



## 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 2019 Conference: June 1<sup>st</sup> at Iowa State Historical Museum



**Save the date! On June 1<sup>st</sup>, The Iowa Society SAR will hold its spring conference in the Iowa State Historical Museum, 600 East Locust St., Des Moines. Details will be available in the April issue of *The Iowa Compatriot*.**



### **IASSAR Donates Mulford's Genealogical Tool to Iowa Genealogical Society**

The late former president of IASSAR, Michael K. Mulford, led the effort to finish the Iowa Revolutionary War Monument, located on the Capitol grounds in Des Moines, in 2002. Many compatriots may not know that Mr. Mulford also compiled and published an important genealogical research tool, "The Descendants of the Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots Buried in the State of Iowa." The result of 10+ years of painstaking effort, the work is contained in seven loose-leaf binders. The research library of NSSAR owns a set. Recently, IASSAR donated a set to the Iowa Genealogical Society.

*IASSAR President Doug Frazer and IGS volunteers view Mr. Mulford's research*

# Iowa Society Captures Furlong Flag Award



Boasting 18 flag certificates awarded to individuals and organizations properly flying the American flag during 2018, IASSAR again has earned commendation from NSSAR. As for 2019:

**How you can become involved right now: (It's easy.)**

1. Nominate an organization, business, or individual for a flag certificate.
2. Send the name of this organization or individual to me ([dfrazer@yahoo.com](mailto:dfrazer@yahoo.com))
3. I will send you the printed certificate for you to present.
4. If you can send a picture of you presenting the award, please do so!

King Eagle Scout Scholarship: State Level Awards Increased  
SAR Meetings Changed to Quarterly

## Stephen Stewart Elected IASSAR Registrar

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Compatriot Stephen Stewart was elected Registrar of the Iowa SAR. Compatriots who have worked with Mr. Stewart on initial and supplemental SAR applications are familiar with his high level of expertise in this critical area. Welcome, Stephen!



### Iowa CAR – 72<sup>nd</sup> State Conference, March 16, Iowa Veterans Home

ISSCAR President Alexander Pezley and ISSCAR Sr. State President Katherine Pezley (top left) presided. Vice President Robert W. Franks, shown at top right, was elected ISSCAR President. IASSAR donated \$100 for ISSCAR's 2019 state project. Members ate lunch with veterans at the home.

### **In Memoriam: Ronald Hughes**

Ronald Hughes was born in Kentucky in 1939. He was one of the six veterans we honored in June, 2018 as Vietnam era veterans. After he received his pin and other materials, he sent me a note saying "Of all the things that SAR had been involved with, honoring the vets of the Vietnam era was the best thing SAR had ever done."

At the time that Ronald, Mark, and Alan Hughes joined SAR, it was noteworthy because all three named a woman, Polly Hawkins, Vermont, as their patriot ancestor. Polly Hawkins was noted for her bravery in delivering water to colonial soldiers under siege, and for supplying water for fighting fires.

*submitted by George DeMoss, IASSAR Secretary-Treasurer*

# Consider Adding Supplemental Applications

contributed by George DeMoss, IASSAR Secretary-Treasurer



Supplemental Applications are an interesting activity for SAR members. After you go thru the initial application process to be a member, you are encouraged to keep working on your ancestor history. You may find another patriot who served in the Revolutionary War, just waiting to be discovered. The genealogy process is the same as was used in your initial application. You can use the same sources of information, including DAR or SAR records. You can look at your or your wife's ancestors. The Iowa SAR Registrar, Stephen Stewart, can provide assistance as needed.

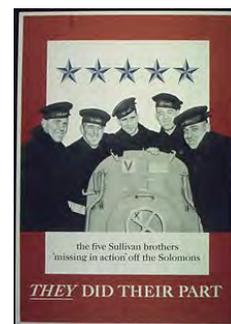
The supplemental application is typed, and signatures are completed. The cost is \$60 for the national NSSAR fee, and \$10 for the state fee.

National genealogy staff reviews your references, just like a regular membership process. National SAR issues certificates similar to regular membership certificates. Your information becomes a part of compatriot records at National SAR. During the last 12 months, our Compatriots in Iowa SAR have submitted 24 Supplemental Applications. That's terrific. You are to be commended for your work.

After each supplemental application is completed, I urge you to write a Patriot biography. That is the purpose of these paragraphs today. Patriot bios can be found on the Iowa SAR website. They need not be long. Take a look at those that have been posted. But there are only thirty-something of them! As of this week our membership is 183. So, it looks like many patriot bios have not yet been written. Put a note on your calendar that in March you are going to write a biography and send it in to the website manager, Patrick Lant ([iassarwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:iassarwebsite@gmail.com)), or send it to me, George DeMoss, State Secretary ([geodemoss62@gmail.com](mailto:geodemoss62@gmail.com)).

The biography gives you a chance to include the personal side of your patriot, maybe a family story, maybe a war story, something that needs to be read by others.

