

# The Illinois Patriot



## Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

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### A Message From The President

By ILSSAR  
President Michael  
Campagnolo

During the American Revolution, defeats were plentiful. By September of 1777, British forces captured the United States capital which was Philadelphia. After he failed to retake the city, General George Washington led his 12,000-man army into winter quarters at Valley Forge which is located about 20 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Of course, the Continental Congress had fled Philadelphia and were about one step ahead of British troops who swore an oath to hang everyone who signed the Declaration of Independence.

With a third of his 12,000 men without shoes, their feet wrapped in rags, George Washington lead his Army into Valley Forge just before Christmas in 1777. It was in Valley Forge on December 19 that the Continental Army and George Washington would change the course of history and reverse the course of the war which was not going well for America.

Upon arriving in Valley Forge, Washington ordered his men to build wood huts as shelters for the long winter months ahead. To do this, his men cleared a 16 by 14-foot square dugout to build their shelters on. They dug two feet into the ground to remove the permafrost. Using logs for the walls, they also gathered stones for makeshift fire-pits that really didn't resemble fireplaces. The dirt floors of the huts were used to sleep 12 men each. With openings but no actual doors to block the freezing cold, the men attempted to keep the frigid air out with the use of blankets and canvas placed over the doors. It is believed that 1,300 to 1,600 huts were constructed.

In 1777, the Continental Congress was seen as making all sorts of empty promises when it came to supporting the Continental Army. Support for General Washington had dwindled in Congress after a series of brutal



## General Washington in winter at Valley Forge

losses that year, so much so that Congress reorganized the Board of War and stripped the Commander in Chief of some of his authority.

And while this was going on, Washington's Army lacked equipment. But worse, thanks to an indecisive Congress, the American Army was starving. It was a miserably desperate situation for General Washington. While battling the British, he was also fighting Congress. His men went hungry as promised food provisions were withheld. Knowing that Congress may let them starve before acting, Washington's men competed with the British while foraging for

wild game. Of course, because of that they were competing for what game was available. Soon game to became scarce.

Washington used Valley Forge as a defensive position to re-group, train, and reorganize his units. It was also a place from which he was able to keep an eye on British troops. That was the number one reason that Valley Forge was selected by Washington as a place to winter his Army.

It's said that Congress either didn't care about the situation taking place at Valley

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## GGRC Chapter helps in the tornado relief effort

By Sr. VP Charles Dobias

Regarding storm damage, the most in Illinois was in the Amazon warehouse with its six deaths. The location is about 10 miles from my home. There has been lots of coverage in the news, both locally and nationally. I found a local (and legitimate) charity: The Edwardsville Community Foundation Relief Fund. I donated \$100 and, at our chapter meeting last Wednesday, the GGRC donated \$500.



## Are you a Sunshine Patriot?

Many see the problems currently assailing our country as a new crisis comparable to those confronting our forefathers in 1776. The whole fabric of our society is being questioned and challenged, with truths that we have long held to be self-evident now being discarded. Even the motivation behind the establishment of America as the world's first democracy has been questioned, with charges that it was from the beginning a sexist, racist, oppressive society and that democracy was imposed to perpetuate the status quo. As our Patriot ancestors did in 1776, is it not our duty to confront such deceitful ideas and protect the American ideals for which they were willing to fight and die?

You do not need to ride throughout the country shouting the alarm like Paul Revere. You needn't paint your faces while you protest and destroy property as in the Boston Tea Party. You don't need to take up weapons to oppose those who vehemently disagree with you as did the brave men at Lexington and Concord. At that time, such actions were required of our Patriot ancestors, but you can be less dramatic yet just as effective today in resisting the opponents of our freedoms. It is now time that we actually engage in the hard and sometimes risky work of searching for and implementing practical solutions to complicated problems.

It's been generalized that at the onset of the Revolution approximately one-third of the colonists were willing to fight for independence, one-third supported the Crown, and the remaining one-third merely wanted to remain neutral. Over time, those seeking independence began to gain a greater following and the number of those on the fence decreased as new victories made people realize that freedom was not a dream but in fact a viable option. But in the winter of 1776-77 the future seemed very bleak. The American army had suffered defeat after defeat. Congress was on the verge of cashiering General Washington. And droves of enlisted men lost heart and began to desert. It was at this critical hour that Thomas Paine penned *The American Crisis*:

"THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap,

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By **ILSSAR President Michael Campagnolo**

Forge, or simply thought that Washington was exaggerating the horrible conditions. Fact is, what took place there was horrible indeed. Washington's men were starving, malnourished, battle weary, discouraged, and feeling betrayed by Congress.

