

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Fall State Meeting - 27 October 2007
Host - Anthony Halberstadt Chapter - Fort Wayne, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Robert D. Howell, Sr. The invocation was given by Douglas H. Wellman, Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Chaplain. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President G. Thomas Schnuck. Compatriot Charles F. Bragg was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II reviewed the sign in roster and reported a quorum of 50%+ of Districts (6 total) and 50%+ Chapters (18 total) was present.

Attendance:	DistrictChapter	Compatriot
	1	Gen Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley
		John G. West Marshall Miller T. Rex Legler II
	2	David Benton Daniel Guthrie John Hay
		0 Robert D. Howell, Sr. Robert P. Cunningham 0
	3	Clarence A. Cook Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton
		Garry M. Eckard Robert E. Burton Steve Oberlin 0 Charles F. Bragg
	4	William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin
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	5	Continental Thaddeus Kosciuszko Simon Kenton
		G. Thomas Schnuck 0 0
	6	Alexis Coquillard Anthony Halberstadt
		Willard W. Waterson Francis Wellman Douglas Wellman Scott Wellman William E. Sharp Charles Peters

The ladies were at a luncheon and afternoon activity as part of the Central District SAR meeting. Robert Howell gave the Ladies Auxiliary report as submitted by Martha Barnhart with primary point being the establishment of a \$200.00 award for the winner of the state JROTC Scholarship

program. Minutes from the 21 July 2007 Summer Meeting were attached to the agenda as distributed and were approved. It was pointed out that the minutes were NOT a transcript of the proceedings but the Secretary's notes. It was also noted that in order to conserve time for floor discussion the various reports submitted to President Howell were included in synoptic format within the agenda. All present thought that was a good idea and only "last minute" items would be added by the individual when called upon by the President. (see attached agenda dated 27 October 2007). Reports were taken in order on the Agenda. Of note under District 6, Director Willard Waterson reported encouraging progress on re-establishing a Chapter in Northwest Indiana but questioned which district to assign the Chapter once reactivated. Also discussed was the inactivity/demise of the Seth Jewel Chapter in Auburn. A discussion of the Madison Indiana Patriot Grave ceremony ensued and T. Rex Legler II stated that a number of applications had ensued and that a Southeastern Indiana Chapter was looming on the horizon.

Under Old Business Steve Oberlin reiterated that a new "user friendly" Chapter website format was available and that he or Wade Harshman could "assist" a chapter webmaster get up and running. President Howell again stated that there was a current vacancy for Editor, Hoosier Patriot. Also discussion ensued regarding the timeframe of transition from present State Secretary Jack E. Moore who had tendered a resignation as of 31 December 2007 and incoming State Secretary William E. Sharp. As various members had received different inputs, it was determined that President Howell would be in contact with Jack Moore to clarify and ensure as best a possible a seamless transition and timely submission of membership roster and dues to NSSAR. Finally under old business T. Rex Legler II reported that the "Indiana Society SAR Service Medal" had been approved by NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee and the NSSAR Executive Committee. Legler stated he would now seek bids from suppliers for presentation at the January 2008 State Meeting in Indianapolis. Concern was raised by Robert E. Burton regarding notification to members about this award prior to its submission to national for approval. Discussion ensued and Compatriot Burton was assured by Compatriot Bragg and others that all constitutional requirements regarding a floor motion, discussion, and vote had been met at the 21 July 2007 Summer Meeting in Evansville and that no "railroading" had occurred. It was also pointed out that further discussion would be held in January when the financial aspect would need to be included in the 2008 Budget proposal for floor vote at the April 2008 annual State Congress in Muncie.

The Saturday, 19 January 2007 meeting was announced. Host Chapter is Clarence A. Cook and details will be forthcoming on the INSSAR website and, hopefully, Hoosier Patriot. The Benediction was conducted by Douglas Wellman and the SAR Recessional was led by G. Thomas Schnuck. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM by President Howell.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II Recording Secretary
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution



**Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
House of Delegates Meeting
Saturday, 27 October 2007
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Host: Anthony Halberstadt Chapter**

Opening Ceremonies:

1. Call to Order.....President Robert D. Howell, Sr.
2. Invocation
3. Posting of the Colors.....INSSAR Color Guard
4. Pledge to the National Colors.....Vice-President G. Thomas Schnuck
5. Pledge of the SAR.....Vice-President Schnuck

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

6. Appointment of Parliamentarian, if Chancellor not present.....President Howell
7. Approval of Agenda.....President Howell
8. Chapter Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum.....Secretary Jack E. Moore
9. Awards and Recognition.....TBA

Reports:

