

**House of Delegates Meeting  
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana – Saturday, July 29, 2006**

The Summer Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and hosted by the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter. The Saturday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Garry Eckard 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 Robert Howell. John Kessler was selected to serve as Parliamentarian. Compatriot Halleck called the roll and determined that a quorum was present as follows:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter  
1 delegate  
Alexis Coquillard Chapter  
2, including 1 delegate-at-large  
Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:  
13, including 5 delegates-at-large  
Continental Chapter:  
4, including 2 delegates-at-large  
Clarence A. Cook Chapter  
5, including 2 delegates-at-large  
David Benton Chapter  
2 delegate-at-large  
Daniel Guthrie Chapter  
5, including 3 delegates-at-large  
George Rogers Clark Chapter  
1 delegate-at-large  
John Martin Chapter  
1 delegate-at-large  
Seth Jewel Chapter  
1 delegate-at-large  
William Henry Harrison Chapter  
2, including 1 delegate-at-large  
William Knight Chapter  
1 delegate-at-large

*Reports*

Compatriot Roger Barnhart welcomed the delegates to Ft. Wayne and introduced two special guests – NSSAR Surgeon General Dan Heller (AZ) and NSSAR Genealogist General Charles Bragg (IN). Compatriot Barnhart also recognized that present in the room were two Minuteman Award recipients – Compatriots Charles Bragg and Marshall Miller.

Minutes for the meeting of April 29, 2006, were approved, with the following change 1) the recipients for the Color Guard awards should be listed as Bronze Color Guard. With this correction, the minutes were approved by consent. 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.

Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck's printed report showed \$9,420.30 in cash and money market accounts and \$43,442.32 in CD's for a total of \$52,862.62 in total assets.

District Director North – Willard Watterson informed the delegates that the Van Gordon chapter is still inactive at this time. The Coquillard Chapter did issue one ROTC Portage High School SAR medal and certificate in May. The Jewel Chapter currently has 14-17 members signed up and some in the process of applying for application to the SAR. The Simon Kenton Chapter presently has ten members and is preparing a joint meeting with the Alexis Coquillard Chapter. The Alexis Coquillard Chapter is active and participating in the Color Guard. Recent events have included the River Park parade in May and the Memorial Day parade in Mishawaka. In addition, plans to participate at the College Football Hall of Fame are being made for August 12, 2006.

District Director North Central – Roger Barnhart announced Phil Ellermann; founding member of the Thaddeus Kosciusko Chapter, has passed away. He spearheaded the efforts to form Indiana's newest chapter and his presence will be missed. In addition, the Anthony Halberstadt chapter is in the process of awarding flag certificates and ROTC medals.

District Director, South Central – Compatriot James Arnold attended meetings for the John Martin Chapter and the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. The John Martin Chapter inducted three new members into the society. In addition, a presentation on the Bridgeton Covered Bridge repairs was made by James Meese. There is a picnic planned for August 27 at Forest Park in Brazil, Indiana – awards will be presented during the evening meeting.

At the Daniel Guthrie meeting, the Bloomington Fire Chief talked about new CPR techniques. Points of interest were 1) if you have a fire extinguisher and smoke detector in your home all insurance companies are required to provide a discount 2) the new CPR is 20 compressions and 2 breaths (the old was 5 and 1). Awards were presented to Compatriot Lee Thompson (Korean War Bar), Cadet Amanda Radcliff (NJROTC medal), Ariza Miyagi (Washington NJROTC), Cadet Bryan Abell (AFROTC), and Cadet Matthew Waechter (ROTC). Two new members were inducted and one life membership was presented.

District Director South – The David Benton Chapter is continuing to meet monthly and continues to receive media coverage in the *Jackson County Banner*. John Sheets has done a wonderful job – increasing the visibility for the local chapter and the Indiana Society. In addition the Ohio Valley chapter has created a newsletter – *The Ohio Valley Arsenal* edited by Chris Myers. The Ohio Valley and David Benton chapters were both awarded the Golden Chapter Awards during the April meeting. During the last meeting for the Ohio Valley Chapter, a presentation of the Calvert Spencer Revolutionary War Veteran Grave Dedication was made by Peggy Gilkey. The chapter also presented its program “Flags Over America” with over 160 flags

to the Spring Valley Neighborhood Association – this is part of the Ohio Valley Chapter’s Speakers Bureau.

