

# The Illinois Patriot



## Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

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July 2019



Dan Crafton receives his Patriot Medal from State President Dick Chamblin.

### ILSSAR's highest honor goes to Three Patriot Medal winners

This year's Patriot Medals were awarded to Bill Wheeler (Ft. Dearborn), Drew Robinson (Springfield), and Dan Crafton (Lewis & Clark).

Patriot Medal Chairman Gary List presented the medals and said in part, Bill Wheeler rendered outstanding service to the Ft. Dearborn Chapter and the state as webmaster. He redesigned the website homepage, posted many informative documents there including an archive of newsletters, BOM minutes, and other awards.

Dan Crafton is the Southern Region VP, has served on the ILSSAR executive committee and been a color guard member for many years. He worked with the VA and courts to secure a cemetery marking for a Revolutionary War Patriot, a project that took two years.

Drew Robinson, ILSSAR Secretary serves on the Executive Committee and Planning Committee member. He played a huge role in reviving the Decatur chapter. He has also been a color guard member for the past last five years, marching in the Illinois State Fair for the past five years.



Drew Robinson, center, is congratulated by Sr. Vice President Mike Campagnolo, left, and President Dick Chamblin for being awarded the Patriot Medal.



From left, Mike Campagnolo and Dick Chamblin congratulate Patriot Medal winner Bill Wheeler, right.



Richard Chamblin

## A Message From The President

By ILSSAR  
President  
Richard  
Chamblin

The Spring of 2019 has been busy since winter weather broke. Spring has provided an opportunity to watch new officers assume the responsibility of their duties, to hear the plans for the coming year, and to see the

interaction of the members.

My take-away is that I see active chapters with compatriots who know they have the opportunity to provide meaningful service to our country. I can't help but feel good about their commitment to SAR.

Another 'feel good' activity was the presentation of War Service and Military Service medals. Presenting those medals at chapter meetings provided these former military service members an opportunity to share their experiences.

Presenting medals to members unable to attend our May 10 awards dinner has also been a pleasant duty. Not all medals have

been presented but they will be as arrangements allow.

On the April 26, I presented greetings from the Illinois SAR to the Illinois State Organization of the DAR at their annual state conference in Bloomington and was invited to stay for lunch to honor Dr. Clark, the new president of Bacon College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Illinois Daughters have donated funds to replace the College's student kitchen equipment.

On April 27, I was invited to participate in the SAR funeral honoring compatriot Bob Morefield of the Long Knives Chapter. It was

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## President's message continued

a most moving ceremony. Bob's widow, Betty, made it very clear how much she appreciated having the State President take the time to participate. It reminds me that ALL State Officers should try to attend such events.

On April 28 the Stephen Decatur Chapter honored Patriot Samuel Olney who is buried in the Marquiss Cemetery in Piatt County. The event was well attended by DAR and SAR members as well as descendants. Thanks to David Miller for putting on an outstanding program.

On May 10 the Illinois SAR was recognized at the dedication of the Rose Garden of the Illinois State Governor's Mansion. The Illinois State Organization of the DAR donated the funds for the Rose Garden.

On May 12 the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter NSDAR marked the grave of Florinda Wood Martin, the daughter of Patriot Alexander Wood. Since I am a descendant of Alexander Wood, State Regent Gloria Flathom asked me to help her unveil the marker and participate in the ceremony. Seven members of the Illinois SAR attended the event.

On May 13 the Illinois SAR was recognized at the Lewis and Clark Chapter annual awards event in Belleville, IL. The program included Good Citizenship Awards to eighteen High School Seniors, awards to four Junior ROTC Cadets, Medals for Heroism, Fire Safety Commendations, and a Law Enforcement Commendation.

As if that wasn't enough, the program speaker, former Belleville Police Sergeant

Jon Brough, described the events that led to the gun-shot injury he sustained in a police action.

The injury led to total blindness. His battle to overcome the emotional and physical results of the injury was inspirational. Another moving story was about what our own Don

(Jack) Firse, a former Vietnam helicopter pilot, did to win the Air Force Cross. Amazing heroism.

On May 27 the Illinois SAR participated in the Washington Monument marking ceremony held in the Vienna, IL. town square. The Long Knives Chapter provided the marker which honors five Patriots buried in Johnson County.

The event was also a part of the DAR annual Memorial Day Service. In the words of Long Knives President, Jim Wallace: 'It was a really big show'.

I am happy to report that our State Genealogist, Ron Peck, has finished chom and expecting a report of negative activity. He asked me to say hello to all.



**Jon Brough**

## Elijah Smith Chapter



### In memory

Longtime fellow compatriot, Frank W. Turnbull, passed away April 27. He was a devoted member and patriot of our chapter and the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Frank was recently awarded the Emeritus Status in the Illinois Society for his continued service and dedication to the principles of the SAR.

His dedication to the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and our free nation are what made him an outstanding member of the community in which he lived.

Frank was a longtime supporter of many civil organizations in the Griggsville, Illinois area and was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 5th at Bethel Church near Griggsville, Ill.

Internment followed in Bethel Cemetery with military rights conducted.

## ILSSAR Calendar of upcoming events

### July 5 thru 10

National SAR 129th Congress, Costa Mesa, CA, at the Orange County Hilton, 3050 Bristol St. Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Ph: (714) 540-7000. Room rates TBD.

### August 8, 9, & 10

Board of Managers, Springfield, IL Illinois SAR Board of Managers meeting dates are 8 August Thursday for the State Fair Parade. The BOM dinner/banquet is 9 August Friday night at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, Ph: (217)789-1530.

