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Compatriots of the SAR:

It is my honor to have been inducted as the Central District Vice President General (VPG) at Congress last month. I assure you that I will represent the District and its states well.

It has already been a whirlwind year, having attended National Events in Ft Laurens OH & Blue Licks KY, the Gen Anthony Wayne Marker Dedication in OH, numerous grave markings, and chapter meetings all over, including in Indiana.

As the VPG, it becomes Indiana's turn to host the Annual District Meeting in Indiana. The meeting is scheduled for 19 October 2024 in Lawrenceburg, IN. It will be a great day – a Patriot Grave Marketing Ceremony for 5 Patriots connected to Lochry's Defeat, Lunch, a Business Session, and a wine tour for the ladies. At the evening meeting our speaker is Joshua Shephard (of Richmond, IN). He is a sculptor and writer for the *Journal of the American Revolution*. His topic – Lochry's Defeat.

I am personally inviting you to attend the District Meeting hosted in Indiana and take part in the activities. Because it is a District Event, it will count for Silver and Von Steuben Color Guard Medals. Members working on their 250th award have the ability to earn more than 50 points by participating in the day's activities. Please join us for such a great SAR Day.

If I can be of any assistance, please reach out at any time.

Humbly in your service,

Wayne Eells
Vice President General, Central District



2024 Central District Meeting

19 Oct 2024 ★ Lawrenceburg, IN

- **Hotels** – Information about area hotels are on a sheet in this packet. Please book your hotels soon.
- **Meeting Location:** Lawrenceburg Event Center, 91 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Schedule

Friday, 18 October 2024

- Dinner On Your Own

Saturday, 19 October 2024

- 10:00a – Patriot Grave Marking for 5 Patriots, Aurora, IN
 - 9:00a Wreath & color Guard Check In
- 12:00 – Lunch at Meeting Locations
 - Please make your lunch reservations right away, **deadline is 15 Sept**
 - Deli Buffet - Country Ham, Roast Beef, Oven Roasted Turkey, Swiss Cheese, American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Pickles, Mustard, Mayo, Creamy Horseradish, Fruit Salad, Garden Salad, Potato Salad, Assorted Breads, Rolls and Assorted Cookies
- 12:30p – Men’s Meeting Begins at Lawrenceburg
- 12:30p – Ladies Tour - leave for tour of At The Barn Winery & Vineyard
- 5:00p - Cash Bar
- 6:00p – Banquet Dinner (Colonial, Jacket & Tie)
 - Please make your Dinner reservations right away, **deadline is 15 Sept**
 - Tuscan Buffet - Beef Bolognese, Tuscan Chicken, Thyme Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Grilled Vegetables, Penne, Marinara, Italian Salad, Caprese Salad and Chocolate Cake
- 7:00p – Program
 - Awards program
 - Speaker – Joshua Shepherd: Writer for the Journal of the American Revolution and Sculptor. He will be presenting On Lochry’s Defeat.



Central District Meeting RSVP Form

DEADLINE: 15 September 2024

Attendee Name: _____ Officer/Title: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____ State/District/Etc: _____

Names of Any Guests: _____

of Lunches: _____ x \$30.00 = _____

of Dinners: _____ x \$50.00 = _____

of Ladies for Tour (FREE): _____

Check Amount: _____

Make Checks Payable To: Indiana SAR, Please note in memo line "CD SAR Meeting"

Mail Checks and this RSVP to: Jeffrey Jones, 6321 Black Oak Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46835-2658

NOTES:

- Patriot Grave Marking Participation information and registration is on a separate page in this packet.
- The Central District Challenge Coin Order form is on a separate page in this packet.
- The Central District Raffle information is on a separate page in this packet.



2024 Central District Meeting Area Hotels

[DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel](#)

51 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

812.539.8888

[Comfort Inn & Suites](#)

1610 Flossie Drive, Lawrenceburg, IN 46025

812.539.3600

[Baymont by Wyndham Lawrenceburg](#)

1000 East Eades Parkway, Lawrenceburg, IN 47205

812.717.4062

[Quality Inn & Suites](#)

765 E Eades Parkway, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

812.537.2552



Lochrys' Defeat Memorial Ceremony and Patriot Grave Marking

Honoring Revolutionary War Patriots

John Milligan, John Smith, John Stewart, John Stratton and John Young

Hosted by the Central District
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM EDT

Riverview Cemetery, GPS 39.02571 -84.88611
Dearborn County
3135 E Laughery Creek Rd
Aurora, IN 47001

You are cordially invited to attend this ceremony honoring five fallen soldiers.
Please bring lawn chairs as this ceremony will be held outdoors.

