

## **2023-2024 GREAT LAKES DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT:**

**AUG** – VPG communicated with Michigan / Illinois State Society Presidents and highly encouraged them to join their respective state governments' 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committees / Commissions and provide them links. They subsequently agreed to do so. WISSAR State President was already on the Wisconsin 250<sup>th</sup> Committee. ILSSAR & MISSAR are in the process of seeking an appointment.

**AUG 12<sup>TH</sup>** (SATURDAY) – Attended Captain Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter Meeting WISSAR and Annual picnic at the William Steiger Park in downtown Oshkosh, WI; WISSAR State President Haglund. Capt Aupaumut was an Oneida Patriot believed to have been promoted to captain by General Washington.

**AUG 12<sup>TH</sup>** (SATURDAY) – Attended Mohican Nation Pow-wow at the Many Trails Park near Stockbridge, WI with WISSAR State President Haglund; met with JoAnn Shedler, tribal elder.

**AUG 15<sup>TH</sup>** (TUESDAY) – GLD VPG met with the office of Senator Debbie Stabenow to obtain her signature on MISSAR's copy of the Declaration of Independence iso WASSAR's 250<sup>th</sup> project.

**AUG 18<sup>TH</sup>** (FRIDAY) – GLD VPG attended the Blue Licks Evening Reception (KYSSAR).

**AUG 19<sup>TH</sup>** (SATURDAY) – GLD VPG attended Blue Licks Battle commemoration and presented a wreath.

**AUG 21** (MONDAY) – GLD VPG conducted zoom meeting with State Presidents / 1<sup>st</sup> VPs who reviewed and approved a GREAT LAKES DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2028, to be submitted and approved at the Great Lakes District Meeting to occur Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Bay City, MI.

**AUG 25** (SATURDAY) – VPG as a member of the SAR & SUVCW attended Civil War Muster / Reenactment in Jackson, MI assisting Jackson County Genealogical Society booth helping those interested in researching their Revolutionary & Civil War ancestry.

**AUG 26** (SUNDAY) – VPG as a member of the SAR & SUVCW will attended a statue dedication of Abraham Lincoln in Kalamazoo, MI; a great president and descendent of American patriots.

**SEPT 11** (MONDAY) – Attended a Blue Mass honoring veterans and first responders.

**SEPT 20-24** – 2023 NSSAR FALL LEADERSHIP

**SEPT 24** (SUNDAY) – Huron River Valley Patriot Grave Dedication of Patriots Samuel Waldron & Archibald Armstrong; Oakwood Cemetery, Saline, MI; intends to lay a wreath.

**SEPT 30** (SATURDAY) – GLD VPG soke at MIDAR/MISSAR joint genealogy zoom workshop.

**OCT 12** (THURSDAY) – VPG GLD visited Ft. St. Joseph archeology site and met with Niles Historian concerning local efforts to commemorate Raid on Ft. St Joseph (Michigan's only American Revolution battlefield).

**OCT 14** (SATURDAY) – VPG GLD attended/spoke African-American Genealogy workshop in Jackson County Genealogy

**OCT 19 (THURSDAY)** - VPG GLD attended Pvt Ephraim Wheaton Chapter Annual Meeting. Made chapter president.

**OCT 21-22 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)** – GLD VPG attended the CENTRAL DISTRICT Annual Meeting and memorial; intends to lay a wreath.

**OCT 24 (TUESDAY)** – GLD VPG attended VPG Strat Plan zoom meeting and Americanism Comm zoom meeting.

**OCT 26 (THURSDAY)** – GLD VPG conducted zoom meeting w/ MISSAR State President and MI DAR State Regent about making Raid on Fort St. Joseph Michigan’s 250<sup>th</sup> signature event.

**OCT 27 (FRIDAY-noon)** – VPG GLD attended Perry-McFarlan Cemetery plaque dedication, Atlas, MI sponsored by Paul Emory Chapter & MISSAR, honoring Pvt Nathan Burpee; wreath laid.

**OCT 27 (FRIDAY- evening)** – GLD Gala at Doubletree Hilton, One Wenona Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708; (989) 460-1703.

**NOV 1 (WEDS NOON)** – GLD VPG to speak at DAR Sarah Prudden Chapter luncheon, Jackson, MI.

**NOV 11 (SATURDAY)** – GLD VPG will dedicate Cemetery Plaque honoring Patriot Joseph Darling at Woodlawn Cemetery, Jackson, MI. And attend flag-pole dedication at fallen soldier memorial at St. Joseph Cemetery. Will lay a wreath at both events.

**DEC 16 (SATURDAY)** – GLD VPG will lay wreaths at St. Joseph Cemetery, Jackson, MI in support of “Wreaths Across America.”

**FEB 17 (SATURDAY)** – GLD VPG will convey greetings to the Michigan Sons of the Revolution Annual Meeting.

**WEEK OF FEB 24** – VPG GLD will attend NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY.

**APR 12-13 (SATURDAY)** – GLD VPG will attend Michigan State Society Board of Managers Meeting & Annual Meeting.

**APR 26 (FRIDAY)** – GLD VPG will attend Pvt Ephraim Wheaton Chapter Liberty Tree & plaque dedication at Michigan State Capitol area grounds.

**MAY 3-4 (FRI & SAT)** – GLD VPG will attend ILSSAR Annual Meeting.

**JUN 8 (SAT)** – VPG GLD will attend MISSAR BOM.

**WEEK OF JUL 10** – VPG GLD will attend NSSAR Congress in Lancaster, PA.

TBD – GLD VPG intends to conduct a zoom mtg with State Society Presidents to discuss “non-traditional” membership recruitment with guest speakers in order to develop greater diversity in the GLDSSAR & NSSAR.

TBD – GLD VPG intends to conduct a zoom meeting regarding progress of GLD & State Strategic Plans, execution, and lessons learned.