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Reid Yoder-- Winner in the 2024 King Eagle Scout Contest



Reid Yoder, featured in this picture receiving his \$500 check for placing first in the Iowa level of the King Eagle Scout Contest, has placed 13th nationally --out of 35 entries-- and won an additional \$300.00!

Apparently, the NSSAR Eagle Committee will send a letter to Reid, along with his check. After some time has passed, I will write offer congratulations and ask permission to reprint his essay in the newsletter.

Nice honor for a talented young person.

Thanks!
Doug

(Note: We also extend a great deal of thanks to Doug Frazer for annually handling the details of the contest. Thanks also goes to the judges this year who read the essays!)



Kevin Parmenter-- to All Members of SAR,

I received an email from Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd with the attached picture I asked if he could send when the Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Deputy Josh Einspahr. Sheriff Dodd included a brief note which was:

Here is a photo of Deputy Einspahr receiving the Sons of the American Revolution Award you had sent. Thank You for recognizing Deputy Einspahr and the work he did with the grave marker case in Franklin County.



Two Lights Project

One of the interesting projects so far during the 250th Celebration, the Two Lights project from Virginia was discovered on the internet by Matt Schwalm who quickly alerted Larry Hoelscher and me.

With relatively little time to act, it was decided to issue a Special Edition of the SAR / 1812 newsletter giving our memberships a chance to plan

their individual actions. A similar announcement was sent to the local camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. An editorial was drafted by Randy Lyon and published in the April 13, 2025 issue of the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald* after a suggestion of Mike Rowley.



Thank you for taking the time to consider and act upon this worthy project.! The national response from the map the project used on its website indicated great acceptance of the idea.

The first picture shows the two lights Larry put out outside his home.

Thanks for the fast action of Mike Rowley who sent information to the Two Lights project early, Clive, Iowa was the only Iowa city to be shown on the United States map as of April 13th.

War of 1812 Veterans Honored at Rural Cemetery

This was the title of an excellent article (email address follows) that appeared in *The Messenger* featuring the work of Mike Rowley. In this case, the work involved grave markers for War of 1812 veterans, but we know he provides valuable work for SAR and the SUVCW. Thanks, Mike, for all you do.

<https://www.messengernews.net/news/local-news/2025/04/never-forget/>

SAR Events

Chris Moberg, Gary Everding, Mike Rowley

1. April 30 Valley HS WDM AFJROTC

- a. SAR nominee Cadet Joseph Scully Jr. presenter-Doug Frazer
- b. SUVCW nominee Cadet Adrian Ahmeti presenter-Don Richardson

2. May 1-31 Military History Month

3. May 2—ISU Air Force Awards

- a. 1812 nominee Cadet Joseph Albert presenter-Craig Long
- b. SAR nominee Cadet Elijah Brinkley presenter-Craig Long

May 2—Sioux City Schools AFJROTC

- a. SAR nominee Cadet Major Kasten Hovland

4. May 8---U of Iowa ROTC

- a. 1812 nominee Cadet Corran Nelson presenter-Randy Lyon
- b. SAR nominee Cadet Blake Heiliger presenter-Randy Lyon

5. May 15th Opportunity to Honor in Des Moines (See separate article)

6. May 17—Abraham Lincoln HS Council Bluffs JROTC

- a. SAR nominee TBA

7. May 22—7:00 SAR and War of 1812 Zoom meeting

8. May 24—11:00 a.m. Patriotic Productions Memorial Day Parade
(Omaha, NE)

Joshua Dyer Receives DAR Iowa Society's Teacher of American

History Award for 2025.

Compatriots of the Iowa Society of the War of 1812,

I wanted to share some OUTSTANDING news with you. One of our own members was recognized as **the DAR Iowa Society Teacher of American History Award for 2025.**

The award recognizes *"outstanding service by stimulating a deeper understanding and appreciation of American History and loyal support of our country and constitutional government."*



Joshua Dyer is also a member of the Iowa SAR and Dodge Camp # 75, SUVCW. He has taken on leadership roles in our group and started innovative educational programs in history for his

community.



Joshua Dyer and Sarah Steinke, State Regent – Iowa / National Vice Chairman-C. A.R.



What Are You Doing This Weekend----Who Do You Know Deserves Being Awarded for Going Beyond the Expected?

This picture shows medals you can earn as a member of SAR! It also includes medals you can award to citizens who save lives and/ or protect us.

Contact the president to start the process moving ahead.

For the requirements of each medal, get your free copy of the Volume 5, Individual Medals and Awards Handbook. Go to the SAR homepage at <https://www.sar.org/>, log in, and use the search feature.

Don't miss out rewarding fellow citizens you read about in the

newspaper doing extraordinary things in the community!
Find out how you can earn medals by being an active member!

Mike Rowley Accepts Honor



Iowa Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley attended the 126th State Conference of the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Des Moines, Iowa on April 4, 2025.

DAR Color Guard members (Left to right) Sharleen Newton, Kathy Sells

and Joanne Tinker said they were inspired by the Iowa SAR Color Guard when joining with us in past events. Now in their own uniforms they did an outstanding job of presenting the colors to open the conference. We look forward to many more joint endeavors.



While there, Mike received The Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction for extraordinary cooperation and outstanding service to the NSDA. Photo Left to right- Mike Rowley, IA SAR; Donna Rath, State Chairman, DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations; and Sarah Steinke, State Regent.