Then, there's the story about General Washington in prayer. That story has to do with the Potts family who actually owned the land at Valley Forge. It was their land on which Washington choose to regroup and winter. During his time there, Washington requisitioned the Potts family home, some say it was the Potts family business, to use as his headquarters at Valley Forge.

The story goes that while Isaac Potts was initially a British loyalist because he had felt that the British were simply too strong a power to go up against, his opinion changed after observing Washington and the other officers train the troops there. And among other things, Potts saw that Washington was a religious man, a good Christian.

Potts supposedly later recalled, "It was a most distressing time of the war. All were giving up the ship but that great and good man. In those woods, I heard a plaintive sound, as of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was a crisis, and the cause of the country, of humanity and of the world. Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before. We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington."

We are all reminded that militias were only so-so effective during the Revolutionary War. They were American farmers, cobblers, tinkers, craftsmen, tradesmen, who left to take up arms in a cause that was new to the world: men declaring their freedom from lords and nobles. And while there were certainly those who deserted and returned home to tend to the needs of their families, others stayed the course and soldiered during the worse of circumstances that winter.

There is a story of something that took place at Valley Forge. It has to do with when General Washington took pen in hand to make a plea for assistance from Congress. In his letter, he told Congress of the dire situation. Some say that letter was supposed to be his resignation. Some want to say it was when he declared the cause hopeless.

Washington supposedly wrote the follow-

ing letter, "I am now convinced beyond a doubt, that unless some great and capital change suddenly takes place, this army must inevitably be reduced to one or other of these three things. starve – dissolve – or disperse, in order to obtain sustenance in the best manner they can. Rest assured, Sir, this is not an exaggerated picture, and that I have abundant reasons to support what I say."

Washington himself wrote later that he was astonished at the level of good cheer among the men. He wrote how he joined in the fellowship and wished every man there a very Merry Christmas. And then and there, yes, there in the worse conditions, on that Christmas, his men cheered, "Long live the United States! Hail to our Chief! May Liberty prevail!"

General George Washington is said to have been moved to tears. There, his men starved and wrapped in blankets with rags wrapped around their frostbitten feet, cheered him that snowy day. As he watched his men brave the elements, he asked if they had not suffered enough? To his question, a lieutenant quickly replied, "Having come this far, we can but go the rest of the distance."

While it was a terrible ordeal, history shows that what took place at Valley Forge was the turning point of the American Revolution. The Christmas of 1777 was the start of an incredible story of survival, self-sacrifice, and redemption. It's said that it was during that winter, during that horrible test of endurance, that General Washington retrained but also re-inspired his men to the cause. I believe it probably worked both ways. He was probably re-inspired as well.

As Americans, besides remembering that Christ our savior is the reason for the season, we should remember the sacrifices made by our forefathers and ancestors this Christmas. We should remember that our liberty is preserved because we fight for it. Ensuring our liberty and fighting for our freedoms is a cause which we should all rededicate ourselves to keeping alive.

So with that, Long live the United States! Hail to our Chief! May Liberty prevail!

Wishing all compatriots a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





## Are you a Sunshine Patriot?

we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its

value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated."

With those lines, Thomas Paine warned us against "summer soldiers and sunshine patriots" who loudly proclaim their intentions to fight and to sacrifice themselves to the great cause of revolution, but who are all talk and no action. How about you? Are you all talk and no action? Now it is crunch time...where the rubber hits the road...time to walk the walk...when we separate the wheat from the chaff. Or choose your own tired metaphor.

...But eventually you must choose.

## Please save the dates of Oct 21 and 22, 2022

The Great Lakes District annual meeting will be in Illinois next year. Illinois SAR will host the meeting at the Springfield City Center Hotel. Additional information will be provided at a later date. As Illinois SAR is the host we need to have the maximum numbers of attendees as possible.

### ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OFFICERS 2020-2022

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## Eagle Scout candidate and friends build retaining wall to protect marker

By George Tinkham

Illinois's favorite son Abraham Lincoln practiced law in the 1840s and 1850s, in part, by traveling the 8th Judicial Circuit with Judge Davis and other attorneys and Court officials.

