



The Iowa Compatriot

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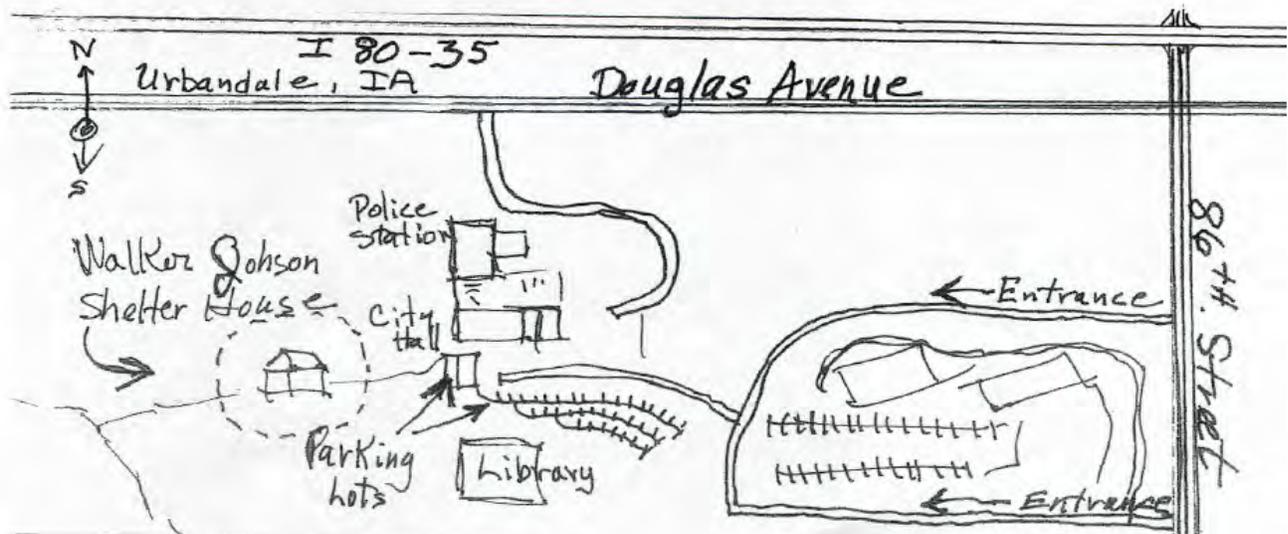
We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifice established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe.

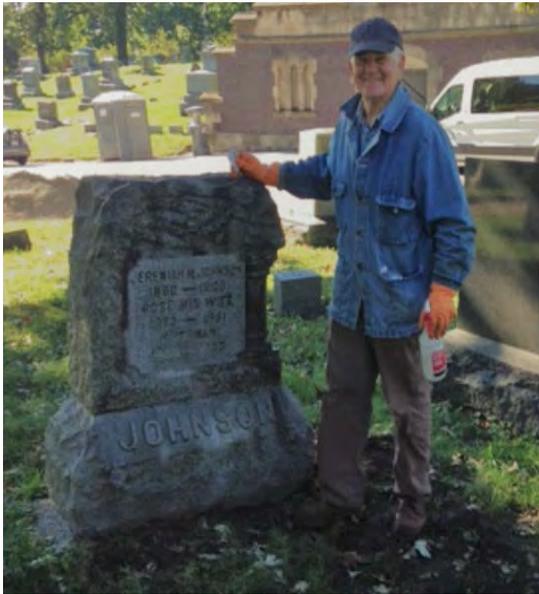
**See you and your family at the IASSAR Fall Conference!
Saturday, October 6, 11:00AM social time; 12:00 noon potluck dinner
Walker Johnson Park, Urbandale, IA**

Our IASSAR Fall Conference will be held in the open-air shelter at the south end of the soccer field at Walker Johnston Park in Urbandale, IA on Saturday, October 6th. There will be a social time from 11:00 AM until approximately noon, followed by lunch, and a short business meeting lasting less than 30 minutes.

This event is for your entire family and will be a potluck style lunch so bring your favorite dish for all to enjoy. Don't forget to bring plates, silverware, and drinks for you and your family. There are charcoal grills available near the shelter, but they are first come, first served so there is no guarantee they will be available. There are numerous park amenities that you and your family can enjoy either before or after lunch. These include many walking paths, playground equipment, skateboard park, and lots of open space to enjoy your own outdoor games. The shelter is also very close to the Urbandale Library. Walker Johnston Park is officially located at 9000 Douglas Avenue in Urbandale. However, this parking lot will be quite a distance from the open-air shelter we have reserved so it is recommended to use either of two entrances south of Douglas on the west side of 86th Street.

Please see the attached map for directions. Arrows show the two entrances off 86th Street. The open-air shelter is circled on the map. There are a few parking places in the Urbandale Police Department parking lot that are the nearest available parking to the shelter. The third arrow on the map points to this parking lot.





Several members of the Iowa S.A.R. volunteered at the Historic Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa on 26 SEP 2018. While there are no Revolutionary War Patriots in the landmark there are several actual Daughters of the D.A.R. as well as veterans for every conflict back to the War of 1812.



