



## Sons of the American Revolution

### INSSAR

William Sharp, President  
Wayne Eells, Vice-President  
Dave Peters, Secretary  
Arthur Bowers, Treasurer  
Robert Howell, Registrar/Genealogist  
Terry English, Chancellor  
Robert Pfaff, Historian  
Donald Counts, Chaplain  
David Betzner, National Trustee

## October 2013 House of Delegates Chairman Reports

### Americanism & Flag Recognition

Thanks to the chapters who have already given out Flag Certificates this year. Let me know if you are in need of any. Make sure you report back to letting me know who/what /when/ where. My email address is: [mjkreps@gmail.com](mailto:mjkreps@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Kreps  
INSSAR Flag Chairman

### Children of the American Revolution

It was a enjoyable summer for CAR activities and now as head into fall CAR Chapters continue to educate the public and honor our ancestors and veterans. CAR participated in the Koh Koh Mah event in Kokomo in period attire. Members raised funds by selling colonial items. Other members helped the SAR in a 9/11 commemoration at Chesterton's Coffee Creek Theater. CAR assisted the SAR with Color Guard duties in conjunction with local police and fireman. A flag folding ceremony capped the event by the CAR/SAR Color Guard.

Our CAR State President Hannah Vandermolen was interviewed about her State project "Pets healing veterans" and CAR in general. The article made front page of the Northwest Indiana Times.( image is at: [www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage/hannah-vandermolen-...](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage/hannah-vandermolen-...) ).

The Indiana CAR attended the annual Midwest regional meeting Naperville, Illinois this past summer which Caitlin Collins from our own Midwest was elected National President. Work has started for the promotion of the annual Americanism poster contest. The SAR and CAR again will working together at the State Capitol for Indiana Statehood Day December 11th. We will educating 4th graders about Indiana in the Revolution.

In Liberty,

Rick Smurdon,

SAR/CAR liaison & Elementary Americanism Poster Chairman

### Southern Command Color Guard

During the period 1 July-30 September, members of the INSSAR Color Guard, Southern Command, participated\* in the following events:

3-5 July - Connor Prairie

4 July - Limestone Festival Parade, Bedford

6 July - Great Catfish Festival Parade

10 August - Gosport Lazy Days Parade

19 August - President Harrison Birthday

2 Sept - 2013 Paragon Homecoming Day Parade

Up-coming events include:

5 Oct. - 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Pumpkin Festival Parade, French Lick

12 Oct. - West Side Nut Club Fall Festival Parade, Evansville

13 Oct. - Revolutionary War Memorial Plaque Dedication, Vevay

9 Nov. - Patriot John Craig Grave Marking

9 Nov. - Veterans Day Parade, Evansville, IN

24 Nov. - North Main Christmas Parade, Evansville, IN

7 Dec. - Christmas Parade, Medora

8 Dec. - 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade, Boonville, IN

\*Note: Participation in the 28 September Mitchell Persimmon Festival Parade, Mitchell was canceled due to conflict with the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting.

## Genealogy & Registry

During the period 1 July to 30 September 2013\*,

- a. 19 regular, 2 junior, 1 memorial and 19 supplemental applications have been approved.
- b. 7 regular and 7 supplemental applications are being processed by National Headquarters
- c. 2 regular and 1 supplemental application have been pended.

This brings the total of new applications approved since 1 January 2013 to 52.

\*Note: Statistics based on the 26 September Application Status Report.

## Hoosier Patriot Newsletter

Postcards were mailed to 400 members at a cost of \$292. Members received the postcards on or around September 23.

The website link to the summer edition of the newsletter was emailed on September 29th. Members should remember that back copies are available on the INSSAR.ORG website.

As always, I encourage all members to submit information and pictures for next issue. Please be sure all pictures submitted include names of the people and a description of the event.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hornung

Hoosier Patriot Editor

## Patriot Graves Registry

As of the NSSAR 2013 Fall Leadership Conference, there has been no other information disseminated pertaining to the relatively new Patriot Grave Medal. Should find out something at the next Leadership Meeting at NSSAR, Louisville. Two important issues from this meeting was that there is 297,000 Revolutionary

Patriots on file at NSSAR, and that NSSAR has the hardware and equipment capability on their web site to start storing Patriot grave marker photos.

