



The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Report to the INSSAR House of Delegates

Current Membership-

The Indiana Society currently has a total of 773 compatriots on the roster, an increase of 21 compatriots from the July meeting. Of this number, 11 are 'Dual' members (holding primary membership in another State society), and 30 are classified as 'Junior' members.

Since the House of Delegates Meeting of July 26th, there have been 7 compatriots reinstated, no transfers to another state society, and no resignation or deactivation ('drops') activity.

During this period, we have lost 4 compatriots: Hugh Ernest Jackson of Depauw (John Hay chapter), Richard Lamar Keenan and Ward Wilfred Moore of Bloomington (Daniel Guthrie chapter), and Blaine Edwin Sowers of Fort Wayne (Anthony Halberstadt chapter).

Chapter Quarterly Reports-

As always, a thanks all Chapter officers who had a role in composing and submitting a Quarterly Report. Fourteen of the seventeen chapters have filed a quarterly report, which is, I believe, the highest percentage of reporting chapters seen in the time I have been Secretary (besting the previous quarter!).

In the coming quarter, I plan to request these reports a little earlier, in hopes of being able to provide committee chairmen and District Vps with the data in a more useful, timely manner (i.e., for their reporting purposes).

Other Items-

I am currently working on a Chapter Yearbook for the Anthony Halberstadt chapter (Fort Wayne/NE Indiana area), of which I am also Secretary. The yearbook will feature information pertinent and useful to chapter compatriots, most notably a membership directory. The yearbook will include various methods of contact, so communication among chapter members is facilitated. Having worked on the yearbook with open (free) publishing software (Scribus), I have found the ability to readily import data from outside data sources (e.g., Excel) has been rather limiting/frustrating. This is critical, as maintaining a yearbook manually would be a rather frequent endeavor, and thus time consuming should it be done in an entry-by-entry manner. So, I will be updating my Office software and having a go with Microsoft Publisher, in the hopes this will be an eloquent solution (as I suspect it will).

I mention this, as I plan to make available such a yearbook to all chapters who would be interested. Once the Anthony Halberstadt chapter's yearbook is completed, a PDF version for other chapters will be available. (I am not certain if any other chapters currently publish a yearbook, but this will be available just the same.)

Let me know if you have any suggestions.

A 'thank you' to the Ladies of the Mary Penrose Wayne DAR chapter, whose own yearbook inspired me, as well as compatriot Craig Ladwig, who first prompted the idea.

Also, I hope to increase the presence of the Indiana Society's activity reports in the SAR Magazine. I communicated with Editor Vest recently to receive his guidance on the proper format for submissions, etc. We can certainly use much of the same material employed in our Hoosier Patriot newsletter for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Peters

District 1 Vice-President's Report

All four chapters in District 1 (Alexis Coquillard, Anthony Halberstadt, Duneland, and Simon Kenton) have filed quarterly reports as of this writing.

Alexis Coquillard met once, hearing a program on King George III. Their Color Guard members also participated in four parades.

Anthony Halberstadt met once, hearing a program on Abraham Lincoln. Their Color Guard members participated in three commemorations.

Duneland held two meetings, one of which was program by the William Henry Harrison DAR chapter regent; the other was a presentation on the history of SAR chapters in northwest Indiana. It was also active in Flag Certificates.

Simon Kenton met once, primarily being a business meeting. One member participated in reading and geotagging Smith Cemetery, which is the burial place of the only known Revolutionary patriot in Jasper County, and presented the history of western migration into the area to students from Saint Joseph's College.

All four chapters in District 1 are actively maintaining websites and collectively are pursuing 25 new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Pfaff, District 1 Vice President

INSSAR District 4 Vice President's Report
October 4, 2014



George Rogers Clark Chapter—Vincennes, IN.

No mtg.. since last HOD Mtg.,

Next Meeting Oct 11th, 2014—

1:30 PM EDT McGrady-Brockman Historical Library 7th & Hart

GRC will be hosting the State HOD Mtg. Oct 18th 2014 in Vincennes

Gen Thomas Posey.--- Mt. Vernon, IN.

Summer Meeting cancelled—illness in family.

SAR -- River Days Festival Booth Sept 4th & 5th

Next Meeting Oct 7th, 2014

6:30 PM CDT-- Dean's Diner, Mt Vernon IN

Ohio Valley Chapter---Evansville, IN.