We have rooms at \$114 each night at the

SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking. On Saturday 10 August our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker TBD.

### Last week of September

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

### November 8 and 9

Board of Managers, Lisle, IL meeting at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532. Ph: (630) 505-0900. Rooms at \$111 each night for the SAR rate. Our dinner speaker TBD

## Youth Awards Luncheon

ILSSAR Sr Vice President

Mike Campagnolo

Presenter Compatriot Gary List

Presentation of Colors:

Lincoln Way Central High School  
JROTC Cadets

1st Place winner: Stephen Weiger

2nd Place winner: Andrew  
Wiedenhmann

### 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:

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### ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan

Effective immediately, my e-mail address is  
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Please update your contact information accordingly.  
I apologize for the inconvenience.



# Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution



**Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting August 9 & 10, 2019  
at the Wyndham Springfield Centre, 700 East Adams.**

**Springfield, Illinois**

***SAR Block of Rooms \$114 (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 18, 2019***

*Friday, August 9th buffet dinner begins at 7pm. We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6pm to 7pm Following dinner will be our Speaker Krysta Graves, History Teacher of the Year 2018*

*Saturday August 10th Board Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Vista Rooms 4, 5 & 6 on the 29<sup>th</sup> Floor. Ladies Auxiliary meeting begins at 8:30 in Vista 3.  
Followed by Backyard BBQ Luncheon Buffet starting between 11:45 and noon*

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 9, 2019 Dinner Buffet Menu \$35, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29<sup>th</sup> floor**

### Entrees

*Sliced Roast Pork Loin- Apple Infused Pan Au Jus  
Grilled Salmon- with Shallot White Wine Sauce*

### 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

*Herb and Garlic Roasted Red Skin Potatoes  
Sautéed Vegetable Medley*

### Dessert

*Chocolate Grand Marnier Cake, Marble Cheesecake and Lemon Raspberry Cake*

## **Saturday August 10, 2019 Backyard BBQ Lunch Buffet Menu \$25, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29<sup>th</sup> floor**

### Entrees

*Bratwurst in Beer and BBQ Ribs  
BBQ Pulled Pork*

### Salads

*Iceberg Wedge Salad, Bacon Red Onion and Blu Cheese  
Cole Slaw and Creamy Potato Salad*

### Starches and Sides

*Western Baked Beans  
Corn on the Cob*

### Dessert

*Apple Crumb Cobbler and Raspberry Lemonade*

*Send completed reservation form and check payable to "ILSSAR" send to:  
Compatriot Mike Campagnolo...1196 Cactus Trail... Carol Stream, IL 60188  
Cell Phone No. (630) 464-4904*



# In the beginning... of the Illinois SAR

By Martin P. Starr

## Fort Dearborn Chapter

An extensive and reliable source for local history is the Chicago Tribune. After I first read the The Centennial History of the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution (1890-1990), I made a series of searches of the online version of the Tribune archives, which is available through ProQuest to which many libraries subscribe. I was curious to see how Chicago's paper of record reported on our start and the reaction to the launching of ILSSAR in Chicago.

In particular, I noted how readily the founding members made allusions to the relevance of the American Revolution to events within their lifetimes, finding sound contemporary reasons for the mission of the SAR. Here are a few highlights of my initial reading.

ILSSAR came to Illinois with the arrival in Chicago of William O. McDowell of the New York Society. He is described in a Tribune article of January 5, 1890 as having "more of the spirit of '76 in him than could be found in a city full of ordinary businessmen." His original organizing efforts were at Springfield, but as the 1890 Year Book of the Societies Composed of Descendants of the Men of the Revolution mildly notes, "progress could not be made rapidly" at our state's capital. McDowell described the purpose of the SAR in terms similar to those we would use today: to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants and in the community the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American independence."

The SAR aims to form a society based on national patriotism, realizing full well that the scars of the Civil War were still in living memory. There was to be no "sectionalism"—Southerners were encouraged to join—nor was it to be based on military comradeship, as one would have had in the Grand Army of the Republic, open only to Union veterans. McDowell issued a call for eligible men to show up at the organizational meeting on January 14, 1890 at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

And show up they did... The call to membership was met with a response that created a line around the block. The organizers wasted no time to begin to hold meetings. The Tribune reported a gathering at the Grand Pacific Hotel on February 21, 1890, in honor of George Washington's birthday, to admit four new members, all said to be sons of Patriots. The Tribune columnist stated that there were only twenty-five living "real sons" in the USA, so Illinois was doing its share in cornering that limited pool of applicants.

The newly launched ILSSAR led a patriotic assembly on April 30 at the Central Music Hall with the "American Society of Patriotic Knowledge" (also founded in 1890 at Chicago to promote patriotism in schools) and the Ladies of the GAR, promising "[s]tirring speeches

## Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner announced

By Dr. Allan Campbell

### Rumbaugh Contest Chairman

At the Youth & Community Awards Luncheon in Springfield, IL on Saturday, May 11, Allan C. Campbell, M.D. introduced Brent Bergnach of Burr Ridge, Illinois, the 2019 winner of the Joseph S.

Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest for the Illinois Society. His parents are Mark Bergnach and Terri Miller.

Brent is finishing the 10th

grade at Fenwick High School in Oak Park and his speech coach is Andrew Arellano. He is active in soccer, chess club and investment club.



His patriotic speech was on Henry Knox of Boston, who among his other accomplishments during the American Revolution, transported canons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston during the frozen winter of 1775-1776, driving the British out of that city - an amazing feat.

and patriotic music." ILSSAR was following the lead of the Union League Club, which a year prior celebrated the Centennial of the inauguration of Washington as President of the United States. ILSSAR was already in good company and getting good press for our efforts.

