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Planning a Trip?

With America's 400th Anniversary this year, there are many festivities to join in-about 18 months of them!

There are exhibitions, arts, theaters, and even a "Journey up the James" river, in the replica, "Godspeed", re-creating parts of the original route of the settler's first landing at Virginia Beach's Cape Henry, that sailed almost 400 years ago!

For more information on these events and many more go to:

<http://jamestown2007.org>

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Upcoming Meetings

April 21, 2007

Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual House of Delegates (Spring Meeting)
Spring Mill State Park
Near Mitchell, Indiana
Hosted by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter

July 6-11, 2007

NSSAR 117th Annual Congress
Williamsburg, VA (details on sar.org)

July 21, 2007

INSSAR Summer House of Delegates Meeting
Evansville, IN, Details TBA

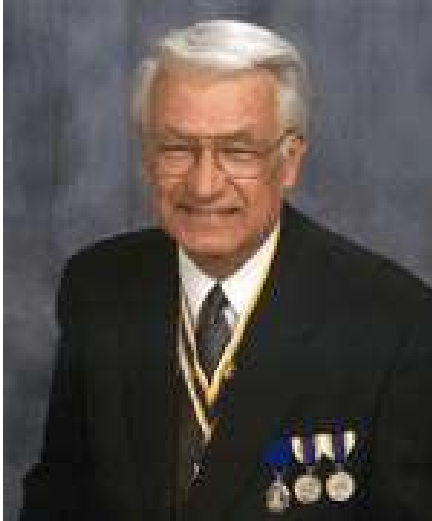
27-29 Sep 2007

NSSAR Fall 2007 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting,
Louisville, KY, Details TBA

October 27, 2007

INSSAR Fall House of Delegates Meeting & NSSAR Central District Meeting, Ft. Wayne, IN, Details TBA

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From the Indiana Society
SAR President
Garry M. Eckard

Thank you members of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution for giving me the opportunity and honor to serve as your President this past year.

Thanks to all of the INSSAR Officers, Committee Chairmen, Chapter officers and all INSSAR Members for working together to advance the objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution. The gavel will pass to the next INSSAR President at the annual meeting on 21 April 2007.

INSSAR has made clear progress, expanded its horizons and had several "firsts" this year. The Indiana Society DAR and Indiana Society SAR each held their Annual Meeting at the same location and on the same weekend in April 2006. That enabled the INSDAR and INSSAR to have a joint luncheon and program together. We believe that is the first occasion where these two organizations cooperated to that extent although their objectives are very similar.

INSSAR is now active in seven Youth Programs. Those programs encourage and provide SAR outreach activities that promote the values of good citizenship. Two new INSSAR youth programs gave or will give awards for the first time this year. They are the Americanism Poster Contest for 4th and 5th grade school children, and the 4-H Citizenship Awards Program. The INSSAR is working with the 4-H Organization to expand that program throughout Indiana. Cooperation between the SAR and 4-H is beginning in Indiana.

At the National Society SAR Annual Congress in July 2006 the INSSAR received "The Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award." The award is for presenting evidence of best carrying out SAR resolutions and principles. It may be the first time the INSSAR has received this award. It is the highest honor the National Society awards a State Society. INSSAR, its Chapters and Compatriots received over twenty-five awards at the 2006 Annual Congress. Historic Williamsburg, Virginia will host the next Annual Congress from 6-11 July 2007. The election of national officers, transaction of national business and impressive ceremonies will occur at that convention. Attendance by a large contingent of Indiana Compatriots is strongly encouraged.

The INSSAR added six new committees this year in an effort to more effectively carry out the SAR's objectives. We expect at least some of those committees will continue in the future. INSSAR added a new Chapter in Franklin, Indiana this year. Now it shows eighteen Chapters throughout the state.

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INSSAR members are active in the National Society SAR. It has members who are national officers, national committee chairmen and national committee members. Indiana has continued its leadership in the Patriot Graves Registration Program. This year the INSSAR sponsored the second annual commemoration of the Colonel De La Balme - Miami Indians Battle of the American Revolution near Fort Wayne. INSSAR members participated in several other commemorations throughout the United States.