The Ohio Valley Color Guard has participated in eight parades since the last state meeting – continuing to promote the SAR throughout the area. John West, in cooperation with Willard Library, set up a display in the Genealogy department entitled “US Flags from Colonial times thru the American Revolution to the Star-Spangled Banner.”

Editor John Van Zandt reiterated that sending notifications via email that the *Hoosier Patriot* was available online would save the state society a considerable amount of money. We are encouraged to continue submitting material for publication to Compatriot Van Zandt. For those interested in saving the society money, please view the publications online at [www.inssar.org](http://www.inssar.org). Compatriot Van Zandt is currently looking into setting up a mass email to be sent notifying SAR members that the *Hoosier Patriot* has been posted online. This email will include a link to the INSSAR Website.

Martha Barnhart’s reported that The Ladies Auxiliary of the INSSAR has 31 paid members as of July 29, 2006. The membership year begins on Jan 1. Membership dues are \$5 each. Calendar year 2006 memberships will be accepted through August 31, 2006. Beginning in September, dues are applied to the following year. All SAR ladies qualify for membership, lineage to a patriot is not necessary to join. The sole purpose of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary is to support the INSSAR. Ladies Auxiliary pins are now available at \$10 each, see Martha Barnhart. In April, ladies enjoyed an Indianapolis tour hosted by Ann Moore followed by the combined SAR/DAR luncheon.

Karen Bragg and April Legler both generously prepared and contributed beautiful "Hoosier" baskets containing many Indiana products for auction at the national congress in Dallas, TX in July 2006. April, Karen, Rona Miller, Martha Barnhart and Marge Howell enjoyed the ladies luncheon at the Gaylord Hotel in Dallas during Congress and attended the business meetings. Ladies Auxiliary Members also participated with the SAR Color Guard at the Symphony on the Prairie at Conner Prairie over the Independence Day holiday and walked in the Acton Memorial Day Parade.

During the first seven months of 2006, the INSSAR Color Guard participated in 32 posted events, with approximately 15 others currently scheduled for the remainder of the year. Notable events include Memorial Day commemorations with the DAR at Acton Cemetery, the four day July 4<sup>th</sup> concerts at Conner Prairie with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, several parades and cemetery ceremonies. The Color Guard has been publicized in several newspaper articles and television news presentations throughout the state. Earlier this year, Bronze Color Guard medals were awarded to Stuart Hart, David Betzner, Wade Harshman, and Will Teague. Jamie Harshman was presented a miniature medal and Certificate of Appreciation for serving as musician.

Vice President Howell, Indiana’s representative for the NSSAR Color Guard, reported that the National Website ([www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)) will be posting pictures of various color guard activities. Our state society plans to submit photos of local color guard members participating in area events – look to have this expanded over the next several months.

There are an increasing number of youth oriented activities such as schools, contests, and scouting. The “northern command”, lead by G. Tom Schnuck, has been increasingly busy. The Continental Chapter has uniformed several new guardsmen and is participating in, and scheduling events. Four compatriots participated in the Blair Point School Fine Arts Festival in Peru, and they are currently making plans for the Memorial Day Parade in Muncie.

Registrar Noel Reen reported that to date, he has 18 Membership and Supplemental Applications (New Applications – 11; Supplemental – 7) awaiting NSSAR approval. Registrar Reen encouraged prospective members to refrain from using the yellow hi-lighter to identify items on documentation. Use a red pencil to underline if needed and an arrow at the vertical edge of the document to call attention to the item. And, each piece of documentation should be identified in red pencil at the top of the document as to what Generation(s) the document includes; making it easier for those reviewing the applications to sort out what supports what. Currently, there are 455 new member and supplemental applications entered in the INSSAR Registrars MS Access Database.

National Trustee Roger Barnhart reported that he, along with several members of the Indiana Society, represented our state at the NSSAR Annual Congress in Dallas, Texas. Barnhart reported that Chuck Bragg (Indiana Society) was elected by a landslide to the office of Genealogist General and Dan Heller (an associate member of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter) was reelected to the office of Surgeon General of the NSSAR. We offer congratulations to both these compatriots.

Several amendments to the Bylaws of the SAR Foundation and National Society were approved. One amendment, which Barnhart recommends be adopted by the State Society and local chapters, is a standard Oath of Office. Orations contestant, Miss Camilla Oldenkamp, from Peru, Indiana did an outstanding job but did not make the finals this year. We encourage her to participate again next year. T. Rex Legler II was sworn in as National Trustee from Indiana for the 2006-07 term. The fall leadership meeting will be held in Louisville, KY on September 28 – 30. The 117<sup>th</sup> Annual congress will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia July 6 – 11, 2007.

