

The Illinois Patriot



Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

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A Message From The President

By ILSSAR
President Michael
Campagnolo

There is a tint of Spring in the air. The snow is gone (at least for now up north) This has been a very strange year to say the least. When I became ILSSAR President last May we have had all virtual BOM Zoom meetings. God willing this will be our first in-person meeting. Our next regularly scheduled BOM meeting is for May 7 and 8 at the Double Tree by Hilton President Abraham Lincoln, 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

In this issue of the Patriot will be an invitation for the event. This will be our annual awards banquet on Friday evening beginning at 7:00pm. We will have our cash bar and silent auction organized by the Ladies Auxiliary. Chuck will be working on the menu and cost. Right now, we want to get a feel of how many compatriots will be attending. We would like to have at least 30 people attend. T the last meeting on February 12, I asked for a show of hands on who received their Covid19 vaccine it looked like about half have had received their shot. I received my Johnson & Johnson shot on March 8.

If by some reason we have more compatriots concerned and not comfortable in returning to in-person meetings, we will continue with our virtual Zoom BOM Meeting.

I attended the 83rd ISCAR Convention at the Marriot Courtyard in Naperville on March 20. At the convention I did the greetings from the ILSSAR. I met the DAR State Regent, Sharla Luken, along with outgoing CAR President Diana Kwak. The new CAR President is Abby Rogers. Abby will be giving a presentation at our Saturday Luncheon on May 8 in Springfield.

See "Upcoming" on next page.



Tomb Guard, and ABC Compatriot, George Haupt on duty in 1955 patrolling the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington DC. He told his story at a recent ABC chapter meeting.

American Bicentennial Chapter

Editor's Note: At the February 21 ABC chapter Zoom meeting Compatriot George Haupt put on the meeting presentation by talking about his

experience as a guard at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. It was very interesting and many questions were asked and answered.

I was drafted into the Army on September 13, 1953. After completing 16 weeks of Infantry training I was sent to Fort Leslie McNair where I joined the 3rd. Infantry Regiment which is known as The Old Guard also known as the Presidential Honor Guard. I was assigned to G company and became a member of the Army precision drill team. After about six months at the urging of the company commander I transferred to A Company at Ft. Myer where I performed burials in Arlington National Cemetery during the day and in the evening I was trained to learn all about Tomb Guards and to execute their routine. In December 1954 a vacancy occurred in the Tomb Guard platoon and I was chosen to fill the spot. My first WALK was on December 1, 1954. I stayed there until I left the Army on September 13, 1955. There are many reasons the Tomb is so special. Many soldiers have left their homes and loved ones never to return. I saw people pray as if the unknown is their lost one. People would walk close tomb and whisper "thank you". Over the years there have been many changes: the rifle, the way the sentry walks, the handling of the rifles, the uniforms. There is one thing that has not changed and will never change. That is the commitment of the guards to never lower their precise military bearing, and respect and reverence for the Unknowns.

See "George Haupt" on next page.



A Message From The Senior Vice President

By ILSSAR Sr. VP
Charles Dobias

“These are the times that try men’s souls.” When Thomas Paine penned this famous broadside in December of 1776, it was at perhaps the lowest point of the American Revolution. Since the initial clashes at Lexington and Concord, and the Battle of Bunker (Breed’s) Hill, little had gone well for the fledgling nation. The citizens had not flocked to the call as expected, and a series of defeats had lost much of New England and New York, and threatened the important cities of Boston and Philadelphia. Morale was at a new low, and there was an overall sense of unease. Yet Paine recognized the need for encouragement, and his short treatise discussed the Patriots’ dilemma and argued persuasively that fortune would soon favor the colonists.

There are many parallels between the situation then and now. Enemies of our embryonic nation included not just British forces and their Hessian and Indian allies, but the many colonists who remained loyal to the Crown. These Tories argued persuasively against breaking the longstanding bonds with our English cousins and many actually took up arms in support of the King.