The INSSAR has been very active throughout Indiana with its several Color Guard units, Veteran's Committee and Americanism & Flag Committee Participating in many public activities. We believe its newsletter, The Hoosier Patriot, and web site at inssar.org are among the best you will see.

This year the INSSAR received a Proclamation signed by the Indiana Governor, and presented at the State Capitol by the Indiana Lieutenant Governor. It marked the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Congressional Act chartering the Sons of the American Revolution. The National Society SAR publicized this event.

The INSSAR Annual Meeting will be Saturday 21 April 2007 at Spring Mill State Park. It is a very important meeting as the election of officers to continue leading the Award Winning Indiana Society will take place there. Also, there will be votes on January 2007 proposals for important changes to the INSSAR Bylaws.

There are many areas where the INSSAR can make progress in the future. INSSAR needs more funds to be financially sound. The INSSAR financial

health will be assured only when its endowment funds are large enough to generate enough INCOME to pay for the many awards the organization presents. Ways to give assets to sustain the worthwhile programs of the SAR in the future can include provisions in wills, trusts and insurance policies.

INSSAR needs the active involvement of more Compatriots to find, help and follow up with potential new members. It is important to keep membership as a priority and constantly look for potential new members. Also, delinquent members should be encouraged to pay their current dues and rejoin the active rolls. It is much easier for a delinquent member than a new applicant to become active. SAR is involved in many different programs and needs people with many different talents, abilities and interests to accomplish its objectives.

SAR organizations need to strive to place the best person for each position in that position. As Thomas Jefferson said, "No duty the Executive had to perform was so trying as to put the right man in the right place." Please support our new officers. When they ask for your help, there is a need. Please try to help the SAR accomplish its objectives.

Thank you again for the support the INSSAR Compatriots provided at all levels during this past year. Let's continue making significant progress in advancing the objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Garry M. Eckard
Indiana Society SAR
President, 2006-2007

**Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell
Saturday, 21 April 2007**

The 2007 Annual House of Delegates meeting of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) will be held in the Lake View Room, Spring Mill Inn, Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Indiana on Saturday, 21 April. The host chapter is the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Bedford.

Schedule (Times are EDST):

0730-0900 Registration*, Lobby
0900-1130 Business Meeting,
Lake View Room

Ladies' Program, Lower Lobby area
1130-1230 Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
1230-1300 Program, Lake View Room
1300-1600 Business Meeting (cont.)

Introductions & Greetings

Ceremony for Departed Compatriots
Installation of INSSAR Officers

*Note: refreshments will be available

Lodging: Spring Mill Inn

A block of ten (10) rooms has been set aside for the INSSAR until 23 March with prices ranging from about \$65 to \$99. To reserve a room, call 877-9SPRING during normal business hours and ask for Ms. Tonya Chastain. The rooms are blocked under "American Revolution/Sons".

Alternative recommended lodging:

Super 8 Motel, intersection of IN 37 & IN 58, Bedford, 812-275-8881;
Stonehenge Lodge, intersection IN 37 & John Williams Blvd, Bedford, 812-279-8111; Holiday Inn Express,

2600 Express Dr, south side of Bedford, 812-279-1206.

Park Admission

Those arriving Friday will have to pay the park admission. Those arriving Saturday need only tell the gate attendant that they're attending the SAR state meeting and there will be NO charge.

Dining: The Inn's dining room hours are:
Breakfast: 0700-1000
Lunch: 1130-1400
Dinner: 1700-2000

One has the choice of ordering the buffet or off the menu.

Social

An informal gathering is planned for Friday evening. We will meet in the lobby at 1830 and move into the Inn's dining room for either the buffet (approx. \$12.00 + tip) or a meal ordered off the menu. Each person will be responsible for his/her own expenses.