T. Rex Legler II added that we need to continue to push for donations for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. As a state society, we need to continue to develop and support our youth programs. As chairman of the nomination committee, Legler asked for those interested in serving as an officer or on a committee to notify him. In addition, the National society is looking for members to serve on committees.

Compatriot J.D. Strouth informed the society that on June 27, the US Senate voted 66-34 on amending the US Constitution to protect the desecration of the flag of the United States. It failed for a lack of the 2/3 votes required. Congressional support continues to increase. With time, passage of this amendment will hopefully occur the next time. The US House of Representatives acted on their Article III, Section 2 powers and voted 260-167 for the Pledge Protection Act which would insulate the Pledge of Allegiance from attacks by activist federal judges who could otherwise rule it unconstitutional. At the Annual Congress, the National Society SAR presented a certificate to the INSSAR which stated “Indiana Society has been awarded THE ALLENE WILSON GROVES AWARD to the State Society, based upon size

which presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles 2005 – 2006”. Please submit any and all data to J.D. Strouth for 2006.

The INSSAR Handbook was overall a large success thanks to the efforts of Bob Burton. While there might have been a few mistakes, these were few and far between. The Indiana Society appreciates all the hard-work and dedication from Compatriot Burton. Corrections to and suggestions about the Handbook should be sent to Handbook Committee Chairman Bob Burton and Historian/Archivist Jack Moore.

It was noted that many of the INSSAR youth programs needed continued support. Mark Kreps suggested we push for increased participation for the Knight Essay Contest. Each chapter president needs to let Compatriot Kreps know by September 15 as to whether or not their chapter plans to participate in the Knight Essay contest – please include the local chairman. Email notification is preferred thus making communication between the student, Compatriot Kreps, and the local chairman easier and more efficient. The 4-H County Fairs are in full swing across the state and soon afterwards many of the state’s 92 counties will begin to select award winners, including the award that our INSSAR Chapters will have the opportunity to present to the winning 4-H members. The award is the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin. In addition, a poster contest is being sponsored by the National Society that encourages 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade students to portray the image, criteria, theme set forth by NSSAR.

Compatriot Robert Howell, Sr. encouraged all members to submit medal and award requests to him. He also noted that while we want to increase the number of medals presented, we must continue to adhere to strict standards – we do not want to “diminish” the awards.

NSSAR Genealogist Chuck Bragg and INSSAR membership chairman stated that the Indiana Society continues to show slow growth. However, we can do better and need to implement a follow-up plan or publicity distributed at the time we have a function. The bi-fold flyer, “SAR Whats” form #0913, available from the SAR National Headquarters is good to distribute. Possible suggestions are to set up tables at the Library in the Local History Room. Chapter development needs attention as well. Several inquiries have been made referencing Boone and Howard Counties – in addition, the Northwest section of the state needs another look.

The Indiana Society website, [www.inssar.org](http://www.inssar.org), has a total of 1200 unique visits each month. Over three hundred move directly to the graves websites. Compatriot Chris Myers from the Ohio Valley Chapter has agreed to become the chapter web coordinator. He will help create, update, and maintain web pages for INSSAR chapters that do not have the present capability to do so. The ideal goal is to enable each chapter to create and maintain their own web pages. Chapters in need of assistance are encouraged to contact Compatriot Myers.

Compatriot James Arnold informed the delegates that the INSSAR must have a minimum of three documented programs during a one-year period to be awarded a streamer for Partners in Patriotism. Currently, Jim Jackson and John Sheets from the David Benton Chapter conduct a clothing and personnel health articles drive for the VA hospital in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the American Legion Post in Brownstown. On September 30, the Daniel Guthrie chapter will have a joint color guard in the Pioneer Days Parade in Owensburg, Indiana in conjunction

with the American Legion Post 18. The American Legion Post in Spencer will have their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Spencer Fair grounds – Compatriot Arnold will be the “Sergeant of Guard” again this year. Please document with pictures, programs, and newspaper articles on the projects completed. Forward these to Compatriot James Arnold.

*Old Business*

No old business was presented.

*New Business*

Jerry Boyd was inducted as the newest member of the Anthony Halberstadt chapter with Compatriots Dan Heller, Chuck Bragg, and Roger Barnhart overseeing the Oath.

