



## Sons of the American Revolution

### INSSAR

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## January 2014 House of Delegates Chairman Reports

### Americanism & Flag Recognition

#### District 1

- 75% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
- Alexis Coquillard: none reported for 2013
- Anthony Halberstadt Roger Barnhart reported that the Anthony Halberstadt Society Pres. Wendell Horn gave out the Flag Certificate on November 21, 2013 to Brothers Auto Sales of Fort Wayne to Rod Hart the proprietor of Brothers Auto Sales.
- Duneland: Presentation was made by Lyle Lovell and Robert Phillips on May 29, 2013 to Urschel Laboratories
- Simon Kenton: On 5 August 2013, the Simon Kenton Chapter presented a Flag Recognition Certificate to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department during their regular monthly meeting for their outstanding display of the American flag. Located at the firehouse on the corner of Cullen and Harrison Streets, the RVFD flag is now part of a 9/11 Memorial, containing pieces of the World Trade Center. Accepting the certificate from President Pfaff was Chief Ken Haun of the RVFD.

#### District 2

- 50% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
- Alexander Hamilton: none reported

- Benjamin Franklin: Brad Manzenberger gave a flag certificate to Dale and Rebecca Carver of New Whiteland
- Clarence Cook: Americanism Flag Committee Chairman Joshua Eells awarded the following Flag Certificates
  - 7 July 2013 - Allen Edmonds, Port Washington, WI and John & Patti Harrison, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
  - 30 December 2013 - Westfield Steel, Westfield Public Safety, JRF Construction, Custom Concrete, Agreliant, Indian Brick Corp., Manufacturers Marketing, Storage Solutions, Chick-fil-A, First Merchants Bank, Leija Family presented all in Westfield, IN
- Continental: On March 14 , 2013 Tom Schnuck accompanied with 3 other compatriots presented a Flag Certificate to a manager of Toyota of Muncie, IN
- John Martin: none reported
- William Henry Harrison: none reported

### District 3

- 66% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
- Daniel Guthrie: Ed Hitchcock presented a Flag Certificate to the Shoals Lions Club on 22 July, to the Deremiah & Frye Mortuary and Day Funeral Home on Wednesday, 14 Aug 2013. Jim Arnold from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the Edgewood Intermediate School on 12/13/2013.
- John Hay: None report
- David Benton - On the May 9, President Jerry Brown Presenting to Schorer Drapery of Brownstown by John Sheets accepted. The second at the June 13th chapter meeting President Jerry Brown Presenting to the Multi-Color Company of Scottsburg, Sherry Schmitt and Marge Stotsman accepting

### District 4

- 33% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
- General Thomas Posey: Chapter Pres. Stephen H. Johnson and Bob Hall presented a Flag Certificate on March 26, 2013 to the Koodie Hoo's Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, IN

- George Rogers Clark: None presented
- Ohio Valley Chapter: None presented

Out of 16 Chapters we had 9 reporting that they gave out Flag Certificates in 2013. Indiana had 59 % participating chapters which qualifies Indiana for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Flag Award. Huzzah!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Kreps  
INSSAR Flag Chairman

### Children of the American Revolution

Each year the INSSAR receives scholarship applications from members of the Indiana C.A.R. After the application review process, one C.A.R. member is declared the winner and a scholarship of \$350 is awarded to them.

The source for that scholarship is the Cyril L. Johnson Fund, which currently has a balance of approximately \$6,640. As it is invested in a CD account, it earns about \$10 annually. Taking interest into account, that means the fund decreases nearly \$340 annually. If everything remains the same, the dedicated fund will run out of funds in 19-20 years.

It should be noted that each year the Ladies Aux gives the INSSAR around \$500 for Youth/Education. This past year we spent it for awards at the Nashville, IN school for coming in first place at the National "We The People" competition on the Constitution. It is our suggestions that these funds remain able to be used for any youth/education programs during the year as the Executive Committee sees fit.

