



INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

Winter State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 19 January 2013

American Legion, New Palestine, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 12:50p 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 by President Betzner
- SAR Pledge was led by Vice President Sharp.
- President Betzner introduced the guests and members.
 - Indiana DAR – Regent Jeanne Hornung
 - INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary April Legler
 - Past CAR Sr President – Cynthia Stout
 - SAR Minutemen
 - T. Rex Leger II
 - Jack Carmichael
 - Marshall Miller (not in attendance)
- Compatriot Robert Pfaff was appointed Parliamentarian.
- Motion and Seconded to approved the Agenda by Compatriots Robert Pfaff and Mark Kreps.
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 37 Delegates and 3 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 Allen Stout William Sharp	x x
	Duneland	Valparaiso	0	

	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Dennis Boone Matt Boone Terry Johnson Kevin Waldroup	x
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Brad Manzenberger Don Smith	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Art Bowers Ron Darrah Wayne Eells Jeff Hornung Stuart Hart Steve Oberlin	x x x
	Continental	Muncie	Dennis Babbitt Rolly Bousman John Carmichael Don Crose Mark Kreps G. Tom Schnuck	
	John Martin	Rockville	Dave Lash	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	0	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James Arnold Robert Howell Edward Hitchcock T. Rex Legler II	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Allen Dillman John Sheets	
	John Hay	Salem	Mark Owens Vernon Coats	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Don Counts	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	David Betzner Robert Cunningham	x x
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Kenneth Gilkey John G. West	

President's Comments:

President Betzner thanked everyone for the cards and warm wishes during his illness and recovery. It is because of how much everyone cared for him that he will introduce a discussion during the new business to address the good and welfare of the many members of the INSSAR.

Awards:

Indiana Society Veterans Battalion

Daniel Guthrie Chapter

James Dee Doane

James Austin Burton

Sgt Richard Douglas Hill, US Army Retired

CMS Allen Garnet Manning, USAF Retired

CPO Paul William Schoonmaker, US Navy Retired

Rev. Charles Monroe Carpenter

LTC John Sproul Moore, USMC Retired

Donald William Sharp

Richard Kenneth Farlow

CDR Bobby Eugene Smiley, USN Retired

LCDR Merlin Edward Mundy Jr., US Navy Retired

SGM Ronald Ernest Burkhar, USMC Retired

Clyde Charles James

Lee A. Thompson

SSG James Wallace Waggoner, Jr., US Army Retired

Continental Chapter

John Kemper (Jack) Carmichael Jr.

Clarence A. Cook Chapter

TSGT Ronald Lee Darrah, USAF Retired

Albert Stuart Hart

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

Phillip Lee Martin

Kevin Lee Waldroup

Terry R. Johnson

David Benton Chapter

Glen Melvin Killey

Special Presentation:

- Compatriot Brad Manzenberger of Stone Revival Historical Preservation gave a presentation of basic grave stone restoration and preservation. His website can be found at - <http://www.stonerevival.net>

Secretary:

- The minutes from the July Annual House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve Compatriot t. Rex Legler II, Second Compatriot Mark Kreps. Action: Approved.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and attached hereto within.
- Budget - A written report was provided and attached hereto within.

Committee Reports:

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: The NSSAR Vincennes Memorial is now on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. President General Lieshman will attend. Compatriot Cunningham is now the National Safety Officer for the NSSAR Color Guard.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Spring Leadership Meeting at NSSAR is Feb 28 - March 2, 2012. All SAR members are encouraged to attend.
- CENTRAL DISTRICT: The Next Central District meeting is scheduled for 25-26 October 2013 in West Virginia.
- STATE WEBSITE: Compatriot Steve Oberlin reported the website was on time and under budget..
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:
 - *District 1*: No Report.
 - *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: Compatriot Stuart Hart has resigned; the INSSAR is seeking a new color guard commander. The Vincennes event is always looking for additional SAR members (both color guard and non-color guard) to assist. Last year the INSSAR received over 22 new member interest requests. A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: The NSSAR George Washington Fund approved \$2,000 for the INSSAR IWM Project. The newest member, Compatriot Betzner.
- MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: No Report.

- AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: the INSSAR reached 96% of all Chapters presenting a flag certificate in 2012. President Betzner commended Chairman Kreps for coordinating such a successful campaign. Cook Chapter Jr. member Compatriot Joshua Eells will present a flag certificate for each INSSAR Chapter presenting one in 2013. A written report which is attached hereto within.
- C.A.R.: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- INSSAR YOUTH PROGRAMS: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- 4-H PROGRAM: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- KNIGHT ESSAY: Reports they are ready for the upcoming program. A new medal for this program is in the works.
- LADIES AUXILIARY: Compatriot Cunningham reports the auxiliary has approx. 50 members, invited all the members to encourage their wives, girlfriends, daughters to join.
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: Compatriot Sharp explained all the changes going on at the INSSAR online patriot database/graves registry. It has gone through a major clean up, and more improvements are in the works. A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: Reports they are ready for the upcoming program.
- JROTC/ROTC: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST: The poster contest team is ready for the upcoming event.
- VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: Wreathes Across America - 420,000 wreathes were laid at 800 cemeteries. Several events are scheduled in Indiana where Chapters can receive their Partners in Patriotism recognition (Vincennes is one of them). A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST: Please send any reports, history or other information you want archived in the INSSAR History. A written report which is attached hereto within.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Reported that Compatriot William Sharp has been asked by the nominating committee to be the 2013-2014 INSSAR President. No further report was given.
- INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL SPECIAL PROJECT: The project designed is no longer able to continue the design of the IWM Project. New designers are being interviewed.

Unfinished Business:

- INSSAR New Member Handbook – Chairman Wayne Eells reports that he has been in contact with a few members who are willing to serve. The members will be a mix of new, moderate and long-time members to help ensure a balanced handbook. Their goal is to present a finished draft at the April HOD meeting.
- INSSAR New Recruitment Brochure - has been completed. It came in on time and under budget by \$120.00.

Being distributed to the Chapters at this HOD meeting.

- INSSAR “Rookie of the Year Award” – Chairman William Sharp reports there has been no activity on this committee.
- INSSAR President asked for nominations for INSSAR Awards, including Distinguished Service, Patriot and Meritorious Service Awards.
- A brief discussion about NSSAR new medals:
 - Patriot Graves
 - Molly Pitcher
 - Support of Youth Award
 - Ladies Color Guard – there was detailed discussion that the requirements may be a bit excessive. The INSSAR will review the policy and report back to the membership.

New Business:

- INSSAR President introduced the idea that it may be in the best interest of the Society to split the Office of the Secretary into two positions. This will require a change to the Constitution and By-laws, which cannot happen until the Annual HOD meeting in April 2014. Further investigation will rest with the next INSSAR President.
- Motion and seconded by Compatriots Legler and Sharp – The INSSAR 2013-2014 Budget to include \$1,500 for INSSAR officers to attend any of the two NSSAR Leadership or National Congress sessions. Action – Approved.
- INSSAR President Betzner introduced the need for the INSSAR to become more active in the good and welfare of the membership. Too many times our members have health or other issues and there is no system to reach to them. The membership encouraged the President and Chaplain to work together in order to create a better system for reporting and reaching out to those members.

For the Good of the Order:

- Indiana Genealogical Conference – April 29, 2013, Bloomington, Indiana. The INSSAR wants a table at the event. Extra recruitment brochures provided to Ron Darrah, who will represent the INSSAR at the event.
- National Genealogical Society – August, 2013, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Genealogists from across the US for this major event. Secretary Eells will contact the NSSAR for supportive tools to staff a booth.
- Center for American Heritage – a Matching Funds Campaign is underway, Chapters giving \$500 / States giving \$1,000 will be matched, States giving
- Indiana War memorial – They want to restore civil war flags. Also introducing a Memorial Brick program for fundraising at the circle.

- INSSAR April Annual HOD Meeting – 20 April, 2013, Indiana War Memorial
- NSSAR Spring Leadership – 1,2,3 March 2013, Louisville, KY.
- 25 May 2013 – NSSAR Event: George Rogers Clark Memorial
- 4-5 October 2013 – Point Pleasant Ceremony.
- 19 October 2013 – Ceremony for Lochry's Defeat.
- 2 November 2013 LeBalme Ceremony.

The House of Delegates Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by Chaplain Counts and SAR Recessional was led by Vice President Sharp at 3:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.