10. Ladies' Auxiliary.....President Martha Barnhart
11. Minutes of Previous Meeting.....Secretary Moore
12. Treasurer.....Treasurer Charles Peters
 - a. Budget.....Treasurer Peters
 - b. Audit
 - c. Finance.....Chairman Marshall E. Miller
 - d. Fund Raising
13. District Directors
 - a. District #1.....Director John G. West

***Report:** The Ohio Valley Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to Evansville's Deaconess Hospital. District #1 members of the INSSAR Color Guard marched at Fort Branch, the Evansville West Side Fall Festival, and, outside District #1, French Lick and Patriot grave dedication in Madison as part of a joint Color Guard composed of Compatriots from Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

Compatriot West spoke at the August Ohio Valley Chapter (OVC) meeting. His topic was "Why-DNA?" He attempted to simplify what Y-DNA testing can reveal in identifying family relationships and discussed some of his personal experiences with his test results and the startling discoveries made.

Compatriot West attended the October General Thomas Posey Chapter meeting in Mt. Vernon. OVC members had a garage sale, which raised several hundred dollars for the chapter. OVC Compatriots again staffed a display table at the Tri-State Genealogical Society's Annual Seminar on October 20, sold some DVD's and talked with several prospective members.

- b. District #2.....Director James C. Arnold
- *Report:** Attended the 21 August Daniel Guthrie Chapter and 17 September Benjamin Franklin Chapter meetings. Routinely receives the minutes of the monthly David Benton Chapter meetings.

On 22 September, Compatriots Ed Hitchcock and Paul Schoonmaker assisted the John Hay Chapter staff a “recruiting” table to hand out information on the SAR, DAR and CAR to interested individuals of whom two took application worksheets and two signed up for additional information.

- c. District #3.....Director Robert E. Burton
- d. District #4.....Director Hubert Shackleton
- e. District #5.....Director Ken Locke
- f. District #6.....Director Willard Waterson
- 14. Hoosier Patriot.....Editor John Van Zandt
- 15. State Color Guard.....Commander Steve Oberlein
- 16. NSSAR Color Guard Representative.....President Howell
***Report:** Those interested in Color Guard activities should subscribe to *The SAR Guardsman*, which contains information on uniforms, procedures, schedules, etc. To subscribe, send a check for \$10 payable to Treasurer-General, NSSAR (mark in the memo line “The SAR Guardsman” and mail to Craig Johnson, Director of Finance, NSSAR, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203-4392.
- 17. Registrar.....Registrar Noel K. Reen
***Report:** Pending at this writing I have possession of 21 Membership and Supplemental Applications, (New Applications-10; Supplementals-11) awaiting NSSAR approval. For your information, there are 535 new member and supplemental applications entered in the INSSAR Registrars MS Access Data base, searchable.
- 18. Genealogist.....Genealogist Edward E. Hitchcock
- 19. National Trustee.....Trustee Garry M. Eckard
***Report:** At the NSSAR September Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting, 60+ committees presented reports. A new Member Services Committee will work on commercial affinity agreements (credit cards, travel clubs, etc.) to generate yield revenue for the SAR without cost or risk. The NSSAR Education Director is leading the Society’s outreach education program to answer the need for patriotic education in our nation. NSSAR hired a Development Director to lead fundraising efforts for the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage.
 The President General advanced a proposal for study to relocate the NSSAR Headquarters by purchasing a five-story building downtown at 8th and Main in the center of a developing museum district. This would consolidate Headquarters and CAAH in one building.
 An SAR trip to Scotland is planned for May 2008 and to France in September to mark the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War.
- 20. Nominating.....Chairman Garry M. Eckard
***Report:** The INSSAR Nominating Committee will report at the January 2008 INSSAR Quarterly Meeting as directed by Bylaw 18, Section 5 of the INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws, and submit a slate of candidates to serve in the following INSSAR Positions from April 2008 to April 2009. The election for these offices will be held at the April 2008 INSSAR Annual Meeting.
 President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 District Directors (Chapters)
 District 1 (Ohio Valley, General Thomas Posey, George Rogers Clark)
 District 2 (Daniel Guthrie, David Benton, John Hay)
 District 3 (Clarence A. Cook, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin)
 District 4 (William Knight, John Martin, William Henry Harrison)
 District 5 (Continental, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Simon Kenton)
 District 6 (Anthony Halberstadt, Seth Jewel, Alexis Coquillard)
 Registrar

Historian/Archivist
 Genealogist
 Chancellor
 Chaplain
 National Trustee
 Alternate National Trustee

