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Ceremony held at Grave of Compatriot Robert Lee Samelson

On May 6, 2006 the Daniel Guthrie Chapter made an excursion to the Nothern part of Illinois to conduct the Compatriot Grave Side Ceremony for Compatriot Robert Lee Samelson in Minonk. Compatriot Robert Lee Samelson was a WWII Veteran in UDT Team 3 (which is now called United States Navy Seals). He was given the War Service Medal by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter in November 2005.

Compatriot Dr. T. Rex Legler II set-up this trip with the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. President James C. Arnold conducting the Grave Side Ceremony presenting Mrs. Lola M. Samuelson (DAR) the brass marker for (her husband) Robert's Headstone and INSSAR State Color Guard Posting Colors, Flags, and conducting a four man firing squad (no one operational).

Before the Grave Side Ceremony, The Daniel Guthrie Chapter President conducted the swearing-in ceremony and Compatriot Dr. T. Rex Legler II pinned the Rosettes on each of the six members of the Samuelson family that Compatriot Robert Lee Samuelson had wanted to see.

They are (see picture) left to right, Joshua Clark Samuelson, Grandson; Vernon Lee Samuelson, Son; Timothy Clark Samuelson, Son; Jeremiah (Jerry) Bonner, Grandson; Eric Joseph Samuelson, Grandson; and Timothy Luke Samuelson, Grandson, currently serving in Iraq, his father accepted his Rosette for him.

The following Compatriots from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter comprised the Color Guard and Musket Men: Dee Doane, Art Dillman, T. Rex Legler III, and Douglas Arnold were the musket men. The Color Guard was comprised of Joshua Samuelson, Vernon Samuelson, Timothy Samuelson, Jeremiah Bonner, Eric Samuelson, Ed Hitchcock, Robert D. Howell, Sr., and James C. Arnold. Compatriot Dr. T. Rex Legler II was the Master of Ceremonies. A local physician was dressed in kilts and piped the song, Amazing Grace.

After the ceremonies were conducted, the INSSAR contigent was invited to a luncheon given by the Samuelson's at a home in Minonk, Illinois.

Submitted by:
James C. Arnold, President, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR

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See additional note on Robert Lee Samuelson
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From INSSAR President Garry M. Eckerd's Desk

It is an overwhelming experience to be elected the 78th President of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR is involved in many activities. It needs the assistance of all of its members to continue its growth and success.

This year the Indiana Society SAR has set the following two goals: (1) significantly increase its membership, and (2) significantly increase the funds supporting its student scholarship programs.

As noted in the Departed Compatriots Ceremony at the Indiana SAR Annual Meeting we have lost several members this year, as we do in most years. For the Indiana Society to survive it must give ongoing emphasis to the recruiting of new members. We want all members to be active and effective recruiters . Being an active recruiter may be the most important contribution an SAR member can make to the survival and health of the Sons of the American Revolution. Much helpful recruiting information is available at the state and national SAR web sites.

SAR members can tell potential members they will travel in good company in the SAR. Indiana SAR has several prominent members. They include Senator Richard Lugar and soon James Alexander Thom, the prominent historian and author, will become an Indiana Society member. Many Presidents of the United States have been members of the Sons of the American Revolution. They include George W. Bush and Teddy Roosevelt, who 100 years ago this year signed the SARs Congressional Charter .

Inflation over many years has caused the Indiana Society scholarships to no longer provide significant help with today's college expenses. Education expenses have increased every year for as long as most of us can remember .

As seen by the high quality of this year's state winners, money is not the only thing that attracts participants, but we should provide meaningful scholarships to our winners. Doing this will increase student interest in the SAR scholarship programs, which has decreased over time.

We are creating a Scholarship Fund Raising Committee with the objective of raising funds from Grants, Contributions and Fund Raising activities. Those funds will increase and strengthen the Indiana Society's scholarship activities. That committee's objectives do not include raising the dues, which could be counter productive if it drives away new and existing members .

The Indiana Society is very proud of its Color Guard units which continue to add to their long list of impressive accomplishments. Our scholarship and

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award committees have worked hard and accomplished much. We are looking forward to all of those groups continuing to help maintain the health of the Indiana Society with their recruiting and education activities.

The SAR in Indiana is an active organization. Its Committees, Chapters and Compatriots will want to be more aware of the many awards and competitions promoted by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Those awards and competitions serve to help define the objectives of the SAR.

The Indiana Society SAR looks forward to another great year and properly reporting its activities. If that is accomplished, next year at the National SAR Annual Congress we believe the Indiana SAR can announce itself as the AWARD WINNING INDIANA SOCIETY.

