
The Hoosier Patriot

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Indiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution
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Website News

Compatriots,

Have you gone to our INSSAR website lately? If you haven't, take a few minutes and go to <http://www.inssar.org> and spend a while there. There is something for everyone: Youth Programs, Links to national SAR & DAR, society news, a forum for discussion about many topics, an INSSAR Color Guard page, and several multimedia presentations.

Thanks to INSSAR Color Guard Commander (and web site master) Steve Oberlin, our web site is always up to date, and changing with new additions and information. The Hoosier Patriot is now a part of the web site, and you can download a copy, or read it on line.

You'll be glad you did!

Thanks to Stuart Hart for the website item.

Schedule for Spring Mill (Annual Meeting)

Friday, 15 April 2005

4:00 - 6:00 PM Registration
6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner in the dining room. (PLAN A - If orations contest participants there, we can fund their dinner)

7:00 - 11:00 PM Elm room downstairs reserved for contest and any pre House of Delegates meetings to ensure smooth morning session.

Saturday, 16 April 2005

8:00 - 9:30 AM Registration & Social (Coffee, tea, cookies will be put out in the Lakeview Room for later arrivals. Breakfast in dining room begins at 7:30)

9:15 - 9:30 AM Assembly in Lobby for ladies tour group

9:30 - 11:30 AM House of Delegates Annual Meeting in Lakeview Room

9:30 - 11:30 AM Ladies tour Victorian Mansion

11:30 - 12:45 PM Buffet line & luncheon in dining room at your convenience.
THERE IS NO PROGRAM DURING DINING.

12:45 - 1:45 PM VIP Greetings, Awards Program, Installation of Officers, and Guest Speaker - Jeremy Turner "Native Americans in Indiana in the Revolutionary War" - in Lakeview Room

1:45 - 2:00 PM Intermission and Round Robin display set up in Lakeview Room

2:00 - 4:00 PM Round Robin activities & Displays in the Lakeview Room
PLAN B Orations contest in area outside Elm room with

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From INSSAR President Roger Barnhart's Desk

Saturday, 16 April 2005 is the INSSAR Annual Meeting at Spring Mill State Park hosted by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. This is a most important meeting as the officers to

lead our great society in 2005/2006 will be elected. The Annual Meeting is also unique in that it is the only meeting at which changes to the INSSAR Constitution can be made. This year, several important changes are proposed to bring our constitution into harmony with the National SAR Constitution as well as some changes to clarify certain sections to which Compatriots have raised questions about meaning and intent.

All INSSAR House of Delegates meeting are open to all Compatriots and their guests to attend. If you can attend only one meeting a year, I urge you to make the annual meeting the one.

When you were kind enough to elect me President, one emphasis I had was for each Compatriot to bring into our society one new member. I knew it was an extremely optimistic goal but important for the future of our society. The results are as follows;

Membership /1/2004	534
Members Reinstated or in process	60
New Members	47
Members Transferred In	7
Other	8
Deceased	-15
Dropped	-66
Total Membership 12/31/2004	575

The increase in membership of 41 is encouraging in light that most organizations are losing membership. As I leave office, I encourage all compatriots to keep membership as a priority and look for potential new members through your local genealogy societies, DAR contacts, publicity, advertising, color guard, workshops, school programs, booths at community functions, etc. So many people who are eligible have no idea there is such an organization as SAR and it is our duty as

compatriots to share the SAR story and assist potential members with their applications.

The 115th NSSAR National Congress will be held in Louisville July 1-5, 2005. This is an excellent opportunity for many Indiana Compatriots to attend a nearby National Congress. Many compatriots are close enough that overnight accommodations would not be necessary reducing the cost to attend the convention. The opening and closing ceremonies are most impressive and well worth attending. The election of national officers also occurs during the convention. If you can attend, be sure to let our Secretary know so that your name can be included as a potential delegate from Indiana. Normally we have a problem attaining the number of delegates Indiana is allowed, reducing our effectiveness at the polls.

I have been honored to be your President this past year and attending the many functions at the State and National levels is certainly a rewarding experience. The part I enjoyed the most was attending chapter meetings and learning how similar but uniquely different is each chapter. It was great. Finally, I urge everyone to support our new officers as they perform their duties to make our society even greater. When they call for your help answer with a resounding "YOU BET".

