

# THE ILLINOIS PATRIOT

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## ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Franz Herder  
President*

### President's Message

In just a few short weeks we will be coming together at the Hilton in Springfield for our annual Awards Banquet. Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the banquet, a silent auction and the awards ceremony—we also have an outstanding first person program planned that will feature the remarkable Alexander Hamilton. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we will have our business meeting where the Board of Managers will be asked to approve the slate of officers for ILSSAR for 2012-14 that was distributed in Bloomington last month. The BOM will also be asked to confirm committee chairs for 2012-14 and the short list of BOM members-at-large. Following the meeting and the swearing in of the new management team we will have lunch and our annual Youth Program awards. In addition to this set of events that weekend is also Springfield's annual art fair that Compatriots and spouses alike can enjoy. Reservation details for the Hilton are included in this issue of the Illinois Patriot. All SAR members are welcome and I would highly recommend that if you possibly can you plan to join us in Springfield. This is always a well-attended weekend, worth making the effort to attend.

This has been a good year for the Illinois Society. Program activities have been strong in every area. Chapters have grown. The Color Guard has become ever more active with additional growth expected. As last year, membership has continued to grow. And, as a result of increased attention to recruitment and membership growth at the Chapter level, we can look forward to the Illinois Society continuing to grow. These are your accomplishments and they are accomplishments of which you can be proud.

I hope to see you in Springfield.

Compatriot Franz Herder





# An evening with . . .



## Alexander Hamilton

**On Friday, May 18, 2012 join the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at the Springfield Hilton Vista Room for an evening with one of our founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton.**

Secretary Hamilton was an officer the Revolutionary War and was General Washington's closest advisor. After the war he was a major contributor to the Federalist Papers and served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Washington. As Treasury Secretary, Hamilton formed the Revenue Cutter Service, today known as the United States Coast Guard, and their ships are still referred to as "cutters". A patriot known for holding strong principals and personal honor, Hamilton's sense of personal honor may have lead to his early demise at age 49.

Actor Terry Lynch will portray Alexander Hamilton. Terry started his acting career at Northern Illinois University and honed his skills at Chicago's famed Second City and the Improve Olympic. Over the past twenty years, Terry has performed in live theater productions and numerous radio and television appearances. Today, Terry specializes in brining historical heroes to life to preserve our nation's history.

# *Don't miss this event!*



# The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution 122nd Congress May 18-19, 2012

*Springfield Hilton hotel room discount cutoff date:*

► **May 3, 2012** ◀

**Call 800-445-8667 and ask for code “SAR” for the ILSSAR group rate \$98 per night (includes parking and breakfast for two hotel guests)**

**Friday dinner program 6:00 PM.** Our annual black-tie event starts with a cocktail hors d’oeuvres reception, and dinner with Alexander Hamilton in the Vista room overlooking the capitol. *All* members and family are encouraged to attend!

**A silent auction will be held from 6 to 7 pm.**

**Saturday morning** free breakfast buffet for hotel guests (bring your hotel check-in meal coupon). Check-out 11:00 AM, free parking for hotel guests.

**Saturday meeting 8:30 AM—12:00 PM** Vista room I on 29th floor.

**Saturday luncheon 12:30 PM—1:30 PM** Vista room 2 with community awards.

Friday and Saturday

Meal Requests

Friday dinner: Herb roasted sirloin with peppercorn sauce and duchess potatoes, \$40 each

Saturday luncheon: Chicken Forestiere with roasted shallot, tomato & mushrooms: \$30 each

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail personal check payable to “ILSSAR” to:

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## **SAR FUTURE EVENTS**

**May 18-19, 2012**— Annual ILSSAR convention, Springfield Hilton hotel.

**May 26, 2012**— ILSSAR Color Guard Chicago Memorial Day Parade

**July 7-11, 2012**— NSSAR Annual Congress, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ.

**Aug 9, 2012**— ILLINOIS State Fair Parade, Springfield, IL

**August 10-11, 2012**— ILSSAR Board of Managers, Springfield Hilton Hotel.

**September 8-9, 2012**—Revolutionary War & Reenactment—Cantigny, Wheaton

**Oct 26-27, 2012**— Great Lakes District Meeting, Wyndham Hotel , Lisle

**November 2-3, 2012**— ILSSAR Board of Managers, Four Points Sheraton Peoria

## **The Fox Valley Chapter**

**Fox Valley District. Presented 342 Eagle Scout Certificates to the Class of 2011.** The Annual class dinner was held at the Wyndham hotel on Friday Feb 10, 2012. Our certificates and SAR award information were passed out when the Troop Advancement Chairman picked up the Scouts Eagle Certificate and Badges. 520 people attended this year's banquet and 192 of the 342 Eagle Scouts attended.



