



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.

IASSAR Spring Conference Moves to Newton

Mark your calendars! The IASSAR Spring Conference will be held at the DMACC-Newton Conference Center, Newton, on Saturday, June 2. Details will be announced in a postal mailing, as well as in the May 1 *Iowa Compatriot*.



IASSAR Salutes ISCAR at 71st Annual Conference



On March 17, 2018, IASSAR State President Alan Wenger and State Historian Doug Frazer attended the 71st Annual Conference of the Iowa Society, Children of the American Revolution, at the Boone County Historical Center in Boone, IA. ISCAR President David Franks and Senior State President Melissa Kramme-Franks received financial contributions from both the Central Iowa Chapter and the State S.A.R. to support their current and upcoming programs. Frazer also distributed pamphlets and spoke on several youth programs sponsored by the S.A.R.

President Franks discussed the ISCAR state project this past year: raising funds to donate to the Puppy Jack Foundation, an Iowa-based program to train and provide service dogs to veterans. David's dad, John Franks, is in the service on his 5th deployment. This project is especially close to David, and he was able to present a check for \$3641.00 to Puppy Jake to aid in their continuing work. It is said that this amount is the most money ever raised by the I.S.C.A.R. for any of their projects. Congratulations to all!

(1) L-R, Melissa Kramme-Franks, I.S.C.A.R. Senior State President, David Franks, State President, I.S.C.A.R., Alan Wenger, State President, I.S.S.A.R., and Doug Frazer, State Historian, I.S.S.A.R.

(2) L-R, Melissa Kramme-Franks, I.S.C.A.R. Senior State President, David Franks, State President, I.S.C.A.R., Karras, a female Black Lab and Puppy Jake trainee, and Colleen, her "foster parent" and trainer.

contributed by Alan Wenger, President, IASSAR

Fall Membership Campaign a Great Success

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to YOU, our members. We had a very successful membership campaign last fall. Good to see most everyone is back with us for 2018. Since January 1, these are new members: Joshua Davenport of Unionville, Thomas Filloon of Fort Dodge, David Little of Mason City, and Andrew Martin and his sons Aaron and Christopher of Ankeny. Welcome to SAR!

Also, two reinstatements have been processed: Ryan Thorsen of Minneapolis and William Symington IV of Urbandale. Glad to have you with us, guys!

Those additions bring our membership to 151. and... *We want more!* Keep going on our effort to recruit new members. Spread the word!

contributed by George DeMoss, IASSAR Sec/Treasurer



Iowa Society Again Earns Furlong Memorial Award

In 1949 Admiral William R. Furlong was elected commander-in-chief of the Military Order of the World Wars. He was also a member of the Naval Order of the United States (companion number 2459). In 1949 he joined the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was assigned national membership number 71,282 and society number 2662.

The Admiral Furlong Memorial Award is awarded by the NSSAR for the public display of the American flag by a non-governmental organization. The IASSAR recently honored three institutions with flag certificates, and therefore qualified for this year's Furlong Award. The institutions are DMACC-Newton Campus, Monroe Elementary School (DSM), and Mid-Iowa Council, BSA.

*contributed by Mike Rowley and Doug Frazer;
citation: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_R._Furlong*



Van Beek Places in Top Ten in Eagle Scout National Contest

Eagle Scout Isaac Van Beek, representing BSA Troop 211 in Sioux Center, IA, has placed in the top ten, nationally, of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. Applications were received from 43 states. Isaac placed first in IASSAR competition, held earlier this year. He and his family will be honored at the IASSAR Spring Conference at Newton on June 2nd.

Sibani Ram Repeats as IASSAR Knight Essay Winner

Sibani Ram, a senior at Dubuque Senior High School, placed first in state-level competition in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This is Sibani's *second* first-place showing. Her essay, entitled "Thomas Paine: No Tolerance for Tyranny," is reprinted below:

Thomas Paine: No Tolerance for Tyranny by Sibani Ram

Revolution leaps into life when common people dive all in. From Toussaint Louverture's transformation of individual Haitian Revolution insurgency to the United States' widespread middle-class craze for industrialization in the Gilded Age, revolution blossoms from bottom up. While the elite can provide support, true revolutions live and breathe through the furious, unbridled views of the masses. Although sentiments against the tyranny of Britain raged in local clandestine town halls of the early American colonies, one document was the flame of action: Common Sense. This simple yet striking pamphlet, written by Thomas Paine, moved a widespread audience. Common Sense catalyzed an impassioned fight for the strongly-rooted ideal of liberty that today encompasses the American spirit.