Meeting Aug. 16th 2014

15 Compatriots, 3 Ladies Aux. Members, 1 Guest

Dr Kristalyn Shefveland, presented program "Irregular Warfare During the Southern Campaign"

Ken & Peggy Gilkey Presented Program to NWTA Historical Society, Vincennes, IN. "13 Original Colonies And Some Of Their Battle Flags"

Next Mtg. 10:00 AM CST Willard Library Evansville, IN.

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth E. Gilkey,
INSSAR Dist. 4 Vice Pres.



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Finance Report from Dave Peters for the 2014 Fall HoD Meeting

As recommended at the Winter HoD meeting, and approved by the Society at the Spring (Annual) meeting, \$50,000 was moved from the very low interest bearing Certificates of Deposit into a liquid, conservative, investment portfolio. This portfolio is managed by MML Investor's Services, LLC, of Indianapolis.

The transfer from the CDs to the portfolio was completed in the previous (3rd) quarter. Currently, the portfolio balance is: 18.02% US Stocks, 9.96%; International Stocks, 48.39%; Taxable Bonds, 16.67%; Alternative (commodities, arbitrage strategy, etc.); and 6.96% Short Term Reserves (cash or cash equivalents).

Since the investment portfolio inception date of 6/3/2014, the portfolio has returned -0.42%.

This Finance Report covers only the investment portfolio portion of the Society's finances. More comprehensive reporting is typically available in the Treasurer's Report.

Regards,
Dave Peters

Chapter	# of Flag Certificates presented?	Additional Flag Certificate details:	Period
Clifty Creek	2	Compatriot Allen Manning presented certificate to Hanover Lodge 652 F&AM on 03 July 2014 Compatriot Nicholas Schultz presented certificate to Morgan & Nay Funeral Center on 19 Sep 2014	2014Q3
John Martin	none	I plan to have our last chapter meeting in early November where I will be the program which is a book report about the book entitled, George Washington's Secret Six (the spy ring that saved the American Revolution) by Brian Kilmeade and don Yaeger. The meeting will be held in my most unique home built in 1826 in Rockville. This too will be a dinner meeting for the entire chapter and I hope to have many in attendance.	2014Q3
Continental	3	East Jay Middle School – Portland: First Merchants Bank – Portland: Jay County Hist. Society – Portland	2014Q3
David Benton	1	To Schneck Medical Center-CEO Gary Meyer	2014Q3
Ohio Valley	1	Baumerger – Evansville	2014Q3
Simon Kenton	0		2014Q3
Anthony Halberstadt	0	Attempting to get a response from the Director of Raytheon, Fort Wayne.	2014Q3
George Rogers Clark	not available		2014Q3
General Thomas Posey	not reported		2014Q3
Alexander Hamilton	not reported		2014Q3
Duneland	2	A flag certificate was presented to Valparaiso resident James Black who has flown an American Flag on a lighted Flag Pole for over six years.: Flag certificate presented to Gary SouthShore RailCats independent league baseball team	2014Q3
Alexander Hamilton	0		2014Q3
Daniel Guthrie	1	August 12, 2014 Compatriot Edward E. Hitchcock presented a Flag Certificate to RJ's Convenient Store and Gas Station in Shoals, IN.	2014Q3
Alexis Coquillard	0		2014Q3



Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution INSSAR Patriot Graves Registry

State HoD Meeting Report – 18 October 2014

For the third quarter 2014, your Patriot Graves committee continues to enhance the INSSAR Patriot Graves website by updating information and adding photos provided by everyone and more specifically, Compatriots Ed Hitchcock, Allen Manning, and Mark Kreps.

NSSAR 2014 Fall Leadership Conference Update (as pertains to Patriot graves):

- Clarification of mass grave sites in reference to the Grave Marking Medal. A compatriot may only count five patriots per ceremony and per medal application, i.e., a compatriot who attended the fall mass grave ceremony at Lochry's Defeat in 2013, he may count five patriots. If at some point in the future, another SAR ceremony takes place at the same location, the compatriot can count five different patriots towards a cluster for the medal. As of the conference, fifty-nine Grave Marking medals and three Oak Leaf Clusters have been awarded nationally.
- The committee reported volunteers have touched over 107,000 records in the Registry database and 59,432 compatriots to patriot links have been made, as well as 870 photos uploaded.

