



# INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

## Winter State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 21 January 2012

Northeast Baptist Church, Evansville, IN

Hosted By: Ohio Valley Chapter

- The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM by President David Betzner.
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Don Counts.
- The colors were presented by the Ohio Valley Chapter Color Guard.
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Benjamin Franklin Chapter President Donald Smith and the SAR Pledge was led by Ohio Valley President David Jenkins.
- President Betzner introduced the guests.
  - Harold Morgan – Special Program Presenter. Topic “Salute to the Military.”
  - Mr. Jim and Mrs. Rose Mary Geiss. Mrs. Geiss is the speaker for the Ladies Auxiliary Special Program along with Mrs. Karen Jenkins.
  - Greetings were brought by the DAR by Mrs. Peggy Gilkey of the Capt. Jacob Warrick Chapter Boonville, IN. There were 2 members of the DAR in attendance
  - Greetings were brought by the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Howell. There were 6 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance with 1 guest.
- INSSAR Chancellor Terry English was appointed Parliamentarian.
- Motion and Second to approved the Agenda by Compatriots Roger Barnhart and John West.
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 24 (4 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 Wendell Horn	x

	Seth Jewel	Auburn	John West	
	Duneland	Valparaiso	0	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Hall	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Kevin Waldroup	
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Argil Mahan Donald Smith	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner	x
			Art Bowers	x
			Wayne Eells	x
	Continental	Muncie	0	
	John Martin	Rockville	Gene Printz	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	0	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Terry English	x
			Robert Howell	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Darrell Scifres	
	John Hay	Salem	0	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Cedric Hustace Dean Mitchell Vincent Gwaltney	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Mark Browning Donald Counts Kenneth Gilkey David Jenkins Ernest Payne J. D. Strouth John Van Zandt	x

### **President's Comments:**

On behalf of the INSSAR - Special thank you to the Ohio Valley Chapter and its ladies for hosting this meeting and providing a great meal including an amazing spread of homemade desserts.

INSSAR President David Betzner spoke briefly about the INSSAR Executive Meeting held on 7 January 2012 (minutes posted on the INSSAR website) and its focus on recruitment and retention issues in the INSSAR. He is excited to see that we have added more new members in 2011 than we did in 2010 and that we are off to a great start with more than 15 new members already approved in 2012. It has been identified that the INSSAR does not reach those members that do not have email/internet access. The INSSAR also needs more tools/events/activities to be used as recruiting opportunities. A motion to provide funding will be introduced in New Business to begin the process of correcting this.

President Betzner then spoke about how the INSSAR needs to raise funds for its activities. He stressed that the fund raising needs to be able to capitalize on gaining funds from outside the INSSAR membership. One of the ideas he shared was the creation of a yearbook in which advertising could be sold. He is looking for ideas from the members also. He encourages those members with skills and talents to see what they can do/create that can be used to assist in the fundraising effort.

### **Awards:**

- No awards were presented at the meeting.
- General Thomas Posey Chapter Secretary Robert Hall introduced new Compatriots Vincent Gwaltney and Ronald "Dean" Mitchell. Compatriot "Dean" Mitchell is responsible for the recruitment of about 9 members of the Mitchell Family since his joining.

### **Special Presentation:**

- Harold Morgan gave a special presentation "Salute to the Military." A major part of the presentation related to the many roles Evansville, IN supported the war efforts of the United States of America. He had numerous images of many of the factories, airfield and the men and women of Evansville from WWII.

### **Secretary:**

- The minutes from the October "Fall" House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve Compatriot Roger Barnhart; Second Compatriot Robert Howell. Action: Approved.

### **Treasurer:**

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and attached hereto within.
  - INSSAR Treasurer Bowers reviewed the one-time administrative charges relating to the new INSSAR Database and the creation of the new INSSAR Secretary's Handbook and Training Session.

### **Committee Reports:**

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: No Report.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Spring Leadership Meeting at NSSAR is March 2-3, 2012.

