



# Sons of the American Revolution

## The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes  
 Saturday, January 18, 2014  
 Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
- The Invocation was offered by Donald R. Counts
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Wayne Eells
- The Pledge to the SAR flag was led by President William Sharp III
- Wayne Eells was selected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 22 Delegates 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		
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	David Peters	x
			William Sharp	x
	Duneland	Valparaiso		
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer		
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers		
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Brad Manzenberger	
			Eric Torp	
			Frank Conly	

	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Ron Darrah Wayne Eells	x
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	David Lash	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Franz Donald Bloodgood	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James C. Arnold Robert D. Howell Sr.	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey John Sheets	x
	John Hay	Salem	Vernon W. Coats Mark Owens	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Ken Gilkey	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham (dual-Daniel Guthrie)	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts	

- The guests were introduced
  - Donna Sharp, wife of William Sharp, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
  - Chris Cunningham, wife of Robert Cunningham, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
  - Margaret Howell, wife of Robert D. Howell Sr., Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
  - Janet Kreps, wife of Mark Kreps, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
  - Peggy Gilkey, wife of Ken Gilkey, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR

- Donna Betzner, wife of David Betzner, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
- Wanda Hartley , companion of Ronald Darrah

### **Awards & Recognition:**

#### Indiana Veterans Battalion Certificate

- Gary C. Steinhardt – Vietnam War (absent)
- Vernon L. Samuelson – Cold War (absent)
- Vernon L. Samuelson – Vietnam War
- Lloyd B. Schnuck Jr. – Vietnam War (absent)
- Rodney M. Sherard – Cold War (absent)

#### Appreciation

- Bradley W. Manzenberger – for managing arrangements for this House of Delegates meeting
- Col. T. Rex Legler, USA (Ret.) - for co-managing arrangements for the previous House of Delegates meeting in Lawrenceburg (September 25, 2013)
- Chief Master Sgt. Allen G. Manning – for co-managing arrangements for the previous House of Delegates meeting in Lawrenceburg
- Roger D. Barnhart – for co-managing arrangements for the previous House of Delegates meeting in Lawrenceburg
- Lyle M. Lovell – for managing arrangements for the House of Delegates meeting in Chesterton (June 23, 2013)

### **Secretary:**

- The minutes from the September House of Delegates were read. Corrections were offered and noted. Motion to Approve and seconded. Action: Approved.

### **Treasurer:**

- The Treasurer's report was submitted (see associated file). Motion to Approve, and seconded. Action: Approved.

## **Genealogist Update:**

- State Genealogist Robert Howell provided an update on the number of new membership application processed since the previous House of Delegates meeting.

## **National Trustee Report on Leadership Update:**

- Trustee David Betzer mentions the upcoming Spring Leadership meeting at Louisville, Kentucky (Brown Hotel, February 28 – March 1, 2014)
- Mentions the 125<sup>th</sup> S.A.R. Anniversary medal at the National headquarters in Louisville
- Mentions the 124<sup>th</sup> S.A.R. National Congress to be held in Greenville, South Carolina, July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>. Indiana Society will be represented.
- Encourages every compatriot to attend the Spring Leadership meeting

## **District Director's Reports:**

- **District #1 (North): Roger Barnhart, Vice-President**
  - **Alexis Coquillard Chapter**
    - Currently has 50 members is good standing
    - Held 3 meetings this quarter (10/19, 11/16, 12/?)
    - October meeting had 12 members and 4 guests in attendance
      - Guest speaker Jeannie Everett spoke to the membership about South Bend during the 1800's
      - Donald Truex, a new member was inducted
    - November meeting had 9 members and 4 guests in attendance
      - Guest speaker Mike Miller, a member of the American Legion, spoke to the membership about flag history, flag care, and flag folding. Very well received by the members, and we will be working on setting up opportunities to work together in our community.
    - Pursuing the reinstatement of 3 members
    - Recruiting 2 potential new members
  - Miscellaneous activities:
    - Awarded 2013 Bronze Medals: Participated in 6 parades in 2013
      - Charles Brownwell
      - Brian Randall
      - Mr. Randall's award was presented to his father due to Brian's recent passing
  - **Anthony Halberstadt Chapter**
    - Currently has 70 members in good standing

- Held a meeting on Saturday, December 7
- Meeting had 16 members and 7 guests in attendance
  - Guest speaker Mark Davis spoke of headstone and cemetery preservation techniques and projects
- Pursuing the reinstatement of 4 members
- Recruiting 2 potential new members
- Flag Certificate presented to Brothers Auto Sales (Rod Hart, proprietor) of Fort Wayne on November 21
- Youth contests:
  - Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship
  - George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
- Updated the chapter website
- Color Guard Activities:
  - Bill Sharp present at Lochry's Defeat commemoration
  - Point Pleasant
  - Colonel Augustine de la Balme commemoration
  - Central District meeting
- Miscellaneous activities:
  - Dave Peters placed a wreath at Lochry's Defeat commemoration
  - Dave Peters participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day event held at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne
  - Gab Horn placed a wreath at the de la Balme commemoration event
  - Roger Barnhart was speaker at the de la Balme commemoration event
- **Duneland Chapter**
  - Currently has 16 members in good standing
  - Held meetings on 10/5 and 12/7
  - October meeting had 3 members and 3 guests (potential members) in attendance
    - Presentation by a Compatriot about his Patriot Ancestor
  - December meeting had 4 members and 2 guests (potential members) in attendance
  - No reinstatement currently being pursued
  - Recruiting 7 potential new members
  - Presented a Flag Certificate back on April 10
  - Youth Contest:
    - George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
  - Color Guard activities (not 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter):
    - July 20, 2013 Indiana Dunes Fort Petit SAR Plaque Commemoration
    - Sept. 11, 2013 Chesterton Memorial Ceremony
  - Miscellaneous activities:
    - Lyle Lovell is pursuing the placement of the William Van Gordon

