



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes
 Saturday, October 18, 2014
 Fortnightly Club, Vincennes, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Donald Coats
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Wayne Eells
- The Pledge to the SAR flag was led by Vice-President Wayne Eells
- President Emeritus David Betzner was selected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 21 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	none present	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart	x
			David Peters	x
			William Sharp	x
	Duneland	Valparaiso	none present	
Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	none present		
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Kevin Waldroup	
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	none present	

	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells	x x
	Continental	Muncie	none present	
	John Martin	Rockville	none present	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Robert D. Howell Sr. Edward Hitchcock	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	John Sheets	
	John Hay	Salem	Mark Owens Vernon Coats	
	Clifty Creek	Madison	Allen G. Manning	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	none present	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham Capt. Paul Trejo Tim D. Johnson GRC Compatriot #4	x
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts Ken Gilkey Ernest Payne Bobby Bollinger	x

Introduction of Guests

- Martha Barnhart – Treasurer General, National Society, DAR; wife of Roger Barnhart
- Donna Sharp – Vice-President INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of Bill Sharp

- Donna Betzner – member of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of David Betzner
- Marge Howell – member of the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of Registrar/Genealogist Robert Howell
- Nadia Johnson – daughter of Tim D. Johnson of George Rogers Clark chapter
- Kathleen Trejo – wife of Capt. Paul Trejo of George Rogers Clark chapter
- Chris Cunningham – Treasurer of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of Robert Cunningham
- Janeen Peters – member of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary

Awards & Recognition:

George Washington Fellows Society

- Kevin Waldroup

Certificate of Support

- Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship fund contributions
 - Kevin Waldroup

Flag Streamers Presented to the Indiana State Society, SAR

- Participation at Point Pleasant, Ohio National Event
- Participation at King's Mountain, North Carolina National Event

Veterans Battalion Certificates of Patriotism – Indiana Society

- Philip A. Brummit, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- Joseph H. Clark, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- William R. Griffis, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- Joe R. Groves, WWII – General Thomas Posey
- John H. Holliday, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- John E. Hoyt, Korea, Cold War - John Hay
- Jeffrey W. Jones, Cold War, Grenada – Anthony Halberstadt
- Lyle M. Lovell, WWII – Duneland

- Ralph E. McDonald, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- David A. Myers, Afghanistan – Ohio Valley
- LtJG William B. Patrick, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- Robert E. Phillips, Vietnam, Cold War – Duneland
- Allen H. Pickard, WWII - Daniel Guthrie
- Edward A. Reser, WWII – William Henry Harrison
- Donald J. Rothenberger, WWII – Clarence A. Cook
- Gerald L. Spore, WWII - Daniel Guthrie
- Gene G. Wicker, WWII - Continental

Veterans Battalion Certificate of Patriotism – National Society

- Merle F. Barnett, Vietnam - David Benton
- John E. Hoyt, Korea - John Hay
- Lyle M. Lovell, WWII – Duneland
- Ralph E. McDonald, WWII - Clarence A. Cook
- Robert E. Phillips, Vietnam - Duneland
- Allen H. Pickard, WWII - Daniel Guthrie
- Gerald L. Spore, WWII - Daniel Guthrie
- Gene G. Wicker, WWII – Continental

Certificate of Appreciation – Indiana Society

- Robert P. Cunningham – for duties involved in organizing Fall 2014 House of Delegates meeting in Vincennes, Indiana

9:52 a.m. - Ladies excused

Agenda

- motioned to approve, seconded by Robert Howell
- motion passed, with one dissenting vote (oh that Capt. Trejo!)
- agenda approved

Roll Call - Quorum Attained

Reading & Approval of Minutes (of Previous Meeting - Secretary Peters)

- call for corrections
 - corrections recorded
- Wayne Eells motions to pass Minutes of previous meeting, with corrections
- motion seconded
- motion passed unanimously
- Minutes approved (with corrections)

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Bowers)

- no report

Registrar/Genealogist Report (R/G Robert Howell)

