A Message From The President

By ILSSAR President Richard Chamblin

We are moving the meeting locations around the state for the February and November Board of Managers meetings. The first new location this February was Mt. Vernon. Senior Vice-President, Mike Campagnolo and Long Knives Registrar, Jerry Whitson pushed the idea of a Southern Region meeting and conspired to make it a resounding success. I have heard nothing but praise for the event and the Double Tree Hotel’s hospitality. Good work gentlemen.

The published minutes of the meeting provide the details of the Saturday morning meeting but I want to emphasize that the attendees voted to increase the reimbursement to chapters for Outstanding Citizenship Awards from $11.00 per awardee to $13.00.

I want to thank President Jim Wallace of the Long Knives Chapter for inviting Cheryl and me to their Christmas Party in the Conference Center at the Fort Massac State Park. I am always impressed by the amount of history we find along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers… indeed in the Southern Region of our State.

President Gordon Bidner of the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter asked me to induct officers and award War Service Medals to Dr. Gary List and Stephen Kern. Thank you for your service.

President Chuck Dobias of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter asked me to install officers and share the evening with the membership. The event gave me the opportunity to present a certificate of appreciation to Jim DeGroff for his service to the NSSAR.

Keep the invitations coming… not only to me but to chapter officers and members. I am convinced that such visits provide ideas that can increase atten-

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Highlights of February BOM Meeting

Are you a George Washington Fellow? If not, why not become one or make someone in your family one. You do not have to be a SAR member to become a Fellow. The Illinois Society has wives, significant others, children and grandchildren who have become Fellows.

All it takes is a $1,000 donation. You can start the process by a one-time donation of $1,000 (or more) or $200 a time over a five year period.

All funds donated are deposited in a Corpus account and will never be spent. Of the investment money generated by the Corpus fund, 20 percent is rolled back into the Corpus account. The remaining 80 percent is used to help finance a wide variety of unfunded SAR projects. A few of which are providing new chapter starter kits, two benches for the Michigan Veterans Memorial, Tennessee Society repair broken grave marker, multi state society grave markings, Illinois Society Cemetery marking programs.

Gordon Bidner presented the George Washington Fellow Pin and Certificate to Sandi Bidner for two $500 gifts made in Sandi’s name by Gordon in 2017 and 2018 to the GWF.

Past ILSSAR President Toby Chamberlain presents his pin to new GWF Member Lee Braden.

In a lighter moment, Jerry Whitson presents Joe Denton, Ewington, with the grand prize of all varieties of Jerry’s homemade candy creations.
A Message From The Sr. Vice President  
By ILSSAR Senior Vice President Mike Campagnolo

As Spring arrives and the weather turns warmer, all of us with uniforms look forward to getting outside for various community parades, patriot grave and cemetery markings, memorial ceremonies.

I enjoy wearing the uniform of one of my Patriot ancestors, Andrew Kimbley, who fought with General George Rogers Clark. I do this to honor his memory and service, and second, to remind the public that the Revolutionary War was the event that gave us this great country.

As Color Guard Commander, I always have a special sense of pride marching in a parade, presenting the colors at SAR meetings, DAR events, or any patriotic celebration. All it takes is three men in uniform, one holding the US Colors and two guards, or possibly four men with the addition of an SAR flag. Add a couple of muskets for a musket volley or ‘salute’ to the ones being honored and it becomes quite an event.

Sure, it costs a few dollars for the outfit, but you can start with a militia set-up of a tricorn, shirt, britches, stockings, and shoe buckles. Later you can add a haversack, regimental or frock coat, maybe some authentic buckle shoes, a musket, bayonet and scabbard, and a cartridge box.

It’s not only about marching in parades for the Fox Valley Color Guard members as they present the Colors at a Schaumburg Boomer game in 2018.

The uniform is another way to garner interest in membership.

In just a few weeks we will be coming together at the Wyndham in Springfield for our annual Awards Banquet. Friday, May 10th will be the banquet, a silent auction and the awards ceremony. Saturday May 11th will be our Board of Managers meeting in the morning followed by our Civilian Award Luncheon which is very special.

Cemetery Marking at the Old French Burial Grounds in Peoria. It appears that the Committee is developing a new strategy for the use of their funds. We will continue to pursue our requests in case they change their minds.