God bless our Society and the United States of America.

Editor's Comments:

The Annual Meeting is around the corner! As many of you already know, there is much planning and preparation involved in the process of making this happen. If you have not attending a recent meeting or an annual meeting, this year's meeting at Spring Mill will be rewarding and worth your time! If your schedule is already too full to attend all of the events, perhaps you can attend a meeting or other scheduled functions and work these around your drive time to and from the location. View at this as an opportunity to meet members both new and old, and make memories during this very worthwhile event! Due to funding problems and several slow horses at the post office, this issue was unavoidably delayed. Please accept my apology for any difficulty this may have caused you. Past issues of the bulletin are already available for viewing on our state website. See Stuart's article on page one of this issue on this subject. Also, the street address used for The Hoosier Patriot (and editor) have changed and appear in the list state officers in this issue. Thanks for reading!

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4:00 - 4:30 PM Review of Color Guard, Color Guard Award Presentations, Ceremony for Departed Compatriots on veranda off Lakeview Room and lower lawn. (AT THIS TIME WE HAVE TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR A LIVEFIRE MUSKET SALUTE)

4:30 PM Congress officially over (Photo opportunities with Color Guard for Youth Awards publicity shots)

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Proposed rewording of INSSAR Bylaw 28, Section 3, subject to vote on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting, April 16, 2005

Section 3. Whenever the total number of delegates reported from the Chapters exceeds the number to which the Society is entitled (excluding Trustee, State President, Delegate-at-Large, and any member serving as a general officer of

NSSAR), the following provisions shall apply to the election of delegates:

(1)

No Chapter may nominate members as Delegates unless it shall have been represented by at least one delegate at two State Meetings in each of the two preceding years. The Chapter must be in compliance with Bylaw 3 of this Society.

(2)

Each Chapter, having complied with the above subsection shall be entitled to nominate one Delegate and one additional delegate for each fifty members of major fraction thereof beyond the first fifty members. Those members holding offices of Trustee, State President, or Immediate Past President, shall not be counted against for their respective Chapter's entitlement, nor shall a senior Past President who serves as Delegate-at-Large in place of the Immediate Past President, nor any member serving as a general officer of NSSAR.

(3)

Whenever the total number of Delegates elected at the Annual Meeting and present at the National Congress is less than the number to which the Society is entitled, the President may appoint additional Delegates.

(4)

All members nominated by a qualifying Chapter in excess of those elected as Delegates, all members reported by non-qualifying Chapters, and At-Large members planning to attend who are identified by the time of the Annual Meeting shall be elected as Alternate Delegates.

Announcements for Spring Mill

Friday evening gathering of the INSSAR State officers will include any other interested members for dinner; host the orations contestants (if any), and judge the orations. Winners to be recognized immediately after and could be again recognized at the Saturday Luncheon; and as an alternative plan, we'll introduce all youth participants at the luncheon and then to have several compatriots listen to the orations in a separate room during the afternoon round robin with the winners announced during the conference closing session/Color Guard review.

ALL compatriots and wives are encouraged to wear colonial clothing (frontiersman, regimentals, or civies) during the Saturday activities beginning with the Ladies' Tour and ending with the 4:30 PM closing.

The business meeting will be conducted by Compatriot Barnhart and with all the work & preparation Roger has put in, it should go fairly smoothly. Important Agenda items include: the approval of our Constitution & By-Laws to keep aligned with National; election of officers; budget approval; update on the Handbook & History. Bob Burton has been working on this at length.

The luncheon includes numerous VIPs, ALL of whom may wish to say a word or 3. Attending from out of state, the list is growing and includes: Dave Simpson KYSSAR & current Central District VP General and Jim Randall, Executive Director, NSSAR. VP General Simpson will likely officiate at the Officer Installation. The major actions to be accomplished at the luncheon are the presentation of the Youth awardees; Eagle Scout Scholarship awardee and a Knight Essay contest awardee; the presentation of any INSSAR awards leading up to the Patriot Medal; outgoing comments from Compatriot Barnhart; induction of the 2005 INSSAR state officers and passing of the gavel & presentation of the Past President's pin; and ending with the featured program speaker Jeremy Turner - "Native Americans during the Revolutionary War in Indiana" Jeremy will likely wear a native American outfit.

