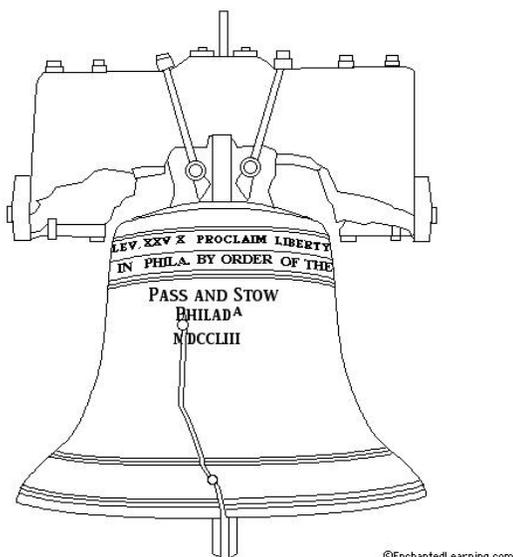

The Hoosier Patriot

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Indiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

January 21, 2006



INSSAR House of Delegates to meet in Evansville Saturday, 21 January 2006

Location: **Methodist Temple**, 2109 Lincoln Ave. Evansville, Indiana 47714.
(See map on back cover.)

Schedule:

Registration: 9:30 – 10:15 – Coffee, juice and pastries provided by Ohio Valley Chapter; fee of \$2 collected for those not ordering lunch.
Meeting: 10:15 – 12:00
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00
Program: 1:00 – South District Director,

John G. West will present his “Flags Over America” presentation, featuring 150+ flags.

Ladies Tour: Leaving Methodist Temple at 10:15 for Reitz Home Museum, a Victorian house museum that is one of the country's finest examples of French Second Empire architecture. Tour cost of \$5.00 is payable upon arrival at Reitz Home; however, a complimentary ticket will be given to the first four ladies who submit/pay their lunch reservations. The ladies tour will take place at:

Reitz Home Museum
224 Southeast First Street
Evansville, Indiana 47706

Lunch: Meatloaf Dinner, Carved Roast Beef Dinner, or 2-piece Fried Chicken Dinner. Each dinner would include a dinner roll, mashed potatoes, and your choice of green beans or corn. We must submit our order one week in advance. Therefore, we must receive your \$10 payment and your dinner choice by 14 January. No extra dinners will be ordered. Send your \$10 payment by check made payable to Ohio Valley SAR and mailed to: Chapter Treasurer Tom Adamson, 1544 Camelot Drive, Henderson, KY 42420-9638.

Overnight Accommodations:
HomeLife Studios & Suites, 100 S. Green River Road; (812) 475-1700; cost: \$49 plus taxes.



**From INSSAR
President T. Rex
Legler's Desk**

Season's Greetings and
Best Wishes to All.

If you have not yet made your plans for attending the January 2006 INSSAR meeting yet, please contact Compatriot J.D. Strouth in Evansville (see notice on website www.inssar.org) right away. The Ohio Valley Chapter has put together an excellent Ladies' Program and the January meeting is where we have the Nominating Committee Report (chaired by State Trustee Roger Barnhart) and the proposed 2006 INSSAR Budget (presented by State Treasurer Tom Schnuck). If you have a desire to serve as a state officer or work on a state committee, please contact Roger. If you have concerns or recommendations for the annual budget, please contact Tom Schnuck. One item of personal interest I have is of expanding and increasing our funding support of the Youth Programs. Youth Programs Chairman Tom Schnuck would like to hear from more of you about this topic.