Robert Niffenegger, Ron Rittel and Mike Rowley joined with about 20 other volunteers to clean as many gravestones as possible. This is normally the responsibility of family and friends but since many no longer have either in the area volunteers work to insure the quality is maintained.

Of note, the grave (Weaver) in the photo of Ron Rittel is actually the grave of the grandfather of the creator of THE DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip.
contributed by Mike Rowley

2019 Membership Update

Thank you to all the members who have sent in checks for the 2019 dues. Nearly 100 members have answered in the first month - a terrific response.

A potential delivery problem has surfaced with the Ankeny Post Office. If you get a dues/check envelope returned to you by the postal system, please send it through the mail again. Although they are rare, mistakes do happen. Same address please:

George E. DeMoss, Secretary/Treasurer
2213 NW College Avenue, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

Lifetime Membership Information

Several members have asked about LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS. The cost depends on your age when you apply for Lifetime Membership. I have enclosed the Age = Cost table that is current from NSSAR. If you are considering applying for Lifetime membership, do not pay the dues for 2019 now. Regular memberships were quoted the annual dues costs on the membership cards that were sent the last week of August. You have a couple months to think about the decision.

Here are some facts that you want to consider:

1. Lifetime memberships cover National Dues, not individual State dues. It is a lump sum plan for individuals who want to pay their total lifetime obligation on National Dues.
2. Lifetime membership is exactly that--- all National Dues will be paid for your entire lifetime. If you have a Regular Membership, you pay annual dues for FIFTY years and your membership then changes to EMERITUS Membership. Emeritus members are not billed National Dues. Emeritus membership stays with the member as long as the member wishes to maintain his membership in SAR.
3. State dues are paid annually for Regular memberships in the states. The amount of dues for each state is controlled by the State organization. States can and do make changes in their dues costs.

Lifetime members (National) are billed State dues by the state societies that hold their memberships, not where they reside. Members decide which state holds their membership and can transfer easily from one state to another.

4. Lifetime definition is exactly that. There are no special consideration for members who die earlier than one might expect, due to accidents, disease, military deaths, resignations, etc. No refunds are processed because of special situations. Lifetime is all the years a member continues to live and wants to continue his membership in SAR.

So after you think over the variables on the situation, please renew your Regular membership, sending a check and the cut off form if you have information for us, OR if you decide to apply for a lifetime membership, email the Secretary (geodemoss62@gmail.com) and I will send you a form to complete and return, along with your check based on the Age=Costs chart. I will process the application and send it to National Society.

Thank you. George DeMoss

NSSAR National Life Membership Dues

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 124th Congress in July 2014, the following rates for the National Life Membership Program were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member, and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.**

| Age = \$Cost |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 = \$1,040 | 16 = \$965 | 31 = \$870 | 46 = \$730 | 61 = \$540 | 76 = \$325 | 91 = \$160 |
| 2 = \$1,035 | 17 = \$960 | 32 = \$860 | 47 = \$720 | 62 = \$530 | 77 = \$315 | 92 = \$150 |
| 3 = \$1,030 | 18 = \$955 | 33 = \$855 | 48 = \$705 | 63 = \$515 | 78 = \$300 | 93 = \$140 |
| 4 = \$1,025 | 19 = \$950 | 34 = \$845 | 49 = \$700 | 64 = \$500 | 79 = \$290 | 94 = \$135 |
| 5 = \$1,020 | 20 = \$945 | 35 = \$835 | 50 = \$685 | 65 = \$485 | 80 = \$275 | 95 = \$125 |
| 6 = \$1,015 | 21 = \$940 | 36 = \$830 | 51 = \$670 | 66 = \$470 | 81 = \$265 | 96 = \$120 |
| 7 = \$1,010 | 22 = \$935 | 37 = \$820 | 52 = \$660 | 67 = \$460 | 82 = \$250 | 97 = \$90 |
| 8 = \$1,005 | 23 = \$925 | 38 = \$810 | 53 = \$650 | 68 = \$440 | 83 = \$240 | 98 = \$60 |
| 9 = \$1,000 | 24 = \$920 | 39 = \$800 | 54 = \$635 | 69 = \$425 | 84 = \$225 | 99 = \$30 |
| 10 = \$995 | 25 = \$915 | 40 = \$790 | 55 = \$625 | 70 = \$415 | 85 = \$215 | 100 + = \$0 |
| 11 = \$990 | 26 = \$905 | 41 = \$780 | 56 = \$610 | 71 = \$400 | 86 = \$205 | |
| 12 = \$985 | 27 = \$900 | 42 = \$770 | 57 = \$595 | 72 = \$385 | 87 = \$195 | |
| 13 = \$980 | 28 = \$895 | 43 = \$760 | 58 = \$585 | 73 = \$370 | 88 = \$185 | |
| 14 = \$975 | 29 = \$885 | 44 = \$750 | 59 = \$570 | 74 = \$353 | 89 = \$175 | |
| 15 = \$970 | 30 = \$875 | 45 = \$740 | 60 = \$550 | 75 = \$345 | 90 = \$165 | |



One of the benefits of visiting other S.A.R. state societies meeting is the opportunity to talk to many different folks. While I have communicated with **John Hallberg Jones** many times by email my attendance at the MN Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) & The General Society Sons of the Revolution (GSSR) joint Fall meeting gave us an opportunity to me and talk in person.