- STATE WEBSITE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- 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: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: No Report.
- AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- C.A.R.: No Report.
- EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- 4-H PROGRAM: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- KNIGHT ESSAY: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: No Report.
- JROTC/ROTC: A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- INSSAR SECRETARY: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- The SAR Flag will be installed in the Veteran's Hospital on 23 January 2012.
- Second Reading for the proposed Constitution and Bylaws Change – Changing the Title District Director to District Vice President.
- Second Reading of the proposed Bylaws Change (Bylaw 3) – Chapter Charter Revocation. A copy was included in the Delegate Packet for this meeting. A copy will also be posted on the INSSAR Webpage for the Annual Meeting announcement.

- Second Reading for the proposed Bylaws Change (Bylaw 3) – Chapter Meetings. A copy was included in the Delegate Packet for this meeting. The INSSAR Chancellor has reviewed Indiana’s laws on meeting transparency and included those modifications in the proposed change. A copy will also be posted on the INSSAR Webpage for the Annual Meeting announcement.
  - An additional modification was presented from the floor, it was agreed in consensus of the House of Delegates along with the INSSAR Chancellor: The District Director (District Vice President) to be notified of the “Closed-Door” meeting in addition to the INSSAR President and INSSAR Secretary.
- The Historical Marker for Lochry’s Defeat has been put back in place, but it is a bit further from its original location.
- George Rogers Clark painting as NSSAR – Indiana University has agreed to received and restore the painting at no charge to the INSSAR once t has been secured from NSSAR. The INSSAR Commissioned painting was created by Otto Stark.
- It was pointed out that the post card mailing for this House of Delegates meeting did not have any reference to Reservations were needed.
  - Action: INSSAR Secretary to review with Hoosier Patriot Editor that the Hoosier Patriot and the Post Cards need to contain any meeting reservation if required for meetings.

## **New Business:**

- Compatriot James Arnold has been nominated for NSSAR Color Guardsman of the year.
  - Motion and seconded by Compatriots Roger Barnhart and John West that INSSAR President Betzner to speak on Compatriot Arnold’s behalf at the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting. Action: Approved.
- Motion and seconded by Compatriots Roger Barnhart and Robert Howell to have the INSSAR endorse Compatriot Bob Bowen of VA as Historian General NSSAR at the 2012 Congress. Action: Approved.
- Motion and seconded by Compatriots Terry English and Roger Barnhart –
  - That the INSSAR supports the completion of the proposed New Historical Information Display being coordinated by Clarence A. Cook Chapter which has pledged \$2,000 toward the estimated cost of \$10,000; dedicates \$2,000 for the project to be placed in the Historical Marker Fund, and will match dollar for dollar any additional project donations to the Historical Marker Fund up to the estimated project cost of \$10,000. Action: Approved
    - Additional discussion through consensus
      - Roger Barnhart to work with the INSSAR Executive Committee to present this project to the George Washington Fund to seek NSSAR Funding Support at the Spring Leadership Session.
      - Determine if the Indiana War Memorial will allow signage to recognize those individuals/organizations making significant donations. If so, then appropriate donation levels to be determined
      - Suggestions for raising funds are welcomed. Ideas included pins, challenge coins, medals for those who made specific donation amounts.
      - Suggestion to make a smaller, mobile version of the display that could be used for recruitment and education purposes of the INSSAR

- Compatriot Legler submitted a proposal (included) in the Delegates Packet to correct the INSSAR Youth Contest funding to match the revised programs.
  - In order to increase the participation by students, to increase the prestige of the award, and to increase the financial impact of the award, I move that the INSSAR immediately delete monetary awards for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition, the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest, and the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest while increasing the 1<sup>st</sup> place monetary award to \$1,000.00 in each of the 3 aforementioned competitions.
    - Motion and seconded by Compatriots John West and Robert Howell. Action: Approved.
- Motion and seconded by Compatriots John West and Terry English to award the INSSAR 1<sup>st</sup> place of the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest \$200.00. Action: Approved.
- Motion by the INSSAR Executive Committee (proposal included in the Delegates Packet)
  - In order to provide the tools needed to increase both the retention and the recruitment of the INSSAR, that the INSSAR create a budget line items for the purpose of funding Recruitment and Retention Activities in the INSSAR.
    - Seconded by Compatriot Terry English. Action: Approved.
- 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 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

*Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.*