



Summer 2023

The Illinois Patriot

Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution
Illinois-sar.org

Illinois Society Meeting August 11-12

Compatriots will gather at the Holiday Inn in Effingham on Friday & Saturday, August 11 and 12 for our next ILSSAR quarterly meeting.

The Holiday Inn in Effingham is located at 1301 Avenue of Mid America. The phone/reservation number is 217-540-7777. Rooms have been blocked in at a rate of \$166. Just mention block code SAR. Room rate is available until July 24. Following that date it will be \$210.

To reserve online, use the following link:

[Holiday Inn-Effingham](#)

Friday evening dinner will be served in the Truman/Roosevelt Room. It is salad, roast beef or chicken, cheddar mashed potatoes, and dessert. Cost of \$30 per person.

Saturday lunch will be served in the Lincoln/Kennedy Room. Lunch menu is turkey and cheese wraps, pasta salad, marinated ham sandwiches, and gourmet cookies. Cost is \$20 per person.

Thanks to the efforts of our State Treasurer Drew Robinson, we are able

to offer online payments for lunch through Zelle. Please use "treasurer@illinois-sar.org" as recipient e-mail and a very descriptive memo when you submit payment.

If you are planning to attend the meeting please complete this [form](#).

If you have any questions or require more information please contact Bill Wheeler by e-mail at bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 11-12.

Illinois Society Seeks Committee Members & Chairs

The Illinois Society is seeking compatriots to serve as committee members and a few chairmen.

As the 250th anniversary of 1776 approaches in just three years, each state society and local chapter is encouraged to form and establish a 250th Anniversary committee to coordinate, publicize, and share public events, stories, and provide educational, historical, and patriotic information and activities. We are seeking a state chairman to help with this task. Additional information is found at America250sar.org

Additional chairman vacancies within the Illinois Society include Children of the American Revolution/Daughters of the American Revolution (CAR/DAR) Relations, George S. and Stella Knight Essay, and the Audit Committee.

The George S. and Stella Knight

Essay Contest is open to all US citizen and legal resident high school (9th-12th grade) students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private.

The Illinois Society Knight committee would evaluate submitted original essays of 800 to 1200 words based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal of the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the Constitution of the United States. A complete list of rules and applications is available at the [SAR website](#).

Besides leadership vacancies, the Illinois Society committee chairs are seeking additional members for their work. The current committee chairs are:

Nominating: Mike Campagnolo
Law Enforcement/EMS/Hero Award: Sid Welles
Budget & Finance: Steve Hyatt

Illinois Patriot: Jason Butterick
Patriot Medal: Toby

Chamberlain

Veterans Affairs: Bobby Welch

ROTC: Dennis Lybarger

Flag Awards: Ted Miller

Color Guard: John Fixmer

Historical Sites: Mike

Campagnolo

Public Relations: Bill Wheeler

Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Robinson

Schweitzer Teacher: Brian

Morrow

Share your interest, and/or your passion by contacting either Illinois Society officers, committee chairs, or speaking in your local chapter meeting to serve your state society.

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Editor reserves right to edit submitted materials for space.

From the Desk of Richard Ruedin ILSSAR President



As the Illinois State President of the Sons of the American Revolution, I am proud to send out this message to you today to acknowledge your efforts and

encourage continued service to the principles of the Sons of the American Revolution in the State of Illinois.

The communications that I have been receiving since the beginning of 2023, where Chapters are committed to preserving the legacy of the American Revolution and to upholding the principles of liberty and freedom that our forefathers fought for, through your activities in the public, are proud examples of strengthening the principles of our organization. Just as important are the many recognitions to your local membership. Their tireless service will not be forgotten by your members.

I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of our members. Your efforts have helped to make the Sons of the American Revolution a strong and vibrant

organization.

Through your service, you have helped to educate the public about American history. You have also helped to preserve historical sites and artifacts. And you have supported veterans and their families. You have identified American Revolutionary Patriots graves and have made public ceremonies in marking their final resting places.

I am proud of what you have accomplished across the State of Illinois. But we cannot rest on our laurels. There is still much work to be done to make visible the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution. Please begin now to identify public displays and activities and organize your Chapter to Celebrate the Country's 250th Anniversary.

I urge you to continue your service to the Sons of the American Revolution. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others and in the future of our country.

Thank you for your service.

Ps: I want to thank everyone for their patience with me and my absence. My wife, since the beginning of this year has Spinal issues in her lower back and we are taking the steps with a St. Louis Neurosurgeon to prep, schedule, and obtain spinal surgery as soon as it is possible.