By April 30 of 1891 there were over two hundred membership applications pending, a good problem for a new society to have. Men who had no claim to descent from Revolutionary Patriots were still eager to join.

ILSSAR gatherings were given respectful coverage in the Tribune, and the comments often indicate how the early members related their overarching love of country. ILSSAR's second annual banquet, held February 18, 1892 at the University Club, noted that one speaker, George B. Abbott, who disabused the audience of the notion of a continental uniform, noting that "it was not the uniform that made these soliders who were our country's maker," adding that "It is a lesson in brother love that at this table sit two men—one who fought under the Stars and Stripes and other under the stars and bars; but they are both here tonight to shed a tear over the old continental uniform." Unity of national purpose was celebrated.

The bulk of the Tribune's coverage of Sar early years in Illinois are in anticipation of the Noser national convention in Chicago 1893. There is front-page coverage of a number of patriotic societies in the May 14, 1893 edition of the Tribune. ILSSAR is described as "one of the largest, the most famous, and most active in America." Would that we could make that claim today!

## ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OFFICERS 2018-2019

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## Minutes and Report of The ILSSAR BOM Mtg 5/11/19

### Submitted by Recording Secretary Scott Sanders

#### 21 Compatriots attending:

Toby Chamberlain (Spg), Charles D. Dobias (GGRC), Ken Kruta (L&C), Gordon Bidner (GJB), Tom Ashby (FT. Armstrong), R. Sid Welles (Elijah Smith), Ray Owens (GJB), Drew Robinson (Springfield/Stephen Decatur), Robert Ridenour (GGRC), Dan Crafton (L&C), Lee Braden (ABC), Mike Campagnolo (FV), Larry D. Burgett (SD), John Dyrud (Ft. Dearborn), Karl Reed (Springfield), Jacob Shadinger (Kishwaukee), Bill Wheeler (Ft. Dearborn), Dick Chamblin (SPG), Louis Myers (SPG), Gary List (ZM/GJB), Scott Sanders (FV/ABC).

#### - Meeting called to order at 8:30am by President Dick Chamblin

#### - Invocation by Ray Owens

#### - Trustee's Report by Toby Chamberlain.

- No verbal report. He put out copies of a written report of the PG's notes from the last trustees' meeting.

#### - VPG report by Tom Ashby.

- Attendees can now sign up for activities at the upcoming Cosa Mesa National Congress in Orange County, CA. Hotel reservations can be arranged by Paul Callanan but the main hotel may be full already. Tours can be booked though. Reagan Presidential Library, Nixon Presidential Library, and the host reception on a dinner cruise in the Pacific.

#### - Member and Chapter Development

##### Committee report by Gordon Bidner.

- Citizenship report: The most successful chapters for giving citizenship awards are Ewington (79.5%), Fox Valley (64 out of 92), Springfield (90%), GJB (90%). Overall 60% of schools contacted gave citizenship awards.

- Gordon talked about membership efforts and recognition. He mentioned four reasons we held the awards program at the previous night's dinner: awareness of who is doing what, where, when and how.

- Need to talk about our vision in addition to scouts, meals, citizenship, fellowship, veterans, and grave markings.

- Regarding getting ideas from other chapters, Gordon said that it's alright to steal from those chapters. Ideas, nothing else.

- Need to thank chapters and individuals for a job well done. Gordon suggested having a seminar about an hour before the August BOM meeting starts to talk about the duties of the chapter presidents.

- Suggested recognizing more than one chapter of the year in the future: "Might we have Gold chapters, and Silver chapters, and Bronze chapters, and recognize those chapters for making progress and

doing something" Gordon said. He asked Mike and Dick to help set up the criteria which might be membership retention, recruitment, holding programs that are successful.

- Gordon said the website and facebook are better (than newsletters) and may be the only way to recruit new members.

- Tom Ashby replied that in the past, chapter development means organizing and developing a new chapter and increasing membership. Gordon said he wasn't really focusing on that, just current chapters. Tom said we really need to focus on getting new chapters and increasing membership that way.

- Larry Burgett talked about Stephen Decatur chapter's recent grave marking in Montecello as a good example of how the Decatur chapter is growing. A lot of people attended including DAR members, President Chamblin, and a good Decatur chapter turnout.

#### - President's report by Dick Chamblin

- Dick was turned down on his request for \$500.00 reimbursement by the national GWF distribution committee. Illinois past presidents have received amounts of \$8000.00 and \$3500. He pointed out to the committee that ILSSAR has contributed \$58,000 to the fund while national has contributed \$18,000. He presented that fact sheet showing ILSSAR has done its share. He said the \$500.00 will get here one way or the other.

#### - Senior VP report by Mike Campagnolo

- Mike commented that the awards dinner went well.

- Gordon Bidner suggested having a speaker at next year's award dinner to talk for 10-12 minutes. This would be to attract attendees who might not attend if not getting award.

- August's speaker will be the history teacher of the year, Kristy Graves.

- Alan Campbell will be the speaker for the November BOM dinner about the history of medicine.

#### - Secretary's report by Drew Robinson

- Membership is still over 1000.

- Turnaround time is about eight or nine weeks on applications.

- Active duty means active deployment.

The national dues will be paid by ILSSAR and they will be exempt from paying state dues during their deployment. Payment of chapter dues is up to each chapter.

#### - Treasurer's report by Lee Braden

- Lee said the current statement for dues payment will remain in effect for this year.