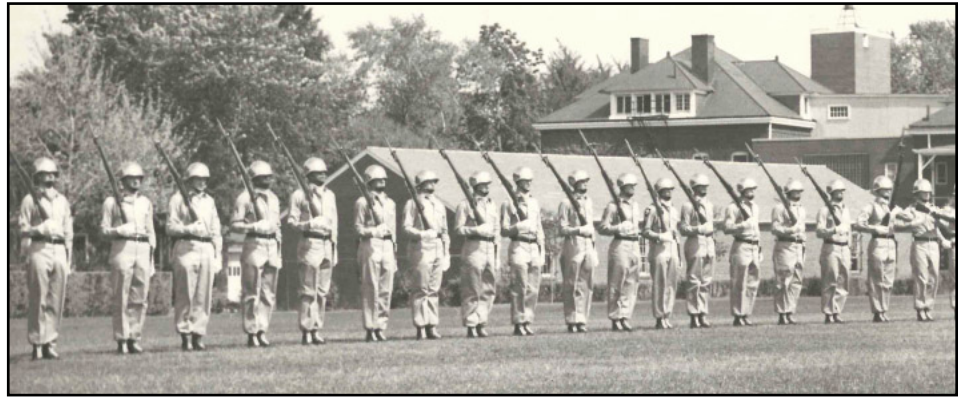
Today we have those contending that the values of our Patriotic ancestors are no longer applicable, and that our Patriots were not ‘real’ patriots and should therefore be written out of our history books. Such counterculture remarks, unfortunately, have gained acceptance among the naive and the gullible. These people (primarily the young) do not realize that to understand history helps prevent repeating errors of the past. Our 40th president, Ronald Reagan, said “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

A primary objective of the Sons of the American Revolution is “...promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations.” We must ensure that our children appreciate the value of freedom and that our history is not perverted or lost.

How can you help?

Obtain and wear your colonial era clothing or uniform. A group of SAR compatriots in

See “Support” on next page.



Before joining The Tomb Guards, George Haupt was in the Army drill team spring 1954.

George Haupt and Sentinel’s Creed

Starting in 1953 there was an initiative to design and have approved an award for Tomb Guards who had fulfilled stringent qualifications. The award was approved as the Tomb Guard Identification Badge. The first was awarded on February 7, 1958. To date there have been about 780 awarded. A few years ago I led an action to have the badge awarded to former sentries who served before 1958, but had fulfilled the requirements. That became a reality when on June 22, 2005, 28 former soldiers were awarded the badge. I was one of the 28. The badge is one of the rarest military awards. If a badge holder ever does anything to dishonor the Unknowns, the badge can be taken away from that person. In closing I want you to read something very important to me.

President’s Message continued from page 1.

Upcoming plans for ILSSAR

I also talked with Bill Wheeler at the ISCAR Convention. Bill has agreed to set up our May BOM like he did the ISCAR Convention. We would broadcast the meeting at the Abraham Lincoln Springfield to everyone virtually by Zoom or Microsoft Teams for compatriots who feel uncomfortable to attend in person. We as an organization should do this for every meeting in the future. We could tap into more compatriots who could join us and participate in the meetings. This would be good for Compatriots who could not make past meetings due to cost and travel distance.

An advanced thank you to Jack Cramer for organizing the Medals and Awards. This is a busy time for Jack. Very soon Jack will be ordering all the medals and certificates.

We are almost set for upcoming Youth Awards.

The Knight Essay this year was a great success with nine entrants. Thank you, Compatriot Allan Campbell, with help from Bill Wheeler. Kyra Wells is our ILSSAR winner for 2021. Alan will submit Kyra’s essay and application to our National Chair for the Knight Essay contest and will inform Kyra and her local SAR Chapter.

THE SENTINELS CREED

My dedication to this sacred duty is total and whole hearted in the responsibility bestowed on me. Never will I falter and with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements. I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability. It is he who commands the respect I protect, surrounded by well meaning crowds by day and alone in the thoughtful peace of night. This soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.

Chuck Dobias our ROTC Chairman has sent to all our chapters the ROTC medals and certificates the beginning of February. We need more JROTC Essays. Chuck needs these essays by April 1. So far, we have only one essay from Fox Valley Chapter, Alivia Glas from Lincoln Way Central and West High School.

George Tinkham our Eagle Scout Chairman said this year’s ILSSAR Eagle Scout winner is Adam Gribbins from Rochester, IL. Adam won both the State scholarship and Springfield Chapter’s scholarship. Adam and his parents (Jason & Michelle) will be able to attend the awards luncheon.

