



Sons of the American Revolution  
Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

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**Meeting Minutes**

Winter Meeting 2 December 2023  
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN 10:00 EST

**10:00 Call to Order (President Jeff Jones)**

- Invocation - Dennis Kruse, Chaplain
- Posting of the Colors - Color Guard Cdr. Gary Stebbins
- The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem - Jeff Jones, President
- SAR Pledge - Terry Smith, Registrar

**“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.”**

- Opening Remarks/Welcome - President Jeff Jones
- Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

- Introduction of Members, Guests, and Prospective Members
- New member induction
  - Brian Chelius
  - Glen Knepp
  - Carl Minick
  - Zach Washler

New members David Wright and Joshua Kohmann, were inducted by Dennis Wright outside of this meeting.

- Special Recognition: American Legion Post 47 Honor Guard

## **Awards and Recognition:**

### Service Anniversary

- William Sharp III – 20 year & pin
- Dennis Wright – 10 year & pin
- Jason Vasher – 10 year & pin

### America 250<sup>th</sup> Silver Medal Certificates

- Mark Daniels
- Ray King

## **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- Ron Kohart: Secretary Online Minutes, 250<sup>th</sup> Medal Status, Service Report
- Terry Smith: Dues Status
- Jim Hamilton: Treasurer's Report, Youth Contests, Library, Genealogist
- Asa Dunnington: History Teacher Competition
- Dr. Tom Whiteman: Indiana State 250<sup>th</sup> Commission
- Jim Burk: Historian Report, Eagle Scout Competition
- Gary Stebbins: Color Guard, Veterans, Wreaths, ROTC, Flag Recognition
- Greg Stier: Patriot Graves, Public Service & Heroism
- Americanism: Dave Peters – No report
- Ray King: Webmaster and Awards – No Report
- Benita Steyer: DAR and CAR Liaison

## **Old Business:**

- Member Status (Jeff Jones and Terry Smith)
- Americanism Competition (Jeff Jones)

## **New Business:**

- Mary Penrose DAR: Prairie Grove and Aboite Cemetery Project (Benita Steyer) and Oak Grove Cemetery reported by Kim Mills, Aboite Trustee
- Patriot Biographies - Podcast
- 2024 Budget First Reading (Jim Hamilton)

## **Program:**

The Declaration of Dependence Video (By Revolutionary War Rarities)

## **Upcoming Events**

- Chapter Meeting Dates: Mar 16, Jun 15, Sep 21, Dec 07
- Wreaths Across America - Dec 16th, 2023
- Indiana State SAR HoD Dates: Apr 27, Jul 27, Oct 12
- Indiana 1812 Society: 11-13 Oct (Missinewa)

## **SAR Recessional (Secretary Ron Kohart)**

**“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 men.”**

*Retrieval of the Colors (Post-Meeting): Gary Stebbins (Sergeant-At-Arms)*