

Clarence A. Cook Chapter

Indiana Society - Sons of the American Revolution

Did you know?

General Josiah Harmar was a General in the American Revolution, and one of the few officers retained after the war. He was given command of the First American Regiment, a small remnant of the Continental Army authorized by Congress. General Harmar and his regiment were assigned to the Northwest Territory, and in 1790 were sent to destroy Kekionga, the large Miami stronghold at present-day Ft. Wayne. Here, Chief Little Turtle set a well-laid trap and attacked. 50 U.S. regulars and 100 militia were killed. The loss is known as "Harmar's Defeat," and is sometimes called the "Battle of the Pumpkin Fields" due to the American heads that lied in the Indiana fields like squash.

The First American Regiment went through many name changes, and was incorporated into many divisions over the past two centuries. Today, it is known as the 3rd Infantry Regiment- "The Old Guard." It is responsible for defending Washington, D.C., guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns, and providing ceremonial functions with the U.S. Army Drill Team and the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. The next time you see the 3rd Regiment on duty, remember that it traces its roots to Hoosier soil!

News:



21 May 2008: At the quarterly meeting of the Clarence A. Cook chapter, Scott Hosier received the first of the Indiana Society's new "Indiana Service Medal."

Compatriots,

Let each of us ask: "Am I doing something to further the society's causes of Historical, Educational, and Patriotic efforts?" There are numerous opportunities for all compatriot members to serve the cause. The United States needs the support of all its citizens if we are to remain the USA we have known and loved.

Stuart Hart
President, Clarence A. Cook Chapter, SAR

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ 20 August 2008 (Wednesday) - 7:00 PM
Quarterly Business Meeting
Program: Lew Wallace: Civil War general, author of Ben-Hur, governor of the New Mexico Territory, and resident of Crawfordsville.
Presenter: Ray E. Boomhower, IHS
MCL Cafeteria
5520 Castleton Corner Lane
- ❖ 19 November 2008 (Wednesday)
Annual Business Meeting
- ❖ 21 November 2008 (Friday) - 3:00 PM
Naturalization Service
International Festival - State Fairgrounds
- ❖ 18 December 2008 (Thursday) - 10:00 AM
Naturalization Service
Rm 202, Federal Courthouse, Indianapolis

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4 July 2008 - The Indiana Society Color Guard again participated in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's "Symphony on the Prairie" concerts at Conner Prairie 2-5 July. The event has one of the largest crowds for any SAR Color Guard in the nation.

At right, Dave Betzner, Cook chapter Vice-President, greets a veteran while the orchestra plays the Armed Forces Medley. Many audience members have told us that this is the highlight of their evening.

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**"Great things have been effected
by a few men well conducted."
-General George Rogers Clark**