

The Illinois Patriot



Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

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A Message From The President

By ILSSAR
President Michael
Campagnolo

Let me start by saying it is a privilege and an honor to have been elected your ILSSAR President for the 2020 – 2022 term. I will do my best to do a good job for the Illinois Society.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Past Illinois State Society President Dick Chamblin for his leadership during the previous two years. His record as president is one to emulate. He leaves office with numerous accomplishments. I will be leaning on Dick and others for advice over the next two years.

I hosted our first ILSSAR “Zoom” meeting for the Executive Committee on May 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm and it was a success. The meeting lasted 1 ½ hours. We talked about the upcoming August meeting, the GWF Distribution, doing an Audit before the August meeting, Medals and Awards. Recording Secretary Scott Sanders took the meeting minutes. I plan on having a few more Zoom meetings with more compatriots in attendance before the August meeting.

I would like to rename ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting to Illinois Society SAR Meeting. I think the term “Board of Managers” scare some compatriots from joining us at the dinners and meetings. They think it is just for the state officers and Chapter Presidents. We might want to rethink the dinner/lunch/hotel cost format also. I have heard that part of the reason some compatriots don’t attend is the cost.

For the SAR meeting in August I would like to invite the current Great Lakes VP General Jim Petres of Michigan to join us. He could ‘Officially’ swear in the ILSSAR Officers.

For the SAR meeting in August I would like to resurrect “This is my Chapter” presen-

ILSSAR Annual Awards Announced

Unfortunately, since we weren’t able to gather in May for our annual awards dinner and luncheon, here are the winners. The award ceremony has been postponed to the August Board of Managers meeting.

Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate:

Charles Dobias
Dr Ray Owens
Scott Sanders
Jack Cramer

ILSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year:

James Wallace

Silver Color Guardsman:

Mike Campagnolo

Silver Meritorious Service Medal:

Drew Robinson
Gary Gruen
Karl Reed
Dick Chamblin

Silver Good Citizenship:

Dr Virgil Short
Jay L. Cummins
William A. White

War Service Medal:

William A. Owens

Military Service Medal:

Geoffrey Thompson

Patriot Medal:

James Wallace
Ralph “Sid” Welles
Gerald Whitson

Man of the Year:

James Wallace

Partners in Patriotism Certificate:

Zeally Moss

Chapter Flag Certificates:

George Rogers Clark

Fox Valley

Fort Dearborn

Stephen Decatur

Long Knives

Springfield

Gen Joseph Bartholomew

Captain Zeally Moss

Chapter Presidential Citation

Certificates:

Fox Valley

Springfield

Gen George Rogers Clark

Cpt Zeally Moss

American Bicentennial

Fort Dearborn

Ft Armstrong

Lewis and Clark

Long Knives

Stephen Decatur

Joel Willis Newsletter:

General Joseph Bartholomew

General George Rogers Clark

tations featuring two chapters at each BOM meeting to make a 10-minute presentation on their chapter. This feature at the BOM’s was started by past ILSSAR President Tom Ashby about 6 years ago. I have two chapters penciled in. I would like to start off with Fox Valley Chapter (Ted Miller President) and Gen Joseph Bartholomew (Gordon Bidner President)

For the SAR meeting in August I would like to focus on a few topics of interest for a workshop group session during the second half of the BOM meetings, for example Registrar (Ted Miller), Outstanding Citizenship (Gordon

Bidner) and Color Guard (Jon Fixmer)

I would like to encourage occasional district meetings that could be held by the Regional Vice Presidents. Various subjects for these meetings could be new member orientation, chapter officer’s information on protocol, chapter growth and member retention, color guard training (how to march, musket firing and manual of arms, and uniforms), how to conduct funeral ceremonies, grave markings, flag retirement.

I also strongly encourage chapters to reach-out to the Daughter of the American

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Report from Sr. VP Charles Dobias



I was surprised and honored to be selected as your new Senior Vice President. I will do my best to live up to the trust that you have shown. Some of you don't know me, so I'll tell

you a little more about myself.

