



## Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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### **Meeting Minutes Winter Meeting, Dec 4th, 2021 Meeting 09:00a.m. EDT**

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 09:00a.m.
- The invocation was done by Compatriot Roger Barnhart.
- Vice-President Ray King led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Secretary Jason Vasher led the group in reciting the SAR Pledge.

***“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”***

#### **Welcome:**

- President Jones provided the Chapter with opening remarks and an overview of the Chapter Agenda including mentioning District VP Dr. Thomas Whiteman was in attendance.
- Compatriot Jones introduced Compatriot and Author Asa Dunnington who gave a brief description of his new book, “Selectively Lawless: The True Story of Emmett Long, An American Original”. The book was available for purchase at the meeting.
- Members and guests were introduced by Compatriot Jones. There were 15 members and 3 guests in attendance.
- A brief recess was provided for breakfast at 930 a.m.

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

- No new members were inducted for this meeting.

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

- Compatriot Jim Hamilton informed the group of a local recognition. The Northwest Territory Chapter of the OHSSAR (Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution) was working on a commemoration for General Anthony Wayne. A black obelisk with 4 sides and 8-10 feet high would be constructed at a site across in Defiance, Ohio. The event would be tapped for 2023/2024 and will include a military attachment and several color guards.
- Compatriot and State Senator Dennis Kruse informed the group he was presenting a bill to the Indiana State Legislature by January 2022 forming and

establishing a 250th Commission to promote and develop plans for the 250th anniversary of America's Independence. The Chairman of the Commission would be the State INSSAR President and the Vice Chair would be the State Regent of the Indiana DAR. The hope would be setting aside \$50,000 a year for funding then eventually reaching over \$200,000 per year for the Commission.

- Compatriot Dr. William Sharp III was presented a supplemental for Private John Carpenter. Private Carpenter was in Morgan's Rifles which was an elite light infantry unit commanded by General Daniel Morgan in the American Revolutionary War. It was noted and mentioned that Compatriot Sharp now has 20 supplementals.
- Compatriot Sharp was then presented the Central District Meritorious Service Medal with a Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding work as Central District V.P.
- A National Recognition for Partners in Patriotism was presented to Compatriot Gary Stebbins for the 2020 year. This award is presented by National, to Chapters that fulfill activities and functions to honor patriots, and patriotic events etc.
- Several chapter awards were presented with a few compatriots not in attendance. Compatriot Douglas Wellman was presented a 20 year member certificate and pin. Compatriot James Burk was presented a 45 year member certificate and pin. Mark Jahn (15 years), Dennis and Chase Mertz (5 years) were not in attendance.
- Compatriot Stebbins informed the group that 3 people would be receiving flag certificates. For the year it was mentioned 5 certificates have been awarded.
- Compatriot Hamilton informed the group that the Chapter had received a National Streamer for participation in a grave marking for Private William "Rowdy" Richardson in Paulding County, Ohio presented by the Ohio NW Territory Chapter.
- Compatriot Jones informed the group that District VP. Thomas Whiteman had brought pins for the 250th Commemoration for distribution at the meeting.

#### **Chapter Reports:**

- The Treasurer's Report and budget year to date was presented by Treasurer James Hamilton. It should be noted that the most recent up to date November treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. The October Report was attached to the agenda. Treasurer Hamilton also presented the Chapter Budget year to date.
- The Secretary's Report was presented by Compatriot Vasher.
- The Registrar's report was presented by Compatriot Sharpe. He noted no recent activity. Compatriot Hamilton who has been assisting the Registrar noted he is working with three prospective members. Two of the perspectives are working on their Mother's DAR application and when that is complete they will start the SAR application process.
- There was no Color Guard Report. However later in the meeting Compatriot Sharp discussed the color guard.
- Historian's Report presented by Compatriot James Burke. Compatriot Burke is compiling physical records and beginning to digitize these items.
- Committee reports:
  - Website: Compatriot King is asking for feedback to continue to develop the chapter website. One area he noted that is lacking is info for membership. He is looking to integrate and develop a link for new members by this Spring. He is also looking to have a live stream feed of

meetings through a portal on the website. It should be noted Compatriot Jones informed the members and guests that the Chapter placed 11th Nationally for our website this year.

