

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring State Meeting - 03 April 2010
Host - Daniel Guthrie Chapter - Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell IN

The meeting was called to order at promptly at 10:02 AM by President Steven D. Oberlin. The Invocation was offered by State Chaplain Donald Counts. The colors were presented by the INSSAR Color Guard. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President Robert P. Cunningham. Greetings to the annual state congress were brought by Compatriot F. Jack Coles, WVSSAR VPG Central District, NSSAR. VPG Coles announced that the ribbon cutting dedicating the completion of Phase I of the NSSAR Library/Center for America's Heritage would be at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. He also announced the Point Pleasant WV "Battle Days" on 1-3 OCT 2010 & the upcoming Central District meeting hosted by the OHSSAR near Cincinnati on 29-30 OCT 2010. Greetings were brought from the DAR by VPG Cynthia Stout, former State Regent INSDAR. She emphasized her love of the DAR/SAR/& CAR and discussed in glowing terms the involvement of spouses, children, & grandchildren in these events. She lauded the support given to the DAR & CAR by the INSSAR and announced the annual INSDAR state meeting at the Marriott East in Indianapolis on 13-16 MAY 2010. There is a special luncheon on Saturday to which all SARs are invited as well as the participation by the INSSAR Color Guard at the Saturday night banquet. She distributed flyers and invited all to attend. Greetings were brought by INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President Dixie Oberlin who announced the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2010-2011: President - Dixie Oberlin, Vice President - Marge Howell, Secretary - April Legler, Treasurer - Kay Schnuck, and Historian - Chris Cunningham. She also presented a check for \$500.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary in support of the INSSAR Historical Markers Project. Compatriot Jack Carmichael was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II took the Chapter Roll Call of 39 (3 non voting) Compatriots in attendance and determined a quorum was present. Chapter and District requirements were met.

Attendance:	<u>District</u> <u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>
1	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Robert Hall John G. West
	George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley	Vincennes Evansville	Marshall Miller Don Counts Ken Gilkey Chris Myers Ernie Payne J.D. Strouth
2	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry L. Brown Jim Harvey Darrell Scifries John Sheets
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James C. Arnold Ronald Burkhart Jim Cessna Dow Cooksey Robert Cunningham Doug Hill Edward E. Hitchcock

			Robert D. Howell Paul Konkle T. Rex Legler II David Lemon Alex Miller (Jr Mbr) Larry Newton James A. Pershing Paul Schoonmaker Todd Wray (applicant)
	John Hay	Salem	Genn Crecelius William H. Harlen Hugh Jackson Allan E. Martin
3	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Ronald Darrah Steven Oberlin
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	0
	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	0
4	William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin	Lafayette Greencastle Rockville	0 0 0
5	Continental	Muncie	Jack Carmichael Marvin Horton Mark R. Kreps G. Thomas Schnuck
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Allen L. Stout
	Seth Jewel	Auburn	0
6	Alexis Coquillard Duneland Thaddeus Kosciuszko Simon Kenton	South Bend Valparaiso Warsaw Rensselaer	0 0 0 0
	Out of State West Virginia Society		F. Jack Coles

There were 16 members of the Ladies Auxiliary plus one out of state guest in attendance including 1 former state regent. The minutes from the Winter Leadership Meeting hosted by Benjamin Franklin Chapter in Franklin were accepted as posted on the INSSAR website. State President Oberlin submitted the State