I was raised on a small farm near Ludington, Michigan. After high school, I attended Michigan State University, where I received my degree in International Relations with a minor in geography. I later earned my Master's Degree in Executive Development, with additional credits in Public Administration, from Ball State University. Upon graduation from MSU, I began a 45 year career in government service. I spent over 30 years in the Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, then an additional 15 years as a Transportation Analyst at Scott AFB near Belleville, IL.

When I was a child, my mother (nee Bartlett) often claimed that she was descended from Josiah Bartlett, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. In about 2000, my late wife Rebecca began research to prove her family's eligibility for the DAR, which prompted me to explore my own heritage. My first ancestor, Richard Bartlett, arrived in America in 1634 and served as a deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony (as did his son, Richard). In the years leading up to the Revolution, the original Bartlett's progeny consistently supported America's growth as a nation and a free society, their stories being like vignettes from our history books.

I eventually confirmed that I was in fact related to Josiah, but not a direct descendant (he's my second cousin, eight times removed).

This was disappointing news, until I subsequently discovered not one, but three patriot ancestors in my Bartlett line. Joshua Bartlett, a 70 year old widower from New Hampshire signed the loyalty oath, and his five sons all served as Patriots in the Revolution. One son, Samuel, held two positions in the local revolutionary government. Samuel's son married the daughter of another Patriot, Richard Keating, a long-term militia member who fought in the ill-fated Battle of Penobscot Bay. A few years later, after considerable exhaustive research, I submitted a Genealogical Proof Argument confirming that I was also descended from a fourth Patriot (Johann Peter von Hachenberg), a German immigrant who served as an Ensign in the Pennsylvania Line and was captured at the Battle of Fort Washington.

I joined the Sons of the American Revolution in January 2007. At the Chapter level, I've served as Historian, ROTC Chairman, Vice President, and President. I've also been serving as the State ROTC Chairman, and have been active in the Color Guard at both Chapter and State levels. Over the past few years I initiated GGRC participation in Wreaths Across America and laying a wreath at the memorial of our namesake General George Rogers Clark in Vincennes, Indiana. I've also appeared in my Continentals or militia dress at rendezvous, Boy Scout events, and other historical occasions where I relate the lives and sacrifices of my forebearers.

I've been attending Board of Managers Meetings since 2015. Initially I was merely curious and had no real understanding of their functions and purposes. After a few years, however, I realized that the BOM is not an elite group that determines our future: it is us! I invite you to attend our next meeting, get to know your compatriots, and become active in furthering the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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Filling committee vacancies and looking forward to the August BOM meeting

Revolution and Children of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations and form partnerships. I have personally participated in some D.A.R./C.A.R. events over the last year and it is a rewarding experience to work with like-minded organizations as well as a great way to enlist new members! Has your chapter established a relationship with the D.A.R. or C.A.R.?

Many of you have stepped forward and are filling Illinois Society committee positions and I thank you for what you are doing. We still have vacancies on several committees: Color Guard in the Central Illinois Region, Outstanding Citizenship Chairman. Membership & Chapter Development Chairman and Schweizer History Teacher Award Chairman. If you are interested in helping the Illinois Society by volunteering to serve as Chairman or as a member on one of these committees, please contact me.

Our next Illinois Society SAR Meeting is at the Springfield Wyndham August 14th & 15th. Hope to see you there!

In closing, I want to personally thank everyone for helping me with the transition from Sr Vice President to President. I am looking forward to the Medals and Awards Ceremony in August and getting back to normal.

ILSSAR Calendar of Events for 2020

May Medals & Awards Banquet and BOM Meeting

May 15 and 16, 2020 Board of Managers, Springfield, IL at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Double Tree, Springfield, IL 62701. Rooms at \$102 each night for the SAR rate. 701 E Adams Street, Ph: (217)321-2436. This meeting is our annual SAR chapter and individual awards night. We will have the Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction. No Guest Speaker for this event.

