



Sons of the American Revolution
Anthony Halberstadt Chapter

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Minutes for the
Spring Meeting 30 March 2024
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN 10:00 EST

10:00 Call to Order (President Jeff Jones)

- Invocation – Ron Kohart
- 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
- Tom Harris – spoke about the Allen County 200th anniversary
- Benita Steyer of the DAR requested help with the Oak Grove Cemetery Restoration Project

Youth Awards

- Essay – Faith Steward
- Poster – Layla Burton
- Boy Scout – Brandy Richman

Law Enforcement Medal

- Detective Michelle Iden – Greg Steir

New member induction

- Ronald Dean Beesley (to be conducted at an assisted living facility)
- Timothy Jackson Little
- Robert Alan Scott
- William Barr Johnson

Awards and Recognition:

Special Recognition

Douglas Dee Halberstadt (Not in attendance)

Service Anniversary

- Don Melching – 55-year certificate & pin
- John Alexander – 25-year certificate & pin
- Larry Baker – 10-year certificate & pin
- Mike Doxsee – 5-year certificate & pin

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

- Jeff Jones – Gold
- Ron Kohart – Gold
- Mark Daniels – Silver

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Ron Kohart: Secretary Online Minutes, 250th Medal Status, Service Report
- Jim Hamilton: Treasurer's Report, Youth Contests, Library, Genealogist
- Dr. Tom Whiteman: Indiana State 250th Commission
- Jim Burk: Historian Report, Eagle Scout Competition
- Gary Stebbins: Color Guard, Veterans, Wreaths, ROTC, Flag Recognition
- Greg Stier: Patriot Graves, Public Service & Heroism
- Ray King: Poster and Brochure Contest
- Benita Steyer: DAR and CAR Liaison

Old Business:

- Oak Grove Cemetery Restoration Update – Greg Steir
- Stark Award submission – Gary Stebbins
- Americanism Award submission – Jeff Jones
- Patriot Biographies – Jeff Jones

New Business:

- Trustee report on Spring leadership – Jeff Jones
- 2023 in review – Jeff Jones
- 2024 Budget Approval - Jim Hamilton

Program: Counterfeit Coinage in Colonial America by Michael Doxsee

New Member Class – Jeff Jones (To be held via Zoom)

Upcoming Events

- Veterans Memorial Shrine – May 2, 2024 – 10:00AM
- Chapter Meeting Dates: Jun 22, Sep 21, Dec 07
- Indiana State SAR HofD Dates: Apr 27, Jul 27, Oct 12
- Indiana 1812 Society: October 11-13 (Missinewa)
- National Congress – July 12- 15 (Lancaster, PA)
- National Fall Leadership October 3 -5 (Louisville)

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)

Benediction – Ron Kohart