Gravestone with SAR and DAR Plaques at the grave site in Cedar Lake, Lake County, Indiana

- **Simon Kenton Chapter**
  - Currently has 8 members in good standing
  - No report provided
- **District #2 (Central): Matthew Boone, Vice-President**
  - **Alexander Hamilton Chapter**
    - Currently has 23 members is good standing
    - Held meeting on November 6
    - Meeting had 8 members and 4 guests in attendance
      - Guest speaker - Presentation by a Veteran POW of Korean War (30 min.)
    - Pursuing the reinstatement of 20 members (renewals)
    - Recruiting 4 potential new members
    - Color Guard activities:
      - Grave dedication for John George (November 2)
  - **Benjamin Franklin Chapter**
    - Currently has 18 members in good standing
    - Held a meeting on Tuesday, November 19
    - Meeting had 16 members and 7 guests in attendance
      - 2014 Officer Election held
        - President, Eric Torp
        - Secretary, Brad Manzenberger
        - Treasurer, Argil Mahan
    - Pursuing the reinstatement of 1 member
    - Recruiting no potential new members at time of report
  - **Clarence A. Cook Chapter**
    - Currently has 146 members in good standing
    - Held meeting on November 13
      - 2014 Officer Election held
        - President, Wayne Eells
        - Treasurer, Bruce Oakley
        - Vice-President, Wade Harshman
        - Registrar-Genealogist, Ron Darrah
        - Secretary, Steve Corbin
        - Chaplain, Graham Morey
    - No report provided
  - **Continental Chapter**
    - Currently has 67 members in good standing

- Held a meeting on Saturday, November 2
  - Meeting had 12 members and 3 guests in attendance
    - Program given by compatriot David DeHaven on patriot ancestor's loan to the Continental Congress
  - Pursuing the reinstatement of 3 members
  - Recruiting 1 potential new member
  - Color Guard activities:
    - Sept. 14 - Color Guard vigil and George & Martha Washington's Tomb (James A. Shoptaw)
    - Oct. 5 & 6 - Jay County Historical Festival
    - Oct. 19 - Lochry's Defeat commemoration
  - **John Martin Chapter**
    - Currently has 32 members in good standing
    - Held a meeting on Friday, November 7
    - Meeting had 8 members and 10 guests in attendance
      - Tour of a Veteran Memorial Museum covering Civil War thru the current wars
      - Our speaker was the founder of the museum
      - We voted a generous donation to the museum as he doesn't charge a set price. Admission is donation only.
    - Recruiting 1 potential new member
  - **William Henry Harrison Chapter**
    - Currently has 25 members in good standing
    - Held a meeting on Tuesday, December 10
    - Meeting had 8 members and 6 guests in attendance
      - Joint Meeting with Gen. de Lafayette Chapter, NSDAR
      - Location: Lafayette, IN Country Club
      - Attendance: 8 SAR; 6 Spouses; approx 25 DAR and spouses/guests
      - Program: "Pearl Harbor", Col. Gary Steinhardt, (USA, Ret)
        - Note that program/speaker is newest member of Harrison Chapter
      - Annual Xmas dinner: Awards and Honors
        - Gary Steinhardt - Good Citizen Award, DAR
        - Peggy Reen, SAR
    - Miscellaneous activities
      - President George Frantz, representing the chapter, presented a wreath at the site of Lochery's Defeat on October 19
- **District #3 (South Central): Jerry Brown, Vice-President**

- **Daniel Guthrie Chapter**
  - Currently has 121 members is good standing
  - Held 3 meetings this quarter
  - November meeting had 42 members and 17 guests in attendance
    - Compatriot Luke Jacobus PhD gave a talk on how DNA and the SAR can work together
  - Recruiting 1 potential new member
  - Presented 1 Flag Certificate
    - Compatriot James C. Arnold presented a Flag Certificate to the Edgewood Intermediate School principle on 12/13/2013 in her office
  - Color Guard activities:
    - Compatriots participated in 9 Color Guard activities (details available through chapter minutes posted on chapter's website)
  - School activities
    - Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham and Robert D. Howell Sr. participated in a Veterans Day program at a school in Indianapolis
    - They talked to students in different class rooms after the program
  - See Chapter Minutes posted on chapter's website for additional details
- **David Benton Chapter**
  - Currently has 13 members in good standing
  - Held a three meetings this quarter
  - Meeting of October 10 had 7 members
    - Presentation by Compatriot Jerry Brown
      - "Life and Times of Henry Knox"
  - Meeting of November 14 had 8 members and 12 guests in attendance
    - Program by a guest speaker
  - Meeting of December 12 had 7 members in attendance
  - Pursuing the reinstatement of 1 member
  - Recruiting 5 potential new members
  - Chapter updated it's website
  - Miscellaneous activities
    - Law Enforcement medal presented to Robert Lucas
    - Vietnam Awards (National) to Denny Noel and Merle Barnett
    - 4 chapter members attended the Daniel Guthrie chapter meeting of November 19
  - Other Community Involvement activities
    - Chapter members participated in a Fresh Fruit Drive for Veterans
    - Chapter members participated in Christmas Gift Drive for Veterans
- **John Hay Chapter**