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.

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.



2021 Knight Essay Contest Winner

By Allan C. Campbell M.D.

ILSSAR Knight Essay Contest Committee Chairman

I am most pleased to announce that Kyra Wells is the 2021 winner of the Knight Essay contest in Illinois. Her essay has been forwarded to the Chair of the National Essay contest and she has been awarded \$1000 in prize money, a certificate and a medallion.

If possible, she will be invited to the May Awards Banquet in Springfield. Six members of the Illinois Society SAR reviewed and ranked the essays.

She is a senior at Bond County Community Unit 2 High School in Greenville, Illinois. She has plans for higher education in social work.

Her essay was titled "The Man Whose Voice Led to the United States of America". She cites the history of Thomas Paine and the influence of his writings on the Revolution, even though he only arrived in 1774. In particular, his work "Common Sense" was widely read and very influential. More than 500,000 copies were sold in a few months.

George Washington ordered Paine's works to be read to the troops, including the line that "These are the times that try men's souls".

He also did editorial work for the Pennsylvania Magazine and held many positions in the developing government. Paine was born in England (1737) and died in New York City (1809) at the age of 72.

Kyra had participated in the contest in 2020, placing second with her essay titled "The Outstanding Leadership of George Washington". We were fortunate to have nine essays submitted with second place going to Jack Urbaniz from Manhattan, IL and third place going to James Scott of Normal, IL. Jack's essay reviewed the influence of various philosophers on the American Revolution, such as Hobbs and Locke.

The essay by James focused on the development of the Constitution and the concept of Republicanism. They received \$500 and \$300 checks respectively, along with certificates.

The six other applicants each received a certificate of appreciation, a \$100 bill and a challenge coin about Dr. Benjamin Rush.

We hope that the opportunity to participate in the contest will stimulate further participation in 2022. Chapters can spread the word and direct interested high school students to the SAR website, www.sar.org for the rules and application forms under the tab Education.

General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

The General Joseph Bartholemew chapter has had a busy start to 2021. As a result of our annual planning meeting in January, we have scheduled 11 chapter meetings for the year including our final meeting of the year on December 7 which will be reflections on the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and WWII, as well as a presentation on the "Battle of the Bulge" by Dan Leifel. We are actively preparing for our annual Good Citizenship Banquet on April 8. This will be our 22nd year recognizing graduating seniors from McLean and Woodford counties and awarding two \$1,000 scholarships.

Due to the pandemic, we will be hosting this year's event online as opposed to a luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club. The chapter is developing a comprehensive booklet to commemorate the event and make available to all attendees.

GJB welcomes two new members, Milton Rudsinski and Charles Erickson. In addition, we have awarded SAR War Service Certificates and Medals to Don Evans and Milton Rudsinski. All 23 of our Veteran Members have been so recognized. Also, our chapter is now honored to include a total of four Emeritus members with the ILSSAR approval of Bud Lewis and Robert Starrett, in addition to our current Emeritus members, Harry Hoit and Dr. John Frisch.

How You can Support Your SAR

See "Support" on next page.

Rev. War dress presents a vivid picture of our past and is a stirring image that will remain fixed in the minds of observers.

- Participate in chapter functions such as grave markings, Wreaths Across America, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, our Historical Flag Program, and public ceremonies honoring award winners.

- Join us in honoring teachers whose educational efforts in the classroom exceed currently accepted curriculum requirements for instruction on the Revolutionary War era.

- Participate! Don't just go to your monthly chapter meeting. Get involved. Serve as a chapter officer. Join one of your chapter's committees. Attend a quarterly ILSSAR board meeting (formerly known as a BOM) to learn what else you can do to help retain our history.

The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic and a contentious election season has rekindled thought and discussion on the meaning of history and patriotism in America. We can seize the initiative in this debate by making our values, and the values of our forefathers, known. Remember, you can make a difference!