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dance at all of our meetings.

Continuation of the Illinois SAR Color Guard participation in the State Fair Twilight Parade in Springfield is in doubt. The combination of the heat and the length of the parade make it dangerous for all participants.

Forward your ideas and opinions to our State Color Guard Commander, Mike Campagnolo. We need to arrive at a decision at the May 11 Board meeting.

Another issue to consider is our participation in the Veterans Day event at the State Fair on May 12. Last summer, four compatriots manned the table in the Veterans Barn...all of them from the Springfield Chapter. Those attendees at the May 11 meeting should consider the possibility of participating for an hour or two. The participation of five or six additional members would help a great deal because two of the four from last summer can’t be there this year.

The History Teacher Contest Committee has a new member. Stephen Decatur Chapter President Larry Burgett has agreed to join the committee and has already had some contact with Macon County School District Social Studies teachers with what may be positive outcomes.

The George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution Committee rejected our request for $500 to help with the Capt. Zeally Moss Cemetery Marking at the Old French Burial Grounds in Peoria. It appears that the Committee is developing a new strategy for the use of their funds. We will continue to pursue our requests in case they change their minds.

ILSSAR Calendar of upcoming events in 2019

May 10 and 11
Board of Managers, Springfield, IL at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Rooms at $121 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: (217)789–1530.

This meeting is our annual SAR chapter and individual awards night. We will have the Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction. No Guest Speaker for this event.

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, IL 62701. 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

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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Do we have your ILSSAR Registrant – Garry Grugan
Effective immediately, my e-mail address is gagrugansr@gmail.com.
Please update your contact information accordingly. I apologize for the inconvenience.
Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting May 10 & 11, 2019
at the Wyndham Springfield Centre, 700 East Adams.
Springfield, Illinois

SAR Block of Rooms $121 (plus taxes) per night     Call (217) 789-1530 and ask for the
Sons of the American Revolution group rate  Group Rate Reservation Cutoff is April 25, 2019

Friday, May 10th buffet dinner begins at 7pm. We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6pm to
7pm Following dinner will be our ILSSAR Annual Awards Night

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Saturday May 11th Board Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Vista Rooms 4, 5 & 6 on the 29th
Floor. Ladies Auxiliary meeting begins at 8:30 in Vista 3.

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

Additional Guests may be written on back

**Friday May 10, 2019 Dinner Buffet Menu $35, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor**

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

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

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

**Dessert**
- Chocolate Grand Marnier Cake or Marble Cheesecake

**Saturday May 11, 2019 Lunch Buffet Menu $25, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor**

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

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

**Starches and Sides**
- Garlic and Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
- Roasted Vegetable Blend with Garlic and Herb

**Dessert**
- Chocolate Mousse Cake or Key Lime Pie

Send completed reservation form and check payable to “ILSSAR” send to:
Compatriot Mike Campagnolo...1196 Cactus Trail... Carol Stream, IL 60188
Cell Phone No. (630) 464-4904
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The Southern Illinois location of Mt. Vernon made it easier for more members to attend the BOM meeting for the first time. From left, the are John Cramer LK, Allan Lang LK, Jim Johnson LK, James Whitt LK, Lance Newman LK, Greg Westfall LK, Tom Edmondson LK, Bob Ross L&C, Gerry Thomas ABC, Steve Wiyatt EWINGTON, Richard Scott LK, Brian Mollow L&C.

The February 2019 ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting called to order by President Richard Chamblin at 8:30am at the Double Tree hotel in Mt. Vernon, IL.

42 Members Present:


**Central Region:** Allan Campbell CZM, Gordon Bidner GJB, Toby Chamberlain SPR, Ray Owens GJB, Gary List

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

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**ILSSAR Patriot Newsletter Editor:**

Scott Sanders

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(This is my new email address)
CZM/GJB, Andrew Robinson SPR/SD, Tom Ashby Ft. A, Louis Myers SPR, Sid Welles CES,

Northern Region: Lee Braden ABC, Gerry Thomas ABC guest, Michael Cobb ABC, Mike Campagnolo FV, Scott Sanders FV/ABC, Bill Wheeler FT. D, Franz Herder Ft. D.

Invocation by Rev. Ray Owens GJB and pledges.