Great Family Experience

Tom Sager shares with us a picture of the family's installing a monument for his GGG Grandfather Addison Sherman Zugg at the Fabius Cemetery outside Lancaster, Missouri.

Flag Presentations North and West of Dubuque



The entire Butler family wanted to share in the picture taking with their daughter being particularly interested in the uniform. Being so far in the country, they were especially surprised by a visitor dressed as a Revolutionary officer and appreciated the effort made on their behalf.



Riniker is a common family name in this part of Iowa and like the others I visited they were not home. It would be fun to hear the phone conversation this night.



It was only a glimpse of a flag in the distance along Highway 52 that gave me a clue as to the presence of another "flag flyer." Twists and turns up a hill led me to the March home. I would not want to try that again after a rain.



I was invited for beer and brauts at the Schmmel household. They were about to have friends over play cards and have a “snack.” (The best offer I’ve had) The background of the flag presentation program as well as the other activities of the Society in Iowa would have been a entertainment highlight, but I had more ground to cover. I had a great time!

Randy Lyon



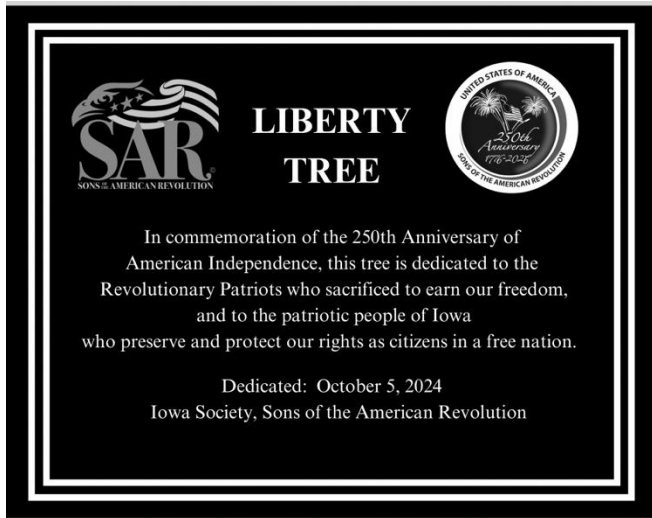
Liberty Tree Signage Completed in Dubuque

SAR compatriots Matt Schalm, Larry Hoelscher, Randy Lyon and Dennis Geesaman put the final

touches on the first Liberty Tree in Iowa on April 9, 2025. The tree surrounded by plastic fencing did show some signs of deer nibbling but otherwise survived the dry winter with lots of water carried to it.



A closeup shows the protective fencing which will remain in place, the mulch surrounding the tree, and the placement of the sign in the center. The lights will be removed.



Matt Schwalm headed the effort throughout and designed the sign. We're very proud that SAR was able to create additional support for the city's theme—Dubuque, masterpiece on the Mississippi.

U.S. Postal Service Announces Additional 2025 Stamps

David Lamb



U.S. Army 250th

This stamp celebrates the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army. Established by the Continental Congress in 1775, the Army is now a global force with a clear purpose: to fight and win America's wars. Featuring the military service mark of the U.S. Army against a white background,

the stamp was designed by Antonio Alcalá, an art director of the UPS



. U.S. Marine Corps 250th

The familiar symbolism of a Marine Corps emblem appears on this stamp to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. First established during the Revolutionary War as the American colonies fought for independence, the Marine Corps is respected worldwide as an elite fighting force, prepared to face any challenge and prevail in the

conflicts of the 21st century. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



U. S. Navy 250th

Established during the Revolutionary War as the American colonies fought for independence, the U.S. Navy is now at the forefront of cutting-edge technology that safeguards the maritime interests of the United States, ensuring economic prosperity and the freedom of the seas. Featuring the emblem of the Navy against a white background, this stamp celebrates the U.S. Navy's 250th anniversary. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



David Lamb in Antwerp with a group of actors portraying soldiers.

Spread the Word!

This is an invitation for **your organization or members** to make a difference by participating in a unique event to mark and honor 15 Civil War veterans buried in Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.

May is Cemetery Appreciation Month in Iowa and of course Memorial Day is approaching.

What: Placing gravestones on 15 unmarked Civil War veteran graves

Where: Glendale Cemetery, G.A.R. Section, 4909 University Ave, **Des Moines**, IA 50311

When: Thursday May 15, 2025, 4:30 PM

Contact: Mike Rowley, (515) 975-0498 MJR1825@gmail.com

For over 100 years at least 15 Union Civil War veterans of the have laid in unmarked graves in the Grand Army of the Republic section of Glendale Cemetery.

With the assistance of the Des Moines Cemetery staff, the research of retired Des Moines firefighter Bob Niffenegger and the documentation work of several groups including the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of the American Revolution, the General Society of the War of 1812, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, MOLLUS, and others these soldiers and their families will be remembered by the placement of 240 lbs granite stones from the VA.

At the time of enlistment these soldiers ranged in age from 17 to 35. They were from NY, MN, PA, OH, IN, MO, IL, AL, and Iowa. At the time of their death they ranged from 27 to 86 years of age. All chose Iowa as their final home.

We may never know why they were unmarked for over 100 years but, now that will be corrected.

If your group would like to participate and be recognized please let me know of your intentions. I can be reached at the above phone, text or email. Feel free to forward this email if appropriate.

Respectfully,

Mike Rowley

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Election Results Are Announced

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