



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.

Joint Meeting of the IASSAR and Iowa Society of the War of 1812

By Mike Rowley

The Iowa SAR and the Iowa Society of the War of 1812 held a joint meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Urbandale Public Library. Mike Rowley, Joshua Dyer, Don Corrigan, Bob Niffenegger, Tom Gaard, Rod Gaard, Stephen Stewart, Patrick Lant, and guest Frank Hannah were present. Items covered during the meeting included the following:

- Doug Frazer will send a card to all new IASSAR members to invite them to join the Iowa Society of the War of 1812 to help expand membership beyond the current 52 members of that society.
- An update on the veteran grave marking project was given. In 2021, 82 stones were installed, three were delivered but awaiting warmer weather for installation, and two are waiting for review by the Veterans Administration.
- Bob Niffenegger continues to make improvements to the World War I and GAR sections of Woodland Cemetery.
- Three members in attendance indicated that they had been contacted by the “Our Iowa” magazine concerning a possible article for the April/May issue.
- Wreaths Across America at Woodland Cemetery in 2021 had over 1,000 wreaths donated. The number of people who attended was more than expected considering that it was a very cold day. The event was covered by two local television stations, at least one radio station, and several social media platforms. The event was also published in the national SAR magazine and the Colorguardsman magazine.
- The Knight Essay contest, headed up by past president Doug Frazer, had two entries and was judged by a record ten IASSAR members.
- Doug Frazer indicates that all ROTC, JROTC, and Sea Cadet units in the state participated last year and have been contacted again this year.
- IASSAR members Dave Nation, Randy Breese, Randy Lyon, Chris Moberg, and Mike Rowley attended the District Zoom meeting on January 25th. The topic was “Field Music of the Revolution.”
- Randy Lyon has presented over a dozen flag certificates in Dubuque during late December and early January. This is a great recognition for the IASSAR in Eastern Iowa.
- Mike Rowley completed the SAR Americanism Score Card for 2021. The score card documents all activities completed by IASSAR members. For the 2022 score card to be as accurate as possible, please let Mike Rowley know of any community activities that you participate in.
- A few members have begun to identify and record as many Mexican-American War (1846 – 1848) veterans buried in Iowa as can be proven. The current list includes 451 men and women.
- Dave Nation reports that he has procured a VA gravestone for his War of 1812 ancestor Rezin Redman and plans to install it when weather permits.
- A 1905 newspaper article reports that 49 Civil War nurses received military pensions out of the Des Moines pension agency. If they can be identified, this might be a worthy grave marking project.

- For those looking for an interesting project, there are several sons of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa whose graves might be marked with an SAR “Patriot Sons & Daughters” bronze marker. Examples include Shipley Elmore in Fort Madison, Samuel McCall of Polk County, Wesley J. Banks in Centerville, and John Woody of Wapello County.
- Plans are being made to return to having monthly meetings at the suggestion of members present.

Nominations for all officer positions are now open. If you are willing to serve in any of the officer positions, please contact Mike Rowley at MJR1825@gmail.com.

Military Trivia

Excerpts from “Essential Militaria: Facts, Legends, and Curiosities About Warfare Through the Ages” by Nicholas Hobbes (submitted by David Lamb)

“Uncle Sam”: During the War of 1812, a New York butcher named Samuel Wilson shipped pork to the army in the field in large wooden casks that were marked “U. S.” Wilson was known to his friends and close associates as “Uncle Sam” and the nickname soon became associated with the markings on his pork barrels. The white-haired figure that we have all come to recognize as “Uncle Sam,” however, was not Wilson, but rather modelled after illustrations of one Dan Rice... a clown with the Barnum and Bailey circus.

“Hookers”: This term derived from “Fighting” Joe Hooker, the Union Army general who showed a great zeal for rounding up “Ladies of the Evening” from the streets of Washington, D.C. while acting in his capacity as Provost Marshal of the city during the war.

“Freeze the balls off a Brass Monkey”: This term refers to the “cupped” square brass plates attached to the decks of Naval vessels that held cannon balls. The Brass did not rust or corrode in the constant exposure to the salt air, but they did contract in extreme cold if the ship sailed in northern latitudes. When this occurred, the cannon balls would sometimes be ejected from the plates and go skittering across the decks creating havoc among the crew who had to chase them down.

