



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.

Isaac Rowley: Youngest IASSAR Compatriot EVER!



North Central District Vice President General Mike Rowley (right) and Iowa SAR Color Guard member David Rowley (center) celebrate the birth of Isaac Rowley their first grandchild and child respectively by completing and submitting his Sons of the American Revolution Junior membership application just nine hours after his birth in Des Moines, Iowa.

Do You Have an Ancestor Who Served in Washington's Army at Valley Forge?

If so, you might want to make sure his name is on the Park list at Valley Forge. My ancestor was Daniel Robertson was not. After reading an article in the newsletter from **The Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge**, I sent my ancestor's name and a one-page copy of the payroll file from 1778 to Tom McNichol, 151 Sloan Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

tmcnichol@verizon.net



Less than a week later I received the following email from Mr. McNichol:

I am happy to inform you that Daniel's service is now in the VF muster roll under our ID# PA34106. It will take several weeks for the listing to make its way into the electronic site, but it should be on line time next month.

Thank you for helping us keep our records as accurate as possible.

Sincerely, Tom

contributed by Mike Rowley



The official start of the Iowa State Fair begins with the Parade the night before opening day. This year Iowa Color Guard members Jon Verner and Mike Rowley joined along with the D.A.R. & the C.A.R. in the 2 1/2 mile walk on a warm August evening through downtown Des Moines. The streets were lined with thousands of spectators and of course the parade entries (that numbered over 130) were diverse. All in all a great opportunity to expose the public to our organization.

contributed by Mike Rowley
Jon Verner left, Mike Rowley right
photo by Angie Reiger





FLAG RETIREMENT VOLUNTEERS

Flags often decorate our cemeteries and our community. When they are worn beyond repair, we prepare them for retirement. Each year after hundreds of flags are prepped, Company "A" 49th Iowa Infantry volunteers give the flags a dignified retirement. They even built the USS Zentí (photo below left) to help with the ceremony.

They need the help of three adults to assist in the next retirement. All supplies and training will be provided on site to make sure it is a safe event. You may be standing for long periods of time and lifting flags and tools to assist.

When: September 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Email: parksvolunteer@dm.gov

Call: 248-6380



I'm currently on a family road trip, had to take the girls to Ewington, OH to show them where their Patriot William "Swago Bill" Ewing is buried. We also made a stop at Point Pleasant, WV where he fought.

A friend who retired years ago saw my daughters post and sent me a message that he had a grandfather killed during the Point Pleasant battle.



contributed by compatriot Paul S.



On Saturday August 4, 2018 the continued great works of the **Iowa D.A.R.** were again on display. The event was the unveiling of the monument at **The Iowa Veterans Cemetery** in Van Meter, Iowa.

The monument was a State Regents project of the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution and it is in memory of Revolutionary War soldiers and Patriots buried in Iowa. IASSAR members may recall that the SAR recognizes 41 documented Revolutionary War

veteran grave sites and memorials. There are likely at least a few more that remain undocumented (even one who was said to have fought for the British). The documented sites can be seen on the Iowa SAR website managed by IASSAR member & Webmaster Patrick Lant at <http://iassar.org/2016/11/02/patriot-gravestone-project/> The event was attended by the Iowa Society Color Guard and veteran and IASSAR member David Shannon as well as about 60 others. **Pictured left to right: DAR member Judy McNamara, Cindi Carter-ISDAR State Regent, 2016-2018, Dave Shannon and Mike Rowley**

Step Up and Serve

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. New members are especially encouraged to serve.

Mike Rowley writes: "Several Corporations allow their employees up to 2 days or 16 hours per year to volunteer service. In the case of many, the organization must be a 501c3. Both the Central Iowa Chapter and the Iowa Society are designated as 501c3 by the IRS. Sixteen hours of your time could be used to assist as SAR officers."

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

Welcome New IASSAR Members

Below are new members March-early August 2018:

Mitchell Brett Callaway	Nicholas J. Losby	Joshua D. Dyer	Aaron T. Martin	Christopher Andre Martin
Arnold Andrew Martin	Caleb Newman	Cole Newman	Corey Newman	Robert D. Niffenegger
Brian J. Ridler	Kevin Lee Schmitt	John E Thornton		

Save the Dates!

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

Saturday, September 8, 9:00AM

Flag disposal ceremony led by SAR and 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/>

Saturday, October 6

IASSAR Fall Meeting. Walker Johnson Park, Urbandale, IA

Kevin Parmenter, IASSAR 1st VP, has provided details about this event in the membership information that was mailed to you. This is a non-traditional and FUN event.

If You Use Email

We are happy to send *The Iowa Compatriot* to you in the US mail. If you use email, however, please let us send the newsletter to you electronically. This will save the IASSAR time, production expenses, and postage. Please send your email address to me at dlfrazer@yahoo.com

Thanks!

Doug Frazer, President, IASSAR

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.*