## **Salt Creek Chapter**

The Salt Creek Chapter was honored by a visit in February from Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka who spoke to us on "State of the State Issues." After the speech we had a lively discussion. We were joined in the meeting by Compatriots from Fox Valley and Fort Dearborn as well as members of the LaGrange-LePortage Chapter of the DAR.

Compatriots Joe Costello and George Burditt have worked with the Comptroller on solving issues in Illinois. Pictured are: SVP Talbot, Treasurer Collins, Budget & Finance Chair Costello, President Herder and Comptroller Topinka.

The Ladies Auxiliary  
of the  
Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution  
announces

*A Silent Auction*

to be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
at the

*Awards Banquet*

Please be prepared to bid on the items of your choice.  
Proceeds will profit the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The Illinois SAR men had a Board of Managers meeting, but it was the ladies who had the boardroom! The Illinois SAR Auxiliary met in the boardroom of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, Illinois, on February 4, 2012. The men's society was generous enough to provide a private room so that the ladies could learn to do digital scrapbooking. Ten ladies were present for the session presented by member Lola De-Groff. Several ladies actually designed and constructed a digital scrapbook page during the meeting, others will try their hand at it later.

Several matters of business were also conducted. President Wendy Herder presided over the meeting and asked for descriptions of items being donated for a silent auction to be held at the annual awards dinner in May. Additionally, the members submitted a slate of officers to be elected at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are:

Shirley Firse, President

Esther Reed, Treasurer

Linda Ashby, Secretary & Membership

Lola DeGroff, Publicity

As a reminder, Auxiliary membership is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, stepdaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other female relatives of members in good standing in SAR. The current dues are \$5 per year (which also makes a lady a member of the National Ladies Auxiliary).

Any woman wanting to get involved can attend our next meeting on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Hilton. Normally the ladies meet at the breakfast buffet at about 8:30 and the meeting begins at 9:00. A membership form is located on the Illinois SAR webpage by clicking the ABOUT tab. The form should then be mailed with your check to Esther Reed, 4609 Bears Paw Court Springfield, IL 62711-7897.

For more information on becoming a member contact Linda Ashby, [lka-shby@starband.net](mailto:lka-shby@starband.net).



Ladies! Please Join



# Kishwauke Chapter

## Illinois and Virginia Societies share Induction Ceremony

In October 2011 IL National Trustee John Dyrud and Michael Elston of the George Washington Chapter of the VASSAR, assisted by Kishwauke Chapter President Mark Balkcom and ILSSAR President Franz Herder, swore in as new SAR compatriots five members of the Elston family resident in Illinois, making a total now of 7 SAR members from the Elston family resident in Virginia and Illinois. This was a proud moment for a family that counts its heritage in America back 15 generations.



Pictured are the new sworn members (Andy, Jack, Cody, Benjamin and Scott), VASSAR member Michael, Trustee Dyrud and ILSSAR President Herder, several family members with the DAR, and Michael's daughter Emily, a member of a CAR chapter in Virginia.



**200th Anniversary**  
THE WAR OF  
**1812**  
1812-2012  
"Contested Lands: 1763-1840"  
2012 Illinois History Symposium  
April 26-28, 2012  
Embassy Suites, East Peoria





For more information call the  
Illinois State Historical Society  
217-525-2781  
or visit the ISHS website at [www.historyillinois.org](http://www.historyillinois.org)

This symposium in Peoria is the preeminent 1812 event of the year with over 40 side events with speakers.

Go to the web site to see the latest discussion groups and get the days and times of the meetings.