Patriot Grave Dedications since last HoD Meeting in July:

- 6 Sep 2014: *William King*, Mount Zion Cemetery, Washington County near Salem, John Hay Chapter. A granite SAR Marker purchased and placed by Allen Manning of Clifty Creek Chapter.
- 13 Sep 2014: *John Quinn*, Yorktown Cemetery, Delaware County in Yorktown, Continental Chapter. The stone was reset and a new bronze SAR flag holder was installed.

Upcoming Patriot Grave Dedications:

- 19 October 2014, at 2pm, *John McBride*, McBride Cemetery, Lawrence County, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, INSSAR and John Wallace Chapter, NSDAR. A granite SAR Marker was purchased by Jim Arnold, Daniel Guthrie chapter and placed by Ed Hitchcock, Daniel Guthrie Chapter and Allen Manning of the Clifty Creek Chapter.

VA Marker Update:

- Requested, received and/or placed VA markers for the following Patriots:
 - *Robert Hall*, Approved by VA, awaiting delivery, to be set in the Old Town Cemetery, Orleans, Orange County.
 - *John Stagg*, Installed on 29 Sep 2014, Hopewell Cemetery, Jennings County, by Clifty Creek Chapter member Allen Manning.
- Working with Ancestor to request marker

- *John/Jonathan Noble*, broken and weathered stone, Starr Cemetery near Alexandria, Madison County (**could use some local chapter assistance to coordinate receipt and placement of the stone, any volunteers???**)
- Repaired, reset, and/or leveled...
 - *David Jones*, straightened civilian stone and reset buried military marker, Flat Bottom Cemetery, Jefferson County, Clifty Creek Chapter
 - *John Dickerson*, set top of broken stone, Marling Cemetery, Jefferson County, Clifty Creek Chapter

NSSAR Patriot & Graves Index: (submitted information on the following Patriots to NSSAR)

- Jefferson County: *Joseph Taylor* and *Nicholas Lawler*
- Jennings County: *John Stagg*
- Switzerland County: *Stephen Rogers*, *John Burns*, and *Abner Scudder*
- Washington County: *William King*

Miscellaneous:

Compatriot Mark Owens, John Hay Chapter, continues working to get a VA headstone for Patriot *Daniel Guernsey* in the Guernsey Cemetery in Clark County, IN. Additionally, he has permission of the current Clark County State Park Forest Ranger to get pine trees cleaned up due to the 2012 tornado damage. He is working with surveyors, boy scouts and other organizations to clean and document the cemetery. They plan on starting the work before the end of 2014.

Edward Hitchcock is working on written procedures for ordering headstones and Allen Manning is working provide on a “how to properly set VA upright headstones”.

We believe every INSSAR Compatriot is a member of the Patriot Graves Committee. As your team leads we are honored to serve and work with each of you. We ask that anytime you have more Patriot information, please share. If you have photos of stones, please share. If you need assistance in getting stones repaired, replaced, ordered, please contact one of us and we will try our best to assist in any way we can. We can be reached best via email:

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Ed Hitchcock at eeh.1938@gmail.com

Mark Kreps at mjkreps@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Manning
INSSAR Patriot Graves Committee

INSSAR House of Delegates Reports
October 2014

Genealogist/Registrar Report:

During the period 1 July to 30 September 2014,

- a. 10 Regular and 5 Supplemental applications were reviewed and submitted to NSSAR.
- b. 4 Regular applications and 1 supplemental application have been approved by NSSAR.
- c. The most recent Application Status Report shows 3 Regular applications as being pended. No pended Supplemental applications are shown on the Application Status Report but I know there are some.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Report:

As reported in my July report, Compatriot Gary Steinhardt of the William Henry Harrison Chapter will assume the chairman duties beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. Prior to the Fall NSSAR Leadership Meeting, I inventoried the supply of medals, certificates and presentation folders and purchased a quantity which should be sufficient for the upcoming program year.