The round robin activities in the afternoon will afford Compatriots and guests to see our various programs showcased : Patriot Grave location & marking; Color Guard parades and activities

(including Stuart Hart's DVD player & 2004 activities DVD); historical site visitations like Fort Laurens & Vincennes Rendevous' (the LaBonte program and Point Pleasant upcoming could well be advertized); Patriot Document signers & the SAR History CD program; Colonial weaponry; Colonial clothing and sources.

The Color Guard review at the end of the day with presentation of Color Guard Bronze Medals to the Compatriots you listed in an earlier e-mail and the "Salute to Fallen Compatriots" officiated by State Chaplain J.D. Strouth of Evansville (JD is wearing his colonial civilian outfit) sums it up.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING INDIANA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA - January 22, 2005

The Winter meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at MCL Cafeteria at Castleton on a snowy January 22, 2005, was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Roger D. Barnhart. J.D. Strouth gave the invocation, and Vice Pres. T. Rex Legler led the pledges to the American Flag and SAR. A quorum was present as follows:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter:
4, including 1 delegate-at-large

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large

Clarence A. Cook Chapter:
8, including 2 delegates-at-large

Continental Chapter:
1 delegate

Daniel Guthrie Chapter:
3, including 2 delegates-at-large

General Thos. Posey Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large

Ohio Valley Chapter:
2, including 1 delegate-at-large

Minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2004, were approved on motion duly made and seconded after noting a correction. The report of the District Director had stated that David Benton Chapter is preparing a booklet to honor Revolutionary War Patriots in Franklin

County. However, the booklet is planned to include ancestors of members of the Chapter regardless of where they are buried. Secretary Burton commented on the membership report submitted as of December 31, 2004, to NSSAR which showed total membership of 555, a net increase of 21 over the same date last year. In addition, membership of INSSAR includes two Youth Registrants and six dual members with other home states. Also counted unofficially in current membership are 12 reinstatements that are in process, for a total INSSAR membership as of this date of 575. In 2004, 22 supplemental applications were approved for 11 compatriots.

Secretary Burton reported on a ruling of Genealogist General which eases somewhat the requirement that data missing from old SAR, DAR, or CAR approved applications must be supplied with the application. Now, such applications will not be rejected but may be delayed pending reasonable effort to establish the information. Also, in as much as DAR is not now sending the front page of record copies, applicants should attach the transmittal letter from DAR which does include the name of the DAR applicant and national number. The Genealogist General is calling attention to proposed Congressional action that would limit access to birth information and is urging that members protest.

Secretary Burton reported that Anthony Halberstadt Chapter has been memorializing deceased members by sending a contribution to the NSSAR Library Building Fund. He reminded members that delegates to the National Congress in July will be elected at the Annual Meeting. As a final reminder, he noted that entries for Golden Bear awards are to be sent to Past President Theodore J. Williams, 208 Chippewa St., West Lafayette, IN 47906-2123, by March 15.

Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck could not be present, but sent a written Treasurer's report which showed \$10,449.72 in the checking account and \$41,576.07 in CDs. The fairly large bank balance results from recent collection of dues, much of which had since been transmitted to NSSAR. He also submitted a tentative budget which will be voted at the Annual Meeting.

District Director-North Willard Waterson reported that Past President Ray Jewel of Seth Jewel Chapter will be assisting the Alexis Coquillard Chapter in forming a Color Guard with five members recruited to date. One member of Simon Kenton Chapter has died. The Coquillard Chapter is working on an application for the

Golden Chapter Award. North Central District Director Shawn Clements was not present but had sent a written report. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter is meeting regularly with good attendance and programs. It has distributed more than 25 Heritage CDs. The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter has also distributed more than 25 of the CDs. The Continental Chapter hopes to form a Color Guard, and has distributed 12 CDs. Although William Henry Harrison Chapter does not have regular meetings, it continues to be involved in about five events throughout the year, including a Christmas dinner with the local DAR. District Director-John G. West reported that David Benton Chapter is getting good local press coverage, especially in regard to its Christmas gift drive for the Louisville Veterans Medical Center. The drive has been expanded to include participation by the Daniel Guthrie and John Hay Chapters. Director West had attended a meeting of the General Thomas Posey Chapter at which State Representative Trent Van Haaften spoke. He reported names of new officers of Ohio Valley Chapter and mentioned the display it has maintained in the Willard Library in Evansville. Members of the Chapter have spoken and given other presentations to several groups, and its Color Guard has been active.