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George Rogers Clark Chapter

A True Hero



By Sid Welles,
Elijah Smith Chapter President

On Monday, December 2, 2019, there was an accident involving multiple semi-tractor trailers. Walter B. Harris helped get people out of wrecked vehicles. He crawled into an overturned semi-truck cab and was able to get one person out. He went back into the wreckage to



At left, Compatriot Walter Harris receives his award for heroism from GGRC Past President Robert Ridenour March 17, 2021. Above, the scene of the crash.

get another person out, but he could not due to the individual being pinned in the wreckage. Walt stayed with the driver and rendered first-aid and tried to stop the bleeding from the many injuries, which included fractures of a hip and leg that had bones broken and were protruding through the skin. Walt was in the over turned semi-truck for over 45 minutes,

not knowing if the truck would further roll or even catch fire.

He stayed until the paramedics and fire department arrived to take over the driver's care. He stayed on the scene until the fire department was able to cut the driver out. The driver was then airlifted to St. Louis.

By Ted Miller
Fox Valley Chapter President

The Fox Valley Chapter continues to move forward despite the pandemic. Unfortunately, as with most things, we have not been able to meet in person or arrange any events or activities for which we can meet together or engage within the community. Since our last report, we continue to do these main things:

Meet as a Chapter via Zoom. Through March 2021, we now have held eight Zoom Fox Valley Chapter meetings. The attendance has varied, and we continue to discuss a future that will allow us to do the activities we have always enjoyed.

We continue to sponsor new member applications. Our co-registrars continue to work with folks as they begin and complete the process of SAR membership.

Our Outstanding Citizenship Awards are being awarded throughout the Chapter's participating schools. Up to now we've awarded 17 certificates and pins, and we expect the number to increase as the virtual or hybrid school years get closer to ending in May or June.

We have begun the series of presentations on Members' Patriot biographies. Starting in February 2021, we have one member present their Patriot's biography via a short presentation shared during our monthly Zoom chapter

Fox Valley Chapter

News from The Valley

meeting. Although we have only had two presentations thus far, the two that have been presented were stellar and very informative. These presentations are uploaded to our new chapter website and via the meeting's minutes.

We continue to work through the early stages of design and testing of a new chapter website. The site is more accurately called a capabilities site in that we are designing the site to be more interactive for the user. The site consists primarily of different forums. These are parts of the site that the members, and those interested in joining the SAR, can engage and connect to share ideas, topics, research and assist in the membership application process. In addition, we are planning to move the vast wealth of information and archives that are currently housed in the chapter's current (original) site to the new site. There is much to do on this front, so this will be an ongoing effort as the development of the site goes from concept to reality.

Earlier this year, we produced and mailed out the latest Fox Valley membership cards. We produced the first series of these cards back in 2019. Since the Fox Valley Chapter is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its incep-

tion, we developed a new FVSAR Chapter logo to commemorate the anniversary. As of this report, 102 cards have been sent out to dues-paid members, lifetime members and members emeritus.

In addition to the membership cards being sent out, we also included a questionnaire to send out to some of the members asking what they are interested in volunteering to do as part of the chapter's ongoing commitment to education, history and membership.

We achieved a 40% return rate of the surveys that were mailed out, and well over half of the respondents did indicate they were interested in volunteering in some capacity. The largest responses we did receive are for grave marking program, genealogy and history, the color guard, and ongoing technology development. After conducting the survey, I believe the actual and potential contribution of members aligns well with the goals of the chapter. After the survey was conducted, we produced and distributed a summary of what each officer and committee role requires and the tasks usually done as part of each activity we do during a typical year. As always, the amount and extent of the activities we do accomplish is dependent on the volunteer spirit of the members.

We all look forward to a brighter remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Fort Dearborn delivers Genealogy Workshops

Shortly after the onset of the pandemic, Fort Dearborn had seen an increase in the number of applications. This was not only brand-new applicants but also existing SAR members that were looking to submit supplemental applications. In addition, prospective members that initially expressed interest and then stopped doing research had picked up their research again at the onset of the pandemic. Since our chapter was unable to hold in-person meetings, we decided to hold a Genealogy Workshop to help people with their research.

We held our first genealogy workshop on December 13th, 2020. This meeting was hosted by the board of managers with the intent of showing applicants how to navigate the SAR online application system, what resources were considered 'solid' resources, and allowed for general Q&A. While attendees found that the meeting was beneficial, many in attendance expressed interest in strategy and methods to locate the genealogical proof needed to confirm the bloodline to their Patriot. This led us to look for genealogy professionals that could help answer these questions.