Toby Chamberlain - Trustee:
There is trouble in the mail room with processing donations at National. Toby was advised not to send checks to national, but to use the online donation system or credit card.

Also, there are now three new GWF fellows. He explained the GWF for those new BOM attendees.

- Donations are tax deductible.

Vice President General Tom Ashby:
- Tom restated the PG Alter's remarks from the past meeting. Make sure all your contact info is current.
- Need to make sure that all activities are available to the public.
- PG Alter is very big on getting delinquent members to get current with their dues.

President Dick Chamblin: No report

Senior VP Mike Campagnolo:
- Maybe we'll make the Mt. Vernon location permanent.
- Mike reported that the previous night's dinner with General Grant and a buffet was a success.

Secretary Andrew Robinson:
- Detailed report is in the packet online.
- Finished 2018 with 1130 members in the state.
- 47 Supplemental applications processed in 2018.

Recording Secretary Scott Sanders:
- No report other than to encourage those in the back of the room to speak loudly with comments or motions due to the depth of the meeting room.

Treasurer Lee Braden:
- Lee sent out the financial statement which is also available by email if requested.
- Motion by Allan Campbell to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bob Morefield - LK.
- Gordon Bidner asked Treasurer Lee Braden if he knows how many unpaid members there are. Lee said he's using tracking software with information from chapter presidents. He's taken over 800 checks to the bank. He hasn't received dues from all 1130 members yet. Some life members don't pay dues, Lee said. He thinks 90% have paid.
- Question by Sid Welles about how to collect dues. Sid said his chapter collects his own chapter's dues. He's not sure how to collect dues since most chapters send one check in for all levels. The system installed in 2013 is in effect. Bills go to everybody for all dues to be sent to the state for all levels. Chapters who want to collect their own local chapter dues can do that and send the state and national dues to ILSSAR.
- Lee says he sends out monthly reports about who has paid.
- Treasurer's report then approved unanimously.

Genealogist Report Ron Peck:
- Ron is still the state’s genealogist but has moved to Florida and may not be returning to Illinois. Dick Chamblin urged him to stay on as long as his health allows because his job can be done from anywhere.

Historian Report Ed Versheska:
- Ed has the historical documents secured at his home and encouraged anyone who needs the files to reach out to him.

Chaplain's Report Ray Owens:
- Ray slowly read the names of deceased members through 2018:

William Talbert Bringham–Ft. Dearborn
Evon Edward Broy–Fox Valley
David John Hearn–Lewis & Clark
Walter H. Cheely–At Large
Paul Charles Strohecker–Springfield
William Edwin Johnson–GGRC
Hearshal Franklin McKinney–GGRC
Richard Allan Lewis–At Large
Orville William McCafferty Jr.–Springfield
Thomas Whiteside Bixen–GGRC
Robert Monroe Kilzer–GGRC
Carrel B. Mayfield–Long Knives
Robert Dale Fitzgerald–Ewington.

Chancellor Kevin Babb
Absent
Sgt. At Arms Stan Buckles
Absent
Northern Region VP Report
Scott Sanders
Kishwaukee Chapter sent by Ray Beets: We remain a very small group of 25 members that hold meeting six times per year. Winter months are quiet for our chapter as we take a break through the winter months for many members to disappear to the warmer climates until March. We were able to present our first annual awards to cadets at two Civil Air Patrol squadrons that are in our Chapter area. Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates were sent to the following cadets: 2nd Lt. Jacob Shadinger (Rockford Squadron) & C/SMSGT. Dameon Johnson (Whiteside Squadron)
Fox Valley report from President Ted Miller and Secretary Kevin Alcott:
- Ted signed us up for the the DuPage Genealogical Convention on March 9 at Northern Illinois University facility in Naperville. Ted also unveiled an impressive display of proposed Fox Valley SAR merchandise, including shirts and T-shirts with a new chapter logo. Ted proposes to offer these items for sale on our website and possibly elsewhere, in an effort to raise funds for the chapter's activities. It was confirmed by tax atty. & new member Terry Benshoof that we could participate in these activities with our 501(c)(3) chapter status.

Chapter Member Cards: Chapter members didn't want to wait to get membership cards from the state last year so we designed our own. Updated Fox Valley Chapter Member Cards. are going to be sent out 2019
Registrar / New Membership: We have 161 current members and 92 applicants in various stages of processing.

