



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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Meeting Minutes Winter Meeting, Dec 17th, 2022 Allen County Public Library 09:30 a.m. EDT

Posting of colors (Pre-Meeting) done by Sergeant at Arms Gary Stebbins

- The meeting was called to order by President Compatriot Jeff Jones at 09:30 am.
- Compatriot Jones informed the group the posting of colors had been done prior to the meeting by Sergeant of Arms Gary Stebbins as this was a new ritual for the Chapter going forward.
- Invocation: Compatriot James Hamilton led those in attendance in prayer.
- Compatriot Stebbins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Compatriot Stebbins then led the group in reciting "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Lyricist Francis Scott Key.
- Compatriot 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. Compatriot Jones declared the meeting a Founders' Day Meeting which would be done annually going forward at the Summer Meeting for the Chapter.
- Compatriot and District 3 VP Dr. Tom White briefly gave an announcement of the anniversary of the death of President George Washington which was December 14th, 1799. He also informed the group the Boston Tea Party commenced on Dec 16th, 1773, and 340 chests of tea supplies were dumped into the Boston Harbor equivalent to 1.7 million in today's dollars.
- An introduction of guests was started by President Jeff Jones. In total, 28 compatriots and guests were at the meeting. This included 13 members and 15 guests.

Awards and Recognition:

- President Jones led the presentation of awards to the meeting participants.

- Compatriot Jerry Hartman was recognized with a 20-year anniversary certificate and pin. Jerry was not in attendance.
- Compatriot William Edward Melching was recognized with a 45-year anniversary certificate and pin. William was not in attendance.
- Donna Jones, wife of President Jeff Jones was recognized with the Lydia Darrah Medal for significant service to the Chapter President.
- Andrea Neal was recognized with the Martha Washington Medal. She is a Parochial School teacher in Indianapolis and most of the Chapter's brochures over the last several years have come from her classes.
- Senior President of the William Berry Chapter of the C.A.R. Benita "Bunny" Steyer was presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her efforts with C.A.R.
- Compatriot Ron Kohart was presented the Service to Veterans Medal for his exemplary service to Veterans and his Chapter efforts with the VA hospital.
- Compatriot Greg Stier was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his outstanding efforts to bring in law enforcement, EMS and public servants for the various chapter public service awards.
- Compatriot Gary Stebbins was presented the Meritorious Service Medal for long meritorious service to the chapter for his efforts with recognizing Chapter Veterans and his efforts with flag recognition and Wreaths Across America (W.A.A).
- Compatriot James Hamilton was presented the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service for his various roles and positions within the chapter. Jim is currently the Chapter Treasurer and Registrar/Genealogist.
- Compatriot Kent Halberstadt was recognized with the War Service Medal with the Afghanistan Bar. This is #04 on National SAR Medals in significance. Compatriot Halberstadt wasn't present for the meeting.

Chapter Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Compatriot James Hamilton presented the Treasurer's report. This consisted of the monthly reports for September, October, and November. Compatriot Hamilton then presented the YTD budget to the group.
- Registrar's Report: Compatriot Hamilton informed the group that he had submitted an application for Terry Smith of Wabash and was seeking approval. Compatriot Hamilton was hoping to have prospective member Smith at the March Chapter Meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Secretary Compatriot Jason Vasher presented the September Meeting Minutes to the group.
- Color Guard Report: No report was given.
- Historian Report: No report was given.

Committee Reports:

- Service: Compatriot Ron Kohart asked for volunteers to serve coffee and donuts at the VA Hospital every Thursday morning for the upcoming year. This is the ongoing Chapter service project continuing from 2022.
- 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. It should be noted he was finalizing the report which is due at the end of January.

- Flag Recognition-Compatriot Stebbins had no flag recognition for the quarter.
- ROTC/JROTC-Compatriot Stebbins is hoping to have an applicant win the \$1,000 award at the state level. The last 2 years the Concordia High School Chapter winner has won the ROTC award at the state level.
- Medals & Awards: Compatriot King provided a synopsis of the Chapter award winners for 2022. The chapter had 3 youth award winners including the essay, brochure, and poster. The essay winner received \$200 and the other two youth winners received \$75 each. The chapter presented several community awards including 1 EMS medal and 2 bronze good citizenship medals to Chapter members Compatriot Dennis Kruse and Compatriot Ron Kohart. The Chapter had 10 state service medal recipients, 3 ladies medals and 2 war service recognition medals.
- Website: Compatriot King stated the Chapter was working with INSSAR webmaster Steve Oberlin to set up a portal or donation on the website for members to pay dues going forward. It should also be noted that Chapter President Jones has recently set up a Facebook page for the chapter.
- Youth Programs:
 - Essay: Compatriot Hamilton informed the group that a lot of outreach has been done at the local schools and there have been 20 essays submitted at the state level. At this time, we are still actively looking for entries at the Chapter level.
 - History Teacher: No report provided. It was mentioned by President Jones we possibly link up with Senior C.A.R. President Bunny Steyer on this program and other youth awards.
 - Eagle Scout: Compatriot James Burk informed the group that he had an applicant for the Eagle Scout Award for 2023. The nominee is from Monroeville, Indiana.
 - It should be noted that President Jones is looking at forming a chapter color guard as a way to introduce youth to the SAR programs. An established chapter color guard could go into the schools on Constitution Day as a way to get students signed up for the various youth programs.
- Public Safety: Compatriot Greg Stier is actively seeking nominees for the various awards. The biggest issue is getting law enforcement agencies to allow nominees to receive awards.
- Programs: No report given.
- Membership: No report given.
- Press Awareness: No report given.
- Publications: No report given.
- Americanism: No report given.
- DAR: No report given
- CAR: No report given.

