



2024 Great Lakes District Meeting October 26, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER (9 AM) – VPG Robert Haglund
 - a. Invocation – WISSAR Chaplain James Hargan
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance – fVPG David VanHoof
 - c. SAR Pledge – Michigan President Joseph Williams

“We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

- d. SAR Mission Statement – ILSSAR President Bill Wheeler

“The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.”

- e. Determination of Quorum – GLD Secretary Bill Austin (7)
 - f. Introduction of Guests/Dignitaries – VPG Robert Haglund
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – E-mailed, posted on GLD Webpage & distributed.
 - a. Any Additions? __spelling “chaplin” to chaplain
 - b. Motion to approve as amended
 - i. By P. Callanan-MI, Second B Wheeler-IL

ii. VOTE: Pass

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2023 GLD Meeting in Bay City, Michigan – E-mailed, posted on GLD Webpage & distributed.

a. Any Corrections? none

b. Motion to approve as sent.

i. Motion by P. Calanan-MI, Second B. Wheeler-IL

ii. VOTE: Pass

4. GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL ADDINGTON.

5. REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL VPG Robert Haglund

6. REPORT OF STATE SOCIETIES

a. WISSAR President – Robert Haglund

b. ILSSAR President – Bill Wheeler

c. MISSAR President – Joseph Williams

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

8. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Invite to join Mohican Pow Wow in 2026 for America 250.

b. R3 – Recruiting, Retention, Reinstatement

c. 2025 NSSAR GENERAL CANDIDATES:

(1) Uncontested:

- President General: Michael Elston
- Secretary General: W. Allen Greenly
- Registrar General: Keith Weissinger
- Historian General: Jeffrey D. Thomas
- Librarian General: James Osbourn
- Surgeon General: Joe R. Hamill
- Chaplain General: Christopher Grimes

(2) SAR Foundation Board

- PG John Dodd
- Dan McKelvie

- i. Motion to Endorse: Mike Campagnolo for Vice President General of the Great Lakes District for 2025 – 2026 by Tom Ashby, Second Bill Wheeler
- ii. Discussion, None
 1. VOTE: PASS
 - 2.
- b. Our nomination and endorsement of Compatriot Mike Campagnolo

for Vice President General of the Great Lakes District for 2025-2026 will be forwarded to the Secretary General.

Invitation to attend the 2025 Great Lakes District meeting in Bloomington, Illinois

On 24th and 25th of October by of the Illinois Society by VPG Nominee Mick Campagnolo.

10. CLOSING – VPG Robert Haglund

- a. Benediction – WISSAR Chaplain James Hargan
- b. SAR Recessional – WISSAR 1st Vice President Donald Skarda

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.o’9

- c. Retiring of Colors – Colors to remain in place for WISSAR BOM to occur after luncheon.
- d. Meeting adjourned at by VPG Robert Haglund.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Austin
Recording Secretary, Great Lakes District

Great Lakes District Meeting
October 26, 2024 Brookfield Wisconsin

Last Name	First Name	Title/ Position	Affiliation	Initials
Addington	Darryl	President General	NCSSAR	DA
Ammerman	MG - Dan		Aupaumut	MA
Ashby	Tom	fVPG	Capt Zeally Moss	ZM
Atlee	James		Morgan Kosciuszko	JK
Austin	Bill	fVPG	Nathaniel Ames	NA
Callanan	Paul	fVPG	MI-Straits	C
Dyer	John		Aupaumut	
Fay	Daniel	WISSAR Treasurer	Aupaumut	DF
Goodson	Ken	National Color Guard	W Michigan	KG
Greer	James	Color Guard	Morgan Kosciuszko	JK
Grubba	Thomas		Aupaumut	TH
Haglund	Bob	VPG/ WISSAR President	Aupaumut	RH
Hargan	James	WISSAR Chaplain	Nathaniel Ames	JA
Meador	Mike ^{mm}	WISSAR CAR Liaison	Morgan Kosciuszko	MM
Mike	Campagnolo	ILSAR Trustee	Fox Valley ILL	MC
Morgan	Gregory		Aupaumut	
Petres	James	fVPG,	Huron Valley	JP
Safford	Jim		Aupaumut	JS
Safford	Ed		Aupaumut	EMS
Skarda	Don	WISSAR 1st VP	Morgan Kosciuszko	DS
Van Hoof	David	fVPG	Pvt Ephraim Wheaton	DV
Wheeler	William	ILSAR President	Illinois	WW
Williams	Joseph	MISSAR President	Detroit Metro	WJ
Wylie	Robert		Morgan Kosciuszko	RW



Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
President – Robert M Haglund

Nov - Meeting with Mohican Tribe on forming chapter and Liberty Tree dedication

2024

Feb - George Washington Birthday celebration with DAR & CAR. CG presenting Colors

Mar - SAR/DAR display and recruiting drive during genealogist seminar at Brown County Library

Attended Wisconsin CAR Annual Conference

Attended NSSAR Spring Leadership

Apr - Wisconsin Society Annual Conference

Presented Colors at Milwaukee Brewers Game

Presented ROTC medals at various Schools

Grade school presentation

May - Menominee Falls Revolutionary War Days - display/recruiting

Attended Wisconsin DAR Conference

Liberty Tree dedication at Mohican Stockbridge Cemetery

Liberty Tree Dedication at Franklin Public Park

Funeral of WISSAR Color Guard Commander Brian Barrett

Memorial Day events statewide

Jun - Funeral of WISSAR Treasurer, Chapter President, past State President
Sam Keith

Appleton Flag Day Parade joint SAR/DAR



Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

President – Robert M Haglund

Waukesha Elks Club Flag Day celebration

Polish Fest Opening

Harley Davidson Veteran Ride at HD Museum – display/recruiting

Patriot grave remarking – Cooper School, Burlington

Jul - 4th July Parade joint SAR/DAR/CAR- Wauwatosa

Attended NSSAR Congress

Aug - DAR sign dedication for Old Military Rd near Ft Winnebago Surgeons
Quarters

Mohican Powwow

Sep - Met Team One Mile at two stops

Attended Michigan Central Chapter meeting.

Attended Illinois Ft Dearborn Chapter meeting

Oct - Attended NSSAR Fall Leadership

Attended Mohican Powder Horn presentation

Attended Central District meeting

President Haglund is an appointed member of the Wisconsin America250 Commission and Wisconsin Historical Society Committee representing the Wisconsin Society SAR. WISSAR and WISDAR are mandatory members.

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State Report for the Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Since the last Great Lakes District of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, the Michigan Society has had: One General Society Meeting (April of 2024) and Three Board of Managers Meetings. In the General Society Meeting we elected a new slate of officers (a list is attached).

Grave Markings:

For the 2023/2024 Year the MISSAR had: Two Cemetery Plaque Dedications; a Dedication for commemorating the liberation of Fort St. Joseph; A Liberty Tree Planting; Seven Grave Dedications.

Plaque:

Private Nathan Burpee

Major Thompson Maxwell

Liberty Tree

Planted on the State Of Michigan Capitol Campus (Near the Viet Nam Memorial)

Grave Dedications:

Benjamin and Grace Walker

Claudius Britton II

Jacob Doty

David DePue

Private Caleb Merrill

John and Sally Wall

Doctor Eleazer Root

Respectfully Submitted:

Joseph C. Williams, President

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LIST OF STATE OFFICERS FOR APRIL 2024 TO APRIL 2025

PRESIDENT	JOSEPH WILLIAMS
VICE-PRESIDENT	ROBERT CRAIG
RECORDING SECRETERY	ELIJAH SHALIS
CORRESPONDING SECRETERY	ROGER COTNER
TREASURER	JOHN CRITCHETT
CHAPLIN	JOHN THURBER
CHANCELLOR	SHAWN FLYNN
TRUSTEE	JAMES PETRES

Illinois Society – Presidents Report

Presented by Bil Wheeler, President, Illinois Society on 26 October 2024

Introduction

Good Morning President General, Vice President General, fellow Compatriots and Guests. It's an honor and a privilege to stand before you today to present to you the current state and insights of the Illinois Society. As we gather to commemorate the valor and sacrifices of our ancestors, it is essential to reflect on our achievements, ongoing initiatives, and future aspirations.