Vice President / Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer: reported that we may do the Washington’s Tomb Vigil again in 2019. Upcoming planned events include the Drill & Grill and Loyalty Day Parade in New Lenox (both in April / May), The Memorial Day Parade in Wheaton, the Independence Day Parade, Baseball Game (June or July), Gravemarking Program (which will likely be in September this year, in Mokena Illinois for Patriot Charles Denny), and the Christmas Parade in November.

Secretary / Outstanding Citizenship: Kevin Invitations to participate in this spring's Outstanding Citizenship Awards have been sent to 91 high schools in the eight-county Fox Valley area.

Don Shee: Our most senior member at 93 and WW2 B-17 waist gunner spoke eloquently about the need to look to the future, and not just to the past.

Historian / ROTC (Mike): Mike got ROTC letters out to thirteen high schools and three universities. He spoke of the Fall BOM Meeting on November 8-9 in Lisle at the Lisle / Naperville Hilton.

Newsletter / Heroism Awards: Scott is making arrangements for two Aurora PD officers to receive the heroism award.

President Ted Miller discussed how to get more active participation in the chapter. There are plans in the works for reaching out to our large cadre of inactive chapter members to attempt to get them more actively involved in chapter activities.

ABC: Bruce Wright
This year we are mixing up meeting locations to better accommodate where our members are located. The February meeting will take place in Libertyville, Sunday, February 24, at the Libertyville Masonic Lodge.

Discussion Topic: "Freemasonry in Colonial America"
Speaker: Masonic Historial Robert H. Johnson
- Ft. Dearborn: Nothing.

Central Region VP Lou Meyers
- Absent but did arrive later.

Southern Region VP Report Dan
Crafton
- Dan personally delivered a check for $200 or $500 to the veteran’s home in Anna, IL, for Lou Meyers.

New Business:
- A group photo was taken of the compatriots attending a BOM meeting for the first time was taken. Dick Chamblin introduced them (right to left in photo): Brian Mollow L&C, Richard Scott LK, Steve Wyatt Ewington, Gerry Thomas ABC, Bob Ross L&C, Tom Edmondson LK, Greg Westfall LK, Lance Newman LK, James Whitt LK, Jim Johnson LK, Allan Lang LK, John Cramer LK.
- Two new members :Allan Lang LK, Greg Westfall LK were inducted by Long Knives President Jim Wallace. Compatriot Allan Lang received his certificate from President Wallace. Compatriot Westfall was inducted earlier.

Committee
Reports
Budget and Finance Dick Chamblin:
- Committee budgets and activities will be posted online.

Website and CAR report
Bill Wheeler:
- On the website under compatriots, there is a link to BOM. Click then enter ILSSAR2018 (all caps) as the password.
- CAR report: Jacob Shadinger has enlisted in the army. There will be a new CAR president with elections in March.

Color Guard report
Commander Mike Campagnolo:
- Mike has received six nominations for color guardsmen of the year. To be named at the May BOM mtg.
- Mike asked for input regarding participation in the Illinois State Fair in August. Tom Ashby who has participated for years will not be doing it due to the dangerous conditions. Tom Ashby wants to see more participation from younger members. Floats are not allowed in the SAR’s previous parade position.
- Mike says color guard insurance will be around $300.00. It covers $1,000,000 liability, damage, medical expenses, etc.
- Tom Ashby says the National color guard committee is working on getting a policy with a price that would cover everyone in the SAR.
- Dick Chamblin said training is needed so that no musket is left unattended.

Flag Committee report Mike Campagnolo:
- In 2018, eight chapters presented a total of 42 awards presented. This will earn ILSSAR the Furlong award for the sixth straight year.

Cemetery Marking program Dick Chamblin:
- There will be a grave marking in Peoria on Flag Day, June 14. A marker will be placed on the site of the Old French Cemetery, which has been built over by commercial buildings. CZM chapter is doing it.

Medals and awards committee Gary List:
- All chapter presidents should get nominations for all awards and medals soon to allow processing before the May award presentations.
- There are four nominations for the Patriot Award for the three medals.
- The rest of the committee’s report is on the ILSSAR website.
- Knight Essay contest: Six essays submitted, five of which were very good. The first place winner was a unanimous choice from the judges. “This essay was absolutely outstanding,” Gary said. He will forward the winner’s name to National.

