



## Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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<http://halberstadt.indianasar.org/>

### Meeting Minutes

Fall Meeting, Sept 17th, 2022

Meeting and Lunch at Zianos Italian Eatery

Fort Wayne, Indiana 11:00 a.m. EDT

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 11:00a.m.
- 11 members were in attendance with 4 guests.
- Invocation: A volunteer for prayer was led by a Chapter member Anthony Halbertstadt Chapter.
- Vice President Ray King led the group into the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- 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 led the opening ceremony and asked for guests to be seated. A brief introduction was done by members and their guests. It should be noted District VP Tom Whiteman was in attendance.
- President Jones informed the group of the passing of Compatriot James Swift.
- President Jones informed the group he recently did a program at the Continental Chapter that involved a genealogy toolkit. He mentioned the ACPL Genealogy Dept. was doing Zoom meetings about various genealogy topics that anyone could register for.
- President Jones handed out brochures for various SAR programs including the Orations, Essay, American History teacher, and Boy Scout etc. He asked that they be handed out to parents.
- President Jones discussed funding, dues, and the future of the SAR. He noted the entire NATIONAL SAR organization had grown 10% last year. At the state level we had netted 5 new members. He also noted 60% of the INSSAR budget was for the youth awards.
- President Jones then discussed an endowment that was created at the INSSAR. The focus of the endowment would be to fully fund it so the state wouldn't have

to rely on dues. The target for example for the youth programs would be a target of \$326,000.

### **Adjournment for lunch 11:30 a.m**

### **Start of Chapter Meeting 12:00 p.m**

#### **Chapter Reports:**

- Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Jason Vasher presented on behalf of James Hamilton (absent)
- Secretary's Report: Secretary Compatriot Jason Vasher
- Registrar's Report: no report given
- Color Guard Report: no report given
- Historian Report: Compatriot James Burk

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Website: Compatriot A. Ray King asked the group for input on having a Facebook presence for the Chapter.
- Medals & Awards: Compatriot King notified the group that we had some success with posters and brochures making it to the State competition with one placing 2nd at State (brochure).
- Programs: no report given
- Membership: no report given
- Service: On behalf of Compatriot Ron Kohart- Jeff Jones discussed volunteering at the Ft Wayne VA Hospital from 9:30am to 11:30am passing out donuts to Veterans which has been an ongoing project for the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter.
- Stark Report: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group he was actively looking for Chapter members for inputs on any VA activities and volunteering they had done which gets entered into the Stark Report.
- Flag Recognition-Compatriot Stebbins
- Wreaths Across America W.A.A: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group that we sponsored 15 wreaths ytd and the goal was 50.
- Public Safety: Compatriot Greg Stier
- Press Awareness: No report given.
- Publications: No report given.
- Americanism: No report given.
- DAR: No report given
- CAR: No report given.
- Youth Programs:
  - Jim Hamilton: Essay-no report given.
  - Denny Wright: Brochure and Poster no report given
  - Ray King: ongoing 2022 award update and 2023
  - History Teacher: Compatriot Asa Dunnington no report given.
  - Eagle Scout: Compatriot James Burk
  - ROTC: Compatriot Gary Stebbins noted that this was the 2nd year Concordia had won at the state level \$1,000 and was referred on to National for the Enhanced ROTC award.

## **Old Business**

- It should be noted President Jones then discussed seeking officers and committee positions for the Dec 2022 thru Dec 2024 two year chapter term. VP King was seeking volunteers for each position with a general election at the upcoming December meeting.
- Compatriot and District 3 VP Tom Whiteman Co-Chair for the Indiana 250th commission discussed the ongoing updates of the U.S. Semiquincentennial activities related to Indiana. The first meeting was held at the Indiana War Memorial Museum. The goal is to have events in place July 4th, 2026 near the War Memorial and a torch relay through all the Indiana counties.

## **Awards and Recognition:**

- Compatriot Jeff Jones started the presentation of Awards for the Chapter. Multiple State awards were presented to members for outstanding 3 year continuous service to the Chapter.
  - Compatriot David Peters-Bronze Star (not in attendance)
  - Compatriot John Alexander-Bronze Star (not in attendance)
  - Compatriot Dennis Wright-Bronze Star (not in attendance)
  - Compatriot Jason Vasher-Bronze Star
  - Compatriot Ray King-Bronze Medal
  - Compatriot Gary Stebbins-Bronze Medal
- Good Citizenship Medal
  - Compatriot and State Senator Dennis Kruse was presented the Good Citizenship Medal by President Jones for outstanding service rendered to the Indiana Senate and to the SAR for being instrumental in setting up the Indiana 250th commission.

## **New Business:**

- President Jones informed the group that they were actively seeking to fund a project to build a Revolutionary War monument at the Veterans Memorial Shrine.
- Specifications:
  - Preferred size 38" x 38" 96" estimate \$50,000 plus \$5,000 installment
  - Alternate size 32" x 32" 84" estimate \$40,000 plus installation
  - It should be noted we had gotten a few preliminary quotes and were looking for one final quote through Ley Monument in Avilla, Indiana.
- How would we fund the monument?
  - The George Washington Endowment will make a grant and provide funding up to \$5,000 possibly as much as \$7,500. We could seek individual donations from members and outside individuals. It was mentioned to do a Brick program. 75% of the total funding we need to be put down with a lead time of 10 months to start the monument project. It was noted that Compatriot Kruse stated the Indiana Limestone Company in Bloomington could provide a donation but we would need someone to engrave the monument. Limestone was recommended as an excellent alternative to granite and is very durable.

**Program:**

No program was presented as the VA speaker was absent.

**Upcoming events:**

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
  - Executive Committee: To be announced in November on Zoom.
  - Chapter Meeting: Dec 3rd, 2022 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Other upcoming events:
  - Sept 19th-Indiana 250th Commission meeting-Indiana War Memorial
  - Sept 29rd-Oct 1st: National Fall Leadership Meeting Louisville, KY
  - Oct 8th, 2022: Point Pleasant Battle Commemoration in WV
  - Oct 8th, 2022: Central District Meeting in Point Pleasant, WV
  - Oct 15th, 2022: State House of Delegate Meeting in Greensburg, Indiana
  - November 5, 2022: Augustin de la Balme Commemoration, Whitley County, 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.**