

**House of Delegates Meeting
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Muncie, Indiana
July 15 – 16, 2005**

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held in Muncie, Indiana and hosted by the Continental Chapter. Friday evening was an opportunity for informal fellowship and discussion. The Saturday session was called to order at 10 a.m. by President T. Rex Legler II followed by the Invocation, colors were posted by the Color Guard, and Pledges to the American Flag and S.A.R were led by Vice President Garry M. Eckard. The agenda was approved on motion duly made and seconded. To determine that a quorum of delegates was present, Secretary Brandon R. Halleck called the roll of chapter representatives present as follows:

Alexis Coquillard Chapter:
1 delegate-at-large
Anthony Halberstadt Chapter:
2 delegates-at-large
Continental Chapter:
5, including 1 delegate-at-large
Clarence A. Cook Chapter
6, including 2 delegates-at-large
Alexander Hamilton Chapter
1 delegate-at-large
Daniel Guthrie Chapter
5, including 1 delegate-at-large
John Martin Chapter
1 delegate-at-large
William Knight Chapter
1 delegate-at-large
William Henry Harrison Chapter
1 delegate-at-large

Reports

Approved on motion duly made and seconded were minutes for the meeting of April 15 – 16, 2005. Secretary Halleck's membership report showed that since the last meeting there were 16 new memberships approved, 4 supplemental applications approved, 3 members were reinstated, and one member transferred from the Indiana Society to the Ohio Society. This brought the INSSAR membership total to 617.

Treasurer G. Thomas Schnuck's printed report showed \$8,773.29 in cash and money market accounts and \$42,163.45 in CD's for a total of \$50,936.74 in total assets compared with \$50,324.37 in April.

District Director North – Willard Watterson reported that the Van Gordon Chapter in Crown Point is still inactive. Watterson also stated that he had spoken with Ray Jewel at the National Convention Memorial Service in Louisville. Compatriot Jewel stated he still had some health concerns and that participation would be limited. The Simon Kenton Chapter and the Alexis Coquillard Chapter plan to conduct a joint meeting and program this fall. Compatriot Watterson distributed information and directions for the state meeting which is to be held in South Bend on October 29, 2005. For those wanting overnight accommodations, the Howard Johnson has rooms for \$62 a night with a continental breakfast. On Friday, October 28, the tentative schedule is to meet at 3:15pm and caravan to the Football College Hall of Fame. All compatriots that plan to attend the Quarterly Meeting should notify Watterson no later than October 25, 2005.

District Director – North Central was not present.

District Director – South Central Bob Howell was unable to attend this meeting. However, Compatriot Jim Arnold presented the report. Since assuming this office, Howell has attended the meetings of two of the four INSSAR chapters within his district. On May 17, 2005, the Daniel Guthrie Chapter held its meeting at the Ole Windmill Buffet, in Bedford. SAR certificates were presented to new members, bringing the chapter total to over 70 members. Compatriot Gary Rutherford received the Bronze Color Guard Medal and a Certificate of Participation from the Ohio Valley Chapter. On May 25, the Clarence A. Cook Chapter held its meeting at the MCL Cafeteria, Castleton Mall, Indianapolis. Awards were presented to Compatriot Stuart Hart – Meritorious Service Medal, and Compatriots Mike Oberlin and Ron Darrah – Bronze Color Guard Medals. Compatriot Scott Hosier was presented the State Medal of Distinguished Service in recognition of 65 years of service to the SAR.

District Director South – John G. West reported that the David Benton Chapter is meeting regularly and recently and was recently in the *Jackson County Banner*. The General Thomas Posey Chapter will meet this fall in Mt. Vernon. The Ohio Valley Chapter met May 7, 2005, at Willard Library's Bayard Room in Evansville. Compatriot West presented a program on "Flags Over America" with over 140 flags on display. Members of the Ohio Valley participated in the INSSAR Color Guard at the Newsburgh Summer Fest and the Haubstadt Sommer Fest parades both on June 11, 2005. In addition, it was reported that the Ohio Valley Chapter has three applications pending approval.

President T. Rex Legler II presented information from Martha Barnhart about the National Ladies Auxiliary. Currently, there are 16 State Society's and Indiana is close to becoming the 17th. Some notes of interest are – the Ladies Auxiliaries are formed with the sole purpose of supporting SAR, to date there are 9 paid members in Indiana; dues are \$5 annually, when a state auxiliary is formed all dues are kept in the state. The delegation was encouraged to learn that members of the auxiliary do not have to be a member of the DAR – any spouse, daughter, sister, mother or aunt can join.

