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The Hoosier Patriot is a quarterly publication of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. While the editors and contributors strive to provide accurate and timely information, please consult local chapters and the Indiana Society web site for updated and additional information concerning specific meetings and events.

### Greetings from President Cunningham



Greetings Compatriots,

It is hard for me to believe that five months have passed since our new officers were sworn in at our annual meeting at Spring Mill State Park in April. I did expect to be on a learning curve, but I did not expect the curve to be as sharp as it has been.

I wish I could say that all is well within the state chapters. Without singling out which chapters are struggling, it seems necessary to inform the compatriots that we have chapters which are not in compliance with the state by-laws. It is our desire to try to help these chapters by their choice to either move their members to an active chapter or to consolidate these chapters into a viable, active unit.

We have an upcoming state meeting in Franklin at the Masonic Home on October 23 at 1:00 pm. Please check the state website for further details. I do expect each chapter within the state to be represented by a minimum of one person. It is very difficult for the delegates who attend the state meeting to help chapters which are struggling without their representation at the state meetings. It is our desire to strengthen our State Society but without the participation of all of our chapters, it becomes a monumental task to try to achieve this goal.

At our last state meeting in July in Bloomington, we had a good turnout and most were enthused about moving forward with state business. Numerous awards were presented to compatriots and chapters. You will find details of this meeting on the state website.

As many of you know, we have a State Color Guard. There is a wide variety of activities during most months which include parades, grave dedications, visits to schools and libraries as well as support of Daughters of the American Revolution activities. There is a great need for additional Color Guardsmen. I urge each chapter to try to recruit new Color Guard members. Interested Compatriots should contact Commander Stuart Hart, Vice Commander Robert Howell or Vice Commander Thomas Schnuck. As a reminder, all Color Guard activities are to be coordinated through the Commander and/or Vice Commanders. Their contact information is on the state website under Color Guard.

If your chapter has items of interest for the Hoosier Patriot, please submit them to Jeff Hornung who has graciously accepted the position of Editor.

I look forward to seeing familiar as well as new faces at the October 23rd state meeting in Franklin. In addition, I would like to thank all the state officers for their dedication and service to the SAR.

Robert Cunningham  
State President

[Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution](http://www.indiansociety.org)

### Marblehead Museum Trying to Identify Hundreds of Revolutionary War Veterans

According to Dick Carlson, president of the Marblehead (Massachusetts) Museum board, "At the end of the war,

Marblehead had 500 widows and 1,000 fatherless children." A metal plaque erected at Marblehead's Old Burial Hill in the 1920s celebrates the fact that "Six Hundred Revolutionary heroes" are buried there. Now the museum and the Marblehead Historical Society are trying to identify all the veterans.

Complicating matters, many of the stones on Old Burial Hill have become illegible; some are lost, and others, nothing more than wooden crosses to start with, have disappeared entirely.

Carlson is urging anyone interested in helping to come forward. Revealing these names will indeed be a boon to those seeking the genealogy of their families. "Our long-term goal," he says, "is to establish a genealogy section of the museum, where members can come to access online research data."

You can read more in an article by Alan Burke in the Salem News web site at <http://www.salemnews.com/local/x829293748/Finding-Marbleheads-rebels> or by clicking the link below.

[Salem News Marblehead Article](#)

### Chapter Roster Validation Underway

The 2010 Chapter Roster Validation is underway in September. Dues notices will be sent by State Treasurer William Sharp in early October. The dues for 2011 are: National \$30; Indiana Dues are \$15.

### New Indiana Society Members

**John Martin Chapter:** Dave D. Sabaini

**Daniel Guthrie Chapter:** Chester Barry Arington, Daniel Barry Arington, Matthew Michael Arington

### Clarence Cook Chapter

The August meeting was a big event for the Clarence Cook Chapter, as eight new members were inducted into the chapter. Registrar Ron Darrah (in uniform) assists as Cook President Mike Oberlin swears in new members (L to R) John Moreland, Jeff Slaughter, Richard Taylor, Wayne Eells, William Morgan David Barrett, David Newton, and Horace Newman.