- currently 5 applications 'pending' at the National Society
- about 11 applications to be processed before submitting to the National Society, having just received 5 or 6 in the mail this week
- discussion of repercussions resulting from new genealogical documentation requirements at SAR
- discussion of more strenuous genealogical documentation requirements at DAR, which will inevitably impact SAR applications to some extent
 - 'long form' birth certificates
 - must list both parents, including mother's maiden name, three generations previous
 - increasingly, citing approved applications in themselves may not be sufficient, as providing the documentation cited must also be submitted in many cases involving aged applications

National Trustee (David Betzner)

- attended the ribbon cutting at the new SAR museum in Louisville
 - SAR museum intended to be hub for museum row on that street
- President General Lindsey Brock has aggressive missions for the new year

- identify those in the Society who have received the Medal of Honor (note: *not* the same as the Congressional Medal of Honor)
- archive speeches presented by members at National (& State?) events
- Wayne Eells mentions completing biographies for your Revolutionary War Patriots online

District Vice-Presidents

District #1 (North): Rob Pfaff - report in delegate packet

District #2 (Central): Matthew Boone - no report

District #3 (Southeast): Jerry Brown -

The Third District Sons of the American Revolution Report is as follows:

The David Benton Chapter in Brownstown, had three meetings July 10th, August 14th and September 11th. The average attendance was 8 with an average of 7 members attending and 3 guests attending.

The July meeting speaker was 'The History of 4th of July Celebrations' by Compatriot Jerry Brown. The August meeting speaker was Ms. Billie Wintin, who spoke of Fort Vallonia DAR activities. The September meeting speaker was Jerry Brown on "Where were you on 9/11?"

Paramedic Nate Bryant received the Outstanding EMT Award at the February Meeting.

There are now 16 members that have renewed memberships. There will soon be 3 new members inducted into the chapter. There were four members attending the INSSAR meeting in Franklin.

David Benton members of the Indiana Society Color Guard attended the following event (number attending in parentheses):

- Bedford - Limestone Festival Parade - 3 members
- Shoals - Catfish Parade - 2 members
- Connor Prairie - 1 member
- Old Settlers Parade - 3 members
- Gosport Lazy Days - 1 member
- Paragon Homecoming - 2 members
- William King Grave Dedication - 1 member

- Scottish Fest in Columbus - 3 members

Gary Meyer, CEO of Schneck Memorial Hospital, was presented a Flag Certificate.

A 4-H Award was presented to Payton Warren. Rich Meyer was presented with an Outstanding Law Enforcement medal & certificate.

In the Daniel Guthrie Chapter in Bedford, 3 meetings were held this quarter: on July 18th; on August 19th, and; on September 27. There are 124 members at this time. Five chapter members attended the NSSAR Annual National Congress in Greenville, South Carolina. On August 12, Compatriot Edward E. Hitchcock presented a Flag Certificate to RJ's Convenient Store and Gas Station in Shoals, IN.

At the August 19th meeting, Mrs. April Legler (NSDAR, WOSAR) presented a speech, 'Historical Perspective of Women in America', an exceptional program very historical account women during the past and present.

Also at the August 19th meeting the following awards or medals was presented to the following individuals as noted: The Chapter received the 2014 NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Certificate. President General Joseph Dooley presented Daniel Guthrie Chapter with a flag streamer for his initiative of the USO. Silver Roger Sherman Medals was presented to Compatriot Douglas T. Wilson. Compatriot James A. Hutchison was presented a Cold War Certificate from INSSAR. The Gold Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate was presented to Compatriots T. Rex Legler II and James C. Arnold. Compatriot Robert D. Howell Sr. received this 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal. Compatriot Edward E. Hitchcock received his 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal. The Gold Lamplighter Pin was awarded by NSSAR to Compatriot T. Rex Legler II. The Chapter also received a flag streamer for the 3rd Annual George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath laying and for the 2014 Battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky, Compatriots T. Rex Legler II and Edward E. Hitchcock presented wreaths at the ceremony. Compatriot Edward E. Hitchcock receive a supplemental star for Patriot Nathan Sims and Compatriot T. Rex Legler II receive a supplemental star for Patriot John Schreckengast.