This is a Central District Color Guard Event

If you would like to participate in the Color Guard, present a wreath, participate in the firing detail, or help fund this ceremony, please fill out the online registration form

Register at <https://forms.gle/mrr9v1pmimZL2j7U9>

For questions or to donate for this event please contact: 812-801-7882,
or cliftycreekchapter@gmail.com





2024 Central District Challenge Coin \$15.00

Benjamin Harrison V - An American planter, merchant, and politician who played a significant role in colonial Virginia during the American Revolution. Born on April 5, 1726, in Charles City County, Virginia, he followed the tradition of public service set by his namesakes. Harrison was educated at the College of William and Mary and became a legislator, representing both Surry County and Charles City County in the Virginia House of Burgesses. His legacy extends beyond his legislative work. Benjamin Harrison V was a signer of the *Continental Association* and one of the *Founding Fathers* of the United States. He also signed the *United States Declaration of Independence*. His commitment to liberty and equality is evident in the Declaration's famous words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

William Henry Harrison - American military officer and politician who served as the ninth president of the United States. Born on February 9, 1773, in Charles City County, Virginia. His father, Benjamin Harrison V, was a U.S. Founding Father. His military career thrust him into the national limelight. He played key roles in the Northwest Indian War (with General Anthony Wayne at Fallen Timbers), including the Battle of Tippecanoe, and later served as the Governor of the Indiana Territory. His leadership during these campaigns showcased his dedication to public service. Tragically, Harrison's presidency was the shortest in U.S. history. He took office on March 4, 1841, but succumbed to enteric fever just 31 days later, on April 4, 1841. His untimely death caused a constitutional crisis, as presidential succession wasn't fully defined at the time. Harrison remains a unique figure—the *last president born as a British subject in the Thirteen Colonies* and the grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, who would become the 23rd U.S. president. His final days were spent in Washington, D.C., where he passed away.

Benjamin Harrison - An American politician who served as the 23rd president of the United States from 1889 to 1893. Born on August 20, 1833, in North Bend, Ohio, he hailed from the prominent Harrison family. His lineage included his grandfather, the ninth president, William Henry Harrison, and his great-grandfather, Benjamin Harrison V, a Founding Father. After graduating from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Benjamin Harrison moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. There, he established himself as a prominent local attorney, a leader in the Presbyterian church, and a respected politician. His commitment to civil rights and efforts to promote American commerce and industry were notable during his political career.

COIN ORDER FORM			
Number of Coins		X \$15 Per Coin =	Total for Coins
Optional Postage (Per coin)		X \$5 Per Coin =	Total for Postage
TOTAL ENCLOSED =			
Name:			
Address if Mailing:			
Address if Mailing:			

Coin Orders: Contact Wayne Eells at Eells.Wayne.SAR.1777@gmail.com ★ Check Made To: Indiana SAR with CD Coin in Memo Line. ★ Mail to: Wayne Eells, 103 E Bloomfield Lane, Westfield, IN 46074

Coins are available after 06 Sept 2024 and can also be obtained at events where the VPG is in attendance. Proceeds from the coin help offset the expenses of the Central District Meeting.

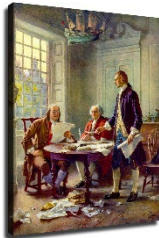


2024 Central District Raffle

To help offset the costs for the Central District Meeting, we will be having a raffle. This raffle is open to anyone, and the winners do not have to be in attendance at the District Meeting when the winners are drawn. All tickets are eligible to win each of the prizes.

Prizes:

- Liberty Tree Indiana Trade Blanket, Value \$250. 5.1 pound woolen blanket, three points, 62” wide and 88” long. This is a limited run reproduction of a blanket from 1775 carried by Private Henry Marble of Mass. during the Revolutionary War, which resides in the Museum of the Fur Trade’s collection in Chadron, Nebraska.
- Canvas Print of the Writing of the Declaration of Independence, Value \$40
- Challenge Coin Display, Value \$35. Holds up to 60 coins (coins not included)



COIN ORDER FORM			
Number of Ticket		X \$5 Per Ticket =	Total for Single Tickets
Ticket Pack - 5 Tickets for \$20		X \$20 Per Pack =	Total Ticket Packs
TOTAL ENCLOSED =			

Ticket Orders: Contact Wayne Eells at Eells.Wayne.SAR.1777@gmail.com ★ **Check Made To:** Indiana SAR with CD Raffle in Memo Line. ★ **Mail to:** Wayne Eells, 103 E Bloomfield Lane, Westfield, IN 46074 (please enclose a postage paid, self-addressed return envelope for your tickets to be returned).

Tickets are available by mail and can also be obtained at events where the VPG is in attendance.

Max Tickets Available is 400.