



## 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.*

## Compatriots Parade Their Pride



SAR, GSW 1812 and ASW members pre- July 4<sup>th</sup> Urbandale Parade  
left to right - David Rowley, Alan Wenger, Mike Rowley, Jon Verner, Doug Frazer, Tom Clegg, and  
Brandon Christensen





*"Well it sure fired last year!"*



*Compatriot Daniel Thorsen, Mason City*



*One bad wheel (or left leg) does not stop Iowa SAR member Dan Thorsen and family from celebrating early the 4th of July week festivities.*





**Kudos** to our Iowa GSW 1812, SAR & SUVCW work team, who in honor of the 4th of July re-set the toppled stone of **Ezra Dockstader** who served in Company A 26th Iowa Infantry.

Pvt. Dockstader is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

One repaired today is one more than yesterday.

A little D-2 bio cleaning solvent, scrubbing and it will be looking good again and standing for many years.

Mike Rowley



I wanted to share just a bit from the trip to Fort Atkinson (in Nebraska) by some of our members on June 30th.

First, this was my first trip to the fort which is near Omaha (less than 2 hours from my home). What an outstanding living history attraction. It is a very large facility with rooms dedicated to nearly everything that would have been needed for a fort to function, from surgeons' quarters, to blacksmith, to laundry, to confinement, kitchens and on and on.

I would highly recommend anyone interested in early American History making a visit to this fine facility.

The local Color Guard graciously allowed me to be a part of the opening flag raising and meet and greet with the public.

I was also pleased to be joined by several Iowa and NE SAR and Iowa GSW 1812 members.

The first photo is a Color Guard from NE with Mike Rowley of the Iowa GSW 1812 Color Guard second from left.

The second photo attached (left to right) is SAR North Central District Vice President John Parsons, Mike Rowley IA SAR & GSW 1812, William Webbs IA GSW 1812 and NE SAR, Tom Lanz IA SAR, next 3 generations of 1812 veteran descendants and Paul H Burright NE SAR member & GSW 1812 MAL member.

Mike Rowley



## IASSAR Former President Bill Lees Dies

Bill Lees, age 97, of Boone, Iowa passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Eastern Star Home. He was a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was President of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. As part of those memberships, Bill represented Iowa as the Iowa Trustee to the National Headquarters of the SAR for 35 years through 2016. In 1992 he was named a Minuteman for his service to the National Society of the SAR, the highest award for a member.



## 18 Individuals, Institutions Earn Flag Certificates

The IASSAR flag certificate program is alive and well. Since June 1, eighteen certificates have been presented to individuals and institutions (from across Iowa and both “Iowa coasts”) for showing proper respect and caring for the American flag.

You are encouraged to recognize people and institutions in your local area who do the same. Please send their names and addresses to me at [dlfrazer@yahoo.com](mailto:dlfrazer@yahoo.com). I will mail your nominees a certificate.

Doug Frazer





## Compatriot David Lamb's Notes Prince William and Prince Harry's Military Service

Lads,

A bit of British military history to celebrate the Royal wedding. If you watched the wedding, you noticed that Harry and William were both in uniforms. William was originally commissioned into the "Blues and Royals" and is the honorary Col.-in-Chief of the Welsh Guards (he also holds commissions in the Irish Guards, the Coldstream Guards, the RAF, the Royal Navy, and a couple of other units that I

don't recall off the top).

Harry served in both the Royal Marines for a bit, but then actually served two tours in Afghanistan with the Blues and Royals an armored cavalry unit in the modern army, and the guys that you see on horseback ahead of, and behind the carriage (called the Ascot Landau) that Harry and Meghan took a spin through Windsor and the Great Park following today's wedding. He holds the rank of Major.

Both men graduated from "Sandhurst", the British equivalent of the USMA at West Point. Both are fully qualified military pilots.

Under British law, William (who is actually second in line for the throne) is not allowed to serve in a combat unit of the military. Hence, he could not remain as an active line officer in a combat unit like the Blues and Royals. So....actually found his niche by becoming a very talented sea rescue helicopter pilot for the Royal Air Force Sea Rescue. He did manage to fly two fixed wing re-supply missions into Afghanistan. He also holds a commission in the Royal Navy.

Harry, on the other hand, served in forward deployed units on both tours in Afghanistan, and is VERY highly thought of as "one of the lads" by the men of both units--hence their presence on the steps of St. George's Chapel to render their sabre salutes as the newlyweds left the church; and, their ceremonial mounted escorts in today's ceremonies. During one of his deployments in the ATO, his unit came to the rescue of a Gurkha unit...thus earning their undying gratitude (they were also there today, outside the chapel to lend moral support and honor their "mate."

The "Blues and Royals" date from the period of Oliver Cromwell's "New Model Army" of the mid 1500's and are distinguished by their red (The Royals) and blue (The Blues) tunics. They have been amalgamated now, and both are headquartered at Horse Guards Palace at the opposite end of St. James's Park from Buckingham Palace.

David

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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](mailto: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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