



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

Meeting Minutes

23 November 2024 11:00AM
MCL Cafeteria - Terre Haute IN

CALL TO ORDER: President William Behnke

- The meeting called to order at 11:10am
- The Invocation was provided – N. Hartzell
- 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, Randy Padgett, Norton Newcomb, Patrick Mills, John McFall, Daniel Snider. Guests Rachel Porter, Joyce Behnke, Jean Cox

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

- November 29th – Brazil parade at 6PM
- December 14th Wreaths Across America, Brazil, IN

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- 7 applicants in the pipeline
- 1 pending application for a supplemental
- Current applications – DH Kemp, John McFall, Jr., Allen Hayne, Bruce Lautenschlager
- The dues cards have been sent and membership needs to have it paid by December 31st.
- N. Newcomb III motioned, P. Mills 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 Behnke 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:

- 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 \$2389.37
 - Motion K. Salitros motioned and J. Ben Porter, second. Approved.
- Gaming Fund
 - Balance of \$1530.29

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary report given by Brandon Halleck

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

INSSAR and NSSAR REPORT:

- President Behnke 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.
- Gaming License – has been submitted. Gift card with Baeslers has been obtained.
- INSSAR Rifle Raffle – the state has encouraged members to help sell raffle tickets. Drawing on December 8th. Has raised approximately \$2,000
- Veteran's day parade was a success.
- Ribeye Cookout – Friday, November 8th – was a success with \$700 raised.

- 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.
- USS Stark Memorial Report
 - Pres. Behnke presented on updates for the report that must be submitted by January 15th.
 - Kevin Schultz is working on compiling this report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Veteran's Clinic – Coffee and Cookies – volunteers needed – please contact Pres. Behnke if you're able to volunteer.
- Ribeye Cookout – Date set for Friday, November 8th – looking for volunteers 10am to 2pm.
- Day after Thanksgiving the chapter will be participating in a parade in Brazil.
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 - President Salitros thanked Past President Behnke for his service to the club over the past two years.
- Wreaths Across America – the chapter has purchased 10 wreaths.
- John Martin Chapter website – Rachel Porter has volunteered to update 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 on Saturday, November 23 from 1pm to 3pm.

SAR RECESSIONAL:

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

Next meeting: Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 11am

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Halleck

Secretary