- Currently has 27 members in good standing
- No report provided
- **District #4 (South West): John G. West, Vice-President**
  - **General Thomas Posey Chapter**
    - Currently has 19 members in good standing
    - Held a meeting on Tuesday, October 1
    - Meeting had 8 members and 6 guests in attendance
      - Presentation by Compatriots
      - Members told about their individual Revolutionary War ancestors
    - Youth Contests
      - George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest entry judging
  - **George Rogers Clark Chapter**
    - Currently has 14 members in good standing
    - Held a meeting on Saturday, October 12
    - Meeting had 5 members and 3 guests in attendance
      - Presentation by Compatriot John G. West
        - Video - "The Battle of Guilford Courthouse"
        - 2013 Point Pleasant streamer was attached to the chapter flag along with a black rosette in memory of Compatriot Marshall Miller.
    - Recruiting 4 potential new members
    - Updated chapter website
    - The chapter has collected 100% of membership renewals for 2014. GRC lost long-time member Compatriot Marshall Miller on August 3, 2013. We also lost Compatriot Richard Clements on August 30, 2013 (however, he did not pay dues for 2013). This gave the chapter a net loss of one active member. The chapter gained 2 new members making the total net gain of one member. An increase in membership from 13 to 14.
  - **Ohio Valley Chapter**
    - Currently has 54 members in good standing
    - Held meeting Saturday, November 16
    - Meeting had 14 members and 3 guests in attendance
      - Election of 2014 Officers
        - President, Michael Flake
    - Chapter website updated
    - Color Guard activities
      - October 12 West Side Fall Festival Parade 5 members & 4 auxiliary
      - October 19 Lochry's Defeat Wreath Laying 1 member & 1 auxiliary
      - October 25 North Middle School- Sons of Liberty Poster Contest 3 members
      - November 9 Veterans Day Parade 8 members and 1 auxiliary
    - Speaker at Church or Community Organization Gathering activities

- December 3 - one member--a doctor--spoke on Women's Health at the December meeting of the Captain Jacob Warrick Chapter, NSDAR
- Chapter member(s) attended a D.A.R. Meeting
- Other Instances of Community Involvement
  - One veteran member was involved in many veterans group activities, the Governor's Council on Disabilities, and Council on Aging activities
  - Another member with Council on Aging
- All District Reports accepted

### **NSSAR Color Guard Representative:**

- Robert Cunningham discusses how the Indian Society Color Guard will aid in with the 2015 National Congress to be hosted in Louisville
  - 1102 Harrison Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky – a point from which people can be bussed to the historical sight in Clarksville, Indiana
  - Normal militia will be the preferred uniform
  - No regimental uniforms
  - No plan for a tent at this point
- Indiana hosts one National event at Vincennes
  - Red ribbon for each chapter which presents a wreath at this event
  - Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend

### **INSSAR Standing Committee Chair Reports**

#### **Finance:**

- Steve Oberlin, Chairman: Although the Cook Chapter went through this same exercise a few months ago, Art and I wanted to take another look at the options. After consulting the banks and my personal financial adviser, our gleanings mirror the Cook Chapter's. The Cook Chapter has had an endowment investment for several years. As with everything else, it took a hit in 2008. The recovery has been good though, so overall the Chapter has made a fair return.

Art has shaken some bushes and I've had two lengthy conversations with my personal financial adviser about this. What we've confirmed is that less money and shorter

terms yields fewer options. There are no "guaranteed" income funds with returns greater than ~1%. The U.S. Treasury yield is currently 1.18%. Same seems to be true for the bond market. There are however a few low-risk funds (mixed stocks and bonds) that have historically yielded > 5%, with recent earnings in the > 10% range. 12% is in fact not unreasonable. As you're no doubt aware, there is risk of a market downturn where we could see a negative return. The key here, as with most investments, is "long term."

What Art and I would recommend is investing \$50,000 in a liquid mixed low-risk fund, with an objective of earning > 5%. This would leave us with \$23,000 in operating funds and provide income generation to supplement the annual dues. Since the objective is income generation, we'd likely want to have the yield paid out quarterly to the INSSAR treasury, rather than reinvested. 5% target is not unreasonable and is consistent with the NSSAR's investment policy. Obviously, a greater return may be achieved, but most likely with higher risk. Personally, anything we can make above what we're getting now and still preserve our principle, is a "win."

Since we have \$40k tied up in CDs, we will incur a penalty if the money is take out prior to maturity. I think that's a small price to pay given the current rate of return weighed against the likely rewards. We can either proceed now and initiate the investment, or identify specific funds and and make a more definitive decision later. Given the state of the market, it may be better to jump in now. We should have done this years ago, but the Society has been rather risk averse and CDs were doing better.

