



# Sons of the American Revolution

## The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes  
 Saturday, July 26, 2014  
 Best Western Hotel, Lafayette, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 9:38 am
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Donald R. Counts
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by President William Sharp III
- The Pledge to the SAR flag was led by President William Sharp III
- Terry English, Esq., was selected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 28 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	John R. Hundley III	
			Rick Smurdon	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart	x
			Wendell 'Gab' Horn	
			David Peters	x
			William Sharp	x
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Randall Eckley	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	x
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Kevin Waldroup	

	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	none present	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells Jeff Hornung Richard Steckley	x x
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	x
	John Martin	Rockville	Clifford Blanchard Dave Lash	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz Jerry Hobaugh David Kelly Hubert Shackleton	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James Arnold Terry English Edward Hitchcock T. Rex Legler II OD James Pershing	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	none present	
	John Hay	Salem	none present	
	Clifty Creek	Madison	Allen G. Manning	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	none present	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham (dual-Daniel Guthrie)	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts	x

## **Introduction of Guests**

- Martha Barnhart – Treasurer General, National Society, DAR
- Jeanie Hornung – State Regent, Indiana Society, DAR
- April Legler – President, Ladies Auxiliary, INSSAR
- Kevin Waldroup – Compatriot, President, Indiana Society of the War of 1812

## **Awards & Recognition:**

### Gold INSSAR Service Medal

- Donna Betzner

### Gold Roger Sherman Medal

- Roger D. Barnhart
- James Arnold

### Distinguished Service to Society Award

- Allen G. Manning

### George Washington Fellow

- Robert Pfaff

### Meritorious Service to National Society Award

- Dr. William E. Sharp III

### Indiana Society Partnership in Patriotism Award

- Mark R. Kreps (State Society Historian)
- Alexander Hamilton (Chapter)
- Daniel Guthrie (Chapter)
- Alexis Coquillard (Chapter)
- David Benton (Chapter)
- Anthony Halberstadt (Chapter)

- John Hay (Chapter)
- Benjamin Franklin (Chapter)
- Ohio Valley (Chapter)
- Clarence A. Cook (Chapter)
- William Henry Harrison (Chapter)
- Continental (Chapter)
- Duneland (Chapter)
- George Rogers Clark (Chapter)
- Simon Kenton (Chapter)

Liberty Medal (sponsor of at least 10 new compatriots)

- Ronald L. Darrah (40 new compatriots)
- Ernest R. Davis Sr.
- Kenneth E. Gilkey
- Edward E. Hitchcock
- Robert D. Howell Sr.
- Dr. William E. Sharp III

Lamplighter Award

- Robert A. Griffin

Flag Streamer (State Society)

- Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) fundraising
- President General's National Initiatives criteria

Flag Streamer (Chapter)

- Daniel Guthrie Chapter
  - President General's National Initiatives criteria

#### Awards Presented by the National Society to the Indiana Society

- Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship participation
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest participation
- Joseph M. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest participation
- C.A.R. Activities Award
- ROTC/JROTC Enhanced Program participation
- Monument/Grave Marker Award – Le Petit Fort Historical marker
- Participation in National Event – Vincennes
- Adm. William R. Furlong Award – issuance of flag certificates
- Officer Attendance Award – attendance at National Annual Congress
- Officer Attendance Award – previous attendance
- Cape Canaveral – attendance at National event

#### Veterans Battalion Award

- John A. Hutchinson – Cold War
- Dennis Lee Wright – Cold War
- James D. Jackson Jr. - Cold War

#### SAR Certificate of Appreciation (from State Society)

- Roger D. Barnhart – coordination of Le Petit Fort event
- Allen G. Manning – coordination of Fall 2013 Meeting at Lawrenceburg
- T. Rex Legler II – coordination of Lochry's Defeat Site event (Fall 2013)
- George W. Frantz – coordination of Fort Ouiatenon Site event (Summer 2014)

#### Governor's Proclamation (from Governor Michael R. Pence)

- April 30, 2014 – Indiana SAR Day (125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SAR)

#### SAR Certificate of Appreciation (from William Henry Harrison Chapter, in conjunction with the Indiana Society)

- Julie Roush – Fairfield (Lafayette) Township Trustee – Greenbush Cemetery restoration

## Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

- LuAnn (L.A.) Clugh – Greenbush Cemetery restoration

10:18 a.m. - Ladies excused

## **Roll Call – Quorum attained**

Previous Meeting Minutes – motion to correct At-Large Member indications

Minutes (pending corrections) approved

T. Rex Legler II – highlights from National Annual Congress in South Carolina

- Heroism/EMT awards – chapters must notify the National Society when such an award is presented (there is a web form at the National website for this purpose).
- Good participation in Youth Programs by the Indiana Society
- George Washington Endowment - “we do well”
- Lamplighter Award ends on December 31, 2014

Robert Cunningham

- Next National Annual Congress is in Louisville, Kentucky (2015)
- At G.R. Clark place in Clarksville, Indiana (in conjunction with National Congress)
  - military drills
  - musket salute at the river

## **State Officer & Chairman Reports**

District Vice-President Reports

- District 1 – report in HoD packet
- District 2 – no report
- District 3 – no report

- District 4 – report in HoD packet

#### National Color Guard Report

- nothing new to report

#### Audit Committee

- no report

#### Financial Committee

- comments on new investment program
  - Steve Oberlin (not present) conveys 'investments doing well'

