



# Minutes of the Germany Society SAR

*Meeting 11 • March 4, 2017 • Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY*

**The Spring 2017 Meeting** was gaveled to order at 4PM by GERSSAR President the Rev. Dr. James Taylor. The invocation was given by Dr. David Schrader, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President David Jessel, and the Pledge of the SAR was led by Secretary Treasurer Larry Guzy.

**Agenda:** Walter Stevenson passed out the agenda. A quorum was declared with 26 members present and signed in. Minutes from the Fall (1 October 2017) Meeting held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY were presented and approved without corrections.

**President Report:** President Taylor shared the story of the military chaplains known as “The Black Angels”. The chaplains would recruit men from the pulpit and then take them into battle. They would bless the men before battle. If any soldiers would try to desert, the chaplains would try to convince them to stay, but if they proceeded to leave, the chaplains would shoot the soldiers in the foot and then bless them again - before sending them back into battle.

**Vice President Report:** Vice President Jessel shared how operations are proceeding with the German DAR chapter and JROTC DOD Schools in Germany. Several state societies and chapters are sending SAR Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units in Germany. GERSSAR supports 6 JROTC Units in Germany.

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Larry Guzy reported that the total membership is now 213 members plus the news members that were gained today.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Larry Guzy reported that the checking balance as of 2.21.17 is \$6,741.00. This includes \$651.00 in net pin sales to be used toward flags, and \$6,090.00 in general funds. The \$651.00 in the pin sales account will permit the society to purchase the third flag to be donated to the education center.

The Society will continue to pay the dues for our compatriots located in Germany until that membership reaches 15. We currently have 7 German members.

Fifth Third signature cards have been completed to transfer to new officers.

**Registrar Report:** Nothing to report.

**Chaplain:** Nothing to report.

**Chancellor:** Nothing to report.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Nothing to report

**Trustee Report:** Walter Stevenson commented that today's meeting had progressed well.

**Recruiting in Germany:**

- Currently there are 7 primary members of the Germany Society living in country.
- Recently, one (military) member moved from Germany back to the U.S.
- Several prospective primary members in various stages of application development
- Open actions:
  - Continue recruiting in Germany
  - Make follow-up contact with the DAR chapter in Germany (VP David Jessel)

**Newsletter:** Articles are needed for the Germany Society Newsletter

- Including your German ancestors who fought in support of the Revolutionary War
  - Other topics of interest to members of the Germany Society, especially the Revolution
  - Need to re-institute the Newsletter. Post on the Germany Society Website. This is a good way to keep the entire membership informed
- Newsletter Editor - Col. (Ret) A. M. "Andy" Johnson [amjohnson@juno.com](mailto:amjohnson@juno.com)

**Website:**

- Germany Society Website has received **1283 YTD** visits as of 26 February 2017
- Total visits for 2016, **7285**
- Yearly average visits **4,098** since established
- Compatriot Bredenfoerder has agreed to serve as the new webmaster.

**Germany Society Website Address**

[GermanySocietySAR.org](http://GermanySocietySAR.org)

**Germany Society Email Address**

[GermanySocietySAR@gmail.com](mailto:GermanySocietySAR@gmail.com)

## Old Business:

- Provide Germany Society flag to the Color Guard Commander
- Donation to PG's Youth Program Challenge
- Donation to the Digital Genealogical Research System

## New Business:

- Purchase third Germany Society Flag – Approved by acclamation
- Replenish Blazer Patch? – current inventory ~ 7 left – on hold, need to determine supplier.
- Fall Leadership Friday Dinner Theme will be Oktoberfest. Germany Society members should dress for the occasion.
- Awards and Recognition – President Taylor presented the following awards:
  - Meritorious Service Medal (4<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster) to Dr. Walter B. Stevenson, Jr. (Immediate Past President)
  - Certificate of Distinguished Service to Larry Thomas Guzy
  - Silver Roger Sherman Medal to John Henry “Jack” Bredenfoerder
- 2017 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominations from the committee for 2017 Officers are:

President:	David G. Jessel (GA)
Vice President:	Bruce A. Buehler (AL)
Secretary-Treasurer:	John H. “Jack” Bredenfoerder (OH)
Registrar-Genealogist:	Edward O. Steinback, III (AZ)
Chancellor:	John L. Dodd, Esq. (CA)
Chaplain:	Dr. David E. Schrader (MA)
Sgt-at-Arms:	TBD
Trustee-elected at Congress:	Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor (TX)
Alternate:	David G. Jessel (GA)

- Nominations from the floor:  
Trustee Stevenson nominated Col. Charles T. Sweeney for Sergeant-at- Arms

- Election of officers:

The following state of 2017 officers was approved by acclamation:

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**Installation of 2017 Officers:**

NSSAR Secretary General Larry T Guzy installed the newly elected Germany Society SAR officers

**President's Address:**

GERSSAR President David G. Jessel congratulated former President Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor for the many accomplishments that the society achieved under his watch. He noted the growth in membership, the society flags being produced and continuing availability of the beer raffle at our meetings. President Jessel then awarded former President Taylor with the Distinguished Service as President Award and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster). The membership expressed its resounding approval.

**Good of the Order:**

Our next meeting will be July 9, 2017 in conjunction with the NSSAR Congress at the Holiday Inn, Knoxville, TN

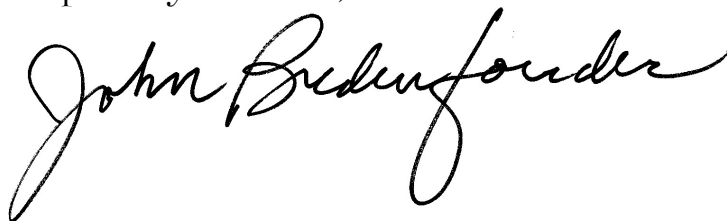
We are looking to get together for dinner the same night as the NSSAR Congress welcome reception at a German restaurant. Volunteer(s) from TNSSAR needed to arrange this get-together. We had a great time and meal at the Atlanta Congress.

Do you have contacts in Germany? – Please share information about the SAR Germany Society with them.

**Adjournment:** Adjournment took place at 4:45 PM.

**Post adjournment:** An opportunity for German Beer was again provided by Past President Bruce Buchler and \$128 was raised.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Bredenfoerder  
Secretary/ Treasurer  
Germany Society 2017