Fort Dearborn reached out to fellow Compatriot and Chief Genealogist of New England Historic and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) a.k.a. AmericanAncestors.org, David Allen Lambert. Compatriot Lambert did not hesitate at the request. We booked 2 sessions with David Lambert, one in January and the other in March, focused on Revolutionary War and Colonial era research. When it came to our second speaker, we reached out to former NEHGS Director of Education and Programs, D. Joshua Taylor. You may recognize Mr. Taylor from the TV series Who Do You Think You Are? and the PBS series Genealogy Roadshow (we found out during our meeting that Mr. Taylor has a Revolutionary War Patriot and has an application pending).

Our January meeting had minimal response with only a couple dozen attendees which we attribute to not finding the right channels to advertise the event. Our February event was shared on social media (Twitter and Facebook) as well as email. As you can see from the graphic on the right, we had reached nearly 9,000 people of which 453 of those resulted in a visit to our page. Our February meeting had over 120 registered attendees. We hope to continue this momentum with our remaining events. Given that the pandemic will likely continue through September, we have added two more sessions in June and July.

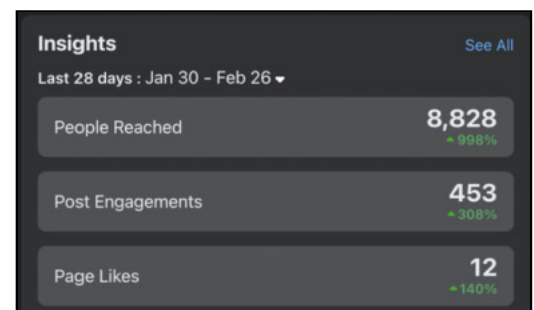
An unexpected positive outcome of this is that Fort Dearborn has forged new friendships with other SAR societies. Former Arizona SAR State President, George Stickney (2019 – 2020) reached out to Fort Dearborn on behalf their SAR Genealogy Group. The group meets monthly to discuss the status of their applications, any pended applications, and any concerns or challenges that should be discussed. Fort Dearborn has attended these meetings in January and February and found them to be very informative. If there are any state or chapter genealogists who would like to attend these meetings, please reach out to Bill Wheeler (bill.wheeler@dearbornsar.org).

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Workshops

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Saturdays at 10am CST
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Long Knives Chapter

Long Knives keeps programs going in the Pandemic



Black Diamond Harley-Davidson receives the flag award from Long Knife Compatriot Jack Cramer.



Above, Jim Wallace receives ILSSAR Man of the Year Award from Jack Cramer.

This year the Long Knives Chapter again participated in the Wreaths Across America campaign. More than 8,000 wreathes were carefully laid alongside grave markers at the Mound City Nation Cemetery.

At left, John Cramer, Alan Lang, and Jim Wallace joined other volunteers from various patriotic organizations to accomplish this Herculean task.





Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting May 7-8, 2021 At the Double Tree by Hilton President Abraham Lincoln 701 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701

The Double Tree by Hilton Room SAR discount rate is \$99.00 plus tax, cut off date is April 16.
(217) 544-8800 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate.

The Friday May 7 Dinner begins at 7pm the room TBD. We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6pm -7pm.
Following dinner will be our Medals and Awards ceremony with a Silent Auction organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Saturday May 8 the Board of Managers meeting begins at 8:30am in a room TBD.

The Ladies Auxillary Meeting will also begin at 8:30am in a room TBD.

Following the meetings at 11:30am-11:45am we will have a luncheon
with the Youth and Community Awards in a room TBD.

The deadline for rooms at the special SAR rate is April 16.

Rooms available are king or two double beds for \$99.00 per night.