In matters dealing with the Hoosier Patriot it was suggested that minutes be posted on the state website. This will allow for more space in the Hoosier Patriot for articles of interest from our local chapters. A motion was duly made and seconded to have all future meeting minutes posted on the state website. The state Secretary will continue to mail these minutes to state officers and to those whom do not have Internet access.

Compatriot Steve Oberlin presented his report that the INSSAR Color Guard has participated in 36 events over the past six months with approximately 25 others scheduled for the remainder of the year. Some notable events were the four day July 4th concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and several parades. The Color Guard presented an overview at the Continental Chapter – with increased interest. In addition, the Alexis Coquillard Chapter will make their debut at the Elkhart County 4H Fair on July 24, 2005. While there will not be a 2005 NSSAR President General's Color Guard Trophy, our local Color Guard is preparing for a submission of this year's events in the anticipation of the award being reinstated next year. Compatriot Oberlin provided a report on the treasury balance. To date, the Color Guard has \$6,149.61 – an increase from \$4,931.46.

Registrar Noel Reen reported that to date, he has 38 Membership and Supplemental Applications (New Applications – 31; Supplemental – 7) awaiting NSSAR approval. He continues to work with the Secretary and has been working on clearing up duplicated state numbers. In addition, Registrar Reen continues to work in clearing up discrepancies in records and to obtaining missing information for pending files.

National Trustee Roger Barnhart reported on the events at the National Congress. During the current session, the Congress decided to re-elevate the status of the Vice-President General. While this does not change the level of succession, it does reemphasize the importance of the Vice-President General's position. In other news, the NSSAR has decided to “guarantee” the application process for children of SAR members, regardless if it comes to light a problem with the lineage/ancestor, etc. In addition, Compatriot Barnhart noted that the following members attended the National Congress: T. Rex Legler II, Roger Barnhart, Charles Bragg, Willard Waterson, John Kesler, Gary Eckard, Robert Burton, and Theodore Williams. Compatriot Barnhart also reported that the next National Congress will be held in Dallas, Texas.

President Legler II led the discussion on several youth programs sponsored by the Indiana Society. While discussing the Eagle Scout program, he mentioned that a move the INSSAR should make is to commit to fundraising activities so that the Eagle Scout program could be self-sustaining. We are still seeking a chairman for the Knight Essay contest. Any interested compatriot should contact President Legler. Compatriot Tom Schnuck has agreed to serve as chairman for the Youth Programs Committee.

Vice President Eckard informed the delegation that all medals and awards must be submitted no later than December 31 to be included in our numbers for the NSSAR. Compatriot Bragg reported that the membership was looking positive, however, we should continue our efforts to enlist more members into the Indiana Society.

Our webmaster, Compatriot Steve Oberlin stated that there were updates on the website. In addition, members will be able to view past state meeting minutes and copies of the *Hoosier Patriot*. It was noted that our website is one of the best in the state – linking chapter websites, officer information, and discussion boards for all members to view/utilize.

A financial report from the INSSAR April 2005 Annual meeting was submitted. The event had a larger attendance than was expected, providing extra revenue for the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. The chapter decided to disperse the remaining \$555.56 to the following organizations: \$100 to INSSAR, \$100 to Center for Americas, \$185.56 for future state meetings, and \$170 for new chapter flags, etc. for the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. The INSSAR appreciates the generous donations from the chapter. In addition, Vice-President Eckard provided information about the upcoming INSSAR April 2006 meeting. The meeting will be held April 29 at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis with James Alexander Thom as guest speaker. The DAR has agreed to co-host the event and split many of the costs with our organization. Mr. Thom generally charges \$750 for speaking engagements; however, he has agreed to reduce this fee to \$300 (DAR will pay for \$150). The luncheon will be a joint venture between the two organizations as well.

Old Business

A committee including Compatriots Roger Barnhart, Jack Moore, Secretary Tom Schnuck, and President T. Rex Legler II met to discuss the final closeout for the *Hoosier Patriot*. There is a total of \$382.73 for which receipts from the former editor have not been provided. During the meeting, it was decided as to what action the State Society should proceed with this matter. After discussion during the State Meeting, it was decided and approved that the society would absorb the debt. Furthermore, all future receipts will be paid as reimbursements to the new editor.

New Business

Liberty medals were presented to Compatriots Noel Reen, INSSAR Registrar, and Roger Barnhart, National Trustee at the National Conference.

The Central District Vice-President General's position is a rotated through Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia. The 2007 term is Indiana's rotation and the State Society's nomination must be submitted no later than January 1, 2006. The nominating committee has selected John Kessler, former INSSAR State President, to serve as the Central District Vice-President General. His nomination was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

Compatriot T. Rex Legler II adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm to join the ladies for lunch. Our next State Meeting will be held in South Bend, Indiana, on Saturday, October 29, 2005.