



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

Meeting Minutes

14 September 2024 11:00AM
MCL Cafeteria - Terre Haute IN

CALL TO ORDER: President William Behnke

- The meeting called to order at 11:23am
- The Invocation was provided – J. Ben Porter
- Colors were posted in place
- The Pledge of Allegiance – Wilbur Decker
- The Pledge to the SAR – Kent Salitros
- Mission Statement of the SAR – William Behnke Sr.
- In attendance were President William Behnke Sr, Vice-President Kent Salitros, Treasurer Wilbur Decker, Secretary Brandon Halleck. Members: J. Ben Porter, Wayne Cox, Neal Hartzell, Ken Warner, Randy Padgett. Guests Rachel Porter, Joyce Behnke, Jean Cox, Charlene Decker, Kathy Warner

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

- Members and guests were introduced.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Randy Padgett

GUEST SPEAKER

- None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

Upcoming events

- September 19th, Awarding Eagle Scout Certificate, Terre Haute IN.
- September 21st, Brazil Street Festival, Brazil Historical Society
- September 24, Funeral Service of WW2, MIA in Frankfort, IN.
- October 3 -5 Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY
- October 4 - 6 Newport Hill Climb, Newport, IN
- October 9th, Awarding Flag Certificates to deserving residents / Businesses
- October 10th, Point Pleasant, WV 250th Anniversary
- October 12th, Rededication of Revolutionary War Monument, Evansville, IN
- October 13th, Martinsville Fall Foliage Parade.
- October 19th, Central District Meeting, Lawrenceburg, IN
- October 26th, Indiana House of Delegates, Columbus IN.
- October 27th, Francis Vigo Memorial, Vincennes, IN
- November 2nd, De La Balme Memorial in Columbia City, IN
- November 08, Ribeye Cookout at Baseler's Market
- November 11, Veterans Day Parade, Terre Haute, IN
- December 14th Wreaths Across America, Brazil, IN

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- Randy Padgett was approved 28th of August 2024.
- 5 applicants in the pipeline
- 1 pending application for a supplemental
- W. Cox motioned, K. Salitros seconded. Motion carried.

Genealogist

- No 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:

- THSB presented with a flag certificate
- 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:

- Looking for youth program committee members. Will look move this program into the classrooms.

Other:**AWARDS:**

- None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wilbur Decker

- The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Decker
- Balance of \$2567.53
 - Motion W. Cox and Seconded, K. Warner. Approved.
- Gaming Fund
 - Balance of 1160.19

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary report given by Brandon Halleck

- The Minutes from the 20 July 2024, meeting were read.
 - W. Decker Motion, J. Ben Porter seconded. Motion approved.

INSSAR and NSSAR REPORT:

- President Behneke gave a brief report.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Uniforms – members are encouraged to get uniforms for parades, etc.
- Challenge Coins have been delivered.
- July House of Delegates was a success – the John Martin Chapter was complimented on hosting the meeting with the location, meal, and guest speaker.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget – working on the budget to include the challenge coins, Baesler Ribeye Cookout.
- Veteran's Clinic – Coffee and Cookies – volunteers needed – please contact Pres. Behnke if you're able to volunteer.
- Gaming License – The club decided to do the gift card raffle – W. Decker motioned, K. Salitros seconded – motion passed.
- Ribeye Cookout – Date set for Friday, November 8th – looking for volunteers 10am to 2pm.
- Pomeroy Sign for First Baptist Church in Prairieton, IN – working with the church to get permission to set the sign.
- INSSAR Rifle Raffle – the state has encouraged members to help sell raffle tickets.
- Election of officers – President: Kent Salitros, Vice-President: J. Ben Porter; Secretary: Brandon Halleck, Treasurer: Wilbur Decker, Genealogist: J. Ben Porter, Chaplain: Neal Hartzell, Historian: Kevin Schultz, Registrar: Wilbur Decker.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Meeting location – MCL Cafeteria
- N. Hartzell will be teaching a course on genealogy at the Vigo County Public Library on Saturday, September 21 from 1pm to 3pm.
- Vietnam War traveling memorial wall will be in Brazil from October 17th through the 20th.

SAR RECESSIONAL:

- Colors were retired in place.
- Benediction – N. Hartzell
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM

Next meeting: Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 11am

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Halleck

Secretary