In 1922, the D.A.R. erected a monument on the Sangamon / Christian County line at the approximate spot where the circuit riders would have crossed. Similar markers were placed along the circuit (now known as the "Lincoln Circuit") at county line crossings and at county seats where trials had been held.

Fast forward 80 years: The A.B.A.T.E. motorcycle organization organized a tour along the Lincoln Circuit that stopped at each county line crossing and at each courthouse location where Lincoln practiced law.

Arrangements were made with local historians to regale the group with local Lincoln lore. This event allowed participants to learn more about Lincoln and what he experienced traveling the Circuit. We found some markers were missing or needing repair. 100% of the registration fees collected over the years was given to D.A.R. for care of the monuments.

Approximately 12 years ago, D.A.R. commissioned the repair and renovation of markers that were salvageable. The work on the Sangamon / Christian County line was in remarkably good shape, but received a freshening up.

By 2011, however, erosion threatened to undercut the monument and cause it to topple

into the nearby stream. D.A.R. — along with A.B.A.T.E and other Lincoln enthusiasts — pitched in to protect the monument by placing stones in the eroded areas. This completely stabilized the base and is still doing a fine job.

Now, runoff from an adjacent farm field that has covered the base. To divert this flow of mud from the marker, Eagle Scout candidate Tyrone Pettit has undertaken to build a retaining wall. On Saturday, 2 October 2021, Tyrone gathered a crew at the monument to build the retaining wall. That crew included fellow scout Orie Knox, Scoutmaster Bill Ettinger, Eagle Scout advisor Joe Harrison, senior advisor Arlan Juhl, D.A.R. representative Patricia Hopkins-Price, and S.A.R. representative George Tinkham. Sons of the American Revolution is paying for the cost of materials.

The work involved digging a trench with shovels for the base of the retaining wall. This meant moving some of the stones placed there in 2001 to stop erosion from undercutting the marker. Fine work like placing dirt and small stones to achieve correct height of the retaining wall blocks was done by hand. A large carpenter's level and a discerning eye from the volunteers kept the wall straight and plumb.

With this 'A Team' of volunteers pitching in, the project was completed in one day, and Tyrone is one step closer to becoming an Eagle Scout.

# Captain Zeally Moss Chapter



Attending the ceremony from left to right are Mike Tubbs, Tom Ashby, James Miller, Douglas Holmes, and Bill Cook.

## Chapter dedicates Liberty Tree in Alpha Park

By Allan C. Campbell, M.D.

On September 18, 2021, members of the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Alpha Park in Bartonville, adjacent to Peoria, to dedicate a tree which is a descendant of the last living original Liberty Tree which was located in Annapolis, Maryland. Those attending members were

President Billy Cook, Registrar Tom Ashby, Color Guard Commander Mike Tubbs Sergeant at Arms Jim Miller, and Eagle Scout Coordinator Douglas Holmes.

The original Liberty Tree was located in Boston, Massachusetts near the Boston

Common. In 1765, colonists rallied around the tree in resistance to the British rule over the American Colonies due to the imposition of the Stamp Act. Due to the French and Indian War, the British were in deep debt and hoped to raise funds to offset that.

Throughout the colonies, protesters formed the Sons of Liberty and choose meeting locations at various towns throughout the colonies. In 1775, Loyalists cut the Boston tree down.

The Liberty Tree in Annapolis survived the war and various ravages until October,

1999, when Hurricane Floyd provided the final blow. Seeds were collected and given to the American Forest's Historic Tree Nursery. Seedlings were given to each of the original 13 colonies and the White House.

Kay Dye, a member of the Bartonville Parks and Recreation Board and the County Gardener Club ordered a tree and planted it about three years ago. She also created a plaque with information at its base. It is a Tulip Poplar tree and has done well.

It is located near the Garfield entrance.

## And now, the rest of the story

By Pepper Bauer

There's a very special tree growing in Alpha Park, both beautiful and historic. First the background story. Kay Dye, a member of the Bartonville Parks and Recreation Board and the County Gardener Club in Bartonville, read about this Tulip Poplar tree for sale from a nursery she orders from regularly, that was a descendant of one of the Liberty Trees from the Revolutionary War.

