

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

Senator Dennis Kruse Receives Bronze Good Citizenship Medal



Left: Compatriot State Senator Dennis Kruse Receives Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Chapter President Jeffrey Jones

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented by Anthony Halberstadt Chapter President, Jeffrey Jones, to Senator Dennis Kruse during the September chapter meeting.

State Sen. Dennis Kruse has represented the Hoosiers of northeast Indiana at the Statehouse for more than 30 years. Kruse serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Education and Career Development; Local Government; Pensions and Labor; and Rules and Legislative Procedure. He has been named Legislator of the Year by various organizations, including the Indiana School Counselors Association in 2013 and 2019, National Federation of Independent Business in 2010, Indiana Aviation Association in 2006 and Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1996 and 2015.

He was recently inducted into the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter SAR in Fort Wayne.

Fernando Zapari Awarded EMS Commendation Award

One World Medics was established in 2019 by Fort Wayne firemen Bryan Peterson and Jerry Shultz to help our friends in the South West US and Mexico revitalize their ambulances and equipment through donations received by the organization they started. They quickly realized

while they could handle repairs and drive ambulances, they needed someone who had the leadership and organizational skills to get the new medical equipment in place. Fernando Zapari stepped up to the challenge and now sits as Chairman of the Board of the 501c(3) non-profit organization located in Fort Wayne. Through his tireless efforts, One World Medics delivered the 21st revitalized ambulance in April 2022 with 2 more in line to be delivered soon. The motto of One World Medics defines the organization “*Per Servitium Aliorum*“, Service Above Self. This organization has undoubtedly helped save numerous lives through the donated and revitalized equipment. Anthony Halberstadt Chapter SAR offers congratulations for a job well done! It should be noted that both Peterson and Shultz were presented Fire Safety Commendation Awards at an earlier chapter meeting.



Left: Fernando Zapari along with his wife Trina is presented EMS Commendation Award by Compatriot Gregory Stier

Indiana Service Awards

Chapter President Jeffrey Jones presented several Chapter compatriots with Bronze Indiana Service Medals at the September 17, 2022 Chapter Meeting. The Indiana Society SAR Service Medal is awarded to members in good standing upon completion of 3 years creditable service to the INSSAR or Chapter. Additional awards of the medal are represented by gold stars on the medal drape.

The Bronze Indiana Service Award was presented to Compatriots Jason Vasher (Gold Star), Gary Stebbins (Bronze Medal), John Alexander (Gold Star), David Peters (Gold Star), Dennis Wright (Gold Star) and Ray King (Bronze Medal) for their service to the Chapter. Congratulations to all.

VA Hospital Service Project

The Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne (Lake Avenue) requested members of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter SAR to distribute coffee to veterans on Thursdays each week from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the VA lobby. This activity had been suspended due to COVID-19, but was re-authorized to begin again starting on April 21. Each week since the program restarted, volunteers from Anthony Halberstadt Chapter have been in place at the hospital lobby to greet veteran patients and to distribute coffee and occasionally light snacks.

The opportunity aligns with one of the top goals of the SAR: “This organization shall strive to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.” This project is being coordinated by Compatriot Ron Kohaart.



Left: Anthony Halberstadt Chapter President Jeffrey Jones serves coffee at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.