



Indiana's 1812 Banner



The Indiana Society of the War of 1812

November 16, 2024



Greetings All,

Having just completed the Veterans Day ceremonies for 2024 I am reminded to thank all of our veterans in the General Society of the War of 1812 in Indiana for their service. It is also time to wish all of our members, our Ladies Auxiliary, our Associate members, and all their families a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season. I, for one, will be yet another stuffed turkey with my extended family this year with 15+ around the table.

Also as we look forward to our upcoming busy schedule and increased membership in 2025, I am proud to announce that I was presented The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 "Spirit of 1812 Award" on Saturday, 02 November 2024 at the Hugh McGary Sr. Chapter meeting in Newburgh Indiana. Quite a surprise for me and a truly heartfelt honor from our allied ladies society.

I am truly honored to serve as your president and look forward to the second half of my term.

T. Rex Legler II, State President 2023-2026
General Society of the War of 1812 in Indiana



Good news, the 1812 Mississinewa Society has taken possession of land to continue having the 1812 Mississinewa Fall event. This is the largest War of 1812 reenactment in the United States. They will be working hard to get things ready for next October's event and even hope to expand what can be done there. We are excited that this program will continue and that we can be a part of it. We will be teaching children and adult various period ways of life as well as some of the war's history here in Indiana.

We continue to be busy at festivals and grave dedications. The following are a few pictures of our Indiana Society in action.



Wabash Pioneer Festival in Huntington



The Fall Meeting held at the Carmel MCL



Mark Kreps and T. Rex Legler show pelts of animals in Indiana at our meeting



We participated in the Hawpatch-Liberty grave dedication ceremony. War of 1812 Society members L to R: Mark Kreps, Nat'l President Robert Pollock, H. Allen Boyd, Dennis Babbitt, T. Rex Legler II and Luke Jackson. Present but not photographed was George Frantz.



The 1812 ILA also joined in



President Legler receives “Spirit of 1812” Award and medal from the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812



Future Events and Meetings

Our next meeting is our Joint Spring Meeting, which will be on May 3, 2025. The location has yet to be determined. Please mark your calendars for this meeting.

Annual Education Day at Old Fort Wayne May 9th 2025

For Grades 4 and 5. Pre-registration is required. This Event is not open to the public.

Siege of Fort Wayne – 1812: June 7th thru June 8th, 2025

The Fall Meeting this year will once again be at the 1812 Mississinewa event on October 4, 2025, time TBA

Don't miss 1812 Mississinewa at it's new location. Kid's day will be October 3, and the main event will be on the 4th – 5th



If you are interested in obtaining Black Powder Training in Indiana please let Mark Kreps know <mrkjmkreps@gmail.com>. If interested, put **Sat March 22, 2025** on your calendar. As an Indiana Society of the War of 1812 member you can take part in Musket salutes. While the Society of the War of 1812 doesn't have the requirements that the SAR does it is always best to

have the proper training for safety reasons. This training has been approved by the INSSAR Color Guard Commander, Randy Helderman so you can expect it to be excellent training Place has yet to be determined but we are preferring East Central Indiana, North East Indiana or Central Indiana.. Please spread the word about this opportunity.

The registration fee will be nominal. The trainer will be Cpt. Brady who is a member Contemporary Longrifle Association, has extensive training in First Aid and Emergency & Crisis management, and Currently reside 30 miles East of Charleston, WV Black Powder Safety Training to include Blank Firing Exercise.

“With the increase in War of 1812 Commemoration Ceremonies, grave dedications, reenactments and other festivities, Musket and flintlock rifle purchases and use are on the rise. And so are Safety mishaps!!!
CPT Brady has developed a Black Powder Safety Training course to fill the need of SAR Compatriots to get training and experience with Black Powder handling and Firelock Safety. The knowledge and experience Compatriots gain by taking this course enables them to safely participate in Honor Guard activities.

James Shoptaw
Indiana Society of the War of 1812, Secretary