

# The Hoosier Patriot

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## **INSSAR House of Delegates to meet in Evansville**

**Saturday, 21 July 2007**

Location: Northeast Park Baptist Church,  
1215 N. Boeke Road. Enter off parking lot at  
door labeled "Main Entrance". All events will  
occur in the elevator-equipped basement  
fellowship hall unless otherwise stated. Any  
questions regarding logistics should be  
directed to J.D. Strouth at (812)476-3380 or  
J.D.Strouth@juno.com.

(See map on back cover.)

Schedule: (all times are CDT)

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 – Coffee, juice and  
pastries provided by Ohio Valley Chapter; fee  
of \$3 collected for those not ordering lunch.

Meeting: 9:30 – 11:30

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Program: 12:30 – "The Process of Digital  
Archiving of Photos and Documents," by  
Larry D. Goss

Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30 (if needed)

Color Guard: The Colors will be posted for  
the meeting. Notify Ken Gilkey if you can  
participate in the Color Guard.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**21 July 2007**

INSSAR House of Delegates Meeting  
Evansville, IN (Details inside)  
Hosted by: Ohio Valley Chapter

**27-29 September 2007**

NSSAR Fall 2007 Leadership Meeting  
Louisville, KY (check sar.org for details)

**27 October 2007**

INSSAR Fall House of Delegates Meeting &  
NSSAR Central District Meeting, Ft. Wayne, IN  
Hosted by: INSSAR (details TBA)

Note: Schedule an extra day to visit the  
Allen County Library, which has what is  
considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> best genealogical  
collection in the U.S.

**19 January 2008**

INSSAR House of Delegates Meeting,  
Indianapolis, IN (details TBA)  
Hosted by: Clarence A. Cook Chapter

**28-29 February 2008**

NSSAR Winter 2008 Leadership Meeting,  
Louisville, KY (check sar.org for details)

**19 April 2008**

INSSAR Annual (Spring) House of  
Delegates Meeting (details TBA)  
Hosted by: Continental Chapter

**July 2008**

NSSAR 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress,  
**Sacramento, CA (check sar.org for details)**

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## Presidents Comments

Compatriots,

The July House of Delegates meeting in Evansville will take place shortly and nearly one-quarter of my term of office will have passed. How time flies when you're having fun!

My mother was a DAR member but I knew nothing about the SAR other than my father had worked on an application before he passed away. In late 1998, Compatriot Legler told me about the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. I joined, became active in the chapter, Color Guard, and was encouraged to seek state office. Now all I have to do is build on the accomplishments of previous state presidents – no small task!

I hope to attend as many chapter meetings as time and geography permit. We can communicate electronically but nothing beats meeting face-to-face. I encourage you to attend the House of Delegates meetings as they provide an excellent opportunity to meet Compatriots from around the state and exchange ideas. I encourage you to take advantage of geography and attend the semiannual Leadership Meetings in Louisville. The annual National Congresses are usually less convenient

but they are certainly well worth attending.

Many organizations are seeing a decline in membership but the SAR seems the exception and is reportedly gaining membership in many areas. Public awareness of the SAR is important to growth. What Color Guard member hasn't been called a pirate? In one parade, a boy asked what uniform we were wearing and the father said, "Civil War." Again, an active and vital chapter is a key factor in public awareness.

An organization's health is dependent on the involvement of members or employees. Without that involvement, the organization will likely decline or, at best, stagnate. Chapters with good programs and activities that make members look forward to meeting nights are key. Enthusiastic members will be more likely to talk with relatives, friends and members of the community, and encourage them to join the SAR, if qualified.

Compatriots should be encouraged to become further involved by holding office at the chapter, state and national levels. Most organizations have a core of members who keep the ball rolling but that core must be constantly renewed.

That is our challenge now and for the future!

CU in Evansville!

Robert D. Howell, Sr.  
President, INSSAR

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## Researching Our Ancestors

Record copies of approved DAR applications are an invaluable source of genealogical information often not available or difficult to find through ordinary research.

Since a 1 March 2006 reorganization, requests for record copies are handled by the Library Copy Services Office, but the procedures and the manner in which the requests are handled are basically unchanged. For information, go to the the DAR Library page of the NSDAR's website: [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) and click on Copy Services for details.

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### House of Delegates Meets in Evansville

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Ladies Auxiliary: 9:30 – 11:30 – Program: “A Personal Journey to the Beginning ~ My Adoption Story!” by Becky West, wife of District Director John G. West

Lunch: Ham or Turkey. Each lunch would include a dinner roll, baked potato, green beans, and dessert. We must receive your \$10 payment by 13 July. Send your \$10 payment by check made payable to Ohio Valley SAR and mailed to: Chapter Treasurer Tom Adamson, 1544 Camelot Drive, Henderson, KY 42420-9638.