On July 1st, Compatriots Edward E. Hitchcock and James C. Arnold attended the Clifty Creek Chapter meeting held in Hanover, Indiana. We also have two youth members that participate in St. Charles Borromeo Scout Troop 170, Bloomington, Indiana. Walter and Edward Friesel. Walter is now working on his Eagle Scout and helps with Habitat for Humanity during the year as his school work allows.

The Clifty Creek chapter has currently has 20 members. The chapter held meetings on July 1st and September 2nd. At the July meeting, with 12 members and 7 guests in attendance, President Donald C. Perkins inducted new members John Blasdel and Gary Gellert, Sponsor Compatriot Allen Manning presented their Rosettes. At the September meeting, with 11 members and 8 guests in attendance, INSSAR President William Sharp presented the Chapter Charter to Don Perkins. Compatriot T. Rex Legler II, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, former Vice President General NSSAR Central District and former President of INSSAR swore the elected officer's into office.

President Perkins presented the Martha Washington Medal to Donna L. Denning, John Paul Chapter, NSDAR for her assistance in helping find new SAR members.

Compatriot Allen Manning presented a Flag Certificate to Hanover Lodge 652 F&AM on July 3rd.

Compatriot Nicholas Schultz presented a Flag Certificate to Morgan & Nay Funeral Center on September 19th.

Compatriots Paul G. Konkle, John A. Hutchinson, and Allen G. Manning presented the colors at the John Paul Chapter, NSDAR meeting on 16 September 2014. They also discussed the formation of the Clifty Creek Chapter and asked for help in gaining members.

Compatriot Allen Manning attended the Summer INSSAR House of Delegates meeting in Lafayette on July 26.

Compatriot Allen Manning presented a Clifty Creek Chapter wreath at the Blue Licks Battlefield Monument KYSSAR ceremony on August 16th.

Compatriot Allen Manning purchased and placed a SAR marker on the gravesite of William King in Washington County to support the John Hay Chapter's grave dedication ceremony on September 6th.

The Clifty Creek Chapter donated \$100 towards the Center for Advancing America's Heritage initiative on September 11th.

Compatriot Allen Manning attended the first day of the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference on September 26th.

District #4 (Southwest): Ken Gilkey - report in delegate packet

NSSAR Color Guard Representative (Commander Robert Cunningham)

- during the 2015 Annual National Congress in Louisville, there will be transportation across the river to Clarksville, Indiana
- Northwest Territory Color Guard and the Indiana Society Color Guard will be present
- visitors will be able to see how drilling troops would have appeared
- more to be presented at the 2015 Indiana Society Annual Meeting

Audit (John Boone)

- no report

Finance (Committee)

- partial report, covering investment portfolio, present in delegate packet

Budget (Art Bowers)

- no report

Indiana Society Color Guard (Commander Robert Cunningham)

- "Need young members!!"
- Robert Howell - had to cancel appearance at French Lick parade because only one Color Guard member could commit
 - first time no Color Guard had been present at the French Lick event in a very long time

George Washington Fund (Roger Barnhart)

- \$1.6M in the Fund as of two weeks ago
- 80% of interest derived from the Fund is distributed by the George Washington

Fund Committee

- 20% of interest is reinvested in the Fund
- provides funding to projects which otherwise would likely be unfunded
 - recently provided funding for breakfast at a 4-H event
 - funding for statue of a Minuteman in front of the National Society HQ
 - funding for Patriot grave markers in Illinois
 - funding of statue at Saratoga, Florida, site of the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War
- Roger mentions Honor Flights – flights for WWII and Korean War veterans to visit sites in Washington, D.C. for a day
 - will eventually provide flights for Vietnam War veterans
 - David Betzner – Indianapolis firefighters are escorting a group of veterans on an Honor Flight today (“I would be there, if I were not here.”)
 - Don Counts – an Honor Flight will be leaving from Evansville next week, with support from the Ohio Valley chapter
 - David Betzner mentions a Vietnam 40th Anniversary 'welcome home' parade scheduled for Spring 2015 in Winchester, Indiana
 - Robert Howell – Batchelor Middle School in Bloomington seeks veterans who will appear for presentations/speeches

