My term in office is drawing to an end. It is a time to reflect and the reflection reveals to me how much I have learned about the Illinois Society and the members who work so hard to make it what it is. I am so proud of the Illinois Society.

Visiting chapters and engaging in events with chapters opened my eyes to all the activities that go on in our state. The color guard events, the outstanding citizenship presentations, cemetery markings, and heroism award events conducted by the chapters throughout the state demonstrate a strong sense of camaraderie, accomplishment and teamwork among the members.

The Illinois Society has seen challenges over the past two years. One of these has been the attendance at the Board of Managers meetings. We are beginning to see the effect that location has on attendance.

We still must address two questions: 1. What do members gain from attending these meetings? and 2. Is it worth the cost to members?

One member provided a plan for making BOM meetings more valuable to members. For example, we could have a very short business meeting where only officers report. Committee chairmen would send any report to his assigned officer, who will then provide a brief summary of the committee's activities. This shorter meeting would be followed by break-out sessions on topics related to chapter activities such as programs, events, color guard, officer and committee duties. The topics should be wide-ranging.

I would like to express my gratitude for the support my compatriots in Illinois have shown me over the last two years. I have made new friends and had wonderful experiences at the chapter events. I wouldn't have missed this experience for the world.

New ideas proposed for future BOM meetings at Mt. Vernon Board of Managers Meeting

ILSSAR 2012 History Teacher Seth Graves from Pope County Jr. High School brought his expertise regarding General George Rogers Clark to the February Board of Managers meeting for an interesting presentation. (Top photo)

Seth talked about General George Rogers Clark and his victories at Kaskaskia, Cahokia and Ft Sackville (Vincennes, IN).

His wife Krista, also a History Teacher was a speaker last year and won last year's "Teacher of the Year" award.

Also at the BOM meeting, Tom Ashby and Olivia Sturges won the raffle for Jerry Whitson's delicious candies.

29 Compatriots attended the meeting in Southern Illinois.

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unknowns and are committed to doing all that we can to keep the society informed. As of now (3/17) the May BOM is a go. Dick and I will make a decision either way the first week in April whether to cancel the May BOM meeting, awards dinner and youth awards luncheon.

I am humbled, honored and proud to serve as your new state president. I hope I am worthy. A little about myself:

I am 64 years old. I was born in Chicago and grew up in Elmhurst. I went to York High School and graduated in 1973. I attended College of DuPage in 1974 and transferred to SIU Carbondale, majoring in Architecture, Graphic Design, and minoring in American History from 1974-1978.

I have a wife Karen who I have been married to for 38 years.

I have two children, my son Nick 35 living in Waco, Texas with his wife Colleen and daughter Sarah 31 living in Elgin, IL with her husband Matt.


I have been a SAR member in the Fox Valley Chapter for almost 10 years. Past Ft. Dearborn President Bing Siebold was a great help when I was researching my patriot ancestor and finding the needed documents and filling out my application in 2010 with Patriot Andrew Kimbley as my ancestor.

At the chapter level, I have served as Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, Newsletter Editor, Color Guard Commander and ROTC Chairman.

At the state level I have served as Sr. Vice President, Northern Region Vice President, Historian, Color Guard Commander, and Flag Award Chairman.

Previous Fox Valley President Bruce Talbot introduced me to my first BOM meeting in Springfield August 2011. I was welcomed at my first BOM meeting by then President Franz Herder, Compatriots Jim DeGroff, John Dyrud and Tom Ashby (who happens to share the same patriot ancestor Andrew Kimbley). Every time I see Tom we call each other cousin.

When I become ILSSAR President, my door will be always open to all suggestions and ideas and, I am a good listener.

Below are some ideas from myself and compatriots statewide. We can’t implement all of these ideas and suggestions at once. We can start off slow with a maybe a few. These are just some ideas nothing with set in stone. We will discuss these and some new ideas at the August 15-16 BOM meeting in Springfield.