Overnight Accommodations:

Marriott Hotel, 7101 Highway 41 North; (812) 867-7999. Ten rooms are reserved as “INSSAR” at a group rate of \$75 per night. Reservations (in group name) need to be made by 13 July. If group is not large enough, rates upon arrival will be as follows:  
Government/Military ID: \$70  
Seniors (60+ or AARP card): \$76  
AAA (2 rooms max. per card): \$85  
Regular (none of the above): \$90

### Friday Evening Social:

John Van Zandt is organizing this 6:30 event at the Acropolis Restaurant, 501 N. Green River Road. If you want to carpool from the Marriott, you can meet in the hotel lobby at 6:00.

## INSSAR July 2007 House of Delegates Meeting Reservation Form

Compatriot: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Total reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each:

Please make **checks payable to Ohio Valley SAR** and mail to the Chapter Treasurer: Tom Adamson, 1544 Camelot Drive, Henderson, KY 42420-9638 – to be received by 13 July.

Hotel reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Have made,

\_\_\_\_\_ Will make

\_\_\_\_\_ or Not making

\_\_\_\_\_ Marriott or \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Please submit form for receipt by 13 July**



**‘ALFRED’**

**Charter Centennial Medal Set  
(See Photo, below)**

The Charter Centennial Medal Set can be ordered from the NSSAR Merchandise Department. All who were members in 2006, plus those approved at chapter level before Jan. 1, 2007 and subsequently approved by the NSSAR are eligible to purchase and wear the medal. See the NSSAR website (sar.org) for order information.



**HELP WANTED**

We have some opportunities for those who would like to serve the Society.

State Secretary: Compatriot Jack Moore volunteered to serve as State Secretary but wants to limit this tour of duty to one year. We need a volunteer to step forward ASAP so he can have a period of OJT before becoming State Secretary.

Hoosier Patriot Editor: Compatriot John Van Zandt desires that this be his last year as *Hoosier Patriot* editor. Again, it'd be best if the new editor had a period of OJT before taking the reins.

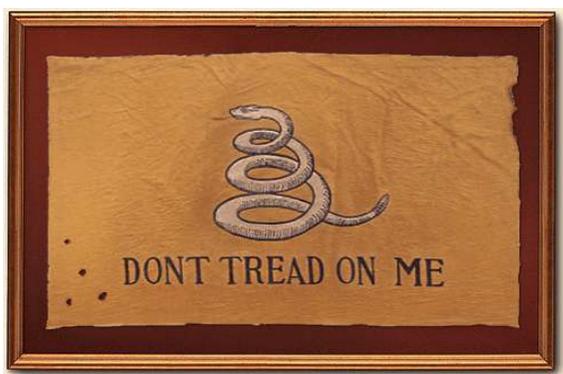
Knight Essay: Compatriot Mark Kreps has done an excellent job administering the Knight Essay program but would like a change of pace so we need another volunteer.

History and Handbook: Compatriot Robert Burton did a great job on the 2005 INSSAR History and Handbook but feels someone else should also have an opportunity to excel.

District Directors: The district realignment created two new District Director positions; each serving a three-chapter district. It is preferred, but not required, that the District Director be, or have been, a Chapter President and be a member of a chapter within the district. The districts are:

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|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| District #3 | Indianapolis | Clarence A. Cook   |
|             | Fishers      | Alexander Hamilton |
|             | Franklin     | Benjamin Franklin  |
| District #4 | Greencastle  | William Knight     |
|             | Rockville    | John Martin        |
|             | Lafayette    | Wm. Henry Harrison |

If interested in any of the positions, contact: Compatriot Garry M. Eckerd, National Trustee, at (317) 844-6200 or [gmeckard@yahoo.com](mailto:gmeckard@yahoo.com)



The Gadsden Flag, 1776 – The uniquely American rattlesnake became a popular symbol in the American colonies. Its inscription represented a warning by the colonists to the British.