The nursery was one of the recipients of the scions. She purchased the tree and planted it in Alpha Park about three years ago. She didn't mention it to the public because she wanted to make sure it was going to live and wanted to wait until it was a nice size. It's now a beautiful young tree and she wants Bartonville to know about it.

Kay made a concrete and rock base to set by the tree, then purchased a plaque paraphrasing the origins of the tree to place on the

base. In the build up to the Revolutionary War, colonists would gather under secret trees known as Liberty Trees to plan their rebellion against the British.

Events such as the Boston Tea party were planned underneath these trees. During the Revolutionary War, the British so hated these emblems of American rebellion that when they occupied Boston and Charleston, they cut down the local Liberty Trees.

All were lost except the tree in Annapolis, Maryland. The town was never occupied during the conflict and its Liberty Tree would become the oldest living survivor of the Revolutionary era and grow to 120 feet in height. Sadly, it was killed by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Cuttings and seedlings of the Annapolis tree were grown and distributed and this new addition to Alpha Park is one of its descendants.

## Elijah Smith Chapter



Registrar Dan Marks, left, presents Richard Jones, right, with his membership certificate. Richard and his son, Dustin, became new SAR members in August.

# General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter

## Vets honored and officers sworn in at Veterans' Day meeting

By Virgil D. Short MD

The General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a meeting on Nov. 10, 2021 to honor veterans at The Ozark House at 12:30 pm. There were 24 in attendance, 13 of whom were veterans 5 of whom were invited veterans, and 8 of whom

were GJB SAR members. Attendants included ILSSAR Pres. Mike Campagnolo, LGS DAR Regent Paula Garrett and husband John (both Veterans), LGS DAR Member Cherie Valentine, and Greg Scott Retired BPD and Interim Police Chief with 35 years of service and wife Dr. Trina Scott (both veterans) invited by Stephen Kern, host of the event.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Leifel, the SAR Pledge led by William White, and Invocation given by Virgil D. Short M. D. following which, welcoming and introduction remarks were delivered by J. Gordon Bidner, GJB SAR Chapter President.

A short business meeting consisting of the Secretary's Report presented by Secretary Jay Cummins and accepted, and Treasury Report presented by Treasurer Lance McCormick was accepted. The 2022 slate of officers and members-at-large was presented by Jay Cummins. There being no further nominations from the floor the election for 2022 Officers and MALs was carried out with the slate being unanimously elected and then installed by Mike Campagnolo, Pres. ILSSAR.

After this, matters turned to expressions of gratitude to our chapter veterans and all veterans for their services and sacrifices in protecting and maintaining our liberties and freedoms. J. Gordon Bidner recognized individually all attending veteran members and expressed the chapter's gratitude for their service to our country. The GJB SAR Chapter has 23 surviving members who have served during WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, or Afghanistan Wars, one of whom is on active duty. Three members are recipients of the Bronze Star. The GJB SAR Chapter was saddened during the past year with the



ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo, right, swears in the unanimously elected slate of chapter officers.

loss of three member veterans: David Ashbrook-Army-Korea-Aug. 9, 2020, Kelly Gray-Air Force-Viet Nam-Nov. 16, 2020, and William Miller-Navy-WWII-Jan. 11, 2021.

A pictorial recognition with pictures of all 23 member veterans organized under their periods of war service with an indication of unusual medals awarded, on a background of the Flag along with a text statement above, commemorating their service and the chapter's gratitude for their service had been designed. As another expression of gratitude for their services, the meal expense for each Veteran Member attending was provided by the GJB SAR chapter.

In the past at this time of year, members have traditionally brought donations of items such as clothing, books, toiletries, or checks (for patients at the VA Illiana Health Care System in Danville) for collection at this meeting which were then transported to that facility by

members of the Veterans' Committee. The VA facility recommended the donations be in the form of checks. It was felt if any of the non-members attending were inclined to donate, their checks could be given to William White to collect with the GJB SAR Chapter donation of \$100 and the members donation checks to send to VAIHCS along with a note of appreciation for their service.

The Keynote Speaker, a US Navy Veteran, was introduced by Stephen Kern, a US Army Veteran, and GJB SAR Chapter Chairman of Public Service and Heroism Committee, John P. Freese is Retired Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit, who spoke on "Our Common Bond--Veterans Day 2021."

Following this presentation, the meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional led by Raymond P. Owens, Sergeant-at-Arms.