The Color Guard report given by Commander Steven D. Oberlin stated that it had participated in 61 events during 2004, involving 26 members. It is applying for the NSSAR President General's Color Guard Trophy. One new SAR member joined after experience with the Guard, and three others are in the process. As honoraria have exceeded expenses, its balance has increased to \$4,931.46. Registrar Noel K. Reen who could not be present, had sent a written statement in which he reported having 37 membership and supplemental applications which await NSSAR approval. He is working with NSSAR to establish the status of those applications and has received copies of 17 approved applications missing from the files he received when taking office and is attempting to work out other discrepancies. National Trustee Jack E. Moore announced that the next Trustees' meeting will be March 10-12. He noted that 2.67 million has been received for the new library and that the campaign continues to raise a sufficient amount to begin construction. Vice President Legler commented that these meetings are open to all members and urged their attendance.

President Barnhart noted that the state meeting of CAR would be April 22. Trustee Moore stated that those meetings are interesting and suggested the SAR should work more closely with the CAR.

Compatriot Earl Salisbury, Chairman of the joint SAR/American Legion Partners in Patriotism project reported that an event is being planned for May 21 and that a database will be developed.

Secretary Burton reported that Compatriot Brandon Halleck had followed up on the suggestion that the Lilly Foundation might be a funding source for the Revolutionary War graves restoration project but had learned that the Foundation is awarding grants only in the field of religion at this time. He suggested that county foundations might well be interested in such projects. President Barnhart reported that efforts continue to organize the Thaddeus Kosciusko Chapter in Kosciusko County and that membership applications are expected to be submitted soon. Compatriot Bragg submitted the proposed Constitution and Bylaws of the new Chapter. After minor changes which had been made to the draft version, the document was approved on motion duly made and seconded.

Commenting on the Partners in Patriotism program, to be a joint effort by SAR and the American Legion, Chairman Salisbury said a web page should be developed to publicize the project.

Given a standing ovation of appreciation as new Editor of The Hoosier Patriot, which was published on schedule, Compatriot John Van Zandt expressed appreciation for the assistance he received from officers and Chapters that had submitted items for publication. He also spoke of plans for future editions, paying bulk rates for mailing, and use of new production software. Deadline for submission of items for the next issue is March 1.

Secretary Burton opened discussion on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws, expected to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Copies of the proposed document had been sent earlier to each Chapter and to INSSAR officers. Compatriot Strouth suggested certain modifications that were discussed but not voted on for which the language has been refined and included with these minutes. Bylaw 28, Section 3, Subsection (3), as proposed would have allowed the President, in the event Indiana had a candidate for national office, to appoint delegates if there were more potential delegates than the Society's quota, in order to assure that the most effective delegates politically at the national level would be certified. While the whole question is probably academic in as much as current members cannot remember a time when Indiana has had in attendance the full number of delegates authorized even

when it had a candidate. Compatriot Strouth emphasized the importance of election by delegates at the Annual meeting whenever possible and suggested striking proposed Section 3, Subsection (3) and substituting "Whenever the total number of delegates elected at the annual meeting and present at the National Congress is less than the number to which the Society is entitled, the President may appoint additional delegates."

He also proposed the following language to replace the first sentence of Section 3, Subsection 2, with the following: "Each Chapter, having complied with the above subsection, [which requires the Chapters to nominate delegates must have been represented by at least one delegate at two State Meetings in each of the two preceding years] and being in compliance with Bylaw 3 [which states the circumstances under which a Chapter charter may be revoked] shall be entitled to nominate one Delegate and one additional Delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof beyond the first fifty members." Additionally, Compatriot Strouth proposed that the first sentence in proposed Section 3 be amended to add at the end of that sentence "for the election of Delegates." These proposals will be voted on at the annual meeting. [See revised statement of Section 3 elsewhere in the April, 2005 edition of The Hoosier Patriot]

On motion by Compatriot Strouth duly seconded, the following additional changes in the proposed document were approved by vote of the delegates:

Substitute "A finance background would be desirable for all members of the Committee." for "A finance background shall be considered as a requirement for members of the committee."

Add to Bylaw 21, Section 2, "Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of authorized delegates registered at the meeting."

