
The Hoosier Patriot

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Member News



(Indianapolis - 25 May 2005) - As Clarence A. Cook Chapter VP, Steve Oberlin reads the award citation, Indiana Society President T. Rex Legler II presents "patriarch" Scott Hosier with the State Medal of Distinguished Service. Spanning three generations, compatriot Hosier's 65 year service to the SAR includes several chapter offices as well as being founder of the INSSAR Color Guard, of which he remains, at age 91, an active member.

Schedule for South Bend INSSAR House of Delegates

Saturday, 29 October 2005

The location is Cira's Restaurant.

The restaurant is located at 2007 S. Miami Street in South Bend, IN (Map on back cover.)

Registration: 10:00 – 10:30

Coffee, juices and assorted pastries

Provided by Alexis Coquillard Chapter

Meeting: 10:30 – 12:30

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30

Program: Robert Ayer's Description and Photographs of the Notre Dame Honors Lunch

Lunch Menu:

Order from Restaurant Menu

A Morning Tour for the ladies. Leaving Cira's at 10:30 for Oliver Mansion, and Copshaholm Home.

For those arriving Friday night, please respond by October 25, 2005 to:

Willard Waterson
11039 E. Bronson St.
South Bend, IN 46615
(574) 287-6443

We have made plans for those coming in on Friday night to stay at:

Howard Johnson Motel
130 Dixie Way
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-7900

Rate is \$ 62 per room including breakfast.



**From INSSAR
President T. Rex
Legler's Desk**

Greetings Compatriots in the INSSAR. It is hard to believe that the fall meeting is just around the corner. As I have traveled and participated with many chapters and compatriots of the Indiana Society, I am continually impressed with the quality and quantity of increasing activities. The Color Guard appears to be blossoming with a newly formed "Northern Command" consisting of members from the Alexis Coquillard, Continental, & Anthony Halberstadt Chapters. Several grave dedications and local parades have been enhanced by their participation. The huge success of the Connor Prairie Independence Day fanfare was truly inspirational. A big "HUZZAH!" to Compatriot Steve Oberlin. Compatriot Stuart Hart is getting us involved in the 500 Festival Parade for 2006. INSSAR Trustee Roger Barnhart and CG Commander Steve Oberlin are up to their epaulets in the Colonel LeBalme festivities for this November. Another contingent from the INSSAR Color Guard will be heading to Madisonville KY to assist them in their upcoming Veteran's Day program. Fort Laurens, Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, are also scheduled. It would not surprise me to see Color Guard Commander Steve Oberlin report over 100 events statewide in his annual summary at our next state congress in 2006. Our members have

also been actively recruiting and State Secretary Brandon Halleck has forwarded some 2 dozen new member certificates for my signature as your state president. The national headquarters application status web page shows a number more that are "in process". The national SAR website has also activated the individual member records page under member services so you can go in and update or correct your own record. It is easy & I encourage every one of our 600+ compatriots to visit their records. Another new program from NSSAR is being kicked off by President General Roland Downing and run by Treasurer General Bruce Wilcox. This is to develop an "Outreach Support" so that more current members will be involved in the various chapter and state programs available. Nationwide, only about 1 in 6 compatriots actively participates in any of the numerous programs offered by the NSSAR. These include our many youth programs, graves' registrations, color guard activities, speaker's bureaus, genealogy workshops, etc, etc, etc. We have a significant pool of untapped resource if we can only involve our own members. Central District Vice President General David Sympson will be giving us information about this at our meeting in South Bend. Watch for more information in the SAR Magazine and via the SAR Web site. When the ball started rolling last April, I had no idea it might start an avalanche but I am very happy & proud to say that the INSSAR is really on the move. I am grateful to participate with each & every one of you and truly honored by your trust and support. I look forward to our next months together.

T. Rex Legler II, O.D.



INSSAR Color Guard

Photo: Color Guard at the Parade of the Clans, Columbus
Scottish Festival

(Submitted by Compatriot Bob Howell)

Members of the INSSAR Color Guard have been busy in the southern part of the state in recent weeks.

6 August: The Color Guard, DAR members and descendents participated in a ceremony honoring Patriot William Henson whose grave was marked with a new headstone and SAR Patriot grave marker in the Hancock Chapel Cemetery, Harrison County.

13 August: The Color Guard marched in the Gosport Lazy Days parade and was honored with a 1st place trophy.

20 August: Members of the Color Guard staffed the SAR tent at the Lawrence County History Fest in Bedford to meet with students and parents and answer questions they might have on history and the SAR.

5 September: The Color Guard marched in the Paragon Homecoming Day parade. This was reportedly the first time the parade had had a color guard leading the parade.