Membership Growth and Engagement

During the pandemic, like many other heritage organizations, the Illinois Society experienced a decline in applications and renewals. Over the last two years our society has been focused on retaining members and attracting new members. We are happy to have a %3.5 increase in membership in the last year bringing our total members to 1019 members. We have 26 applications being reviewed at National hopefully bringing our number to 1050 by the end of the year. Our outreach programs, community events, historical reenactments and youth programs all play a crucial role in attractive and engaging new and existing members.

Youth Programs

Our youth and education programs are at the heart of our mission. Over the past year, the Illinois Society has focused on several programs aimed a fostering deeper understanding of American Revolutionary history among the younger generations. The Illinois Society, through the General Joseph Bartholomew chapter, sponsored Shreya Nallamothu who won the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical contest at a national level. We continue to partner with the Children of the American Revolution and local schools to help preserve our nation's heritage and support our local communities.

Preservation & Commemoration

Preservation of burial sites and marking of the graves of our Revolutionary ancestors in the state continues to be a focal point for the Illinois Society. This year we have successfully completed the marking of six cemeteries ensuring their longevity for future generations. There are over 600 Patriots known to be buried in the state amongst 81 counties. We continue to focus on marking each of these Patriots and their burial locations.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the Illinois Society remains committed to expanding our reach and impact. Our strategic plan for the coming years is to focus on leveraging core tracking and reporting such as the Americanism report and the USS Stark Memorial report. We are also focused on deepening the relationship with the DAR and C.A.R.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Illinois Society for their unwavering dedication and support.



Summary of the 2024 Great Lakes District Event Held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Brookfield Wi. On October 25/26, 2024.

A Gala event was held Friday night with social beginning at 4:30 PM. The Dinner and meeting was called to order by VPG Bob Haglund and began at 6 PM with the Color Guard presenting the Colors and were accompanied by a drummer and a fife. We had a moment of silence for the passing of WISSAR Color Guard Commander Brian Barrett and past WISSAR President Sam Keith.

Greetings were shared by President General Addington, 1st Lady Mary Addington, DAR Regent Sandra Snow and C.A.R. President Novale Brown.

Our guest speaker was Joann Schedler who spoke about the Mohican joining Continentals in the Revolutionary War to include the battles they fought and their subsequent migration to Wisconsin.

A breakdown of the attendees for the Gala is:

State	Qty
Wisconsin	33
Mich	8
ILL	4
NC	2
Total	47

The breakdown per group is as follows?

Qty	Guest	ToT	Group
27		27	SAR
4	2	6	DAR
3		3	CAR
1	10	11	NA
35	12	47	Total

We had 10 Color Guard and a drummer and fife.

We had a total of 41 dinners served at the Gala. And guests in 12 rooms for 1 night!

On Saturday we held the GLD meeting.

The GLD meeting was called to order at 9 AM on Saturday by VPG Bob Haglund. New and old business was completed and 2025 NSSAR contested candidates were voted upon and the Final slate of nominated officers from the GLD was forwarded to the Secretary General.

2025 NSSAR GENERAL OFFICER MOMONATIONS

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT

President General	Michael Elston
Secretary General	W. Allen Greenly
Treasurer General	Edmon McKinley
Registrar General	Keith Weissinger
Historian General	Jeffrey D. Thomas
Librarian General	James Osboun
Chaplain General	Christopher Grimes
Chancellor General	Peter Davenport
Genealogist General	Garry Green
Surgeon General	Joe R. Hamill
SAR Foundation Board	PG John Dodd
SAR Foundation Board	Dan McKelvie

The Great Lakes Districted voted to nominate Mile Campagnolo of Illinois to be the VPG for 2025-26.

District meeting to be held October 24-25, 2025 at the Doubletree in Bloomington, Illinois.

During the GLD meeting a WISSAR Ladies Auxiliary was created and funded. Bylaws were created and passed, dues were collected and officers were elected.

This report was submitted by:

CSM Robert Haglund (Ret)

Vice President General GLD

And Wisconsin State President

Of the Wisconsin Society

Sons of the American Revolution

And

Don Skarda

1st Vice President Wisconsin Society Sons of the American Revolution