Regards,  
Steve

#### **Budget:**

- Art Bowers – see associated file
- Discussion of \$500 allocation for the Middle School Brochure Award in budget to be addressed for April House of Delegates meeting
- Dues change impact to be sent to Treasurer

#### **George Washington Fund:**

- Roger Barnhart- no report

#### **Medals & Awards:**

- Wayne Eells – mentions that nominees should be sent to him soon

## **Membership & Chapter Development:**

- Further discussion (from previous HoD meeting) on new chapter formation (led by Allen G. Manning) status in Madison
- 10 members required; report from President Bill Sharp
- Ron Darrah mentions Indiana State Library's possession of former INSSAR chapter records
- Ron Darrah suggests that a new chapter be formed in Hendricks county (west of Indianapolis)

## **State Website:**

- Steve Oberlin – The INSSAR website has recently undergone a significant makeover

## **Americanism & Flag Recognition, Mark Kreps, Chairman:**

- **District 1**
  - 75% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
  - Alexis Coquillard: none reported for 2013
  - Anthony Halberstadt Roger Barnhart reported that the Anthony Halberstadt Society Pres. Wendell Horn gave out the Flag Certificate on November 21, 2013 to Brothers Auto Sales of Fort Wayne to Rod Hart the proprietor of Brothers Auto Sales.
  - Duneland: Presentation was made by Lyle Lovell and Robert Phillips on May 29, 2013 to Urschel Laboratories
  - Simon Kenton: On 5 August 2013, the Simon Kenton Chapter presented a Flag Recognition Certificate to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department during their regular monthly meeting for their outstanding display of the American flag. Located at the firehouse on the corner of Cullen and Harrison Streets, the RVFD flag is now part of a 9/11 Memorial, containing pieces of the World Trade Center. Accepting the certificate from President Pfaff was Chief Ken Haun of the RVFD.
- **District 2**
  - 50% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
  - Alexander Hamilton: none reported
  - Benjamin Franklin: Brad Manzenberger gave a flag certificate to Dale and Rebecca Carver of New Whiteland
  - Clarence Cook: Americanism Flag Committee Chairman Joshua Eells awarded the following Flag Certificates

- 7 July 2013 - Allen Edmonds, Port Washington, WI and John & Patti Harrison, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- 30 December 2013 – Westfield Steel, Westfield Public Safety, JRF Construction, Custom Concrete, Agreliant, Indian Brick Corp., Manufacturers Marketing, Storage Solutions, Chick-fil-A, First Merchants Bank, Leija Family presented all in Westfield, IN
- Continental: On March 14 , 2013 Tom Schnuck accompanied with 3 other compatriots presented a Flag Certificate to a manager of Toyota of Muncie, IN
- John Martin: none reported
- William Henry Harrison: none reported
- **District 3**
  - 66% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
  - Daniel Guthrie: Ed Hitchcock presented a Flag Certificate to the Shoals Lions Club on 22 July, to the Deremiah & Frye Mortuary and Day Funeral Home on Wednesday, 14 Aug 2013. Jim Arnold from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the Edgewood Intermediate School on 12/13/2013.
  - John Hay: None report
  - David Benton – On the May 9, President Jerry Brown presenting to Schorer Drapery of Brownstown by John Sheets accepted. The second at the June 13th chapter meeting President Jerry Brown presenting to the Multi-Color Company of Scottsburg, Sherry Schmitt and Marge Stotsman accepting.
- **District 4**
  - 33% of chapters awarding Flag Certificates
  - General Thomas Posey: Chapter Pres. Stephen H. Johnson and Bob Hall presented a Flag Certificate on March 26, 2013 to the Koodie Hoo’s Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, IN
  - George Rogers Clark: None presented
  - Ohio Valley Chapter: None presented
- Out of 16 Chapters we had 9 reporting that they gave out Flag Certificates in 2013. Indiana had 59 % participating chapters which qualifies Indiana for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Flag Award. Huzzah!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Kreps, INSSAR Flag Chairman

(Lunch break - ends at 12:15 p.m.)

**Children of the American Revolution, Wayne Eells:**

- Each year the INSSAR receives scholarship applications from members of the Indiana C.A.R. After the application review process, one C.A.R. member is declared the winner and a scholarship of \$350 is awarded to them.

The source for that scholarship is the Cyril L. Johnson Fund, which currently has a balance of approximately \$6,640. As it is invested in a CD account, it earns about \$10 annually. Taking interest into account, that means the fund decreases nearly \$340 annually. If everything remains the same, the dedicated fund will run out of funds in 19-20 years.

It should be noted that each year the Ladies Aux gives the INSSAR around \$500 for Youth/Education. This past year we spent it for awards at the Nashville, IN school for coming in first place at the National "We The People" competition on the Constitution. It is our suggestions that these funds remain able to be used for any youth/education programs during the year as the Executive Committee sees fit.

**Hoosier Patriot, Jeff Hornung, Editor:**

- Postcards were mailed to 400 members at a cost of \$289. Members received the postcards on or around December 20.
- The website link to the winter edition of the newsletter was emailed on December 30. Members should remember that back copies are available on the INSSAR.ORG website.
- As always, I encourage all members to submit information and pictures for next issue. Please be sure all pictures submitted include names of the people and a description of the event.

**Eagle Scout King Essay Contest, Randy J. Hillenburg, Chairman:**

- We received 6 applications for our State Scholarship and in the last quarter, we recognized 3 new Eagle Scouts.
- I have not submitted any claims since July 2007. Since then, I have paid \$23250.00 out of my pocket and I wish to donate those charges to our cause and I will not be requesting reimbursement
- I truly enjoy my position in the SAR recognizing young Eagles

**Knight Essay Contest, Doug Wilson, Chairman:**

- Reports half-dozen entrants in this year's contest

**ROTC/JROTC, Robert Howell, Chairman:**

- No action taken to date (6 Jan) but hope to distribute the new nomination form for ROTC and JROTC units to use in nominating cadets as well as have updated contact information for Indiana ROTC and JROTC units and encouraged the JROTC units to consider nominating cadets for the Enhanced JROTC program prior to the HOD meeting.

#### **Rumbaugh Oration Contest:**

- Mention that the application deadline is in a month

#### **Middle School Brochure Contest (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade), David Betzner, Chairman:**

- Rules are online now at the National Society website (under Youth Contests)
- National must receive entrants for this year in May
- “Francis Marion: The Swamp Fox” is the 2014 topic
- The official name of the contest is The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

#### **Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Registry, Ronald Burkhart, Chairman:**

- During this quarter, November 2013 to January 2014, Allen Manning has continued a voluminous amount of editing on the INSSAR patriot grave website
- There was a grave dedication for Patriot John Craig, Sr., Saturday, 9 November 2013, at 2pm, in Kirk Cemetery, Washington County. This cemetery is located between Salem and Mitchell, near Sattilo, IN
- Allen Manning requested VA headstones for Nathan Morgan in McKay Cemetery in Switzerland County and William Tilford in Slippery Point Cemetery in Jefferson County. Allen has been working with the VA to provide additional information to support these requests
- VA requests we have a descendant for is Ralph Griffin in Brushy Fork Cemetery in Jefferson County, but haven't finalized the paperwork. The descendant is an SAR member
- Allen recently submitted request for a headstone for Robert McKay, in McKay Cemetery, Jefferson County – no word from VA yet
- Allen is currently looking for the descendants of Thomas George, in Wirt Cemetery, Jefferson County
- Allen Manning has stated the headstone for Robert Stephens Rogers in Long Run Cemetery, Switzerland County, has been approved by the VA, as well as one for

Kimbrow Landers, Cotton Cemetery, Switzerland County

- Allen and associates have cleaned badly stained headstones of Patriots Joseph Thom and John Dickerson in Marling Cemetery
- The VA has approved the application for a headstone for Gerrardus Ryker, Jr. buried in Ryker Cemetery, Jefferson County
- Allen Manning received and placed VA headstones for 1) Nathan Morgan in McKay Cemetery; 2) Stephens Rogers in Long Run Cemetery; 3) Kimbrow Landers in Cotton Cemetery, all in Switzerland County and 4) Robert McKay in McKay Cemetery in Jefferson County
- The VA is processing request for William Tilford headstone in Slippery Point Cemetery in Jefferson County
- Allen is currently working on VA headstone paperwork for 1) Ralph Griffin in Brushy Fork Cemetery; 2) Thomas George in Wirt Cemetery; 3) John Lott in Ryker's Ridge Cemetery, all in Jefferson County and 4) John Shaddy in Slawson Cemetery in Switzerland County
- In November, Allen sprayed "D2" cleaning compound on the badly stained headstones of Patriots Joseph Thom and John Dickerson in Marling Cemetery, Bezeel Maxwell in Hanover Cemetery, Thomas Ramsay in Greenbriar Cemetery, Philip Eastin in Ryker's Ridge Cemetery, Alexander Chambers in White River Cemetery, John Paul in Fairmount Cemetery, James Baxter and Jesse Spann in Craig Cemetery, and George Shannon in Old Bethel Cemetery, all in Jefferson County, to remove the stains over time
- Allen also found time to give a presentation on Patriots buried in Jefferson County to the local Kiwanis Club
- As you may know, the VA rejected the headstone order for James Anderson buried in Sanborn Cemetery, Knox County, IN. A descendant and cemetery trustee have reordered the VA stone. No further information has been received.
- The INSSAR Color Guard along with the members of the Percussive Arts Society conducted a graveside recognition service on 16 Nov 2013 for Revolutionary War Patriot Sgt. John George at Round Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Perry Twp., Marion County, Indiana. George served as a drummer with Ogden's First New Jersey Battalion.
- The Lafayette Spring DAR Chapter has invited the INSSAR Color Guard to Perry County, IN on Saturday 5 April 2014 at 2 PM CST. The DAR will be assisted by the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter, KYSSAR, of Owensboro, KY. The event will be a marker Dedication for Rev. War Patriot Jacob Kepler and recognition of Rev. War Patriots in Honor of Perry County, Indiana 200th Anniversary. The location of this event will be at the Old Rome Court House, Rome, Indiana. The tasks will be Parade the Colors, lay Wreathes, and Musket Salute.



