



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn, Chesteron, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President William Sharp
- State Secretary Dave Peters took the Executive Committee Roll Call:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
President	William Sharp III	x
Vice President	Wayne C. Eells	
Secretary	David W. Peters	x
Treasurer	Arthur S. Bowers	
Registrar	Robert D. Howell Sr.	
District 1 V.P.	Roger D. Barnhart	x
District 2 V.P.	Matthew Boone	x
District 3 V.P.	Jerry Brown	x
District 4 V.P.	John G. West	
Chancellor	Terry English	

- The agenda was approved.

Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	Willard Waterson Jeffery H. Jones Rick Smurdon
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Wendell Horn Dave Peters Roger Barnhart
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Bill Sharp Robert Phillips Randall Eckley Larry Clark Lyle Lovell

	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Pat Cave Rod Ensley Robert Pfaff
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Matt Boone
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Gordon Bell
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey
4	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham

Guests:

- Martha Barnhart – NSDAR Treasurer General
- Cynthia Stout – Honorary State Regent of Indiana, DAR
- Donna Sharp – Past Regent, Mary Penrose Wayne chapter

Awards:

Indiana Society Veterans Battalion certificate

Gordon W. Bell Jr. (Daniel Guthrie)

- Cold War
- Afghanistan
- Global War on Terrorism

John G. West (Ohio Valley)

- Cold War

Vernon W. Coats (John Hay)

- Cold War

Mark S. Owens (John Hay)

- Cold War
- Afghanistan
- Bosnia

Merle F. Barnett (David Benton)

- Vietnam
- Cold War

William V. Schnorr (Alexander Hamilton)

- Cold War

Richard I. Bluck (Daniel Guthrie)

- Cold War

Stephen H. Johnson (Gen. Thomas Posey)

- Vietnam
- Cold War

Dennis L. Noel (David Benton)

- Vietnam
- Cold War

Wendell D. Horn (Anthony Halberstadt)

- Korean Defense
- Cold War

Neal C. Pitts (Anthony Halberstadt)

- Cold War

Michael L. Mullenix (Alexander Hamilton)

- Vietnam
- Cold War

Partners in Patriotism (awarded by the National Society)

Ohio Valley chapter

David Benton chapter

Daniel Guthrie chapter

Continental chapter

Clarence A. Cook chapter

George Rogers Clark chapter

Anthony Halberstadt chapter

Indiana Society

Ribbon – (awarded by the National Society)

Indiana Society Color Guard for participation in the 225th

Anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution

Commemoration parade (September 15, 2012)

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award

Presented to the Indiana Society on behalf of the National

Society for Flag Certificate presentation activities

C.A.R. Activities Award, 2012-2013

Received by Rick Smurdon

-30 minute lunch break-

-reconvened session at 1:27p.m.-

Secretary:

- The minutes of the April Annual House of Delegates Meeting were read. Willard Waterson requested that the minutes reflect the presence of Ernie Davis and Andrew Smith, in addition to himself, at the April State meeting. Motion to Approve and Seconded. Minutes approved (with corrections).

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Genealogist:

- A brief message on the status and number of new membership applications was conveyed by Secretary Peters on behalf of State Genealogist Robert Howell

Committee Reports:

- The committee reports are available on the INSSAR website, in association with the posting of these minutes.

Unfinished Business:

- Further discussion on the March 2, 1779 Pointe Coupee/Capt. Leonard Helm Naval Battle. Brief debate on what would comprise acceptable historical documentation on whether this was a battle distinct from the Siege of Fort Sackville of the previous week in 1779.
- New Member Handbook sent to Chapter Presidents for feedback.
- Roger Barnhart reported on events at the National Congress.
 - Joe Dooley (new President General) installation
 - 'very interesting man'
 - Mention of President General's matching donations and associated challenges he offers
 - Motion to raise supplemental fees, but not voted upon at National Congress.
 - Discussion of controls on N.S.S.A.R. spending
- Roger Barnhart discussed the George Washington Fund, and the function of its Distribution Committee. "If a project needs financial assistance, this

is a good source.” He encourages members to consider becoming George Washington fellows.

- Lyle Lovell, Rick Smurdon, and Roger Barnhart were recognized for their efforts toward organizing the meeting.

District Reports (during Unfinished Business):

- District 1: Roger Barnhart – no report
- District 2: Matthew Boone – report of meeting with Clarence A. Cook chapter regarding a Vietnam Veterans memorial [*Note: I think it was a memorial mentioned, but my handwriting is a bit dodgy on that last word.*]
- District 3: Edward Hitchcock – no report (not present)
- District 4: J.D. Strouth – no report (not present)

- State Color Guard asks that the State Secretary request every chapter answer a series of questions (provided by Robert Cunningham).

