

The Illinois Patriot



Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

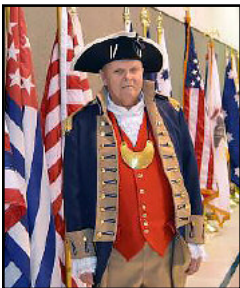
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A Message From The President

By Toby Chamberlain
ILSSAR President



Toby Chamberlain

A very big Thank you to the 12 Compatriots who stepped up to answer the call at the November Board of Managers Meeting in Springfield to donate funds to help our under-

funded Illinois Society Veteran's Budget.

The 12 Compatriots each pledged \$100. If you were unable to attend the November Board of Managers Meeting and would like to donate to the Illinois Society Veteran's Fund or the ILSSAR General Fund to support underfunded society projects, send your check in any amount to Dick Chamblin, 825 Buccaneer Point, Decatur, IL 62521. Write Veteran's Fund or General Fund on the memo line of your check.

2017 has passed into history, and our Illinois Society remains strong. Our Compatriot member numbers are well ahead of our two Great Lakes District Sister States (Michigan and Wisconsin) and continue to grow. Our chapters are active across the board in community activities, from Eagle Scouts to supporting our state veteran's projects. This could not have been possible without each of you, and I thank you for both your time and monetary participation.

Chapter Presidents #1: Don't forget. If you presented a first responder (Law/Fire/EMT), Heroism or Life Saving Award in 2017, report the award information to the National Society. You can find the reporting form at the National Society web site.

Chapter Presidents #2: If your chapter is planning a Cemetery Marking in 2018, I would like to hear about it no later than

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Meet Fox Valley's Youngest New Compatriot!

Held by his mom Jeanne White, six month old Christopher James White receives his rosette from Chapter Registrar Ted Miller at Fox Valley's Fall Luncheon in October. See more about him and his Patriot Ancestor on P8.

Are You Not Yet a George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow?

Don't despair. You can rectify that by donating to the National Society George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF). A one-time donation of \$1,000 or more or \$250 dollars a year over a four-year period is all it takes for your membership. Your donation is tax deductible.

The GWEF was established by the National Society Executive Committee and approved by the National Trustees on February 27, 1993.

The fund was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide funding for support of NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The GWEF is managed by a GWEF Board with responsibility for oversight of all aspects of the GWEF.

The endowment fund has grown annually and continues to support approved NSSAR activities and projects. The corpus of the fund is never touched. Eighty percent of the earnings are withdrawn each year to support NSSAR projects at the chapter, state and national level. Twenty percent of the earnings are rolled back into the corpus each year.

Earnings from the contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects. Some recent projects include:

*Montana Sourdough Chapter SAR Chapter Starter Kit (\$92.74)

*Knoxville TN Congress, Rumbaugh Orations Breakfasts (\$1,189.73)

*Youth Awards Council (\$1,000.00)

*The American Revolution: Alabama brochure (\$1,500.00)

*Illinois Cemetery Patriot Marking Project (\$8,000.00 in 2017 and more than \$15,000.00 total),

*And many more.

You can find a GWEF membership form on the National Society web site or contact Toby Chamberlain (sachamb@comcast.net or 217.483.6267).

You do not have to be in the SAR to join the GWEF. Spouses and family members, including children, can become GWEF Fellows. Why not give a gift membership today? Currently, 20 ILSSAR Compatriots and two spouses are GWEF Fellows.

SAR National's New Online Application System

By Sr. Vice President Jim DeGroff

I am often asked why the online application system? (I will refer to it as OAS for brevity). What was wrong with the old form?

Nothing, except none of the data was recorded at National until the application and proofs went in, were

approved and then a data entry person had put all the pertinent information into their files. That causes a higher workload. And as you can imagine, not all the information

is recorded. One day soon, National will not accept the old forms, but they are for now.

So National is developing an overall research system that ties all the different data National needs into one system, and part of that is the new OAS. Each subsystem is in various stages of development.

The OAS is not perfect but it works well with a couple of minor glitches that will soon

be fixed. So with that I will tell you, I have used it many times and have developed more than 12 applications with it.

Once you use it, you will see it's easy, and National gets the information as you save it. They assign a number to it, and off you go.

all the in progress applications. The State Registrar can also see all applications being worked on. My Applications shows all the applications the person logging in is working on. He can update an existing application or create a new Regular or Supplemental or

other as you did with the old form.