"Until independence is declared, the continent will feel itself like a man who continues putting off some unpleasant business from day to day, yet knows it must be done, hates to set about it, wishes it over, and is continually haunted with the thoughts of its necessity." In a time of injustice and uncertainty, these inspiring words from Common Sense stirred the hearts of farmers as easily as the intelligentsia of the 1700s. The tyrannical nature of Britain became much clearer, as Paine's powerful rhetoric pushed thousands of annoyed colonists off the fence. Though Paine was not the glorious commander of the Patriot army, he took an incredible risk in this endeavor. The zealous, talented writer narrowly escaped death many times in response to his publication. While the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and Constitution were masterpieces, Common Sense was unequivocal in its message. By comparing British officials to "monsters", Paine elucidated the consequences of reality, showing the need for fundamental shifts in the ideology of colonial government.

Born and raised in an impecunious Quaker family in England, Paine's early education came to shocking halt at age thirteen when he was forced to work in an apprenticeship. He was dismissed from his occupation in the excise office of England due to his staunch opposition of corruption. Nevertheless, Paine purchased books and scientific tools with his measly earnings to quench his thirst for knowledge. After migrating to the colonies, he quickly formed a camaraderie with Benjamin Franklin, who immediately recognized and nurtured Paine's talent for writing. Amidst the passage of the Stamp Act and the rise of taxation without representation, Common Sense was widely distributed across the colonial shops and taverns. Patriots began to realize that the war against Britain was inevitable. Whispers of insurgency filled the saloons which soon inspired other revolutionaries including Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams. Terror loomed in the air. The exhilaration of an uncertain future and rebellion against the mother country was daunting. Paine, however, expounded patriotically. "Why is it that we hesitate?

From Britain we can expect nothing but ruin. If she is admitted to the government of America again, this continent will not be worth living in.", he asserted.

A stalwart supporter of democracy, Paine attacked England's system of monarchy. He compared King George to a father who savored his children as a hearty meal. "Even brutes do not devour their young", Paine wrote. 120,000 copies of Common Sense were sold within the first month of its release, making it the most popular pamphlet during the Revolutionary War. Beyond Paine's irrefutable aptitude for writing lies a man who adhered so deeply to democracy. In July of 1776, when Congress voted for American independence, the dream of Thomas Paine arose from its incipency. A magnanimous human being despite having risen from poverty, Paine donated every penny of his profits from Common Sense to the Continental Army. He served in the Continental Army himself, while inspiring other soldiers to do so as well. Paine's

ideals of freedom didn't end with the publication of Common Sense. He followed up with The American Crisis, a series of essays that detailed his ongoing support for America's Independence. General George Washington found these essays so moving that he read them to the American troops in the frigid winters at the Battle of Valley Forge.

A man who turned against his homeland, England, Thomas Paine's exceptional courage is somewhat unsung today. It was the timeliness of Common Sense that shifted the beliefs of many undecided Americans. It was the straightforwardness of Paine's style that fueled Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. Though Thomas Paine wasn't President of the United States, he is as much of a founding father as George Washington. While his words squeezed their way into the hearts of so many, Paine's perseverance is a light predominant beyond his words. His persistence is a glowing example that formal education, native nationality, social class, etc. are not needed to make a difference in the world. Like Thomas Paine and Common Sense, the only necessities are a strong courage of conviction and an attitude steeped in resilience.



**“Sometimes, to build the future,
we have to look to our past.”**

STATE NUMBER	NAME	RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION	BORN
9 949	Baker, Howard Newell	Pierson, Ia.	Physician	Tolono, Deampaign Co Illinois March 31-1881
9 950	Newman, Marion Edgar	Sibley, Iowa Osceola Co.	Farmer	Sibley, Osceola Co Iowa July 26-1904
9 951	Symonds, Harry Leland	Sac City Sac Co., Iowa	Millwright -	Franklin, Merrimack Co New Hampshire August 26-1825

90	(1) Albert Ted Newman Ida Mae Altig	Abram Newman (4) Pvt. 4 Co. 4 Regt New York. also Drummer Regt	Aug. 28-1925
104	(2) Savillion Newman Sarah Tann	Jesse Davis (5) Pvt. Capt Daniel's Co. 6th Massa. Regt. Col. Viger	
	(3) Aaron Dehay Newman Sally Davis		
	(4) Abram Newman Lucinda Crippen		

93 years ago, a young Marion Newman joined the Iowa S.A.R. as a 21-year-old. This week we are submitting applications for his grandson and 2 great-grandsons.

Pictured above are the original entries in the VOL 1 Iowa SAR membership book.

contributed by IASSAR Vice President Mike Rowley

Did you know? from *A Guide Book of United States Coins*

The first silver dollar-sized American coin was the Continental Currency coin, minted in 1776. It was intended to serve in place of the paper dollar (which had earned the unfortunate label, "not worth a Continental"). The reverse design, displaying the unity of the former colonies, was suggested by Benjamin Franklin.



contributed by Doug Frazer, IASSAR Historian

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.*