10 September: The Color Guard participated for the first time in the Columbus Scottish Festival. Members staffed the SAR tent and set up tables with displays relative to the Revolutionary War era. Members spoke with attendees, young and old, about history and the SAR and visited the various Clan tents.

At noon, the Color Guard lead the parade of the clans during the opening ceremonies.

17 September: On Saturday, the INSSAR Color Guard was the lead color guard in the Spencer Apple Butter parade.

18 September: On Sunday, the Color Guard was the “lead” color guard in the Paoli Indian Summer parade. We were actually preceded by the fire trucks and emergency vehicles, which preserved what remains of our hearing but lead the rest of the parade.

24 September: Mitchell Persimmon Festival parade

24 September: Owensburg Pioneer Days parade

Compatriots participating in one or more – mostly more – of the above Color Guard events were: Douglas J. Arnold, Art Dillman, Edward Hitchcock, Robert Cunningham, Jaines D. Doane, James C. Arnold, T. Rex Legler II, Gary Rutherford, John Sheets, Robert D. Howell, Sr., Robert P. Cunningham, Wade Harshman, Stephen Franklin, James Jackson, Jr., Ron Darrah, Jim Harvey, Rev. Charles Carpenter, and a prospective member, Doug Hill.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Contributed by INSSAR Vice President Garry Eckard

PLEASE HELP IDENTIFY DESERVING AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) requests your help

in identifying people who the SAR should recognize. Please help identify and nominate both compatriots and nonmembers who deserve to be recognized with SAR insignia, medals and awards. These should be reported through the INSSAR Vice President so the INSSAR can report it properly to the national SAR (NSSAR). The Vice President until April 2006 is Garry Eckard. He can be contacted at (317)844-6200 or gmeckard@yahoo.com.

If there are no nominations no one will receive any state medals and awards. Self nominations are encouraged, especially for community service awards, since others may not have enough information to make a nomination.

It requires several weeks to process properly many of the SAR medals and awards. Also the NSSAR needs to be notified properly if the INSSAR is to be recognized for its activities at the national level. Please notify the INSSAR Vice President in a timely fashion of medals and awards distributed by the Indiana chapters, as well as suggestions and nominations for awards to me made by the INSSAR.

SAR INSIGNIA, MEDALS AND AWARDS INTERNET ADDRESS

The SAR has available several different insignia, medals and awards. Detailed information about these can be found at
<http://www.sar.org/manuals/2003Vol3web.pdf>

OR

www.sar.org

click on "For Members"

click on "SAR Handbook"

click on "SAR Handbook", then roll completely down the screen.

click on "Volume III" {Insignia, Medals, Awards}

AWARD CATEGORIES

The SAR Insignia, Medals and Awards

described in the above web site are divided into the following categories:

- * NSSAR Insignia
- * Medals Awarded for Service to the SAR
- * Medals Awarded for Service to the Community
- * Certificate Awards Presented for Service to the SAR and the United States
- * Streamer Awards
- * SAR State Society Medals and Emblems
- * Awards for Membership Activities
- * Awards for Specific Activities Other than Membership
- * Knight Essay Contest
- * Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest
- * The Eagle Scout Recognition Program

MOST FREQUENTLY AWARDED MEDALS

The following are the medals which have been awarded most frequently by the INSSAR.

1) SERVICE TO THE SAR

a) Patriot Medal

b) Meritorious Service Medal

c) State Medal of Distinguished Service (awarded by the INSSAR President)

2) SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

a) Silver Good Citizenship Medal

b) Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

c) War Service Medal (Chapters have been making this award and eligible members may purchase it.)

FLAG CERTIFICATES AND THE ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL AWARD

One type of award with which the INSSAR and each of its chapters can participate without much difficulty is the awarding of Flag Certificates. The flag certificate is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies 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.

It can be presented by a chapter, state or the National Society. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the appropriate organization to be engrossed. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. This is usually the person who recommends or presents the certificate.

The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award is presented annually at the SAR Congress. It is awarded to the state societies which have presented and have had a majority of its chapters present, during the previous year, at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies. State societies are to advise the chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee of their qualifications by 15 April each year.

MORE INFORMATION

Those compatriots who do not have access to the internet but want more information about the SAR awards can contact Garry Eckard at (317) 844-6200 for a printed copy of the internet information. About forty pages of information about Insignias, Medals and Awards.