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

Note from page 1: Samuelson was recruited at the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous two years ago and, through the efforts of Compatriot T. Rex Legler II, was approved for SAR membership last fall. This culminated an effort spanning some 20 years in documenting both his and his wife's ancestors. Compatriot Samuelson leaves a legacy to the SAR through his sons and grandsons of whom nearly ten have submitted or are preparing applications.

Upcoming Meetings

8 - 12 July, 2006
116th 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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Flag Recognition

INSSAR President Garry Eckard has asked me, as Americanism Committee Chairman, to assume the duties of promoting flag recognition. If a majority of the SAR chapters in Indiana give at least one flag recognition certificate this year, the Indiana Society will qualify for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award at the 2007 National Congress. I, as well as many others, would like to see that happen. I believe this is achievable. Would you help me in this effort? I would like to send your chapter a nice frameable 8.5" x 11" certificate (paid for by the Indiana Society) that states the following:
"The National Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
This Certificate of Commendation
Is Presented to (blank)
In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism
In the display of
The Flag of the United States of America"
There is also a place for your chapter's name, date, chapter president's signature, and flag chairman's signature.

Flag certificates can be awarded to individuals, companies and government agencies. They can be awarded to those that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes.

I don't want to stifle your creativity, but there are several ways your chapter can proceed. Here are just a few possibilities:
1) One person can handpick a recipient;
2) Your chapter (or a committee in your chapter) can discuss and select a recipient;
3) Your chapter can solicit nominations from the public, drive by each nominee's flag, and pick one of the best (My chapter used this method a couple of years ago by sending out press releases to local media. Our daily newspaper printed the release, and our local news-talk radio station called me to record a soundbite, which they used in their hourly news. Great publicity!)
After a recipient is selected, someone can either deliver the certificate or, better yet, arrange for a presentation (great photo op and opportunity for publicity).
If you believe your chapter can help in this effort, please give me your chapter contact person's address. If your chapter wants me to type your recipient's and chapter's name on the certificate, let me know and I will do so. If you would like a navy certificate presentation folder, let me know that as well.

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Editor's Comments:

Deadline for Next Issue: **August 27, 2006**

If you'd like to begin reading the newsletter on the Internet, and save the INSSAR some printing costs and postage, instead of receiving it in your regular mail, please contact the editor at Jvanzandt@aol.com, and be sure to visit www.INSSAR.org.

A Color Guard "First"

Local Color Guard members participated in a "first" on Memorial Day, when they marched in Muncie's Memorial Day Parade, which was sponsored by the United Veteran's Council. There were five members of the Continental Chapter, in addition to two C.A.R. members. This news From The Continental Line, newsletter of The Continental Chapter, INSSAR (31 May 2006).

The Ohio Valley Arsenal

Chris Myers of the Ohio Valley Chapter now serves as editor of **The Ohio Valley Arsenal.** While continuing to issue newsletters for the chapter, the May 2006 issue (his first) introduced a book-type format. The fresh new look - gives his new creation, a unique look, through the use of interesting fonts and a multi-color format. Nice work Compatriot Myers!

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution was organized on April 30, 1889, on the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906, and the charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR; and

WHEREAS, 16 U.S. Presidents have been members of the SAR by virtue of having a lineal ancestor who either fought in the Revolutionary War or provided a service for the American cause; and

WHEREAS, today, the SAR continues to work in every state and several countries overseas telling the story of America's history, with the main goal of perpetuating the memory of those who helped establish the United States and its federal republic system of government;

WHEREAS, June 9, 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the Charter of the Sons of the American Revolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim, June 9, 2006, as

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

SEAL OF THE STATE OF INDIANA 1816

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 22nd day of May, 2006.

M E Daniels, Jr.

BY THE GOVERNOR: Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor of Indiana

Todd Rokita

ATTEST: Todd Rokita Secretary of State

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Governor's Proclamation

The following proclamation (shown in the next column) was signed by Indiana Governor Mitchell E. McDaniels, Jr., and Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita.

In a letter to Indiana Lt. Governor Rebecca S. Skillman, our INSSAR President Garry Eckard wrote: "Thank you for helping the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the SAR Congressional Charter. President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Charter on June 9, 1906. Your and your staff were very helpful."

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman met with members of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) in the Indiana State House. The INSSAR members traveled to Indianapolis in full regalia to receive a Governor's Proclamation honoring the 100th anniversary of the congressional charter signing for the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

A photograph of the ceremony in the Indiana State House is included on our state website. Visit www.INSSAR.org for more information about this event and the participants. New links have been added to the site. Please visit the INSSAR website, often!

Do You Have Information That May Help With These Applications?

If any member has information about the following new applicants, or supplements, please contact INSSAR Registrar at: parkave1@gte.net, or 765-447-5973, or Noel Reen, INSSAR Registrar, 1733 Shenandoah Dr., Lafayette, IN. Please note: the Patriot ancestor is abbreviated ANC, and applications are listed as (new) or supplement (suppl.), below.

