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A Message From The President

By ILSSAR
President Michael
Campagnolo

Already, it is late Summer. The trees are starting to change color and the kids are back in virtual school. This has been a very strange year to say the least. When becoming ILSSAR President in May we have had three BOM Zoom meetings on May 16, June 27 and August 27. After conducting a survey with several options, our next regularly scheduled BOM meeting will be November 14 via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid situation. Then the February BOM Meeting will be in Bloomington.

It's SAR Dues time again. You all should have received your dues notice from ILSSAR Treasurer Lee Braden. The goal was to email the invoices out by September 1st. We do this so we have time before December 31st to react to those who have not paid. This is the second year we are offering two secure online services: invoices by e-mail, and the option to pay online. We hope you are willing to give it a try. Online payments help to:

- Reduce processing and postage costs
- Increase accuracy with automatic account posting
- Increase transaction security using Intuit's industry leading encryption and security technology. If you prefer to wait until early October, you will receive a paper invoice - same as last year. If you receive a paper invoice, you will still have the ability to pay online. Whether you pay online or by mail, all dues payments are still due December 31, 2020. Please make every effort to pay by the deadline, as the National Society headquarters has a tight deadline before dropping members for nonpayment. Please get your dues in as soon as possible so your chapter president doesn't have to start making calls!

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SAR and ISCAR Partner to Provide Packages For Patriots

By I.S.C.A.R. State President Diana Kwak

August 8th, 2020 was a remarkable day in the 2020-2021 I.S.C.A.R. year. It was our first state event in person since the onset of the pandemic. It served Packages for Patriots directly at the Operation Support-Our-Troops-America Warehouse in Lisle. It demonstrated the awesome power that C.A.R. members wield when we get involved hands-on.

The day began with twelve members representing societies both in and out-of-state. Everyone arrived with something to contribute, from the eighty pounds of donations we

received to the can-do attitude that comes with dedication. We were grateful for the help of many DAR and SAR members as well, including ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo, Fox Valley President Ted Miller, and Bill Wheeler, who serves as both the Fort Dearborn SAR President and the I.S.C.A.R. Senior State President.

After assuring that everyone was healthy and safe, we went straight to work - with members labeling items, making letter and hygiene kits, and preparing the assembly line. Once everything was ready, we began the packing process! It warmed my heart to see fellow C.A.R. members growing in confidence and getting excited about the work they were doing. When we can be involved at every step of the process and see an empty box turn into something tangibly impactful, I think we can awe ourselves with the magnitude of our service.



CAR members busy packing the boxes.



Fox Valley President Ted Miller

And indeed, everyone in attendance at the 'Packing' Packet Meeting was awed by our results. In just one day, we accomplished a combined fifty hours of service and brought 150 care packages from ideas to reality. I am left beyond grateful to everyone who took the time and effort to come out and help, without whom the Packages for Patriots mission could not have been possible!



Fox Valley President Ted Miller and ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo are surrounded by all the CAR members at the event in Lisle.

Former State Chaplain Dave Ashbrook Fondly Remembered

By Gordon Bidner

I just lost a good friend and the GJB/ILSSAR/NSSAR just lost a faithful and dedicated compatriot. Dave had a stroke on Friday at his farm home when his daughter Cynthia was there visiting. They took him by ambulance to the hospital where he died Sunday morning. Funeral plans are pending according to the Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Funeral Home here in Bloomington.

Dave was 88 years old, a veteran of the Korean War and yes a dedicated 'public servant'. He was active in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Normal, served on the Unit 5 School Board and held several offices in the GJB SAR Chapter and was named as the GJB SAR Director Emeritus for 2020 and served as the ILSSAR Chaplain for several years. In that he was a ILSSAR Patriot recipient as well as being named as the ILSSAR Man of the Year attests to the respect he engendered at both the Chapter and ILSSAR Level. Dave made several trips with me to the NSSAR Leadership Meetings in Louisville, Ky., starting in 2008 and served on several NSSAR Committees.

Yes, we will miss Dave and his familiar answer to a phone call "This is Dave!" his good sense of humor and most importantly his friendship, his dedication to his family and of course his readiness to always be of service to our communities.

Dave shared with me a short while ago that his Doctor's advised him to engage hospice in that he was struggling with breathing and other related health issues including energy and his endurance. He was determined to 'stay at home' in that he didn't want to burden others with his health issues.

One last memory--I wish we could 'send him off' with a serving of the Bloomington Country Club Bread Pudding in that for 20 consecutive years Dave always had a serving or two at our annual GJB SAR Citizenship/Scholarship Banquet and then Carl Driskell even started sending Dave home with a serving of Bread Pudding.

Rest in Peace My Friend---you will long be remembered as a friend and mentor!

