

Clarence A. Cook Chapter

Indiana Society - Sons of the American Revolution

Did you know?

David Rittenhouse was a famous American clockmaker, scientist, philosopher, inventor, and astronomer. He was an officer in the American Philosophical Society and the first director of the U.S. Mint.

Rittenhouse was propelled to fame when he recorded the transit of Venus across the sun in 1769, and again when he invented an advanced orrery in 1770. (The orrery was a clock-like device used to predict the positions of stars and planets.) Rittenhouse used his fame to deliver a lecture in 1775 which tied the laws of the cosmos to the laws of liberty. Many considered Rittenhouse to be a distinguished American scientist, second only to Benjamin Franklin.

Rittenhouse maintained a Wednesday evening salon meeting with Benjamin Franklin, Pierre Eugene du Simitiere, and others. Thomas Jefferson wrote that he would rather attend one of these meetings "than spend a whole week in Paris." When Franklin died, Rittenhouse was elected President of the American Philosophical Society.

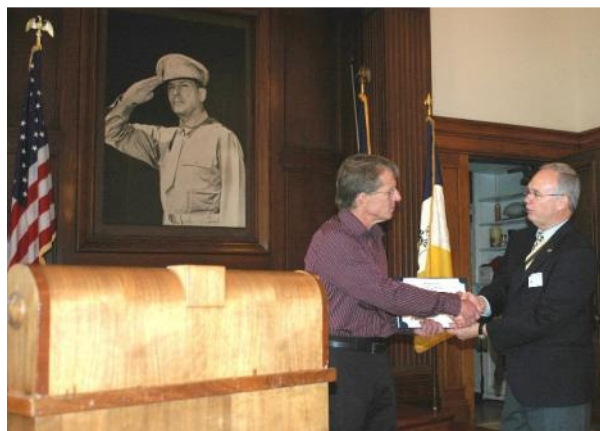
One of Rittenhouse's greatest admirers was Francis Hopkinson, who served on the Navy Board that crafted the first Flag Act in 1777. The Act defined the design of the American Ensign for the first time. In it, Hopkinson inserted what could be America's most lasting tribute to Dr. David Rittenhouse:

"... that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

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Cook chapter member Hunter Bagwell presents a JROTC award to North Central HS recipient Cadet Felix Mendiola. The Clarence A. Cook chapter presents eleven JROTC awards and one ROTC award each year.



President Steve Oberlin inducts Cook compatriot Jack Fife at the Indiana Society's July meeting, in the MacArthur room of the Indiana War Memorial.

Upcoming Events:

- 25 July 2009 (Saturday)
Indiana Society SAR Summer Meeting
 Indiana War Memorial Museum
- 19 August 2009 (Wednesday)
Quarterly Business Meeting
 MCL Cafeteria, Castleton
- 18 November 2009 (Wednesday)
Annual Business Meeting

2-4 July 2009: The Indiana Society Color Guard turned out for Symphony on the Prairie for the 7th consecutive year.



Dave Betzner greets an American veteran during the "Armed Forces Salute".



Steve Oberlin gives some special orders to the "Green Machine."

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