Southern Command Color Guard Report:

During the period 7 July to 5 October 2014, members of the INSSAR Color Guard, Southern Command, have or will have participated in the following events:

- a. 9 August: Lazy Days Parade, Gosport
- b. 20 August: NARFE Chapter #578 Meeting, Avoca
- c. 1 September 2014 Homecoming Day Parade, Paragon
- d. 6 September Patriot William King Grave Dedication, Washington Co
- e. 13/14 Sep 23rd Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
- f. 27 September Persimmon Festival Parade, Mitchell
- g. 5 October 47th Annual Orange County Pumpkin Festival Parade, French Lick

Upcoming events scheduled through the end of the year include:

- a. 19 October Patriot John McBride Grave Dedication, McBride Cemetery near Bedford
- b. 8 November Veteran's Day Parade, Evansville
- c. 23 November North Main Christmas Parade, Evansville
- d. 6 December Christmas Parade, Medora
- e. 7 December: 68th Annual Christmas Parade, Boonville

October 1, 2014

To: President, INSSAR
From: Jeff Hornung, Hoosier Patriot Editor
Subject: [Hoosier Patriot Report](#)

Postcards were mailed to 333 members at a cost of \$243.09. Members received the postcards on or around September 22.

The website link to the fall 2014 edition of the newsletter was emailed on September 28. Special thanks to Steve Oberlin for making this mailing process easy. Members should remember that back copies are available on the INSSAR.ORG website.

This issue had much more chapter activities and included the first chapter history article. Thanks to Jim Arnold for submitting the Daniel Guthrie chapter history.

Please be sure all pictures submitted include names of the people and a description of the event.

Sincerely,
Jeff Hornung
Hoosier Patriot Editor

Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution
INSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee Report

Subj: October 2014 State Meeting Reports

Partners in Patriotism (PiP)

Program Year June 01, 2014---May 31. 2015

We are off to a great start the INSSAR Website is showing 12 chapters plus the INSSAR as submitting at least one activity so far this year. Let's see if we can finish this year with 100% participation! If your chapter is missing from the list please let me know.

If you have any question on what you must do to qualify e-mail me. All the information is posted on the INSSAR Web Site as well.

Send in the form and provide a picture and small write up for the newsletter/historian.

Wreaths Across America (WAA)

Now is the time for your chapter to start thinking about sending letters to all the Veterans Organization in your area of operations. Asking for donations for these wreaths.

As a Chapter you must first get registered at Wreaths Across America www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or contact Marcy at marcy@wrethsacrossamerican.org she will help you get registered. Once you're registered and have Sponsoring Group ID Number and a Wreaths Sponsorship Form you can send this form to each of the Veterans Organizations. They in turn will send the donation to Wreaths Across American TM so you will not have to handle any of the money.

The three National Cemeteries in Indiana are:

- Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Indiana
- New Albany National Cemetery, New Albany, Indiana
- Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Madison, Indiana.

Help recognize our veterans and submit a picture and small write up for the newsletter/historian.

Military Records/Veterans Information

Chapter Presidents and his designated Veterans Chairman there is still a program within the NSSAR to document an a compatriots military service, a form is on the NSSAR Web site for all Veterans to fill out and send it in. The INSSAR also has it's own form to enroll compatriots into the Veterans Battalion.

Also as a reminder that NSSAR has a "Military Service Medal and Certificate" and a "War Service Medal and Certificate" that should be presented to each current SAR member in your chapter. This is a good way to let everyone in your chapter know who is a Veteran.

Document those who have served us, recognize them, and submit a picture and small write up for the newsletter/historian.

Respectfully Submitted,

Compatriot Kevin L. Waldroup, P.E.
INSSAR Veterans Programs Committee Chairman

President General Lindsey C. Brock has designated as one of his goals are to recognize all Compatriots with SW Asia Persian Gulf War Service that received one or more of the following medals, Southwest Asia Service, Liberation Kuwait (Saudi Arabia) or the Liberation Kuwait.

Also he is preparing a SPECIAL CERTIFICATE for all Compatriots who served in World War II. President Sharp and I have been working on this and will continue until we get all WWII Compatriots to NSSAR.

PG Joseph W. Dooley had for his goal the Vietnam War Certificates. If a compatriot received a Vietnam Service Medal he should have received a certificate.

PG Stephen A. Leishman had for his goal the Korean War and Korean Defense. If a compatriot received the Korean Service Medal or the Korean Defense Service Medal you should have received a Certificate.

Note: If you have not received a certificate please fill out the attached form and send it to me via e-mail or snail mail. I will then forward it to the VRC Committee Chairman for submission to

NSSAR to have the certificate made and presented to the INSSAR President to be presented to you.

Respectively

Compatriot James C. Arnold

NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee member

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