Allen Manning requested VA headstones for Nathan Morgan in McKay Cemetery in Switzerland County and William Tilford in Slippery Point Cemetery in Jefferson County. Allen has been working with the VA to provide additional information to support these request.

VA requests we have a descendant for is Ralph Griffin in Brushy Fork Cemetery in Jefferson County, but haven't finalized the paperwork. The descendant is an SAR member.

Allen recently submitted request for a headstone for Robert McKay, in McKay Cemetery, Jefferson County - no word from VA yet.

Allen is currently looking for the descendants of Thomas George, in Wirt Cemetery, Jefferson County.

Allen Manning has stated the headstone for Robert Stephens Rogers in Long Run Cemetery, Switzerland County, has been approved by the VA, as well as one for Kimbrow Landers, Cotton Cemetery, Switzerland County.

Allen and associates have cleaned badly stained headstones of Patriots Joseph Thom and John Dickerson in Marling Cemetery.

Allen also found time to give a presentation on Patriots buried in Jefferson County to the local Kiwanis Club.

The VA has approved the application for a headstone for Gerrardus Ryker, Jr. buried in Ryker Cemetery, Jefferson County.

As you may know, the VA rejected the headstone order for James Anderson buried in Sanborn Cemetery, Knox County, IN. A descendant and cemetery trustee has reordered the VA stone. No further information has been received.

The stone at the grave of Patriot Jacob Kepler in Graves Cemetery in Perry County was set many years ago and still is in good condition. The cemetery has a lot of small briars and saplings that need to be cut. In addition, an access to the cemetery is needed. The township trustee has been requested to help resolve this cemetery problem - no response has been received. Supervision of the problem continues. As of April 2013, the DAR is involved in helping resolve this situation. In the meantime, the DAR of Tell City, IN, is working on cleanup of the cemetery. A dedication is planned for the first or second Saturday of April, 2014.

Mark Owens has reported that the headstone for William Stewart in Stewart Cemetery, Washington County, IN has been set. Dedication is planned by John Hay Chapter for 2013. No further information is available.

Mark Owens has reported that a new VA stone is planned to be ordered for Rev. War Patriot Daniel Guernsey to be placed in Guernsey Cemetery in Clark County, IN. Work is underway to get legal access to the cemetery as well a large number of pine trees have to be cleaned up due to the tornado that went through the area in 2012. Apparently, Terry English has been helping to alleviate this problem. We have heard no other word on this subject.

John McBride, PS, NC is buried in McBride Cemetery, Lawrence County, IN. VA prohibits a stone for anybody not a soldier; therefore, Architectural Stone Sales, Inc. volunteered to make the headstone for Patriot John McBride. Peggy Craig then picked up the finished headstone and set it - she is a prospective DAR member of the John Wallace Chapter. A dedication will hopefully take place this year. We want to recognize Peggy Craig appropriately. Both the stone company and Peggy have gone "above and beyond" resolving the situation. Note that a Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter to a representative from Architectural Stone Sales, Inc.

Edward Hitchcock is working on finishing the procedures for ordering headstones.

The refurbishing of the headstone for Nathan Ricketts in Ohio County is still pending.

We are interested in keeping track of grave dedication conducted in Indiana. Please contact Ron Burkhart at burkhart@indiana.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald E. Burkhart

INSSAR Patriot Grave Committee Chairman

### ROTC/JROTC

A new nomination form for ROTC and JROTC units to use in nominating cadets was distributed at the Fall Leadership Meeting. I need to review the form and update contact information for the various ROTC and JROTC units around Indiana as well as encourage the JROTC units to consider nominating cadets for the Enhanced JROTC program.

### Historian

Dear Compatriots:

As State Historian, a number of materials have been submitted to me for inclusion in the Society's permanent records.

These include photographs and documents pertaining to:

- The April 2013 HOD
- The July 2013 HOD
- The marker dedication of 20 July 2013 at La Petit Fort
- The William Henry Harrison/John Martin Bi-Chapter Meeting of August 2013
- Award certificates given to the State Society by the National Society through August 2013

At the suggestion of President Sharp, materials will be gathered in one or more "scrapbooks" in order to make them more accessible for viewing by Society members and to better organize the materials chronologically.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Pfaff

State Historian, INSSAR