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#### **SAR Ladies Auxiliary Newly Formed in** Indiana

The Indiana Society SAR and many local SAR chapters have been generous in including their ladies in SAR meetings and activities. An unofficial group of ladies sharing their interest in SAR evolved into the official formation of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution during 2005.

The National Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the 57, Churubusco, IN 46723-9647. American Revolution was founded in California in 1984. Membership has since spread across the country and now into Indiana. The sole purpose of the ladies auxiliary is to support the SAR. Funds were raised by members of the national organization to purchase chairs for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage at a cost of \$500 each. That goal being met, the current project is now to purchase tables for the SAR Library. The national organization also sponsors meetings, luncheons and social events for ladies attending SAR National meetings as well as fund raisers.

At the State SAR meeting in Evansville, a check for \$200.00 was presented by Martha Barnhart of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary to Indiana SAR State President T. Rex Legler II, to be used for the Indiana State youth program awards.

Ladies interested in membership need to be legally related to an SAR member in good standing. Proof of lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot is not required. Wives, mothers,

widows, sisters, daughters, nieces, aunts and adopted daughters qualify for membership.

We invite you to honor your lady and include her as a member of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary SAR!

Please complete the information requested below and enclose your \$5 check for the 2006 dues. Checks are payable to INLASAR. Mail to: Mrs. Roger Barnhart, 2286 E 550 S -

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# From INSSAR President T. Rex Legler's Desk

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

Time flies when you are having fun and I can tell you now - it has been a

FUN year serving as your president! Many of the programs began several years ago have paid real dividends this year. In all honesty I can not take all the credit for them but, Boy am I glad they happened on my watch !!! Our membership continues to grow. We are approaching 700 if not already over that. We have a good number of Compatriots getting their first Liberty Medal for bringing in 10 new members as first line sponsors and we have a number of workhorses adding to their Oak Leaf Clusters. One Chapter - Daniel Guthrie reports that EVERY member from 2005 has paid their dues in 2006 and they have added 10 new members bringing them over 75. I have already signed over 50 new member certificates for statewide distribution and there are yet more in the pipeline. The following chapters have added new members this year -Anthony Halberstadt, David Benton, Continental, Clarence Cook, Alexis Coquillard, George Rogers Clark, Daniel Guthrie, Alexander Hamilton, John Hay, William Knight, Thaddeus Kosciusko, Thomas Posey, and Ohio Valley. Additionally, several more Compatriots have become Life Members. Bob Burton has completed the exhaustive INSSAR History Revision and it is at the press now. We hope to have it mailed to all members registered in 2005 by our 29 April 2006 Annual Congress. Our INSSAR Color Guard with 2 more chapters joining in has had over 70 events where uniformed SAR Compatriots have marched, put on school programs, presented the colors, presented ROTC/JROTC awards, assisted in naturalization programs, put on programs for DAR chapters, Genealogical Groups, and County Historical Societies, and have been

great representatives for our society. More communities and civic organizations are asking for us to be present to add color and a bit of our nation's rich heritage to their proceedings. A special "hats off" to Compatriot Ed Hitchcock of Bloomington, who has single-handedly, gotten the SAR History teacher's CD into over 50 schools in south central Indiana. The Patriot Graves Registration Program continues to lead the nation with new Patriot burials being found in Morgan & Crawford counties. Our Youth Programs are going well with participation in the Knight Essay Contest, the Rumbaugh Orations contest, the CAR Scholarship, a huge expansion in the JROTC/ROTC effort, and our new 4-H Youth Initiative. What a great job was done by Roger & Martha Barnhart plus the Color Guard under the command of Steve Oberlin with 9 chapters represented at the Colonel LaBalme program which gained state & national recognition for the second Revolutionary War battle fought in Indiana. Of special emphasis were the honors rendered to the fallen on both sides of the conflict with the participation of the Miami Indian Tribe of Indiana. Involvement of Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman at Vincennes along with Governor Mitch Daniels' Proclamation for the LaBalme ceremonies gives support and encouragement for our efforts at patriot education and commemoration. Out of state your INSSAR was represented at commemorative ceremonies at Fort Laurens. OH; Point Pleasant, WV; Bufford's Massacre, SC: Battle of Cowpens, SC, & King's Mountain, GA. There may be others yet before we gather again in Indianapolis on the 29th of April. Our great society is well represented in NSSAR Committees with Bob Howell on ROTC, Ted Williams chairing the Graves Registration committee, Rex Legler on Medals & Awards, Roger Barnhart on Resolutions, and Rex Legler on the Eagle Scout Committee chairing the national fundraising effort for Eagle Scout Scholarships. Your President has brought greetings to the Indiana Society, Children of the American Revolution; the Bloomington