The new process is similar. You finish the application and then save it back to your computer file and print it. Then as always, two copies are

printed on SAR watermark paper, and the proofs are submitted to our State Registrar for review.

If you have any problems or questions about the system, please go to your chapter registrar first. Then if needed, email or call Garry Grugan State Registrar or Ron Peck State Genealogist for help. Or as a last resort, contact me.

The full presentation is on the ILSSAR website in both PDF and PPT format.

There is a link using the full URL:

http://www.illinois-sar.org/uploads/9/7/6/5/97654736/illinois_society_online.pptx

as well as a URL shortener

http://bit.ly/SAR_Online

That's why I am setting up a class that will have been held by the time The Patriot is published. The class is for registrars developing new member applications and members wanting to develop supplementals to submit.

How does the OAS work? You login to SAR.org, then go to the Members Portal. Then you have several options. A chapter registrar can go to Chapter Dashboard and see

A Message From The Senior Vice President

By Jim DeGroff



Jim DeGroff

After many questions about the new online application system National is working on, I decided to write a little about it for this Patriot edition. I encourage all registrars to use the new system. It helps National be more productive, and soon it will be mandatory, once you use it you will like it, as I do.

I am still getting new member inquiries daily, so there are many opportunities for Registrars to get new prospective members. A lot of folks are interested in joining, and we should do as much as possible to help them. I assist in doing genealogy for them if

they have holes in their ancestry and I often work the application for them. We don't want to lose people because it's so complicated for them. We have done this before and we can make the process much easier for them.

Many potential members are going online and creating their own new applications, which they can do for those that are willing to try it. Although I would advise they talk to the registrar at their local chapter, our State Registrar or the State Genealogist first, sometimes they don't until they have filled it out. If they fill it out without the right chapter then only that chapter can read it or our State Registrar, then he can change it to the right chapter. I had a guy create one then call me. He used State instead of GGRC then once he changed it I could see his whole application. If I get inquiries from those that are not sure of the chapter, I direct them to the appropriate chapter registrar.

The new application system is not perfect. There are a few glitches to iron out by National, but it's easier than the old form overall. Once you use it, you will like it.

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The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution

Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting

February 2-3, 2018

At the Wyndham 700 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois

The Wyndham Hotel room discount rate is \$110.00 plus tax and includes free parking and breakfast. The cutoff date for discount reservations is January 11, 2018. Call 217.789.1530 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate.

The following is the link if people want to reserve online for the February meeting:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/hr/sar-quarterly-brd-mtg-feb-2018>

The dress is business suit, business dress or uniform. The **Friday, February 2 dinner begins 7 PM in the Rendezvous Room.** We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6 to 7 PM. Following dinner, our speaker is Joy Upton a DAR member. Her talk will be on DNA.

The Saturday February 3 Board Meeting will start at 8:30 PM in Conference Center 4. The Ladies Auxiliary begins at 8:30 PM in the Conference Center 3 and Lunch begins at 12 PM noon in the Plaza One. **We have had requests for a lighter lunch, so we will have soup and sandwiches. Please pay by check before coming.**

Cut here and return

I will attend the BOM meeting but not any meal events: _____

Please fill the above out for BOM seating arrangements.

Friday Dinner: Glazed Pork Loin and Arugula Orange Salad with Apple Pie (\$40.00 ea.)

Saturday Luncheon: Broccoli Cheese Soup and Deli Meat Assorted Breads (\$25.00 ea.)

Member name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Spouse name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Guest name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Mail personal check payable to "ILSSAR" for meals total to:

Compatriot Jim DeGross

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Phone: (H) 618.667.8660

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President's Message

January 15, 2018. I will submit a request for funding help to the George Washington Endowment Fund, but the amount I request is dependent on the number of markings that are scheduled.

The state-wide celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Illinois statehood kicked off on December 3, 2017, and will run until December 3, 2018 and the Illinois SAR Society needs to become involved. For scheduled activities, go to Illinois200.com. The Illinois DAR Society already has activity information on the Illinois200 site, but we do not. I have named Compatriot Dick Chamblin as Chairman to coordinate ILSSAR Illinois200 activities. Contact Dick If you have any chapter events already scheduled.



