

Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

SAR Donations to the Shepherd's House



The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter presented \$1,800 in material and financial support on 17 June 2023 to the local Fort Wayne Veterans assistance organization, the “Shepherd’s House.” Several Chapter compatriots were on hand for the presentation along with the newly organized Chapter Color Guard. The organization was also presented with a Bronze Good Citizenship medal and a Flag Certificate in recognition of their good work serving the veterans community and display of patriotism.

The Chapter noted that Revolutionary War soldiers were America’s First Veterans and considers service to Americas’ Veterans as one of their core priorities. The mission of the Shepherd's House is to rebuild the lives of those who society views as hopeless into sober and productive assets to the community.

The Shepherd’s house plans to use the donations in support of their current programs.

Chapter Color Guard

The recently organized Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Color Guard has been very active since its inception earlier this year. The first organized activity was posting the colors at the chapter's meeting on 17 June followed by participation in the above-mentioned ceremony at the Shepherd's House event later the same day.



On 16 July the members of the Color Guard participated in the annual General Mad Anthony event at Freimann Square in downtown Fort Wayne. Those present in period uniform attire were Gary Stebbins Chapter Color Guard Commander, Dr Thomas Whiteman and Indiana 2nd District Color Guard Commander Rick Smurden. Chapter Chaplain State Senator Dennis Kruse was also in attendance.

The Color Guard was also honored to present the American Colors and the American "Betsy Ross" flag at Grace Point Ministries in Fort Wayne 2 July 2023 during their Sunday Service. The colors were presented in full uniform with sabers and a musket with a fixed bayonet while the National Anthem and several Patriotic Songs were played. The Pastor discussed the importance of the Church and its relationship to our County, and spoke highly of Churches that conduct Patriot Christian Services. He is hoping a 3rd Great Revival is near in our Country, and that we find our way back to God and to our Country's Values.



The Color Guard also participated in a more somber event at the funeral of Chapter Past President Compatriot David Peters on 27 July. The Chapter was requested to perform an SAR Funeral Rite Service which included posting of the colors and a flag folding ceremony. The folded flag was then presented to Compatriot Peters mother with several family members

looking on. On 30 July Chapter President Jeff Jones, Compatriot James Hamilton and Color Guard Commander Gary Stebbins performed color guard duties for a funeral ceremony in Bryan, Ohio for Compatriot Dr. James Niday who was also a U.S. Navy Veteran (1951-54) and Rhodes Scholar.

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne Food Pantry Project



On 9 August 2023, compatriots of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter participated in a project in support of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne food pantry distribution warehouse. The warehouse receives large quantities of bulk donated food from the community and then does a basic inspection for damaged or unusable items and then repackages food for distribution to 23 local food pantries in Fort Wayne and Allen County. Compatriots Jeff Jones, Ron Kohart, Terry Smith, and Ray King (with wife Darlene) spent three hours sorting and repackaging three large skids of food for redistribution. The group was struck by the scope and scale of the operation as well as the tremendous need that exists in the community.



Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County was created in 1944 by representatives from 23 local churches. Today, Associated Churches is a unique faith-based organization that brings together volunteers, churches, and businesses to pray, serve, and work together to improve the community and respond to those in need. Associated Churches of Fort Wayne does not discriminate against any group or restrict anyone from receiving services from the organization. It serves people from all social, religious, gender, and racial backgrounds.

VA Hospital Service Project

Members of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter SAR have continued to distribute coffee to veterans at the Fort Wayne VA Hospital from 9:00 am – 11:00 am every Thursday each week since the program restarted on April 21, 2022 after suspension due to COVID-19. Chapter volunteers have been in place at the hospital lobby every week to greet veteran patients and to distribute coffee and occasionally light snacks. This activity is very well received by the veterans and provides an opportunity to display the SAR logo and signage during the event.