Treasurer's Report in writing. The proposed 2010-2011 budget was gone over in detail. It was moved by Compatriot Tom Schnuck and seconded by Compatriot T. Rex Legler II that \$2,350.00 be transferred from the CD funds into the operating fund to cover the 2010 -2011 shortfall that would be eliminated with the dues increase effective 01 JAN 2011. The motion was passed by voice vote. 4-H Chairman John G. West suggested that the 4-H fund be dropped from \$300.00 to \$100.00 while he attempts to shift participation from state 4-H group to individual county participation. It was noted by VPG Jack Coles that Central District dues had increased from \$130.00 to \$150.00. Finally, the Handbook Escrow Fund that had been omitted was reinstated to \$180.00. The final 2010-2011 INSSAR State Operating Budget of \$9,650.00 was moved for acceptance by Compatriot Mark Kreps and seconded by Compatriot Glenn Crecelius. The motion passed and the 2010-2011 Operating Budget was approved. Line item details are available from the INSSAR State Treasurer. The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, 5 & 6. Oral report was given for Districts 3. The Trustee's Report was submitted in writing by G. Thomas Schnuck. The State Color Guard report was submitted in writing by Compatriot Stuart Hart, Commander. The Eagle Scout Committee report was submitted in writing. No report was presented for Knight Essay contest. Compatriot David Betzner was scheduled to attend the Rumbaugh Orations Contest at William Henry Harrison Chapter on 10 April 2010 & would report those results. Compatriot Robert Howell's JROTC/ROTC Report included emphasis on several chapters in the INSSAR are sponsoring overseas JROTC units. Membership & Chapter Development reported that the Seth Jewel Chapter was revoked, the Simon Kenton Chapter was "on probation" with the reminder of a 10 member minimum requirement. The General Thomas Posey Chapter was active and that with 2 representatives at this state meeting fulfilled the constitutional requirement for activity. Discussion is still on-going regarding the merger of the John Martin Chapter (27 members) and the William Knight Chapter (21 members). Chairman Hitchcock presented a written report for Revolutionary Graves Registration. It was noted that a national medal program recognizing participation in grave markings is being proposed. Compatriot Jim Arnold submitted a "Partners in Patriotism" Committee report in writing. The DeLaBalme Historical Marker Fund is being redesignated as the INSSAR Historical Marker Project Fund. Future battle site markings or refurbishings under consideration are Le Petit Fort on Lake Michigan and Lochery's Defeat on the Ohio River. The meeting was recessed at 11:50 AM for lunch and guest speaker. Medals & Awards Chairman Robert P. Cunningham turned the podium over to Compatriot Legler who assisted Daniel Guthrie Chapter President Ronald E. Burkhart present Compatriot Alexander M. Miller the certificate, Oak Leaf Cluster, and \$100.00 check for First Place in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Compatriot Legler then assisted State President Steve Oberlin present the certificate and \$400.00 check for Second Place at State level for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Compatriot Miller then read his patriotic theme about the "Power of the Mind" in being a Revolutionary War patriot and a good citizen today. Compatriot Miller received an enthusiastic ovation following his reading. Compatriot Cunningham then presented the Bronze Service to Indiana SAR Medal to Darrell Scifries of the David Benton Chapter. The Meritorious Service Medal at state level was presented to Compatriot Michael Oberlin, Editor of the "Hoosier Patriot". The Gold Service to Indiana SAR Medal was presented to Ladies Auxiliary members Martha G. Barnhart, Dixie Oberlin, April A. Legler, and M. Kay Schnuck. State President Steve Oberlin presented the SAR Silver Good Citizen Medal to Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham. President Oberlin then presented the SAR State Distinguished Service Medal to Compatriot G. Thomas Schnuck. State Nominating Committee Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck announced the slate of officers: President - Robert P. Cunningham, Vice President - David Betzner, Secretary - William E. Sharp, Treasurer - Arthur S. Bowers, Registrar - Robert D. Howell, Sr., Chancellor - R. Carlton Brumfield, Genealogist - Robert D. Howell, Sr., Historian - John G. West, Chaplain - Donald Counts, Nominee National Trustee - Steve D. Oberlin. District Directors: District 1 - J.D. Strouth, District 2 - Edward E. Hitchcock, District 3 - Michael Oberlin, District 4 - VACANT, District 5 - Roger D. Barnhart, District 6 - Willard W. Waterson. President Oberlin opened the floor for nominations for each of the offices. With no nominations from the floor Compatriot Legler moved that all nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. VPG F. Jack Coles installed the newly elected officers and oversaw the transfer of the

gavel and state president's medallion from Compatriot Steve Oberlin to Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham. President Cunningham presented Compatriot Oberlin the Past State President's pin for wear on his neck ribbon and an engraved miniature Liberty Bell for his good service as state president. President Cunningham's incoming address will be published in the next "Hoosier Patriot". Delegates to attend the INSSAR Annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio the end of June were discussed. The following indicated that they would attend and were to be credentialed as Delegates by the INSSAR State Secretary: G. Thomas Schnuck, Lloyd Schnuck, Jack Carmichael, Steve Oberlin, Robert P. Cunningham, Bill Sharp, Robert Howell, T. Rex Legler II, Roger Barnhart, Ronald E. Burkhart, James C. Arnold, Marshall Miller. Compatriot Miller pointed out that the state president as the head of the delegation may credential dual members of the Indiana Society from another state if there were not enough primary Indiana members present to fill all authorized delegate positions. President Cunningham recessed the meeting to reconvene in 15 minutes on the veranda for the Ceremony for Departed Compatriots conducted by State Chaplain Donald Counts and musket volley by the INSSAR Color Guard. The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Recessional and Benediction by State Chaplain Counts at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II, Recording Secretary
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