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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.



## Greetings from President Betzner

### Compatriots:

With the holiday season upon us and a new year in view, let us not forget our mission as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. In my many discussions now with past and current members, I find that it is easy to join, hang a certificate on the wall and then move on to a new project. Commitment takes work. I have seen so much commitment from many members to help and reach our goals but some, would rather criticize and look for excuses not to be an active member of this organization. OK! Let us move forward and put the past behind us.

### Be Active:

There are so many ways to be active. Attend your Chapter meetings. Attend other Chapter meetings. Attend the HoD meetings. Collect magazines for Veterans in nursing homes. Visit veterans in nursing homes or those that are homebound. You will be amazed at the response that you get. Plan a Chapter outing with the VA hospital or clinic in your area. If you do not have one in your area, contact Jim Arnold and he will provide you locations that have needs. Visit your local schools and promote our youth programs. All of the information may be found at the NSSAR or INSSAR websites under Youth Programs.

In January and July, we need Compatriots to participate at the State and National meetings of the American Legion and man recruiting and informational booths. You do not have to be in a color guard uniform to do this. Just be there and discuss an organization that you are proud of.

Be aware of what your local Police and Fire Departments are doing and recognize outstanding members with the SAR awards program. The INSSAR has been lax in this venue but is changing. Expect to see more public servants recognized at the HoD meetings. If a Chapter wants to recognize a public servant and would like the INSSAR President to attend, just ask.

Volunteer to pass out awards at events like Sea Cadets, ROTC or JROTC. Once again these do not require color guardsmen, only compatriots that wish to get involved.

Let us not forget the Flag Certificates. Mark Kreps is doing a great job keeping up with demand.

We need children in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades for the poster contest. Surely you have children or grandchildren that can participate. Get them involved in a poster and help teach them the history behind the topic of the year. Coach a youth in the orations contest or provide information to write an essay.

Call a past member and invite them to coffee or a meeting and invite them back into the Chapter. A simple invitation can make a difference.

### Mentor a new Member:

When a Chapter inducts a new member, assign a mentor to help explain what this organization really is: An opportunity to impact the life of a veteran who really needs a friend, to impact a young person through the youth programs, to influence your own children with history, patriotism and education. You do not have to be in the color guard to do these things, only invest the time. New members bring many good qualities to the Chapters and the INSSAR. Let us not let their talents go to waste. Mentor a new member and reap the rewards.

This summer the INSSAR plans to have picnics in each district at a state park. It will be difficult to schedule but it will be done. Any compatriot and family may attend any of the picnics. Please submit a favorite state park to District Directors so decisions can be made. Very soon a calendar with activities will be released. See the INSSAR Secretaries news letter for many upcoming events of which all can attend.

In trying to bring records up to date please provide a list of all awards which have been presented to you by Chapter, State or National SAR so we can update our records. Please send to Wayne Ells, INSSAR Secretary or Lowell Nichols who has volunteered to help on this mission.

Please make suggestions to your District Director for the Distinguished Service, Patriot or Meritorious Service award. We need to recognize those that continue to work and make a difference at the Chapter and State level.

Our goal of recruiting and retention is starting to take hold. We have several positive steps taken with some results being visible but we have a long way to go. Please, continue to support your organization and I look forward to seeing each of you in the near future.

My best wishes for a new year,

David Betzner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **INSSAR WINTER HOUSE of DELEGATES MEETING**

**Date:** 21 January 2012, Saturday  
Registration: 11— 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.  
Meeting: 12:30 — 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Northeast Park Baptist Church  
1215 North Boeke Road  
Evansville, IN  
(Evansville is on Central Time)

The program will be a Salute to the Military by Harold Morgan.