- Lee is proposing sending an email invoice out to everyone with a valid email

address starting with the August billing cycle. No cost to send them by emails. The idea is to reduce or eliminate the cost of postage for mailing out the bills. If a member doesn't get the email invoice or ignores it, he will still get an invoice by regular mail.

- The second part of Lee's proposal is to turn on the ability to pay online with credit or debit cards, PayPal, or Apple Pay.

There is a fee for this but Lee says it is a wash when time saved and postage costs are taken into consideration. The fee will not show up on the members' online payment. Paying online and promptly by September 1, will not result in a paper invoice later.

- Details of how one member can pay for other members will be worked out.

- Tom Ashby suggested adding a line item for members who would like to pay the processing fee themselves.

- There is a processing fee for every electronic payment method except for direct bank drafts.

- Lee will send an email to chapter presidents explaining the new process.

- Tom Ashby asked about membership cards. Lee said sending them by email to printout themselves is possible but not worked out yet.

- Motion to accept the new online payment system made by Allan Campbell. Seconded by Tom Ashby. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### - Chaplain's Report by Ray Owens

- Will be sending a letter to chapter presidents asking them to let him know via email if any chapter members want to pray over the phone with Chaplain Owens.

#### - Northern Region VP Report by Scott Sanders

##### - Fox Valley Chapter

- New president Ted Miller reports that the chapter newsletter will be rejuvenated.

- Ted is also putting out a one page Colonial themed broadsheet via email each month to all the members to let them know about upcoming events.

- We will be handing out small flags to people prior to Flag Day with a patriotic message rolled up around each one.

- The chapter apparel is ready to be rolled out. Ted designed a new chapter logo which will be featured on T-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets for the members to order. Or, there will be items with a patriotic painting on the front with the members' Patriot Ancestor's name on the back.

- The color guard will be presenting the colors at an upcoming Schaumburg

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Boomers minor league baseball game along with the CAR.

- In August, there will be a Colonial Potluck event probably in the form of a picnic.

- There will be a grave marking in September for Patriot Charles Denney.

- Heroism awards will be presented soon to the Aurora and Naperville police and fire departments for facing down an active shooter at a manufacturing plant in Aurora.

- Participating in a Memorial Day parade in Wheaton. Color Guard will march with others helping with the banner or marching along with the color guard.

- Some members and guests will be taking a black powder muzzle loading shooting class west of Rockford on June 1.

- On July 4 the chapter will march in the parade in Mokena.

### - American Bicentennial Chapter

- President Bruce Wright reports they presented one ROTC award at Waukegan High School.

- Chapter had a joint meeting with local DAR and CAR to discuss upcoming programs

- On July 4, the chapter will join chapter VP Jeremy Rogers and his decorated truck in the Arlington Heights parade. All chapter members are invited to participate.

### - Kishwaukee Chapter

- President Jason Sturges reports the chapter had a business meeting recently and is planning events for the summer.

- Chapter member Jacob Shadinger reports there is a July 4 parade in Cherry Valley.

### - Ft. Dearborn Chapter

- No report

### - Central Region VP report by Lou Myers

- Lou is working on about 40 applications.

- Lou is still working on trying to get a bill through the state legislature to help spouses of deceased d veterans with their real estate taxes. It is still tied up in red tape. The benefit stops when the veteran passes away and does not continue for the widow.

- No individual chapter reports.

### - Southern Region VP by Dan Crafton

- No reports on individual chapters but Dan reports that there will be a table at the DuQuoin State Fair. There will be air conditioning and a Gold Star families celebration.

- GGRC chapter is going to a George Rogers Clark event in Vincennes, IN on August 25. A re-enactor event is

happening at The Rendezvous also.

### - Ladies Auxiliary presentation by Cheryl Chamblin

- The Ladies Auxiliary has voted to contribute \$1000.00 to the Illinois SAR cemetery marking fund.

- They also presented the Illinois CAR \$100.00 for conference projects.

### NEW BUSINESS

- New attendee: Jacob Shadinger from the Kishwaukee Chapter. He will be joining the Army to be in the Psychological Ops unit after boot camp.

- Toby Chamberlain talked about revising the president's succession plan.

- We need to establish a line of succession.

- We need to change the bylaws and constitution to provide for a Senior Vice President and a First Vice President. Or, we could have a president and Sr. Vice President, then the regional VP with the lowest national number would fill in a vacancy of the Sr. VP. Then the other regional Vice Presidents. Toby would like more input on these ideas from chapter members. This will be discussed at the August BOM meeting.

- Dick Chamblin talked about insurance.

- The insurance carrier wants to know the amounts in chapter accounts to determine risk for insurance.

- Amounts should be sent to Dick Chamblin as a member of the finance committee.

- Bill Wheeler asked if there is any responsibility for chapters to pay for the insurance, since Ft. Dearborn is the only chapter paying a portion of the insurance now. Dick said he will be investigating this for the future. This is for the directors' and officers' liability for insurance for part of the premium and also for theft and bonding. The insurance company has suggested that chapters with more money should get individual bonding. There is no cost for that now. More investigation is needed on this complicated issue.

- CAR/DAR Relations report by Bill Wheeler

- SAR chapters will be going to the Schaumburg Boomers game with the CAR.

- The new CAR president is Bryn Callahan who could speak about CAR activities and programs at chapter meetings.

- Color Guard Report by Mike Campagnolo

- Plans are being formulated for the State Fair's Twilight Parade. Mike will see who can march.

- Lou Myers would like CAR members to carry the flag, possibly on a decorated truck. That would get us close to the front

of the parade. If a float is made, the position would be way in the back of the parade. Younger people are needed. Thursday night when the parade is held is not the best time for kids and working people to attend.