Dress

Since this is the INSSAR Annual House of Delegates meeting, Revolutionary War uniforms, period civilian dress, or coat & tie with medals are encouraged. Reservations: Reservations should be made by Saturday, 7 April 2007. Please make checks out to: Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR, and send to the Chapter Treasurer: Dr. T. Rex Legler II, 4630 Chatham Dr., Bloomington, IN 47404. If you have any questions, please contact the Daniel Guthrie Chapter President: Robert P. Cunningham at (812) 336-7131 or rpcunnin@indiana.edu

**INSSAR April 2007 Annual House of Delegates
Meeting Reservation Form**

Compatriot: _____

Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Chapter: _____

E-mail: _____

Total reservations _____ @\$25.00 ea. _____

Please make checks out to: Daniel Guthrie Chapter,
INSSAR, and send to the Chapter
Treasurer: Dr. T. Rex Legler II, 4630 Chatham Dr.,
Bloomington, IN 47404 by
Saturday, 7 April 2007

Jan 19, 2008

INSSAR Winter House of Delegates Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Details TBA

Feb 28-29, & Mar 1, 2008

INSSAR Spring 2008 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting, Louisville, KY, Details TBA

Apr 19, 2008,

INSSAR Annual House of Delegates Meeting, Muncie, IN, Details TBA

Jul 2008,

INSSAR 118th Annual Congress, Sacramento, CA, Details TBA

*Note: Dates and locations subject to change.

Congratulations, Compatriot Wilson!

A hearty congratulations goes out to Doug Wilson, who was nominated and selected to be the "Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award" winner of 2007.

Doug teaches at Edgewood High School in the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corp. He has a Bachelors Degree in History and Political Science from Indiana University, a Masters from Walden University and has taught U.S. History for 10 years. For winning the award, he will receive a scholarship to attend his choice of three week long Freedoms Foundation Graduate Summer Teacher Workshops on the American Revolution.

Founder of the award, the Honorable Tom Lawrence, named the award after his parents. Mr. Lawrence, who is also Chairman of the SAR Americanism Committee, admits it was a difficult decision as to who should receive the award due to well qualified applicants.

Mr. Lawrence goes on to say, "I view this award as an investment in the future of our country. What better way to ensure that the American Revolution retains its proper stature in our classroom than by imbuing our teachers with the vision and goals of our heroic patriot ancestors who sacrificed and struggled, and ultimately founded this great country? There are many lessons still to be learned from our founding fathers, and we can only ensure they will be taught if we reinforce their importance to our teachers."

This is the first year of the award, and we can only imagine how humbled Doug feels, especially being the first recipient-and how proud his wife Lisa must have been upon hearing the news.

Again, congratulations, Doug Wilson. We are all happy and honored for you.

(Doug is a member of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter.)

Ladies Auxiliary Presents Check to SAR

The Ladies Auxiliary of Indiana SAR presented a check in the amount of \$250 to President Garry Eckard at the Greencastle INSSAR meeting on January 20, 2007. The award represents income from dues and donations as well as fund raising events by the ladies during the past year and is designated for INSSAR Youth Awards.

Also at the January meeting, nominations were accepted for officers for next fiscal year. Installation of the new officers will be at the April meeting. A silent auction of a donated 1776 commemorative pewter plate and an I.U. bag replenished the treasury. A most enjoyable program was presented by Karen Bragg followed by the sharing of tea, scones and cakes. Karen displayed decorative teapots on the tables and distributed hand-outs with her interesting talk as well.

Marge Howell reported that the program for the April meeting hosted by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter will be presented on quilting.

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary is open to all ladies sponsored by an INSSAR, including adopted daughters. Dues are \$5 annually and are based on the calendar year. The sole purpose of the group is to support projects of the INSSAR. Sign up now! For further information, contact INLASAR President Martha Barnhart, 2286 E 550 S – 57, Churubusco, IN 46723-9647. E-mail her at:

barn3369@earthlink.net.



The Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Franklin, Indiana, Meeting Information: The scheduled meeting dates for The new Benjamin Franklin Chapter during 2007 are as follows. May 21st at 6:00 PM, September 9th at 6:00 PM, November 19th at 6:00 PM.

The Chapter will meet at the Franklin Indiana Library, located at 401 State Street, Franklin, IN 46131

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

Bylaw change proposals and nominations are to be voted upon at the April 21, 2007 Annual Meeting. The following address has the details including the minutes, the nominations, and the proposed Bylaw changes from the January 20, 2007 meeting. Visit:

http://inssar.org/docs/Minutes_012007.pdf

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Location: South of Bloomington, 37 miles on SR 37 and east on SR 60 at Mitchell.
Park is on the north side of the highway.

