

**House of Delegates Meeting
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Vincennes, Indiana, Saturday, October 14, 2006**

The Fall meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held in Vincennes, Indiana and hosted by the George Rogers Clark Chapter. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Garry Eckard. Greetings were extended by Compatriot Marshall Miller on behalf of the George Rogers Clark Chapter, followed by the invocation by Chaplain J. D. Strouth, and colors posted by the Color Guard. Pledges to the American Flag and the SAR were led by Vice President Robert D. Howell. Compatriot John Kesler was present as Parliamentarian. Compatriot Brandon Halleck called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes for the meeting of July 29, 2006 were approved.

TREASURER -- G. Thomas Schnuck reported \$6,361.07 in cash and \$43,866.16 in Certificates of Deposit.

FUND RAISING -Roger Barnhart. Earl Salisbury and David Kelly have agreed to be members of the Fund Raising Committee.

AUDIT -- Jack Moore. I checked the books on Sept. 15th. All seem to be in order except two checks dated 3/31/06 and 4/17/06 had been sent to the INSSAR Secretary but not cleared the bank account.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR NORTH -- Willard Waterson

Van Gordon Chapter. I talked to the Genealogy Librarian, Mr. Clark, at the Valparaiso Public Library. He is interested in the SAR and would like to be a member himself. I gave him some SAR material which he displayed in the Library. He hopes to get people interested. I hope Mr. Clark will be the first President of this newly-revived chapter.

Simon Kenton Chapter. Prof. Robert Pfaff, phone 219-866-8297, wants our color guard unit to come down to St. Joseph College to put on a program for the students and the members of this SAR chapter.

Seth Jewel Chapter. This Chapter is still not too active due to health problems of Ray Jewel.

Alexis Coquillard Chapter. This summer our color guard participated in five parades; and the last parade, The Blueberry Stomp in Plymouth, Indiana was on WNDU-TV. For our next meeting in October, we are going to have a grave ceremony for Robert Cochrane, who passed on one year ago. Our color guard also plans to participate in the Columbia City ceremony on November 5. Finally, we will close out this year by having Professor Patrick Furlong, IU South Bend Professor Emeritus, give a talk on the Colonial Navy.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR NORTH CENTRAL -- Roger Barnhart

Alexander Hamilton -- Attendance has been excellent, averaging 50% to 60% at each meeting. Emphasis has been placed on having good informative programs on the Revolution.

Albert Halberstadt -- The chapter is working on the commemoration of the de LaBalme Massacre scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. The chapter has put a renewed emphasis on getting students to participate in the essay and orations contests and have been directly contacting the schools in and around Fort Wayne as well as home schoolers to promote better participation.

Continental -- The chapter has purchased uniforms, muskets and flags to help outfit their newly-formed color guard. They have now participated in several activities. Upcoming events include a grave rededication for veteran James Davis at the New Hope Cemetery October 28 and to participate in the opening ceremony for the Freedom Shrine in Randolph County in early November.

Simon Kenton -- I spoke with Craig Jackson, acting President, and the chapter is not having meetings and do not plan to do so. I volunteered to meet with them if they would schedule a meeting and they showed no interest in doing so. Something must be done to revitalize this chapter or they should be dissolved and made at-large members.

Thaddeus Kosciusko -- As the state's newest chapter, things have been going well in spite of the sudden death of President Phil Eherenman. They have continued to have interesting programs concerning the Revolution including an appearance by Patrick Henry. The chapter has scheduled a joint meeting with the Warsaw DAR chapter in November.

William Henry Harrison -- I was unable to contact anyone from the chapter.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR SOUTH CENTRAL -- James Arnold

Daniel Guthrie -- I attended the August 15, 2006 meeting; there were 45 members/guests. The program was "The Church of England" by Compatriot Rev. Charles Carpenter. Compatriots Ed Hitchcock and Jim Arnold have found 29 headstones. Rex Legler and Ed Hitchcock have handed out "Our American Heritage" CD's. The Chapter History has been sent to the State Historian. Compatriot Doug Wilson is on the Patriotic Education Committee at National. Eight new members pinned and added to the roster. There were five applications and one supplemental approved. Three supplementals are pending, and 22 applications are being worked on, plus four or five supplementals. War Certificates and Medals were presented to Compatriot Robert D. Howell, Jr. US Navy Retired (Southwest Asia), Vernon Lee Samuelson, Vietnam, Timothy Luke Samuleson (Southwest Asia) who is still in Iraq.