Public Relations committee Bill Wheeler:
- The Patriot Index System is being replaced at National by the PRS which stands for Patriot Research System. “It will have a listing of all the applications, bio of the patriot, and grave location, etc.” Bill said. This project is about 25% complete. Volunteers for entering information are needed. It is online now. The link to the PRS is: https://www.sar.org/genealogy/patriot-research-system

Membership and Chapter Development Gordon Bidner:
- Gordon passed around a notebook he prepared for his GJB chapter about how GJB is doing membership and development.
- Gordon described how a mentor is provided from the site of the Old French Cemetery, which has been built over by commercial buildings.

Nominating Committee
Toby Chamberlain:
- Will be preparing for the next “go around” for nominating officers except for the President and Senior Vice President for which there are term limits. “Other officers can basically stay as long as they want. However, that does not preclude somebody running against him,” Toby said. He continued to say that all names must go through the nominating committee. Individuals are not to be offered jobs without going through the nominating committee.

Rumumba Oratorical Contest Allan Campbell:
- The number of winners has been raised to three. The entry deadline is April 15. There will be several entries this year.

ROTC Report by Chuck Dobias:
- He reports that the ROTC program was a “bust” last year. “The regular outstanding cadet awards went fine,” Chuck said. But with the enhanced program, “We did not get a single application last year.”

History teacher award Dick Chamblin:
- There is a committee consisting of Gordon Bidner, Toby Chamberlain, and Dick Chamblin. The national award has been expanded by the National Society to include three national awards: $5000.00 for elementary schools, $3000.00 for middle schools, and $5000.00 for high schools. Illinois will award $500 more in addition. The national award winning teacher is sent to a prestigious school out east for hands-on learning programs. The emphasis is for younger teachers who will be teaching for years into the future. (Not as a reward for retiring teachers).

Veterans Welfare Committee Lou Meyers:
- ... Continued on the next page.
Chapter member attends SIU Scouting Event

GGRC Chapter's Richard Ruedin participated in the University of Scouting at SIU-Edwardsville on January 26. One of the chapter's favorite activities is recognizing Eagle Scouts and participating in their court of honor. During 2018, the chapter participated in thirteen events. Ruedin has been and remains active in Boy Scout activities and serves as the GGRC chapter chairman for Eagle Scout awards. The GGRC Chapter has been participating in the university for several years.
Chapter to Honor Patriot on Flag Day

By Billy Cook
President Zeally Moss Chapter

The Zeally Moss Chapter is planning to honor Revolutionary War Patriot Lt. John Dusenberry from New York in a marker ceremony at the site of a cemetery called “The Old French Burial Grounds,” which no longer exists. The marker will be held at 1:00 pm on Flag Day, Friday, June 14. A Flag Day ceremony will then be held at Constitution Park at 5:00 pm just as in the past. The Zeally Moss SAR Color Guard will be invited to participate and fire a musket salute in both ceremonies.

Although the cemetery no longer exists, there is development over it. But many old documents about it exist. It is located on Washington St. on some IDOT property next to the ramp to the Bob Michel Bridge. It is just down the street west of the Peoria Museum and east of the police station and in the same area as the Peoria Sculpture Walk. Currently, there is no physical sign of this old cemetery.

There will be two markers. One by DAR and one by SAR in the same location. There is a small grassy area visible and accessible from the sidewalk on Washington St. that is also where the Peoria Sculpture Walk is. The Peoria Museum has offered to make available info about the marker.

We met with the leadership of the Peoria County DAR Chapter. They are fully committed to fund their marker, which will be in front of the SAR marker. Compatriot Bob Hoffer is also working with the Peoria Museum to prepare and display some materials that identify all the American Revolution Patriots buried in Peoria County.

The corner of N. Kumpf Blvd. and Washington St. is the location for June’s ceremony.

Ewington Chapter

Chapter Provides Hundreds of Pocket Constitutions To Area Schools

By Lou Meyers
Chairman Veterans Committee

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. It depicts Washington 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, it becomes a living document.