Area Chapter, INSDAR; the Captain Henry Vanderburgh Chapter, INSDAR; the Hugh McGary Chapter, INSDAR; the Mary Bryan Chapter, INSDAR; the Washburn Chapter, INSDAR; and will bring greetings to the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution on the 29 th of April. I have also attended meetings at the Alexis Coquillard Chapter in South Bend, the Continental Chapter in Muncie, the Clarence Cook Chapter in Fishers, the David Benton Chapter in Brownstown, the Daniel Guthrie Chapter in Bedford, the John Hay Chapter in Salem, the Ohio Valley Chapter in Evansville, and the William Knight Chapter in Greencastle. I have represented you at the Central District meeting, Charleston WV; the Fall & Spring NSSAR Leadership meetings in Louisville KY, and the 2005 NSSAR Annual Congress in Louisville. Whew !!! What a whirlwind of activity. Who says there is nothing to do in the SAR? Better yet, our next president's calendar promises to be even fuller with more growth, greater retention, more activities, and greater demand for the kind of grass roots, patriot leadership and education provided by your INSSAR. It has been a great year filled with challenges and triumphs. I look forward to helping my successor in whatever way I can. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for your care, support, encouragement, and critique in helping to make our INSSAR a leader in the nation.

T. Rex Legler II, O.D. Colonel, USA Retired State President, INSSAR 2005-2006

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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

29 April, 2006

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

## **8 - 12 July, 2006** 116<sup>th</sup> S.A.R. Annual Congress

Dallas, Texas

29 July, 2006

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

#### 6-8 October, 2006

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

#### 14 Oct. 2006

Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting Vincennes University Student Union Vincennes, Indiana Hosted by George Rogers Clark Chapter

#### 20 OR 27 Jan. 2007

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

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#### Guest Speaker at State Meeting: James Alexander Thom, Author

Our featured guest speaker at the State Meeting in Indianapolis on April 29, 2006 is James Alexander Thom. A distinguished author, Thom was born and raised in the hills of Southern Indiana, and returned to live there after a long odyssey in less desirable places. He built a log cabin on a wooded ridge in Owen County where he resides with his Shawnee wife, Dark Rain, who is also an author.

A graduate of Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Thom enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, returned from Korea as a sergeant and completed his education at Butler University, Indianapolis. He was a reporter and columnist for The Indianapolis Star, and other newspapers, in the 1960s and 1970s, and worked on his novels while everyone else was sleeping. In many years as a free-lance writer, he lived on an old boat in Florida, several tents, while accumulating a world-class collection of rejection ships. He became such a connoisseur of rejection ships that he would sometimes send inferior ones back as unacceptable.

His freelance magazine credits include articles in the READERS DIGEST and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and book criticism in The Washington Post. For 25 years he was editor and author of a highly unprofitable magazine of wit and essays called NUGGETS, which usually made enough money to keep him in

fresh typewriter ribbons. In the late 1970s he was a lecturer at the Indiana University School of Journalism. In 1995 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Butler University. It hangs near his Best Novel award from the Western Writers of America and an eagle feather awarded by the Shawnee tribe.

In 1970 Thom's first deeply-researched historical novel, LONG KNIFE, was published, and since then he has been almost entirely immersed in the 18th and 19th Centuries. FOLLOW THE RIVER, which has sold a million copies, is used in both history and literature courses in high schools and colleges. PANTHER IN THE SKY, on the life of the famed Shawnee visionary and war chief Tecumseh, was the Western Writers of America's Best Novel choice in 1990 and was a Turner Network Television movie. FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA (1984) documented the saga of the Clark family of Virginia from the Revolutionary War to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. THE CHILDREN OF FIRST MAN (1994) and THE RED HEART (1997) show westward American expansion through the eyes of the Native Americans. Two subsequent novels, SIGN-TALKER: The Adventure of George Drouillard on the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and WARRIOR WOMAN: The Exceptional Life Story of Nonhelema, Shawnee Indian Woman Chief (this one co-authored with his wife), continue that viewpoint. Three nonhistorical books are the novel STAYING OUT OF HELL and two photographic books with lensman Darryl Jones, THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE and INDIANA II. A novel on the Mexican War will be published in 2006. In his research Thom follows the routes and masters the tools and weapons of the people in his books. He is a woodcarver and an illustrator, and an avid conservationist.