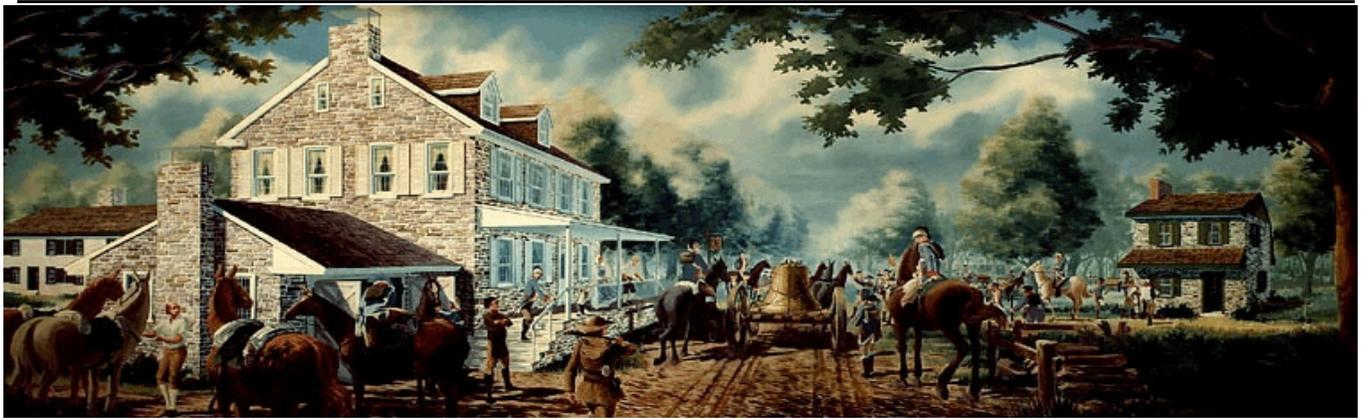
I am very pleased with our continued membership growth but am truly ecstatic with our increase in member activities. Two chapters have formed Color Guards that have been integrated into the INSSAR Color Guard. Members from both the Alexis Coquillard Chapter and the Continental Chapter have participated in local events and the state-wide LaBalme Massacre 225th Anniversary celebration. Additional members have been recruited by the Ohio Valley Chapter, the David Benton Chapter, the Clarence A. Cook Chapter, and the Daniel Guthrie Chapter that I know of. Color Guard Commander Steve Oberlin and his Vice Commanders Tom Schnuck, Stuart Hart, and Bob Howell plus Captain Wil Teague have done a truly remarkable job in recruiting, supporting, and training these new guardsmen. Compatriot James

C. Arnold has received national recognition for his work with the American Legion/SAR "Blue Star Salute" program but more can be done with other local chapters. Contact Jim through www.inssar.org. Compatriot Robert Howell continues to refine our ROTC/JROTC participation and I look for good things to come of these efforts. Compatriots Brandon Halleck (State Secretary), Noel Reen (State Registrar), and Ed Hitchcock (State Genealogist) continue to get well documented, complete applications sent to national in good order. Compatriot Robert E. Burton reports that the unabridged edition of the INSSAR History is ready for the press - at long last! Compatriot Theodore J. Williams (national chairman) and the INSSAR Graves Registration Program continues to get records completed and graves located. The Ladies Auxiliary following the leadership of Martha Barnhart continues to grow and now has members in most chapters. So many good things are going on in the INSSAR it is hard to imagine than any of our members can't find something in SAR they like to do!

Finally, as we close the books on another calendar year, it is time to recognize some of our many truly deserving compatriots for all their hard work with our chapter and state level awards program. Nominations for the Patriot Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the State Distinguished Service Medal, and other SAR recognitions need to be sent to State Vice President Garry Eckard. Some awards such as the SAR Bronze Good Citizen Medal or SAR Meritorious Service Medal can be awarded by both the local Chapter and the INSSAR for outstanding, hard work. Don't overlook someone because you think they "already" have that award. Multiple awards are indicated by oak leaf clusters on the ribbon. If you have any question, contact Compatriot Eckard.

Libertas et Patria

T. Rex Legler II, O.D.



The image (**above**) taken from an acrylic on plaster mural by James Mann, was completed in 1976. The mural depicts removal of the Liberty Bell, escorted by Col. William Polk's cavalry of 200 troops, as it arrives from Philadelphia, at the intersection of what is now, Broad and Main Streets in the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania on 18 September, 1777, Liberty Hall is on the right, the Red Lion Hotel, is in the foreground and part of the Thomas residence is visible behind it.

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Color Guard. Indiana Society of the SAR received \$1,000.00 from the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Committee to aid in the formation of a Color Guard for our society. Scott F. Hosier, president of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter, extends an invitation to members who are interested in working with the Color Guard to report this interest to him, Ph: 291-6919

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The History of the INSSAR Color Guard:

Part 1

by Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

President Issues a Challenge. It has been the dream of several members of SAR in Indiana that a color guard or marching unit some day be formed by the Indiana Society, or by one of the Chapters. Our late Compatriot, Rev. Dr. Herman R. Carson, was the first one I heard to voice this desire, along with Compatriot "Ting" Morris. (Editor's Note: The above challenge was issued by State President Jack K. Carmichael at the conclusion of the business session of the Annual Meeting in Salem.)