There is a place on the back for the person to sign. The booklet is available through: nccs.net
Kishwaukeke Chapter

awakens from Winter at March meeting

The Kishwaukee Valley Chapter presented its Eagle Scout Awards at a banquet on March 3 to the 148 young men of the Blackhawk Area Council. President Jason Sturges and Secretary Ray Beets also presented the Council Eagle Scout of the Year Award to Justin Ifert.

Also in March, the Chapter presented its first Bronze Good Citizenship Certificates and Medals to outstanding cadets in the Rockford and Whiteside Squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol.

President Jason Sturges was able to attend the Whiteside Squadron Meeting and talked to the cadets and their families present about the history and mission of SAR. This year’s winners are Jacob Shadinger of the Rockford squadron, and Dameon Johnson of the Whiteside Squadron.

The March meeting brought everyone back together after a long Illinois winter, as well as many exciting ideas for 2019!
Chapter members attend Genealogy Conference

By Ted Miller – Fox Valley President

Several Fox Valley members attended a genealogy conference March 9 put on by the DuPage County Genealogy Society at the NIU-Naperville conference center.

The attendance was lower than in year’s past, but I think an event like this is still good to do for chapter awareness and publicity. Women from the Perrin-Wheaton DAR Chapter also attended.

I think we will be manning more genealogy tables for other genealogy clubs sponsored or held throughout the area. The people who attend the DCGS conference are pretty much the same each year, so they have already seen our table for many years now.

Fox Valley Has An Essay Winner

Mike Campagnolo reports that 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 in North Aurora.

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

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

Gregorio will receive our second place prize of $100.

Abigail will be awarded a special bronze medal and $150. She will then be entered in the Illinois State Contest.

The State winner receives another $1,000 cash award and an impressive Silver Medal and Certificate. The State winner will also be given an engraved Ceremonial Sword as a further symbol of their success. In addition, we have now added a second prize of $500 and a third prize of $250 to encourage more cadets to enter the contest.

The State Winner will then go onto the National Contest.

The National winner will receive a $4,000 cash award and up to $1,000 toward expenses to attend the SAR National Conference this year in Costa Mesa, CA. The Second place National winner receives $1,500 and third place receives $1000.

Fox Valley’s Vision For 2019

By Ted Miller

President – Fox Valley Chapter

Chapter Mission

The Chapter Officers and several other members have brought up many great ideas to promote membership in the SAR and to increase member participation in our planned activities and events. Our membership is strong and ever growing with more than 110 people on our chapter’s contact list with over one-third of those folks directly working with our Co-Registrars, Terry Benshoof and John Lansing, on their membership applications.

Events and Programs
Re-instituting a Women’s Auxiliary

The Women’s Auxiliary will welcome women from the families of our Chapter membership. Our goal is for everyone in the family to feel welcome to help plan and participate in as many Chapter events and activities as possible. The Colonial Pot Luck is family-centered event we are planning for August. Increasing member and family participation is a challenge for any society, club, or organization. So, we’ll be working with a handful of DAR and C.A.R. partners to assist in the organization of the event and welcome their members to attend as well.

Heroism Awards

After much Chapter discussion, the choice was made to award four medals to the Aurora and Naperville, IL Police and Fire/EMT Departments for their heroism during the Aurora shooting that occurred in February. The two main departments that responded in the earliest engagement with the active shooter came from Aurora and Naperville. Their officers and EMTs were part of the thirteen Rescue Task Forces that rushed in to save victims and apprehend the assailant. They all worked as a team, and for that reason, we want to award and recognize these two key Police and Fire Departments’ with a collective award that recognizes all of the team members. The Fox Valley Chapter is arranging for two Heroism Awards for the respective Police Departments and two EMT Awards for the respective Fire Departments.

DuPage County Genealogical Society Conference

On Saturday, March 9, several members of the Fox Valley Chapter attended the DCGS convention. The Chapter has sponsored a SAR membership table at this convention for many years. The Chapter members got the opportunity to meet many of the conference’s attendees. Many folks inquired about SAR membership, asked what type of proof is required to apply for membership, and regaled us with their respective family histories. This conference has always served as a springboard to our discussions of upcoming Chapter events.