NSSAR 130th SAR National Congress

July 9 thru 15, 2020 National SAR 130th Congress, Richmond, VA, at the Richmond Marriot, 500 E Broad St. Richmond, VA HAS BEEN CANCELLED

August BOM Mtg With Seminars for All Compatriots

August 14 & 15, 2020 Springfield, IL. The BOM dinner/banquet is 14 August Friday night at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Ph: (217)789-1530. We have rooms at \$121 each night at the SAR rate, with

free breakfast and free parking On Saturday 15 August our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker TBD.

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

The week of September 24 thru 26, 2020, SAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888 888-5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

November BOM Mtg With Seminars for All Compatriots

November 13 & 14, 2020 Board of Managers, Bloomington, IL. The BOM dinner/banquet is 13 November Friday night at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot 700 201- Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761. Ph: (309)862-9000. We have rooms at \$140 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking On Saturday 14 November our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker Compatriot James Barr from the Ft Dearborn Chapter

Get more involved by serving on a state committee!

We have some openings for members on our Project Committees. If you are interested in working at the state level on the standing committees please contact President Mike Campagnolo. Also, we would like to get these

very important chairmanships filled ASAP: Outstanding Citizenship Committee Chairman and Membership & Development Committee Chairman. Compatriot Gordon Bidner retired from these positions earlier this

year after many years of service. Gordon has a wealth of knowledge and would be willing to help with the training and transition. If interested, in working at the state level please contact Mike Campagnolo.

Standing Committees

- 1.) **Audit:** Chairman: **Kevin Babb** (GRC)
Members: Bill Wheeler (FTD) Lee Braden (ABC) ****(could use one more member)****
- 2.) **Budget & Finance:** Chairman: **Dick Chamblin** (SGF)
Members: Toby Chamberlain (SGF), Karl Reed (SGF), Lee Braden (ABC)
- 3.) **CAR/DAR/Public Relations/Web/IT/Facebook:** Chairman: **Bill Wheeler** (FTD)
Members: Drew Robinson (SND) ****(could use one more member)****
- 4.) **Executive:** Chairman: **Mike Campagnolo** (FXV)
Members: Dick Chamblin (SGF), Charles Dobias (GRC), Drew Robinson (SND), Lee Braden (ABC), Joe Harris (EWG), Sid Wells (EJS)
- 5.) **ILSSAR Constitution/Ethics:** Chairman: **Kevin Babb** (GRC)
Members: Jack Fise (EWG), Mike Cobb (ABC)
- 6.) **Nominating:** Chairman: **Toby Chamberlain** (SGF)
Members: Gordon Bidner (GJB), Steve Bradley (SGF), Franz Herder (FTD)
- 7.) **Planning:** Chairman: **Dick Chamblin** (SGF)
Members: Mike Campagnolo (FXV), Toby Chamberlain (SGF), Tom Ashby (SGF), Drew Robinson (SGF)