Dave was a SAR Member since Nov. 3, 2004



Dave Ashbrook, left, and Gordon Bidner, right

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While you are at it, help our Ladies Auxiliary support us by signing up your wife.

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, and Schweizer History Teacher Award Chairman. Thank you Compatriot Ted Miller from Fox Valley for filling the role of Membership & Chapter Development Chairmanship

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.

On Sunday, November 15, the combined hereditary societies of Illinois will remember and honor their fallen veterans at a Memorial Ceremony at 11 AM on the grounds of the Rosehill Cemetery's May Chapel, 5800 North Ravenswood in Chicago. The Sons of Union Veterans have organized the event and will provide cannonade from the Chicago Light Artillery.

Compatriot Jim Barr of the Fort Dearborn Chapter welcomes everyone to attend. There will be various color guard units attending. We would like our SAR Color Guard to attend.

The service is under the leadership of SUVCW Past Chaplain General Jerome Kowalski and the Address will be delivered by Illinois SAR President Mike Campagnolo.

After the ceremonies, a Dutch luncheon has been organized at Mis Moles restaurant, (the former Little Bucharest, same management, different 4 star chef), at 3661 North Elston, a short drive from the cemetery.

Springfield Chapter

New Chapter Member

Jake Stahl is the newest Springfield Chapter member. Jake aged up from the Illinois CAR Society and transferred to the Illinois SAR Society and the Springfield Chapter. He is from Illiopolis and is a senior at the University of Illinois in Champaign, His Patriot is George Bryan who served in the South Carolina militia as a private and spy.

Award Recipients

Three Springfield Chapter Compatriots received the Meritorious Service Medal for their efforts in 2019/20 in support of the Illinois Society. Recipients are Richard "Dick" Chamblin, Andrew "Drew" Robinson and Karl Reed.

Additionally, the Springfield Chapter received a Certificate for participating in the Flag Certificate Program and a Presidential Citation Certificate.

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The Illinois Sons of The American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting via Zoom August 27, 2020

Submitted by Recording Secretary Scott Sanders

- The Meeting was called to order on Zoom by ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo at 6:55pm via Zoom.

- 22 Compatriots in attendance: ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo, GLD VPG Jim Petres, Compatriots Ted Miller, Ray Owens, Toby Chamberlain, Tom Ashby, Chuck Dobias, Roger Swim, Lee Braden, Michael Cobb, Lou Myers, Jon Fixmer, Jerry Whitson, Larry Burgett, Bill Wheeler, Drew Robinson, George Tinkham, Ed Bachesta, Jim Wallace, Sid Welles, Greg Westfall, and Scott Sanders.

- Also attending: Special Guest ISCAR President Diana Kwak.

- President Campagnolo opened the meeting at 6:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge led by Tom Ashby.

- Chaplain Ray Owens followed with the Invocation. Mike called for a moment of silence remembering the recent passing of well-liked longtime compatriot Dave Ashbrook of the GJB chapter. spoke very fondly of Dave due to knowing him well in the GJB chapter.

- Mike introduced guest Jim Petres from Michigan who spoke about GLD news. There will be a virtual GLD meeting October 31. At that meeting he said he thinks Wisconsin's board meeting will propose Bill Austin as the new VPG.

Officers reports:

- Trustee Report Toby Chamberlain. Not much going on now, Toby said.

- Senior VP Chuck Dobias: Chuck is concerned that people might not be thinking about the SAR now due to the virus and that might be thinking of other things to do. We need to think of ways to keep members interest and active in the SAR to as not to lose members, he said.

- Secretary Drew Robinson: 6 New members in August, 1127 Total members as of last week, 26 applications in the works now from registrar Greg Westfall.

- Treasurer Lee Braden: Dues notices will be going out next week. Drew will be sending emails to chapter presidents explaining the process also.

- Lee is asking Investment accounts with TIAA and 5/3 Bank to be updated to have the account owners listed as Drew Robinson and Lee Braden. And that previous people not involved in handling transactions be removed. During the Treasurer transitions, that was apparently not done properly. Therefore, Lee Braden moved that the ILSSAR Board of Managers authorize him to add Drew Robinson as Secretary and himself as Treasurer to the TIAA and 5/3 Bank investment accounts. Motion seconded by Bill Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously by raised hands.

- Co-Registrars Jerry Whitson and Greg Westfall: report 65 new people to process since February and only 16 pending since 2017.

- Northern Region VP: Mike Cobb reports he has visited two chapters Fox Valley and Ft Dearborn recently. He enjoyed Fox Valley's trivia contest.