Medals & Awards (Wayne Eells)

- Chapters should complete an audit by mid-December
 - all those in your chapter who have received awards at any level (National, State, or Chapter) should have the award(s) reported in the audit, which is to be submitted to Vice-President Eells
- Bill Sharp – Is there somebody in your chapter worthy of a Certificate of Appreciation? Inform Wayne Eells of your nominations for this certificate

State Website (Steve Oberlin)

- no report (all seems to be working smoothly)

Americanism & Flag Recognition (George Frantz)

- report in delegate packet
- Wayne Eells – Clarence A. Cook chapter will be awarding 12-14 Flag Certificates over the next few weeks
- Bill Sharp – Outstanding Chapter Award requires Flag Certificates be issued as part of the award's criteria

Children of the American Revolution (Allen Stout)

- Duneland chapter plans to sponsor a CAR society in Crown Point
- Wayne Eells – new chapter forming on the south side of Indianapolis
 - “Is there a CAR society near your SAR chapter, and you're not sponsoring it? Please do!”
 - CAR societies comprise future recruits and leadership for DAR and SAR, training them to become future chapter officers

Hoosier Patriot Newsletter (Jeff Hornung)

- Bill Sharp - “How many here have read the newest Hoosier Patriot newsletter? [show of hands]
 - distributed by email or physical mail
- Wayne Eells – Jeff is working on a special edition, featuring essay contest entries
 - will provide members with the opportunity to see what our young contestants are learning and writing

Eagle Scout (Randy Hillenburg)

- no report

Knight Essay Contest (Doug Wilson)

- no report

ROTC/JROTC (Gary Steinhardt)

- Robert Howell – awards will be presented in the Spring

Rumbaugh Orations Contest (Luke Jacobus)

- Bill Sharp - deadline is 1st of March

Ladies Auxiliary (April Legler, President)

- Bill Sharp - "Well, the ladies have left us."

Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Registry (Allen Manning)

- report in delegate packet
- David Betzner - visited an antique store while traveling along Indiana Highway 31 to find 3 SAR grave markers in store (visibly old markers); Confronted store owner, who became rather defensive; discussion among members of instances of marker theft and grave desecration

Veterans' Programs/American Legion and VFW (Kevin Waldroup)

- good turnout on Partners in Patriotism program thus far
- 12 chapters plus the State Society on target
- discussion on Wreaths Across America
 - Saturday, December 13th, 2014

Operation Ancestor Search

- Richard Steckly and Ron Darrah are the two leads on Operation Ancestor Search at Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis
- Wayne Eells - attaining security clearance has been an issue, but once clearance is granted, they're all set to go

Unfinished Business

Status of Lochry's Defeat Sign refurbishment (David Betzner)

- sign has been wire-brushed
- now requires painting
 - will require removal for painting, which will require a couple more men to assist in the process

New Business

Motion for discussion on Article V, Section 1, to change from 4 meetings to 3 or more meetings per year (also involves Bylaw 16 and Article V, Section 6)

- Wayne Eells - Has a committee been formed to study the proposal(s)?
- Roger motions for discussion of aforementioned
- Robert Howell seconds
- Executive Committee could be held over the phone if the weather is adverse
- Wayne Eells - if we are changing the Bylaws, could we not simply allow for a wider window for the meeting timeframe(s)?
- David Betzner - all but one time we have had a quorum at the Winter meeting
 - some discussion among compatriots of other Winter meetings which may or may not have attained a quorum
- Robert Cunningham - Executive Committee meeting could be done with Skype
- Wayne Eells - District-level meetings during the winter [as opposed to a State-level meeting] could facilitate more attendance

