



# INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

## Fall State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 22 October 2011

The American Legion, Indianapolis, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by President David Betzner.
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Don 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 Stuart Hart.
- President Betzner introduced the guests.
  - Indianapolis Firefighter Greg Hess and his wife Sara; Indiana Regent DAR Martha Barnhart, SAR VPG T. Rex Legler, and longtime INSSAR member Lowel Nichols
  - Greetings were brought by the DAR State Vice President General Miss Nichols – There were 4 Members in attendance.
  - Greetings were brought by the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Burkhart. There were 5 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance with 1 guest.
  - Greetings were brought by NSSAR Central District VPG T. Rex Legler.
- Compatriot Terry English was appointed Parliamentarian.
- Motion and Second to approved the Agenda by Compatriots
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 27 (2 non-voting) Compatriots in attendance. A quorum was present.

### Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	0	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart William Sharp Douglas Wellman	x

	Seth Jewel	Auburn	0	
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Lyle Lovell	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Dennis Boone Matt Boone Kevin Waldroup	
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	0	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells Stuart Hart Jeff Hornung Lowell Nichols Howard Smith	x x x
	Continental	Muncie	Mark R. Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	0	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	0	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Ronald Burkhart Robert P. Cunningham Terry English Robert Howell T. Rex Legler II Ed Hitchcock	x x x x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	John Sheets	
	John Hay	Salem	James Arnold Vernon Coats Mark Owens	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	0	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts John West	

## President's Comments:

INSSAR President David Betzner reported the following:

- He attended the Central District Meeting and his report is attached hereto within.
  - There were over 55 people in attendance at the Central District Meeting.

## **Awards:**

- *THE SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD:* INSSAR President Betzner awarded Greg Hess of the Indianapolis Fire Department the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award for his service to the community through the fire service; and for the planning and coordinating of Indiana's 9/11 Memorial.
- *THE SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD:* INSSAR President Betzner awarded Compatriot William Sharp III the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award for his service to the SAR by participating in numerous events across the United States, and the community through his dedication to education of the sciences by coordinating science fairs for elementary schools.
- *THE BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD:* Central District's Vice President General t. Rex Legler II awarded Compatriot John West the Bronze Good Citizenship Award for his over 30 years of service to the SAR and the Community for his research and presentation of the historical flags of the Revolution which has been presented in several states (Including - IN, IL, KY), the DVD explaining the flags, and the program which is now used by SAR Chapters in many states.
- *George Washington Fund Fellows:* Roger Barnhart awarded the George Washington Fund pins to the newest members of the fund.
  - Compatriot Jeff Hornung
  - Compatriot Art Bowers

## **Special Presentation:**

- Greg Hess provided a special presentation about the Indianapolis 9/11 memorial which contains parts of the steel from the Twin Towers of NYC. It is located at: 421 West Ohio Street, along the White River Canal. In the presentation he spoke about taking the memorial from a vision right up to its dedication. He showed numerous slides and explained the different parts of the memorial and their meanings.

## **Secretary:**

- The minutes from the July "Summer" House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve Compatriot Stuart Hart; Second Compatriot John West. Action: Approved.

## **Treasurer:**

- The Treasurer's report was submitted.
  - The 2011-2012 year to date showed \$6,850 had been expended against an income of \$10,233. It also notes that income from Dues/Applications is up \$2,233 for the year.
  - The Balance Sheet as of 22 October 2011 showed assets and liabilities of \$64,708.87.