In Liberty,  
Wayne Eells,

### Southern Command Color Guard

During the period 1 October-31 December, members of the INSSAR Color Guard, Southern Command, participated, or were scheduled to participate, in the following events:

- 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
- 19 Oct - HOD Meeting & Lochry's Defeat Ceremony, Lawrenceburg
- 9 Nov - Patriot John Craig Grave Marking, Washington County
- 9 Nov - Veterans Day Parade, Evansville
- 24 Nov - North Main Christmas Parade, Evansville\*
- 7 Dec - Christmas Parade, Medora\*
- 8 Dec - 67th Annual Christmas Parade, Booneville\*
- 14 Dec - Wreaths Across America, Madison\*\*

\*Note: Cancelled because of adverse weather.

\*\*Note - Represented only by Compatriot Allen Manning due to bad weather.

## Genealogy & Registry

During the period 1 October to 31 December 2013\*,

- 14 regular and 7\*\* supplemental applications have been approved.
- 6 regular and 9 supplemental applications are being processed by National Headquarters
- 3\*\*\* regular and 5 supplemental applications have been pended.

This brings the total of new applications approved since 1 January 2013 to 66.

Notes: \*Statistics based on the 1 January 2014 Application Status Report.

\*\*One Genealogy approved but no Registry date.

\*\*\*Families are working on providing required information.

## Hoosier Patriot Newsletter

Postcards were mailed to 400 members at a cost of \$289. Members received the postcards on or around December 20.

The website link to the winter edition of the newsletter was emailed on December 30. 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

During this quarter, November 2013 to January 2014, Allen Manning has continued a voluminous amount of editing on the INSSAR patriot grave website. There was a grave dedication for Patriot John Craig, Sr., Saturday, 9 November 2013, at 2pm, in Kirk Cemetery, Washington County. This cemetery is located between Salem and Mitchell, near Sattilo, IN.

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 requests.

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.

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

Allen Manning received and placed VA headstones for 1) Nathan Morgan in McKay Cemetery; 2) Stephens Rogers in Long Run Cemetery; 3) Kimbrow Landers in Cotton Cemetery, all in Switzerland County and 4) Robert McKay in McKay Cemetery in Jefferson County.

The VA is processing request for William Tilford headstone in Slippery Point Cemetery in Jefferson County.

Allen is currently working on VA headstone paperwork for 1) Ralph Griffin in Brushy Fork Cemetery; 2) Thomas George in Wirt Cemetery; 3) John Lott in Ryker's Ridge Cemetery, all in Jefferson County and 4) John Shaddy in Slawson Cemetery in Switzerland County.

In November, Allen sprayed "D2" cleaning compound on the badly stained headstones of Patriots Joseph Thom and John Dickerson in Marling Cemetery, Belezeel Maxwell in Hanover Cemetery, Thomas Ramsay in Greenbriar Cemetery, Philip Eastin in Ryker's Ridge Cemetery, Alexander Chambers in White River Cemetery, John Paul in Fairmount Cemetery, James Baxter and Jesse Spann in Craig Cemetery, and George Shannon in Old Bethel Cemetery, all in Jefferson County, to remove the stains over time.

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

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 have reordered the VA stone. No further information has been received.

The INSSAR Color Guard along with the members of the Percussive Arts Society conducted a graveside recognition service on 16 Nov 2013 for Revolutionary War Patriot Sgt. John George at Round Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Perry Twp., Marion County, Indiana. George served as a drummer with Ogden's First New Jersey Battalion.

The Lafayette Spring DAR Chapter has invited the INSSAR Color Guard to Perry County, IN on Saturday 5 April 2014 at 2 PM CST. The DAR will be assisted by the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter, KYSSAR, of Owensboro, KY. The event will be a marker Dedication for Rev. War Patriot Jacob Kepler and recognition of Rev. War Patriots in Honor of Perry County, Indiana 200th Anniversary. The location of this event will be at the Old Rome Court House, Rome, Indiana. The tasks will be Parade the Colors, lay Wreathes, and Musket Salute.

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 in making the headstone for John McBride and were recognized by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter in 2013. Peggy Craig did the research in locating the burial site of this Patriot. Peggy and her brother picked up the finished product and set it in McBride Cemetery in summer of 2013. A dedication will hopefully take place sometime in 2014. We want to recognize Peggy appropriately.

