

**House of Delegates Meeting
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Evansville, Indiana – January 21, 2006**

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held in Evansville, Indiana and hosted by the Ohio Valley Chapter. The Saturday session was called to order at 10 a.m. by President T. Rex Legler II followed by the Invocation, colors were posted by the Color Guard, and Pledges to the American Flag and S.A.R were led by Vice President Garry M. Eckard. Jack Moore was selected to serve as Parliamentarian. Compatriot Halleck called the roll and determined that a quorum was present as follows:

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:

1 delegate

Continental Chapter:

2, including 1 delegates-at-large

Clarence A. Cook Chapter

3, including 1 delegates-at-large

David Benton Chapter

1 delegate-at-large

Daniel Guthrie Chapter

4, including 2 delegates-at-large

George Rogers Clark Chapter

1 delegate

John Martin Chapter

1 delegate-at-large

Ohio Valley Chapter

7, including 4 delegates-at-large

Thomas Posey Chapter

1 delegate-at-large

William Knight Chapter

1 delegate-at-large

Reports

Minutes for the meeting of October 29, 2005, were approved, with the following changes
1) that the correct city and host chapter be listed. The meeting was held in South Bend and hosted by Alexis Coquillard Chapter. 2) The correct website for those interested in obtaining more information about Revolutionary War Graves is www.sar.org NOT www.rsar.org. 3) The INSSAR meeting in April will have a *joint luncheon* with the DAR, not a joint meeting as stated in the minutes. With these corrections, the minutes were approved by consent. It was noted that these had been posted on the INSSAR web site and are expected to be in the future. Chapter and INSSAR officers who have received a mailed copy in the past are to notify Secretary Halleck if they wish to receive a paper copy, one of which will always be prepared for permanent minutes.

On motion of National Trustee Roger D. Barnhart, seconded by Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck, the agenda for this meeting was approved.

Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck's printed report showed \$11,409.11 in cash and money market accounts and \$42,739.15 in CD's for a total of \$55,148.26 in total assets.

District Director North – Was not present, no report.

District Director – North Central was not present.

District Director, South Central – At the Daniel Guthrie meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 the chapter received the NSSAR Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Certificate of Recognition for Partners in Patriotism, Compatriot Ed Hitchcock was awarded the Past President's Certificate, and two new members were inducted to the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. INSCAR President Rachel Henderson spoke on the CAR's state and national goals. She extended an invitation to the INSCAR State Conference scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

District Director South – The David Benton Chapter conducted another successful annual drive to collect Christmas gifts for patients at Louisville's VA Hospital. The General Thomas Posey Chapter has elected a new President – Stephen H. Johnson. The Ohio Valley Chapter last met on October 29, 2005, at Willard Library in Evansville. Compatriot Thomas Payne presented his program on "The Legacy of Thomas Paine, Firebrand of the Revolution". President JD Strouth conducted elections – all current officers were elected for another term.

Editor John Van Zandt reported that he will be adding publication deadlines to future issues of the *Hoosier Patriot*. In addition, Compatriot Van Zandt asked that members should submit articles, photos, etc. at anytime – the earlier the better. As for the types of photography, either digital or standard photography is fine. The deadline for the Spring issue will be mid-March – compatriots should count on providing at least 6 weeks lead time to allow for articles to be published.

President T. Rex Legler II presented information from Martha Barnhart about the National Ladies Auxiliary. Notes of interest are – the Ladies Auxiliaries are formed with the sole purpose of supporting SAR; dues are \$5 annually, when a state auxiliary is formed all dues are kept in the state. The Ladies Auxiliary of the INSSAR has 15 paid members as of January 16, 2006. The membership year begins on January 1. Our state chapter has a balance of \$220 – all of which will go to support Indiana programs.

In 2005, the INSSAR Color Guard participated in 63 events. There are currently nine scheduled for this year. Noteworthy events included the annual Memorial Day commemorations at Washington Park Cemetery, the four day July 4th concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Midwestern Roots Genealogy Conference, several parades and cemetery ceremonies.

There were several noteworthy events during the past year, however the greatest accomplishment was the activation of a "northern command" being lead by G. Tom Schnuck. The Alexis

Coquillard and Continental Chapters have fielded several new Color Guard compatriots who have already participated in a handful of events. We look forward to their presence during coming years.

The current treasury balance is \$5,504.61. We do expect to receive honorarium for any scheduled 2006 event.

Registrar Noel Reen reported that to date, he has 51 Membership and Supplemental Applications (New Applications – 42; Supplemental – 9) awaiting NSSAR approval. He continues to work with the Secretary and has been working on clearing up duplicated state numbers. In addition, Registrar Reen continues to work in clearing up discrepancies in records and to obtaining missing information for pending files. Registrar Reen also noted that copies of DAR applications that are to be used as “references” documents on our SAR applications will not be accepted at SAR unless they’re stamped “Record Copy” or “Duplicate Copy”. Finally, Registrar Reen asked that all members be careful when submitting applications that reference other applications yet to be approved. If this is the case, please take time to fill out completely the REFERCES: section of the application.

National Trustee Roger Barnhart reported that the NSSAR Leadership Conference has been scheduled for February 23 – 26, 2006. The conference will be held in Louisville, KY. All interested parties need to submit registrations no later than February 10, 2006. For more information, please look to www.sar.org.

The Liberty Bell award application is due February 1, 2006 – all publicity about color guard activities will be submitted. As for other programs of interest, the State Society is investigating ways to increase the amount of money awarded to those who compete and win the Rumbaugh Orations contest, Eagle Scout, and Knight Essay. Providing more funds will foster greater involvement at the local and state level.