- John McBride, PS, NC is buried in McBride Cemetery, Lawrence County, IN. VA prohibits a stone for anybody, not a soldier; therefore, Architectural Stone Sales, Inc. volunteered in making the headstone for John McBride and were recognized by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter in 2013. Peggy Craig did the research in locating the burial site of this Patriot. Peggy and her brother picked up the finished product and set it in McBride Cemetery in summer of 2013. A dedication will hopefully take place sometime in 2014. We want to recognize Peggy appropriately.
- Mark Owens has reported that a new VA stone is planned to be ordered for Rev. War Patriot Daniel Guernsey to be placed in Guernsey Cemetery in Clark County, IN. Work is underway to get legal access to the cemetery as well a large number of pine trees have to be cleaned up due to the tornado that went through the area in 2012. Apparently, Terry English has been helping to alleviate this problem. We have heard no other word on this subject.
- Edward Hitchcock is working on finishing the procedures for ordering headstones
- The refurbishing of the headstone for Nathan Ricketts in Ohio County is still pending
- We are interested in keeping track of grave dedication conducted in Indiana. Please contact Ron Burkhart at [burkhart@indiana.edu](mailto:burkhart@indiana.edu).

**Ladies Auxiliary, Chris Cunningham, Treasurer:**

- Holding a 'Chinese' auction for a basket of delicious products to raise funds

**INSSAR 4-H Youth Awards, John G. West, Chairman, Don Counts, Reporting:**

- David Benton Chapter presented an NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin to Jordan McCool
- Ohio Valley Chapter presented three NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pins to:
  - Warrick County - Corey Schmitt
  - Posey County - Rebecca Korff
  - Vanderburgh County - Nathan Folz

**Indiana Society History, Robert C. Pfaff, State Historian:**

Dear Compatriots:

As State Historian, a number of materials have been submitted to me for inclusion in the Society's permanent records. These include photographs and documents pertaining to:

- The October 2013 HOD
- The marker dedication of 19 October 2013 at the Lochry's Defeat battle site

Materials are being gathered in one or more "scrapbooks" in order to make them more accessible for viewing by Society members and to better organize the materials chronologically.

However, to date, I have received no submissions from INSSAR chapters for inclusion in the Historian's archives.

### **Genealogy & Registry, Robert Howell, State Genealogist/Registrar:**

During the period 1 October to 31 December 2013\*,

- 14 regular and 7\*\* supplemental applications have been approved
- 6 regular and 9 supplemental applications are being processed by National Headquarters
- 3\*\*\* regular and 5 supplemental applications have been pended.

This brings the total of new applications approved since 1 January 2013 to 66.

Notes: \*Statistics based on the 1 January 2014 Application Status Report.

\*\*One Genealogy approved but no Registry date.

\*\*\*Families are working on providing required information.

### **INSSAR Color Guard, Robert Cunningham, Commander:**

(from state-wide chapter 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports)

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

- Grave dedication for John George (November 2)

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

- Bill Sharp present at Lochry's Defeat commemoration
- Point Pleasant
- Colonel Augustine de la Balme commemoration
- Central District meeting

Continental Chapter

- September 14 - Color Guard vigil and George & Martha Washington's Tomb (James A. Shoptaw)
- October 5 & 6 - Jay County Historical Festival
- October 19 - Lochry's Defeat commemoration

Daniel Guthrie Chapter

- Compatriots from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter participated in 9 Color Guard activities

David Benton Chapter

- October 6 - 1 @ French Lick

- October 19 - 4 @ Lochry's Defeat
- November 9 - 4 @ John Craig dedication
- November 11 - 2 @ Brownstown Veterans Day
- November 11 - 6 @ Seymour Riverside Cemetery S.A.R. Dedication  
(Pierson's grave)

#### Ohio Valley Chapter

- October 12 - West Side Fall Festival Parade 5 members & 4 auxiliary
- October 19 - Lochry's Defeat Wreath Laying 1 member & 1 auxiliary
- October 25 - North Middle School- Sons of Liberty Poster Contest 3 members
- November 9 - Veterans Day Parade 8 members and 1 auxiliary

#### **Southern Command Color Guard:**

During the period 1 October-31 December, members of the INSSAR Color Guard, Southern Command, participated, or were scheduled to participate, in the following events:

- 5 Oct - 46th Annual Orange County Pumpkin Festival Parade, French Lick
- 12 Oct - West Side Nut Club Fall Festival Parade, Evansville
- 13 Oct - Revolutionary War Memorial Plaque Dedication, Vevay
- 19 Oct - HOD Meeting & Lochry's Defeat Ceremony, Lawrenceburg
- 9 Nov - Patriot John Craig Grave Marking, Washington County
- 9 Nov - Veterans Day Parade, Evansville
- 24 Nov - North Main Christmas Parade, Evansville\*
- 7 Dec - Christmas Parade, Medora\*
- 8 Dec - 67th Annual Christmas Parade, Booneville\*
- 14 Dec - Wreaths Across America, Madison\*\*

\*Note: Cancelled because of adverse weather.

\*\*Note - Represented only by Compatriot Allen Manning due to bad weather.

**The Ladies are excused for their meeting.**

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **New Member Handbook:**

- Wayne Eells - the handbook is ready to go to publisher. Future editing to accommodate the Pointe Coupee battle is possible, but to allow immediate publication, current editing will be foregone

**Marker at Site of Lochry's Defeat (near Aurora, Indiana):**

- Motion to allow funds from the Historical Marker Fund to restore this marker
- David Betzner volunteers to either contract to have the restoration performed, or perform (with assistance) the restoration personally
- Motion seconded
- Motion passed unopposed

**Allocation for Officer Travel Funds:**

- Asking for a volunteer to research how properly gauge need and allocate funds for leadership travel cost assistance
- David Betzner volunteers to head this research

(Ken Gilkey & Don Counts excuse themselves to get ahead of the approaching Winter storm at 12:34 p.m.)