Project Committees

- 1.) **Color Guard:** Commander: **Jon Fixmer** (FXV)
Vice Commanders: Southern Region CC Jim Wallace (LGK) ****(need Central Region CC)****
- 2.) **Eagle Scout:** Chairman: **George Tinkham** (SGF)
Members: Tom Ashby (CZM) (FTA)
- 3.) **Flag Awards:** Chairman: **Ted Miller** (FXV)
Members: Jim Wallace (LGK), ****(could use one more member)****
- 4.) **Historic Sites/Cemetery Marking:** Chairman: **Franz Herder**
Members: Dr Allan Campbell (CZM), Mike Cobb (ABC) ****(could use one more member)****
- 5.) **Illinois Patriot (PC):** Chairman: **Scott Sanders** (FXV)(ABC) ****(could use one more member for assistant)****
- 6.) **Knight Essay/Rumbaugh:** Chairman: **Dr Allan Campbell**
Members: Jack Cramer (LGK), Ronnie Hicks (GRC)
- 7.) **Medals & Awards:** Chairman: **Jack Cramer** (LGK)
Members: Mike Cobb (ABC), Sid Welles (EJS), Joe Harris (EWG),
- 8.) **Membership & Chapter Dev:** Chairman: **VACANT**
Members: Tom Ashby, Drew Robinson
- 9.) **NSSAR George Washington Distribution:** Chairman: **Toby Chamberlain** (SGF)
- 10.) **Outstanding Citizenship:** Chairman: **VACANT**
Members: Joe Harris, Drew Robinson ****(needs at least one more member)****
- 11.) **Patriot Medal:** Chairman: **Toby Chamberlain** (SGF)
Members: Karl Reed (SGF), Dick Chamblin (SGF), Dr Allan Campbell (CZM), Tom Ashby (CZM) (FTA)
- 12.) **ROTC:** Chairman: **Charles Dobias** (GRC)
Members: Dick Chamblin (SGF), Jack Cramer (LGK), Ray Beets (KSW)
- 13.) **Hero/Law Enforce/Fire/EMS:** Chairman: **Sid Welles** (EJS)
Members: Toby Chamberlain (SGF), Chris Gomez (FTD), Jeff Kretlow (GJB)
- 14.) **Schweizer History Teacher Award:** Chairman: **VACANT**
Members: Dr Allan Campbell (CZM) ****(could use one more member)****
- 15.) **Veterans Welfare:** Chairman: **Lou Myers** (SGF)
Members: Dan Crafton (L&C), Dick Chamblin (SGF), Jack Frise (EWG)
- 16.) **SAR Ladies Auxiliary:** President: **Cheryl Chamblin**, Vice President: **Anita Harris**
Secretary: **Tina Robinson**, Treasurer: **Jane Bradley**

Great Lakes status report from ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo.

I thought I should share this e-mail from VPG Great Lakes District Jim Petres from Michigan.

They have postponed the Great Lakes District meeting in October 2020 to 2021.

Jim Petres of Michigan will remain VPG until 2021.

We discussed the situation. Since there won't be a Congress, there won't be elections this year, so I guess I'm carrying on for another year. I hope to make it to Illinois when you have a meeting after things open up. If you have any virtual board meetings, please put me on the list.

The major item that we handled was approving the change in the Annual District Meeting. The District Constitution and Bylaws allow the VPG to set the meeting, but require the Governing Board approve a change. Bill discussed the situation with the hotel in Madison and they agreed to change his meeting from 2020 to 2021. We approved that with the new date and location TBD.

There was a suggestion to have a virtual meeting. I also mentioned the possibility having it at Fall Leadership, perhaps on the Sunday. We will need to discuss at the Michigan BOM. We had one scheduled for June, but can't as we are still on restrictions. We will probably do a virtual, but no date yet.

We took a serious hit to the budget at the meeting last October. We also have the issue of the COVID pandemic. I know of events already being cancelled for August and September. Holding off on a decision about whether to hold an already planned meeting is one thing. Whether it is wise to start planning a meeting as a new event only five months out and sign contracts is another. As with Congress, the demographics of our active membership include many of those at higher risk.

We'll have to see. I'll probably do some preliminary research with some venues to see if anything is likely.

Jim Petres

And this from Toby Chamberlain... The GLD held a ZOOM Planning Meeting and I was the only ILSSAR member who took part. With that in mind here is an update...The main thing to come out of the meeting is to follow National Society officer appointments...Michigan and current GLD VPG Jim Petres will remain in office until July 2021. Wisconsin's Bill Austin will assume GLD VPG duties from July 2021 to July 2022. Toby Chamberlain will assume GLD VPG duties from July 2022 to July 2023.

Toby Chamberlain

Updated ILSSAR Membership Information By Secretary Drew Robinson

There were 982 Active Members

as of 1/1/2020:

5 New Members January

6 Reinstated January

4 New Members in February

59 Reinstated in February

1 Transfer in February

4 New Members in March

11 Reinstated in March

0 New Members in April

13 New Members in May

1 Transfer Out in May

There are 1084 Active Members

as of May 31!