Photos
by
Bill
Wheeler



Great Lakes District Meeting

Several Illinois Society compatriots received awards at the October meeting in Middleton, WI. One of them was Compatriot Dick Chamblin, below, who received the Meritorious Service Medal from VPG of the Great Lakes District, Roger Boeker, left, as President Toby Chamberlain watches. Other Illinois compatriots honored were Toby Chamberlain and Tom Ashby. At left, the color guard posts the colors. Below left, NSSAR President General Larry Guzy addresses the assembled compatriots.



ILSSAR Calendar of upcoming events in 2018

February 2-3

Board of Managers Mtg

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at \$110 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530. Our dinner speaker will be Joy Upton on DNA testing and Genealogy.

March 1-3

SAR Spring Leadership Mtg.

Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888 888-5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

May 11-12

Board of Managers Mtg.

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at \$119 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530.

This meeting is our annual SAR individual awards night and will have the Ladies Auxiliary Auction. Special guest will be NSSAR President General Larry Guzy and the First Lady in attendance.

July 12-19

National SAR 128th Congress

Houston TX, at the Houston Westin, Memorial City. \$159 per night at 800.937.8461 ask for NSSAR or the National Society Sons of the American Revolution group rate or online at: starwoodmeeting.com/book/NSSAR2018

August 9-11

Illinois SAR Board of Managers Mtg.

dates are Thursday, August 9 for the State Fair. The BOM dinner is Friday night August 10 at the Wyndham, Springfield, IL. The BOM is Saturday morning August 11. We have rooms at \$112 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530. Our speaker is to be determined.

September 27-29

National SAR Fall Leadership Mtg.

Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call

888.888.5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate. Registration can be found at SAR.ORG, Compatriots, Leadership Information, then Register.

October 26-27

NSSAR Great Lakes

District Mtg.

and ILSSAR Board of Management Mtg.

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at \$121 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530. Our dinner speaker is to be determined. Black Tie or Uniform for Friday night dinner.

November 2-3

Board of Managers Mtg.

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at tba each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530.

After the evening dinner our speaker is to be determined.

Secretary — Drew Robinson

Please notify me of address changes or deceased members, in order to keep your ILSSAR database up to date and your newsletter delivered to the correct address AT:

therobinsons_20@comcast.net



ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan

Effective immediately, my e-mail address is **gagrugansar@gmail.com**.

Please update your contact information accordingly. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Captain Zeally Moss Chapter



Color Guard Event

The Captain Zeally Moss Color Guard participated in the dedication of a Vietnam War Memorial in Brimfield, Illinois. From left are VP Billy Cook, CG Commander Mike Tubbs, Awards Co Chair Jim Miller and Registrar Tom Ashby.

CZM's Stories are in the Photos



War Service Medal

John Bellis, center, receives his War Service Medal from CZM President John Foster, left, and Tom Ashby, right.

Chapter Activities and Awards



New Chapter Members

Above, President John Foster and R. Glen Allen hold his and his son Jera Wyn's membership certificates with Tom Ashby. Below from left: President John Foster; new members Gary Eagan, Leonard Szaltis and Ronald Pearson; and Tom Ashby.



Distinguished Service Award

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award are from left: Gary List, Mike Tubbs, CZM President John Foster, Aaron Miller, Jim Miller and Treasurer Ed Peifer,



Color Guard Award

The Color Guardsman of the Year is Compatriot Jim Miller.



Molly Pitcher Medal

Natl. Auxiliary 1st VP Linda Ashby receives the Molly Pitcher Medal from National Trustee Tom Ashby.

General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

GJB and DAR Honor Local First Responders

By Virgil D. Short MD
GJB SAR Chapter Chaplain

The General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual joint Constitution Week meeting September 18 at the College Park Christian Church. The meeting was a commemoration of the ratification of the US Constitution, as well as an expression of gratitude to our First Responders for their service and dedication in keeping us safe and maintaining an orderly society. There were 61 attendees including members of the GJB SAR and LGS DAR Chapters, first responders, speaker Thomas E. McClure and special out-of-town guests ILSSAR President Toby Chamberlain, DAR Illinois Honorary State Regent Sharon Frizzell, and Carol Grammer and Dawn Schoetz from the Alliance Chapter of DAR.

The meeting was opened with pledges led by GJB and LGS members and invocation by Virgil D. Short MD, after which GJB Chapter President Chapter J. Gordon Bidner expressed the community's appreciation for the care and protection by the first responders and how they are necessary for a safe, orderly functioning society.