Clarence A. Cook -- I attended the August 16, 2006 meeting with President Steven D. Oberlin presiding. There were 26 members/guests attending. The program was "Indiana and the Underground Railroad" presented by Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Indiana Historical Society. New Member Compatriot Terry Record was installed.

John Martin -- I attended their August 27, 2006 chapter meeting at Brazil, IN. There were 26 members/guests present. Vice President Jim Hicks and Secretary Gene Printz conducted the meeting. A new constitution and by-laws were approved.

The Chapter awarded the Law Enforcement Medal to Captain Andy Whittington of the Brazil Police Department. The SAR Good Citizenship medal was presented to Brazil Concert Band Director Matt Huber. *The Brazil Times* wrote up the awards. Compatriots Tod Mankin and Steve L. Mankin were installed. The Concert Band program "An American Patriot" was presented after the meeting. The next meeting will be October 26, 2006 at Kleptz Restaurant in Leeville at 6 p.m. The program will be Compatriot Printz's trip to China.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR SOUTH -- John G. West

David Benton -- *The Benton Dispatch* of the David Benton Chapter is improving monthly. The latest issue has color photos and is five pages in size. The chapter reports that one of their guest speakers was Brittany Scifres, 17-year-old daughter of Darrell and Cindy Scifres of Scottsburg, for the September 14 meeting. Brittany is a member of the Richard Moore Jones chapter of the CAR. The Chapter is named after Richard Moore Jones who enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War at the age of ten. The Chapter will participate in the William Wright Memorial Dedication November 18, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at the Town Park in Medora, Indiana. *The Benton Dispatch* has some very nice Color Guard photos. To get a copy by mail, contact Jim Jackson.

Ohio Valley -- The Ohio Valley Chapter had nine people in the INSSAR Color Guard at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. They had a photo taken with a newly-formed CAR Chapter.

John West (assisted by his wife Becky) presented his program "Flags Over America" to the Tri-Chapter SAR meeting in Crawfordsville, IN on September 16, 2006. His program was videotaped, and DVD copies are for sale at \$5.00.

The OVC conducted its first financial audit. Dues were raised from \$5.00 to \$8.00, with a \$2.00 credit if they accept meeting notices by email and view the newsletter on line.

The OVC Color Guard members have participated in the following parades: the Chandler Parade (received First Place Trophy), the Great Pumpkin Parade in French Lick, and, as stated earlier, the Fall Festival.

The OVC awarded a Flag Recognition Certificate to Evansville Brake Supply. Ken and Peggy Gilkey, wearing Colonial clothing, did a fifth grade Campfire presentation in Princeton, KY.

The General Thomas Posey Chapter -- Had a meeting in Mt. Vernon on October 3, 2006. The District Director passed out photos and newsletters to share with the chapter what other chapters are doing. Secretary/Treasurer Robert Hall presented his program about Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys. The Chapter awarded its first Flag Recognition Certificate to a Mt. Vernon business.

REGISTRAR -- Noel Reen. Pending at this time are 11 New Membership applications and seven Supplemental applications. NSSAR appears to be handling applications on a timely basis. Please do not use yellow hi-lighter to identify items on documents. Use a red pencil to underline if needed and an arrow at the vertical edge of the document to call attention to the item. Each piece of documentation should be identified in red pencil at the top of the document as to what generation the document includes.

The article in the *Hoosier Patriot* newsletter regarding very old applications and lack of status, several applications were retired. There are still old applications that need to be disposed.

Please use the newer archive paper for applications.

TRUSTEE -- Rex Legler. Eight Compatriots attended the NSAAR Fall Leadership meeting at Louisville September 28-30, 2006. Increased cost of SAR Record copies will be \$10.00 effective January 1, 2007. NSSAR budget passed; copy available.

IRS Regulations issued; copy available. Changes in dues credit for new applications from November 1, 2006 to October 15, 2006 to apply for FY 2007. State and/or Chapter Newsletters must send two issues, not copies, to Contest Chairman George Thurmond, GASSAR. New medals: Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. SAR Veteran's Service Medal, 100th Anniversary Charter Medal. Upcoming Congress sites:

2007 Williamsburg, VA

2008 Sacramento, CA

2009 Atlanta, GA

2010 Cleveland, OH

2011 Raleigh, NC

JROTC Resolution; copy available.

Committee Groupings; copy available.

YOUTH PROGRAMS -- Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck

Americanism Poster Contest -- no report.