Bedford Flag Day: L to R: Dee Doane, Bob Howell, Ed Hitchcock, John Sheets, and Jim Arnold, (6-14-05)



Paoli - Leading the Indiana Summer Parade are T. Rex Legler II, Bob Howell, Jim Arnold, Gary Rutherford, Doug Arnold, John Sheets, Ed Hitchcock, and Dee Doane, (9-19-05)



Mitchell - T. Rex Legler, Bob Howell, Ed Hitchcock, Dee Doane and John Sheets in the annual Persimmon Parade, (9-24-05)

Upcoming Meetings

7-9 October 2005, Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Hosted by Point Pleasant Chapter

21-22 Oct., 2005, NSSAR Central District Meeting, Charleston, WV

29 Oct. 2005, Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting, South Bend, IN, Hosted by Alexis Coquillard Chapter

21 Jan. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting, Evansville, Indiana, Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter

24-25 Feb., 2006, NSSAR Spring Trustees Meeting, Louisville, KY

22 **or** 29 Apr. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, Hosted by Clarence A. Cook Chapter (exact date TBA).

22 **or** 29 July 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Summer Meeting, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Hosted by Anthony Halberstadt Chapter (exact date TBA).

6-8 Oct. 2006, Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Hosted by Point Pleasant Chapter

Oct. 2006, Indiana Society S.A.R. Fall Meeting, Vincennes, Indiana
Hosted by George Rogers Clark Chapter (exact date TBA).

20 **or** 27 Jan. 2007, Indiana Society S.A.R. Winter Meeting, Greencastle, Indiana, Hosted by William Knight Chapter (exact date TBA).

Editor's Comments:

Please visit INSSAR.org and find new information added for your benefit! Among the items that will be added in the near future are minutes to House of Delegates on a web site link. For those wanting a hard copy, contact our State Secretary, Compatriot Halleck, and you will be added to a list to receive those in the future. Send us your suggestions!

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Additional News

Clarence Cook Chapter

Compatriot Scott F. Hosier, Jr., Founder of the INSSAR Color Guard, is featured on page 48 of *The SAR Magazine*, (Summer 2005, Volume 100, No. 1). [See Full Story on Page One.](#)

Daniel Guthrie Chapter Shows Continued Growth



The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR, continues a pattern of steady growth in 2005 to 70 members having inducted a total of 12 Compatriots and one memorial member to date. Six new Compatriots were inducted at the August meeting (four were present, see photo, above), George Barton McKee, Stephen R. Thomas, Michael Lee Boyd and Jeremy Ethan English, were inducted at the August meeting; Compatriots Larry Gene Shaw and Robert Samuelson, were forwarded their certificates.. Compatriot Robert D. Howell, Sr. accepted a memorial membership certificate for his father, Donald Johnston Howell. Compatriots inducted earlier in the year include Douglas Troy Wilson, William Rogers Barde, Brent David Lockhart and John Dow Oliver in February, and Jack Austin Gainey and Richard Lamar Keenan in May. Chapter members have also been active in identifying supplemental ancestors. At the August meeting, supplemental certificates were presented to Compatriot Larry Belcher (Patriots Stephen McBride, Jacob Doan, Isaac Votaw and Robert McNeill) and Compatriot Terry L. English (Patriots Robert Johnson and John Strong); in May, Compatriot Gary E. Rutherford (Patriot Jacob Young); and in February, Compatriot Herbert Arlen Brown (Patriot Isaac Brown), Compatriot Robert D. Howell, Sr. (Patriots Jacob Comfort and John Jamison) and Compatriot Stephen R. Hofer (Patriots John Hutchins, Strangeman Hutchins, James Alexander and Bennett Hanson Clements).

Ohio Valley Chapter

Rachel Fulton, chapter and state winner of the 2005 Knight Essay Contest, read her winning essay on George Washington titled "Character Counts" at the May 7 meeting of Ohio Valley Chapter. Following her reading, Chapter President J.D. Strouth presented her with a plaque, certificate and \$200 first place prize from INSSAR.

INSSAR Color Guard Members (from Ohio Valley Chapter) were part of Haubstadt's 'Sesquicentennial Parade.' celebrating the 150th anniversary.

500 Festival Parade

Compatriots,

As you may or may not know, Stuart Hart has undertaken the task of assembling the necessary information to enter the INSSAR Color Guard in the 2006 500 Festival parade on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. The parade is about two (2) miles long and is a high-visibility event. In addition to a crowd of thousands along the parade route, the parade will also be broadcast nationwide on ESPN, as I understand. Most of the entry process is pulling together information on who we are, what we've done, etc. One thing Stuart has prepared is a DVD on past parades and events we've participated in. However, he can't complete one area of the application without your input. While Memorial Day 2006 is several few months in the future and things can happen in the interim, he needs to know whether you are interested in marching in the parade. If interested, please submit your name to Stuart at stuhart@mac.com as soon as you can.

Bob Howell



T. Rex Legler saluting the Unknown Revolutionary War soldier at Ft. Laurens

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