The GJB Chapter annually honors out-



From left are: GJB President Gordon Bidner; ILSSAR President Toby Chamberlain; award recipients Cory McNicol, Joseph Benner, Lt. Hadley Welsch, Erik Fricke, Michael Burns, Chuck Casagrande; and GJB Public Service Committee Chairman Jeff Kretlow.

standing members of our local first responders in the departments of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and EMS. The GJB SAR Flag, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMS, and Heroism Committee for these awards consist of Jeff Kretlow, GJB Chapter VP and Chairman Ed Proctor, Virgil D. Short MD, David Dougall, and Bill Hammitt.

GJB Public Service Committee Chairman Jeff Kretlow presented awards to the outstanding recipients of the 2017 Public Service Awards to:

Law Enforcement

Detective Michael Burns, Bloomington Police Dept; Lt. Hadley Welsch, McLean County Sheriff's Dept; Officer Cory McNicol, Normal Police Dept; and Officer Joseph Benner, Normal Police Dept.

Fire Safety and EMS

Firefighter/Paramedic Chuck Casagrande, Bloomington Fire Dept.

Heroism

Trooper Erik Fricke, Illinois State Police District 6

The speaker, introduced by President J. Gordon Bidner, was Thomas E. McClure, Director of Legal Studies and Associate Professor ISU Dept. of Politics & Government. His presentation was entitled "The Constitution in Central Illinois: A View from the Trenches." By examples, he explained how often the outcome of legal actions is influenced or settled by application of the Constitution.

The meeting was closed with comments from GJB President Bidner and LGS Regent Patricia LeVeé Radue, followed by the recessional. Refreshments of cookies, cakes, cupcakes, tea, and lemonade were provided by the DAR members.

GJB Chapter Expresses Gratitude to Its Veterans

By GJB Chapter Chaplain Virgil D. Short MD

The GJB held its Nov. 2017 meeting on Veterans' Day at the Chateau Tony Roma's Restaurant in Bloomington.

Veterans opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bud Lewis, WWII; the SAR Pledge led by Lance McCormick, Viet Nam; and the Invocation led by Chaplain Virgil Short MD, Viet Nam. GJB President J. Gordon Bidner then welcomed everyone.

As an expression, in part, of our gratitude for our veterans' services, each veteran's meal was provided free of charge by the GJB SAR Chapter.

Member At Large, Russell G. White,



Vietnam Veteran was presented with the SAR War Medal by William White and David Edwards, GJB SAR Veterans' Committee Chairman. J. Gordon Bidner then presented GJB SAR Membership Pins to the following SAR Members: Robert Harshbarger, Robert Flesher, and Russell White. It is a pin with the US Flag and the SAR Flag on it.

The GJB Chapter of 44 has 21 members who have served during WWII, Korea, Viet

Nam, Desert Storm, or Afghanistan Wars, and one member who is currently serving in Iraq. Two members are recipients of the Bronze Star. GJB President Bidner individually recognized attending veteran members and guests by expressing gratitude for their service to our country.

A pictorial recognition with pictures of all 21 member veterans, along with their war period of service on a background of the Raising of the Flag over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, was made with an electronic copy provided to each veteran member, and all GJB SAR Chapter members.

Traditionally, members have brought to this meeting donations of items or checks for

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GJB Chapter Honors its Veterans

use of patients at the VA Illiana Health Care System. Donations were then delivered to that facility in Danville, IL. During 2016, we donated \$145.00 and 221 personal care items, CDs, and books. At the October meeting, the chapter voted to write a check for \$100.00 as a donation and asked members to write a check for individual donations to "VA Illiana Health Care System" rather than collecting items as in the past. The collection of the chapter and individual personal donations yielded \$435.00.

After business was completed, the speaker, GJB member Robert L. Flesher, delivered his presentation "My Family's Military Service." He is a veteran of the US Army in Viet Nam, and Bronze Star recipient. He described his family tree from his SAR patriot to himself and the wars in which the various generations participated, as well as interesting characteristics about them and their lives.

Following the presentation the meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional led by Veterans Committee Chairman and Peace Time Veteran David Edwards.

American Bicentennial Chapter

The October ABC meeting included lunch and an induction ceremony for one new member, Richard Leber. In addition to the induction and welcoming of our new member, Dr. Geoffrey Thompson gave a presentation on the value of land records in conducting an ancestry search. Dr. Thompson described how facts and clues for further research may be found in various land records and maps. After the presentation, a new slate of officers for the chapter was approved by those in attendance. The chapter is growing, and several opportunities to assist are open if any member would like to volunteer.