Children of the American Revolution -- Tim Jones, Chairman. Attended the ISCAR State Board Meeting in August in Lebanon, IN. Also attended the September meeting of the Pin JJ WA Mo Tai CAR in the Purdue Memorial Union. At both meetings the chairman brought greetings from the INSSAR to the CAR. The ISCAR members expressed how much they appreciated the work and support given to them by INSSAR members.

Eagle Scout -- Randy Hillenburg. From January to November 2006, we recognized 27 new Eagle Scouts. Currently we are awaiting the entries for the National Scholarship, which will be judged in late December. Earlier this year, I purchased presentation folders at Staples, which really enhanced our recognition items. In October 2006, I submitted a reimbursement request for \$115.10. We are hopeful of another National finish like 2006. I truly enjoy my position in the SAR recognizing young Eagles.

Essay Contest—Mark Kreps-No report

4-H Contest- John West. Outstanding Citizenship Award
Award Planning Stage

1. Award distribution procedure will be generally by U.S. Postal Service.
2. Wording for award selection criteria needs approval by State 4-H Office.
3. Promotion of Award Program needs development to INSSAR and 4-H.
4. Indiana 4-H is organized by counties within Extension Service Areas.
5. Counties need to be assigned to INSSAR Chapters or INSSAR District Directors.
6. 4-H award programs are determined by each individual County 4-H Program as to time of year, type of program and method of presenting awards. Each county has an Extension youth Development Educator that can be contacted to request that a winner be selected for the award and when and how would be best to present this award.

7. The county 4-H organization can make the presentation and/or an INSSAR compatriot can present the award in most counties.

This report respectively submitted by John G. West, Chairman, INSSAR Citizenship Award for 4-H Youth

Orations Contest—David Betzner No report

ROTC/JROTC -- Robert D. Howell. (1.) ROTC and JROTC medals and certificates: Medals and certificates will be purchased by the State Society and forwarded to the individual chapters upon request. (2.) Program Change: The enhanced JROTC program will be implemented for the 2006-2007 academic year. Basically, the program establishes procedures for the recognition of JROTC cadets at the State level and National levels. The draft letter will be sent to the JROTC units to explain the program and procedural changes needed to meet the selection timetables at the State and National levels. Copies are available.

AMERICANISM AND FLAG -- J. D. Strouth. The National Society has provided a golden opportunity for each local chapter and state society to identify and nominate a quality teacher who is responsible for teaching American Revolutionary era History (1750-1800) to middle, junior and high school students. The recipient of the award receives a trip to Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, with a monetary value of \$1,400.00. Rules and other details are available on the SAR's website. Click on the "Education/Youth" tab, then click on "American History Teacher Award."

If a majority of the SAR Chapters in Indiana give at least one flag recognition certificate this year, the Indiana Society will qualify for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award at the 2007 National Congress. Contact J. D. for a certificate.

In January I will submit our society's entry for the Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award based on publicity generated and our activity in color guard, grave markings, youth programs and other activities during 2006. I will compile this information at year's end.

COLOR GUARD -- Steven D. Oberlin. During the first ten months of 2006 the INSSAR Color Guard participated in 48 posted events, with approximately 12 others currently scheduled for the remainder of the year. Notable events included Memorial Day commemorations with the DAR at Acton Cemetery, the four-day July Fourth concerts at Conner Prairie with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Columbus Scottish Festival, several parades and cemetery ceremonies. Many of these activities involved interaction with youth and/or the DAR.

The Color Guard has been publicized in several newspaper articles and television news presentations throughout the state. The Color Guard was again the sole photo distributed by *The Indianapolis Star* in their Symphony on the Prairie press release. One notable disappointment this year was a failure to assemble enough guardsmen to support the William Henry Harrison Chapter's annual grave ceremony in Lafayette. While having a busy schedule provides greater exposure for the Indiana Society, it also increases the risk of not being able to meet every request. One or two guardsmen in each chapter, available to augment a handful of regulars, could prove to be quite beneficial.

Although there is no INSSAR President General's Guard Trophy to be presented, Stuart Hart is again prepared to submit an accounting of this year's events in anticipation of the award's eventual reinstatement.

Overall, the Color Guard is healthy, growing and gaining exposure for itself, and more importantly the Sons of the American Revolution.

NSSAR COLOR GUARD REPRESENTATIVE -- Robert Howell. (1.) Bronze Color Guard for Ladies Auxiliary: The proposal that rules for the award of the Bronze Color Guard Medal be changed to permit the presentation of the medal to members of the Ladies Auxiliary who otherwise met the qualifications for the medal was rejected by the National Color Guard Committee. They noted that the ladies could be awarded the Martha Washington Medal. A proposed alternative would be for the Indiana Society to create a state medal to recognize the ladies' contribution to the Color Guard.