Please welcome the following new ILSSAR new members:

Andrew T Stout
Winchester, IL
Capt. Elijah Smith

Michael W McDowell
Linthicum Heights, MD
Long Knives

Kenneth D Powell
Carpentersville, IL
Fort Dearborn

Richard L Powell Jr.
McHenry, IL
Ft. Dearborn

Kevin M Powell
McHenry, IL
Fort Dearborn

Alexander R Powell
McHenry, IL
Fort Dearborn

Jake E Stahl
Illioopolis, IL
Springfield

Christopher S McDowell
Virginia Beach, VA
Long Knives

Jacob W McDowell
Virginia Beach, VA
Long Knives

Jack L Shupe
Mattoon, IL
Ewington, IL

Hans P Larson
Mt. Prospect, IL
Ft. Dearborn

Clinton R Morgan
West Frankfort, IL
Long Knives

Howard J Gunn
Chicago, IL
Fort Dearborn

John Auerbach
Chicago, IL
Ft. Dearborn

David M. Norton
DuQuoin, IL
Long Knives

Barry W. Crawford
Batavia, IL
Ft. Dearborn

A reminder to chapter presidents to inform Drew Robinson when new chapter officers are elected (Name, NSSAR Member #, Address, Email, & Phone #). Also, please notify him of any member information changes (Address, phone, email, and deaths).

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Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution



**Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting August 14-15, 2020
at the Wyndham Springfield Centre, 700 East Adams.
Springfield, Illinois**

SAR Block of Rooms \$121 (plus taxes) per night **Call (217) 789-1530 and ask for the**
Sons of the American Revolution group rate **Group Rate Reservation Cutoff is July 24, 2020**
Friday, August 14th buffet dinner begins at 7pm. We will have a cash bar and social hour from
6pm to 7pm Following dinner will be our ILSSAR Annual Awards Night

Saturday August 15th Board Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Vista Rooms 4, 5 & 6 on the
29th Floor. Ladies Auxiliary meeting begins at 8:30 in Vista 3.

Member name: _____ Friday Buffet _____ Saturday Buffet _____
Spouse name: _____ Friday Buffet _____ Saturday Buffet _____
Guest name: _____ Friday Buffet _____ Saturday Buffet _____
Chapter: _____ Present Colors in Color Guard Uniform Yes _____ No _____
(We need Color Guard to present colors for Friday)
Special Diet needs: _____

Additional Guests may be written on back

Friday August 14, 2020 Dinner Buffet Menu \$35, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor

Entrees

Chicken Bruschetta- Grilled Tender Chicken Breast with a Fresh Bruschetta Topping and Shredded Parmesan. Drizzled with Balsamic Glaze
Cajun Seared Talapia- with Fresh Tomato Pico De Gallo

Salads

Garden Salad- Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Onion. Choice of Two Dressings
Israeli Couscous Salad- Couscous mixed with Sun Dried Cranberry, Toasted Pine Nuts, Onion and a Touch of Lemon.

Starches and Sides

Three Cheese Au Gratin Potatoes- Herb and Garlic Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Sauteed Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Chocolate Grand Marnier Cake or Marble Cheesecake

Saturday August 15, 2020 Lunch Buffet Menu \$25, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor

Entrees

Sliced Roast Pork Loin- Infused with Rosemary and Garlic Pan Au Jus
Grilled Salmon Picatta- Flaky Fresh Salmon with a Lemon Caper Butter Sauce

Salads

Garden Salad- Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Onion. Choice of Two Dressings
Mixed Fruit Salad

Starches and Sides

Garlic and Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Roasted Vegetable Blend with Garlic and Herb

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse Cake or Key Lime Pie

Send completed reservation form and check payable to "ILSSAR" send to:
Compatriot Charles Dobias...127 Briar Ridge Drive... Collinsville, IL 62234
Phone No. (618) 334-5641

Winners of the 2020 Knight Essay Contest announced

By Allan C. Campbell, M.D.
Chair, ILSSAR Youth Contests

I am pleased to announce the winner of the Knight Essay Contest for 2020 for the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Miss Hannah Hogue is a Senior at Geneseo High School and submitted an essay on John Locke. The title is "Life, Liberty and Property: John Locke's Influence on the Birth of America".

