



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.
- The Invocation was offered by Rev. Rob Pfaff
- 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
- Chancellor Terry English was elected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 36 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	Jeffrey W. Jones	
			David Peters	x
			William Sharp	x
			Wendell 'Gab' Horn	
Dennis Wright				
1	Duneland	Valparaiso	none present	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	x
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Kevin Waldroup	

	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Douglas Fraker Ivan Lancaster William Stahl	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells John Trent Jeff Hornung	x x
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	x
	John Martin	Rockville	Clifford Blanchard	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz Gary Steinhardt	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Robert D. Howell Sr. Edward Hitchcock William 'Tony' Robinson James Arnold James Pershing Terry English	x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	John Sheets Jerry Brown Merle Barnett Allen Dillman Darrell Scifres James Harvey	 x
	John Hay	Salem	Mark Owens Vernon Coats	
	Clifty Creek	Madison	Allen G. Manning Don Perkins	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	none present	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham	x

Introduction of Guests

- William 'Tony' Robinson – Vice-President General Central States DistrictD
- Donna Betzner – member of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of David Betzner
- Chris Cunningham – Treasurer of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary; wife of Robert Cunningham
- Janeen Peters – member of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary
- Janet Kreps – member of INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, wife of Mark Kreps
- Pamela Horn – member of the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, wife of Gab Horn
- Cindy Scifres – wife of Darrel Scifres
- Kathy Parkinson – guest of Rev. Robert Pfaff
- Mrs. Wayne Eells – wife of Vice-President
- Mrs. Peggy Gilkey – wife of Ken Gilkey
- Patricia Pershing – wife of James Pershing

Ladies depart for a tour of the Freeman Army Airfield Museum (Seymour)

Awards & Recognition:**Indiana Society Veterans Battalion**

- James Teegardin – Vietnam (Anthony Halberstadt)
- Carl Gable – WWII (Anthony Halberstadt)
- Dale E. Brown – Military Service (Daniel Guthrie)
- Joseph Clark – Cold War & Vietnam (Clarence A. Cook)
- Patrick Cave – Cold War (Duneland)
- Forrest Simmonds – WWII (Continental)
- Paul Randall – WWII (Alexis Coquillard)

National Society Veterans Corps

- Eugene Trent – WWII (Clarence A. Cook)
- James Teegardin – Vietnam (Anthony Halberstadt)

Indiana Society Service Medal – Gold

- Wayne Eells, medal - (State Secretary, Vice-President – 2011-2014)
- Art Bowers, medal - (State Treasurer – 2011-2014)
- David Kelly, medal + 4 stars – long-serving State Orations contest Chairman
- T. Rex Legler II, 3 stars – State Service
- Terry English, medal – State Chancellor
- Robert Howell, 2 stars – State ROTC Chairman
- James Arnold, 2 stars – State Veterans Battalion Chairman
- Ron Burkhart, star – State Chairman
- Robert Cunningham, star – State Color Guard Commander
- Ed Hitchcock, 2 stars – State Committee Service
- April Legler, star – Ladies Auxiliary President

Indiana Society Service Medal – Silver

- Noel Reen, medal – District Director

Indiana Society Service Medal – Bronze

- Ohio Valley Chapter
 - Ken Gilkey, star – Registrar, 2010-2012
 - Peggy Gilkey, star – 2010-2012 Color Guard/Awards Banquet
 - Robert Hall, star – Chaplain, Color Guard, 2010-2012
 - Ruth Hall, star – 2010-2012 Color Guard/Awards Banquet
 - Jacqueline Payne, medal – 2009-2011 Color Guard
 - Ernest Payne, medal – Secretary, 2011-2013
 - J.D. Strouth, star – Parliamentarian, 2010-2012
 - John West, star – Historian, 2010-2012
 - Don Counts, star – Vice-President, 2009-2011
 - Stephen Johnson, medal + 2 stars – President, 2003-2013
 - Rita Johnson, medal – meeting organizer, 2011-2013