(2.) National Color Guard Safety and Health Regulations: A lengthy discussion of the National Color Guard Safety and Health Regulation took place with some illustrations of the need. Basically, it is the responsibility of the individual to determine whether he is physically capable of participating in the event. Copies of the Regulations are available.

(3.) Yorktown 225th Anniversary: The upcoming events marking the British defeat at Yorktown were discussed.

GOLDEN CHAPTER AWARDS -- Jack Moore. Instructions will be sent out in December.

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST -- Jack Moore. There are several SAR items on deposit at the Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division. Copies available.

HANDBOOK -- Robert Burton. (1.) 2006 edition. Despite a request in the 2006 issue of the Handbook that information about corrections and omissions be sent to me so I could accumulate them and pass on to the next editor, I have received none since the last State Meeting. Fewer than a dozen responded earlier, including the grievous and lamented error which I mentioned at the last meeting. Most comments were changes of address or providing "plus 4" zip code numbers which we had not included because our records in this area were spotty at best.

(2.) Next Edition. As you know, I have urged early identification of the next editor so new information may be accumulated as it develops and so money can be escrowed each year and the publication and mailing costs will not be an unduly large amount when it is published. Until the new editor is named, I will be glad to receive any suggestions for improvement of the Handbook, either as to content or format.

THE HOOSIER PATRIOT -- Editor John Van Zandt. President Garry Eckard and others have made great progress to insure that INSSAR members' current mailing addresses are up-to-date on the www.SAR.org web site. This has included calling members on the telephone, talking to relatives of members and making changes directly to member information on www.SAR.org. Every member can view their information at information www.SAR.org if they have access to a computer and the Web. These records at www.SAR.org are the source of mailing labels used for *The Hoosier Patriot*. We want to encourage each member to create a user name and password on the SAR web site. This is a request for INSSAR members to register.

You may still view the HP online at www.INSSAR.org along with several back issues. If you choose to drop the mailing and only read *The Hoosier Patriot* online, please contact me.

LADIES AUXILIARY -- Martha Barnhart. The Ladies Auxiliary of the INSSAR has 32 members for 2006 and four paid members for 2007.

The membership year begins on January 1. Membership dues are \$5.00 each and are now payable for the year 2007. Ladies Auxiliary pins are available at \$10.00 each. Please see Martha Barnhart to pay your 2007 dues or purchase a pin today.

All SAR ladies qualify for membership, including adoptee and stepchildren. All female family members of any Indiana SAR may join. The purpose of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary is to support the INSSAR programs.

The July 2006 meeting in Fort Wayne consisted of a brief business meeting conducted by Martha Barnhart. A brief discussion was held regarding election of officers, and reports were given on Ladies Auxiliary by those attending the SAR National Congress in Dallas. Martha baked cookies from heritage recipes and served them to both groups and shared recipes as well. Members read scripts to share information about the early presidents as well as tidbits of information regarding food and recipes of the Revolutionary War era. An interesting book review about Martha Ballard, midwife, was presented by Janeen Peters, WOSAR of the host Anthony Halberstadt Chapter. There were 19 ladies in attendance to enjoy the meeting.

Permission was granted by INSSAR President Garry Eckard to publish a Ladies Auxiliary column in each *Hoosier Patriot*. Kay Schnuck volunteered to write the articles regarding the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary for that publication. Her first article appeared in the October 2006 newsletter.

It was reported that members Chris Cunningham, Becky West and Peggy Gilkey participated in the INSSAR Color Guard parades.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 7/29/06	\$115.00
2007 Dues	15.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance 7/29/06	\$130.00

MEDALS AND AWARDS -- Robert Howell. We are halfway through the program year, and it is time to give serious consideration to identifying deserving Society members for awards.

The individual chapters should also be looking within the communities they serve to identify members of law enforcement, fire safety and EMT communities whose performance of duty deserve recognition through the award of the appropriate medal. The criteria for these and all other medals and awards can be found in the SAR Handbook, Volume 3, which is available from NSSAR Merchandise Store or on line.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT -- Charles Bragg. Membership: The Indiana Society continues to show slow growth. That is good, but we can do better. Since our July meeting I have made two contacts in the northwest part of the state. No movement yet. Anyone have any suggestions? Let me know.

Charter development: Since our July meeting things have moved very fast in Johnson County. Six members whom I took in the Alexander Hamilton Chapter contacted me last month and stated they want to start a chapter in Franklin and name it "Benjamin Franklin Chapter." They have six more potential members, family members of DAR or SAR.