- Central Region VP: Sid Welles reports he's talked with several chapters on the phone. GJB is "getting all tuned up" for its Constitution week Sept 15 Zoom meeting. They will also be giving three Public Service Awards. GJB chapter 45th anniversary will be on October 21. Nov 7 Veteran's Day program.

- Southern Region VP: Joe Harris not in attendance.

- **Special Guest ISAR President Diana Kwak** talked about her program Packages For Patriots. She is an Honor Roll Student at Downers Grove South High School.

Her CAR program supports a larger program called Operation Support Our Troops based Lisle. It sends packages of "a slice of

home" to soldiers serving overseas. The boxes contain donated items such as nonperishable food and snacks, toiletries, tokens and games, and letters from home.

Beef jerky is a favorite item. Shipping cost is a about \$37.00. The goal is to raise about \$5000.00 to ship 125 boxes.

Fox Valley President Ted Miller and ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo recently spent a morning at the Lisle OSOT packing boxes and meeting with the CAR members.

One of the best ways to help the CAR with this project Diana said is to purchase Packages For Patriots Pins at \$10 each or Stationary at \$5 for a set of 5 cards. Get an order form at <https://www.illinoisscar.org/2020-2021-order-form.html>

Chapter Presentation

Fox Valley President Ted Miller gave an extensive and detailed presentation about what the Fox Valley chapter does and how it does it.

FV will be 40 years old next year and covers 8 counties in North Central Illinois.

More than 100 current active members centered in Lisle, IL. More than 300 since its founding.

Chapter activities include many grave marking ceremonies, annual awards luncheon, drill and grill event, 4 or 5 parades a year, honor guard at a Schaumburg Boomers game, hero awards for the Naperville and Aurora police and fire departments.

Even in the 'age of covid' the chapter has been able to continue many of its programs.

Sponsor tables at genealogy meetings

Participate in color guard activities

Pand out flag awards

Pand out miniature flags to honor Flag Day

Put out newsletters and website and Facebook page.

Present good citizenship awards to high school seniors

Present ROTC and JROTC awards

Present Eagle Scout awards

The chapter has a detailed and prioritized plan for future project and events.

-Color Guard Commander: Jon Fixmer reports this has been "kind of a lost year" for the color guards. There is still going to be a George Washington vigil at Mt. Vernon. Jon will forward the info to chapter presidents and color guard commanders. For next spring, he'll have a set of safety procedures ready for firing salutes and volleys.

-Illinois Patriot Update: Scott Sanders said the next Patriot should be bigger than last time because more chapters are coming out of hibernation due to a lack of winter activities and the virus shutdown. And the usual deadline reminders of September 10 but the earlier the better.

-Medals and awards: Jack Cramer said all awards have been mailed out. Jim Wallace, The Man of the Year, was sent to Jack for presentation to Jim. Jim will get it at the next chapter meeting.

-George Washington Endowment Fund: Toby Chamberlain said there is confusion on the latest \$1500.00 request in February. Lee Braden says it is on the way due to a staff turnover. Toby said the President General has appointed him to be the Vice Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Toby said he will be twisting more arms to get Diana Kwak in the Fellowship. He was successful and Diana is now a George Washington Fellow by contributing \$250 herself and she was helped by Lee Braden, Bill Wheeler, and Toby Chamberlain at \$250 each. Thanks to all and to Diana for a great presentation on Packages For Patriots!

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- EMS hero awards: Sid Welles will send out a booklet detailing all the hero awards available and how to apply for the awards.
- Veterans affairs: Lou Myers reported that the veterans homes have been severely hit by the Covid virus.

Old Business

- Mike Campagnolo says there are still some committee chairmanships to fill: Outstanding Citizenship, Membership and Chapter Development, Schweitzer History Teacher Award. Ted Miller volunteered for the Membership and Chapter Development Chairmanship.

New Business

- Mike says a new budget is needed before the next BOM meeting.

- The national want a new committee called the "America 250 SAR Planning Committee"

- Mike will send out an email for getting input about how to handle the November BOM meeting given the virus situation.

- Eagle Scout report George Tinkham reported he will send a supplemental report to Scott Sanders and Mike Campagnolo on GGRC's second place Eagle Scout winner for inclusion in the Illinois Patriot.

- Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Owens

- SAR Recessional read and meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Fox Valley Chapter

Farewell To A Founding Member

By Mike Campagnolo

I am sad to report the passing of V. Robert "Bob" Baird, a charter member of the Fox Valley Chapter. Bob was a big part in the formation of the Fox Valley Chapter in 1981.

Bob was Chapter Secretary from 1982-1987 and Outstanding Citizenship Chair up until 2017.

