



Germany Society SAR

Chartered by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution - July 2, 2001

*President/Alternate Trustee: Bruce A. Buehler, Vice President: John H. Bredenfoerder,
Treasurer: Kevin R. Carr, Registrar/Genealogist: Eric H. Troutman,
Chaplain/National Trustee: David G. Jessel, Chancellor: John L. Dodd, Sergeant-At-Arms: Donald Burdick
Acting Secretary: Michael B. Gunn*

*Meeting 19 • September 21, 2019 • Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY
The meeting held in Broadway Room B, at 4 PM.*

The meeting was called to Order by Vice President John H. "Jack" Bredenfoerder at 4:00 PM with 38 members present, four of whom joined at this meeting.

V.P. Bredenfoerder welcomed all attendees and introduced Chaplain/National Trustee who delivered the Invocation, followed by V.P. Bredenfoerder leading the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and Treasurer Kevin Carr who led the SAR Pledge.

V.P. Bredenfoerder then read this message from President Bruce A. Buehler who was unable to attend:

"Dear Compatriots of the Germany Society. By now you most likely realize that I'm not at the Leadership and Trustee Meeting. I truly regret that I cannot be in Louisville. However, I asked Jack to read this memo in my behalf. However, I wanted everyone know that I had not forgotten you. I truly enjoy being the President.

During the meeting, at the National Congress, held in California, I proposed that the Germany Society begin planning a trip to Germany. The first purposes is to place a marker in the cemetery where the Royal Deux Ponts Regiment formed up under the French flag to fight for our freedom. While at the cemetery we will place a wreath at the marker.

Secondly, by the time we plan on being on this trip we should have the necessary number of members, in Germany, to form a chapter. This will be a big feather for our Society to establish a chapter in country. It will give us a chance to meet some of the members that live in Germany.

During the meeting in California I commissioned 2 committees to begin the initial planning. I would like for the membership to step up and help on these committees. As we work through things there may be a need for additional committees formed. For example, what sites or events (October Fest??) do we want to see while in country. I'm asking for this to be a project where as many members can get involved to help with the work to bring ideas and knowledge to get us there and back.

I have sent 5 certificates and 3 flag streamers that we were given during the National Congress. I have also sent 4 cases of German beer to provide you a chance for an opportunity to win a case of beer. We are being recognized more and more from the National Society for our work and diligence to the work of the National Society.

Lastly, I do wish I was there at the meeting. However, my wife must have had different ideas last January. She booked us for a 10 day cruise with the dates overlapping the dates of the Leadership Meeting. Sorry guys – no crying for me. I know it is a nasty job but, someone had to do it!!

I wish everyone a safe trip back home. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting."

Kind regards, Bruce Buehler, Germany Society President

Vice-President/Secretary Report – V.P. /Secretary Bredenfoerder

- Approval of minutes from July meeting.

Motion was made to approve Minutes of July's meeting by Gregory Lucas, WA to approve, 2nd by Bernard Wolff, FL. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2020 Renewal Cards have been mailed.
- Germany Society Flags Status.
Our flags were among those broken into by unknown assailants and although the box was destroyed the flags are okay. A new box will be purchased along with the those of the SAR Color Guard, insurance money to cover the cost to follow.
- Vice-President Bredenfoerder asked to be able to keep the Society Flag for an upcoming Ceremony. A motion made by D. Jessel, 2nd by D. Burdick to approve such use passed unanimously.
- A Reach out was made to Karen Rink, Membership Chair, DAR Palatinate Chapter in Germany

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Carr - \$7142 in the account at this time with little activity since July's meeting other than medal purchases. He requested having the Bank send electronic rather than hard Copies. Eugene Smith made a motion to get Electronic Bank reports which was seconded and passed a vote by all present.

Chaplain/Trustee Report - David Jessel lead a discussion on the subject of a trip to Germany in about 3 years which is currently estimated to cost about \$2500 + air fare. More input is needed between now and any booking.

Chancellor Report – John Dodd No report but requests an endorsement for Treasurer General in upcoming election. Motioned to approve by Jim Klingler 2nd by Russ DeVenney; one vote against but motion approved.

Sergeant–At-Arms Report - Donald Burdick

- no report.

Old Business –

A discussion ensued over whether to order more Pins, since there are 20 that remain in inventory. Results were to investigate with merchandise of costs and a vender, but a hand count gave numbers who said to wait for a new order.

New Business –

- We have new members today; David Perkins, CT; Michael Weyler, VA; Michael Aycock,

Good of the Order

- Next Meeting – Spring Leadership

– Chaplain/Trustee Jessel purchased several JROTC Medals. They will be sent to Germany for presentation to students there.

– Treasurer Carr will investigate costs and design of shirts with a Germany Society Emblem for future discussion.

Opportunity Drawing – Best of Luck!

- We now have four newly happy members, who split a case.

Recessional - Vice-President Bredenfoerder

Benediction – Chaplain Jessel

Adjourn - Vice-President Bredenfoerder 4:50 PM

Submitted by Acting Secretary Michael B. Gunn