### State Eagle Scholarship Winner



Jonathon Yarde was the recipient of the SAR State Eagle Scholarship. He also won the Purdue Presidential Scholarship and is attending Purdue University.

### 'Liberty tree' honors Revolutionary War veterans

Journal & Courier - Lafayette, Ind.

There's a new tree growing at Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park.

With prayer, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a volley by the American Legion Post 11 Honor Guard, Tippecanoe County's liberty tree was dedicated in a morning ceremony at the county park.

"We've planted a liberty tree, which was a significant symbol during the Revolutionary War," said George Frantz, president of the William Henry Harrison Chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The red oak tree sits at the east end of the Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park grounds, marked off by ropes. It also includes a memorial stone to honor the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Tippecanoe County. It's the first liberty tree to be planted in Indiana. "We're the first chapter in the state to be doing it," he said. "It's become quite popular in other states."

In the years leading up to the war, American colonists in Boston would meet under a tree to vent their emotions and express their views, Frantz said. The idea was that a group seen meeting under a tree would seem harmless to British troops. Word spread throughout the colonies. And soon liberty trees began appearing in other cities, he said. When they learned of the trees, "they were a sore spot with the British," Frantz said. "Many liberty trees were destroyed by British soldiers." But that made colonists even more angry, leading to some depictions of liberty trees on early American battle flags.

The location of the tree at Fort Ouiatenon is significant since at one time during the Revolutionary War, the fort was maintained by the British, Frantz said. "It turned out to be an ideal location," he said.

During the ceremony, officials read the names of all 22 Revolutionary War soldiers known to be buried in Tippecanoe County. People at the ceremony were moved by the tree's significance. "I think we can't honor the Revolutionary War soldiers enough," said Anne Watt, Regent of the General de Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"When you think about what they did, they put their blood and their soul into the making of our country," she said.

### The Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary



The Indiana Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution, assists Indiana Society with programs, fund raising, historical education and carrying out its mission of inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our patriot ancestors. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Auxiliary meets quarterly during the INSSAR House of Delegates meetings. In addition to conducting business, the ladies often have their own programs and speakers.

[Ladies Auxiliary Web Page](#)

### Indiana Society Color Guard

The Indiana Society Color Guard is probably best known for the color and pageantry their uniforms and flags bring to a parade, grave dedication or other community event. Emotions can range anywhere from children's questions and smiles to tears from a veteran's pride and memories. While all of this is true and important, one cannot overlook the wonderful side effect of fellowship with others who share common interests and passions.

New members are encouraged for local and statewide participation. There are loaner uniforms available and participation and travel is limited only by your own time and energy. Please consider serving in the Color Guard and experiencing the fellowship of your compatriots and the appreciation of your community.



[INSSAR Color Guard Web Page ...](#)

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### Attention Active Duty Military

*Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere* was established in 1945 to provide food and toiletries to post WWII Europe. The term "CARE Package" has since been adopted by GIs to identify such packages from home. The SAR would like to send CARE packages to all active duty military compatriots.

If you are on active duty (including activated Guard or Reserve) or know of someone in your chapter, please provide their names and addresses to [Jim Arnold](#)

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### INSSAR Officers for 2010

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District 3 - Michael Oberlin  
District 4 - No Candidate  
District 5 - Roger Barnhart  
District 6 - Willard W. Waterson

[Indiana Society Officers](#)

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### Upcoming Events

[INSSAR Fall Meeting Meeting - 23 October 2010](#)

Hosted by Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Masonic Home  
Franklin, IN

Meeting: 1:00 PM

Central District Meeting - 29 & 30 October 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio  
Reservation Deadline: Friday, 22 October 2010

Contact James Schaffer  
INSSAR Central District Director  
[jschaffer@fuse.net](mailto:jschaffer@fuse.net)  
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[Online Meeting Information ...](#)

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