Most everyone has read about or been exposed to information about the Five Sullivan Brothers, who served aboard the USS Juneau, a light cruiser, during World War II. The brothers were serving together and all five died in action when the vessel was sunk after being torpedoed by Japanese submarines on November 13, 1942. They were from Waterloo, Iowa.



One of our Iowa compatriots has written a biography of Richard Harris Huntley, 1745 – 1824, and it is posted on our website. Huntley was one of thirteen sons of Beneger Huntley and Esther Howell, who served in the Revolutionary War. The family's exceptional record of service was mentioned in "The New England Chronicle" of September 21, 1776. " This past year, thirteen brothers, sons of one woman, in the colony of Connecticut, each of them six feet tall, went into the War of Defense for their Country, and all were brave men. This is perhaps the most remarkable instance of that kind any country has ever produced. The name of this prolific and heroic family is Huntley."

Thanks to our compatriot David Lamb, Johnston, Iowa, for that biography about his 4th Great-grand father and the 13 brothers in that family.

Please write biographies of your patriot ancestors. It is entirely free-- no charge. Thanks for reading, and thanks for being Iowa SAR members.



## King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition

IASSAR has voted to increase cash incentives for Iowa's Eagle Scouts to enter the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout competition. The state-level winner will now receive \$500; runner-up will receive \$250. It is hoped that these incentives will encourage more Eagle Scouts to enter the competition, because college costs continue to spiral upward.

### War of 1812 Government Publications Available for Purchase at the US Government Printing Office

Part 1

<https://govbooktalk.gpo.gov/2019/01/10/publications-on-the-second-war-of-american-independence-the-war-of-1812/>

Part 2

<https://govbooktalk.gpo.gov/2019/01/23/part-two-publications-on-the-second-war-of-american-independence-the-war-of-1812/>

Part 3

<https://govbooktalk.gpo.gov/2019/01/29/part-three-publications-on-the-second-war-of-american-independence-the-war-of-1812/>



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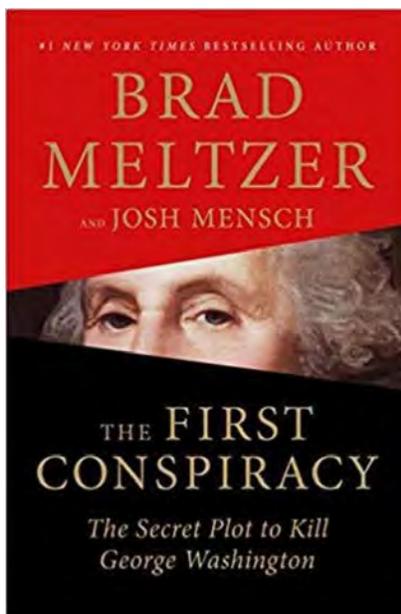


*Let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution,  
The Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.*

## How Author Brad Meltzer Uncovered the Secret Plot to Kill George Washington

Best-selling author Brad Meltzer found the story behind his latest book, "[The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington](#)," in a footnote. He said he took the surprising information to Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Joseph Ellis.

"I went to him and I said, 'Did this really happen?' And it really happened. When it happened, George Washington rounded up those responsible. He took one of the main conspirators and he hung him in front of 20,000 people – the largest public execution at that point in North American history," Meltzer said Tuesday on "CBS This Morning." "He brought the hammer down, was like, 'I'm George Washington. Don't mess with me. I'm going to be on the money one day.'"



So how did the story of the plot get lost in history?

"Hanging happened on June 28, 1776. Guess what was happening in the world? The Declaration of Independence. The British were literally there and this gets lost to it," Meltzer said.

The book details an effort to undermine the American Revolution just before the signing of the Declaration of Independence and with British troops about to invade New York City. The plot connects counterfeiters, leading New York politicians and even the future president's own bodyguards. At the time, Washington had private bodyguards, Meltzer said, who were the "best of the best" from his regiments.

"These were the men who turned on him. They were called the lifeguards because they guarded George Washington's life. And I don't care how strong you are — when your inner circle turns on you, it is devastating," Meltzer said.

Through the book, you come to know more about the birth of the counterintelligence movement in the U.S., Meltzer said. Washington launches a secret intelligence subcommittee to uncover espionage, with John Jay in charge. Jay went on to become the first chief justice of the United States.

"He puts into motion interrogations, kicking in doors. And to this day, we all think of the CIA, the precursor being the OSS [Office of Strategic Services], it's actually this moment," Meltzer said. The CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, even has a conference room named after Jay.

In addition, the book highlights Washington's character, as witnessed in the Battle of Brooklyn in 1776.

"What he does is he commandeers all of the boats on the East River, but here's the key moment: he won't get in the boat until all of his men get in first. And his men see what he's doing, he's risking his life for them. Again, what you see is not just the plot against George Washington, you see the depth of his character," Meltzer said.

"We need that in our leaders today," he added. "George Washington brought this country together... by putting his arms around them and saying to his own regiments, 'Don't fight with each other, **don't argue [with] each other**. We need to be on the same team.' That's where we are today," he said.