Compatriot Bob Howell presented a list of all known ROTC/JROTC units and which INSSAR chapter was closest – those chapters are able to provide ROTC/JROTC medals and awards which are furnished by the INSSAR. Compatriot Howell also recommended that ROTC units provide each chapter with more information on each individual – so that the INSSAR can determine the selection. President Legler went on to stress that the Color Guard and youth programs provide exposure for the INSSAR – a main recruiting tool for new members.

Vice President Eckard informed the delegation that all medals and awards must be submitted no later than February 1, 2006, so that he can supply this information to the state and to the editor of the *Hoosier Patriot* for submission. It was noted that there are awards for state AND chapter newsletters. Those interested in submitting for those awards must add the national chairman on their publication list. After the 2nd publication he receives, that chapter/state will automatically be enrolled.

Compatriot James Arnold, presented information on that topic. Chapters are encouraged to contact local American Legion Posts about this joint adventure – more information can be obtained in the December issue of the American Legion Magazine. In order for INSSAR to get

credit for these ventures, chapters must provide documentation (i.e. pictures, programs, cooperating Legion post, dignitaries who attended the event, etc) to the chairman of the Partners in Patriotism. All documentation must be received no later than May 10, 2006 at NSSAR. Please mail all corresponding information to:

Compatriot Lyman R. Brenner
Chairman – Partners in Patriotism
PO Box 7005
Wilmington, DE 19803

To date, the Clarence Cook Chapter has submitted a report and the Daniel Guthrie Chapter has notified the NSSAR Chairman of a pending program. In addition, the INSSAR has conducted a joint program with Indiana and Illinois.

Old Business

The Handbook History Revision has been sent to the printers. It is our hope that we will be able to distribute the INSSAR Handbook at the state meeting.

NSSAR Outreach Program Post cards were distributed at the January meeting. Please mail these postage postcards back to NSSAR.

New Business

Chairman John West presented information on the 4-H Youth Program Initiative – stating that 4-H is an excellent youth program for the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to support through recognizing those 4-H’ers that best reflect the principles of good citizenship that our Forefathers provided for us through the Declaration of Independence, Revolutionary War, and the United States Constitution. Each county 4-H program’s award committee would be asked to select a county winner based on their 4-H participation in areas of Leadership, Community Service, and Citizenship. Each winner would receive an SAR lapel pin in recognition of their Good Citizenship. These county winners would be asked to submit a copy of their 4-H Achievement Record and a short essay on “What Does Good Citizenship Mean to Me”. Of these submissions, one winner would be selected from each of the INSSAR four districts. These winners would be presented a SARB Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Funding for this program should not exceed \$300 – scholarships at this time are not provided. The State Society unanimously approved this program.

INSSAR Treasurer G. Tom Schnuck presented the 2006-2007 budget as follows:

Expenses

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| President’s Expenses | \$500 |
| Secretary’s Expenses | \$500 |
| Treasurer’s Expenses | \$50 |
| Registrar’s Expenses | \$50 |

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| Orations Contest | \$1000 |
| ROTC Medals | \$400 |
| Eagle Scouts | \$600 |
| 4-H Youth program | \$300 |
| Secretary of State Reports | \$10 |
| State Medals and Awards | \$400 |
| Essay Contest | \$390 |
| Hoosier Patriot | \$2,200 |
| CAR Scholarship | \$330 |
| Escrow Accounts | \$350 |
| Society of State Pres. | \$10 |
| District Dues | \$110 |
| Contingency | \$100 |
| Recruitment Literature | \$100 |
| Web Site | \$100 |
| Liability Insurance | \$1,000 |

Total \$8,500

600 members @ 10.00 \$6,000.00

50 at-large members @ \$2.50 \$125.00

½ interest from CD's \$1,000.00

Total \$7,125.00

As Chairman of the nomination committee for selection of officers for the 2006/2007 terms, Compatriot Roger Barnhart presented the following names for consideration:

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| President | Garry M. Eckard |
| Vice President | Robert Howell |
| Secretary | Brandon Halleck |
| Treasurer | G. Thomas Schnuck |
| Registrar | Noel Reen |
| Chancellor | John A. Kessler |
| Genealogist | Edward Hitchcock |
| Historian | Jack Moore |
| Chaplain | J. D. Strouth |
| Director North | Willard Waterson |
| Director North Central | Roger Barnhart |
| Director South Central | James Arnold |
| Director South | John West |
| National Trustee | T. Rex Legler II |
| Alt. National Trustee | Garry M. Eckard |

President Legler stated that there has been discussion to extend the National terms of President General, Secretary General, and Treasurer General to two year terms. This would allow

continuity and to provide officers a chance to complete their programs/initiatives/tasks they started at the beginning of their term. This begs the question for our state society, do we implement two year terms? President Legler led discussion as to whether or not we should have two year terms for President, Vice-President, and National Trustee. It was noted that a person selected to serve as Vice-President is actually making a 6 year commitment – this is an item that will need further discussion.

The next meeting of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held April 29, 2006, at the Marriot East in Indianapolis. James Alexander Thom will be the guest speaker. More information can be obtained on the INSSAR website at www.inssar.org. Future meeting dates are July 29th in Ft. Wayne and October 14th in Vincennes

In closing, President Legler encouraged members to attend the INSSAR meeting on April 29th. It is imperative that we continue to have participation at the local and state level.

The meeting closed with benediction by Compatriot J. D. Strouth.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon R. Halleck, Secretary
Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution