



# INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

## Annual State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 20 April 2013

Indiana War Memorial, Indianapolis, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 12:18p 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 the SAR Pledge was led by Vice President Sharp.
- President Betzner introduced the guests.
  - Greetings were brought by SAR Central District Vice President Rev. Forrest Chilton.
  - Greetings were brought by the DAR by Jeanne Hornung.
  - Greetings were brought by the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Howell.
  - Greetings were brought by the CAR by President Hannah Vandermolen.
  - President Betzner introduced SAR Minutemen from Indiana
- INSSAR Chancellor Terry English was appointed Parliamentarian.
- Motion and Second to suspend the Regular Agenda by Compatriots Wayne Eells and Jim Arnold.
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 34 Delegates and 1 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	Ernest Davis	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart Wendell Horn Dave Peters William Sharp	x   x

	Duneland	Valparaiso	0	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Dennis Boone Matthew Boone	
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Bran Manzenberger Donald Smith	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Ron Darrah Wayne Eells Jeff Hornung	x  x
	Continental	Muncie	Dennis Babbitt Mark Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	Gene Printz (one member not signed in)	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	David Kelly George Frantz Hubert Shackleton	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Jim Arnold Gordon Bell Terry English Robert Howell	  x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey John Sheets	
	John Hay	Salem	Mark Owens	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Robert Hall (One member not signed in)	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham	x
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Donald Counts Kenneth Gilkey John West	

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

President Betzner thanked the members of the Indiana Society for all their work during the past two years. The Society saw record growth of new members, activities with the DAR and CAR, increased participation at the NSSAR Leadership Sessions, training offered to Chapter Secretaries, new training tools, and so much more.

## **Program:**

Compatriot Brock Brieman from the Washington, D.C. Society presented a program on the SAR Operation Ancestry Search and how it helps veterans through the healing process. The NSSAR has hired a program coordinator to assist the State Societies get their programs set up. He also spoke about the new program between the SAR and Ancestry.com that contacts people who use the old SAR applications in their family trees. The program will be rolled out nationally very soon.

Mr. Curt Witcher of the Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne, IN) Genealogy Department spoke about the services that they can provide, and expressed a strong interest in helping the SAR by offering the extensive resources of the Library.

## **Secretary:**

- The minutes from the January "Winter" House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve and seconded by Compatriots Gordon bell and John West. 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: Compatriot Cunningham provided an explanation of the upcoming Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous in May. He advised that there will be members from National (President General Leishman) the District VP, Chapters from Ohio and Kentucky, as well as over 5 SAR and DAR Chapter from Indiana, and for the first time, the President of the Indiana Society of the Children of the American Revolution to present wreathes.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: be advised that the NSSAR has changed its policy about accepting other lineage organizations' record copies. No longer are they accepting Mayflower, Cincinnati, or others. They will accept DAR and CAR with proper documentation, as the policy outlines. A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Fall Leadership Meeting at NSSAR is September 27-28, 2013. All members are encouraged to attend.
- CENTRAL DISTRICT: Central District Vice President General, Rev. Chilton, gave a brief report on the activities of the district.
- STATE WEBSITE: No Report.
- DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS:

- *District 1:* Compatriot Barnhart reported that with the warmer weather, the District Chapters will begin meeting more frequently. The July HOD meeting will be in the area of the Duneland Chapter.
  - *District 2:* Compatriot Matt Boone attended the meetings of his district during the quarter.
  - *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: No Report.
  - MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: No Report.
  - AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: A written report which is attached hereto within.
  - C.A.R.: CAR President Hannah Vandermolen gave a presentation on her state project. Circle of Change provides dogs to veterans to assist with their recover of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. She will provide information to all the SAR Chapters so they can participate in the project if they so choose.
  - EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: Reported by President Betzner - There were about nine entries this year, and the winner will be announced during the dinner awards program.
  - 4-H PROGRAM: No Report.
  - KNIGHT ESSAY: This year the INSSAR saw more entries than in a long time. The entries quality continues to increase. The winner will be announced during the dinner awards program
  - REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: A written report and it is attached hereto within.
  - RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: No Report, as competition to take place later today.
  - JROTC/ROTC: C 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: No report.
  - NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No Report.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- The committee working on the Handbook for New Members has completed its work. The draft copy was sent to all INSSAR Chapter Officers for review.
  - A couple grammar and typographic errors were identified, and the Committee will make those changes and resend an updated draft copy to the Chapter Officers.
  - A question was raised about the Helm Naval Battle. The Committee will report back with additional information for the Society.

