



## Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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### **Meeting Minutes Fall Meeting, Sept 18th, 2021 Meeting 09:00a.m. EDT**

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 09:00a.m.
- President Jones led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
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#### **Welcome:**

- Members and Guests were introduced by Compatriot Jones. There were 13 members and 6 guests in attendance.
- President Jones provided the chapter with opening remarks and an overview of the Chapter agenda for the meeting.

#### **Induction of New Members:**

- Compatriot Dr. Thomas Whiteman presided over the induction ceremony for Steven Hamilton and Matthew Boyd.

#### **Awards and Recognition:**

- Compatriot Greg Stier presented the EMS Commendation award to Jerry Schultz (present) and Bryan Peterson (absent). The two have an organization "One World Medics" restoring fire equipment and ambulances not in service and giving them to countries in South America. The organization was started in 2019 and is focused on redistributing medical and fire equipment to impoverished areas.
- Compatriot Stier was presented the Military Service Veterans Corp Medal and Certificate for his Cold War military service.
- Compatriot Mark Daniels was presented the Military Service Veterans Corp Medal and Certificate for his Cold War military service.
- Compatriot Mark Daniels was also presented with a supplemental certificate for his lineage to Private Levin Hyslop in the 9th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army.
- Compatriot James Burk was presented the Bronze Service Medal for Chapter service.
- Compatriot Roger Barnhart was presented the Gold Service Medal for service rendered to the State.
- Compatriot Jason Vasher was recognized for the Gold Service Medal for service to the State. (Not in attendance)

- Compatriot Bill Sharpe was recognized for a Gold Service Medal for service to the State of Indiana. Compatriot Sharpe also was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for Chairing the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee for the NSSAR. (Not in attendance)
- Mark Jahn was recognized for 15 years of membership in the SAR. (Not in attendance)
- Doug Wellman was recognized for 20 years of membership in the SAR. (Not in attendance)
- James Burk was presented with a Flag Certificate for flying his flag on a regular basis 7 days a week by Gary Stebbins
- Anthony Halberstadt Chapter presented streamers from National for participation in Brochure Contest and streamer from the INSSAR for participation in a recent Ohio Gravetown Marking at Fought Cemetery June 2021

### **Chapter Reports:**

- The Treasurer's Report and Budget year to date was presented by Treasurer James Hamilton.
- The Secretary's Report was not presented. (Secretary Vasher not present)
- There was no Registrar's report.
- There was no Color Guard report.
- Historian's Report presented by Compatriot James Burke. Compatriot Burke is compiling physical records and beginning to digitize these items.
- Registrar's Report-Compatriot Jim Hamilton is the point of contact and providing research assistance now for all new applicants seeking SAR membership
- Committee Reports:
  - Membership: President Jones stated there would be a Chapter New Member Orientation after the business meeting concluded. President Jones also briefly discussed rules and protocol when to wear medals. As a general reference for formal wear, Compatriots wear the smaller ones and for business attire wear the larger medals.
  - Service: Compatriot Jeff Jones reported on behalf of Compatriot Kohart who was absent. Compatriot Jones informed the group Compatriot Kohart is an official SAR VA representative. Currently we are focused on donating magazines to VA. It was mentioned that the VA is looking for assistance for anyone who wants to be a reference and or help desk assistant at VA. This would include sitting at a desk providing reference for incoming walk thru traffic.
  - Youth: Compatriot James Hamilton discussed the Knight Essay Contest. He discussed the award amounts at the Chapter, State, and National level and how to enter.
  - History Teacher: Compatriot Jones on behalf of Compatriot Asa Dunnington discussed the registration for the History Teacher Award. Compatriot Jones informed the group a local press release for the award was put in the Journal Gazette recently.
  - Eagle Scout: Compatriot Burke is actively trying to get info to National for the Boy Scouts. He informed the group he potentially had an application for the Eagle Scout Award with a local Eagle Scout in his area.
  - ROTC: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group the recent JROTC State Awardee from Concordia H.S that represented Indiana at the National for

the Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest. It was mentioned Huntington H.S. now has a ROTC program.

- Flag-Compatriot Stebbins informed the group 3 more people are eligible for flags.
- Wreaths Across America-Compatriot Stebbins informed the members present of the upcoming December event at Lindenwood Ceremony.
- Americanism: President Jones has put an emphasis on the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter being best in nation for Veterans. Through Americanism scoring we have a measure of the breadth of all the activities we do and track. Compatriot and former Chapter President Dave Peters informed the group we are at 1350 points for the Americanism scoring and 850 for Presidential General Streamer. Both scores continue to help us build points for competing at a National level for scoring.
- DAR: Former DAR Treasurer-General Martha Barnhart discussed 10 spoons from the Revolutionary War Era that were donated to the SAR by the Ladies Auxiliary. 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.
- Public Safety/Heroism: Compatriot Stier is looking for nominations for individuals from EMT, Firefighters, Police, Medical who have gone beyond their duties to assist others and the community.

### **Old Business**

- Compatriot President Jones presented the group with no old business. (No old business on agenda)

### **New Business:**

- Compatriot Jones informed the group that mentors would be assigned to new Chapter members present.

**Program:** List of Hereditary and Lineage Organizations relevant to SAR members to join-Compatriot James Hamilton. Compatriot Hamilton presented an informative presentation of the many 175 organizations or so that one can join. Some of the many organizations discussed were the Society of Cincinnati, The Mayflower Society, The Jamestown Society, The General Society of War of 1812, Order of the Colonial Clergy, The Society of Indiana Pioneers, Many of the numerous First Families Societies for numerous states, Founders and Patriots of America, and Huguenot Society of America.

**250th initiative:** District 3 V.P. Thomas Whiteman discussed the recent Presidential-General letter with the emphasis on the 250th anniversary initiative and events. A flag has been made for the 250th event. There is a 3-level award system setting a standard to have the flag present when celebrating or presenting events for the 250th.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Chapter Meeting Dates:

- o Col. Augustin De La Balme Commemoration Saturday Nov. 6th
- o ExCom Meeting: November 13, 2021 (Zoom@ 10 a.m.)
- o Chapter Meeting: December 4, 2021 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
  
- Other upcoming events:
  - o Sept 23rd-Sept 25th: National Fall Leadership Louisville, Ky
  - o Oct 3rd, 2021: Point Pleasant Battle Commemoration
  - o Oct 29th thru Nov 1st: Central District Meeting (TBA)

President Jones led the group in reciting the SAR Recessional after which the meeting was adjourned.

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