**New Business:**

**C.A.R. Scholarship, Wayne Eells:**

- scoring rubric should reflect the ideals of the D.A.R, S.A.R, C.A.R.
- \$6,400 currently in the scholarship fund
- “If the award is \$350, that would draw ~\$340 from the principle of the fund”
- David Betzner recounts how, in his first year as State President at a banquet, he was asked if he brought the check for the C.A.R. Scholarship, and how he was unaware that such a check was expected. [This, indicative of how awareness of this relationship with C.A.R. had withered a bit before that point.]

**New Chapter Start-up Funding:**

- David Betzner motions that \$125 be allocated from the Membership Fund for the purpose of assisting the Madison-area chapter founding (e.g., mailing costs, supplies, etc.)
- Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**INSSAR Endowment Fund:**

- Motion put forth by the Finance Committee that \$50,000 be taken from *extremely* low-interest rate Certificates of Deposit, and invested in a liquid, low-risk fund
- Motion seconded by Ron Darrah

- “There are risks involved in a such a fund, but inflation will negate any gains of our current CD investments.”
- Should CDs be so invested upon maturity, or immediately cashed-out?
  - Motion amended to reflect this question; David Betzner seconds
  - Amended to reflect that the CDs should be immediately cashed-out
  - Amendment passed
- Jerry Brown: “Will interest be reinvested, or returned to the budget?”
- David Betzner: “Indication of investment interest should be a line item in the budget.”
  - Motion amended to reflect this question
  - Amendment passed
- Vote on amended motion 'To immediately liquidate the Certificates of Deposit held in Endowment Fund, and reinvest the resulting cash in a liquid, low-risk fund (with returned interest to be a line item in the society's budget)'
  - 11 'aye', 2 'nay'
  - Motion passed

**INSSAR Bylaw 3, Section 1:**

- Initial chapter membership criteria
  - A minimal number of members should declare a new chapter as their 'home chapter', if they choose to hold dual-chapter membership
  - Situation in which members temporarily join a new chapter to meet the criteria for establishment, then leave shortly thereafter, should be avoided
  - George Frantz discusses and reflects on some options

**INSSAR Bylaw 9, Section 1:**

- David Betzner: “We're not changing the bylaw, but defining what is expected.”
- “Put together a training/guidance manual detail what is expected of District Vice-Presidents. What they do, roles they fill.”
- Wayne Eells: “We should draw up job descriptions of what all officers are expected to do.”
- “Avoid duplication in reporting.”

**INSSAR Bylaw 8, Section 5 (insurance bonding):**

- “[*transcription undecipherable*] should not be involved in selecting insurance” [Ed. note: the transcription issue noted above did not reference an individual, but in some way reflected how (if I recall correctly) the bonded should be somewhat insulated from the selection process]
- “Treasurer should not be the sole person to select bond issuer.”
- George Franz mentions that, based upon his experience in governance, there is typically not a notable degree of pricing variability in securing such a bond.

**INSSAR Bylaw 14, Section 1 (Chaplain duties):**

- Ron Darrah: “Such an issue as this should be addressed in the Standing Rules, rather than guided from the Bylaws.”
- Wayne Eells (in agreement): “This should be covered in the job description.”

**INSSAR Bylaw 24, Section 4:**

- Suggestion that the way new member dues are paid after they are approved and registered by the National Society (based upon month of approval, so that next year's dues do not fall immediately upon the proverbial heels of the current year dues payment in a seemingly punitive manner)
- Wayne Eells suggests that dues (for the next year) be waived if they are registered by the National Society on or after September 1
- President Sharp 'needs some numbers'
- Wayne Eells: If a July 1<sup>st</sup> demarcation were used, the Indiana Society could lose \$400-\$600 in dues annually. A September 1<sup>st</sup> demarcation could result in a \$100-\$400 loss annually. November 1<sup>st</sup>, \$90-\$300 potential annual loss.

**INSSAR Bylaw 24, Section 9 (Youth dues):**

- Deletion of 'Youth' membership dues. Youth status no longer exists at the National level. (All members under the age of 18 may be registered as a 'Junior' member.)

**INSSAR Bylaw 26, Section 1 (liability):**

- All Color Guard activity is conducted as a State-level activity
- If a chapter wishes to conduct Color Guard activity as a chapter, the chapter would have to acquire their own liability coverage
- Wayne Eells – every chapter officer would require coverage
- Bill Sharp - “draft something and send to chapters clarify the situation on liability coverage”
- Member cited occasion at which WOSAR, etc., required to sign a waiver

**INSSAR Bylaw 28, Section 1:**

- That proposed changes to Bylaws may occur at any HoD meeting prior to the Annual meeting, so that such proposals are not limited to the meeting immediately preceding the Annual meeting. This, so that in the event of a Winter (or otherwise) meeting cancellation (e.g., in the event of severe weather/travel conditions), the ability to propose changes is not negated.

**INSSAR Article VI, Section 1:**

- That proposed changes to the Constitution may occur at any HoD meeting prior to the Annual meeting, so that such proposals are not limited to the meeting immediately preceding the Annual meeting. This, so that in the event of a Winter (or otherwise) meeting cancellation (e.g., in the event of severe weather/travel conditions), the ability to propose changes is not negated.