Her essay was forwarded to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for that level of competition. She will be awarded a certificate, a medal and a check in the amount of \$ 1000. She plans to pursue a career in Speech Therapy.

John Locke (1632-1704) was an English philosopher and physician. He was regarded as one of the most influential of the Enlightenment thinkers, an empiricist following the tradition of Sir Francis Bacon. Locke studied medicine at Oxford and had a very successful medical career. He is known for the "Two Treatises of Government", the second of which was frequently cited in debates with the rise of American resistance to British taxation.

Locke's theory of rights was thought

to influence the Declaration of Independence.

It influenced Thomas Jefferson with the idea of social contract theory. Locke's writings influenced economics, education, politics and religion.

In second place was Miss Kyra Wells, a Junior BCCU #2 High School, who wrote an essay titled "The Outstanding Leadership of George Washington". She will receive a certificate and a check in the amount of \$ 500. She plans to pursue a career in either social work or counseling.

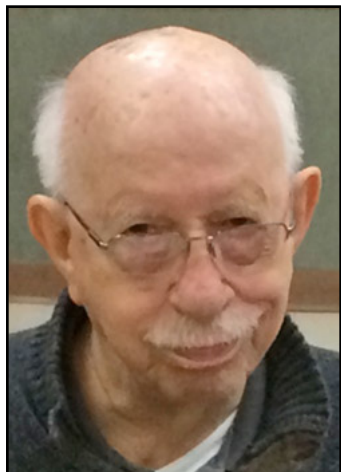
The year, for the first time in many years, we had no applicants for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The social disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic made participation impossible, but we hope for a return to "normal" next year.

The deadlines for the 2021 contests are January 15 for the Knight Essay Contest and April 15 for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Application forms and guidelines are on the NSSAR website under Education, then Youth Contests. Spread the word!



CGRC founding compatriot passes away



Lloyd E. Schwarz, age 93, of Edwardsville, Illinois, one of the founding members of the Genl George Rogers Clark SAR Chapter and current Chaplin, passed away at 11:10 am on Thursday, May 22, 2020, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Lloyd was born on October 15, 1926, in Zanesville, Ohio, the son of the late Edgar Felix and Zelia Edna (Brooks) Schwarz. Lloyd married Lois (Bruch) Schwarz on December 28, 1947, in Mt. Olive, Illinois. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2014. Lloyd is survived by one son,

Eric L. Schwarz and his wife Linda J. Becher, of St. Louis, Missouri; one daughter, Carla Duncan and her husband Gary Brandenburger, of St. Louis, Missouri; and one step grandson, Ben Duncan and his wife Megan (McCullough) Duncan. Besides his parents and wife, Lloyd was preceded in death by a sister, Iva Lee Beswick; and a brother-in-law Vernon Bruch.

Lloyd sold life insurance for many years for both John Hancock and Union Central. He also managed the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce. Lloyd was the past president of the Edwardsville Lions Club and Mundis Cemetery. He was also an elder and chairman of the board of the First Christian Church in Edwardsville. Playing bridge was a passion of his, which he and his late wife enjoyed at the Main Street Community Center as well as with many friends. Lloyd was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during World War II.

A private graveside service was held at Mundis Cemetery in Marine, Illinois, with Rev. Doug Job presiding. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church in Edwardsville.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OFFICERS 2020-2022

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Vice President Northern Region	Michael Cobb
Vice President Central Region	Sid Welles
Vice President Southern Region	Joe Harris
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Long Knives Chapter

Happy 100th birthday to John Cramer



John Cramer in WW II



By John Cramer Jr.
Long Knives Chapter member John W. Cramer celebrated his 100th birthday on June 8. He is still active and passes his driving tests.