Old Business

- Veterans Shrine: President Jones again let the chapter know of the Veterans Shrine and Museum on O'Day Road. The Shrine had a miniature Vietnam War wall and museum on site and the DAR provided a large gift to build a chapel. The chapter had looked at sponsoring a black granite obelisk 9 feet monument which we had original renderings for. However due to costs the chapter looked at alternative options and Compatriot and State Senator Dennis Kruse had a

colleague in the Indiana Senate who owns a limestone company who will arrange getting the monument which could be granite or limestone. The chapter will cover installation and transfer fees.

New Business:

- DAR Referral Program: It was reiterated again by Compatriot Jones that if a DAR member brings in 3 referrals for SAR membership, they will get the SAR Medal of Appreciation. It should be noted that the National SAR will give money for a certain number of referrals.
- American 250th Chapter Medals: District VP Dr. Tom Whiteman informed the group 250th medals have been designed to recognize grave and veteran events recognizing the 250th.
- Chapter Officer 2023-2025 Officer Nominations (see attached list): Compatriot Jones asked the group to review the list of nominations for final voting. (Done at the end of the meeting)
- Chapter Committee 2023-2025 appointment (see attached list): Compatriot Jones asked the group to look at the Committee Appointments for 2023-2025.
- Patriot Markers: It was noted we are needing to find all patriots with SAR markers. It was mentioned by Compatriot King that the Connecticut SAR is no longer using the Patriot Bronze Grave Marker. It should be noted that many societies have quit using this type of bronze marker. It is found these types of markers are stolen from cemeteries and difficult moving around the stake. Compatriot Whiteman states in the Indiana SAR that engraved limestone markers installed in the ground have been purchased at \$80. The Patriot Granite Markers installed into the ground available thru third parties also is around \$125 and has become the more common markers used by the SAR today and allows for easier maintenance and isn't stolen.

Program: Halberstadt Founders' Day with history of the American Halberstadt Chapter-Jeff Jones

- Compatriot Jones provided the group a pamphlet of the history of the Chapter.
- Key Highlights:
 - Who was Anthony Halberstadt? He was a Hessian soldier and, in a book, published in 1887, he was captured at the Battle of Trenton. He then became a driver for one of the Generals in the Continental Army.
 - The family tree of Anthony Halberstadt consists of several Halberstadt descendants in attendance at the meeting including former Chapter Vice President Don Melching. Chapter member Kent Halberstadt is also a descendant of Patriot Anthony Halberstadt the Chapters namesake.
 - Chapter Founder James Halberstadt was a very active member and in many other organizations. Jim overcame any health issues throughout his life.
 - The first meeting was called to order July 19th, 1969.
 - The Chapter Constitution and Bylaws were adopted June 14th, 1970.

Upcoming events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates: 2023-Mar 18, June 17, Sept 16, Dec 02

- Indiana State SAR HoD Dates: 2023-Apr 22, Jul 29, Oct 14
- Indiana State DAR Annual: 2023-May 20
- National SAR: 2023-Mar 2-4 (Spring), Jul 15-20 (National Congress), Sep 21-23 (Fall Leadership)
- Indiana 250th Commission: 2023-Feb 27, May 22, Aug 28, Nov 27
- National SAR Commemorations: 2023-May 27 (GRC), Jul 22(Ft Laurens), Aug 19 (Blue Licks), Oct 7 (Pt Pleasant)
- President's Day - Feb 20th, 2023
- Patriot Day - Apr 17th, 2023
- Memorial Day - May 29th, 2023
- Independence Day - July 4, 2023
- Veterans Day - Nov 11, 2023
- Wreaths Across America - Dec 16th, 2023

Anthony Halberstadt Officer Nominations:

- A vote for officers was requested at the end of the Chapter meeting in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws and Constitution. No nominations were provided from the floor and then by unanimous voice vote the slate of officers was approved for the 2023-2025 term.

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.**

Anthony Halberstadt Officer Nominations

2023 – 2025 (2 Year Terms)

Officers

- 1) President: Jeff Jones
- 2) Vice President: Ray King
- 3) Treasurer: Jim Hamilton
- 4) Secretary: Ron Kohart
- 5) Assistant Secretary: Ray King

- 6) Registrar: Jim Hamilton
- 7) Sergeant-At-Arms: Gary Stebbins
- 8) Historian: Jim Burk
- 9) Chaplain: Dennis Kruse
- 10) Webmaster: Ray King

Committee Presidential Appointments

- 1) America 250th: Ron Kohart
- 2) Americanism: Dave Peters
- 3) Veterans & Patriotism: Gary Stebbins
- 4) Patriot Graves: Greg Stier
- 5) ROTC/JROTC: Gary Stebbins
- 6) Medals & Awards: Ray King
- 7) Eagle Scout: Jim Burk
- 8) Youth Brochures: Denny Wright
- 9) Youth Posters: Denny Wright
- 10) Youth Essays: Jim Hamilton
- 11) Youth Orations: Jim Hamilton
- 12) History Teacher: Asa Dunnington
- 13) Public Service & Heroism: Greg Stier
- 14) Service: Ron Kohart
- 15) DAR Liaison: Jill Wright
- 16) CAR Liaison: Benita Stayer