Each BOM meeting we will focus on a few topics of interest for a workshop group session during the second half of the BOM meetings, for example Registrar, Outstanding Citizenship, Color Guard, etc.

Feature two chapters at each BOM meeting to make a 10-minute presentation on their chapter.

Create a NEW officer position: Youth BOM Officer for the Sons of the American Revolution rate, with free breakfast and free parking On Saturday 14 August, our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker TBD.

May Medals & Awards Banquet- Central Region BOM

May 15 and 16, 2020 Board of Managers, Springfield, IL at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Double Tree, Springfield, IL 62701. Rooms at $102 each night for the SAR rate. 701 E Adams Street, Ph: (217)321-2436 . 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.

NSSAR 130th SAR National Congress


August- Central Region BOM

August 14 & 15, 2020 Board of Managers, Springfield, IL. The BOM dinner/banquet is 14 August Friday night at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Ph: (217)789-1530 . We have rooms at $121 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking On Saturday 15 August our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker TBD.

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

The week of September 24 thru 26, 2020 SAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888 888-5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

November North/Central Region BOM

November 13 & 14, 2020 Board of Managers, Bloomington, IL. The BOM dinner/banquet is 13 November Friday night at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot 700 201- Broadway Ave, Normal, IL 61761. Ph: (309)862-9000 . We have rooms at $140 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking On Saturday 14 November our BOM meeting followed by lunch. Our speaker Compatriot James Barr from the Ft Dearborn Chapter
Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Illinois Society Quarterly BOM Meeting May 15-16, 2020
at the Double Tree by Hilton President Abraham Lincoln
701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

The Double Tree by Hilton room discount rate is $102.00 plus tax Cut-off date for
discount reservations is April 24, 2020.
-----------There is No Free Parking or Saturday morning Breakfast Vendors-----------
Call (217) 544-8800 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate.
Friday, May 15th buffet dinner begins at 7pm in the Lincoln Room. We will have a
cash bar and social hour from 6pm to 7pm Following dinner we have our Medals and
Awards Presentation and a Silent Auction organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.
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Saturday May 16th Board of Managers Meeting and luncheon at 8:30 a.m. in the Ottawa
Room. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting begins at 8:30 in the Governor Yates Room. Following
the meetings at noon we will have a lunch buffet and Youth & Community Awards
Ceremony in the Governor Altgeld Room.

Cut along dashed line below and return

I will be attending the BOM meeting on Saturday but not any meal events: ☐

“Cattleman” Dinner Buffet: A Choice of Grilled Chicken Breast with chipotle maple sauce, Slow
Braised Short Ribs, A1 Velouté gravy, Galleta de limón, tarragon, chardonnay sauce. Cowboy Chili, Romaine
lettuce salad with cheddar herb croutons, Applewood smoked bacon with traditional ranch dressing. Apple
Crumble and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Dinner served with Fresh Baked Rolls, Iced Tea and Coffee. $45

Saturday “All American” Buffet: A Choice Roasted Chicken with Dijon tarragon cream, Herbed
Salmon with tomato, feta, Breaded Homestyle Mashed Potatoes, Corn Chowder, 7 layer salad. Seasonal Cobblers
and Crumbles for dessert. Luncheon served with Iced Tea & Coffee $35

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

Make checks payable to “ILSSAR” for meal total to:

Compatriot Mike Campagnolo
1196 Cactus Trail
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Cell (630) 464-4904 Email: mscfoxvalleysar@att.net

Cancelled
Report from the February Board of Managers Meeting
By Sr. Vice President Mike Campagnolo  Continued from Page 2

The February Board of Managers meeting was called to order by ILSSAR President Dick Chamblin at 8:30am in Mt. Vernon with 29 compatriots attending.

New Business:

First Time Attendees:
- Vern Dotson-Long Knives
- Guy McDonnell-Long Knives
- Ron Wood-Ewington
- Bill Graddy-Ewington

Committee Reports:
Color Guard: Mike Campagnolo will send out insurance certificates to all chapter presidents.