From left, ABC outgoing ABC President Chris Jenner, Richard Leber, and Sgt. at Arms Dr. Geoffrey Thompson.

Decatur Chapter

The Stephen Decatur Chapter has been very busy the last 4-5 months getting back up to speed after a 15-year dormant period. Among other activities, we are moving their meetings around to the counties they represent, and have had meetings so far in Sullivan (Moultrie County) and Taylorville (Christian County). They have also done several radio



From left, Decatur President Dave Miller, flag award recipient Kelly Skinner and his wife.

shows and now have SAR announcements in several newspapers. They also recently presented their first flag award to Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Skinner of Monticello (Piatt County). They will also be having a Christmas dinner in conjunction with the Springfield Chapter on December 16. They recently added Roger Swim of Pana as their genealogist and registrar as well.

Fort Dearborn Chapter

Using Technology at Chapter Meetings

By Bill Wheeler

As we move into the winter months, as the snow falls upon us and we face increasing demands on our time, it becomes increasingly difficult to meet with our fellow Compatriots. In order to provide our members with more options to be engaged with our chapters and to facilitate higher attendance at chapter board of managers (BOM) meetings, chapters are encouraged to leverage webinar technologies. ILSSAR Vice President Jim DeGross recently used free web meeting technology from FreeConferenceCall.com to present an overview to the NSSAR online application system and best practices to submitting an application. Using FreeConferenceCall.com, sessions can be recorded for later playback.

Chapters that have Google Apps for Nonprofits also have Google Meet. However, the non-profit edition of Google Meet does not support recording at this time. For assistance with online meetings or to get your chapter setup with Google apps, please contact Bill Wheeler (bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org).



Fort Dearborn Hosts Former ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot

The Fort Dearborn Chapter held its quarterly meeting at the historic Union League Club in Chicago Thursday, November 16. The meeting began by presenting Martin Starr with his membership certificate. Following lunch, former ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot presented a program on his 6th great-grandfather, Commodore Silas Talbot.



New Chapter and Life Member

New SAR member Martin Starr, left, receives his new member certificate from Bill Wheeler, right, at a recent chapter meeting. He was also presented with his Life Membership.

Fox Valley Chapter

New Chapter Members Inducted at Fox Valley's Fall Luncheon

The Fox Valley SAR Luncheon was October 22 in Batavia.

New chapter members Gerald Paris and Harold Grunner were inducted and received their certificates, along with the chapter's youngest new compatriot 6 1/2-month-old Christopher White from Burr Ridge.

Al Potyen was our guest speaker. His topic was "Strong Whiskey Distilling in the 18th Century." His talk was fascinating with a detailed description about how early whiskey was made in the family still at virtually every home. The extra strong brew was then heavily diluted and added to available water to make it drinkable. Al has been a reenactor for more than 40 years, Commander of the 2nd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line NWTA. He taught high school and worked as exhibits technician at The First Division



Fox Valley President Harry Reineke IV inducts new members from left, Gerald Paris, Harold Grunner, and six month old Christopher James White, held by his mom Jeanne White at Fox Valley's Fall Luncheon in Batavia.

Museum, Cantigny and Firearms Expert at The Field Museum in Chicago.

Chapter Registrar Ted Miller organized a Revolutionary War trivia contest that was a

big hit. Congratulations to those at the 'Teamawesome' table for coming in 1st place!

An excellent buffet luncheon was enjoyed by everyone



Above, Fox Valley VP Mike Campagnolo presents Chapter Registrar Ted Miller with his Liberty Medal awarded at the National Congress for his outstanding recruitment work. At right, luncheon speaker Al Potyen describes operation of a strong whiskey home still.



Six-Month-Old Compatriot has Fascinating Patriot Ancestor

By Jeanne White

Since I'm a current NSDAR member, Christopher James 'Kit' White's NSSAR application process went smoothly. Fox Valley Chapter Registrar Edward "Ted" Miller proved to be very welcoming, as well as a font of knowledge about the application process. Kit's application was approved on Labor Day weekend, just two months later.

The postcard announcing approval of his SAR membership was Kit's very first piece of mail. I decided to save it in his baby book. I could tell Kit was very excited to attend his first chapter luncheon on October 22, where he received his membership certificate and member rosette.

