc Murray, Adjutant, WWII Corps.

INSSAR Chapters - if you have a member in a nursing home or assisted living help them to get this form sent in. If you have a past member that served in WWII and is in a nursing home you may want to get them reinstated so that they can be honored. Some of our "Greatest Generation" are financially incapable of keeping their dues up to date. If your chapter can help them out please honor them and your chapter by doing so.

As of this writing the "Indiana Company" has nine (9) confirmed members.

Compatriot James C. Arnold
Member NSSAR WWII Corps.

American Flag Certificate Program

The INSSAR Americanism and Flag Recognition Committee Indiana Society is challenging us to lead the other state societies by having 100% of our chapters identify, nominate and present a Flag Certificate to qualified individuals and/or organizations in recognition of their display of the American Flag.



The Flag Certificate was authorized in 1987 and presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the U. S. flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not presented to a commercial entity that obviously flies the flag for advertising purposes.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented annually at the SAR Congress to the state societies which have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year. To qualify each state society and the majority of its chapters must present, during the previous year, at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies. State societies are to advise the chairman of the Flag Committee of their qualifications by 15 April each year.

The first year a certificate and streamer will be awarded to the state society. Each succeeding year that the society qualifies, it will receive a white star one-inch in diameter to be placed at the top of the streamer. NSSAR Flag Committee Chairman is Bob Bogardus, of Eugene, Oregon. Vice Chairman is Ron Horton, Garden City, South Carolina.

I am sure we can reach this goal. As we go to work or run errands, how often do we drive by someone's home or business that is flying the Flag?. Is it flying in a proud and patriotic manner? Do they do it consistently? Is the Flag in good condition? If flown at night, is the Flag luminated? It may require several trips but all it takes is observation.

If your chapter has a program in place at this time, we are not asking for any changes. I am just asking that if you present a certificate let me know so that I can include it in the report. I know of the chapters are doing a great job and I want to say Thanks at this time. If you need help on a presentation or information please feel to contact me and I will be available to help. We have 20 Chapters in the INSSAR. Let's be number 1! We need 5 more chapters to qualify.

THANK YOU to the followings chapters this year.
Benjamin Franklin Chapter
Daniel Guthrie Chapter
David Benton Chapter
General Thomas Posey Chapter
John Hay Chapter

If you need information or a Flag Certificate please contact me at
Proudveteran1941@comcast.net or 812-372-2217

James Jackson, Jr., Benjamin Franklin Chapter
Chairman, INSSAR Americanism and Flag Recognition Committee

The Indiana Society 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.

[Ladies Auxiliary Web Page](#)

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.



[INSSAR Color Guard Web Page ...](#)

Attention Active Duty Military

Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere was established in 1945 to provide food and toiletries to post WWII Europe. The term "CARE Package" has since been adopted by GIs to identify such packages from home. The SAR would like to send CARE packages to all active duty military compatriots.

If you are on active duty (including activated Guard or Reserve) or know of someone in your chapter, please provide their names and addresses to [Jim Arnold](#)

INSSAR Officers for 2010

PRESIDENT - Robert Cunningham
 VICE PRESIDENT - C. David Betzner
 SECRETARY - William E. Sharp
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District 1 - J.D. Strouth
 District 2 - Edward E. Hitchcock
 District 3 - Michael Oberlin
 District 4 - No Candidate
 District 5 - Roger Barnhart
 District 6 - Willard W. Waterson

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Upcoming Events[INSSAR Winter Meeting - 15 January 2011](#)

Hosted by Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

The History Center
302 East Berry Street
Fort Wayne, IN

Meeting: 1:00 PM

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[Online Meeting Information ...](#)

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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