



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 Shows Significant Membership Increase, Strong Financials

Compatriots:

We have welcomed a NEW YEAR and we can see challenges ahead. It's good to know where we are right now. Membership has had a significant increase. How much? New members, regular and junior, plus transfers in,

plus reinstatements was a solid +40. Mike Rowley and I realized thru the year that more requests were coming for information, for applications, for guys to join again after being inactive a few years. We are glad for everybody that wanted to join Iowa SAR. Our losses were several resignations, several deaths, and several not paying dues this year: a total decrease of 9. We always expect a few losses because none of us is getting younger. So those additions and corrections total a plus 38. We began a year ago with 146 members, and as of February 10 we now have 184. Hurrah! Everyone knows we need members to exist, to participate, to see opportunities to volunteer, to engage our Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts and CAR members. They are our future! We can't overlook that. Nor can we overlook our members that continue to search for more ancestors and file supplemental applications for our state and national membership records. I will report more about supplemental applications next month.

Mike Rowley and I do thank each of you for becoming a member, for remaining a member, and for reinstating as a member. Your participation, your ideas and questions, give us direction. Each of you is a salesman for SAR. Tell relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about SAR and your membership in it. That connection is important.

I do not know each of you personally, having not met you. I can tell you that officers try to be prompt and send responses to your suggestions. We realize that Iowa SAR is sort of loosely constructed, miles apart, but is strongly dedicated to doing what's right for our state society and national society and for you---our members-- individually.

Thank you for a successful year.
George E. DeMoss, Secretary

Compatriots:

As of the end of 2018, IASSAR's treasury looks good, healthy, and solid. As you know, for each membership, Iowa Society keeps \$15.00 for state dues, and sends \$ 35.00 to the national Society. Therefore, with 184 members, ISSAR operates on an incoming funding of about \$1600. We are frugal in our use of treasury dollars.

As a back-up to our budget of available funds, we have two certificates of deposit and a savings account. One certificate of deposit is directly from a donor. We accepted that money by agreeing to follow the rules of the gift--an endowment account. We can use that account for activities promoting our relationship with Boys Scouts, Eagle Scouts. youth programs, contests, etc., inside Iowa. That account has \$17,006.36 at the present time.

A second certificate of deposit is IASSAR private money. It be used as the Society sees fit, and is under the control of the IASSAR Board of Managers. Currently the balance is \$14,182.12

The savings account is a restricted-use account, controlled by the IASSAR Board of Managers. Its sole purpose is to help to establish and develop new chapters of SAR in Iowa. The balance is \$5107.56.

The checking account we have is for day-to-day operations. The account grows rapidly during the fall months when incoming dues are collected for the following year. It rises above \$10,000. In January, I wrote one large check for \$5265.00 to the National Society to pay for all the national dues for all IASSAR members. So, our checking account balance is now about \$5000.00 where it usually stays for the remainder of the year.

Of special note regarding our finances. Our expenditures for work with students in the ROTC and other such educational programs in Iowa are fully reimbursed by the Ladd Trust, administered by Wells Fargo. Reimbursements amounted to over \$500.00 in 2018. In addition, we sometimes receive donations. The Honorable Sen. Charles and Mrs. Grassley donated \$50.00 this year in addition to paying his membership dues. We are grateful for that kind of support as well.

Safety is always a concern for handling dollars belonging to the Iowa SAR. For confidence and safety, none of our accounts has an e-connection. I rely on personal visits to the bank and show identification to bank employees before conducting society business transactions. We can accept e-checks from payers if they so choose. Those are directed to the Northwest Bank, Ankeny, using bank numbers and account numbers for incoming transactions only. I think we are safe here.

Thanks to each of your for supporting Iowa SAR.
Let's look forward to another good year!

George E. DeMoss, Treasurer

IASSAR Honors Woodland Cemetery Benefactors

The Iowa SAR awarded 3 certificates of appreciation on 22 JAN 2019.

The recipients were Archie Cook, Mike Simonson and Buzz Brenton. All were honored by the Des Moines Park and Recreation board for their very generous donations of time, expertise and financial support of preserving the history of Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

The historic cemetery is the final resting place for veterans from every conflict from 1812 to the Vietnam War.



Photo left to right: VPG Mike Rowley, Mike Simonson, unknown, Jemiesky Hernandez, Gerry Neugent (Knapp Properties Inc.)

Couple Seeks Help Creating “World’s Largest Display” of (Flying) Revolutionary War Flags



I am Ken Molzahn. I live in Collins, MO with my wife, Sue. We are both retired and have begun an ambitious flag project to celebrate the American Revolutionary War era by erecting 94 20-foot flagpoles down our 1/8th of a mile driveway.

To date we have 26 flags flying (see pictures attached). Sue and I are buying, or Sue is sewing, various militia, regimental colors, naval ensigns and US flag variations to be included chronologically from the Kings Colours (1765) to the Tax Protest Flags (early 1770s) to Lexington and Concord and, finally, to Yorktown. We obviously want as many regimental and militia flag designs as possible since we are 20 flags short of 94 needed. We have all the commercially available militia flags (i.e., Bedford, Forster, Culpepper, Hanover, Newport, Newburyport, and Bladen-Bunswick and Bucks of America) and all the regimental flags CRW Flags and The Flag Guys sell @ 45. Hence, I hope this plea falls on sympatric ears (eyes).

If you are aware of any description or crude drawing Sue and I would be very grateful to have it. FYI Sue is a fabulous seamstress and designer so many of our flags will be

resurrected if we can lay our hands on a description(s). We thank you beforehand for your interest, knowledge and time to help to retirees who are obviously NOT SCHOLARS. We have been assured by the American Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution organizations that we will have the **WORLD’S LARGEST DISPLAY (i.e., FLYING) OF AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR/ERA FLAGS ON THE PLANET!** Finally, if it would be helpful, I can send the list of the regimental, militia, naval and US flags variations we currently have, thus preventing a waste of your time. Please advise.

God Bless!!

Sincerely

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Opportunities to Serve

Please consider serving the Iowa SAR by volunteering for one of the following leadership positions. **New members** are especially encouraged to serve. Compatriots Mike Rowley and George DeMoss will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the leadership positions listed below. Both are willing to spend time with you in person to show you what they do. Don't worry about "being thrown into" a position without any help. We all help each other. Should you decide to volunteer for a position, you would not need to start right away.

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

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

Leadership Crisis! Please help.

Compatriot **Mike Rowley** has stepped away from the position of IASSAR Registrar. President **Doug Frazer** has succeeded him temporarily (until June) as Acting Registrar. Compatriot **George DeMoss**, who has served IASSAR for almost two years as Secretary-Treasurer, will step away from his position before the annual IASSAR spring meeting, scheduled tentatively in early June. We will miss their dedication and talent.

Without compatriots to succeed them in these positions, the Iowa SAR will be "dead in the water." No new membership applications can be processed, and no financial transactions can be made. The need for additional new leaders is urgent. Are you willing to step up and help keep IASSAR alive? Please contact IASSAR President Doug Frazer. dlfrazer@yahoo.com

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