A Message from Bill Wheeler Senior Vice-President



Compatriots,

The Illinois Society got off to a great start this summer with several different activities. Several chapters participated in Memorial Day events/parades.

And then we had several cemetery/grave marking ceremonies, many of which had been scheduled before the onset of the pandemic. The first of the season was the Kishwaukee chapter on June 3rd. I was thankful to attend the Kishwaukee event and bring greetings on behalf of the Illinois Society. The following weekend we had grave marking ceremonies for the Elijah Smith Chapter and the General Joseph Bartholomew. All three of these events had excellent participation and support from the community. A big thank you and shout out to our Color Guard who are always a big attraction at these events. I'd also like to thank C.A.R. and DAR for their continued participation and support.

Congratulations and job well done to all three chapters on their successful events.

While I was not able to attend the Great Lakes and Great Plains C.A.R. conference, we did provide greetings. It seemed to be a very successful event!

I encourage you and your chapters to continue to host and participate in events in your community. The summer is a great opportunity to stroll through your neighborhood to identify people and organizations that may be awarded a flag certificate. If you do award a certificate, please be sure to let Flag Certificate Chair, Ted Miller, know that an award has been issued. If over half of the chapters in the state, and the state society, present at least one certificate, the state will receive the Admiral William R. Furlong Award.

We have a selection of officer and committee positions open. As an officer or committee member, you have the opportunity to utilize your skills and expertise, collaborate with like-minded individuals to create meaningful change. Answer the call of history, become an officer or volunteer with the Sons of the American Revolution, and contribute to the enduring legacy of our remarkable nation.

Illinois Society Seeks To Fill Officer Vacancies

The Illinois Society Board of Managers Nominating Committee seeks compatriots as candidates to fill current officer vacancies. Officer vacancies include Recording Secretary, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms., and Chancellor.

- **Recording Secretary Duties:** The Recording Secretary shall aid the Secretary in carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the office of Secretary. His specific duties are as follows: • Record, or cause to be recorded and preserved, the minutes of meetings of the Board of Managers and the Annual Business Meetings of the State Society. • Send copies of the minutes of the meetings to the President, Secretary, Historian, Editor of the *Illinois Patriot* and all other Board of Manager members. • Record the additions and corrections made to the minutes, the dates of their final approval, and forward the corrected and approved original of such minutes to the Historian for preservation in the archives of the ILSSAR.
- **Historian Duties:** The Historian shall collect and file with the Society such historical data as may be brought to his attention concerning battles/incidents and soldiers/patriots of the American Revolution, particularly as they relate to the State of Illinois, as well as major activities of the Illinois Society and Chapters. The Historian shall be responsible for collecting and depositing in the proper safe depository the official State Society's reports and papers for each year,

minutes of All board of managers meetings, officer and committee annual reports, as well as an annual report from each chapter. Corrections and additions to the minutes of all business meetings will be kept and filed by the Historian. Copies of the *Illinois Patriot* shall be kept in this file. The Historian shall work with the Historian General for the NSSAR in depositing valuable materials and collections of the Illinois SAR. The Historian shall be responsible for collecting and depositing in the proper safe depository the official State Society's reports and papers for each year, minutes of ALL Board of Managers meetings, officer and committee annual reports, as well as an annual report from each chapter. Corrections and additions to the minutes of all business meetings will be kept and filed by the Historian. Copies of the *Illinois Patriot* shall be kept in this file. The Historian shall work with the Historian General for the NSSAR in depositing valuable materials and collections of the ILSSAR. The Historian shall keep on file in the ILSSAR archives records of, and location of all Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Illinois as provided to him by the Revolutionary War Graves Committee.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms Duties:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist in preserving order as the President may direct. He shall handle the physical arrangements within the meeting room including seeing that the furnishings, P.A. system, lighting,

flags, decorations, regalia, etc. are present, adequate and in proper order. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the flags and any other equipment needed for the ILSSAR meetings. He shall maintain them in proper state of repair, deliver them to, and install them in the meeting place for the conduction of the ILSSAR meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain a current record of name, location and custodian of items of furniture, office equipment, flags and standards, computer, amplifying equipment and/or recording equipment, and other such property owned by ILSSAR. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for having printed each year's ILSSAR stationery and envelopes.

