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Greetings from President Oberlin

Compatriots,

A wise compatriot once told me, "the SAR is mostly a bunch of old farts who argue and pin medals on each other." We have all witnessed that aspect, but fortunately the SAR is also a dynamic, living organization. Let's look at some of what's occurred this past year.

The Indiana Society awarded over \$4,000 in youth scholarships. Three Eagle Scout and three Knight Essay recipients were recently named and we again sent our Rumbaugh Orations winner to the National Congress. We also continue to support the Indiana Historical Society's National History Day.

In 2005 the Indiana Society recognized the 225th anniversary of de laBalme's defeat in Whitley County. Thanks to a grant from the George Washington Fellowship and generous donations from individuals, funding has been acquired to erect a historical marker along the roadway near the battle site. The Indiana Society intends to erect a historical marker annually for at least the next five years.

The paperwork is filed and the Indiana Legislature is in the process of recognizing the green and red striped George Rogers Clark flag as the "First Indiana Militia Flag." The flag has been readily accepted by Indiana's National Guard units and has flown over Iraq and Afghanistan. It's important for us to help propagate Indiana's role in the American Revolution

We've had two visits from President General Ed Butler this past few months. Several of us had dinner with the "Judge" last December. PG Butler and his wife, Robin, visited the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes.

We have 51 new members so far this year. This is positive and would represent a substantial growth. Unfortunately, the renewal rate tends to offset these gains. 70 members failed to renew their membership, which equates to a net loss of 20 compatriots. This is an "improvement" over last year's net loss of 80, but it's in no way good for the Society.

This past year we've unfortunately had to revoke the charter of one inactive chapter, and put a second on notice. While the House of Delegates doesn't take such action lightly, it will hopefully result with the affected members being part of more sustainable chapters. Two weaker chapters are in the process of merging with the prospect of becoming stronger. We've also assimilated the at-large members into chapters.

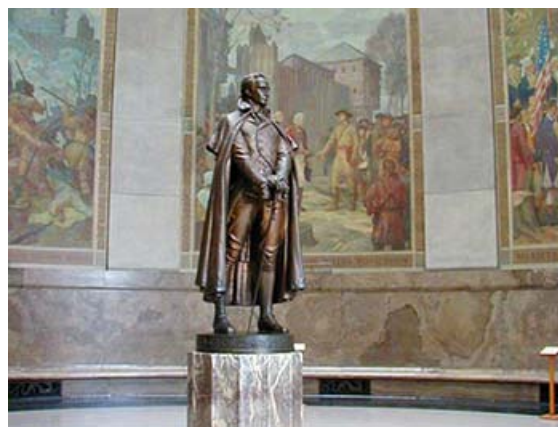
Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Indiana Society President. We've made several accomplishments, none of which without the participation of many. It's not about the best or the largest chapter. It's not about who has the most medals. As I quoted from 1 Corinthians upon my election last April, we are a body of many parts. "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." Upon signing the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin commented, "We must all hang together or assuredly we will hang separately."

Libertas et Patria,
Steven D. Oberlin
President Indiana Society

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President General Butler Remembers George Rogers Clark

(Vincennes - 7 March 2010) National Society Sons of the American Revolution President General Edward "Judge" Butler presented a memorial wreath at the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes. Indiana DAR Regent Martha Barnhart and INSSAR President Steven Oberlin welcomed the PG and also presented wreaths on behalf of their respective organizations. Twelve Indiana Guardsmen provided color for the ceremony. Also in attendance was First Lady Robin Butler and several Indiana Ladies Auxiliary women in period attire. At the conclusion of the event, President Oberlin and President General Butler presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Park Superintendent Dale Phillips.



[President General Butler's DVD Message ...](#)

Youth Award Recipients

Eagle Scout Awards

- 1st Place: Jonathon Asher Yarde of Huntington
- 2nd Place: Alexander McCahon Miller of Seymour
- 3rd place: Jonathan Craig Harper of Fort Wayne

Knight Essay

- 1st place: Rachel Belth, Deerfield School, Columbia City (Anthony Halberstadt Chapter)
- 2nd place: Celeste Grubaugh, Woodlan High School, Woodburn (Anthony Halberstadt Chapter)
- 3rd place: Tarra Russell, McCutcheon High School, Lafayette (William Henry Harrison Chapter)

[Indiana Society Youth Web Page](#)

New Indiana Society Members

John Martin Dave D. Sabaini

Daniel Guthrie: Chester Barry Arington, Daniel Barry Arington, Matthew Michael Arington

Indiana's "Little Big Horn"

The primary waterway between the northeast and the Mississippi is through what has been called the "Glorious Gate." The Maumee-Wabash sluiceway connected the most direct waterways from Quebec and Montreal to French settlements in the lower Wabash, Illinois and Mississippi areas. Discovered in 1701, this route opened up new areas, rich in game, and being further south the route was more temperate than the four or five portages farther north in Canada and Wisconsin. The portage was a "toll road" maintained by the Miami Indians. For over 100 years, the eight mile land trek at present day Fort Wayne was militarily and economically very strategic. The land was contested during the French and Indian War, American Revolution and War of 1812. The Eel River, a few miles north of Fort Wayne, provided an alternate waterway connecting the Maumee and the Wabash.

Along the Eel River is a little known, yet important historical site. A brass and stone marker placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1930, reads: "In memory of Col. Augustin de LaBalme and his soldiers who were killed in battle with the Miami Indians under Little Turtle at this place, Nov. 5, 1780." Less than 4 miles upstream is another marker commemorating the 1790 defeat of Colonel John Hardin, part of General Josiah Harmer's campaign to secure the Northwest Territory from the Native Americans. Hardin's demise also occurred the leadership of Chief Little Turtle. Approximately 250 soldiers were lost during these two skirmishes. Over 800 troops were killed in related battles associated with St. Clair's failed campaign.

[Indiana During the American Revolution](#)

Liberty Flag



This flag is a British Union known as the "King's Colours," defaced with the word "LIBERTY" in protest of the Intolerable Acts. The design is seen in a woodcarving of an American parade prior to the outbreak of the War of American Independence. At the time the flag was made, colonists were not yet fighting for independence from Great Britain, but they were unhappy with unjust laws and with taxes levied by Parliament, in which they had no representation.

- Flag predates American Revolutionary War.
- Defaced King's Colours used in parade to protest Intolerable Acts.

INSSAR Protocol:

- This is a protest flag that predates the Revolutionary War. It would have been carried by civilians, not by a military company.
- Although the flag is obviously based on the Union of the Great Britain, it was altered and should not be considered a "national flag."

Note: There are disagreements about the protocol for some flags, even among experts. This debate is healthy, but it should never be conducted by the Color Guard before the public. If you are given custody of a Color Guard flag, please follow the directions of the event commander.

[Learn more about historic flags ...](#)

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](#)

Slate of Officers for 2010

PRESIDENT - Robert Cunningham
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 District 2 - Edward E. Hitchcock
 District 3 - Wade Harshman
 District 4 - No Candidate
 District 5 - Roger Barnhart
 District 6 - Willard W. Waterson

[Indiana Society Bylaws](#)

Upcoming Events

[INSSAR Annual Meeting - 3 April 2010](#)

Hosted by Daniel Guthrie Chapter

Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual Meeting
 Spring Mill State Park
 Highway 60
 Near Mitchell, Indiana

Registration (coffee & pastries): 9:00 AM

Meeting: 10:00 AM

[Online Meeting Information ...](#)

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