- Tom Ashby said last year's marching turnout was "sad" with people not in full uniform due to the extreme heat. Tom doesn't think we should participate unless we get enough confirmed people to participate.

- A national policy for color guard insurance is being discussed at the national level.

- Historical Sites and Marking program by Tom Ashby for Franz Herder

- Cemetery marking program is in its 6th successful year.

- 19 Cemeteries have been marked so far.

- Markers have been placed all over the state.

- Zeally Moss Chapter will have a marking on Flag Day at a defunct cemetery in Peoria which has been built over. It will be a joint SAR/DAR program.

- Facebook/Web Report from Bill Wheeler

- Compatriots are needed to enter information into the Patriot Research System. Information added is at about 15% complete. Help would be appreciated if anyone is interested in entering application info to the PRS.

- Bill asked that he be notified if changes need to be made to the ILSSAR website. Ditto for Facebook.

- GWF Distribution Committee report by Toby Chamberlain

- There were three vocal members at the meeting trying to limit Illinois' distribution level.
- Paul Callahan from Michigan is leading the move to cut Illinois' distribution amount.

- Due to the limited funds coming, the chapters must come up with more money to continue cemetery markings.

- Nominations Committee report from Toby Chamberlain

- It is time to nominate new state officers.
- Send an email with your nominations to Toby Chamberlain. Do not promise anything to those you nominate. Nominations must go through the nominations committee.

- Rumbaugh Committee report by Allan Campbell

- Six participations this year.

- Various cash awards presented at the luncheon.

- ROTC awards report by Chuck Tobias

- Air Force bosses don't want SAR medals on uniforms. **Continued on next page.**

# American Bicentennial Chapter

## ABC tunes up with presentation about the history of Taps and bugling

The May 2019 Chapter meeting of the Illinois American Bicentennial Chapter was held in Arlington Heights. We were fortunate to have as our speaker Mary Arvidson. Mary presented on the History of Taps and the history of the bugle call, as well as an explanation of military funeral honors and what is needed to obtain the honors. Mary currently serves as the First Vice President for the Eli Skinner Chapter DAR and is a bugler performing at military funerals. Part of Mary's presentation included several historical bugles and similar wind instruments.



Mary Arvidson

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- Chuck is working to get awards listed on cadets' resumes
- There were no entries in the contest last year. More this year.
- Two awards to be given at the luncheon.
- Medals and Awards presented by Dick Chamblin
- Chuck Dobias received the national War Service Medal with Vietnam Bar for his service in Vietnam. Dick presented the award to Chuck.
- Bill Wheeler received a Certificate of Patriotism and is authorized to wear the Military Service Medal for his service.
- Dan Crafton was awarded the Patriot Medal and Certificate.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:20am



## General George Rogers Clark Chapter GGRC commemorates Fort Sackville capture 240 years ago

Members of the Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter were honored to participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony celebrating the 240th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville. The event was held at George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, Indiana on Saturday, May 25. Chapter president Robert Ridenour presented the chapter's wreath. Chapter members who made the trip to honor the chapter namesake are Charles Dobias, Philip Bailey, Eric Reelitz, James DeGroff, and Robert Ridenour. SAR chapters from around the country participated in the ceremony.

George Rogers Clark, a surveyor and militia officer during the Revolutionary War, was the highest ranking military officer on the northwestern frontier. He is best known for leading a small force of about 175 men across and through the freezing waters of Illinois country to capture the British-held Fort Sackville at Vincennes during February 1779. After two days of fighting Gov. Hamilton and his 600 British and native American troops surrendered to Colonel Clark's force.

At left, chapter members who made the trip to honor the chapter namesake are Charles Dobias, Philip Bailey, Eric Reelitz, James DeGroff, and Robert Ridenour.

## Descendent of Revolutionary Patriot buried in Greene County was a First Lady of Illinois

Today the General George Rogers Clark Chapter marked the grave of Revolutionary War patriot John Wilkinson Huitt, Sr. The ceremony took place at the Providence Cemetery in Greene County, Ill. He was born Jan. 15 Jan 1761 in Brunswick County, Va., and died on June 6, 1848. He married Elizabeth Radcliff (also buried at Providence); they had the following 8 children: (1) Margaret who married Josiah Vaughn & Jacob Childers; (2) William b. 5 Nov 1790, d. Dec 1814 in Sangamon River, War of 1812; (3) Roland b. 1792, a veteran of the War of 1812, who married Rosanna Brewer; (4) Hiram b. 1785, a veteran of the War of 1812, who married Nancy Herriford; (5) John Wilkinson Jr. who married Rosanna Harriford (both buried at Providence) (6) George who married Peggy Bishop; (7) Elizabeth who married Mathew Cowan; and (8) Rebecca who married Thomas Carlin who was Governor. of Illinois.

After the Revolutionary War, he moved to South Carolina and lived there for about three years, to Georgia for about 18 years, to Madison County in Illinois, Abt. 16 yrs, then finally to Greene Co. for 12 years. (From Heritage Quest, Rev. War Pension Application and Bounty Land Warrant Files), 1848.





# Springfield Chapter

## Chapter Officers and Awards featured at meeting



Stan Buckles was given the Springfield President's oath of office April 20 by Outgoing chapter President Drew Robinson. Stan served two years as Springfield Chapter Vice President before assuming the Chapter Presidency.



From left, Wes Bridges, Mark Anderson, Drew Robinson and Wayne Clark. Bridges, Anderson and Clark are perspective Springfield Chapter members who have already been providing assistance to the chapter. The three were presented Certificates of Appreciation by Drew.