## GJB presents Eagle Scout certificate to Benjamin Ian Donovan

On November 20, 2021 GJB SAR member Bill White awarded an Eagle Scout Certificate to Benjamin Ian Donovan during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Eureka Christian Church in Eureka, Illinois. Benjamin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 57 in Eureka, Illinois and Robert McClure is his Scoutmaster.

## Ewington Chapter

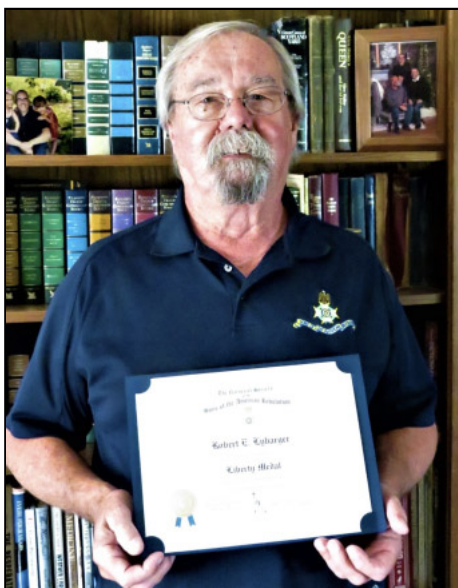


Above, compatriots attending the Grande Levee event are from left, Joe Harris, Larry Smith, and Ron Wood. Below, Abe with Steve Wiyatt.



### Ewington brings patriotism to Vandalia with Abe Lincoln.

The Ewington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Grande Levee event held on the grounds of the old State Capitol in Vandalia on Saturday October 8, 2021. Attending from Ewington were Ron Wood, Larry Smith, Steve Wiyatt, and Joe Harris. The most distinguished among many who visited the display was President Lincoln. The event featured a variety of displays and vendors selling pottery, brooms, and a variety of hand crafted items as well as historical presentations on Lincoln. This was an excellent opportunity to promote membership in SAR and share the history of the American Revolution. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources coordinated the event. Special thanks to the IDNR for featuring Ewington and the historic flag display in the publicity for the event.



Bob Lybarger receives the Liberty Medal Certificate and Oak Leaf Cluster for the new applications he submitted.



### Ewington New Members

The Ewington Chapter welcomes six new members from the Motsinger family. Brothers Mark Motsinger and Mike Motsinger joined along with Mark's sons Caleb and Gabriel and Mike's sons Masen and Macartney. Shown in photo are: front row: Mike Motsinger, Mark Motsinger, Macartney Motsinger; back row Bill Grady, Joe Harris, Ron Wood.

# Lewis & Clark Chapter



Above from left are EMT Ryan Young, Jeremiah Peterson, OPD officer John Kostainschek, Ava Vickery and EMT Nick Fensom. In photo below, from left are Tom Schwarztrauber, chairman of the Cemetery Detectives, who accepted for Tim Ogle, Babe Papproth and Donn Beedle.

## Lewis and Clark chapter honors local heroes

The Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently honored three O'Fallon Cemetery Detectives and an O'Fallon teenager and three first-responders who attended to a young woman's head injury and may well have saved her life.

The SAR chapter presented Good Citizenship awards to Babe Papproth, Donn Beedle and Tim Ogle for their work with the Cemetery Detectives.

Cemetery Detective Chairman Tom Schwarztrauber called 86-year-old Papproth "an inspiration for us." He said 80-year-old Beedle is always willing to help with the latest project and called Ogle, 62, his prober for buried grave stones and fellow grave stone repairman.

The Cemetery Detectives are part of the O'Fallon Historical Society's Cemetery Committee. They actively seek out and document cemeteries, especially abandoned ones, in the area. They also work to preserve those cemeteries by repairing and sometimes resetting broken or damaged tombstones in consultation with cemetery landowners.

The Cemetery Detectives have assisted the Lewis & Clark chapter in locating several graves of Revolutionary War veterans.

The chapter presented the Life Saving award to 15-year-old Jeremiah Peterson of O'Fallon. On April 14, Jeremiah, then 14, and his friend Ava Vickery were skateboarding when Ava fell and injured her head.



"Immediately after the accident, Jeremiah ran to the nearest house and told the individuals to call 911. The early activation of our EMS resources allowed O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS to provide helicopter transport to a Level 1 Children's Trauma Center," EMT Nicholas Fensom said in a letter to the Lewis & Clark chapter.