He resides in the country outside Dixon with his wife, Elaine, who will also turn 100 in December.

John was a World War II combat veteran serving in the Pacific with the 96th Infantry Division. He earned his Combat Infantry Badge at the invasion of Saipan and two Bronze Stars for valor in the battle of Okinawa.



John Cramer today

ILSSAR Executive Committee Meets via Zoom

SAR Exec Com mtg May 16, 2020

Attending were: Jim Wallace, Mike Campagnolo, Chuck Dobias, Dick Chamblin, Jack Cramer, Toby Chamberlain, Sid Welles, Drew Robinson, Scott Sanders, Lee Braden, and Joe Harris.

Central Region VP Sid Welles asked about Central VP duties regarding attending regional chapter meetings. President Mike said anybody should be welcome. Sid plans on attending all the Central Chapters.

Southern Region VP Joe Harris said he plans to visit all the chapters.

Audit Committee Mike Campagnolo says an audit is needed by the next BOM meeting. Dick Chamblin has approached the auditing firm already. He has also contacted auditing committee members Kevin Babb and Gordon Bidner. The exam can take place at any time, maybe June 30 which would allow adequate time to report the results to the budget committee. Kevin and Gordon will have to make the contract with the auditing firm.

Illinois Patriot Scott Sanders

The deadline is June 10 as usual. The content will be lower than usual due to the virus

restrictions on chapter events and meeting participation. It will have the names of medals and awards winners.

Medals and Awards The National Store is shut down but should open soon. Jack Cramer will send the list of winners to Scott for the Patriot.

GWF Endowment Fund Toby Chamberlain says \$40,000 is there to distribute to national, state, and chapter unfunded projects. Next year the number might be less because investments are down so Toby says get requests in as soon as possible. However, national might have to pay a "huge penalty" if the national congress is cancelled and might need help paying it so get project requests in before July. Dick Chamblin says they will want specifics especially regarding grave marking projects. Mike Campagnolo will email chapter presidents about it.

ROTC Mike Campagnolo says he is frustrated with the lack of enthusiasm high school students have for this contest. Chuck Dobias is equally frustrated as there were no entries this year.

August BOM Meeting Mike wants to shorten the officer reports using packets instead to allow for a couple of chapter presentations. Ted Miller and Gordon Bidner will hopefully talk about their chapters and what they have been doing. Mike also is planning to begin having workshops on topics such as the registrar's duties and the color guards. These new features would hopefully make the BOM meetings more interesting and useful with new ideas for the members.

Officers' Election Announcement

Mike will send out an email to the chapter presidents announcing that the newly elected officers have begun serving in their new roles since May 16.

Chuck Dobias suggested calling the BOM and its meetings something else to sound less elitist and more inclusive and open to all. A discussion followed and there was general agreement on changing the name to make it sound more welcoming and even reduce some costs.

Fall GLD

The Fall Great Lakes District meeting in Madison, Wisconsin has been cancelled. Further GLD information is on page 4.



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From The Smithsonian Institution's Website

Quick Facts about the Star-Spangled Banner Flag



- Made in Baltimore, Maryland, in July-August 1813 by flagmaker Mary Pickersgill
- Commissioned by Major George Armistead, commander of Fort McHenry
- Original size: 30 feet by 42 feet
- Current size: 30 feet by 34 feet
- Fifteen stars and fifteen stripes (one star has been cut out)
- Raised over Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814, to signal American victory over the British in the Battle of Baltimore; the sight inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Preserved by the Armistead family as a memento of the battle
- First loaned to the Smithsonian Institution in 1907; converted to permanent

gift in 1912

- On exhibit at the National Museum of American History since 1964
- Major, multi-year conservation effort launched in 1998
- Plans for new permanent exhibition gallery now underway