Toby Chamberlain presents Drew Robinson with the Springfield Chapter 2019 C. C. Hall Award.



From left, Illinois Society State President and Springfield Chapter member Dick Chamblin, Stan Buckles and Drew Robinson. Dick presented Stam with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal.

## Lou Myers takes on a new project, Pocket Constitutions

**By Lou Myers**  
Central Region Vice President

We gave 350 copies of this to the Glenview Grade and High School at Chatham, IL and 150 copies to Porta Grade School at Petersburg, IL last fall.

The instructors use them in their classes and encourage them to sign them. I think it is another way we can bring our country's history back to our students than don't seem to be getting it in many of schools curriculum !

Both Polly and I have also talked to our

local schools grade level students by request of the teachers.

This 52-page pocket sized booklet contains the United States Constitution (including The Bill of Rights and Amendments 11-27) and The Declaration of Independence. Its dimensions are 3.25" X 6.5".

The National Center for Constitutional Studies has printed a special edition copy of The Constitution of the United States that has been proofed word for word against the original Constitution housed in the Archives in

Washington, D.C. It is identical in spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

On the front cover of this pocket Constitution there is a four-color picture of George Washington holding a quill in his hand, inviting each of us to pledge our support for and commitment to The Constitution of the United States by maintaining and promoting its standard of liberty for ourselves and our posterity. There is a place on the back for the person to sign. The booklet is available through: [nccs.net](http://nccs.net)



# Lewis & Clark Chapter

## Lewis & Clark holds annual awards ceremony

The Lewis and Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented medals and certificates for heroism, good citizenship and scholarship. The chapter also honored two firemen, a police officer and three of its members for outstanding service.



From left in front are Ashley, Kelly and Kaitlyn Morris. Behind them are Joy Morris and Debbie Davis, Paul Morris' sisters, John Meacham, heroism award chairman, and Danny Davis, Paul Morris' brother-in-law.

Paul Morris of the Dupu Volunteer Fire Department, received a Fire Safety Commendation for serving 17 years before dying of colon cancer in June, 2018. When Morris began chemotherapy in the fall of 2017, his fellow firefighters shaved their heads in solidarity with him, even though he hadn't yet lost his hair, according to the News-Democrat. Morris' wife Kelly and daughters Ashley and Kaitlyn accepted the award.



Matthew Garrett (right) and law enforcement chairman Brian Morrow

Matthew Garrett of the Washington Park Police Department, was awarded a Law Enforcement Commendation for saving the life of a man while he was a member of the Brooklyn Police Department.

According to the News-Democrat, on July

6, police and rescue crews were called to a nightclub and arrived to find three people unconscious. Police said they believe overdoses of fentanyl were the cause.

Garrett gave aid to the man whose condition was the worst. He also told fellow officers how to treat the other victims. One officer said his response undoubtedly saved lives.

"It was a group effort. And that night was a prime example of why we're trained the way we are," Garrett said. "My training kicked in and I was able to take control of the situation."



From left, pastors Lindsay and Matt Vollmar, John Meacham, and Andy Black. The three pastors serve St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville.

Pastors Andy Black and Lindsay and Matt Vollmar of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville received heroism awards for rescuing a woman overcome by smoke from a fire in her home. Without their intervention, Signal Hill Fire Chief Tom Elliff said, the outcome would have been tragic, according to the News-Democrat.



From left, John Meacham, heroism award chairman, and Connie, Bailey and Mike Lambeck.

Connie, Mike and Bailey Lambeck of Waterloo received a Good Citizenship award for rescuing wild and abused horses. The Lambecks work through the Bureau of Land Management's wild horse and burro program and have adopted 10 horses, according to the Republic-Times. The family shares the horses with the public at local events such as the Waterloo Optimist Club Bull Ride, where they offer free rides to children.



John Meacham and Tom Schwarztrauber.

Thomas Schwarztrauber, president of the O'Fallon Historical Society Cemetery Detectives, received a Good Citizenship award for locating and rehabilitating abandoned and neglected cemeteries.



Left to right are Columbia High School students Tyler Nelson, Ben Williams and Bryce Vogt. John Meacham, in back.

Columbia High School students Tyler Nelson, Ben Williams and Bryce Vogt received heroism awards for helping victims of an automobile accident in St. Louis County, Mo. They were playing golf when the three-vehicle crash occurred and joined other bystanders in rescuing occupants who had been thrown into a ditch or trapped inside.

"I'm extremely proud that these students put others first and got involved," the Republic-Times quoted Brian Reeves, CHS principal, as saying.

Fred Bruss, front, with Belleville Fire Chief Tom Pour, and his wife Kathy. Fred Bruss, 94, of Freeburg, was recognized for his long service in WWII and to the Belleville Fire Dept.





# Fox Valley Chapter

## FV Good Citizen Awards presented in May



**Ted Miller, left, and Grant Imhoff, right.**

Fox Valley President Ted Miller attended Wilmington High School's Senior Awards ceremony in May. He presented Grant Imhof with the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award. I got a chance to talk to Grant and his parents. The school made a wise choice, as Grant well deserved the award.

I was very impressed by this school and this community. I thought with such a small school, the ceremony would be shorter than others I've been to at much larger schools. On the contrary, the ceremony lasted two hours and most of the awards were scholarships originated by former teachers and community members, some having attended this small school for many generations. The entire night was filled with the pride for these young adults, the community, and America.

Ted said that true pride of America was evident as the cafeteria, below, was lined with multiple American flags!