#### Budget Committee

- no report

#### INSSAR Color Guard

- Event on August 16 at Blue Licks, Kentucky
- Point Pleasant event upcoming
- Fort Lawrence event upcoming

#### George Washington Endowment – Roger Barnhart reporting

- \$1.5M in fund currently
- Interest from this fund distributed to various requested purposes
- \$1,000 to become a George Washington Fellow
  - can be paid in \$200 increments per year

President William Sharp Recognizes Roger D. Barnhart for becoming a Minuteman at the recent National Annual Congress (South Carolina, Summer 2014)

Randall Eckley asks President Sharp to mention Outstanding Chapter Award – posted

in Minutes

Indiana SAR Speakers bureau – T. Rex Legler II

- contact T. Rex Legler II about reserving a speaker for your chapter meetings
  - roster of potential guest speakers available

Children of the American Revolution

- Chairman is Allen Stout (Frankfort)

Wayne Eells – mention of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Color Guard

On the Hoosier Patriot newsletter

- 50 days prior to next House of Delegates meeting is a good deadline to keep in mind for submitting material
- allows editing time before 30-day tentative newsletter distribution deadline
- Jeff Hornung, Editor, requests input from members about the founding of your chapter
  - Would like a page of content from each chapter for the Hoosier Patriot
- Items of interest for submitting do *not* need to be limited to Revolutionary War material

Knight Essay Contest Report – had 26 entries

ROTC/JROTC Report – in packet

- must be a Junior in high school for Enhanced JROTC program consideration
- Gary Steinhardt (West Lafayette) will be new INSSAR chairman of ROTC/JROTC committee

Operation Ancestor Search – need new committee chairman

- Wayne Eells comments two veterans in Clarence A. Cook chapter liason with National Society to get an Indiana branch operating – Dick Steckley and Ron Darrah



- have gone through Veterans Administration process in Indianapolis

### **Unfinished Business**

Lochry's Defeat Sign – David Betzner reporting

- need permission from State to remove for maintenance
  - need 3 volunteers for project

Boys State – Jim Arnold reporting

- sponsored boy is covered by American Legion in terms of health coverage, etc.
- Go to local American Legion Post or local companies to help raise \$300 for a sponsorship
- we need a boy to sponsor for next June's (2015) Boys State

Bronze National Color Guard Medal – Robert Cunningham reporting

- will have a committee before next (Fall) House of Delegates meeting
- Wayne Eells comments that at previous Annual Meeting it was agreed that alternative criteria would be accepted for review by the State Society for submitting to the National Color Guard Commander
- Robert Cunningham – have not officially received and alternative methodology
- agreed that an email to Chapter Officers about submitting alternative Color Guard Point System to INSSAR Color Guard Commander Robert Cunningham [Note from Secretary Peters – such an email was sent shortly after this meeting]
- if no alternative is proposed, then the committee will determine the methodology
- T. Rex Legler II motion that formalized draft proposal of alternative methodology be submitted to Color Guard Commander Cunningham by October 1
  - motion passes

### **New Business**

Decreasing Number of House of Delegate State Meetings from 4 to 3 per annum

- T. Rex Legler II – decreasing number of House of Delegate meetings from 4 to 3

led previously to business not getting done

- Rex moves that we un-table issue before further discussion (at suggestion of Parliamentarian Terry English Esq.)
  - vote to remove issue from table
    - approved
- Rex - "I reference all of my previous comments."
- Mark Kreps - "Travel to Winter meetings can be a hazard to compatriots."
- Terry English - "Is anyone here in favor of decreasing the number of State meetings to three from four? We need a motion"
- Mark Kreps motions for decreasing number of State meetings to three
- no seconds to motion
- Motion not passed

Roger Barnhart reminds all members that the National Society headquarters has moved, but all telephone numbers at HQ remain the same.

Roger Barnhart suggests the National Bylaws should be changed so that National Officers hold office for two years, rather than a single year

- President Sharp - "Please submit something for the October meeting."
- Roger Barnhart - "Will confer with others and have something for October."

T. Rex Legler suggests the Alternative Trustee be a compatriot other than the current State President

- Wayne Eells - "Historically, the Alternative Trustee was an elected position, instead of cycling from President to Trustee."
- Rex & Roger agree to compose an article on Bylaw change recommendations for the October meeting
- Rex - "Bylaw change recommendations must be voted upon before next elections."

## **Comments from President Sharp**

**Future INSSAR Meetings:**

- October 18, 2014 – Vincennes, Indiana, 9:30 am: Location TBD & Pointe Coupee
  - Robert Cunningham - “Lots of parking, excellent facility near the library.”
- November 1, 2014 – NW of Fort Wayne, Indiana 1:30p.m. (muster at 1 p.m.), Colonel Augustin de LaBalme Commemoration
- January 17, 2015 – Seymour, Indiana: Program on a Revolutionary War Soldier, meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.
- April 18, 2015 – Fort Wayne, Indiana: State Annual Meeting

**Future NSSAR Meetings:**

- Fall Leadership Meeting – September 26 & 27, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky
- Spring Leadership Meeting – March 6 & 7, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville
- 125<sup>th</sup> National Congress – June 26 – July 1, Louisville, Kentucky & Clarksville, Indiana

**SAR Recessional**

- Led by Vice-President Wayne Eells

**Retiring of Colors – Color Guard****Benediction**

- Chaplain Donald Counts

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.