



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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Meeting Minutes

Summer Meeting, June 18th, 2022

Meeting and Lunch at The Golden Corral

Fort Wayne, Indiana 9:30 a.m. EDT

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 09:30a.m.
- 14 members were in attendance with 10 guests.
- President Jeff Jones led the group in dedicating the new national flag of the U.S.A for the Anthony Halbertstadt Chapter. The members recited and sang The Star-Spangled Banner by lyricist Francis Scott Key.
- 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 handed out a *Local American History Quiz 1774-1805*. The Chapter members then broke for breakfast. After breakfast President Jones informed the group of the Quest Tournament being shown on WPTA 21 among local High School students covering American History from 1774 to 1805. The General “Mad” Anthony Wayne Organization, Inc is sponsoring the event.

Awards and Recognition:

- Compatriot Jeff Jones started the presentation of Awards for the Chapter. The Service Awards were presented first followed by other Chapter awards.
 - Compatriot Jones presented Compatriot Teegardin with a 10 year certificate.
 - Compatriot Jones presented Compatriot Bennett Noel with a 25 year certificate (w/pin)
 - Compatriot Jones presented Compatriot Seth Bradtmueller with a 5 year certificate.
 - Other service award members not in attendance include Steven Rinehart-35 years (w/pin), Michael Girardot-25 years (w/pin), Michael Noel 25

- years (w/pin), Frank Sanders 15 years, Christopher Sanders 15 years, Donald W. and Donald L. Bowman 5 years each, Archie Lintz 5 years.
- Compatriot Ray King presented Walter Keim with the Poster Contest Certificate and Walter provided a description of his project.
 - Compatriot Jim Hamilton informed the group that Heidi Wilhelm had won the Knight Essay Contest. Heidi wasn't in attendance for the award. It should be noted Heidi won the award last year.
 - Compatriot Greg Stier presented Fernando Zapari the EMS medal. He is part of the One World Medics that refurbishes ambulances and medical equipment and gives it back to people and groups that provide EMT services .
 - Compatriot Ron Kohart was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by President Jones for outstanding community achievement. Ron leads the Chapter service efforts and currently is coordinating the Chapter volunteer efforts at the Ft Wayne VA hospital to hand out coffee and donuts.
 - Compatriot Gary Stebbins was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his many Chapter roles including the Wreaths Across America, ROTC, and Flag Certificate program.

Chapter Reports:

- The Secretary's Minutes, Treasurer's Report (w/budget), and ROTC/Flag Recognition Report were attached in the Agenda and previously emailed in advance to the meeting. No changes, edits, and offline corrections were made during or after the meeting and presented to Secretary Vasher. No further Chapter reports or Committee reports were presented or discussed.

Old Business

- Compatriot and District 3 VP Tom Whiteman Co-Chair for the Indiana 250th commission discussed the ongoing progress of the U. S Semiquincentennial activities related to Indiana. He informed the group that the Indiana Dept of Veteran Affairs is key to how the commission will function and coordinate events. The meetings will be set up at the Indiana War Memorial with the DAR involved and many other groups. The goal is to have key events planned for 2026 throughout the year on major National holidays like Memorial Day, President's Day, 4th of July etc.
- Compatriot Ron Kohart discussed the need for Chapter volunteers to serve Thursdays 9-11am at the Ft. Wayne VA Hospital for the ongoing service project.

New Business:

- President Jones informed Chapter members that at the recent Annual INSSAR House of Delegate meeting in April a new membership fee reduction award for recruitment has been initiated. Any Compatriot who recruits 3 new members would have their annual state dues waived. Compatriot Jones will bring forward a proposal at the next Anthony Halberstadt meeting to do this at the Chapter level.

Program:

- President Jones presented David Lupien member of The Northwest Territory Chapter of the OHSSAR (Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution).

David is Project Coordinator for the Anthony Wayne Project. A commemoration for General Anthony Wayne is in the works with a dedication for June 2024 projected. A black obelisk made out of granite 7 feet high is currently being rendered with base designs. The Old Fort Defiance Park will be the location of the monument (original location of Ft Defiance at the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize River 1794) General Wayne had the fort built as a staging ground for his future operations against the Ohio American Indians.

Upcoming events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
 - Executive Committee: August 23rd at 6:30 PM.
 - Chapter Meeting: Sept 17th, 2022 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Other upcoming events:
 - INSSAR Summer HoD: July 30th, 2022 hosted by William Henry Harrison Chapter
 - National Summer Congress: July 9th-15th, 2022 Savannah, GA
 - National Fall Leadership Meeting: Sept 29-Oct 1, 2022 Louisville KY
 - Old Fort Laurens Commemoration: July 23rd, 2022 Bolivar OH
 - Kentucky Blue Licks Commemoration: August 20th, 2022 in Carlisle, KY
 - West Virginia Point Pleasant Commemoration: Oct 8th, 2022 in West Virginia

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.**