## **New Business:**

- Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Gordon Bell and Robert Pfaff a one-time action for the 2013-2014 INSSAR Budget to not contribute \$1,000 for the Historical Marker Fund and to use the \$1,000 to fund the INSSAR Executive Officer Travel Budget Item \$1,000. Action: Approved
- Motion and Seconded by Compatriots John West and Gordon Bell to approved the revised 2013-2014 INSSAR Budget. Action: Approved.
- Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Robert Cunningham and Wayne Eells accept the Nomination Committee's report of slated INSSAR 2013-2014 candidate for office of INSSAR President.
- All other candidates for INSSAR Officers were nominated from the floor.
  - Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Robert Cunningham and Roger Barnhart to elect the nominees for State Officers. Action – Approved.
    - William Sharp, President
    - Wayne Eells, Vice President
    - David Peters, Secretary
    - Arthur Bowers, Treasurer
    - Terry English, Chancellor
    - Roger Barnhart, District Vice President (1)
    - Matthew Boone, District Vice President (2)
    - Jerry Brown, District Vice President (3)
    - John West, District Vice President (4)
    - Robert Howell, Registrar & Genealogist
    - Robert Pfaff, Historian
    - Don Counts, Chaplain
    - David Betzner, INSSAR Trustee
    - William Sharp, Alternate INSSAR Trustee

## **For The Good Of The Order:**

- Spirit of Vincennes: 25-26 May 2013
- 123 National SAR Congress: 5-10 July 2013, Kansas City, KS
- Fall Leadership: 27-28 September 2013, Louisville, KY
- Spring Leadership: 28 Feb – 1 March 2014, Louisville, KY

## **New Members:**

- President Betzner inducted the following new members into the SAR.
  - Luke Jacobus, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

## **Memorial Service:**

- INSSAR Chaplain Don Counts hosted the memorial service for the compatriots who have fallen in the last year.

## **Rumbaugh Orations Contest / Dinner:**

- President Betzner suspended the meeting to allow for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest and for Dinner.

## **Awards:**

- **Youth Program Awards**

Grace Cole, Alexis Coquillard Sponsor

Megan Carpenter, Alexander Hamilton Sponsor

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Alex Miller, Daniel Guthrie Sponsor

Elementary Poster Contest

Knight Essay Contest

Rumbaugh Orations

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

- **INSSAR Awards**

Simon Kenton Chapter

Robert Cunningham, Daniel Guthrie

Randy Hillenburg, Clarence A Cook

Ed Hitchcock, Daniel Guthrie

Bob Howell, Daniel Guthrie

Don Counts, Ohio Valley

Stuart Hart, Clarence A Cook

John West, Ohio Valley

Jeff Hornung, Clarence A Cook

Doug Wilson, Daniel Guthrie

Tom Schnuck, Continental

Bob Howell, Daniel Guthrie

Rick Smurdon, Alexis Coquillard

Marge Howell, Ladies Aux.

Donna Betzner, Ladies Aux.

Donna Sharp, Ladies Aux.

James Arnold, Daniel Guthrie

Hugh Shanahan, Daniel Guthrie

INSSAR Morris Award

Distinguished Service

Patriot Medal

Meritorious Service

Meritorious Service

Meritorious Service

U.S. Flag in case

INSSAR Gold Service

INSSAR Gold Service

INSSAR Silver Service

INSSAR Silver Service

INSSAR Silver Service

INSSAR Bronze Service

Martha Washington Bronze Oak  
Leaf Cluster

Indiana Silver / Aide De Camp

Indiana Bronze Service

Service to Veterans (Silver Oak  
Leaf Cluster)

SAR Law Enforcement

## **Installation of Officers:**

- Vice President General of the Central District, Rev. Forrest Chilton, swore in the 2013-2014 Officers of the INSSAR.

## **New President Comments:**

William Sharp, newly installed INSSAR President provided insight into the plans and direction of the INSSAR during his term. Highlights include:

- Increasing participation in youth programs
- Increased participation with DAR and CAR
- HOD Meetings across the state at key historical areas
- Membership growth

***The House of Delegates Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by Roger Barnhart and SAR Recessional was led by President William Sharp at 6:45 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Eells, Jr., Recording Secretary / Vice President  
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

*Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.*