## Color Guard steps off in Wheaton's Memorial Day Parade



**Above and below, Fox Valley Color Guard members from left Jon Fixmer (commander), Ron Feldman, Mike Campagnolo, Ted Miller, and Max Cockrell.**



**Sannan Iqbal and Mike Campagnolo**

ILSSAR Sr. Vice President Mike Campagnolo returned to York High School in Elmhurst to present Fox Valley's Good Citizenship award. Sannan Iqbal will be attending ISU in the fall. Mike says, "It was nice being back at my old stomping grounds."



# Fox Valley Chapter

## Flags delight hundreds in Naperville



FV members Ted Miller center above, John Lansing (not pictured), and Scott Sanders (not pictured) were able to hand out 250 flags to passersby in a half hour to celebrate Flag Day. Children were especially happy to receive a flag. At right, Ted stands next to a tray he made to explain the history of Flag Day to recipients.



## Muzzleloading class a literal blast



FV members and guests learned how to load and fire authentic replicas of Revolutionary War muskets and rifles at the Rock Run Long Rifles club and range in Winnebago, IL. FV compatriot John Lansing fires a flintlock rifle. At left, club member and instructor demonstrates how to tamp down the powder and ball in his flintlock rifle.

## A new way to reach members

Fox Valley President Ted Miller has created a monthly old fashioned poster to keep the members up to date on upcoming events. It is sent out around the first of each month via email to all the chapter members. Response so far has been favorable.



## FV JROTC essay winner wins at state

We have a winner for the Fox Valley Chapter JROTC Essay Contest.

Our winner is Abigail Knippel of Lincoln Way Central High School in New Lenox, IL.

We officially confirmed her as our winner at our chapter meeting yesterday in North Aurora.

Our other participant Gregorio Olivares from Joliet West High School in Joliet, IL had a very good essay also.

Abigail will receive our chapter prize of a JROTC medallion with certificate and \$150.

Gregorio will receive our second place prize of \$100.





# Decatur Chapter



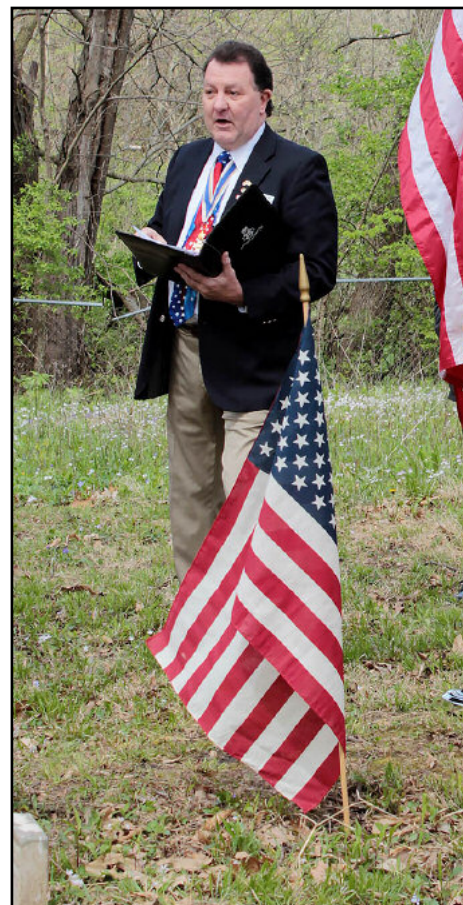
Bill McLane, left, of the Champaign Chapter, and his wife Susan, right, joined local boys scouts in presenting the colors at the ceremony.

## Flags delight hundreds in Naperville

Piatt County's only Revolutionary War veteran Samuel Olney was honored with a grave marking service by the Stephen Decatur Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He was remembered on April 29, 2019, when 49 people attended a special service to place an SAR marker at his gravesite. The service was held in Marquiss Cemetery near Monticello.

Presentation of the Colors was given by the Boy Scouts of America Troop #39 of Cerro Gordo. Larry Burgett, Stephen Decatur Chapter President extended welcome to attendees and representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapters, township and government officials. Among those present were Larry Burgett, president of the Stephen Decatur Chapter, Susan and Bill McLane of the Champaign Chapter SAR (who dressed as Martha and George Washington), area Boy Scouts, SAR members, local citizens, and representatives of the DAR.

Dave Miller, past president of Stephen Decatur, gave a brief biography of Samuel Olney, who served as an ensign in Captain Bowen's Rhode Island Militia, later becoming a Lieutenant in May 1778. The Olneys later moved to Indiana before arriving in present Piatt County in the 1830s, where he died in 1833 at the age of at least 70 years. The family left the area shortly after his passing.



Above, Past Decatur President Dave Miller gives a history of Lt. Samuel Olney. At left, Patriot Olney's grave.



## Chapter members celebrate Memorial Day

By Jason Butterick  
Decatur Chapter Secretary

The Stephen Decatur Chapter participated in a Memorial Day event at Fairview Park in Decatur.

At left, Larry Burgett President of Stephen Decatur Chapter and chapter member Jeffery Burgett laid a wreath at the ceremony in honor of veterans who served and died for our nation.



## Ewington Chapter



35 Effingham area high school seniors were awarded Outstanding Citizenship certificates and pins in April.

### Awards a plenty for Ewington Chapter members and guests.

At the May meeting, Ewington Chapter officers accepted a Chapter Presidential Citation from Illinois SAR State President Dick Chamblin

From left in photo at right: Ron Wood, Secretary, Clark Wise, Treasurer, Dick Chamblin ILSSAR President, Joe Harris, Ewington President, and Bob Lysander, Registrar.