“Scuttlebutt”: The cask of potable drinking water that was kept aboard ships, around which sailors tended to congregate and share gossip.

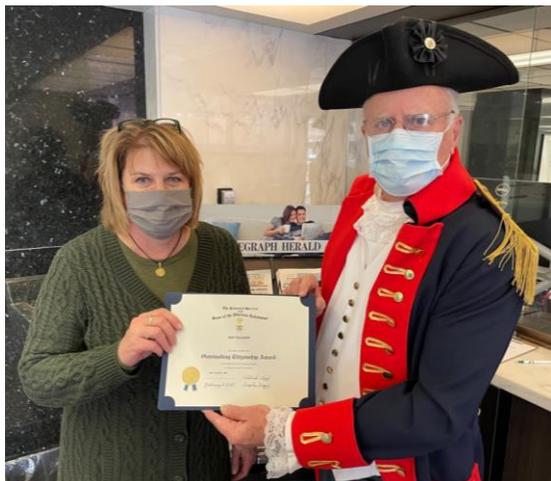
“Learning the Ropes”: Referred to the process of a new sailor needing to become proficient at climbing the rope rigging of sailing ships in order to deploy, recover, and trim sails while the ship was under weigh.

“Son of a Gun”: In the days when women were allowed to live aboard naval vessels, children born at sea of unknown fathers would be entered in the ship’s log as a “son of a gun.”

George Washington attained the rank for Lieutenant General during his service to the nation in the American Revolutionary War. He was awarded the rank of “Six-Star General” posthumously so that no other military officer in the nation’s history could ever supersede him in rank.

February Outstanding Citizenship Presentations in Dubuque, Iowa

By Randy Lyon



Effective January 1, 2017 Amy Gilligan became the first woman to serve as the executive editor of the *Telegraph Herald* and the first native Dubuque resident to hold the position in ninety years.

Gilligan joined the *Telegraph Herald* as a copy editor in 1990. She then held several newsroom leadership positions with the newspaper including six years as city editor and eight and one-half years as managing editor.

In the twenty years prior to becoming executive editor, Gilligan wrote a humor column and wrote two books, "The Dog Barely Licked Your Chicken...and Other Things I've Actually Said" and "I've Got 4 Teenagers, You Can't Scare Me," which were collections of those columns. She has

been credited with being one of the first to use the word "google" as a verb when, as city editor in 2001, she asked readers, "Have you been googled yet."

A member of the *Telegraph Herald* Editorial Board for over twenty years, Gilligan won several state and regional awards for editorial writing in collaboration with Brian Cooper. She was honored as the 2015 Chamberlin Fellow by the Newspaper Foundation and the journalism school of her alma mater, Iowa State University. In 2016 she was named Master Columnist by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

In the community, Gilligan served on the board of directors of Hospice of Dubuque with her husband, Judge Michael Shubatt, contributed significantly to the Soaring Capital Campaign of the Holy Family Catholic Schools, and participated in the Mellon Sisters 5K Run Against Violence.

The presentation was made at the *Telegraph Herald* on February 8, 2022 by Randy Lyon, a member of the Iowa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Terry Duggan served as the mayor of Dubuque from 1994 – 2005 and is frequently credited with many accomplishments considered part of the remarkable economic renaissance of the City of Dubuque.

Duggan's political rise began with the Iowa Trust Fund scandal. As the vice president of an ad hoc committee looking into the city's investment procedures, Duggan received widespread publicity which led him to being called "Mr. Mayor" in public. Business officials encouraged him to campaign for the office focusing on the city's North End. He ran uncontested in 1997 and in 2001 received 76% of the vote.

In his first term, Duggan introduced the "Come Back to Your Future" campaign encouraging former residents to return home.

Many achievements of the city during his tenure were related to the development of tourism. These included

further development of the Ice Harbor including the opening of the Grand River Center (2003). Architect plans for the proposed \$25 million Mississippi River Discovery Center were unveiled to the public on January 19, 1998.

In an interview published in 2003, Duggan stated that the most exciting thing that happened during his years as mayor was the saving of FDL Foods Inc. the first time. He felt that demonstrated that great things could happen in Dubuque--a feeling that, he felt, had been lost in the late 1980s and early 1990s due to the declining economy.