In the early years of the American Revolution, the rattlesnake is said to have appeared on money, uniforms and various military and naval flags. To provide a striking standard for the flag, **Christopher Gadsden**, an American general and statesman from South Carolina, chose the rattlesnake for the design.” This flag was flown in 1776 by Commodore Esek Hopkins of Rhode Island, first Commander-in-chief of the Continental Fleet. The first expedition of this fleet with Commodore Hopkins consisted of the 30-gun frigate, 'Alfred' (first flagship of the Continental Navy); 28-gun 'Columbus'; two 14-gun brigs 'Andrew Doria' and 'Cabot'; and the sloops 'Providence', 'Hornet', 'Wasp' and 'Fly' that carried 12, 10, 8 and 6 guns respectively. Departing the capes of the Delaware on 17 February 1776, they sailed to the Bermudas, where they captured a large quantity of munitions of war, and returned to New London on the 8th of April, and subsequently sailed to Providence. The first Marines were dispatched on these ships and played an important role in those events.

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## Historic Jamestown

Don't forget the East Coast events listed in the April issue of The Hoosier Patriot if you'd like to take a journey back in time in Jamestown, Virginia! Again, that website is <http://jamestown2007.org>

Also, if you're not wanting to travel as far as Virginia, our National Headquarters in Louisville has the NSSAR Museum. Located in the Headquarters building you'll find exhibits and original artwork commemorating people and events of the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit: <http://www.sar.org/history/hqartwork.html>



**Indiana Ladies Auxillary News**  
**June 12, 2007**  
**Martha Barnhart**

At the July meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary of Indiana SAR will be collecting baskets or other items to be raffled during the October Central District meeting in Fort Wayne with proceeds going to the Indiana auxiliary. If you have articles to donate, you may bring them to the July meeting, or the October meeting. The program for the July meeting will be presented by Rebecca West on her experiences on adoption research.

Our sympathies go out to State Secretary Karen Bragg for the loss of her beloved Mother. A special thanks to Janet Kreps who brought vintage clothing patterns to sell at the April meeting with all funds collected supplementing the auxiliary treasury.

Membership in the ladies auxiliary is open to all ladies sponsored by INSSAR members including adopted daughters or wives without proven patriots. Dues are \$5 annually and the sole purpose of the group is to support INSSAR. Contact State President Martha Barnhart for additional information at [barn3369@earthlink.net](mailto:barn3369@earthlink.net).

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**NSSAR Partners with YTB Travel**

Before you decide to book your vacation, whether online or with a travel agent, check out YTB Travel. This may help your expenses.

NSSAR has partnered with YTB to aid compatriots in planning vacations including plane fares, hotels, cars and cruises. Also, for every item booked through YTB Travel, the NSSAR will receive a portion of the proceeds. The website is: [www.ytbtravel.com/nssar](http://www.ytbtravel.com/nssar)



**Grave Marking Ceremony**  
**honoring Four Patriots**

**Robert Rea                      Matthew Patton**  
**Nathaniel Wilson          William Wilson**

A very noteworthy grave marking ceremony is scheduled to take place on **30 September, 2007**. This is the Sunday of the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville. Compatriot Legler plans to invite members of the OHSSAR, WVSSAR, KYSSAR to attend/participate as well as NSDAR from local & state in Indiana. The Madison IN VFW Color Guard will also participate. Genealogist General Chuck Bragg will speak and Central District VPG Roger Barnhart will attend.

Event: Patriot Grave Dedication

Date: Sunday, 30 September

Where: Underwood Cemetery outside Madison, Jefferson County, IN

Time: Muster: 1300

Step: 1400

Task: Dedication of graves of Patriots Robert Rea, Matthew Patton, Nathaniel Wilson and William Wilson.

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**Patriot Ceremony Scheduled**  
**1 September 2007**

William Jerrels grave ceremony. The location will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery, southeast of Winchester, IN. A detailed map will be sent to participants. Color Guard will Muster at 10:00, and the ceremony begins at 11:00.

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## **Patriots Honored Previously in 2007**

We will attempt to print each Ceremony conducted by the INSSAR for Patriots buried in Indiana.  
The following is a list of Patriots honored thus far in 2007:

**Thomas Cook** (1756-1844) Grave Dedication, Sandcreek Friends Cemetery, Azalia, Indiana,  
Date: Saturday, 12 May 2007

**John Ruth** (d. 1842) Grave Dedication June 9, 2007, Haskins/Mt. Eden Cemetery, near Patoka  
Lake in Crawford County

Major **John Harbison** (d. 1829) Grave Dedication June 23, 2007 & Lanesville Cemetery Flag  
Pole Dedication Lanesville, Harrison Co., Indiana

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## **INDIANA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD**

A near record at Fishers, Indiana on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with 12,000+ audience turned out to watch the Indiana Society Color Guard perform with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Conner Prairie. The Indiana National Guard rifle squad formation waits in the background. 2007 is the INSSAR's fifth consecutive appearance in the annual Independence Day concerts.

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