



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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Meeting Minutes Spring Meeting, March 19th, 2022 Meeting 10:30 a.m. EDT

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 09:00a.m.
- The invocation was done by Compatriot Dennis Kruse.
- 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.
- Compatriot Jones introduced members and guests. There were 11 Compatriots and 6 guests at the meeting
- Compatriot King, on behalf of Poster and Brochure Chairman Dennis Wright, presented Compatriots with the overview of the chapter brochure and poster entries. During lunch Chapter members voted for top entries for both awards.
- Compatriot James Hamilton informed the group that Heidi Wilhelm had been selected as the Knight Essay winner for the chapter. She would likely give her presentation at the Summer meeting. It should be noted that Heidi finished 2nd in the contest at the state level. Heidi’s topic was on the “Crossing of the Delaware.”

Awards and Recognition:

- Compatriot Jeff Jones presented the chapter service awards.
 - Compatriot Isaac Beam was in attendance to receive his 5 year service certificate.
 - Minuteman Roger Barnhart was in attendance to receive his 25 year service certificate and pin.
 - Compatriot Ron Kohart was in attendance to receive his 5 year service certificate.
 - Compatriot Kevin Ripley received, on behalf of Don Melching, a 20 year certificate and pin.

- James Omlor, in absentia, received his 30 year certificate and pin.
- Ray Droom, in absentia, received his 20 year certificate and pin.
- Barry Van Hoozen, in absentia, received his 5 year certificate.

Chapter Reports:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer James Hamilton. The report included December, January, and February monthly Treasurer's reports.
- The Secretary's Report was presented by Compatriot Vasher.
- The Registrar's report was presented by Compatriot Hamilton on behalf of Compatriot Sharpe. Hamilton is actively working with prospective members Kyle Patterson, Randy Waterfield, and Terry Smith.
- There was no Color Guard Report.
- The Historian's Report was not reported.
- 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 for means to have a point of contact on the site. Compatriot King is looking to have the issue resolved soon.
 - Medals & Awards: Compatriot King informed the group there is a long list of medals to be given this year. It is important to mention that many could be presented to non members and to the community. It also should be noted that our Chapter website is going to be presented soon in the National competition for best membership.
 - Membership: No new updates were provided. It should be noted by President Jones that we do have new member orientations after the Chapter business meetings when new members are inducted.
 - Service: Compatriot Kohart informed the group he is point man for our service projects for the VA. He is active with the VA Hospital and he is coordinating to continue the coffee and donut hand out continue at the VA hospital on Thursdays. The goal is to start in April once the Covid restrictions are removed for non-certified volunteers.
 - Youth: Compatriot King informed the group that the winner of the brochure contest was Alex M Hendry. The poster contest winner was Walker Keim. The chapter award winners will now be forwarded as entries at the state level.
 - History Teacher: Compatriot Dunnington was not in attendance and no report was given.
 - Eagle Scout: Compatriot Burke was not in attendance. Compatriot Jones informed the group that they would be working with the District V.P. of the Boy Scouts for assistance.
 - Stark Report: Compatriot Stebbins informed members present the Chapter had accumulated over 3770 points for 2021 Calendar year and had submitted the report to National. Compatriot Stebbins informed the group some of the highlights of the award and how points are tracked.
 - Participation with Veterans Administration
 - Patriot grave recognition and participation
 - Attending Veterans and Compatriot funerals
 - Participation in Nationally recognized holidays
 - ROTC: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group that the JROTC awards were in progress. Compatriot Stebbins informed the group Concordia

would likely have a student write an essay to the National Enhanced JROTC award.

- Flag Recognition: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group James Burke sponsored 3 for flag awards.
- Wreaths Across America: Compatriot Stebbins informed the Chapter the website for W.A.A was open and members could sponsor wreaths thru the year. The goal for the chapter is 100 wreaths sponsored. 73 were sponsored in 2021.
- Public Safety/Heroism: Compatriot Stier informed the group he had 2 police officers he was looking at presenting public safety/heroism awards for at the next meeting. It should be noted Compatriot Steir mentioned the focus for these awards was on police/fire/emt and nursing.
- Americanism: President Jones informed the group on behalf of Compatriot Dave Peters that the Americanism report for 2021 was submitted to National.
- Publications-No new reports provided.
- DAR: Martha Barnhart informed the group that a generous request was made to the Ft Wayne Veterans Shrine of \$150,000 for a chapel. The Sterling Chapel will be named in the DAR members honor. Due to rising costs it should be noted additional funding is being sought after for the Chapel
- CAR: No new reports provided.