Reservations can be made by calling 217-544-8800 or through the following link:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SPIASDT-SON-20210507/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Our meal choices are (vegetarian and special diet options also available):

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET - \$35

Salad: Ripe vine tomato, basil pesto, creamy
burrata cheese, arugula, balsamic reduction,
extra virgin olive oil
Entrée: Sirloin Steak Medallion
Dessert: Lemon Berry Mascarpone Cake

SATURDAY LUNCHEON - \$20

Salad: Spinach & arugula mix, with dried cherries,
pecans, goat cheese, and raspberry vinaigrette.
Entrée: Roasted turkey
Dessert: Black Forest Cake

The menus for both Dinner and Lunch TBD

Do you have special diet needs?

Member Name: _____ Friday Dinner _____ Saturday Lunch _____

Spouse Name: _____ Friday Dinner _____ Saturday Lunch _____

Guest Name: _____ Friday Dinner _____ Saturday Lunch _____

Chapter : _____ Will you be present in Color Guard Uniform? _____

Make Checks Payable to "ILSSAR" to:

Compatriot Charles Dobias

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ILSSAR BOM Meeting Minutes February 12, 2021 on Zoom

Submitted by Recording Secretary Scott Sanders

- Meeting called to order on Zoom by ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo at 6:30pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, and SAR pledge given.
- Remarks by Past President Toby Chamberlain.
 - Washington is ready to go with the national convention.
- President's Message: Mike Campagnolo.
 - Mike said he can't wait for the virus and Zoom meetings to be over and that this year will be a lot brighter.
 - Need to stress deadlines more with the committee chairmen. Chairmen should have a Zoom meeting with their committee members to go over contest deadlines and communicate better with chapter presidents about deadlines.
 - Jack Cramer will be sending out messages to chapter presidents about medals and awards deadline which is April 15.
 - The May 7-8 BOM mtg. will be at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield
- Senior VP Report: Chuck Dobias.
 - Still working on the arrangements for May BOM.
 - Aug 13-14 meeting in Bloomington. Working on contract.
 - Nov 12-13 meeting in Springfield.
 - Feb 2022 meeting in Mt. Vernon.
 - Chuck is frustrated that due to not having meetings, some people don't think ROTC awards aren't getting done. But there are workarounds because schools aren't having award assemblies.
 - Chuck says more efforts should be done to encourage chapters to run contests.
- Secretary Report: Drew Robinson.
 - 1152 current members with 21 new members this year.
- Treasurer: Lee Braden.
 - Dues collection working well except for a couple of members.
 - Already has sent out dues checks to the chapters.
 - We need to get a statement from the state saying we are an educational organization to get tax exempt status for not paying Illinois sales tax. GJB will be the 'test case' for getting approved.
 - National dues payment is on track.
- Registrar Report: Gerry Whitson
 - Submitted applications to national are outstanding.
- Northern Regional report: Mike Cobb.
 - Attended Kishwaukee's new president's swearing in.
 - Attended Ft. Dearborn's genealogy workshops. David Allan Lambert gave an excellent presentation about New England genealogy.
- Central Region report: Sid Welles.
 - GJB doing a great job with meetings on Zoom:
- 45th chapter celebration, First responders meeting, constitution week.
 - Zeally Moss talking about a patriot grave marking program for 2021.
 - Elijah Smith chapter is planning a grave marking ceremony for the fall
- Southern Region report: Joe Harris.
 - Absent.
- Mid-meeting chapter presentation: Ray Owens.
 - GJB Power Point presentation.
 - Chartered October 21, 1975. Celebrated 45th anniversary in October 2020.
 - 48 current members.
 - Many members have served in the military.
 - Many members serve on various committees.
 - Organizing a recognition in the summer to recognize health care workers serving during the pandemic.
 - Many regular events planned for this year.
- Committee Reports
 - Kevin Babb legal report.
 - Kevin has contacted the accountant who will do the audit.
 - He will get the cost and report back.
 - CAR liason report: Bill Wheeler.
 - Virtual state conference March 20.
 - New state project will be announced.
 - Eagle Scout Committee: George Tinkham.
 - Eagle Scout awards have been graded.
 - 1st place is Adam Gribbens from Rochester, IL.
 - 2nd place is Derek Johnson from Monmouth, IL.
 - Presentation details to be worked out in the virus environment.
 - Cemetery Marking Committee: Mike Campagnolo.
 - The chairman's position is vacant due to Franz Herder retiring from the position.
 - Email Mike or your chapter president if you're interested.
 - Patriot Newsletter: Scott Sanders.
 - Deadlines are March 10, June 10, September 10, December 10.
 - Scott explained the national newsletter contest judging and asked for volunteers to help judge.
 - Toby Chamberlain said some states' newsletters are put together professionally.
 - Mike encouraged people to send their copy to Scott for the Patriot.
 - Scott said not to forget sending feature articles in addition to meeting write-ups.
 - Knight Essay Contest: Dr. Allan Campbell.
 - Nine Essays have been entered.
 - Judging is almost complete.
 - No entries for the Oration contest due
- to the virus.
 - Most students find out about the contests from websites that list contests with \$\$\$ prizes.
 - Medals and Awards: Jack Cramer.
 - Jack needs applicants in by April 15.
- Chapter Development and Membership: Ted Miller.
 - Fox Valley is finding people who can serve as mentors for new members.
 - A survey indicates that new members would like to have mentors.
 - GJB has a mentorship committee.
- GWF Fund: Toby Chamberlain.
 - Committee still in business and giving out money.
 - Started voting on a request from the national SAR museum for \$12,500.00 to fund 50% of a new display on the RW.
 - Money is still available for state and local projects.
 - GWF membership goal is for 40 new members by the end of February.
- Patriot Award: Toby Chamberlain.
 - The medals have been ordered and engraved.
- ROTC awards: Chuck Dobias.
 - Medals ordered and distributed.
 - Waiting for names from the chapters.
 - Entries are due to Chuck by April 1.
 - 1st to 5th Place awards will be given.
- Hero and Law Enforcement Awards: Sid Welles.
 - No nominations yet.
- Veterans Committee: Lou Myers.
 - Terrible COVID-19 outbreak at LaSalle Veterans Home. Employees there brought it in and the vets were infected. 100 vets infected. 90 workers infected. The director of veterans affairs fired the LaSalle director and head nurse but Pritzger got upset and fired the state director who Lou says was a good director. So, it's a mess, Lou says.
 - Families can visit the vets on Zoom or in-person through glass windows.
- General Reminders Mike Campagnolo.
 - We still are looking for committee chairmen for the History Teacher Award and Outstanding Citizenship chairman.
 - March 3 Spring Leadership virtual meeting
 - May 7-8 BOM meeting in Springfield.
 - August 13-14 BOM meeting in Bloomington.
 - Sept 23-25 Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville.
 - Oct TBA GLD meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.
 - Nov 12-13 BOM meeting in Springfield.
- Benediction, recessional, and adjournment.