Duggan served on many boards including the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce, the Dubuque Metropolitan Transportation Study, the East Central Intergovernmental Agency, the Northeast Iowa Boy Scouts, and the Community Advisory Board of the Dubuque Area Labor Management Board. Mayor Duggan also served on the Iowa Department of Economic Development Board from 2001-2005.

Duggan operated a successful real estate business in Dubuque. In 2008 he served as the President of the Dubuque Board of Realtors. He won this group's "Realtor of the Year" award in 1993. In 2008 Duggan also served on the Advisory Board of the Iowa Alliance for Choices in Education and was the Chairman of the Project Concern annual appeal and served on its board of directors. He was elected chairman of the Iowa Real Estate Commission in 2014.



Beginning in 1969, Art Roche worked at Mercy Health Center, becoming Director of Planning in 1985 with responsibilities including facility planning, strategic planning, and market research. In addition, he co-founded and served as president (1982-1984) of the Asbury Citizens Association, a community improvement organization. In 1976, he co-founded Project Access Dubuque which advocated and listed handicapped-accessible architectural features of Dubuque buildings.

Lifetime Center (1995--). In 1984 he served as the promotion director of Heritage Trail, Inc. and was the vice president of promotion beginning in 1985. He was a member of Land of Festivals, Inc. (1989 to 1993 and president from 1990 to 1992) and advisory board member of the Iowa Trails Council (1991 to 1992).

Roche served on the board of directors of the Dubuque County Association for Mental Health (1972 to 1976 and vice-president in 1976), Heartland Housing Initiative (1992--), and the Dubuque Area

In 1997 Roche read of a request for volunteers by Mercy International Health Services. Once accepted, he flew to Bethlehem, Israel to conduct a financial feasibility study for a group interested in reopening a hospital in the city. Based in part on his report, the investors chose to move ahead with the project in January 1998. In 2010, Roche was president of the board of directors of Opening Doors. In 2017 he served as the Director of Planning for Mercy Medical Center and was president of the Dubuque Fine Arts Players.

In 2018 Roche helped start the Marshall Islands Health Project which became part of the Dubuque Pacific Islander Health Project, a department of Crescent Community Health Center.

His efforts on behalf of others have been widely recognized. In 1976, Roche was the recipient of the Dubuque County Association for Mental Health Distinguished Service Award. He received the Handicapped Person, Inc. Distinguished Service Award in 1977. In 2018 Divine Word College honored him with the 2019 Matthew 25 Award, which was presented at a prayer service and banquet on Wednesday, March 20. The award honors those who help the poor and marginalized.

In 2020, Roche received an Advocacy Award for community health care from the Crescent Community Health Center.



Among his fellow Kiwanis members, Larry Friedman is known as "Mr. Peanut" for his annual sale of more than one hundred cases of peanuts to raise money for the club's projects.

Such devotion to service involved Friedman in service to Divine Word College's Friends Across Nations program which matched college students with area families. He served as president of the Nativity Church, Dubuque Independent Insurance Agents, Serra Club, and the Dubuque Downtown Kiwanis Club. Friedman was also a member of the board of Wahlert Catholic High School, Sisters of Saint Francis Development Council, St. Stephen's Food Bank, and the Dubuque Area Lifetime Center.

Friedman was named a recipient of the First Citizen Award by the *Telegraph Herald* in 1999.

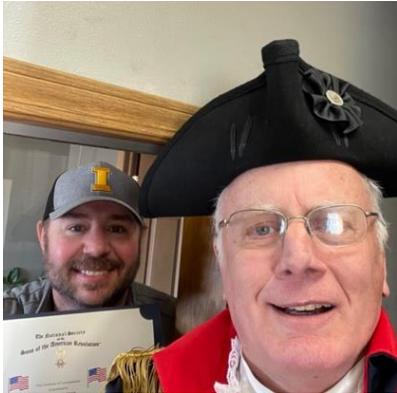
When he was 91 years old, Friedman and Katherine Fischer published *A. A. Cooper: Reinvesting the Wheel*. In 2021, at the age of 94, he continued his contributions to Dubuque history with the publication of *Jo Reynolds: A Diamond in the Rough*.