Old Business

- Compatriot President Jones informed the group that he will be looking for Chapter members to lead various committees. An email should be going out soon.
- Compatriot Kruse who is a Indiana State Senator and Chapter member has been instrumental in authoring and passing Senate Bill 12 that formed a state commission commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Here are some highlights of the bill:
 - A member of the SAR/DAR would co-chair the commission.
 - There would be quarterly meetings at the Indiana War Memorial.
 - Meetings could be done electronically.
 - The majority of members present constitute a quorum.
 - The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs will provide staff.
 - The commission would charge/develop/coordinate a program commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Dec. of Independence.
 - The commission would plan events at the Indiana War Memorial and with the National Commission

New Business:

- Compatriot Hamilton went over previous contribution margins for the previous 3 years. It was noted we have significant carryover from previous budgets. \$995, \$545, and \$584 respectively for years '21, '20 and '19. A summary of the budget income line items and expense donations was provided. After review of the expense line items, it was discussed to increase expenses in some areas. It was noted membership retention and growth was lacking and a line item to seek

membership growth thru outside fairs and events would be needed. It was also noted the chapter had likely reached its budget spending this year for compatriot awards. As the chapter continued to actively seek a history award nominee and public service awardees it was recommended to increase the budget in those areas.

- Two motions out of committee required approval.
- The first motion of the committee was to seek approval as written and amended by addition of an admin line calling for membership expenses with a budget of \$500 amended by compatriot award expenses raised to \$500 from \$200 amended by a public service award expense raise from \$160 to \$200 and history teacher award raise from \$0 to \$100 in the budget. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote.
- The second motion from committee to restructure the checking account to maintain coverage 250 over the budget with the remainder to go to the savings. The motion unanimously passed by voice vote.
- Compatriot Jones discussed the Spring Leadership meeting.
 - Some of the highlights of the meeting included a need for a code of conduct to be initiated by all states. It was determined there was no system in place for discipline and ethics.
 - A new five year plan was initiated.
 - Changes to awards were presented and implemented.
 - A new staff member was hired-Public/Relations Communications Director with the upcoming 250th commemoration.
 - The old SAR database, especially the yellow one, would be integrated with other databases into the blue database.
- Compatriot Jones discussed the SAR 2026 5 year operation plan for the 250th anniversary. There were 7 goals for the 250th anniversary discussed. Here are some of the key highlights.
 - Conduct Grand opening by July 2026 for the SAR Museum.
 - Create a public affairs group.
 - Integrating patriot research systems for all members since 1970.
 - Increase state society color guard membership by 10% annually.
 - Partner with other heritage/preservation groups to post 250th anniversary marks in your town through 2033.
 - Partner with the DAR, C.A.R and other groups to plan and execute a joint 250th anniversary celebration on July 4th 2026.
 - Develop an information campaign to inform local schools and related organizations about the SARS education website and genealogy research library.
 - Appoint state society education directors who will champion SARs education and youth award programs.
 - Aggressively grow and develop our membership and profession staff by 4th of July 2026.
 - Streamline membership and dues collection processes by the end of 2023.
 - Secure funding resources for the SAR Museum by the end of 2023.

Upcoming events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
 - Executive Committee: May 19th, 2022 (Zoom)
 - Chapter Meeting: June 18th, 2022 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Other upcoming events:
 - April 10 and May 8th: Mary Penrose DAR meetings
 - April 9th: State Annual Meeting Terre Haute, IN
 - March 13-15th: DAR State Congress
 - May 28th (National) George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Vincennes, IN

SAR Recessional: Secretary Compatriot Vasher

“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 1:30 p.m.