1. PAUL DAVID ALLEN
ANC: John Bays, Sr. (Suppl.), ACN# 14698: (Sent to National Sept. '02). Sue Bailey is the one who reviewed this one. She sent a letter to Mr. Burton on 08 Jan 2003, requesting additional documentation to support a family genealogy.

2. JERRY KENT ROSS
ANC: John Ross (suppl.), ACN# 14699: (Sent to National A letter was sent out on 03 Dec 2002 to Mr. Burton by Jane-Rives Williams (no longer employed here) requesting proof of the parent to child relationship between gen. 6 & 7). She also requested additional proof of the service provided by the ancestor, as it was not a "record of the day" proof of service.

3. JACK EDWARD COUNTRYMAN
ANC: William Fleming (suppl.) ACN# 103:(Sent to National May '96).
A letter was sent out by Jessie Hagan and the Genealogist General informing Mr. Burton that this ancestor has been flagged by NSDAR as "Future Applicants Must Prove Correct Service."
Therefore, no additional action can be taken on this application other than:
a) replacing it with another supplemental and transferring the monies received for the first, over to the replacement, or
b) withdrawing the supplemental

4. VICTOR GEORGE RENFRO
ANC: James Renfro (new) ACN# 12933. (This one was withdrawn per Brandon Halleck 10/30/ 2005. A letter was sent out by Betty Graham (no longer employed here) to Mr. Burton on 27 Nov 2002, requesting supportive documentation for the data listed on the application. Until the lineage is accepted as proven, no assessment can be give to the patriot listed for service. Mr. Burton inquired about this application and a letter was sent to in on 13 Jan 2005. No new information or documentation has been submitted.)

5. ALFRED HOWARD BAUER, SR,
ANC: John Angel (new) ACN# 5023:(Sent to National Oct.'99)
A letter to Mr. Burton went out on 16 Nov 1999 requesting additional documentation. To date nothing has been submitted. Now that we have additional resources in our office, I may see if I can find something to help resolve the concerns. If I find something that clears the concerns, I will let you know by e-mail. Otherwise, the concerns still need to be resolved.

6. THOMAS WELBY CLAYBORN
ANC: Rowland Flowers (new) ANC# 12901: (Sent to National After Mar. '02)
There is a note in our computer regarding this application that states that the application and all its supportive documents were returned to the State Society on 24 Apr 2002.
Although that is not our normal procedure, it was at that time due to a directive by the President General of that year.
All of that information should be there in the State Society. In order to move forward, The Applicant needs to submit another completed application and supportive documentation for each generation.

7. WILLIAM ROSS RICE
ANC: Philip Henry Yaple (new) ANC# 613:(Sent to National Feb.'98)
A letter was sent to Mr. Vaughn that documentation was needed for generations 3 to 4, and 4 to 5, and that Mr. Lowell Nichols would be forwarding it.

8. VINCENT E. SHELTON

ANC: Thomas Jameson (Suppl.) (Sent Feb. 1999 to National). No data on its status ever received, and not listed in new Handbook for Benton Chapter. as supplement for Mr. Shelton.

July INSSAR State Meeting

Hosted by the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, Fort Wayne

WHEN: July 29, 2006

9:00 a.m. Social, coffee & cookies
9:30 a.m. INSSAR meeting opening with INSSAR Color Guard
10:00 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary INSSAR Meeting, Hospitality Room Hall's Guesthouse
Book Review by Janeen Peters, A Midwife's Tale,
The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on her Diary.
12:00 Lunch - Advanced reservations and payment required - See Below
1:00 p.m. Patriotic Musical Selections By Ron Smith, Award winning vocalist
1:30 Conclusion of any unfinished business

WHERE: Hall's Guesthouse

Exit 111B Interstate I-69 (See Map)
1313 W Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN
Phone (260) 489-2524

LUNCHEON: Cost $15.00 each,
Lunch reservations due by July 22
Checks payable to Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Treasurer Scott Wellman
2083 Chapman Lake Drive, Warsaw, IN 46582

Menu: Beef tips Bourguignon over Fettuccine
Fresh fruit, Green Beans Almondine, Hot Rolls
Carrot cake.
Iced tea and Coffee.

HOTEL: Hall's Guesthouse, $69.00 flat rate for SAR
Hotel reservations due by July 14.
Phone 1-800-348-1999. Limited number of rooms are available - book your reservation early!
Includes continental breakfast or $3 coupon off hotel restaurant hot breakfast.

PLEASE JOIN US IN FORT WAYNE FOR AN ENJOYABLE DAY OF RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS AND CONDUCTING SAR BUSINESS!

Member Name_____
Member Chapter_____
Guest Name _____

Check # _____ enclosed $15. 00 x ____ registrations = _____ Total

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