



## 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.*

## Patrick Lant Elected IASSAR President



Compatriot **Patrick Lant** was elected President of the IASSAR at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Conference, succeeding Doug Frazer. **Doug Frazer** was elected IASSAR Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding George DeMoss. Other compatriots serving as members of the Board of Managers have volunteered to continue in their positions.

**Dr. Melissa Stewart** was honored for her important contributions to the IASSAR.

IASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kevin Parmenter** received the silver Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to IASSAR.



## Memorial Day 2019



SAR and Iowa 1812 members called the names of each soldier buried in the GAR Section of Woodland Cemetery

The Iowa SAR and GSW 1812 members again greeted and educated visitors at the Gold Star Museum from 5-9:00AM while it was broadcast on WHO radio.



Wm. E. Schermerhorn grave dedication Ceremonies at Laurel Iowa, organized by and led by Iowa SAR/1812 members Tom Gaard and Danny Krock.

*--contributed by Mike Rowley*

# We LOVE a Parade

## Beaverdale (Des Moines) Fall Festival Parade – Saturday, September 21, 10:00AM

Details will follow closer to the parade date.

## July 4 Urbandale Parade - Thursday, July 4, 10:00AM

The Daughters of the American Revolution have again invited us to join them near the front of this parade.

The Iowa SAR & GSW 1812 Color Guard will be in uniform and others in military uniforms or patriotic clothing of all eras are invited.

This parade allows the throwing of candy to spectators, so bring if you like. You can never have enough to last to the end of the route.

These instructions have worked best for me in the past.

- 1. Have spouse follow me and park my car at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church parking lot at 83rd Street and Aurora Ave. This is the end of the parade route.**
- 2. Have spouse drive me near 70th Street and Oliver Smith Drive. This is the starting point of parade.**
- 3. We usually get there by 9:15AM.**
- 4. Parade starts at 10:00AM. We are usually at the end by 10:25**

Feel free to phone or email me with any questions.

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## Compatriot Lamb Represents IASSAR and GSW1812 at Normandy

Here's a bit or WWII Aviation/Airborne historical trivia too add to your storehouse of knowledge....

This C-47 "Dakota" was the first aircraft to discharge her "stick" of heavily armed paratroopers of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Infantry Division At 00:48hrs on June 6th, 1944, over "Drop Zone A" near Ste Mere Iglis, France.

Technically, today (June 7th, 2019) is known to those who follow these things as D+27,376, as that is the number of sunrises that have passed between that fateful day of destiny and today.

It is an honor to be here at Caen-Carpequet aerodrome, Normandy, on the 75th anniversary of D-Day to stand in her presence.

**"Riverisco"**

David M. Lamb



### Dean Timm

May 18, 1933 – June 5, 2019

Former IASSAR President

Dean Charles Timm, age 86, of Boone, Iowa passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the Eastern Star Masonic Home.

Dean was born May 18, 1933 in Hawkeye, Iowa to Ervin & Verla (Gager) Timm. He was the fourth of eight children. He graduated from Hawkeye High School in 1951.

He served in the United States Army 1955-1957 as an MP stationed in Germany.

Dean married Marion Gorbball of Forest City on November 28, 1958 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. He is survived by his wife and four children: Randolph, Richard of Waterloo, Jennifer (Michael) Gibson of Mankato, MN, and Barbara (Michael) MacDougall of Boone.

Dean was a machinist, pastor, security guard and shoe repairman. As a Methodist and EUB pastor, he served churches in southern and northeast Iowa. He was active in Methodist Men's Ministry, Hawkeye Conservation Club, Boy Scout Leadership, Camps Farthest Out, CFOI, United Prayer Tower, Iowans for Israel, Boone County

Genealogy, Lions Club, Habitat for Humanity, Bugles Across America, **Sons of the American Revolution** and Hospital Chaplaincy & Music Ministry.

According to his wishes Dean has donated his body to the University of Iowa Anatomical Gift Program. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Easter Star Masonic Home Chapel in Boone, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to the family to be used at their discretion. Burial will take place at a later date at Wilson Grove Cemetery, Sumner, Iowa.

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home in Boone, Iowa is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.schroederfuneral.com](http://www.schroederfuneral.com).

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home  
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### A Grandfather's New Perspective

by Mike Rowley

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Since last Father's Day, our family, like many others, has been blessed with our first grandchild.

On this Father's Day, I realize more than ever that there is something interesting about how we view things when yet another generation is added into our lives.

I have seen how infants of my grandson's generation can show us that laughter comes naturally and easily to the innocent. Also, tears usually signal a need to change or fix something. My son's generation shows us that each and every generation must learn that life still takes effort and perseverance.

Maybe my generation is there to remind those younger ones that sometimes even though it may not seem like it, the struggles, the challenges and the journey along the way makes the results seem even more valuable.

Recently while sitting at home, I saw that Isaac, my grandson, now 10 months old, was staring up at photos of relatives on my wall. Some were relatives that he will never have the opportunity to personally know. It made me ponder what my role as a grandfather should entail. Is one of the roles of a grandparent to pass on the stories of our ancestors?

If so how, do we (or should we) filter the history of these people and their times? What was the best practice of our founding mothers and fathers and would it still be today? What decisions moved them forward or held them back or more importantly what brought them to those decisions? Can, and if so, how might my descendants avoid the same mistakes made by myself and those



ancestors before me? How do we teach them to have the courage to choose correctly even when not doing so seems easier?

Is the role of a grandparent to relate our own experiences and consequences? Or is it my role as a grandparent to remain silent and wait to be a sounding board for future questions he may have?

As we were sitting out on the porch on a rather hot Iowa day, I noticed again something that made me realize we can all be looking at the same thing, but perceive it and react in different ways. Perhaps this happens with different generations to an even a greater degree.

Upon viewing the two mature trees in the yard, my infant grandson, instinctively crawled into the shade of the tree. He was almost instantly rewarded with shade for his eyes and coolness for his skin. My son remarked that the two trees would make a good place to hang a hammock. He remarked that if he did it very soon while the weather was nice, it could be enjoyed for months. At the same time, I was thinking that if I planted another tree perpendicular to the other two, that in a couple of decades, both my son and grandson (and perhaps even future generations) could rest and share time together with not one but two hanging hammocks.

It seemed that in that instant we all taught the others something.

My infant grandson showed us that sometimes situations are right and they should be enjoyed immediately before the shade (or opportunity) is gone. My son showed us that with ideas, timing and action that circumstances can allow for great enjoyment before the seasons (or situations) change. My contribution may have been to try to look beyond yourself for opportunities of even longer-term benefits for your family, friends and society.

We all saw the same thing. We just saw it a little differently.

On this Father's Day, the best gift I ever received was seeing my sons happy and themselves being a great parent and uncle. What more could a father want? Maybe a new weed trimmer.

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