Kit's patriot ancestor, Medad Pomeroy **Continued on next page.**



New Compatriot Christopher White admires his member certificate along with his Mom Jeanne White and Registrar Ted Miller.

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Patriot Ancestor Engages in Legal Skullduggery, Escapes in a Hail of Torrey Musket Balls

was born on October 18, 1758, in Suffield, Connecticut. According to Pomeroy's pension claim, Pomeroy enlisted in Captain John Hermon's company, Colonel John Durkee's Connecticut regiment, in April 1777, where he served as a private.

Pomeroy was engaged in guarding the coast around Horseneck, Blank Rock and Stamford. He was wounded in the side by a ball in the battle of Germantown and was taken with the other wounded to Easton, Pennsylvania, where he remained until February 1778. He then rejoined his regiment and was discharged in March or April 1778. Pomeroy reenlisted early in the summer of 1778, at which time he served as wagoner in Captain Dorsett's company, Colonel Weiss' regiment, in the Quartermaster Department, and was discharged sometime in June or July 1779. Pomeroy also served for five months in Captain James Parsons' company, Colonel Chandler's Connecticut regiment, although the dates of that service are unknown.

In the *Biographies and War Reminiscences of Medad, James and Winfield K. Pomeroy*, 1906, pp. 6-7, Winfield K. and Olivia M. Pomeroy recounted one of Medad Pomeroy's stories from the Revolutionary War. "It was not considered a crime to plunder the dwellings of the Tories in those Revolutionary days, so grandfather [Medad Pomeroy] was one of a party that set out one dark night to raid a Tory house over on Long Island. They went in a row boat, which they moored in the

shelter of a bunch of willows not far from the house. They found that some British officers were spending the evening with the family, but not daunted, the boys set to work.

Grandfather and one other held the door from the outside, while the rest raided the cellar. Amongst other plunder, they secured the inevitable keg of rum and then rushed for the boat, grandfather still holding the door until they reached it. Then he, too, ran to join them but only succeeded in catching on with his arms over the gunwale. Thus he remained for some time not daring to move, as the alarm had been given and the Britishers were after them on horseback. Not discovering them, they galloped away down the beach, while the boys with muffled oars rowed quietly away. When they supposed they were at a safe distance, they gave a loud yell, which was responded to by musket shots from the shore.

In the morning, they realized their foolhardiness in doing this, for they discovered a bullet hole through the prow of the boat. Secreting their plunder in an old school house within the lines, they proceeded to enjoy it the next day, when they saw an officer approaching. As it was against orders to bring rum in quantities into camp, they saw they were in a dilemma, but grandfather came to the rescue, saying: 'Boys, I believe I can fix this all right!' and stepping out and saluting the colonel, invited him in to partake of refreshments. Offered a cupful, the colonel said: 'What's this! Rum?' Then quaffing it down, walked



James White raises his right hand with a little help from his mom Jeanne White as he is inducted into the Fox Valley Chapter.

out, saying: 'Boys, this will never do!' But nothing more was ever said or done about that keg of rum."

After the Revolutionary War, Pomeroy remained in Connecticut for some years, moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, then moved to Lenox, Massachusetts, and in about 1815, relocated to Erie County, Pennsylvania. Pomeroy applied for his pension on August 6, 1832, at which time he was 74 years old. He was 97 years old when he died.

Springfield Chapter



Springfield Chapter President Drew Robinson gave the Oath of Office to Chapter Vice President Stan Buckles and Treasurer Stephen Bradley during the August chapter meeting.

Editor's Note

With this issue, The Illinois Patriot is moving to email distribution. Compatriots who provide their email addresses will receive a full color edition for all twelve pages sent directly to their email inboxes.

If you have email but are not on the ILSSAR email distribution list and would like to be, send an email request to ILSSAR Secretary Drew Robinson.

His email is: therobinsons_20@comcast.net

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When the page opens, click on the three horizontal bars in the upper left, then scroll down to the "communications" tab, then select "newsletters" then scroll down to the month you want. (in blue).

Or, you can simply have it delivered directly to your inbox!

General George Rogers Clark Chapter



Members of the GGRC Chapter color guard fire their weapons in a salute to the fallen.