Medals and awards which were originally received or recognized at the July 2006 NSSAR Annual Congress were presented in the following categories: The Allene Wilson Groves Award (Indiana Society), The Officers Attendance Award (Indiana Society), The CAR Activities Award (Indiana Society), The Syracuse Award (Indiana Society), Liberty Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster (Charles F. Bragg - 2, Robert Neil Hall, T. Rex Legler II, Jack Earl Moore), Certificate of Appreciation to T. Rex Legler II and Theodore Williams for serving as national chairmen, SAR Congress Attendance Certificate (Marshall E. Miller, Charles F. Bragg), Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Certificate (Indiana Society and David Benton, Clarence A. Cook, Daniel Guthrie and Ohio Valley Chapters), Fire Safety Commendation Award (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Law Enforcement Commendation Award (Daniel Guthrie, John Martin Chapters), Council of State Presidents Silver Medal (Roger D. Barnhart, T. Rex Legler II, Garry M. Eckard), and SAR Color Guard Medal - Silver (T. Rex Legler II).

President Eckard presented the committee appointments:

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
Americanism and Flag	J.D. Strouth
Americanism Poster	G. Thomas Schnuck
Audit	Jack E. Moore
Budget	G. Thomas Schnuck
Chapter Web Coordinator	Christopher D. Myers
Color Guard	Steven D. Oberlin
Credentials	Brandon R. Halleck
Eagle Scout	Randy J. Hillenberg
Essay Contest, Knight	Mark R. Kreps
Finance	Marshall E. Miller
Four-H	John G. West
Fund Raising	Roger D. Barnhart
Golden Chapter Awards	Jack E. Moore
Handbook	Robert E. Burton
Ladies Auxiliary	Martha Barnhart
Medals and Awards	Robert D. Howell, Sr.

Membership and Chapter Dev.	Charles F. Bragg
Newsletter	John B. Van Zandt
Nominating	T. Rex Legler II
NSSAR Central District Rep.	John A. Kessler, Sr.
NSSAR Color Guard Rep.	Robert D. Howell, Sr.
Online Graves Project	Wade Harshman
Orations Contest, Rumbaugh	C. David Betzner
Publicity	Terry J. Record
Revolutionary War Graves	Theodore J. Williams
ROTC/JROTC	Robert D. Howell, Sr.
Veteran's Programs/Amer. Legion	James C. Arnold
Website – State	Steven D. Oberlin
Youth Programs	G. Thomas Schnuck

### **FINANCE RELATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### Audit

Jack E. Moore – Chairman  
 Graham D. Morey  
 R. Charles Peters

#### Fund Raising

James C. Arnold  
 Roger D. Barnhart - Chairman  
 Charles F. Bragg  
 Brandon R. Halleck  
 David L. Kelly  
 Earl W. Salisbury

#### Finance

T. Rex Legler II  
 Marshall E. Miller – Chairman  
 Jack E. Moore  
 G. Thomas Schnuck – Treasurer

These committees and chairmen were motioned, duly seconded and passed unanimously. The INSSAR motioned and approved to submit \$250 for our share of the NSSAR Central District contribution to the NSSAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Jack Moore discussed the topic of permanently storing INSSAR records – a library or facility that is accessible to the general public. We need to determine and location and decide what needs to be stored. Registrar Noel Reen stated that many older files are located at his residence – what are we to do with applications from 100 years ago? It was generally agreed upon that further discussion needs to take place. Currently, this will be for state records only. Jack Moore will spearhead this program.

In other new business, T. Rex Legler II moved that the National Color Guard Committee to include the Ladies Auxiliary Members be eligible for the Bronze Color Guard Award Medal. This recommendation was seconded by Charles Bragg and approved unanimously.

Furthermore, the Indiana Society moved unanimously to endorse Charles Bragg for a second term as Genealogist General.

In closing remarks, INSSAR President Garry Eckard encouraged any member interested in chairing the publicity committee to set forward. President Eckard also noted it has been called to the INSSAR's attention state or federal laws may require organizations such as the INSSAR to carry Fidelity or Surety Bonds. This is an issue we'll have to look further into.

The meeting closed with Vice President Robert Howell, Sr. leading the SAR Recessional and Anthony Halberstadt Chaplain Harvey Jones provided the benediction. President Eckard adjourned the meeting. The next INSSAR meeting will be held Saturday October 14, 2006, in Vincennes, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

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