



**John Martin Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**

Meeting Minutes

11 January 2025 ● 1:00PM
MCL Cafeteria - Terre Haute IN

CALL TO ORDER: President Kent Salitros

- The meeting called to order at 1:00PM
- The Invocation was provided – N. Hartzell
- Colors were posted in place
- The Pledge of Allegiance – W. Decker
- The Pledge to the SAR – J. Porter
- Mission Statement of the SAR – Pres. K. Salitros
- In attendance were President Kent Salitros, Vice President J. Ben Porter, Treasurer Wilbur Decker, Secretary Brandon Halleck. Members: William Behnke Sr., Neal Hartzell, John Mace, , Norton Newcomb, John McFall, Daniel Snider, Ken Warner, Allen Hayne, Bruce Lautghsetlager. Guests Rachel Porter, Joyce Behnke, Kathy Warner, Pam McFall

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

- Members and guests were introduced.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- John Robert McFall was introduced as the newest member of the John Martin Chapter.
 - Compatriot McFall was awarded the War Service Medal for his service during wartime.

GUEST SPEAKER

- None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Reported on activities, parades, state and national meetings.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- 7 applicants in the pipeline
- 3 applicants are at headquarters
- 1 pending application for a supplemental
- Current applications – DH Kemp, Allen Hayne, Bruce Lautenschlager
- Only 5 members did not send in their memberships.
- B Halleck motioned, J. Ben Porter seconded. Motion carried.

Genealogist

- J. Ben Porter provided updates on the genealogist report.

Color Guard:

- The Color Guard – Grave Marking and House of Delegates. To get reimbursed from the INSSAR and John Martin Chapter – each at \$150 but must attend at least one event.

Americanism/Flag:

- President Salitros provided updates on the Americanism report.

- Continuing to work on the Americanism report. We did not have enough points last year. The chapter is working to track and increase involvement in the community.
- Clothing donation is the 3rd Wednesday of every month for the Loyal Veterans Battalion – 1000 South 14th Street.
- Coffee and cookies at the VA clinic. This has been well received.

Grave Marking

- No update – the following items are still in the works:
- Working on ensuring all the graves have GPS markers to for locations
 - Boone Hutcheson has been completed.
 - 20+ in Vigo County
 - 10 in Clay County
 - 200+ in the counties covered by the John Martin Chapter

Youth Programs:

- Will look move this program into the classrooms.

Other:

AWARDS:

- Joyce Behnke, member of the Ladies Auxiliary, received the Gold 250th Anniversary Medal – approved by the NSSAR and the President General.
- Past President Bill Behnke was presented with the Past President pin for the John Martin Chapter. Compatriot Behnke was presented the Meritorious Service Medal – the highest award the chapter can present to a member.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wilbur Decker

- The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Decker
- Beginning Balance of \$4,071.86 – dues were \$2,295. Balance of \$1,776.66
 - Motion B. Halleck motioned and J. Ben Porter, second. Approved.
- Gaming Fund
 - Net of \$1,400 from the raffle
 - Balance of \$2,560.44

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary report given by Brandon Halleck

- The Minutes from the 14 September 2024, meeting were read.
 - W. Decker Motion. Motion approved.

INSSAR and NSSAR REPORT:

- President Salitros gave a brief report.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Uniforms – members are encouraged to get uniforms for parades, etc.
- Challenge Coins have been delivered. Coins are \$15/each.
- Pomeroy Sign for First Baptist Church in Prairieton, IN – working with the church to get permission to set the sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Veteran's Clinic – Coffee and Cookies – volunteers needed – please contact Pres. Salitros if you're able to volunteer.
- John Martin Chapter website – Rachel Porter has volunteered to update and help maintain the chapter website.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Looking to have members help sell raffle tickets at Baesler's on Sundays in for the remaining year.
- President Salitros reminded the club to track the work, donations, and volunteering done in the community so they can be counted for the Americanism and Stark reports.
- August 23/24, 2025 at Billie Creek Village will host an event that will focus on the Revolutionary War.
- December
- Meeting location – MCL Cafeteria
- N. Hartzell will be teaching a course on genealogy at the Vigo County Public Library.

SAR RECESSIONAL:

- Colors were retired in place.
- Benediction – N. Hartzell
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM

Next meeting: Saturday, March 08, 2025, at 11am

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Halleck

Secretary