Two have their applications under way. They say they have several others who are interested. I have checked at NSSAR so we can proceed. I met with them and have their constitution and bylaws; available on request.

Please move to: (1) Establish the Benjamin Franklin Chapter; (2) Accept their constitution and bylaws; (3) Grant a Charter to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

This will allow the INSSAR to meet the NSSAR goal of one new chapter in each state this year.

NSSAR CENTRAL DISTRICT VP GENERAL -- John Kesler

ONLINE GRAVES PROJECT -- Wade Harshman. The Indiana Patriot Graves Project continues to be a success in 2006, both as online memorial to Revolutionary War heroes buried in our state

and as an outreach to those outside our organization. For the year as of September 30, 2006 we have had roughly 42,000 hits to our web pages at www.graves.INSSAR.org. The vast majority of visitors are from the United States, but we have had hits from 25 different countries around the world, and every continent except Antarctica.

I would like to say a word about the contributors to the project. The Online Graves Project currently being maintained is built largely on the work of Stephen Franklin, who credits James Jackson for much of the work. But there are also contributors from all over the State of Indiana and beyond, sending information or photographs. Many of them are members of the SAR or DAR, but others are local historians, descendants, or just curious Hoosiers who notice the old stones in their local cemeteries.

This year one contributor deserves special recognition for his efforts. Edward Hitchcock of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter is a dedicated researcher who sends updates to the graves project almost daily. As proof, one has only to browse random pages on www.graves.INSSAR.org to find Ed's name stamped on numerous pages. Ed is certainly due some recognition for the time and the miles he has donated to the project this year. Though I hope his example will inspire others to search out the patriots buried in their area, I also hope no one tries to match the frequency of his submissions to the project!

In addition to receiving new information, the Online Graves Project must occasionally deal with disputed information. For various reasons some 2,265 patriots named in our index have incomplete, undocumented or contradictory data. Ideally I would like to utilize the Indiana Society Revolutionary War Graves Committee as arbiter for disputed information. The research talent within the Indiana Society is not being effectively used, and this is something I hope to change.

Thank you for your support on the Online Graves Project.

BUSINESS

Old Business:

INSSAR Historian/Archivist -- Jack Moore. The House of Delegates voted to select the Indiana State Library Genealogy Division as the Depository for records. Lists of records now at the Library and those to be added are available upon request.

New Business:

Roger D. Barnhart was awarded a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

New Chapter The House Of Delegates voted to:

- (1) Establish the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Franklin IN.
- (2) accept their constitution and bylaws and
- (3) grant a charter to The Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

The following confirmation of Committee Chairmen was made:

Friends of the Library -- Marshall E. Miller

Publicity -- Terry J. Record

Public Service and Heroism Awards -- Douglas J. Arnold

Pursuit to Bylaw 27 Removal from Office Brandon Halleck was advised on September 27, 2006 by Certified mail, subject to approval by House of Delegates he would be removed from the office of INSSAR Secretary.

A motion was made and seconded that Brandon Halleck be removed from the office of INSSAR Secretary. The House of Delegates voted to approve the motion.

A motion was made and seconded that Jack E. Moore be elected the INSSAR Secretary. The House of Delegates voted in favor of the motion.

The Retiring Secretary was to turn over all INSSAR records immediately.

Bylaw Change Proposals:

Bylaw 7 (Secretary) – Redefining the office of Secretary. Considering Recording, Corresponding, and Membership positions.

By law 9 (Districts and Directors-Redefining districts.

Bylaw 18 Section 8 (Finance Committee) –Including new youth programs and updating the distribution and auditing of funds.

Bylaw 29 (Liability Insurance) Fidelity or Surety Bond.

Closing:

Upcoming Meetings

De LaBalme's Massacre, Ft. Wayne, November 5, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Roger Barnhart

INSSAR Meeting, Greencastle, January 20, 2007, Host Chapter William Knight

INSSAR Annual Meeting, Spring Mill Park, April 21, 2007, Host Chapter Daniel Guthrie

Commemoration Battle of Yorktown, October 18-20, 2006

NSSAR Central District Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, October 27-28, 2006

NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, February 22-25, 2007

NSSAR Annual Congress, Williamsburg, VA, July 6-11, 2007

Closing Comments: President Eckard

Retiring of Colors by INSSAR Color Guard

Benediction: Chaplain J. D. Strouth

SAR Recessional: Vice President Howell

Respectfully submitted,

Jack E. Moore, Secretary

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