



INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

Summer State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 30 July 2011

HealthPlex Bldg., Indianapolis, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM 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 to the SAR was led by Vice-President Stuart Hart.
- Compatriot Earl Salisbury was appointed Parliamentarian.
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 47 (2 non-voting) Compatriots in attendance, with 3 guests with applications pending. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved.

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 Barnhardt William Sharp Douglas Wellman Scott Wellman	x
	Seth Jewel	Auburn	0	
	Duneland	Valparaiso	0	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	
2	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	0	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Dennis Boone Matthew Boone Michael Boone Art Bowers Ron Darrah	x x

			Wayne Eells	x
			Nicholas French-Seats	
			Garry Eckard	x
			Phillip Greenwood	
			Stuart Hart	x
			Jeff Hornung	
			Terry Johnson	
			Graham Morey	
			Mike Oberlin	
			Steve Oberlin	x
			Earl Salisbury	x
			Nick Seats	
			Kevin Waldroup	
	Continental	Muncie	Dennis Babbitt	
			Jack Carmichael	x
			Mark R. Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	David Lash	
			Gene Printz	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	Donald Bloodgood	
			George Frantz	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James Arnold	
			Gordon Bell	
			Ronald Burkhart	
			Robert P. Cunningham	x
			T. Rex Legler II	x
			Ed Hitchcock	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown	
			James Harvey	
			John Sheets	
	John Hay	Salem	0	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	0	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts	
			Kenneth Gilkey	
			Ernie Payne	
			John West	

- Greetings were brought by the DAR State Regent Martha Barnhardt – There were 4 Members in attendance.
- Greetings were brought by the INSSAR Ladies Auxillary Martha Barnhardt. There were 5 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance with 2 guests.

President's Comments:

INSSAR President David Betzner reported the following:

- He attended the National Congress.
- Realizes that Recruitment and Retention is critical for the survival of the INSSAR.
- Compatriot Robert Cunningham was called upon to direct the Color Guard at National Congress and did an outstanding job.
- Asked Compatriot Steve Oberlin to update the Membership of Compatriot Schnuck:
 - After a sudden onset of illness, Compatriot Schnuck is still in a NC Hospital as was hoping to return home Monday if all went well. They were thankful for all the cards, notes, thoughts and prayers. Some Compatriots from the State of NC were visiting him and keeping his spirits high.

Awards:

- *THE BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD:* INSSAR President Betzner awarded Compatriot Douglas Wellman of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Award for his service to the INSSAR and the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter by filling in the various positions that became vacant to ensuring its Chapter Charter remained intact.
- INSSAR WWII Veterans: As of 23 April 2011 INSSAR had 475 WWII Veterans, INSSAR Had 19. Compatriot Jim Arnold and President Betzner presented the certificates.
 - Clarence A Cook: Compatriots Richard Darling, Frank Kinney, John Green, Russel McQuarry, Jr.
 - Continental: Compatriots Leroy Swanson, Robert Simmons.
 - Alexis Coquillard: Compatriot Robert Price
 - Daniel Guthrie: Compatriots Lee Thompson, Alfred Pate, Ward Moore, John Ginger, William Fleetwood
 - John Hay: Compatriots John Rutherford, Norman Coats (Deceased)
 - William Henry Harrison: Compatriot Theodore Williams
 - Anthony Halberstadt: Compatriot Donald Wolfe
 - John Martin: Compatriots Charles Ray, Herrick Kesler
 - Ohio Valley: Compatriot Robert Pitts
- *THE BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD:* Compatriot Ed Hitchcock presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship award to Helen Wildermuth, owner of the Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration Company, from Brown County, IN. At her expense as a public service, she picked up the stones and set each one of them in separate cemeteries. One stone was for Rev. War Patriot John Carney buried in Bick Farm Cemetery and the other stone was Rev. War Patriot Nicholas Jones in Jones/Yeley Cemetery

Special Presentation:

- Major Gordon Bell provided a special presentation about Ride2Recovery and Charlie the Combat Bear. He is very active in the program and is seeking support and funding to bring 11 riders into the program next year (\$33,000). More information about the Ride2Recovery program can be obtained at: <http://ride2recovery.com>. You can also follow the on Facebook – Charlie The Combat Bear is the fan page.

Secretary:

- The minutes from the April Annual House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve Compatriot Earl Salisbury; Second Compatriot William Sharp. Action: Approved.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted.
 - The 2011-2012 year to date showed \$2,892 had been expended against an income of \$9,940. It also notes that income from Dues/Applications is up \$1,940 for the year.
 - The Balance Sheet as of 26 July 2011 showed assets and liabilities of \$68,923.44.
 - INSSAR Treasurer Bowers explained the disbursement of Liabilities that are from specific funds.
 - The report is attached hereto within.

Committee Reports:

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: Reported that the meeting notification post cards actually were sent and received this time. Requested chapters get as many email addresses for for their members so they can get the Hoosier Patriot via email. Working with INSSAR Secretary to get the "mailing database" as correct as possible. Also requests information, stories, pictures and more for the next edition.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham noted that a new Color Guard Manual is in the works at NSSAR following the changes taken at the National Congress.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: Compatriot Robert D. Howell submitted a report and it is attached herein.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham reported that the "youth" applicant status is no longer an option for young members. Young members can now only apply for Jr status. Current approved Youth Status Members will remain until their 29th Birthday.
- STATE WEBSITE: Compatriot Steve Oberlin reported that the INSSAR website will soon have a section for the INSSAR secretary to provide forms and other information to communicate with the chapters.
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:
 - *District 1*: No Report
 - *District 2*: No Report
 - *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: Commander Stuart Hart submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within. Compatriot Barnhardt also shared how the fund helps benefit various activities in the INSSAR such as the creation and placement of Memorial Plaques.
- MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Compatriot Roger Barnhart reported that he is working with a couple applications in the area just south of Richmond, IN, and 3+ in the north side of the state.

- AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Chairman Compatriot Mark Kreps awarded a flag certificate to a Compatriot who flies the flag appropriately at their home: Compatriots Ken Gilkey. Compatriot Kreps also submitted a written report which is attached hereto within.
- C.A.R.: No Report. Compatriots Barnhardt and Cunningham reported their attendance at the IN State CAR meeting stating that the CAR meeting was well attended, and the INSSAR Color Guard was in attendance.
- EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: Compatriot Randy Hillenburg submitted a written report which is attached hereto within
- 4-H PROGRAM: Chairman Compatriot John West said that 3-5 medals/pins are awarded annual. He is asking local chapters to continue reaching out to the local 4-H clubs in their areas. He is also continuing to work in creating more awareness with all the 4-H clubs in Indiana.
- KNIGHT ESSAY: No report.
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: Compatriot Ed Hitchcock submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within. It was suggested that the Society consider working with www.FindAGrave.com instead of ancestry.com
- RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: The INSSAR presenter attended National Congress, made an error during the presentation which he corrected, and apologized for. He sent a letter of thanks to the INSSAR for the opportunity and the experience. His mother reports that they are completing an application for him to join the SAR.
- JROTC/ROTC: Chairman Compatriot Howell submitted a report which is attached hereto within.
- VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: Chairman Compatriot Arnold submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within. He stated that several chapters have already qualified for the Partners in Patriotism Program: INSSAR, John Hay, David Benton, Alexander Hamilton, Daniel Guthrie, and Continental. The next opportunity is: Grave marking ceremony will be held for Rev. War Patriot William Wilkerson in Fleetwood Cemetery in Brown County at 10:30 AM on Saturday, 20 August 2011. . Please begin compiling a listing of those Compatriots who served in the Korean War, as the NSSAR is in the early stages of getting that certificate program ready.

Old Business:

- Motion to change the INSSAR's four districts numbering to start at the north side of the state and progress toward the south by Compatriot Rob Pfaff, Second by Compatriot Earl Salisbury. Action: Approved.
- Motion to have the Committee chaired by Compatriot Jack Carmichael present the appropriate Constitution and Bylaws changes for review making District Directors into District Vice Presidents by the Winter House of Delegates Meeting by Compatriot William Sharp, Second by Compatriot John West. Action: Approved.
- Compatriot T. Rex Legler has been appointed by INSSAR President Betzner to be the INSSAR State Coordinator for all Youth programs. Compatriot Legler submitted a report which is attached hereto within.

New Business:

- INSSAR Secretary provided a report of the activities of the Secretary. The Blue Ribbon Panel will continue with its goal of presenting a Chapter Secretary's Handbook to the October House of Delegates Meeting. He reports receiving a copy of the 1986 Chapter Secretary's Guidelines from Compatriot Carmichael which will be used in the creation of the Handbook.
- INSSAR Secretary Eells introduced the new reporting forms that were created by the "Blue Ribbon Panel." These forms are to be part of the Official INSSAR responsibilities for chapters. The reports submitted were: INSSAR Chapter Reporting Checklist, INSSAR Chapter Officers Reporting Form and INSSAR Chapter Quarterly-Annual Report. Motion by Compatriot William Sharp to approve, Second by Compatriot Robert Cunningham. Action: Approved.
- INSSAR President introduced Resolution 2011-3: Re-authorizing a Chapter Charter and just cause.
 - Brief discussion included: The INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws are silent on reinstating a Chapter Charter, There are no clear guidelines for suspending and revoking a Chapter Charter, there is no system in place for the Chapter Membership to be notified of Chapter problems and a time to resolve them, INSSAR does not want active Chapters to become inactive or their Charters revoked.
 - Motion by Compatriot Mike Oberlin, Second by Compatriot Roger Barnhardt to Postpone action on this Resolution until the INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws are properly Amended, and show support for the Alexander Hamilton Chapter.
 - Motion by Compatriot T. Rex Legler, Seconded by Compatriot Roger Barnhardt to Restore the Alexander Hamilton Chapter and its Charter to its status before the 16 April 2011 House of Delegates Action. Action: Approved.
 - Action of Compatriot Mike Oberlin's Motion: Approved
- INSSAR President introduced Resolution 2011-2: Establishment of a Council of State Secretaries in the NSSAR.
 - Brief discussion included: Many State Societies have new Secretaries (under 2 years) and a significant number are new members to the SAR (under 2 years), No State Society does anything the same way, only a couple State Societies use the National Membership Cards, many of State Secretaries are looking for help, support, and a means to communicate with each other and make changes at NSSAR when needed, any State Society can enter that motion at a National Congress, there will be political resistance. Compatriot William Sharp (previous INSSAR Secretary) said that there is a weakness of communication, training and support for State Secretaries and agrees that there should be a way to improve those.
 - Motion by Compatriot David Betzner, Second by Compatriot Wayne Eells. Action: Approved.
- INSSAR President introduced Resolution 2011-1: Amend the INSSAR Standing Rule 2 to reflect the change to 4 Districts from 6, and chapters assigned by the Executive Committee.
 - Motion by Compatriot Wayne Eells, Second by Compatriot Jim Arnold. 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.