21. NSSAR Central District Representative.....VPG Roger D. Barnhart
22. Americanism.....Chairman J.D. Strouth
23. Flag.....Chairman James Jackson, Jr.
24. Historian/Archivist.....Historian Jack E. Moore
 ***Report:** No activity.
25. Handbook.....Acting Chairman Jack E. Moore
 ***Report:** No activity.
26. Youth Programs.....Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck
 - a. Americanism Poster Contest.....Chairman Schnuck
 ***Report:** No activity.
 - b. Children of the American Revolution.....Chairman Timothy W. Jones
 - c. Eagle Scout.....Chairman Randy J. Hillenburg
 ***Report:** On 21 April 2007, Daniel Paul Lewis was honored as the 2006 INSSAR Eagle Scout of the Year. Also honored were Dylan Riley Caraker and Andrew Jay Higginbotham as Runner-Up (2nd Place) and 2nd Runner-Up (3rd Place), respectively, who received Certificates of Achievement, Eagle Medals and Patches. Since April, we have recognized seven new Eagle Scouts.
 - d. Knight Essay Contest.....Chairman Mark Kreps
 - e. 4-H.....Chairman John G. West
 ***Report:** The 2007/08 “Program Phases and Goal Attainment” for the INSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award (For 4-H Youth) have been updated and the six phases for INSSAR completed except for setting INSSAR District boundaries. Evaluation and goals will be met in an ongoing basis. Have completed the logistics for selection of the awards on county, district and state levels with Renee Mckee, the State 4-H Leader.
 Have prepared the procedures for conducting the INSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award (for 4-H Youth) and information for the INSSAR state web site and to be published in the *Hoosier Patriot* when State 4-H Leader approves and consents to publication – *4-H is protected under the Secretary of Agriculture, which is stronger than a trademark, patent, or copyright and equal to the U.S. Presidential Seal*. Approval is expected by late October.
 Selection procedures: County 4-H organizations will select county winners based on Citizenship, Leadership & Community Service Activities and forward the name to the INSSAR State Chairman who contact cognizant INSSAR District Director. Nominations of county winners will be sent to the District Director and a District winner selected. State Level Awards will be selected from these District winners.
 - f. Rumbaugh Orations Contest.....Chairman C. David Betzner
 - g. ROTC/JROTC.....Chairman Howell
 ***Report:** ROTC/JROTC units will be contacted starting after Thanksgiving.
27. Golden Chapter Awards
28. Medals and Awards.....Chairman Schnuck
 ***Report:** No activity.
29. Membership & Chapter Development.....Chairman Charles F. Bragg
 ***Report:** Secretary Moore updates our INSSAR membership database on a daily basis. Reinstatements, new and supplemental applications are processed upon receipt.
 SAR growth might be slow overall, but it is growth as compared to many fraternal organizations as well as some churches and service organizations. Suggestion Set up a table at your library in the Local History room monthly at the same time to help with SAR research/applications.

SAR needs to have interesting programs about the Revolutionary War. Every compatriot, in this room, can prepare a 20-minute program about an event, battle or personality.

Chapter Development: Willard Waterson and I have been working the Northwest section of Indiana "The Region". A genealogy club that meets in Lake (Merrillville) and Porter (Valparaiso) counties has indicated interest in a program about SAR. We are continuing to follow-up.

- 30. Revolutionary War Graves.....Chairman Theodore J. Williams
- 31. INSSAR Online Graves Project.....Chairman Wade Harshman
***Report:** Continue adding new names (nearly 40 in the past month) and/or pictures and information to existing names (22 updates and/or pictures pending) in database that is accessed by people around the world searching for their ancestors. Visitors can search for patriots by name, by state served, or by county buried. Everyone is encouraged to visit <http://graves.inssar.org> to see the changes. We remain on the "cutting edge" of such projects nationwide, and the Indiana Society takes pride in the efforts of so many SAR and DAR members who contribute to this project.
- 32. Public Service & Heroism Awards.....Chairman Douglas J. Arnold
***Report:** Sent letter via email on 31 August to chapter contacts reminding them that year's end is nearing and to look for possible award nominees. In 4QCY2007, will send another encouraging chapters to continue checking for potential candidates for Heroism, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, or EMS awards.
- 33. Veterans' Programs/American Legion & VFW.....Chairman James C. Arnold
***Report:** Reports have been sent to NSSAR documenting INSSAR Partners in Patriotism 2007 activities marking Lochry's Defeat (24 Aug), Patriot Gilbert Samuels grave marking (22 Sep), and the Underwood Cemetery ceremony (30 Sep). Upcoming events include marking the de la Balme massacre (28 Oct), Patriot Thomas Ashbrook grave marking and the Disposal of Flags in Spencer (11 Nov).
- 34. State Website.....Chairman Steven D. Oberlin

Old Business:

- a. Chapter Websites
- b. Position Vacancies

New Business:

- 35. Next Meeting.....Saturday, 19 January 2008, Indianapolis
- 36. Benediction
- 37. SAR Recessional.....Vice-President Schnuck

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our Forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.

- 38. Adjournment.....President Howell