



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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Meeting Minutes Summer Meeting, June 19th, 2020 Meeting 11:00 a.m. EDT

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 11:00AM.
- President Jones led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Vice President King led the group in reciting the SAR Pledge.

Welcome:

- Members and Guests were introduced by Compatriot Jones. There were 14 members, 14 guests, and 2 potential new members in attendance.
- President Jones provided the chapter with opening remarks and an overview of the Chapter agenda for the meeting.

Induction of New Members:

- Minuteman Compatriot Roger Barnhart presided over the induction ceremony for Mark Daniels, John Lindsay, Michael Nave and Dennis Kruse.

Awards and Recognition:

- Compatriot Jones presented the 2020 Poster Award winner Caleb Wilhelm with a certificate. The chapter was unable to present the award in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Compatriot Jones presented Knight Essay winner Heidi Wilhelm with her award. Heidi then provided an oration "Unlikely Hero" about General Nathaniel Greene and his influence on the American Revolution.
- Compatriot Greg Stier presented the EMS Commendation award to Debbi Bowman. Debbi manages a team at the Parkview Hospital and has shown extreme commitment to her duties and her team throughout the pandemic by utilizing communication with her team using YouTube videos to keep her team involved and up to date and by organizing "cart washes" where every cart/gurney patient transport device is sanitized in one day.
- Compatriot Stier presented the Law Enforcement Award to Detective Sgt. Tim Hughes. Sgt. Hughes took the position of the head of the Homicide Division of the FWPD. His approach was to change how homicides were investigated.
- Compatriot President Jones presented the Martha Washington Award to Janeen Peters. The award was established in 1971 and is approved by Indiana SAR leadership to women for outstanding service to the SAR. Janeen has assisted with scores of new members joining the Chapter over the years.

Chapter Reports:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Secretary Jason Vasher for Treasurer Compatriot Jim Hamilton who was not in attendance. (Attachment 1 and 2).
- The Secretary's Report was presented by Secretary Compatriot Jason Vasher.
- There was no Registrar's report.
- There was no Color Guard report.
- There was no Historian's Report presented.
- Committee Reports:
 - Website: Compatriot King informed the group that he has brief patriot biographies on the site. Two short articles have been presented by Compatriot Hamilton under the Bit of History section
 - Awards: Compatriot King informed the group several award certificates had been presented recently including a flag certificate, two good citizenship awards, four JROTC awards, and Brochure contest winner.
 - Membership: President Jones stated there would be a Chapter New Member Orientation after the business meeting concluded that would last 15-20 minutes.
 - ROTC: Compatriot Stebbins reported that four ROTC awards were presented to Air Force and Army cadets. This included JROTC programs for Marion, Warsaw, Concordia, and Wayne High Schools. Two Good Citizenship awards were given to local Naval Sea Scout seaman and cadets for the Civil Air Patrol. Compatriot Stebbins also reported we had an Enhanced JROTC Award participant. This is a National Award and 26 states had entries. A Flag Recognition award was presented by Compatriot Stebbins to his dentist Dr. Timothy Lynch DDS.
 - Public Safety: Compatriot Stier who has a thirty year background as a Police Officer is seeking anyone in Fire, EMT, or Law Enforcement who has done a selfless act. The goal is to have individuals recognized at each Chapter meeting.
 - Americanism: Compatriot and former Chapter President Dave Peters provided an update on scoring for the Americanism Contest. He has been tracking all of the chapter activities through the various committees and Compatriots and submitting them to National where they are scored. Through May the Chapter was eligible for the Presidential Streamer. Updates are being provided every six to eight weeks.
 - Service: Compatriot Jeff Jones reported on behalf of Compatriot Kohart who was absent. Compatriot Jones informed the group that Compatriot Kohart was the Chapters official representative for the VA endorsed by National and has joined the Veterans Service Committee. The first quarter service project for the Chapter was donating to the VA food bank.

Old Business

- Compatriot President Jones informed the group the Constitution was amended and the changes needed to be voted on. The change to the Constitution was to put past Presidents on the Executive Committee. The motion was passed by the members by a unanimous vote. (attachment 3)
- Compatriot Jones provided the group a final review of the 2021/2022 budget status. (attachment 4)

New Business:

- Compatriot Jones reported that a need has arisen to add a miscellaneous line item to the administrative portion of the Budget. For future meetings a deposit may be required for reserving rooms and or other miscellaneous expenses. For the June 2021 meeting a \$200 deposit was needed for the Zianos venue. The motion was approved by the members in attendance.
- Compatriot Vasher briefly discussed an initiative to generate income and donations to the Chapter. One option is to provide a letter with the annual dues cards that go out in the Fall where members could select if they want to fund any optional activities of the Chapter.
- Compatriot Jones discussed the need for membership mentoring and development. One option was to work with C.A.R to get younger members to participate in activities to prepare them for the SAR. A formal committee is likely going to be formed to take up this initiative.
- Compatriot Jones informed the group the current chapter dues were 15.00. At the recent ExCom meeting it was voted to keep the dues the same. A motion to keep the dues the same was passed by members at the Chapter meeting.
- Compatriot Jones discussed an opportunity to fund a American Revolution Monument at the Veterans National Memorial and Museum. The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter is seeking to fund most of the project through contributions from the INSSAR, the George Washington Fund at the National level and donations from members of the Chapter. The estimated cost of the Monument is \$18,000. A request has been made to see when the money is needed so we can start preparing for the project in earnest.

Upcoming Events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
 - Executive Committee: August 21, 2021 (Zoom 10:00AM)
 - Chapter Meeting: September 18, 2021 in Fort Wayne, IN
 - Executive Committee: November 13, 2021 (Zoom 10:00AM)
 - Chapter Meeting: December 4, 2021 in Fort Wayne, IN
- Other upcoming events:
 - June 30th-July 4th: DAR State Congress
 - July 10-15th, 2021: National SAR Congress in Renton WA
 - July 24th, 2021: Ft Laurens (OH) Meeting and Memorial Service
 - July 31st, 2021: State HOD in Lafayette, IN presented by the William Henry Harrison Chapter
 - Aug 21st, 2021: Battle of Blue Licks (KY)

Secretary Vasher led the group in reciting SAR Recessional after which the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

At adjournment, new members stayed for a brief chapter orientation conducted by Compatriot Jones with Secretary Vasher present. A chapter handbook was presented to each new member with an overview of the SAR presented by President Jones.