- **Chancellor Duties:** The Chancellor, who in all instances shall be an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in the state society's jurisdiction, gives opinions on legal matters affecting the society when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) statutes found in each state and the District of Columbia mandate the above requirement that the Chancellor be an attorney-at-law. State societies are encouraged to review their jurisdiction's UPL statute.

Interested individuals should contact the Nominating Committee Chair,

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Schweizer History Teacher Award Nominees Sought

Compatriot Brian Morrow has accepted the chairman's role of the Illinois Society for the Schweizer History Teacher Award, seeking nominees for 2024.

The Schweizer award is the local chapter and Illinois Society program, recognizing an outstanding history teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era (1750-1800) demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed or excel currently accepted requirements. The award should not be confused with the National Society recognition, the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.

All Illinois chapters are encouraged

to establish a Schweizer committee to contact High School Principals in their respective chapter areas to solicit award candidates. Potential candidates must complete an application and submit a written essay, not to exceed 500 words, discussing any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized in Revolutionary War instruction. Submissions for chapter consideration should no later than **January 15**.

A local chapter Award recipient submission must be submitted to the State Schweizer committee no later than **February 1**.

The State Schweizer committee will review chapter submissions and select

the Illinois Society award recipient. The award recipient will be announced on **March 15**, and will receive \$1,000 and plaque at the May Society meeting.

Award recipients desiring to be considered in the National Society must complete the required award application, with the State Schweizer committee providing information and guidance.

For more questions, or more information, please contact Brian Morrow via e-mail, bkmorrow33@gmail.com; home address:

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Welcome New Members & In Memoriam

American Bicentennial

Eric James Asen
Jay Bee Davis
Christopher Ira Reynolds, Sr.

Captain Elijah Smith

Thomas Franklin Lamb

Captain Zeally Moss

Reid Charles Severns
Rhett Douglas Severns
Stephen Scott Smith
Stetson William Trainer
Wyatt Michael Trainer
Lt. Col. (Ret) Richard C. Wells
Alan F. Wright

Fort Dearborn

Connor David Farrell
Tristan Joseph Farrell
Charles Lee Mudd, Jr.

Fox Valley

Matthew Lantz Brewer
Andrew Josef McComb
Edward Philip McComb
Thomas Edward McComb

General George Rogers Clark

Bryon John Gorton

Kishwaukee

Herbert Frederick Allen III

In Memoriam

Dana Mannon

May 23, 2023
Captain Zeally Moss

R. Garey Hodge

May 29, 2023
Springfield

Stephen Anderson Bradley

June 19, 2023
Springfield

Editor's Note: Service included Illinois Society President, Vice-President General, Great Lakes Region, Patriot Award Recipient



Captain Zeally Moss inducted two Junior Members, Wyatt & Stetson Trainer (at left) whose Patriot Ancestor is the namesake of our Chapter, Captain Zeally Moss. Next is Mike Tubbs, Color Guard Commander and two representative members of Peoria's Weaver Ridge Country Club to whom we presented a Flag Award, followed by Chapter President Keith Bonnett and Doug Holmes, Chapter Vice President and Grandfather of Wyatt & Stetson.



Compatriot Jay Matlock is welcomed by Tom Ashby as a member of the Fort Armstrong Chapter.

The Illinois Patriot Fall Issue (October)
Deadline for Submissions: September 20.

Chapter Capsules

News from Our Chapters

Captain Elijah Smith

The Captain Elijah Smith chapter held its cemetery plaque dedication service honoring Patriot Phineas Smallwood interred at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Virginia, Illinois on June 10. Several descendants attended.

Ewington

The Ewington chapter recently presented its JROTC awards to Mattoon JROTC Cadet Jack Burton and Richland County JROTC Cadet Johnathon Dryden. Both programs, along with the Danville JROTC, competed in a multi-state competition in Utah, placing in the top 5.

Fort Dearborn

The Fort Dearborn chapter welcomed Spring by taking time to recognize new members and thank those that tirelessly support the Sons of the American Revolution, and specifically the Fort Dearborn chapter. The meeting started with welcoming Paul Maze. Paul became a member in January. His Patriot is Yost Harbaugh who was a Captain in the York Co. Militia in Colonel Wm Rankin's Battalion.

The chapter then swore in new officers. Martin Starr was sworn in as Vice President, Doug Beardsley was sworn in as Secretary, James Barr continues in the role of Treasurer, and Charles Wells will continue his

work as Chaplain. Doug Beardsley was recognized for all of the outstanding work that he continues to do for the chapter to include support of the ROTC program. [Maj.] Randy Belden, ROTC Committee Chair, was recognized for work that he continues to do in support of ROTC and Outstanding citizen.