The Ewington Chapter, Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution, recognized 35 outstanding seniors from local high schools during a ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Effingham on April 16. Many students were not able to attend as they were participating in baseball, softball and track events that had been rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Students from 35 high schools were



Chapter officers received a Chapter Presidential Citation ILSSAR President Dick Chamblin.

recognized and received the Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin, a certificate and a pocket Constitution of the United States of America. The SAR Outstanding Citizenship award is presented to recognize the recipient's furthering of American citizenship principles. The student is nominated by the high school considering the student's overall scholarship and citizenship.

Each school nominated a student based on their dependability, cooperative spirit, leadership, service to their school and community, evidence of

personal values and patriotism. The SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award is presented in recognition of the recipient's furthering of American citizenship principles.

Ewington Chapter's new OC chairman, Ron Wood, assisted chapter president Joe Harris in presenting the awards. Wood said, "It is remarkable what these students have already accomplished in life."

Each year the chapter invites high schools in its assigned counties to select one young man or woman from their senior class.

## Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

### Chapter members honored and new members welcomed

By Tom Ashby

#### **Zeally Moss Chapter Registrar**

Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the ILSSAR held its monthly meeting May 22 at the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg,

A presentation of a medal and certificate for his military service were presented to Ron Pearson by Registrar Tom Ashby.

The program was presented by chapter member Leo Sulamith on the pirates and privateers on the Chesapeake Bay during the Revolution. Leo had written a book on the same topic.

Members were encouraged to attend the June 14 cemetery marking ceremony in downtown Peoria at 1 pm for Lt. John Dusenber.

Also, Past President John Foster, in uniform, presented Jim Herrman, Douglas Holmes and Chris Lacey with their SAR Membership Certificates at the Peoria Meeting of the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter



At Left, John Foster, in uniform, presented Jim Herrman, Douglas Holmes and Chris Lacey with their SAR Membership Certificates.



Ron Pearson receives his Military Service Award from Tom Ashby.

on March 27, 2019. An interesting note is that Douglas Holmes is a direct descendant of our



At the March 27th Meeting in Peoria, Chris Lacy received his Military Service Award from Tom Ashby.

Chapter's namesake Captain Zeally Moss (who is his Revolutionary War Patriot).

## Fort Dearborn Chapter



### Chapter Vice President Bill Wheeler honored twice at ILSSAR BOM meeting

In addition to being awarded the Patriot Medal, the highest state-level award, Bill Wheeler was presented with a certificate indicating he is a member of the Military Service Veterans Corps. In the above photo he receives the award from Dick Chamblin.

At right during Ft. Dearborn's May chapter meeting in downtown Chicago at the Union League Club, General Robert E. Lee made a miraculous appearance. Actually he was portrayed by Paul Wood, shown with Ft. Dearborn Chapter President John Dyrud who gave a thorough history of General Lee's life.

In other Ft. Dearborn news, the chapter made a \$1000 donation to I.S.C.A.R. in support of the 2019 project The Orphan Train.





# Long Knives Chapter

## Chapter officers show state awards at chapter meeting

At right: in the photo from left to right: Gerald Whitson was presented the Roger Sherman Silver Medal Award. Jim Wallace, President of the Long Knives Chapter, was presented with the Chapter Presidential Award for the Long Knives Chapter. Brian Corder was presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal, Jack Cramer was presented the ILSSAR Color guardsman of the Year award. Dick Chamblin ILSSAR President presented the awards. The awards were for outstanding service by members of the Long Knives Chapter.



Above, right, and below: The chapter honored five Johnson County Revolutionary War patriots in Vienna. Those patriots are; Daniel Chapman, William Copeland, Jacob Harwick, Hezekiah West and William Wings.





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## *More Really Important Stuff*

### **Remembering 2018 Fallen Compatriots**

Names read at BOM Mtg. by ILSSAR Chaplain Ray Owens

William Bringham, Edward Broy, Walter Cheely,  
Paul Strohecker, William E Johnson, Hearshal McKinney, Richard Lewis, Orville McCafferty,  
Lyman Gene Armes, Thomas W. Blixen, Robert M Kilzer, Carrol Mayfield,  
Robert Dale Fitzgerald, David J Hearn, Robert Lee Bowen,  
Larry J Leiper, Frank W Turnbull

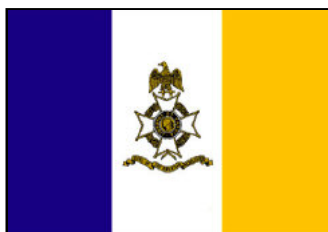
### **Jerry Whitson Update**

Many Southern Illinois compatriots know Master Candy Chef Jerry Whitson from the Long Knives Chapter. Just before the last BOM meeting, Jerry suffered a mild stroke and wasn't able to attend. Long Knives President Jim Wallace reports that Jerry is doing fine now and is "back to normal."

He is taking blood pressure medicine and is following his wife Marian's orders. Always a wise strategy! He would like to thank all those that sent cards and prayers.

### **Knight Essay Award**

Presenter Compatriot Gary List  
1st Place Winner: Stephen Weiger  
2nd Place Winner:  
Andrew Wiedenhmann



### **Check your Awards**

Compatriots, a number of member's awards for 2013 forward were not posted to the state web site. To check your awards go to <https://www.illinois-sar.org/awards.html>, click on compatriots, drop down to awards, enter your last name then click search. If you have missing awards send a list of awards indicating if it came from chapter, ILSSAR or National and the year the award was presented to Bill Wheeler at [bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org](mailto:bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org).

This is an important step in order for compatriots submitting future award recommendations to see what award(s) you have received.