



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter
Indiana Society

Jeffrey W. Jones, President
Dennis L. Wright, Vice-President
A. Ray King, Secretary
Jason P. Vasher, Treasurer
William E. Sharp III, Registrar/Genealogist
John E. Alexander II, Chaplain
Don A. Melching, Historian
Michael L. Adams, Sergeant at Arms

Meeting Minutes
Fall Meeting, September 19, 2020
Zoom Online Meeting 9:30 a.m. EDT

Opening Remarks:

- President Jones welcomed the online attendees and provided an introduction to the Zoom virtual meeting. He also welcomed CAR participants that were invited to participate.
- President Jones led the group in reciting the SAR Pledge.
- President Jones updated the group on State and National activities during the pandemic. The State Society has confirmed all State meetings will be held virtually for the rest of the year. He has not heard anything about National plans for the rest of the year.
- President Jones performed a roll call of Zoom participants. 15 Chapter members and 2 guests participated.

Announcement of New Members:

- President Jones announced the following new members since the last meeting:
 - Mr. Mark Lee Daniels
 - Mr. Dennis K. Kruse
 - Mr. Willis James Matson
 - Mr. Michael Jarvis Nave
- President Jones provided an overview of the SAR Badge and Flag for the compatriots, and described the significance of the symbols used in the badge. Compatriots Daniels and Kruse gave a brief overview of their patriot ancestors (Simon Archer, PA Militia and Daniel Strong, MA respectively). Formal induction will take place when face-to-face meetings resume in the future.

Chapter Awards:

- The following Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Service Anniversary Awards were announced:
 - Compatriot John Robert Baize – 5 Years
 - Compatriot Arthur Ray King– 5 Years
 - Compatriot Steven Bruce Petro – 15 Years

Awards and Recognition:

President Jones announced the following Indiana Society awards had been issued to Anthony Halberstadt compatriots or spouses:

- Partners in Patriotism Certificate – Awarded to Anthony Halberstadt Chapter for participation in 2019 Wreaths Across America at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne,
- Martha Washington Medal – To Mrs. Martha Barnhart for outstanding service to the SAR,
- SAR Medal of Appreciation – To Mrs. Donna Sharp in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR,
- Roger Sherman Medal (Silver) – To compatriot Jason P. Vasher for outstanding service to the State Society as State Treasurer.

Additionally, Flag certificates were awarded by the Chapter to Fort Wayne area residents for their display of the flag of the United States of America:

- Mr. Man Deok Lee, Fort Wayne, IN – Mr. Lee is a GM retiree and served in the US Army Special Forces as a Green Beret in Vietnam.
- Mr. Jon Mitchell, Fort Wayne, IN – Mr. Mitchell is a retired Army (AGR) Sgt. Major and teaches JROTC in Warsaw, IN.

Chapter Reports:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Compatriot Jason Vasher (Attached),
- The Secretary's Report was presented by Secretary Compatriot Ray King. He reported membership now stands at 85.
- Registrar's Report: Compatriot William Sharp III reported that activity had dropped off significantly since the shutdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, but one applicant from Huntington had continued to work on developing an application and it has been accepted.
- Color Guard Report: Compatriot William Sharp III reported there had been no significant Color Guard activity due to the lack of outdoor activity.

- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Programs and Mentorship:** President Jones indicated he is working on a chapter mentorship guide that he plans to roll out soon to the membership.
 - **Veterans & Patriotism Programs Committee:** Secretary King reported for committee chair Gary Stebbins that planning for this year's Wreaths Across America event is under way and that the WAA website is open and able to accept orders for wreaths. The chapter receives a five-dollar dividend for every wreath purchased through Anthony Halberstadt Chapter link on the website.
 - **DAR Liaison:** Vice-President Wright provided an update on DAR activities. Meetings resumed today, 19 September, and will continue through the year using social distancing, etc. They have a large backlog of inductions which they plan to do at about 5 at a time until they get caught up. Activities at the Allen County Library have started up on a limited basis, although very few people are at the library now.

Old Business:

- **SAR Knight Essay Committee** – Compatriot Jim Hamilton provided a brief update on his activity since volunteering to chair the state committee. He is pursuing development of the relationship with homeschool students and trying to resolve a number of related questions with the State Society. He is also planning to work with private schools to see if he can spur some interest there.
- President Jones indicated the State Society was still seeking additional volunteers to serve on several committees. A chairman is still need for the Poster and Brochure committees and members are need for the Audit, Finance and Budget committees. Vice-President Wright chairs the Finance Committee and provided an overview of the duties and time commitment associated with participating on the Committee. Also, a Color Guard Commander and State Safety Inspector is still needed.
- Benita Steyer provided an update on organizing the new CAR chapter. All 7 applications have now been approved by National. They are tentatively planning an initial organizing meeting on 24 October 2020. Location is still to be determined. She indicated they would like someone from SAR to show the new CAR members how to properly do a color guard. She also indicated they planned to attend the Col. De La Balme Ceremony and also participate in Wreaths Across America at Lindenwood Cemetery. She also reported the national CAR project is "Pets for Vets".

- Secretary King indicated the promised write up about family history books is still a work in progress and he will attempt to complete it and attach to the meeting minutes.

New Business:

- Compatriot Greg Stier has volunteered to lead the chapter Heroism Awards effort. Compatriot Stier has over 30 years' experience in law enforcement and has numerous contacts with various law enforcement and first responder organizations.
- President Jones discussed the existing INSSAR Request for Waiver of State Society Dues process and asked the membership if the Chapter should also consider a similar accommodation for members that apply to the state. Also, both National and State waive dues for compatriots that have been a member for 50 years or more. He asked for input from the members on both items.
- President Jones described the State By-Law 24 on Memorial Memberships.
- President Jones described a volunteer opportunity for the Mad Anthony Wayne Day Committee. He emphasized this event is not sponsored by the SAR, but is a local event honoring General Anthony Wayne that may be of interest to local members.
- President Jones indicated the current term for Chapter officers will end with a new election of officers at the last meeting of the year and called for any members that would consider serving to please let one of the existing officers know of the interest. All names of interested compatriots will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration. Secretary King indicated he would email a description of the various officer positions to the membership for consideration.

Upcoming Events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
 - December 5, 2020 via Zoom
- Other upcoming events:
 - November 14, 2020: Indiana State Executive Committee Virtual Meeting via Zoom. Open to all Indiana compatriots.
 - November 7, 2020: Col. De La Balme Ceremony – Columbia City, IN
 - December 12, 2020: Wreaths Across America, Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 Am after the SAR Recessional.