- George Frantz - sometimes hopes to have collective District-level meetings may not equate with attendance success
 - cites tri-chapter meetings in his area of District 2 which have not garnered the level of attendance hoped
- Wayne Eells - Clarence A. Cook chapter will not break non-attending compatriots out of pattern of non-attendance; new members must be the focus of increasing attendance; no magic bullet to cultural change; stop focusing on people who have not attended for 10 years
- Bill Sharp - motion to stop discussion

- Wayne Eells – motion to appoint committee to formulate recommendation(s), with at least one person from each District
- David Betzner – volunteers to lead such a committee
- Robert Cunningham – seconds the motion
- Motion approved unanimously
- Wayne Eells motions the resolution be forwarded to aforementioned committee
- Seconded by Mark Owens
- Motion approved

Procedure (Points or % Participation) for earning a Bronze Color Guard medal

- Robert Cunningham – the consensus is that we adopt the **Events system**
- Wayne Eells – motions the **Events system** be adopted by the State
 - Robert Howell – the National Society has a preference for the Events system
- motion seconded
- **motion approved**
- Wayne Eells – motions the Bylaw 18, Section 9 (New) be forwarded to the National Color Guard Commander for consideration
- motion seconded
- motion to forward to National Society approved

Regarding the INSSAR National Trustee and Alternate Trustee

- Wayne Eells – remind Society of nominee requirement
 - reminder to be sent annually

Bylaw Change to Congress – National Society Bylaws Change: Term of Office of National Officers

- Roger Barnhart – experienced serious computer virus infection; will have something composed for the January meeting

Discuss Plan for Annual Meeting

- Bill Sharp – the Annual meetings have become quite lengthy; what are some suggestions to make them potentially less time-consuming?
- Bill Sharp – hold awards ceremony the evening prior to the meeting?

- Wayne Eells – drop Program/Presentation from the Annual meeting to save time; Dave Peters agrees with this suggestion
- Bill Sharp – requests emails from Compatriots on this subject; send in your ideas to Bill!

Endorsement of Compatriots for National Office

- candidates listed in meeting delegate packet
- Wayne Eells – motions uncontested office candidates should be endorsed by the Indiana Society
- motion seconded
- motion approved unanimously
- for office of Treasurer General, Roger Barnhart offers positive comments on both candidates, and motions for the endorsement of Larry Guzy (GA)
- motion seconded
- motion approved unanimously
- for office of Historian General, Bill Sharp comments that what the office requires is an advocate for history *education*, as the Historian General is responsible for the History Center, and must interface with the national education system
- Roger Barnhart offers positive comments on both John Thornhill (NC) and John “Jack” Manning (MA); is not too familiar with David Ramseur (FL); motions the Indiana Society endorse Jack Manning
- motion seconded by Kevin Waldroup
- motion passed unanimously

Other New Business

- Wayne Eells – I move that we change the Bylaws to include an Assistant Treasurer and a Recording/Assistant Secretary, and the nominating chair secure nominations of these positions for the 2015 annual meeting of the Indiana Society, SAR
- Bill Sharp – moves to appoint an Assistant Treasurer immediately
- Steve Oberlin is currently a second signatory for the Society

Comments from President Sharp

For the Good of the Society

David Betzner mentions the Blue and the Gray Ball to promote the preservation of the Greenbush Cemetery

- November 8th, 2014 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- Lafayette Country Club, 1500 South 9th Street, Lafayette, Indiana, 47905
- Tickets \$50
- Time period or semi-formal attire
- visit www.greenbush.fairfieldtownship.us to purchase tickets

Future INSSAR Meetings:

- 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.: Immanuel Lutheran Church (www.immanuelseymour.com) at 605 S Walnut St on HWY 11, 4 blocks south of the hospital. Seymour, Indiana; this is 2 miles west of hotel. Registration: \$15; 9 am with meeting start at 9:30 am
- April 18, 2015 – TBD, Indiana: State Annual Meeting

Future NSSAR Meetings:

- Central District, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blue Ash, Cincinnati, Ohio – 31 Oct thru 1 Nov 2014
- Spring Leadership Meeting – March 6 & 7, 2015, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville
- 125th 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 12:10 p.m.