- State Color Guard – “tough to find new members”
- “There is only the State Society Color Guard. Not chapter Color Guards, but rather Color Guard members within chapters.” - This for liability coverage purposes.
- All Color Guard events need to be reported to Robert Cunningham.
- Discussion of creating Color Guard operations manual so that a member can step into any event – standardized procedures.
- “Color Guard needs ‘new blood’, as it is a highly visible part of S.A.R.”
- Robert Cunningham spoke of attending an event at Point Pleasant (Ohio), and of inaccuracies in the presentation of some re-enactors. (Re-enactors who are not in the S.A.R. Color Guard, he added.)
- Mark Kreps offered blank Flag Recognition certificates to all present.
- Roger Barnhart reported on the Rumbaugh Oration contest. The Indiana representative did not qualify in the final six, but she did quite well.
- Gordon Bell discussed the Operations Ancestor veterans program.
 - Successful at Walter Reed (D.C. area), San Antonio, etc.
 - Working with the Warrior Transition group at Fort Knox.
 - One year free subscription to Wounded Warriors and V.A. hospitals.
 - Allen County (Ft. Wayne) offering resources.
 - Indiana Wounded Warriors working extensively through home-base healthcare.
 - Suggested visiting V.A. hospitals to help with genealogical research.

- Wounded Warriors bused from Fort Knox to the NSSAR Louisville research library.
- Roger Barnhart suggests that chapters become involved with the Honor Flights program for veterans. "Get a hold of your local U.S.O. official to get involved."

New Business:

- Request for help at the S.A.R. table during the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne (August 22-24).
- Directors and Officers Liability insurance - "we are covered".
- Discussion on the formation of a new chapter in S.E. Indiana (Madison based). Two men have been put in charge of this endeavor.
- Assist the Kentucky Society with planning and executing the 2015 National Congress in Louisville.
- How to communicate with members about meetings? Discussion of the Hoosier Patriot publication, postcards, etc.
 - Robert Cunningham - "Shouldn't chapter members be notified by chapter officers?"
 - David Betzner - "New members are not showing-up at HOD meetings. Chapters should be working harder to get new members to meetings."
 - Rod Ensley - "More communication from S.A.R. and D.A.R. to recruit from C.A.R."
 - Gordon Bell - "Examine the possibility of employing 'phone trees' within chapters to call members about upcoming meetings. Assign new members a 'member mentor'."
 - Rod Ensley - "Do not have 'administrative meetings', but rather offer engaging programs during meetings."
 - Robert Cunningham - "Key is involvement with others (especially guests) at chapter meetings."
 - Rick Smurdon - "Perhaps webcast HOD and other state meetings."
 - Robert Cunningham - "How many here have their wives in the Ladies Auxiliary? Get wives involved in that organization. Only \$5 per year!"
 - Bill Sharp - "Yes, Ladies Auxiliary is effective at fundraising, etc."
 - Gordon Bell - "Consider program sharing between chapters. Help members attain a 'Good Citizenship' medal."
- President Sharp mentions possible Rushville chapter formation. No individuals named to lead this project as yet.
- President Sharp - "The House of Delegates meeting events are meant to teach history."
- Matt Boone suggests that President Sharp's presentation be emailed to all chapter presidents.

- President Sharp discusses the possibility of making Winter meetings a district, rather than state, affair.

For the Good of the Order:

- Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne (August 22-24). Volunteers to man the S.A.R. table requested. Contact Bill Sharp or Ron Darrah.
- Officers are encouraged to attend the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville in September (27-29).
 - Robert Cunningham - "If money is an issue, just come for the day."
 - Roger Barnhart - "It provides a sense of appreciation of what S.A.R. programs can accomplish (e.g., Rumbaugh Oration contest).
- October 4-5 - Point Pleasant, Ohio Ceremony.
- INSSAR Fall House of Delegates meeting, Saturday, October 19, Hollywood Casino, Lawrenceburg, Indiana (9:30 a.m.)
- October 19 - Ceremony for Lochry's Defeat. Riverview Cemetery, two miles south of Aurora, Indiana, just off SR 56 (1:30 p.m.).
- November 2 - de la Balme Ceremony (1:30 p.m.). The memorial site is located at 7175 East de la Balme Road, Columbia City, Indiana.
- January 18, 2014 - Winter House of Delegates meeting, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana (9:30 a.m.)

The Executive Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by Historian Pfaff, and the SAR Recessional led by President Sharp at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Peters, Secretary
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Reports posted as associated supplemental.