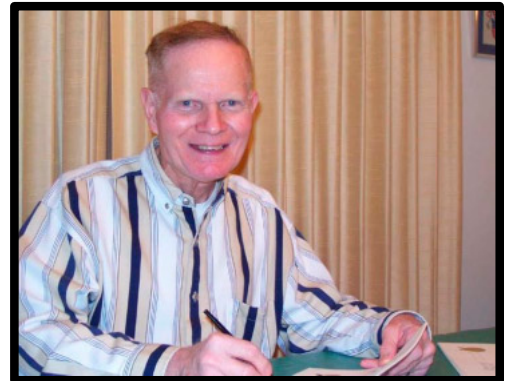
Compatriot Kevin Alcott took over that chair position from Bob, but we always included Bob as a member of the committee.

The last three years we would take the Outstanding Citizenship materials over to Bob's care facility and include him with hand signing the certificates (he had great printing) and stuff the envelopes. He really enjoyed contributing to the chapter. See below.

Bob will be missed by all who new him, such a nice man.

Virgil Robert "Bob" Baird 1925 - 2020

It is with deep regret that the Fox Valley SAR Chapter learned of the passing of one its founding fathers. Bob Baird was born on September 18, 1925 and passed away peacefully on March 16, 2020. During his working time he met, fell in love, and married Ruthanne Abbott of Woodridge, IL at the Hotpoint Appliance factory in Cicero, IL. Together they had three children; William, George, and Carolyn. He was the first Fox Valley SAR Chapter Secretary. He served as Secretary and Treasurer at various times during the early years of the Chapter. Mr. Baird contributed to the Chapter's success in so many ways. He was instrumental in organizing and presenting the Outstanding Citizenship Awards for many years. He was active in the Chapter since its inception. His dedication and tremendous spirit will be sorely missed. Bob lived a long, happy, fulfilling life. He was gentle, kind and most definitely funny. Anyone who knew him was aware of how passionate he was about everything he did. Thank you, Bob! May you rest in peace.



Fox Valley Chapter Founding Officers



Left to right, in front: Liptrap, Baird, Hall and in rear: Clark, Ralston, Willson



Fox Valley Compatriots gather to help Bob Baird prepare the Good Citizenship Awards for mailing

In recent years, Bob enjoyed keeping involved in Fox Valley Chapter activities by inviting fellow compatriots to his home to help him prepare good citizenship packets for mailing. From left are Kevin Alcott, Bob, and Mike Campagnolo. Also helping is Scott Sanders, not pictured.

General Joseph Bartholmew Chapter

On July 18, 2020 Joseph Trembley was presented his Eagle Scout Award trophy for being the winner of the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship. In addition to the trophy pictured lower right, Joseph also received a monetary award of \$1,500 plus a Scout patch and engraved medallion. The scholarship award has been sent to Iowa State University where Joseph will be studying computer engineering. Joseph is a member of Troop 1870 chartered by the Fairbury Lions Club.

Those present and pictured above right at the American Legion Post #54 in Fairbury were Geoffrey Trembley, Jennifer Trembley, Joseph Trembley, George Tinkham of the ILSSAR, plus Stephen Kern and William White of the General Joseph Bartholmew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The GJB Chapter covers Iroquois, Livingston, McLean, and Woodford counties.

The GJB SAR Chapter presented Joseph with a \$250 award at its February 2020 meeting. The May Awards Banquet of the ILSSAR was cancelled due to the pandemic.



Long Knives Chapter

Awards highlight Long Knives first chapter meeting in months

After several months of inactivity, the Long Knives finally had the opportunity to gather for its monthly meeting. Several important items of business were discussed and there were also awards to be presented. Firstly, we wish to welcome Compatriot Clinton Morgan to our ranks. He is pictured receiving his Certificate and Rosette from Chapter President Lance Newman, upper left. Jim Wallace, pictured lower left, and Gerald Whitson, upper right, were presented the Patriot Medal for their years of service. The chapter wishes to recognize Vernon Dotson, for his efforts as the Chapter Flag Awards Chairman. Lastly, Jack Cramer presented the BOM Perfect Attendance Award as well as the Flag Award to Chapter President Newman, lower right. The Chapter is planning a picnic at old Ft. Massac State Park for their October Meeting. We are also looking forward for the time that we may participate in the grave marking ceremonies and parades that are having to be rescheduled.





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Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

By Tom Ashby

On August 26th the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter presented two new members with their certificates at a dinner meeting held at the Lariat Steakhouse in Peoria, Illinois. Pictured (left to right) are Tom Ashby, Chapter Registrar, of Bradford, IL, William Schmutz of Putnam, IL and Joe Szaltis of Monmouth, IL receiving them. This was the first “in-person” meeting of the year because of the COVID issues. Despite no masks shown in the photo we were social distanced, wore masks except when eating, and followed recommended protocols.