Fort Dearborn would not be able to thrive without support from the Daughters of the American Revolution and all the DAR chapters in the Chicagoland area. Nancy Schultz, Regent 2011 – 2017, of the Fort Dearborn chapter continues to be a supporter of Fort Dearborn chapter [SAR] in participation of events and meetings. Nancy was awarded the DAR Medal of Appreciation

Fox Valley

The Fox Valley chapter Color Guard participated in the Naperville Memorial Day parade on May 29, 2023. As COVID-19 fades into the rear view mirror, more members return to activities. It had been

awhile since the parade banner was carried. A large and boisterous crowd was along the parade route, and members of the Ft. Payne DAR chapter also participated.

General George Rogers Clark

On March 15, 2023, new officers were sworn in by ILSSAR President Richard Ruedin. The new officers are Eric Reelitz, Chaplain; Stephen Hyatt, Registrar; Robert Ridenour, Treasurer; Charles Dobias, Secretary; and Philip Bailey, President.

An awards banquet was held on April 19 at Bella Milano Restaurant in Edwardsville. Compatriot David Schmitt was awarded his War Service medal. Bel Springman received the Knights Essay chapter award.

Outstanding Citizen award ceremony was held at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois on April 20. The following High School seniors were recognized: Mary Baalman, Brussels HS;

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Ewington Chapter 2023 Good Citizenship Award Recipients



The General George Rogers Clark Chapter presented their 28 Historic Flag Presentation to the residents of Evergreen Place Supportive Living facility in Alton, Illinois on May 18 2023. Members presenting: Phil Bailey, President GGRC; Robert Ridenour, GGRC Treasurer; and Eric Reelitz, GGRC Knights Essay Chairman, and Al Oleson.

Joe Aiello, Civic Memorial HS; Lucas Geisen, Collinsville HS; Launa Crank, East Alton-Wood River Community HS; Joseph Crivello, Metro East Lutheran HS; Shelbee Geisler, Gillespie HS; Bailee Matthews, Greenfield Community HS; Logan Meisner, Jersey Community HS; Laura Boston, Litchfield HS; Nathan Bennett, Marquette Catholic HS; Timothy Vaughn, Mississippi Valley Christian HS; Aiden Ruemmler, Mt. Olive HS; Elly Hall, Mulberry Grove HS; Reese Scott, North Greene HS; Lily Daughtery, Roxana HS; and Jackson Drake, Triad HS.

JROTC Cadet Sienna Markert, Alton HS, received the chapter JROTC award on May 4.

The chapter participated in the 156th Annual Memorial Day Parade held in Alton, Illinois on May 29.

General Joseph Bartholomew

On Sunday, June 11 at 1:30pm the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution conducted a patriotic

grave marking for David Haggard. David Haggard is an American Revolutionary War Soldier buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery located in Bloomington, Illinois. The ceremony was held in the mausoleum at Evergreen Cemetery due to inclement

weather with over 70 people in attendance including Bloomington City Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe. Evergreen Cemetery from Memorial Day to Flag Day (June 14) is decorated in a patriotic theme with US Flags lining the path ways.

The program began with a musket salute performed by the Color Guard of the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution followed by a Presentation of the Colors by Bloomington BSA Troop 920. General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter President, J. Gordon Bidner, welcomed the attendees and then introduced Misty Porter, the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Manager. Misty's remarks encompassed a history of the cemetery as well as notables buried there—Vice President Adlai Stevenson II, Dorothy Gage who was the inspiration for “Dorothy” in the Wizard of Oz, and Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Charles “Old Hoss” Radbourn. Julie Emig, Executive Director of the



L to R: Steve Kern, Color Guard, General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter President J. Gordon Bidner presenting Daniel Haggard Patriot grave plaque to descendants Scott and Dee Prosser at Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington, Sunday, June 11, 2023.

McLean County Museum of History, was the keynote speaker. Descendants of the Haggard family, Scott Prosser and his mother Dee Prosser, were present to unveil the bronze plaque which will be mounted at the Haggard burial site. A rifle salute and sounding of "Taps" was conducted by American Legion Post 635 Honor Guard. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the event to those present.