Chapter Apparel

Ted Miller, Chapter President, has taken the lead to design the new logo for the Chapter which was approved by the Chapter’s Board of Managers. He has arranged for the production of new chapter apparel that soon will be available for all chapter members to purchase and proudly wear. Items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and patches will be available with the new embroidered Fox Valley Chapter logo. The proceeds of the apparel sale will go primarily to the Chapter’s Grave Marking fund.
General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter says goodbye to Lifetime Member Robert L. Bowen 1929 - 2019

It was with shock, sadness, and a heavy heart The General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution received the notification that Bob had passed away.

Bob served as the official photographer of the GJB SAR Citizenship/Scholarship Luncheon for the first 16+ years of the event as he accompanied his wife Louise who served and continues to serve as the pianist for this event. He became a NSSAR member on Jan 9, 2015 after he was able to obtain the family genealogy to qualify for membership in the SAR. He signed his ILSSAR Life Membership on Dec. 8, 2018.

Bob was born on Jul. 12, 1929 in Jeffersonville, Ohio, the son Ervin G. and Dorothy Miller Bowen, and passed away on Jan. 18, 2019 at his home in rural Danvers, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Louise, 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Bob spent most of his career working for Funk Seeds as a District Sales Manager in Ohio from 1960-1971 when he transferred to the Bloomington office where he was Communication Manager as well as Company Photographer. Some of his many photos were used in national magazines. Following his retirement in 1987 he was an associate rural mail carrier for the Carlock Post Office. Bob and Louise attended North Danvers Mennonite Church in rural Danvers, Illinois. In his spare time Bob enjoyed photography, refinishing old furniture, and chair re-covering.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Louise, his family, and friends, which include our GJB SAR chapter members, and pray God grant them the strength to withstand this loss.

A new member and a Heroic Police Officer highlight GJB Chapter meeting

J. Gordon Bidner introduced, welcomed, and presented his NSSAR Certificate to Stephen Kern who officially became our newest GJB SAR Chapter member when his NSSAR application was accepted Nov. 30, 2018 and NSSAR# 209690, ILSSAR #9214 and Ancestor John Daugherty. Gordon expressed the chapter’s thanks to Stephen for his $500 dollar donation which was matched by State Farm.

Jeff Kretlow, GJB SAR VP, and Gary List introduced and presented Officer Nathan Giake of the BPD the SAR Certificate and Medal in recognition of his Distinguished Service as part of the rescue and early treatment of victims of a home fire.

Toby Chamberlain, Past Springfield SAR Chapter President and ILSSAR President, and ILSSAR Trustee presented the George Washington Fellow Pin and Certificate to Sandi Bidner in acknowledgement of two $500 gifts made in Sandi’s name by Gordon in 2017 and 2018 to the George Washington Endowment Fund which supports unfunded or underfunded committees and projects.

The speaker for the evening, Dan Leifel, Assoc. Member of GJB SAR Chapter, is a retired attorney well-known for among other things his vast store of knowledge of American History. The topic he presented for the evening was “John Laurens: The Heir to the Largest Slave Asset in Revolutionary America.” He noted the key role played by the Laurens family in the Revolutionary War although not known well to history. An example of this was John Laurens’ role in saving George Washington’s job early in the war when things were not going well for the Patriots and many blamed that on George Washington.

A question and answer period followed the presentation after which the meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional led by Dr. Lauren Brown.
Freemason historian Robert Johnson discussed Freemasonry in Colonial Times at ABC’s February chapter meeting.

The February 2019 Chapter meeting of the Illinois American Bicentennial Chapter held at the Freemasonry Spes Novum Lodge in Libertyville Illinois included lunch and an informative presentation by Robert Johnson, Secretary of that lodge, on Freemasonry in Colonial America. The presentation included discussion of early colonial Freemasonry chapters as well as discussion of several ancient New England taverns where early Freemasonry meetings were held, including related artifacts. Also discussed was the fact that the Freemasons participated in an integral way in the earliest chapters of the American Revolution, including the Boston Tea Party. Interestingly a Boston Freemasonry meeting the night of the Tea Party was called off due to lack of attendance because all of the members of that chapter were occupied elsewhere. Prior to this discussion ABC President Bruce Wright shared some of the benefits that he has gained by being in SAR and knowing more about his own Revolutionary War ancestry as he extended an invitation to the Masons in the audience to investigate the possibility of their own Colonial and Revolutionary War roots.