**INSSAR Bylaw 18, Section 9 (Color Guard Bronze Medal):**

- “What does it take to earn one?”
- The National Society has two guidelines available (e.g., 300 point system)
- Bill Sharp discusses events which make a Color Guard member eligible (e.g., locales at which member appears)
- Ron Darrah - “Where do naturalization ceremonies fall into the points system?”
- David Betzner - “What about JROTC award programs?”
- Wayne Eells & Bob Howell: School programs in general
- Wayne Eells – alternative to a points system should be addressed (see INSSAR guidelines)
- Wayne Eells – does our Color Guard have a preferred system? Points or 50% participation method
- Discussion of the system in which 300 points over three years currently warrants the Bronze medal
- George Franz - “Why three years? Why not, say, five years?”
- Bill Sharp (in response) - “Meant to reflect a level of commitment.”
- Bill and Wayne: It mirrors the National guidelines
- Bob Howell - “Why couldn't we (as a State) have a different timeline?”
- Wayne Eells - “Why not drop the time constraint altogether?”
- Bob Howell - “Have to figure how distance can be an added challenge to Color Guard members.”
- Bill Sharp – No time limit? Added points for mileage factor? It is factored for the Silver-level medal

- Bob Howell - "Why not for the Bronze level?"
- Bill Sharp asks the members, "Points or Participation?"
- Most say 'points'
- Mark Kreps asks about the minimal requirements for dress/uniform
- Bill Sharp mentions a hat, frock, cotton pants & breeches are a good start to a uniform. A militia uniform is the cheapest and quickest way to start.
- Bob Howell - John West, years ago, spoke of this as a 'Goodwill' approach to assembling a uniform
- It is suggested that John West speak at a future State meeting on the subject of uniforms

**Nominating Committee, David Betzner, Chairman:**

Nominations:

- President: William (Bill) Sharp
- Vice-President: Wayne Eells
- Secretary: David Peters
- Treasurer: Arthur Bowers
- District 1 Vice-President: Robert Pfaff
- District 2 Vice-President: Matthew Boone
- District 3 Vice-President: Jerry Brown
- District 4 Vice-President: Kenneth Gilkey
- Chaplain: Donald Counts
- Genealogist & Registrar: Robert (Bob) Howell
- Chancellor: Terry English
- Historian: Mark Kreps

**New Business General Discussion:**

- Wayne Eells - "Is there then to be a Bylaw change so that the winter meeting is to be a District-level meeting, rather than a HoD meeting?"
- Bill Sharp - "Who would be responsible for organization?"
- Wayne Eells - "Probably the District Vice-President."
- Bill Sharp - "Would require a Constitution/Bylaw change."



- Motion on presenting this at April HoD meeting
- Mark Owens seconded
- Wayne will work on verbiage with David Betzner
- Draft Bylaw change – 3 House of Delegate meetings per year, with Winter district-level meetings
- Motion passed
- Bob Howell - “We need to start to think about our involvement in the Indiana State Bicentennial.” “Put out a Bicentennial medal.”
- Bill Sharp - “Any other possible events we should consider?”
- Wayne Eells - “We should communicate with the State government that we are available for the Bicentennial celebration.”
- Bob Howell – will take the lead on the Bicentennial medal and contacting the proper State leadership
- David Betzner tells of John Druse (Bud) Hawk, who was sworn into the SAR on August 22, 2013. Medal of Honor recipient. Purple Heart (x4) recipient. French Legion of Honor recipient. A great American. John passed away on November 4, 2013, aged 89. David, “Just remember, that's what we are about.”

#### **Boys State:**

- Bill Sharp
  - Come together and learn about how our government works: election simulation; writing bills; select a governor; learn procedures
  - NSSAR asks that each state pick one young man to send to Boys State; in conjunction with American Legion
  - INSSAR would pay \$300 to support our student
  - Need to recommend to the Budget Committee that a line be placed in the budget to allow for this
- David Betzner
  - The American Legion coordinates Boys State
  - Jim Arnold is on the committee
  - Should not conflict with ACT/SAT testing
  - Entrant & money is processed by the American Legion
- Wayne Eells

- Motion that Boys State sponsorship be placed in the Budget
- Motion seconded
- Boys State motion passed
- Discussion on Boys State
  - Wayne Eells - "How do we select the candidate?" "Is there a scoring rubric?"
  - Bill Sharp - "Yes, the state should have a guideline available."
    - Motion that INSSAR formulate guidance for candidate selection
    - Motion passed
  - Wayne Eells (acting as Parliamentarian) - "Point of Order. You (President Sharp) are to pick a chairman for that purpose."

#### **Future INSSAR Meetings:**

- April 19, 2014 - **Annual Meeting**, Fort Wayne, Indiana: Hall's Guesthouse, Washington Center Road
- July 26, 2014 - Lafayette, Indiana: Location TBD & Commemoration at Fort Ouiatenon
  - George Franz mentions the Wreath of Liberty Tree & Stone at Fort Ouiatenon
- October 18, 2014 - Vincennes, Indiana: Location TBD & Pointe Coupee

#### **Future NSSAR Meetings:**

- Spring Leadership (Trustee) Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, February 28 through March 3, 2014
- Annual Congress, Greenville, South Carolina, July 18-23, 2014

#### **Benediction:**

- Secretary Dave Peters

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.