The chapter celebrated Flag Day on June 14 with a breakfast meeting at Grace Church in Normal catered by Bob Evans. There were 19 in attendance. The meeting kicked off at 7:30am with a welcome to everyone from President J. Gordon Bidner followed by GJB SAR Chaplain Reverend Ray Owens delivering the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge followed. After breakfast the Secretary's Report was given by Jay Cummins followed with Lance McCormick and the

Treasurer's Report. Steve Kern provided the two final reports—the Finance Committee Report and a report on the June 11 David Haggard Patriot grave marking at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington.

Rick Milner, our newest GJB SAR member, was introduced to the audience and his certificate of membership was presented to him by President Bidner and Robert Harshbarger, Assistant Registrar. Rick will be assuming the responsibilities of the Sergeant at Arms.

Gary and Carol Simpkins of the Simpkins Military History Museum of Heyworth gave a presentation on some select flags in their collection ranging from the formation of America through the present. The audience was extremely appreciative of the presentation. We all felt there were a number of historical points about the flags Gary

brought to our attention that were new to us.

Last but not least, our 2023 Flag Day award recipients were introduced. They are Steve and Sherry Shipley of Towanda. They were presented with a SAR Flag Day Award Certificate and an SAR Outstanding Citizenship pin.

The criteria to be a GJB SAR Annual Flag Day award recipient are:

1. Personal residence—not a business or organization.
2. Prominently displayed.
3. Properly displayed—not tattered or soiled and if flown at night it must be lighted.
4. Persistently displayed—continuous.

The Shipley Flag display easily met all these criteria.

The meeting concluded with closing comments by President Bidner and, finally, the SAR Recessional.

Kishwaukee

On June 3, 2023, the Kishwaukee Chapter and the ILSSAR Color Guard dedicated a plaque in the Hulse Cemetery, Pecatonica, IL commemorating Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel Campbell. Attendance at this ceremony, in support of the America 250 SAR program, approached 100 including 20 direct descendants of Samuel Campbell.

Guest speaker, past ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo gave uplifting remarks and recounted the accomplishments of the State's Cemetery Marking Program. ILSSAR Sr VP, William Wheeler and 1st VP, Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution, Jack Rosenthal, provided patriotic and passionate orations as well.



Kishwaukee Chapter and ILSSAR Color Guard at Cemetery Plaque dedication at Hulse Cemetery, Pecatonica, Illinois, honoring Patriot Samuel Campbell, Saturday, June 3, 2023.

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Long Knives Chapter Grave marking service for Patriot Lewis Corder, Saturday, June 3, 2023

Long Knives

The Long Knives chapter presented ROTC awards to Air Force Cadet Colton Ericsson and Army Cadet Max Nelson at the annual awards banquet held at Southern Illinois University on April 27.

Of the 33,000 members of the SAR, only eight percent of these members share the same surname as their patriot ancestor. Brian Corder is one of them, and he located and participated in the grave marking of his surname patriot. Compatriot Corder located the resting place of his Patriot Ancestor, Lewis Corder, in an abandoned cemetery in Crab Orchard, Illinois. The cemetery is actually in town, now surrounded by urban development. Special permission was given by neighbors to access the site.

Patriot Lewis Corder was only fifteen years of age when he enlisted in the North Carolina Militia in August of 1782. It is known that he did participate in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and was a pensioner for his service. After

the Revolution, Lewis Corder moved to the Nashville, Tennessee area, and later to Williamson County, Illinois. He was one of the founders of the town of Crab Orchard.

On Saturday, June 3rd, 2023. The Long Knives of Illinois gave Patriot Lewis Corder the proper S.A.R. Grave Marking Ceremony he deserved. The solemn,



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1301 Ave of Mid America, Effingham



Ceremony was performed, as per the official manual, but a sense of joy and exhilaration was present at the same time. All that were present felt the respect and honor that was given Lewis Corder at his final resting place.

Are You A George Washington Fellow?

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for the support of NSSAR unfunded or underfunded committees and special projects. 80% of the corpus earnings are withdrawn for NSSAR project support. The remaining 20% is added to the permanent fund.

George Washington Fellows are elected through a single \$1000 gift or annual installment payment plan as a permanent gift to fund. It is not limited to SAR members; spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces are also eligible.

All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold pin, a certificate acknowledging their GW Fellow status, and listed with all GW Fellows in the SAR Genealogical and Research Library.

Additional information, including brochure and form are available at the [SAR Foundation website](#). Consider a gift today!



As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026, the SAR will be providing event news and educational resources, including videos covering various aspects of the Revolutionary War. Visit their site at america250sar.com.

The SAR Education Committee also has a dedicated website at education.sar.org.