"Prior to EMS arrival, Jeremiah used t-shirts to stop the bleeding from Ava's head. Due to the nature of the bleed, this gave Ava valuable time and improved her outcome and prognosis," Fensom continued. "Jeremiah also recognized how confused and minimally responsive Ava was and placed her in the recovery position, preventing Ava from potential airway compromise and/or aspiration. (Ava required intubation prior to helicopter transport due to vomiting and airway compromise).

"As the paramedic in charge of the scene, I can say with certainty that Jeremiah provided critical lifesaving and life-improving interventions prior to our arrival."

First-responders included EMTs Fensom and Ryan Young and OPD officer John Kostainschek. The chapter presented



Left to right are Deputy Jonathan Barbour, Steeleville Police Chief Jim Zidler, Sgt. Justin Baker, Lewis & Clark Chapter President Dan Crafton and Officer Chase Usher.

## Officers honored for rescue from fiery car crash

The Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented Law Enforcement Commendation medals and certificates to a Randolph County deputy sheriff and two Steeleville police officers.

The chapter presented the awards to Deputy Jonathan Barbour, Sgt. Justin Baker and Officer Chase Usher for their roles in rescuing a woman trapped in a burning car after an accident on Rockcastle Road January 21.

Presentation of Heroism awards to civilians Willis Keller, Zachary Kothe and Ethan Kothe is pending. The three men also assisted on that night.

Steeleville Police Chief Jim Zidler said the outcome of this accident would have been much different without the intervention of these six men. Sheriff Shannon Wolff previously commended them for their actions.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a national organization with state societies and local chapters. Its purposes are patriotic, historical and educational. For details, visit [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org). Counties served by the Lewis & Clark chapter are St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Washington, Clinton and Jefferson. Email [meacham@nwcable.net](mailto:meacham@nwcable.net) for information.

Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement commendation medals and certificates to them. Presentation of SAR EMS commendations are pending for ARCH Air Medical Service flight nurse Chase Niewoehner and flight medic Todd Wollmann.

The presentation to Jeremiah, the EMTs and police officer at Gia's Pizza was attended by Jeremiah's parents, Todd and Damaris Peterson, and Jeremiah's sister Alyssa; Ava and her parents, Philip and Heather Vickery and Ava's sister Austen; and EMTs Fensom and Young, Officer Kostainschek and their

## Long Knives Chapter



### Saluting Our Vets In Anna

The Long Knives Chapter Color Guard was again proud to Present the Colors during Southern Illinois' largest Veterans Day Parade. This parade is known as the 'premier parade' for veterans south of Interstate 64 in Illinois. Every year the Parade is sponsored by VFW Carrol P. Foster Post 3455 located in Anna, Illinois. This year's parade included five bands, civic groups, boy and girl scouts, veterans from the Anna VA Residence Home, and dozens of floats. Long Knives' Color Guard consisted of Compatriots Jim Wallace, Tom Edmonson, Jack Cramer, Jim Whitt, Steven Haldeman, Allan Lang, and Everett Rhine.

### Long Knives Veterans on Parade

This year, the Long Knives Chapter presented the Colors in the annual Veterans On Parade in Marion, Illinois. The parade held special meaning as it coincided with 911 remembrance services. After the parade through downtown Marion, the services were held at the Williamson County Fairgrounds. The event was well attended by the citizens of Marion, who lined the parade route by the hundreds.

### Long Knives Constitution Week starts with a Big Bang

The Long Knives Chapter, of the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution had the honor this year of helping kick-off the celebration of National Constitution Week. September 17 marked the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States. In 1955, The Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 every year to observe the signing of our constitution. It was made into law in 1956 and signed by President Eisenhower. For 65 years, this week it has been celebrated.