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter
 - Matt Boone, medal – President, 2011-2014
 - Jeffrey Wilson, medal – Registrar, 2011-2014
 - John Boone, medal – Secretary, 2011-2014
 - Kevin Waldroup, medal – Vice-President, 2011-2014
- Clarence A. Cook Chapter
 - Wayne Eells, medal – chapter officer, 2011-2014
 - Ron Darrah, medal – Registrar, 2011-2014
 - Graham Morey, medal – Chaplain, 2011-2014
 - Bruce Oakley, medal – Treasurer, 2011-2014
 - Jeff Hornung, medal – chapter officer, 2011-2014
- William Henry Harrison Chapter
 - George Frantz, medal + star – President, 8 years
 - David Kelley, medal + 15 stars – chapter officers for 33 years
 - Hubert Shackleton, medal + 3 stars
 - Noel Reen, medal + star – President & Vice-President
- Anthony Halberstadt Chapter
 - Wendell 'Gab' Horn, medal – President, 3 years
 - David Peters, medal – Secretary, 3 years
 - William Sharp, medal + star – chapter officer, 8 years
 - John Alexander, medal – Chaplain, 3 years
 - Don Melching, medal – Historian, 3+ years
- Daniel Guthrie Chapter
 - Doug Wilson, medal – chapter service
 - T. Rex Legler II, medal – chapter service
- Continental Chapter
 - David DeHaven, medal – Sergeant-at-Arms, 2011-2013
 - Donald Crose Sr., medal + star – President (2 yrs); VP (2 yrs); Sgt-at-Arms (1 yr)
 - John Carmichael Jr., star – President, 2009-2010; Nominating Committee, 2011
 - Stephen Jackson, 2 stars – Treasurer, 2009-2014
 - Mark Kreps, 4 stars – Chaplain; Nominating Committee; Youth Chair, 2003-2014

- J. Allen Teller, medal + star – President (2 yrs); VP (2 yrs); Nom. Com. (2 yrs)
- Tom Schnuck, 2 stars – ROTC & Flag Chairman, 2009-2014
- Janet Kreps, star – Color Guard volunteer, 2010-2012
- Dennis Babbitt, 2 stars – Secretary, 2009-2014

Veterans Corps National Committee member Jim Arnold discusses the order in which the Veterans Corps has and will continue to issue certificates in an order based upon a timeline (i.e., WWII certificates, then Korea, then Vietnam, etc.). Then came the decision to recognize those who served during the Cold War period. The emphasis has been on recognizing older veterans before they pass.

Agenda

- motioned to approve
- agenda approved

Roll Call - Quorum Attained

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

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

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Bowers)

- no report

Historian's Report (Mark Kreps)

- Discusses a publication printed 100 years ago, regarding the west-central side of Indiana, and its aid in preserving history, including the War of 1812, its impact upon Indiana, specifically Terre Haute and Fort William Henry Harrison

- Earlier Hoosier citizens wanted the site to be a National Park
- mentions books now online on George Rogers Clark
- working with Ball State University on video on the War of 1812
 - contact Mark Kreps if you would like to be a re-enactor for this film

Registrar/Genealogist Report (R/G Robert Howell)

- in delegate packet

National Trustee (David Betzner)

- mentions Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, March 6
- mentions 125th Annual National Congress, beginning June 26

District Vice-Presidents

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

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

District #3 (Southeast): Jerry Brown – report in delegate packet

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 New Albany, Indiana, to G.R. Clark's homestead
- Northwest Territory Color Guard and the Indiana Society Color Guard will be present
- Color Guard members will need to be in Regimental garb, as this is what Clark's men wore
- bring a musket or “5-foot sapling”
- A challenge to every chapter: recruit at least one additional member for the

Color Guard, *ergo* . . .

- goal of 17 new Color Guard members this year, or as Compatriot Jeff Hornung has honed it into clever marketing phrase: “Fifteen in '15”

Audit (John Boone)

- no report

Finance (Committee)

- no report

Budget (Art Bowers)

- 2015-16 budget will be quite similar, if not identical, to 2014-15 budget

George Washington Fund (Roger Barnhart)

- no report

Medals & Awards (Wayne Eells)

- Audit in process
- If a nomination is needed, contact VP Wayne Eells

State Website (Steve Oberlin)

- no report (all seems to be working smoothly)

Americanism & Flag Recognition (George Frantz)

- report in delegate packet

Children of the American Revolution (Allen Stout, with Wayne Eells reporting)