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. We need an update on the

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](mailto:burkhart@indiana.edu).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald E. Burkhart

INSSAR Patriot Grave Committee Chairman

## ROTC/JROTC

No action taken to date (6 Jan) but hope to distribute the new nomination form for ROTC and JROTC units to use in nominating cadets as well as have updated contact information for Indiana ROTC and JROTC units and encouraged the JROTC units to consider nominating cadets for the Enhanced JROTC program prior to the HOD meeting.

## 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 October 2013 HOD
- The marker dedication of 19 October 2013 at the Lochry's Defeat battle site

Materials are being 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.

However, to date, I have received no submissions from INSSAR chapters for inclusion in the Historian's archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Pfaff  
State Historian, INSSAR

## Eagle Scout Program

- We received 6 applications for our State Scholarship and in the last quarter, we recognized 3 new Eagle Scouts.
- I have not submitted any claims since July 2007. Since then, I have paid \$23250.00 out of my pocket and I wish to donate those charges to our cause and I will not be requesting reimbursement.
- I truly enjoy my position in the SAR recognizing young Eagles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy J. Hillenburg  
Eagle Scout Chairman



## Finance

Although the Cook Chapter went through this same exercise [*Ed.: investment portfolio review*] a few months ago, Art and I wanted to take another look at the options. After consulting the banks and my personal financial adviser, our gleanings mirror the Cook Chapter's. The Cook Chapter has had an endowment investment for several years. As with everything else, it took a hit in 2008. The recovery has been good though, so overall the Chapter has made a fair return.

Art has shaken some bushes and I've had two lengthy conversations with my personal financial adviser about this. What we've confirmed is that less money and shorter terms yields fewer options. There are no "guaranteed" income funds with returns greater than ~1%. The U.S. Treasury yield is currently 1.18%. Same seems to be true for the bond market. There are however a few low-risk funds (mixed stocks and bonds) that have historically yielded > 5%, with recent earnings in the > 10% range. 12% is in fact not unreasonable. As you're no doubt aware, there is risk of a market downturn where we could see a negative return. The key here, as with most investments, is "long term."

What Art and I would recommend is investing \$50,000 in a liquid mixed low-risk fund, with an objective of earning > 5%. This would leave us with \$23,000 in operating funds and provide income generation to supplement the annual dues. Since the objective is income generation, we'd likely want to have the yield paid out quarterly to the INSSAR treasury, rather than reinvested. 5% target is not unreasonable and is consistent with the NSSAR's investment policy. Obviously, a greater return may be achieved, but most likely with higher risk. Personally, anything we can make above what we're getting now and still preserve our principle, is a "win."

Since we have \$40k tied up in CDs, we will incur a penalty if the money is take out prior to maturity. I think that's a small price to pay given the current rate of return weighed against the likely rewards. We can either proceed now and initiate the investment, or identify specific funds and and make a more definitive decision later. Given the state of the market, it may be better to jump in now. We should have done this years ago, but the Society has been rather risk averse and CDs were doing better.

Regards,  
Steve Oberlin

## INSSAR Color Guard

(from State-wide Chapter 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reports)

### Alexander Hamilton Chapter

- Grave dedication for John George (November 2)

### Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

- Bill Sharp present at Lochry's Defeat commemoration
- Point Pleasant
- Colonel Augustine de la Balme commemoration
- Central District meeting

### Continental Chapter

- September 14 - Color Guard vigil and George & Martha Washington's Tomb (James A. Shoptaw)
- October 5 & 6 - Jay County Historical Festival
- October 19 - Lochry's Defeat commemoration

### Daniel Guthrie Chapter

- Compatriots from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter participated in 9 Color Guard activities

### David Benton Chapter

- October 6 - 1 @ French Lick
- October 19 - 4 @ Lochry's Defeat
- November 9 - 4 @ John Craig dedication
- November 11 - 2 @ Brownstown Veterans Day
- November 11 - 6 @ Seymour Riverside Cemetery S.A.R. dedication (Pierson's grave)

### Ohio Valley Chapter

- October 12 - West Side Fall Festival Parade 5 members & 4 auxiliary
- October 19 - Lochry's Defeat Wreath Laying 1 member & 1 auxiliary
- October 25 - North Middle School- Sons of Liberty Poster Contest 3 members
- November 9 - Veterans Day Parade 8 members and 1 auxiliary

Indiana Society Color Guard Commander, Robert Cunningham