This year, the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was inspired to observe this holiday week in spectacular fashion. The event began September 17 at the Lincoln/Douglas Debate Park Site in Jonesboro, Illinois. This Site is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, who granted special dispensation to allow a cannon and firelocks to be discharged on site. The program began with the Posting of the Colors by Boy Scout Troop 7044 and was then followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Samantha Bursich. The UPAC Girls Scouts led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Patriotic songs were sung and prayers were offered by the DAR and SAR chaplains. Throughout the country, bells were rung in commemoration of the day's significance. The SAR Long Knives provided their special ceremonial bell for the occasion. Several dignitaries and professors were also able to provide historical context for the formation and importance of our constitution. The Ceremony concluded with a 21 Gun Salute provided by the Long Knives Chapter Color Guard detachment. Three



Compatriot Jack Cramer, center, presents the Medal for Heroism awards to Carbondale police officers Dylan Yost, left, and Tim Lomax for

### Police officers' quick thinking and heroic actions save gunshot victim

April 11, 2021 was a peaceful day in Carbondale until gunfire erupted. Sergeant Tim Lomax of the Carbondale Police Department responded to a gunfight in progress. He immediately called for backup and discovered a gunshot victim. Carbondale officers Dylan Yost and Haled Saleh responded and called for an ambulance. Realizing the victim had no chance of surviving if they waited, Yost borrowed a truck from a civilian and the officers loaded the victim into the truck bed. Yost drove to the hospital while Saleh per-

formed CPR on the victim in the back of the truck. Sergeant Lomax stayed on scene to secure the location. Carbondale Police Chief Stan Reno presented the officers with the Lifesaving Award. The Long Knives Chapter in turn, presented the officers with the SAR Medal for Heroism. Compatriot Jack Cramer presented officers Yost and Lomax their Heroism Medal and Certificate. Officer Saleh was on duty and unable to attend the Ceremony.



cannon shots boomed from the artillery crew, while 21 musket shots sounded from the Long Knives' Musket Squad. The Memorial was well attended by the public. This event came together with cooperation from the following groups that deserve recognition: the D.A.R., S.A.R., Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Anna Arts Council, U.S. Forest Service, P.A.S.T. Historical Society, with numerous dignitaries and professors from Southern Illinois University.

**Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

Illinois Society Quarterly Meeting, 11-12 Feb 2022  
at the Double Tree by Hilton, Bloomington, IL  
10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington IL 61701

The SAR discount rate is \$123.00 plus tax, which includes breakfast and parking.

**The cutoff date for reservations is Jan 21 2022.**

Your attendee website is: [www.my-event.hilton.com/bmidtdt-sar-c82ea0e3-d6b4-40a6-bb84-a44f6448a050/](http://www.my-event.hilton.com/bmidtdt-sar-c82ea0e3-d6b4-40a6-bb84-a44f6448a050/)

Copy and paste the above link and follow the instructions to book your room.

The Friday 11 Feb dinner begins with a social hour at 6pm in a room TBD, with dinner to follow at 7pm.

**Our honored speaker will be Allen Lynch, a Medal of Honor recipient for service in Vietnam.**

**Friday Dinner - \$35****Salad**

Paradise Santorini (heart of Romaine salad with grape tomatoes, Bermuda onion, cucumber, feta cheese, marinated chickpeas, and pita croutons).

**Entrée**

Chicken Cordon Bleu (baked chicken breast with smoked ham, with Swiss and gruyere cheese with peppered tarragon sauce); oven roasted baby Yukon Gold potatoes; and broccoli with cheese Mornay.

**Dessert**

Italian lemon cream cake

**Saturday Boxed Lunch - \$18**

Roast beef with white cheddar cheese or Turkey and ham with hickory smoked bacon and Swiss cheese on a croissant. Includes fruit, assorted chips, cup of salad, cookies, condiments and assorted sodas.

Do you have special diet needs?

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter : \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be present in Color Guard Uniform? \_\_\_\_\_

Meal selections must be received by Feb 4. Send checks payable to "ILSSAR" to:

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### **Veterans' Center at University of Illinois**

Garret Anderson, Ret. Sgt. U.S Army, Outreach Coordinator & Student Recruiter for Chez Veteran's Center at the University of Illinois spoke to members of the Piankeshaw Chapter at its November meeting about the mission of the Chez Veteran's Center (CVC). Its mission is to maximize the academic, psychosocial, and career potentials of our nation's veterans, military-connected members, and their families.

Their vision is to be the pre-eminent university center for transforming present and future generations of military connected communities through innovative services, research, and education.



**From left: Lt. Col Dan Johnson of the University of Illinois Army ROTC, Lt. Col. Joseph Timberlake of the Air Force ROTC, and Piankeshaw Chapter President Patrick Brown. Lt. Col. Timberlake gave overviews of the ROTC programs at the University of Illinois at the Piankeshaw Chapter September meeting.**