- March 6 & 7 – Indiana convention
- please reach out to a CAR society if one is near you
- invite a CAR member to do a presentation at a SAR chapter meeting

Hoosier Patriot Newsletter (Jeff Hornung)

- “Lots of good input”
- more reference information is present near the bottom of each HP edition
- desires more chapter histories – please provide to the HP
- issuing a special edition for the Youth contests held at Annual meeting

Eagle Scout (Randy Hillenburg)

- looking at several entries for the King essay contest
- change in National prize money:
 - 1st - \$10,000
 - 2nd - \$6,000
 - 3rd - \$4,000

Knight Essay Contest (Doug Wilson)

- no report

ROTC/JROTC (Gary Steinhardt)

- Robert Howell – letter will be going out soon recognizing Senior in JROTC

Rumbaugh Orations Contest (Luke Jacobus)

- 2 (at least) entries thus far

Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest (Rick Smurdon)

- David Betzner – 4 entries (at least) in the contest

Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Registry (Allen Manning)

- report in delegate packet
- Bill Sharp – when we put in a new stone, a new bronze plaque or grave site marker indicating SAR involvement needs to be installed as well
 - Effort to mark every Patriot grave in Indiana with and SAR marker should be undertaken

- Robert Pfaff – no reason a lug-style marker could not be installed by a reputable headstone merchant
- David Betzner – speaks of instance when he found SAR grave marker in an antique store – clear instance of theft/ grave desecration
- Jeff Hornung – each marker should have an identifying number to indicate with which Patriot it is associated, in case of theft
- Jim Arnold – if a headstone is military-issued, it cannot be modified with an added lug
- Compatriot Brad Manzenberger is mentioned as having expertise in this field

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

- report in packet

Operation Ancestor Search

- Wayne Eells – have had 3 sessions so far at Roudebush VA Medical Center (Indianapolis)
- 6 laptops donated
- Marion VA Center – Continental chapter could initiate involvement?
- Build-out to other VA facilities in Indiana

Boys State (Jim Arnold)

- One week at Trine University
- 600 boys from throughout Indiana
- Bill Sharp – goes through American Legion
 - \$300 to Boys State
 - depends upon sponsors
 - we support the effort with sponsorship of 1 boy in our budget
 - pick-up application and take them to high schools
 - once application complete, send to Jim Arnold, or notify Jim if you know of a qualified boy
- Jim Arnold - \$300 is non-refundable

Ladies Auxiliary (April Legler)

- Robert Cunningham - only \$5 to join
 - they support us, aid in funding of Youth Contests
 - WOSAR is not an organization, only individual recognition as the wife of an SAR member
 - at national level, they meet and ship out packages to men and women serving in the military
 - represent on behalf of SAR to current military

Unfinished Business

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

- final painting completed; installation at original site when weather improves

New Business

New Offices

- Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
- Wayne Eells - issue arose as a result of our Treasurer becoming ill, causing our financial transactions to come to a grinding halt
- Tony Robinson (District VP) - do not give out two checkbooks! Situation almost caused the shutdown of a chapter in Ohio due to embezzlement
- Steve Oberlin is currently named in our books to access the account
- Some discussion on a Treasurer-elect, rather than Assistance Treasurer (such an arrangement would force previous Treasurer out at next election cycle, as it enforces replacement, rather than assistance-by-term)

Electronic Meetings

- must be deemed acceptable in the Bylaws, not by informal consensus
- could lose 501(c)(3) status if not in Bylaws, and electronic meeting(s) held
- Terry English - 'No discussion'; terminology - Webinar? Teleconference?

- Would like the proposal worded as-is
- Robert Pfaff – move to have proposal forwarded to April House of Delegates meeting as worded
- Wayne Eells – seconded
- Action: motion approved
- Wayne Eells – move to forward that a slight modification of the wording of Electronic Meetings Bylaw may be necessary before final vote
- Terry English – seconded
- Action: approved unanimously

Allow for INSSAR Executive Committee to call for Meetings with 10 Days Notice

- Does not replace 30 day notice requirement for House of Delegates meetings
- Motioned; motion seconded; motion approved
- Action: approved unanimously

Bylaw Change to Congress: National Society Bylaws - Term of Office of National Officers should be elected for two-year terms

