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Minutes of Meeting at NSSAR Spring Leadership Louisville, Kentucky, Galt House Hotel Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8:30 AM

President Bredenfoerder welcomed the 30 members in attendance and those on the Zoom connection from Germany, France and Switzerland.

Ceremonies began with - an Invocation led by Chaplain Jessel; Pledge of Allegiance by V.P. Carr; and Pledge to the SAR led by Sec'y Gunn. A Quorum was confirmed by Sec'y Gunn & Pres. Bredenfoerder gave opening

comments including introduction to those on the Zoom connection & Von Steuben Chap. Pres. Chris McLarren and Sec'y Eugene Butler.

Annual Awards were announced by President Bredenfoerder:

- Ladies SAR Medals to Laurie Bredenforeder, Ivy Spray and Carole Gunn
- Society Meritorious Service Medals to Ashley Null, Christopher McLarren, Kevin Carr, John Fulwider, David Jessel, Elwin Spray and David Perkins.
- Patriot Medals to Kevin Carr & Michael Gunn.
- Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Ashley Null.
- Distinguished Service Medal to David Jessel.

An update on activities from the Von Steuben Chapter was presented by Pres. McLarren, V.P. Null and Sec'y Butler. They have 17 members now living in an area that would cover a space as large as Ohio, Indiana, & Illinois; so meetings are mostly annual with a few monthly. Some are able to attend Rev. War battle-sites such as a member went to the Saratoga battlefield as reported in their last newsletter. They were able to get a new DAR member at a local VFW Ceremony, but no new SAR members yet. There greatest success comes from the Eagle Scout Contests and ROTC Events, where they recognized to help from David Perkins & David Jessel. Soon there will be an event here in the USA where a flag from the Omaha Beach Landing site organization will be posted and honored by an Eagle Scout.

Old Business:

- Compatriot Kelly reported on a Grave Marking in Addiston, VA where a Dupont German Patriot was honored.
- Lile Membership for Germany Society was calculated at \$200 per David Perkins which is in agreement with the parameters of two organizations.

New Business:

- After a discussion about the Society's Budget, a Motion by David Jessel to add \$3000 for the Von Steuben Chapter's programs; Seconded by Tony Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.
- Kevin Carr brought up that the Society replace a tombstone, now missing, of a German Soldier in Adams County, PA.

Election of 2025 Germany Society Officers

Nominees:

John H. Bredenfoerder President: 1st Vice President John Ashley Null 2nd Vice President Kevin R. Carr Secretary-Treasurer Michael B. Gunn Registrar David J. Perkins Chaplain David G. Jessel Elwin L. Spray Sergeant-at-Arms Chancellor John F. Fulwider

National Trustee David G. Jessel to be confirmed at 2025 Congress

Alt. Natl. Trustee John H. Bredenfoerder " " "

President Bredenfoerder asked 3 X's for nominations from the floor, none made!

Chancellor motioned the slate be carried by acclamination, seconded by Tony Robinson;

- Carried unanimously.

New Officers sworn by Trustee David Jessel

Announcements: We now have 17 primary members. We also have an account balance of \$11,012.13.

Good of the order; None.; One member paid \$10 dues for 2025

Closing Ceremonies were successful; Adjournment.

Benediction by Chaplain Jessel SAR Recessional led by Bredenfoerder.

Secretary/Treasurer Michael B. Gunn, March 5, 2025

Sergeant-at-Arms, Elwin L. Spray placed a Germany Society wreath (Seen here in this photo) in mid-April at a grave marking ceremony in Meredith, New Hampshire.





The Germany Flag was Posted to join an array of Colors including the National Colors, **the 250**th, nine Regimental Flags to celebrate the anniversary of the **Battles at**Lexington & Concord and dedicate the marking of five (5) Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Hamilton County, OH. Present were Germany Society members: Pres. John Bredenfoerder, Secy. Michael Gunn, Larry Collins, Kenneth Burck, Gary

Duffield, Michael Blum & Bruce Bennett (not pictured here).