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Editor's Comments:
Look for Chapter news in the next issue.
DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: July 10, 2006

Members of Sons of the American Revolution may easily recall, our organization was founded in 1889. Another noteworthy date is quickly approaching on the calendar. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. As you might know, the charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. 'Teddy' was a member of SAR.



Guest Speaker for April's meeting: James Alexander Thom, shown with his wife, Dark Rain Thom



Pictured above, at the 227<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Capture of Fort Sackville from left to right: Mr. Ed Hendrix, Compatriot Earl Salisbury, Compatriot Ken Gilkey, Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Compatriot Scott Hosier (92 years old), and Compatriot James C. Arnold (February 24, 2006)



Can you name the men, above? Hint: The man in the back is recognizable by his 'height' characteristic.

The following Compatriots participated in the opening Color Guard and representing the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Sertoma Club of East Indianapolis, Freedom Program Awards Luncheon: (L to R) Compatriot James C. Arnold, Compatriot Bob Howell, Compatriot Stuart Hart, and of course, Compatriot Ed Hitchcock (February 9, 2006)

#### Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) Annual Congress to meet in Indianapolis Saturday, 29 April 2006

Location: Marriott EAST

**7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219** (Near Intersection of I- 70 & 1-465 East) (317)352-1231. A map is printed on the back cover of this issue.

The Form for Compatriots and their guest attending the luncheon on Saturday - See the form printed on page 7 of this newsletter. Those reservations are paid in advance, made payable to CLARENCE A. COOK CHAPTER, INSSAR and mailed to Compatriot Steve Oberlin.

SAR Compatriots and Guests are invited to Indiana DAR Events. Indiana DAR is having its annual meeting at the same location, during the same weekend, as the Indiana SAR annual meeting. The Indiana DAR has invited the SAR members and their guests to attend two very impressive DAR functions. These are the Indiana DAR Banquet Saturday evening 29 April 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and the Indiana DAR Awards Luncheon Sunday 30 April 2006 at 12:30 p.m. The Saturday evening function is formal and the proper dress is "Suit with tie or Revolutionary Uniform" for the men and "dress or gown" for the women. The charge for the Saturday evening banquet is \$22.00, and for the Sunday luncheon is \$19.00. NOTE: SAR/DAR Reservations will be made/paid separately.

SAR members and guests who will be attending either of the Indiana DAR functions should make out their checks for those events to **State**Treasurer, Indiana DAR, Inc. Mail DAR checks so they are POSTMARKED by 17 APRIL 2006. (Late reservations will not be accepted.)

The cost for attending the DAR Saturday Banquet is \$ 22.00 and the cost of the DAR Sunday luncheon is \$19.00. If you submit your name, how many in your party and the listing the banquet, or luncheon and each person, you will have a reservation. Make the check payable like the bold print indicates, above.

Mail to this address for DAR Functions, only:
Donna Mason, Indiana OAR State Corresponding
Secretary, 7260 Little Tar Spring Rd., Hawesville,
KY 42348-5074. All seats for the Saturday evening
and Sunday noon Indiana DAR functions are
reserved so those wishing to sit together should
send their reservations together. (Note the above

deadlines and instructions for paying are different for the DAR events than for the SAR events. Please see Page 7, for the Indiana SAR Registration Formto register for the SAR events.)

Lodging Indiana SAR members can get the 'DAR rate' at the meeting hotel. They may do this by calling the Indianapolis Marriott EAST at (317)352-1231, and telling the hotel personnel they are with the DAR. The Indianapolis Marriott EAST will hold the DAR block of rooms at the special rate of \$92.00 plus tax until 8 April 2006. It may be important to make your hotel reservations early.

#### Tentative Schedule of Events:

(Note reservation deadlines Though other restaurants are located in the area, due to location requirements - Meals will not be available for late registrants. (Room locations of all events will be provided at registration.)