Vice President Legler reported that preparation of the History/Handbook is proceeding. Editor Burton reported that Secretary-designate Halleck had raised a question of whether addresses of members should be included. Noting that all previous editions had included such information and that the NSSAR directory includes both addresses and telephone numbers when available, no objection was raised to including addresses.

Past President Moore presented the report of the Nominations Committee for 2005-2006 officers, subject

to election at the Annual Meeting, as follows: President, T. Rex Legler II, Vice President, Garry M. Eckard; Secretary, Brandon R. Halleck; Treasurer, G. Thomas Schnuck; Registrar, Noel K. Reen; Chancellor, John A. Kesler, Sr.; Genealogist, Edward Hitchcock; Historian, Carson D. Smith; Chaplain, J.D. Strouth; Director-North, Willard W. Waterson; Director-North Central, Shawn Clements; Director-South Central, Robert D. Howell; and Director-South, John G. West. Nominated for National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee, subject to election at the NSSAR National Congress in July are, respectively, Roger D. Barnhart and T. Rex Legler II.

A tentative budget for 2005-2006 prepared by Treasurer Schnuck was reviewed briefly in preparation for voting at the Annual Meeting.

A reminder of scheduled meetings for the next year was made by President Barnhart: Annual Meeting, April 16, 2005, at Spring Mill State Park; at South Bend, Winter Meeting (date to be determined) January 2006, at Evansville; and Spring meeting, 2006 (date to be determined by then President-elect).

Also noted were the National Trustees meeting, March 10-12, 2005 in Louisville; the 115th National Congress, July 1-5, in Louisville; and the Central District meeting, October 21 and 22, 2005 in Charleston, WV.

Compatriot Robert D. Howell urged members planning to attend the April meeting to send in the reservation form which he distributed.

In his closing comments, President Barnhart mentioned a photography contest which members can enter, the Partners in Patriotism project event on May 21, 2005, and that JoAnn Nichols (Mrs. Lowell), as State Regent of DAR will attend the Annual Meeting in April.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Burton, Secretary

In the Next Issue:

Submit your chapter news for the Summer edition of The Hoosier Patriot! Chapter news in this issue was omitted due to limited space!



Photo of Compatriot "Bob" Howell working the crowd at a luncheon in East Indianapolis

Upcoming Ceremony: Fishers May 1st

The Soldiers Healing Field ceremony at Oaklawn Cemetery, 9700 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN will be held on Sunday morning, May 1 at 9:00 AM.

Four compatriots have indicated plans to participate. We can use more. Muster at 8:30AM. Muskets are needed for a musket salute.

Please let Stuart Hart know if you can participate. There is a program planning meeting that I am attending on March 10. Our manning availability needs to be known then, so we can establish our part in the program.

This ceremony and Healing Field is for those military personnel who have given the last final measure in the war on terror. 1300 flags will adorn the area. If you want to participate in the field set-up on Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Contact: Stuart Hart, stuhart@mac.com

A Driving Map for Spring Mill should appear on the state website about April 1st for your reference. Please visit the website to print a copy for your records.

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INSSAR APRIL 2005 STATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held Saturday, 16 April 2005, in the Lake View Room, Spring Mill Inn, Spring Mill State Park, HY 60, Mitchell. The state oration contest will be held in the Elm Room on the evening of Friday, 15 April. To register, please complete the information below:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Chapter: _____ E-mail: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Please make one (1) reservation for myself @\$25.00* ea. \$ _____

reservation(s) for a guest @ \$15.00* ea. \$ _____

reservation(s) for the Ladies' Program @\$5.00 \$ _____

Note: Add \$2.00 per person - reservations made after 1 April \$ _____

Total \$ _____

*Includes morning rolls & beverages and Saturday lunch buffet.

Lodging is available at:

Mitchell - Spring Mill Inn

1-877-9SPRING

Bedford - Holiday Inn

Ex. (812) 279-1206

Super 8 Motel

(812) 275-8881

Stonehenge Lodge

(812) 279-8111

Forward the completed reservation form and a check for the total amount due made out (Payable) to DANIEL GUTHRIE CHAPTER, INSSAR and mail to: Compatriot Gary Rutherford, 8600 South Gore Road, Bloomington, IN 47403 (812) 824-7317.