February Flag Certificate Presentations in Dubuque, Iowa

By Randy Lyon



The entire workforce of Smart Retractable Products was just beginning lunch break when I knocked on the door. Coffee and sandwiches were quickly put down as I entered and explained my visit had the purpose of awarding the company for its proud flying of the American flag outside the company's location on Kerper Blvd. in Dubuque. I wasn't going to get out of there without answering questions and gladly shared my brief history in the organization and how I became a member. The entire crew assembled for a "selfie" before I headed back to my car for a visit across the street to another business.



Hurst Logistics, located across Kerper Blvd., is a major trucking company as evidenced by the large number of enormous rigs parked outside. My uniform immediately drew the attention of the manager who joined me in a photograph. His initial quizzical look was quickly replaced by a big smile when he learned of the purpose of my visit.



Mike Klauer, president of Klauer Manufacturing, was my first familiar face of the day. I learned of the company's multi-million-dollar expansion from an article in the local newspaper. His grandfather and I had worked on an updated Dubuque County history years ago and we reminisced awhile before getting down to the purpose of my business. That evening I received an email asking for a copy of the picture so that it could be shared with the rest of the family. The Klauers have a long history of dedicated service to the community and from the large expansion planned, the company has a bright future.



Representing the *Telegraph Herald*, the successor of dozens of newspapers in Dubuque, Mike Day is often the feature writer on long documentaries. It was a pleasure making the award of the Flag Presentation to him since he and I share a real love of Dubuque history. Together we finally solved a decades-long mystery as to the location of an "island" amusement park at the end of the nineteenth century. I reference his articles often in writing <https://www.encyclopediadubuque.org>.



Visiting Giese Sheet Metal Company on Kerper Blvd. was a new experience for me. In business since 1923, the company is a major manufacturer in Dubuque. A member of the Giese family is often asked to present the conservative point-of-view in the *Telegraph Herald*. The pride the family has in this country is well-displayed by a large flag outside their offices.



Steve's Lawn and Garden in Dubuque has a unique role to play in flying the flag. After months of snow, rain, high wind, and bright light, flags become tattered, soiled, and faded. What does a person do with such a flag? Steve's Lawn and Garden advertises its willingness of handle worn-out flags. It remains the only such business in Dubuque. Having such a business must encourage those considering flying an American flag that this final stage in a flag's life has an answer.



When considering those who "fly the flag," few Dubuque residents would miss naming Patrice Lambert, the director of the Dubuque County Health Department. In addition to seeing that the American flag is proudly flown outside their office on the west-side of Dubuque, Patrice led the county during the initial frightening year and a-half of the pandemic. Her courage and determination provided the best scientific health care. Given the pressures combatting the disease and the out-right lies concerning alternative cures, she never wavered.



Having neighbors fly the American flag makes establishing contacts easier. Karla and Thomas Weber live almost close enough for me to see their flag from our yard. Good neighbors and patriotic Americans make stopping by on a cold afternoon much easier.



The reaction of John Schaefer to my visit was one of those I relish telling my wife. There was the initial quizzical look at my attire, but after I explained that the purpose of my visit was to honor his patriotism, he looked me in the eyes and then grasped my hand in a hearty handshake. He expressed several times how honored he felt and thanked me and the Society for this "honor."



Laurie Fallon explained that they had only gotten their first American flag to fly in their yard last November. To say she was thrilled by being honored with a Flag Presentation is an understatement. She told me she could hardly wait until her husband returned home to show him the certificate with their names.



I could not have been more surprised when I visited the Sanders' home. I knew the people as parents of two bright and enthusiastic sixth grade students more years ago than I can imagine. I figured that I would find Mr. Sanders at home; his wife is hospitalized in Iowa City after brain surgery. To my complete surprise, I was met by Amanda, one of my former students who took the lessons in architecture I presented as her future career in Boston. A construction worker proved a very capable photographer for this special occasion. The Steve and Bonnie Sanders property is on the corner of two major streets. Their flag is impossible to miss.



Gordon Ryan's two young sons peeked at me through the window blinds but chose not to follow their father to the door. Mr. Ryan thanked the Society for the honor which he remarked came as a "great surprise."

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