



The Iowa Compatriot

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We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifice established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe.

DAR to Honor Vietnam-Era Veterans

Candy Brown, the presenter from DAR who did the pinning/recognition at our State Spring Conference on June 2, passed along the following information.

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter (DAR) will be presenting 50th Anniversary Vietnam Era War Lapel Pins to veterans who served between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. Presentations will be made between 10:00 AM and 3:00PM on Saturday, August 18th at the Bass Pro Shop in Altoona, Iowa. In 2013, the chapter elected to be a partner with the Department of Defense to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.



One of the five objectives by the Commemorative Commission is “To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.” This includes pinning a special lapel pin on all living Vietnam veterans and also honoring surviving spouses, POWs, MIAs’ families and KIAs’ families.

Members from the DAR chapter will be on hand to answer questions about the special recognition while pinning all Vietnam veterans in attendance. Special commemorative pins will be available to the first 400 to stop by.

Each veteran receives a pin, a lapel pin fact sheet, the Presidential Proclamation, and a bumper sticker. No preregistration is required. This is a walk-in situation and should be a great time and special recognition for our Vietnam-era veterans.

For more information, go to <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

contributed by George DeMoss, IASSAR Secretary/ Treasurer

182nd National SAR National Congress

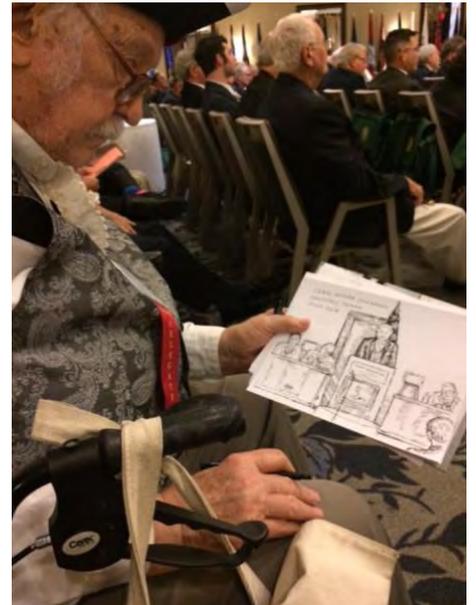


One of the best parts about attending a S.A.R. National Congress is the opportunity to meet Compatriots and their families from all over the world. Yes, there were attendees from France, Germany and Spain as well as most states. A few photos attached below are as follows.

The first photo is of myself and a gentleman that is a veteran of WWII. He's still active in the Color Guard and urging members both young and not quite so young to get involved!

The 2nd photo gives just a small sample of the more than 70 Color Guardsmen who were active participants throughout the week. Some say that the Color Guard is often the "face of the S.A.R" to the public.

The photo to the right is of Compatriot James Jefferson Johnson Jr. of the Texas Society. A truly interesting man, he would share his artistic talents with many. While sitting next to him during a morning session I had the great pleasure of watching him create a historical record in the form of a pencil drawing slowly appear before me of the scene in the front of the room. Don't be surprised to see a collection of Mr. Johnson's work appear in a future *SAR Magazine*.





David Graham of Iowa C.A.R. and now National President General of C.A.R. gave a very nice talk at the National SAR congress on Day 4



contributed by Mike Rowley

Editor's note: At the SAR National Congress, Compatriot Rowley, ever the dynamo of Iowa SAR, was elected SAR Vice President of the North Central Iowa District that includes Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Congrats, Mike!

SAR President General Promotes Awards

Our new National S.A.R. President General has a background in law enforcement (now retired homicide detective). He would like very much for each State and chapter to do their best to recognize and award at least one each of the following five medals to deserving recipients.

Medal for Heroism: recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firemen, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor.

SAR Life Saving Medal: presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal: presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal: presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with

constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal: presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously.



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Step Up and Help Your Compatriots

Compatriots, we need your help. Please consider serving the Iowa SAR by volunteering for one of the following state and/or chapter positions. Most of them do not take a lot of time. Thank you.

1st Vice President (state society): assists the State President; makes recommendations for awards Contact Mike Rowley for more information. MJR1825@gmail.com

Registrar: (state society): receives membership applications; assists applicants with genealogy Contact Mike Rowley for more information. MJR1825@gmail.com

Secretary-Treasurer (chapter and state society): maintains membership and financial records; works closely with the Registrar regarding membership records. Contact George DeMoss for more information. geodemoss62@gmail.com

Save the Dates!

The IASSAR has scheduled several very worthwhile events in August and September. We encourage all members to participate. Show your American spirit! As we know more details about the events below, we will email them to you.

Saturday, August 4, 2:00PM

DAR Dedication Ceremony: “Monument to the Memory of the Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Iowa” This Monument is on Memory Walk at the Veteran’s Cemetery in Van Meter. Dedication to be August 4, 2:00 pm at the Veterans Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Veterans Reception Center in Van Meter (across from Casey’s) <https://va.iowa.gov/cemetery>

Wednesday, August 8, 6:15PM

Iowa State Fair Parade: The Iowa DAR is again participating in the Iowa State Fair Parade, and has invited IASSAR to participate. The ISDAR will be wearing red, white, and blue this year and not colonial style dresses. The theme for the parade is Nothing Compares....Memories.
<http://www.isdar.org/>

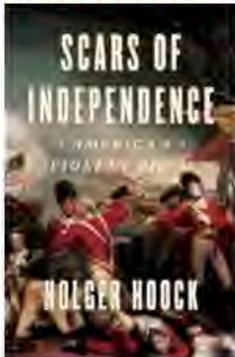
Saturday, September 8, 9:00AM

Flag disposal ceremony lead by SAR & GSW 1812 at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.
<https://www.mapquest.com/us/iowa/glendale-cemetery-356654556>

Saturday, September 15, 10:00AM

Beaverdale Fall Festival Parade: Wear your “best SAR outfit!” Bring some candy! Above all, have fun at this outstanding community event! Parade starts at 10:00AM. Meet near First Federated Church, 48th Street and Franklin Avenue about 9:30AM. <https://fallfestival.org/parade/>

Recommended Reading



Scars of Independence: America's Violent Birth

“The American Revolution is often portrayed as an orderly, restrained rebellion, with brave patriots defending their noble ideals against an oppressive empire. It’s a stirring narrative, and one the founders did their best to encourage after the war. But as historian Holger Hoock shows in this deeply researched and elegantly written account of America’s founding, the Revolution was not only a high-minded battle over principles, but also a profoundly violent civil war—one that shaped the nation, and the British Empire, in ways we have only begun to understand.” NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

Have you looked at the IASSAR Website Lately? Stay up-to-date with all IASSAR activities. www.iassar.org

Contribute to *The Iowa Compatriot*!

This is your newsletter, covering all activities and programs of the IASSAR. To keep it alive and vibrant, we need you to contribute stories about SAR events happening in your part of the state. The stories need not be long.



However, they do need to reflect the ideals of the SAR, and how our Iowa compatriots support them. Sharing what we do will help unify our membership. Please send your stories to me. We'd love to print your photos as well! My email address is dlfrazer@yahoo.com. If you would prefer to use the USPS to mail your news items and photos, address them to me at:

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The Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.*