One request - our Illinois Society War of 1812 is putting out displays and our flag program each day.

We need volunteers to help with the flag program each morning.

Please email me if you can come to the event and participate with the morning flag program.

Thanks, to all Jim DeGroff

# New ILSSAR Dues

Compatriots

The new ILSSAR membership dues and fee schedule is available at the state web site.

[www:illinoissar.org](http://www:illinoissar.org)

# General George Rogers Clark Chapter



Here is a photo from the Wreaths Across America ceremony the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and personnel from Sunset Hill Funeral Home conducted on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Nix-Judy (Pioneer) Cemetery in Glen Carbon. From left to right Ryan Zinke, — Herr Funeral Homes, Ronnie Hicks, President GGRC Chapter & Color Guard member, Jim DeGroff—Vice President GGRC & Color Guard member, Eric Reelitz—GGRC Chapter & Color Guard member, Tim Raymer—Past President GGRC & Color Guard member, Robert “Bob” Shaak—Past President GGRC & Color Guard member, William “Bill” Nix—GGRC Chapter member and relative of John Nix (Revolutionary War Soldier interned at Nix-Judy Cemetery) and Robert “Bob” Herr — Herr Funeral Homes—Sunset Hill Funeral Home. Robert Herr —Sunset Hill Funeral Home donated the wreaths/ grave blankets for the ceremony and provided transportation to the cemetery location a-top Sunset Hill. Not pictured Lee Swallows— Sunset Hill Funeral Home, Hank Boss, Jim Hicks, Kevin Kagey GGRC Chapter (Photo—Kevin Raymer) Thanks



**GGRC founder Charles B. Schweizer, 98, received a citation at the annual dinner for his long service to the chapter, state and national societies. Escorting Col. Schweizer are Lola DeGroff and Eric Reelitz.**

Springfield Chapter member Stephen Bradley presented a framed print of the July 1929 National Congress to the National Society. The 1929 Congress was held in Springfield, Illinois. The presentation was made during the 2012 Spring Leadership/Trustee meeting held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. It is hoped that the print will be displayed in the Center for Advancing American Heritage museum. The Springfield Chapter, founded in 1897, celebrated its 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February 2012.



### Springfield Chapter Outstanding Citizenship Awards

The Springfield Chapter honored 23 area high school students when they were presented with a SAR Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and Pin. One hundred people attended the chapter's annual premier event, which was held at the Panther Creek County Club on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Robert E. Church, who is a trustee for the National Museum of Surveying located in Springfield, spoke about surveying during 1770-1800.



### Springfield Chapter's 115th Birthday Meeting Congratulations to the Springfield Chapters 115th birthday. This makes this chapter the oldest continuing operating chapter in the state and one of the oldest chapters in the United States.



### FORT DEARBORN CHAPTER

Celebrates it's 27th anniversary with Captain Randall J. Lynch, USN, commanding officer of Naval Station Great Lakes as their speaker. The event will take place at the Union League of Chicago, Thursday, March 15, 2012.

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE!**

### KNIGHT ESSAY & RUMBAUGH ORATION FINALS

The winning Knight Essay was submitted by Anslee Krouch; essay entitled, "Patriotism: Making One Nation Out of Many." He is a sophomore at Fenwick High School. His monetary award is \$200.00.

The second place was submitted by Grant Herrmann; essay entitled "Go West Young Man: The Struggle for the Ohio Valley and Its Subsequent Role in the American Revolution." He is a senior at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA). His monetary award is \$100.00.

We anticipate strong competition in the Rumbaugh Oration contest which ends on April 15th.

Duane Neet

**Secretary —Jim DeGross**

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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Do we have your



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**Deadline**

**JUNE 10  
FOR OUR JULY  
PATRIOT ISSUE  
PLEASE—**

**( Your Editors also have  
Other obligations )**



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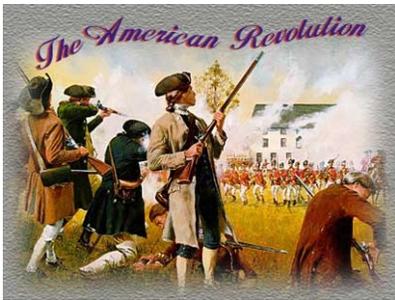


**TAPS**

- Ed Gerling 27 January 2012
- James L Myers 26 June 2011
- Dr. Lorris Bowers 23 February. 2012
- Richard Green 30 January 2011
- John Hammond 19 February 2012

## The Long Knives Chapter

Beverly Gene Anderson receiving his membership certificate on Jan. 14th. Pictured with Mr. Anderson, left to right are Gerald Whitson president, Mr. Anderson, James Wallace secretary-treasurer and Kenneth Lindquist historian.