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Eagle Scout Committee Chairman George Tinkham announces Scholarship Winners

The Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution received five Eagle Scout scholarship applications in 2020.

Name of Scout	ILSSAR Chapter	Rank
Adam Gribbins	Springfield Chapter \$2000	1st place
Derek Johnston	Captain Zeally Moss \$500	2nd place
Josh Cross	Gen. Joseph Bartholomew	
William Roderfeld	Gen. George Rogers Clark	
Hunter Rincker	Stephen Decatur Chapter	

These applications were judged by a panel comprising Compatriots Tom Ashby and George Tinkham. Their fine efforts not only gave a thoughtful analysis of the applications, but also helped refine a formula for grading in the future.

This year's first place award goes to Adam Gribbins from Rochester, Illinois. Eagle Scout Gribbins will receive an Eagle trophy, medal, patch, \$500 scholarship from Springfield Chapter, and \$1,500 first prize award at awards ceremonies to be determined as the pandemic eases. BSA Abraham Lincoln Council will allow me to do an announcement of the awards to Mr. Gribbins as part of the annual Eagle Scout ceremony usually held at the State Capitol, but this year will be conducted over the web. The application of Eagle Scout Gribbins has been submitted to NSSAR for judging in the national Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.

Second place goes to Derek Johnston from Monmouth, Illinois. Eagle Scout Johnston will receive a medal, patch, and \$500 second place prize award at an awards ceremony to be determined as the pandemic eases. Captain Zeally Moss Chapter will decide whether to award a chapter scholarship this year.

In addition to monetary awards, each scholarship applicant will received a SAR / Eagle Scout badge. Each chapter can decide whether to award a medal to the scout with the best application in that chapter's area.