## Committee Reports:

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: Thank you for all the pictures and submissions. Looking for pictures and information from the Central District Meeting in Bloomington. Please continue to send in pictures and submissions, especially the induction of new members.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham noted that a new Color Guard Manual is online at the SAR.org website ([http://www.sar.org/Committees/Color\\_Guard](http://www.sar.org/Committees/Color_Guard)) along with the new Color Guard Newsletter. The Vincennes Event at Memorial Day is now a National NSSAR event.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham reported that the Spring Leadership Meeting at NSSAR is March 2-3, 2012.
- STATE WEBSITE: No Report.
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:
  - *District 1*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 2*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 3*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 4*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- STATE COLOR GUARD: Commander Stuart Hart submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within. New Weapon, Sword and Musket Procedures are on the web.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: No Report. Roger Barnhart reports that Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck's health continues to improve.
- MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Compatriot Roger Barnhart reported that the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter is hosting a Genealogy Event in conjunction with the Allen County Library and the Ft. Wayne DAR Chapter. This symposium will focus on researching military records/American Revolution. Members of SAR and DAR will be on hand to help attendees with their applications.
- AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- C.A.R.: No Report.
- EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: INSSAR Youth Coordinator T. Rex Legler reviewed the revised program about how awards are now handled at the INSSAR level (the same applies for all youth programs).
- 4-H PROGRAM: A written report which is attached hereto within. The New 4-H Program's press release will be made available for SAR members to use. The INSSAR Secretary will post it in his area on the INSSAR Website. Please give this press release to your local 4-H Chapters and the County leaders.
- KNIGHT ESSAY: INSSAR Youth Coordinator T. Rex Legler reviewed the revised program about how awards are now handled at the INSSAR level (the same applies for all youth programs).
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: A written report and it is attached hereto within.

Ron Burkhart reviewed items #2, 13, and 14.

- RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: INSSAR Youth Coordinator T. Rex Legler reviewed the revised program about how awards are now handled at the INSSAR level (the same applies for all youth programs).
- JROTC/ROTC: A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: Chairman Compatriot Arnold submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.
  - Partners in Patriotism Program Certificates Awarded to: INSSAR, Anthony Halberstadt, Benjamin Franklin, Clarence A Cook, Daniel Guthrie, David Benton, John Hay, Ohio Valley, and William Henry Harrison. John Hay, David Benton, Alexander Hamilton, Daniel Guthrie, and Continental.
  - Wreath's Across America – the cemetery in Marion, IN needs a Chapter or Chapters to sponsor the wreaths. More information can be obtained at [www.wreathesacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathesacrossamerica.org).
  - Please begin compiling a listing of those Compatriots who served in the Korean War and Viet Nam, as the INSSAR is in the early stages of getting that certificate program ready.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Several years ago the INSSAR bought a SAR flag, pole and stand to be placed in the VA Hospital. To date this has not been done. Compatriots Betzner and Arnold will arrange for the ceremony of presenting the flag and will notify the INSSAR Chapters when the event is scheduled so all Chapters will have the chance to participate.
- First Reading for the proposed Constitution and Bylaws Change – Changing the Title District Director to District Vice President. Members are requested to send any additional changes for consideration to the INSSAR Secretary by 8 Jan 2012.

## **New Business:**

- INSSAR President Betzner introduced Terry English (Chapter President – Daniel Guthrie) who was sitting as the House of Delegates Parliamentarian.
  - Motion and Second by Compatriots D. Betzner and M. Kreps nominating Terry English as Chancellor. There were no other nominations from the floor.
  - Motion and Second by Compatriots T. Rex Legler and W. Sharp that Terry English serve as INSSAR Chancellor. Action: Approved.
- INSSAR Secretary provided a report of the activities of the Secretary. The Blue Ribbon Panel completed its commission by presenting the Chapter Secretary's Handbook. There will be a State Wide Secretary's Training Meeting on 12 November 2011. Additional details to come.

- Motion and Second by Compatriots T. Legler and S. Hart to adopt the Secretary's Handbook. Action: Approved.
- The Proposal to Change INSSAR Junior Membership Dues from \$15 annually to \$5 annually to match the NSSAR annual dues, and to waive the 2012 INSSAR Annual Dues for any Youth Member who converts to Junior member was discussed.
  - Motion and Second by Compatriots J. West and S. Hart. Action: Approved.
- First Reading of the proposed Bylaws Change (Bylaw 3)– Chapter Charter Revocation. A copy was included in the Delegate Packet for this meeting. Members are requested to send any additional changes for consideration to the INSSAR Secretary by 8 Jan 2012.
- First Reading for the proposed Bylaws Change (Bylaw 3)– Chapter Meetings. A copy was included in the Delegate Packet for this meeting. Members are requested to send any additional changes for consideration to the INSSAR Secretary by 8 Jan 2012. The INSSAR Chancellor will review Indiana's laws on meeting transparency.
- The House of Delegates Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by Chaplain Counts and SAR Recessional was led by State President C. David Betzner at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Eells, Jr., Secretary  
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

*Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.*