# COLOR GUARD

### ATTENTION TO COLORS!

We need your help. The demands on our society to provide a properly turned-out color guard is becoming very difficult. We have younger members who can attend these events, but cannot afford the current high cost of the uniform.



If each Chapter can provide a Color Sergeant and collect and sort uniforms, recruit chapter members to attend presentations, funerals, Parades, etc: we would like to ask Patriots who have a uniform, which is not being used, to donate it to your Chapter.

This year we are going to schedule events where everyone in the state will know about our FINE organization.

Editor Rod Herbig

**Genealogy Research and the United States Federal Census – Part Two**

Garry Grugan

ILSSAR Genealogist

In the previous entries on United States Census research we discussed the details provided in the census years 1790 through 1820. These particular census returns were important records in providing a geographical area to further research but are not accepted as proof of lineage documents because they did not provide any specific details on the members of each household. The information gathered in the years 1830 and 1840 did not vary greatly from the 1820 returns and, as a result, are not accepted as generational proofs. The 1840 census did, however, ask a question of “number of pensioners for Revolutionary or military service” and thus offered an additional clue for those researching possible Revolutionary War Service.

**The 1850 Federal Census**

The most dramatic change, at least in the eyes of the family historian, in the creation of census returns occurred in 1850 with the attempt to identify each and every individual in a household by name, age and sex. Specific relationships were not spelled out, the first individual listed for each household was considered to be the head of the household and each individual after that with the same surname was typically, but not always, listed in order as a spouse and then children by chronological age from oldest to youngest. It was also the first Federal Census to ask about place of birth which would typically be listed as a state, territory or country. Additional information included in the 1850 return was color (white, black or mulatto) for each person, whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic, value of real estate owned (required of all free persons), profession, occupation or trade of each male over 15 years of age, whether married within the year, whether attended school within the year, whether unable to read and write (for persons over 20), whether a pauper or convict.

On a whole, the 1850 returns are the most accurate accounting of every individual in the nation at the time and are typically broken down into household units providing valuable family information. The Federal Census returns from 1850 through the soon-to-be-released 1940 returns are all accepted as proof of lineage by the SAR. An example of an 1850 return is provided below with the assertion that census records should always be used as a guide to further research and that they may require additional fact checking – they were prone to occasional errors, misspellings and unique name abbreviations and some will require additional proofs and research to sort through the errors. A sample of a partial 1850 Census

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *Chapman Township* in the County of *Clinton* Pennsylvania enumerated by me, on the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb* 1850. *Poke*

1	2	3	Description.			7	8	9
			Age.	Sex.	White, Black, or Mulatto.			
86	<i>James Grugan</i>		<i>59</i>	<i>m</i>		<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>England</i>
	<i>Loisa</i>		<i>58</i>	<i>f</i>				"
	<i>Nancy</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>f</i>				"
	<i>Margaret</i>		<i>28</i>	<i>f</i>				"
	<i>Ellen</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>f</i>				"
	<i>Loisa</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>f</i>				"
	<i>Samel</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>m</i>		<i>Farmer</i>		"

form from Chapman Township, Clinton County, Pennsylvania identifies the format of the form and a complete household for the author’s 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents and their family. This particular sheet was chosen to illustrate the point that records are only as accurate as the enumerator. The only person born in England in this household was the second person listed but the enumerator erroneously lists the entire household as being born in England rather than in Pennsylvania. In addition, some of the fields are not completed as required.

Large territorial coverage areas with limited time for recording often led to rushed entries by enumerators which could result in errors such as this.

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# SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER 115 YEARS YOUNG

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