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### **INSSAR HOUSE of DELEGATES ANNUAL MEETING**

**Date:** 14 April 2012, Saturday  
Registration: 11— 11:30 a.m.  
Meeting: 11:30 — 4:30 p.m.  
Luncheon: TBD

**Where:** Indiana War Memorial  
431 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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### **INSSAR INSTALLATION of OFFICERS / AWARDS BANQUET**

**Date:** 14 April 2012, Saturday  
6 p.m. — 10 p.m.  
**Where:** TBD, Indianapolis, IN

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### **INDIANA DAR STATE CONFERENCE**

**Date:** May 18-20  
**Where:** Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN

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### **122nd NSSAR CONGRESS**

**Date:** 6 — 11 Jul 2012  
**Where:** Arizona Biltmore Hotel  
2400 East Missouri Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ

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### **NSSAR SUMMER HOUSE of DELEGATES MEETING**

**Date:** 14 Jul 2012, Saturday  
Registration: 12 Noon  
Meeting: 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Indiana War Memorial  
431 North Meridian Street

## INSSAR OCTOBER 2011 STATE MEETING

The INSSAR House of Delegates Quarterly Meeting was held Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Indiana Headquarters of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

Pictured at the right are Stuart Hart and Robert Cunningham welcoming members and guests to the meeting.



## STATE MEETING EVENTS



The actions of these award recipients truly reflect the goals and values of the SAR.

Pictured at the left is Compatriot William Sharp III receiving the Silver Good Citizenship award for his many years of outstanding service from Doug Wellman.



Firefighter Greg Hess was presented the Silver Good Citizenship award by State Award Chairman Stuart Hart, pictured above.



John West received the Bronze Good Citizenship Award. It was presented by SAR Vice President General T. Rex Legler, pictured at left.



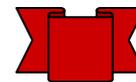
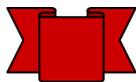
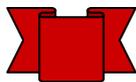
Greg Hess, firefighter, paramedic, member of Indiana Task Force 1, founder of Project 9/11 Indianapolis Rapid Response.

Greg received the Silver Good Citizenship Award during the October meeting. He presented a moving and informative description of both the events on 9/11 and his

journey to create an Indianapolis memorial to the heroes of 9/11.

In January 2010, Greg learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was accepting petitions for Ground Zero artifacts from communities that wanted to establish permanent local memorials. He felt strongly that Indianapolis needed its own memorial to the events of September 11. To meet that need Greg Hess established Project 9/11 Indianapolis and began the process of petitioning for artifacts. With the support of Indianapolis civic leaders, Greg sought and gained approval to receive two 22-foot steel beams for the World Trade Center to form the basis of the project 9/11 Indianapolis Memorial.

The memorial pictured above right is located at 421 West Ohio Street, overlooking the White River Canal. More than 22,000 pounds of steel from the World Trade Center form the heart of the memorial. Perched atop these steel beams, a life-sized sculpture of an American eagle with outstretched wings looking toward New York City. For more information regarding this project go to: <http://www.crownhill.org/blog/tag/indianapolis-history/>



## PLEDGE OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(Used at meeting opening)

We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

(Used at meeting closing)

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our Forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.

The pledges are included as a reminder of who we are and the values for which we stand. You may want to use this to help you memorize the pledges.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

In November 1999 Alfred Bauer completed an application and it was submitted to the National Headquarters of the SAR for approval. Because it needed additional documentation it was put into "Pended Status." As time went by, the application became forgotten.

This year the National Headquarters began clearing its old files of applications that had been pended. The INSSAR jumped right in and was the first State Society to help clear those up. That is when something amazing happened. Nearly 12 years after the Application was submitted (30 August 2011) - the INSSAR was notified by Louisville that Alfred's Application could be approved if he was still living. After some intense investigative work by Ohio Valley's John West and Ken Gilkey, Alfred was found. Headquarters quickly completed the approval process and sent the certificate and new members packet.

The Ohio Valley Chapter had a special luncheon and Induction program at the Sirloin Stockade in Evansville, IN on 8 October 2011 for Alfred H. Bauer, Sr. With food and festivities Alfred (age 91) was welcomed into the SAR Family.



Pictured above, Ken Gilkey, Registrar, Ohio Valley Chapter presents Alfred his certificate. Lanelle Bauer, center, received a WOSAR pin.



## NUT CLUB PARADE—EVANSVILLE

Ohio Valley SAR Color Guard marched in the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival Parade Oct 8, 2011 in Evansville In. Pictured at the left are Compatriots from Ohio Valley Chapter and ladies from the Ohio Valley SAR Ladies Aux.