- Medals & Awards: Compatriot King informed the group that the Chapter had a nice addition of flag certificates awarded this year. He also mentioned that we had presented many public service awards this year for firefighters, ems, and police. He recommended going to the State SAR site and looking at awards for opportunities to honor non-members.
- Membership: No new updates were provided.
- Service: Compatriot Jeff Jones reported on behalf of Compatriot Kohart who was absent. Compatriot Jones informed the group that we have had many service projects this year. Some of the recent activities include donations to the food pantry and giving magazines to the VA. Currently the Chapter is looking for volunteers to pass out coffee and donuts at the VA Hospital from 930am to 1130am on select dates Dec 14th and Dec 28th and beyond.
- Youth: Compatriot King informed the group Compatriot Dennis Wright is working with a local Indiana parochial school in Indianapolis for poster entries and brochure contests. Early indications suggest the Chapter will have a very viable contest this year. Compatriot Hamilton discussed that he wasn't getting much activity at the chapter level for the essay contest. Due to Covid and other issues it has been difficult to promote the contest.
- History Teacher: Compatriot Dunnington informed the group he had contacted 62 local schools and had made little progress with any communication. It should be noted a local press release for the award was put in the Journal Gazette recently.
- Eagle Scout: Compatriot Burke informed the Chapter a different approach was being used because the local Eagle Scout office doesn't allow access to records. Information was now being sent to scout masters in an attempt the award info would reach the local eagle 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 that 5 schools participated in the JROTC award. Compatriot Stebbins is working with Indiana ROTC Coordinator Gary Steinhart for this years awards. Again it should be mentioned the recent JROTC State Awardee from Concordia H.S represented Indiana at the National for the Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest.
- Wreaths Across America: Compatriot Stebbins informed the members present of the upcoming December 18th event at Lindenwood Ceremony. 1,659 wreaths are to be placed by other groups. The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter had reached 71% of its goal or 71 wreaths sponsored for the WAA event.
- Americanism: President Jones on behalf of Compatriot Dave Peters informed the group we are tracking well for the Americanism award. We are currently in the top 25% Nationally.
- Flag recognition: Compatriot Stebbins discussed this in an earlier report.
- Publications- No new reports provided.
- Public Safety/Heroism: No new nominations for this quarter.
- DAR: No new reports provided.

- CAR: No new reports provided.

### **Old Business**

- Compatriot President Jones informed the group that 2 membership orientation classes have been completed for new members. The focus is to have new members develop an understanding of the organization and become future leaders. It should be noted Compatriot Sharp initiated this new process within the Chapter.

### **New Business:**

- Compatriot King discussed and recommended Chapter by-law changes and amendments. These changes were distributed by email prior to the meeting as required by the Chapter Constitution. Essentially it was discussed that a INSSAR study group led by Compatriot Pat Cave required that certain minimums in the Constitution and By-laws be met. It was found the Chapter was lacking in synchronizing with the State and National SAR. It was then recommended that we needed to show our organization was defined and that we were a 501c 3 entity. It was also noted that we needed to define our membership year. The motion to make changes in Section I and Section 10 of the Anthony Halberstadt By-Laws were then unanimously approved by voice vote.
- The 2022 Planning Calendar was discussed by Compatriot Jones. It was noted that the Ladies State DAR date was not set yet.
- Compatriot Jones discussed if anyone had interest in being an officer or on a chapter committee to let him know as many positions were available. Compatriot Jones was looking for nominations for officers and committee changes by Dec 2022.
- Compatriot Jones informed the group that a budget would have to be presented for action for the fiscal year (always April 1st through March 31st) by the Treasurer at the March meeting of the Chapter. It was recommended that a motion be approved to spend at the same level until the new fiscal year budget is approved. The motion to spend at same levels was unanimously approved by Chapter members present. It should be noted Compatriot Sharp informed the group the incoming annual dues from members should be spent in the calendar year but donations could be accumulated for 501(c) 3 purposes.
- Compatriot Sharp discussed the Chapter Color Guard. He mentioned Compatriot and previous INSSAR President Dr. Neil Pitts had donated uniforms and one may still be readily accessible if anyone wants to participate in the Indiana Color Guard.

### **Program:**

Compatriot Jones presented an interesting program about Christmas trivia. The Christmas IQ test consisted of 28 questions with answers provided.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Chapter Meeting Dates:

- Executive Committee: Jan/Feb 2022 Zoom
- Chapter Meeting: March 19, 2022 in Decatur, Indiana
- Other upcoming events:
  - March 3-5th: National Spring Leadership Louisville, KY
  - April 9: State Annual Meeting Terre Haute, IN
- President Jones informed the group that the Indiana SAR Annual Meeting would be recommended as an approved budget with lots of changes to the By-laws and Constitution would take place.
- Compatriot Sharpe informed the group that participating in National Leadership meetings was a good way to learn how National worked and how it trickled down to the state level.
- Compatriot Jones informed the group the National Headquarters was in process of doing architecture renderings for the first floor museum and the Library was complete. Some of the renderings were on display at the meeting for members and guests to see. Compatriot Sharpe mentioned the Museum would have some artifacts on site but most of the items would be shown through the virtual museum for anyone across the Country.

**SAR Recessional:**

***“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free me.”***

- **Adjournment of members. No new member orientation.**