Notes from National Society

250th Anniversary Membership Directory

Beginning in the fall of 2023, SAR will start working on its America250 Collector's Edition Membership Directory. SAR has partnered with PCI, which bought out the former partner company on previous directories. This new partner has contractually agreed to address all the issues from the previous edition as reported by our membership. In addition to the standard information and features of earlier directory editions, this America250 publication will include the commemorative SAR/America 250 logo and a 16-page commentary section by a patriotic author or authors to be named later in production. The last volume of the membership directory was valuable enough for compatriots to sell 3300 volumes. Merchandise that conflicts with the SAR store will not be sold, members will be given clear and timely communication on what to expect, and all communication received by mail will have the official SAR logo attached to avoid confusion. No 'high-pressure' sales tactics will be used. A portion of the proceeds of every directory sold goes to support the SAR, and members are encouraged to participate and purchase if interested.

SAR Education Center and Museum

Work on the SAR Education Center and Museum is well underway. Preparation work recently began on the larger elevator that will be installed in the rear area of the Museum. The contractor has made the initial cuts in the concrete and block to allow for drilling equipment to fit into the shaft. Earlier in late May, the "AIA" (Standard Agreement between an Owner and Architect) was signed between NSSAR and ARCHON, Inc. for Design Documents. These architect design documents are for the interior build-out of the first floor, mezzanine, and portions of the lower level of the Headquarters. They will be used to prepare the space for the museum design/builder's work. Regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Museum itself, a Pre-Qualification Solicitation List was prepared and used to send a request for submission of a letter of interest to NSSAR; the request was sent to 17 firms and the due date of submissions is June 23. A press release was also sent out for wider distribution.



David W. Van Hoof
Vice President General GLD (elect),
State President Mickey McGuire
Of the Michigan Society
Sons of the American Revolution
And
Chapter President Ronald Barnard
The Paul Emory Chapter

Cordially invite you to the
Annual Great Lakes District Banquet and joint host state meeting
With the Michigan Society SAR
Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th, 2023



Doubletree by Hilton
Bay City – Riverfront
One Wenona Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 460-1703

\$109.00 plus tax through October 6, 2023. Reservation includes free self-parking.

Link for room reservations:
<https://book.passkey.com/go/SonsoftheAmericanRevolution>

**2023 GREAT LAKES DISTRICT of MISSAR BOARD OF MANAGERS GALA &
JOINT MEETING MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Advance reservation required to be served dinner/luncheon. Deadline: Oct 6th

Name(s) _____ Number Attending: _____

State/Chapter: _____ Guest(s) _____

If National/State/Chapter Officer - Position(s) _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Friday Evening Gala October 27, 2023 (5pm-10pm)
(Itinerary of activities to follow)

Braised Beef with Heirloom Carrots and Great Lakes Whitefish with Lemon Caper Butter (both are included in the single price), Tossed Mixed Greens Salad, Country Potato Salad & Cavatappi Pasta Salad. Served with Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Herbal Teas and water.

Saturday Lunch Buffet October 28, 2023 (12 pm)
(Agenda of meetings to follow)

Pan Roasted Chicken with Smoked Gouda & Bacon and Grilled Salmon with Citrus & Chardonnay (both are included in the single Price) & Michigan Salad. Sides include Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes & Mixed Seasonal Vegetables and rolls. Assorted Petite Desserts. Served with Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Herbal Teas and water. (Itinerary to follow)

List special dietary restrictions:

TOTAL DINNERS: \$29.00 + \$1.68 (6% tax) + \$6.16 (22% gratuity) = **\$36.84**

X_____ = _____

TOTAL LUNCHES: \$23.00 + \$1.32 (6% tax) + \$4.84 (22% gratuity) = **\$29.16**

X_____ = _____

TOTAL COSTS: _____

Send completed reservation form and check payable to “MISSAR” to:

Compatriot Erik Honnila, 5770 Hidden Pines Ct, White Lake MI 48343

If you have any question please contact me:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

133rd Annual National Congress
Orlando, Florida
Thursday, July 13—Thursday, July 20, 2023

Illinois Society Members Meeting
Effingham, Illinois
Friday, August 11-Saturday, August 12, 2023

Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
*Thursday, September 21—Saturday, September 23,
2023*

Great Lakes District Annual Meeting
Bay City, Michigan
Friday, October 27—Saturday, October 28, 2023

Illinois Society Members Meeting
Peoria, Illinois
Friday, November 10-Saturday, November 11, 2023

More Ways To Stay Informed

*Here are even more ways to
connect with SAR events & news*

National Society
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