Compatriot Scott F. Hosier (Jr.), of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, had three (3) identical uniforms made, modeled after the uniform worn by his Patriot Ancestor Captain Andrew Wallace at the Battle of King's Mountain, and detailed in the record of his estate, to be worn by his son, his grandson and himself.

The distinguishing features of this uniform were a green jacket with red facings, a flowing red cape, a buff colored vest and riding breeches, knee high riding boots, and an officer's chapeau. The uniforms were created by the Landes Costume Company, located at 811 North Capitol Avenue, in downtown Indianapolis, prior to the American Bicentennial in 1976. The cost to Scott F. Hosier (Jr.) was \$1,300.00 each. This sum was used to generate matching funds, provided by a

government grant, which were used to purchase three (3) muskets, bayonets and accoutrements.

Scott (Jr.), his son, Scott Hosier (III), and his grandson, Scott Hosier (IV), wore these uniforms in the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade in 1976. Scott (Jr.) later acquired two (2) replicas of General Casimir Pulaski's sword at a cost of \$265.00 each. A third sword, that Scott (Jr.) still carries, is a reproduction of a Hessian sword of the period. The sword was purchased from The House of Swords in St. Louis, without a scabbard, so Scott (Jr.) had one made with sterling silver mountings, at a cost of approximately \$500.00. He estimates its current value at \$1,500.00.

With the passing of time, Scott's son, Scott Hosier (III), and his grandson, Scott Hosier (IV), lost interest in wearing this remarkable uniform. But from the day I first met Scott F. Hosier, in 1984, he talked about the need for the creation of an SAR Color Guard. These uniforms were the seed from which the three (3) member Color Guard sprang, when Compatriots Scott F. Hosier (Jr.), John R. Green and I, donned them during my first term as Chapter President (1991).

The Clarence A. Cook Color Guard made its first appearance at the INSSAR Annual Meeting at what is now the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 501 West Washington Street, in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, April 13, 1991. The program was *The History of the Flags of the United States*, and the members of the three man Color Guard carried each one of them into the room, one after the other, and placed them in their stands.

The Color Guard continued to grow, one member at a time, so that three (3) years later, when I was asked to serve as President of the Indiana Society of the SAR (1993-95), there were seven (7) members; Scott F. Hosier (Jr.), Founder of the INSSAR Color Guard, Carson C. Smith, the first recruit, and John R. Green, the first Commander, who were joined by Calvin R. Ammerman,

Wilbur Graves, Lowell E. Nichols (Sr.), and John W. (Bill) Wilson.

The members of the Color Guard began to research and recreate museum quality replicas of the uniforms that were likely to have been worn by their own Patriot Ancestors. John R. Green and Lowell E. Nichols (Sr.) wore the blue jacket, and white trousers, of the Continental army. Calvin R. Ammerman wore a buff colored jacket with green facings, and the riding helmet and boots of a Virginia cavalry officer. Carson C. Smith was the first to wear the fringed hunting shirt, leggings and moccasins of a guide, and the first to carry a long rifle, hunting knife and tomahawk.

By 1995, a number of the members of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter Color Guard came to be identified by the nom de guerre of their Patriot Ancestor, thus, Scott F. Hosier (Jr.) became "Captain Andrew Wallace," Carson C. Smith became "Guide Joseph Nickell," John R. Green became "General Nathaniel Greene," Calvin R. Ammerman became "Richard Henry 'Light Horse Harry' Lee," and Lowell E. Nichols (Sr.) became "Private Elijah Mayfield."

Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) Meetings

21 January, 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting
Methodist Temple - Evansville, Indiana
Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter

24-25 February, 2006

NSSAR Winter Trustees Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky

29 April, 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual Meeting
Marriott Hotel - Indianapolis, Indiana
Hosted by Clarence A. Cook Chapter

6-8 October, 2006

Point Pleasant Battle Days
Point Pleasant, West Virginia
Hosted by Point Pleasant Chapter

29 July, 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Summer Meeting
Hall's Guest House, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Hosted by Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

14 October, 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting
Vincennes, Indiana (location TBA)
Hosted by George Rogers Clark Chapter

20 or 27 January, 2007

Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting
Greencastle, Indiana (further details TBA)
Hosted by William Knight Chapter

Editor's Comments:

Attention volunteers! Please send some tidbits or stories about your chapter's recent and upcoming activities for the next issue. Please visit INSSAR.org and find new information added for your benefit! Among those items available are the minutes from House of Delegates meetings via a link on our website. For members that would like to be mailed a hard copy of the minutes from past state meetings, contact our State Secretary, Compatriot Halleck, and you will be added to a list to receive those in the future. Send us your suggestions to help us to serve you better!