Friday, 28 April 2006 5:00 -7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own 7:30- 9:30 p.m. Hospitality Room

Saturday, 29 April 2006 8:00 -9:30 a.m. Register & Social (pastry & bev.) 9:30- 11:45 a.m. INSSAR House of Delegates Annual Meeting 9: 15 -9:30 a.m. Ladies assemble near Indiana SAR

Registration Desk for tour 10:00 -11 :00 a. m. Ladies visit the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis

12:00 -1:30 p.m. Luncheon- Indiana SAR with Indiana DAR. This joint luncheon features Famous Author James Alexander Thom. His topic is "The Fuzzy Frontier." There is an article featuring Mr. Thom on page 4 of this issue.

The menu is Chicken Marsala on Saffron Risotto with Caesar Salad, Rolls, and Dessert.

1:45 -3:45 p.m. Introduction of and Greetings from Honored Guests, by Indiana SAR President - T. Rex Legler II

Presentation of Awards, Indiana SAR Vice President - Garry M. Eckard

Ceremony for Departed Indiana SAR Compatriots Installation of 2006 -2007 Indiana SAR Officers, Vice President General

(VPG) Central District, National Society Sons of the AmericanRevolution (NSSAR) -Richard D. Brockway

Genealogy & SAR Application Workshop, VPG Elect Cent. Dist. NSSAR -Larry R. Perkins Closing Ceremony -Indiana SAR Chaplain & Color Guard.

An officers' meeting, an orations contest and group singing may be included in a revised agenda later.

INSSAR APRIL 2006 STATE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held Saturday 29 April 2006, at the Marriott Hotel, 7202 East 21st St., Indianapolis.

#### Reservations for the Saturday Evening Banquet, and Sunday luncheon are paid separately to the DAR.

To register, please complete the information below and NOTE: AMOUNTS FOR DAR FUNCTIONS ARE PAID SEPARATELY TO THE DAR.:

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morning pastry & beverages. N	To fee for guests.			
Lodging is available at: Marrio	tt East, Indianapolis (Ask for DA	R rate) (800) 331-3131		
Forward the completed reserva	tion form and a check for the total	l amount due navable to		
		atriot Steve Oberlin, 6015 Bristleco	ne Dr. Fishers IN 16038	
(317) 577-2979 Email: soberlin	n@inssar.org	autor Steve Obermi, 0015 Bristieco	nic D1., 11shc15, 11v 40036	
Luncheon registrations MUST	BE RECEIVED NO LATER T	THAN 22 APRIL. There are no pro-	visions for late or on-site meal	
registrations. Cancellations after	er 22 April are not subject to refur	nds.		
As Chairman of the nominat	patriots, ing committee for selection of erms, the following names are	Income 600 members @ 10.00	\$6,000.00	
	ship for their consideration.	50 at-large members @ \$2.50	\$6,000.00 125.00	
(Submitted: House of Delegates Meeting, Evansville, Indiana on January 21, 2006 by Chairman, Roger D. Barnhart)		½ interest from CD's	1,000.00	
		Total	\$7,125.00	
		Expenses		
		President's Expenses	\$ 500.00	
President	Garry M. Eckard	Secretary's Expenses	500.00	
Vice President	Robert Howell	Treasurer's Expenses	50.00	
Secretary	Brandon Halleck	Registrar's Expenses	50.00	
Treasurer	G. Thomas Schnuck	Orations Contest	1000.00	
Registrar Noel K. Reen				
Chancellor	John A. Kessler		400.00	
Genealogist	Edward Hitchcock	Eagle Scouts	600.00	
Historian	Jack Moore	4-H Youth program	300.00	
Chaplain Director North	J. D. Strouth Willard Waterson	Secretary of State Reports	10.00	
Director North Central	Roger Barnhart	State Medals and Awards	400.00	
Director North Central  Director South Central	James Arnold	Essay Contest	390.00	
Director South	John West	Hoosier Patriot	2,200.00	
National Trustee	T. Rex Legler II	CAR Scholarship	330.00	
Alt. National Trustee	Garry M. Eckard	Escrow Accounts	350.00	
	,	Society of State Pres.	10.00	
		District Dues	110.00	
Indiana Society SAR 2006-2007 Budget Estimated Budget Submitted at State Meeting (Evansville) January 21, 2006		Contingency	100.00	
		Recruitment Literature	100.00	
		Web Site	100.00	
by INSSAR Treasure	r, G. Thomas Schnuck	Liability Insurance	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		Total	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	

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