- Motioned; motion seconded; motion approved
- Discussion
 - District VP Robinson – 1 year is not enough, 2 years is good, 3 years would be too much!
 - 2 years is a very good idea
- Action: approved unanimously

Presentation of proposed 2015-16 Budget

- Terry English – more work is now necessary to integrate terms and figures not required in the 2014-15 budget, but now required of the 2015-16 budget
 - for instance, 2 years ago the Historical Marker line item addition required change in current budget
- Motion: use 2015-16 budget as presented with understanding that if additional information arises about the markers, it can be amended before the next meeting
- Motion seconded; motion approved

- Action: approved

Discussion for Amending the Bylaws and Constitution

- Article V, Section 1 to change from 4 meetings to 3 or more meetings per year
Section 1. There shall be ~~four~~ three regular meetings of the House of Delegates each year. The meetings shall normally be held during the months of ~~January~~, April, July and October. It is required that thirty (30) days' notice be given specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.
 - a. The Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates shall be held during the month of April, at a time and site determined by the President. Business to be conducted during the Annual Meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the election of Society Officers, the nomination of the National Trustee and the Alternative National Trustee, and the consideration of proposed changes to the Society's Constitution and/or By-laws.
 - b. Other regular meetings of the House of Delegates and Executive Committee shall be held at times and sites determined by the President.
 - c. In the event of a weather or other emergency, any regular meeting may be, after consultation with at least two other officers, postponed or canceled by the President, who will then notify each Chapter by telephone or electronic communications.
- Section 6. There shall be one District Meeting each year between the months of November and March held at times and sites determined by the District Vice-President. It is required that thirty (30) days' notice be given specifying the date, time and place of the meeting. Each District shall coordinate their Meetings with each other and with the State President so that he may be able to attend them.
 - a. The District Meeting is for the purpose of the District Chapters to discuss ideas of benefit to the Chapters, for social fellowship, and for portions of the meeting devoted to patriotic and educational presentations, historical information relating to the Revolutionary War, visits to historic sites, and other activities, which promote patriotism, historical knowledge, and fellowship among members and their families.
- Bylaw 16 – House of Delegates
- Section 2. The House of Delegates shall meet ~~four~~ three or more times each year as stated in the Constitution of the Indiana Society, Article V – Meetings, to consider the business of the Society, including matters referred to it by the

Executive Committee or any member of the Indiana Society. Portions of the meeting may also be devoted to patriotic and educational presentations, historical information relating to the Revolutionary War, visits to historic sites, and other activities, which promote patriotism, historical knowledge, and fellowship among members and their families.

Presentation by Nomination Committee of Officers for 2015-16 (David Betzner)

- President – Wayne Eells
- Vice-President – Robert Pfaff
- Treasurer – Steve Oberlin; Art Bowers
- Assistant Treasurer – Wendell Horn
- Secretary – Dave Peters
- Assistant Secretary – Jeff W. Jones
- District #1 Vice-President – ???
- District #2 Vice-President – Matt Boone
- District #3 Vice-President – Jerry Brown
- District #4 Vice-President – Ken Gilkey
- Registrar-Genealogist – Robert D. Howell Sr.
- Chancellor – Terry English
- Historian – Mark Kreps
- Chaplain – Donald Counts
- Trustee – William Sharp III

Comments from President Sharp

- Every chapter which was asked to host a House of Delegates meeting has hit a home run
- A Certificate of Appreciation shall be issued to Jerry Brown for hosting the current meeting
- Mentions upcoming Spring Leadership meeting date in Louisville

For the Good of the Society

Future INSSAR Meetings:

- April 18, 2015 – Indiana Society Annual Meeting, Fishers Public Library, Fishers, Indiana, 11:00 a.m. Must be done by 5:15 p.m.
 - 30 second limit to verbal reports (strongly discouraged)
- May 24, 2015 – George Rogers Clark Memorial Commemoration, Vincennes, 11 a.m.

Future NSSAR Meetings:

- June 26 – July 1 - 125th Annual National Congress, Louisville, Kentucky
- September 25 & 26 – Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky

SAR Recessional - Led by Vice-President Wayne Eells

Retiring of Colors - Color Guard

Benediction

- Compatriot Robert Pfaff

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.