John is a fascinating man. He belongs to over 50 different lineage groups (<http://www.hereditary.us/jones.htm>) and has taken an active role in many.

John has been a member of the S.A.R since the Kennedy administration. If i understood him correctly he has also been the Secretary for 45 years!

The MN S.A.R. meeting was held at the historic Jax Cafe in Minneapolis with about 60 in attendance. The Color Guard was outstanding and Compatriot Jones MC'ed the meeting and his quick wit kept things moving nicely in both formal and informal ways.

The Society has seen an increase in membership over the last 7-8 years from about 110 members to over 250 members. Their newsletters can be found on their website and they are a very welcoming group.

Their next public meeting is Saturday 16 FEB 2019. A Constitution Day Luncheon with Speaker Kevin Sullivan talking on "Freemasonry and the American Revolution"

Thanks for making an Iowa S.A.R member feel at home.

Respectfully,

Mike Rowley
North Central District Vice President General



After a request from a family member for assistance in marking the grave of Civil War veteran **Wm. G. Shermerhorn** of Company G, 27 Vol. Infantry, Iowa S.A.R. member **Tom Gaard** set the task in motion by researching and documenting the needed support to procure the VA supplied stone.

Although Shermerhorn's is not one of the 41 known Revolutionary War veteran graves known to exist in Iowa, Army National Guard veteran Tom Gaard and Marine veteran **Danny Krock** still completed the task as part of their long-term commitment to see that no veteran is forgotten.

On 21 SEP 2018, Tom and Danny were joined by fellow member Mike Rowley and the cemetery sexton. The 156-lb granite stone was carried to the rural cemetery, located among cornfields and gravel roads in Laurel, Iowa. The hole was dug, and with generous donations from fellow IASSAR members **Rick Hickman** of West Des Moines and **Richard Hickman** of Omaha, the needed materials were on hand to properly install the grave marker.

The family has requested a ceremony by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War later next spring.

Respectfully submitted,
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

Here are new members August – September 2018:

Kevin Lee Schmitt, Pocahontas; **John Edwin Thornton**, Urbandale; **Steven Cooper**, Osage; **Thomas Alex**, West Des Moines; **Denis Ray James**, Guthrie Center (reinstatement); **Travis Green**, Mankato; **Charles Steck**, Waukesha, WI; **Chris Haase**, **Mark Haase**, and **Peter Haase**, Ames, transferring from Texas

2018-2019 IASSAR Officers

As a current member of Iowa SAR, you should note the following list of officers for 2018-2019. The information can be used to correct the information on page 2 of your copy of the **2017 Compatriot Directory**.

---George DeMoss, Secretary / Treasurer

President	Doug Frazer	dlfrazer@yahoo.com
1st Vice President	Mike Rowley	mjr1825@gmail.com
2nd Vice President	Kevin Parmenter	mail@parmenter.com
Secretary/Treasurer	George E. DeMoss	geodemoss62@gmail.com
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Historian/ Newsletter	Doug Frazer	dlfrazer@yahoo.com

Webmaster	Patrick Lant	iassarwebsite@gmail.com
Trustee	Mike Rowley	mjr1825@gmail.com
Alternate Trustee	Tom Gaard	gaardt@aol.com
Past President	Alan Wenger	awenger5@mchsi.com
President of Central Iowa Chapter	Doug Frazer	dlfrazer@yahoo.com

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON ENDOWMENT FUND

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for support of NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The GWEF is the only permanently restricted endowment fund established and managed under the expressed authority of the George Washington Endowment Board of the SAR. The GWEF has grown annually and continues support of approved NSSAR activities and projects. The corpus of the fund is never touched. Eighty percent of the earnings are withdrawn each year to support NSSAR project with twenty percent being rolled back into the corpus each year.

The George Washington Fellows have elected through their single gift or a payment plan to give a \$1000.00 membership donation or more, thereby leaving a patriotic legacy of a lifetime whose perpetual gift never dies and continues to support the SAR in perpetuity. Becoming a George Washington Fellow is not limited to SAR members. Spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces are eligible. And once a George Washington Fellow, you are always listed as a George Washington Fellow. Your donation is a perpetual gift that never dies. It is working to support the SAR in perpetuity. All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold lapel pin, a certificate acknowledging their status as a GW Fellow, and their name is added to the list of all GS Fellows in the SAR Genealogical and Research Library. For more information visit the National SAR website, contact SAR Foundation, or contact your Iowa Society SAR President. Please consider making a gift or commitment to the program and leave a patriotic legacy for life.

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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*Let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution,
The Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.*