Estimates were over 15,000 lined the street for the parade. Over 96,000 attended the 7 day street festival, billed as the second largest street festival in the US, topped only by Mardi Gras.

## COLONEL AUGUSTIN DE LA BALME CEREMONY

The annual commemoration ceremony held on November 5, 2011 at Columbia City, Indiana.

Pictured below are INSSAR Color Guard members after the wreath laying.



## FLAG CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION



*Michaela (left) and Joshua Eells (right), Shamrock Springs Elementary Alumni and representatives of the Children of the American Revolution presented The Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Flag Certificate to Joe Quinn, Marsh Supermarket Co-Manager, for allowing the school to use its garrison sized American flag as the backdrop for its Veterans Program.*

The Sons of the American Revolution awarded a Patriot Flag Certificate to Marsh Supermarket #80 in Westfield for its support of Shamrock Springs Elementary School's (SSES) annual Veterans Program.

“The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to present this Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of the Flag of the United States of America to Marsh

Supermarkets,” said Wayne Eells, Secretary of Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Joshua and Michaela Eells, SSES Alumni and representatives of the Children of the American Revolution presented the certificate to Joe Quinn, Marsh Supermarket Co-Manager, for allowing the school to use its garrison sized American flag as the backdrop for its Veterans Program.

The flag is 20 feet by 38 feet and provides the perfect backdrop for the children's program.

Wayne Shipe, SSES Music teacher and director of the Veterans Program said, “For the 20 years I've been teaching in Westfield, Marsh has supported our schools in many ways. The generous loan of their garrison flag for our school's tribute to the brave family members who served our great country in times of war and peace is a prime example. It elevated the tribute and has been something about which audience members have consistently commented.”

When not being used by SSES, the flag is flying at the Marsh Supermarket located at Greyhound Pass.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



This year, Wreaths Across America has heightened significance for SAR members as our organization honors the memory of the all the members that served from all the branches, who passed this past year. We might be placing wreaths on our own compatriots. The National Cemetery directors designate the areas of the graves that will honored if they do not have enough wreaths to blanket the National Cemetery. This is why we need your help. I recommend each state society have a Wreath Across America Chairman and one at each chapter.

Laying the wreaths is an honor to veterans, a service to your community and a learning experience for your members. It can also be a source of positive publicity for your SAR State Societies and chapters.

Please consider having your unit be a part of this worthwhile pursuit. This is a great tool to work with DAR and SAR and many patriotic organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW & Auxiliary.

For more information, contact Major Walter Timoschuk, III at [wtimosch@comcast.net](mailto:wtimosch@comcast.net). (Pictured are Bob Howell and Jim Arnold)

## HOPKINS CEMETERY RESTORATION

Members of the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution bring in the colors at Friday's dedication of the restored Gen. Samuel Hopkins Spring Garden Cemetery.



## 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](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](mailto:sar.stuart@gmail.com)

## New Indiana SAR Members - November

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter—Jeffrey Lynn, SR.; Clarence A. Cook Chapter—Bryan Ray; Continental Chapter—Mark Allen, Rex Allen; Daniel Guthrie Chapter—Brian Crouch, Floyd Lawson, Jedidiah Godwin, Josiah Godwin, Bradley Mansenberger; Duneland Chapter—Robert Kuhn; General Thomas Posey Chapter—Vincent Gwaltney; John Hay Chapter—Brian Lang, Larry Lang, Myron Short; Ohio Valley Chapter—Craig Saltros, William Lindsay, Aaron Cook; William Henry Harrison Chapter—Charles Roth, Christopher Roth.

## IN MEMORIAM

Clarence A. Cook Chapter—Donald Cook, Russell McQuay, Frank Kinney; General Thomas Posey Chapter—James Morse; George Rogers Clark Chapter—Lowell Bourne; John Martin Chapter—Robert Bishop; John Hay Chapter—John Rutherford; Simon Kenton Chapter—John Zimmer.

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. If you no longer wish to receive the *Hoosier Patriot*, please reply to this email with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.