Chapter Takes Part in Wreaths Across America in Glen Carbon

By Lola DeGross

On December 16th at 11 a.m., the General George Rogers Clark Chapter joined other SAR chapters and other organizations around the world in participating in Wreaths Across America. The Wreaths Across America mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies placing wreaths on the graves of veterans. The GGRC Chapter event was held at the Glen Carbon Village Cemetery in Glen Carbon, IL. Wreaths were placed on the graves of 70 United States military veterans of all wars.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 1034 and the 4H assisted in placing the wreaths and many family members attended to honor their veteran.

Chapter Chairman Philip Bailey coordinated the event. He called the event "a wonderful way to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, to honor those who serve, and to teach your children the value of freedom."



From left above: John Stanton, Richard Ruedin, Eagle Scout Cory McDonald, and Chapter President Charles Dobias at the Court of Honor for Cory McDonald. Cory received the SAR Eagle Scout patch, certificate, and a copy of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights at the ceremony in Bethalto, Ill.

Two Eagle Scouts Honored



GGRC held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Alton for Aaron Fox. From left: Eagle Scout Awards chairman Richard Ruidin, Aaron, Jim DeGross, Charles Dobias and Robert Ridenour.

Chapter Flag Awards Presented

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held its 21st annual flag award ceremony at the Madison County Court House in Edwardsville on November 30, 2017. Attending the ceremony were several county judges and the Honorable Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman.

Thirteen Madison County residents and families were honored:

Godfrey Township
Brian and Rhonda Rhoads
Foster Township
Bradford and Peggy Wagner
Moro Township
David and Jennifer Haney
Omphgent Township
John Bates
Olive Township
Gary and Karen Crosslin
New Douglas Township
Timothy and Michelle Ingram
Alton Township
Steve and Bonnie Haegele
Dick and Chris Alford
Wood River Township
F. Alan and Sharry Shook
Fort Russell Township
Ron and Joan Borgmann
Hamel Township
Bud and Jennifer Sparks
Alhambra Township
Christopher Larsen
Leef Township
John and Pamela Grindstaff

Long Knives Chapter



On November 11, 2017 the Long Knives Chapter marched in the Veteran's Day Parade in Anna, IL. The Long Knives Chapter has a long tradition of marching in this parade and they will continue that tradition going forward.

Chapter flag chairman David File coordinated the event. Certificates were presented by chapter president Charles Dobias and member Philip Bailey.

Ewington Chapter



Above, Robert Lybarger (left) receives a Roger Sherman medal and certificate from Chapter President Joe Harris. At left, Chapter Vice President Larry Smith also received a Roger Sherman medal and certificate from Chapter President Joe Harris.

Roger Sherman Medal Presentations Highlight Annual Dinner

Ewington's Annual Dinner was held at 6:00 PM October 6 at the First Baptist Church in Effingham and featured author Eddie Price as speaker. The chapter was honored to have ILSSAR President Toby Chamberlain in attendance who reported on membership recruitment. Ewington Members: Bob Lybarger, Registrar and Vice-President Larry Smith were awarded Roger Sherman medals and certificates by President Joe Harris for their outstanding contribution to Ewington programs. One of Ewington's younger members in Patriot attire, Owen Becker, was introduced to those in attendance.

Kentucky Compatriot and Author Eddie Price makes an audio visual presentation at the annual dinner.



Ft. Armstrong Chapter



War Service Medal

At left, Tom Ashby presents War Service Medals to Compatriots, Larry Skelton, Shay Elliott, Dave Foster, and Stephen Burke. Above is a closeup of Dave Foster's medal and certificate. Thank you gentlemen for your service to our country!

Woodstock Christmas Parade

An Annual Multi-Chapter Event



November 26 was a wonderful day for a parade! The Fox Valley Chapter Color Guard, from left: Compatriots Jon Fixmer, Chip Dawes, Ray Beets (Kishwaukee Chapter), Mike Campagnolo, and Ted Miller, were joined by the Major Watson Society CAR, Kishwaukee Trail DAR and Kishwaukee Chapter SAR. A special thanks goes to Ray Beets of the Kishwaukee Chapter SAR, Susan and Marcia Flanagan of the Kishwaukee Trail DAR, and Susan Hurting of the Major Watson Society C.A.R. for being the hosts of this fun event! All totaled we had about 35 to 40 parade marchers. We enjoy this wintertime parade each year.



Members of the Major Watson Society C.A.R., assemble for the parade above left, then march to downtown Woodstock, left. A special thanks goes to Ray Beets of the Kishwaukee Chapter SAR, above, pictured with Jacob Shadinger of the Major Watson Society C.A.R.