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Chapter News

The Continental Chapter

Several members were planning participation in the observance of the 225th anniversary of "La Balme's Massacre of 1780." The event was held on November 5th, 2005 in Whitley County just west of the Allen-Whitley County line. Compatriot G. Thomas Schnuck has assumed new responsibilities as Lieutenant Commander of the Northern Command, Indiana Society's Color Guard.

Ohio Valley Chapter

Work has begun on a webpage listing Patriot ancestors of this chapter's members. You may have noticed that some of the state societies of SAR have placed similar lists on the Internet and it is worth mentioning that some chapters and state societies of Daughters of the American Revolution have created similar lists.

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Mt. Vernon Chapter

Steven H. Johnson has been elected president of the Gen. Thomas Posey Chapter at Mt. Vernon. Following the election of Steve Johnson, the chapter recognized the efforts of outgoing president Albert Gibbs.

David Benton Chapter

This is the fifth annual for a Christmas Drive, with clothing, toiletries and snacks accepted! Donations may be dropped at the Jackson County Veteran's Administration office in the courthouse at Brownstown, the VFW Post at Seymour, the Crothersville VFW Post, and the American Legion Post 2515 on 25th Street in Columbus, Indiana. That's four drop points!

Please consider this very worthwhile opportunity, for veterans residing at the VA Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thanks to Compatriot John M. Sheets for often providing updates on this chapter's busy schedule and accomplishments.

Color Guard 1st in Public's Heart Submitted by Robert N. 'Bob' Hall

The bond between spectators and color guard seems to be growing ever stronger as parade viewers inch closer and closer to the marchers. (A few viewers don't stay back at all, such as a smiling 4-year-old boy who dashed from the curb during an appearance of the Indiana SAR color guard, ran up to Ruth Hall, just to shake her hand and touch her colonial dress as she led the color guard in a Christmas parade in Evansville.)

Sometimes the marching path is severely pinched in from the sides, forcing color guard members on the end of a row to break into two rows temporarily in order to be able to make

their way down the street. It is inconvenient for the marchers, but what an opportunity to hear spectator's comments about the guard! And how favorable their words are! I've heard: "All right!" "Cool!" "OK!" "Looking Good!" "Is that gun real?" and "I studied about that in school." In every parade the color guard is greeted with smiles, salutes, applause, and the clicking of camera shutters. However, my favorite comment came from an out-of-state event. After that appearance, a lady said, "I saw your group, and for a few seconds I imagined that I really was back in Revolutionary War days." I was thrilled. That possibility of "historical illusion" is why I prefer marching with flags from the late 1700s over the later flags.

Unfortunately, that same event wasn't a completely banner day. The Indiana color guard ended up representing two state SAR guards when the local state color guard failed to appear. Later, a high state official talked to us. Instead of thanking us for saving the day when his color guard did not arrive, he gave us an unsolicited and very negative critique of our frontiersman/minuteman uniforms and equipment. Then another out-of-state SAR also failed to thank us and instead (we learned later), without a smile, threw a strong insult about morals to two women of the color guard. One of the women, Becky West, set him straight – firmly.

My point: Please remember that all color guard members are very busy people who collect and make their outfits at their own expense and then spend their own time and money in order to be able to appear in parades and other events. Keep showing your Hoosier appreciation.

We'll keep



marching.



Above: Near Columbia City, on 5 November, 2005, participants including SAR, DAR, Miami Nation of Indians, and over 100 spectators commemorating the 225th anniversary of “Le Balme’s Massacre.” **Below:** Primary School on Friday, September 30, 2005. Pictured here speaking to Miss May’s second grade class is Jim Arnold, President, Daniel Guthrie Chapter INSSAR decked out in his Revolutionary War uniform. He told the class about the life of a soldier in that era and all they went through and stood for so the nation could have freedom today. (Photo by Shell Robertson) From the Ellettsville Journal, Wednesday October 5, 2005.



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