Medals & Awards: Jack Cramer will email all chapter presidents to recommend awards.

Nominating: Toby Chamberlain presented the slate of new officers.
- President-Mike Campagnolo
- Vice President-Chuck Dobias
- Secretary-Andrew Robinson
- Recording Secretary-Scott Sanders
- Treasurer-Lee Braden
- Registrars-Gregg Westfall
- Genealogist-Gerald Whitson
- Historian-Edward Bachesta
- Chaplain-Rev. Dr. Ray Owens
- Chancellor-Rev. Kevin Babb
- Sgt. at Arms-Jason Sturges
- Northern Region VP-Michael Cobb
- Central Region VP-Sid Welles
- Southern Region VP-Joe Harris
- ILSSAR Trustee-Richard Chamblin
- Alternate Trustee-Toby Chamberlain

Patriot Medal: Toby Chamberlain reports the nominees have been chosen and will be voted on in a few weeks.

ROTC: Chuck Dobias has handed out all the medals and certificates to all the chapters.

Herom/Law Enforcement/Fire Safety/EMS Awards: Sid Wells has given out the brochures to chapter presidents.

Old Business: None

Announcements: Next BOM meeting May 15-16 at the Abraham Lincoln Double Tree hotel in Springfield.

Adjournment and recessional.

After the meeting members stayed for an informal discussion about future BOM meetings. Some of the highlights were:
- The past BOM meetings were boring. Same old stuff each time.
- Most people still in favor of 4 per year though.
- Topics discussed were meeting locations, eliminating the Saturday lunches, having workshops on different topics, and having chapter presentations.

Upcoming Events:
- May 15-16. Board of Managers Annual SAR chapter and individual awards dinner Friday night and Student awards Saturday luncheon. This will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Springfield Double Tree, Springfield IL 62701. Rooms are $102/night for the SAR rate. There will be the Ladies Aux Silent Auction but no speaker.
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Color Guard News:
- We finally have ILSSAR Color Guard Insurance effective 2/1/20. The policy costs $424.20 for 44 of the 79 Color Guard member who shoot black powder. Adding members is not a problem. The certificate for proof of insurance has been sent to us.
- A Central Region Color Guard Commander is needed. There are 28 members in the central region color guard and there are a lot of great candidates for commander.
- ILSSAR has a new Color Guard Commander! Northern Region Color Commander Jon Fixmer (Fox Valley) will be taking over for Mike Campagnolo who is stepping down after three years. Jon is very well qualified and will do an excellent job, said Mike. He has conducted very popular Drill and Grill events, and led the Fox Valley Color Guard in many area parades and events. He was also the Joe Smith Colorguardsmen of the Year in 2016!
- Flag awards: Eight chapters presented 33 flag awards last year. GGRC by far, presented the most awards. It would be great if more chapters would present awards this year since eight out of our 15 chapters is the bare minimum needed to qualify for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award which is presented annually the NSSAR Congress to state societies which have 51% of their chapters making flag award presentations.

Essay Contest
By Allan Campbell, M.D.
Knight Essay Contest
There was one excellent submission which was therefore the winner. Hannah Hogue of Geneseo, IL submitted her essay titled “Life, Liberty and Property: John Locke's Influence on the Birth of America.” She is a Senior at Geneseo High School. Her essay and application have been submitted to the NSSAR.

Secretary's Report
By Drew Robinson
Active Members as of 1/1/2019 944
2019 Additions 230
2019 Losses 230
2019 Membership Gain 38
Active Members as of 1/1/2020 982
Supplemental Patriot Total 2019 20
Please send new chapter officer info and member changes to Drew Robinson at therobinsons_20@comcast.net

Oration Contest
By Allan Campbell, M.D.
Rumbaugh Oration Contest
Entries between 5-6 minutes on a playable DVD on a patriotic theme must be sent to Allan C. Campbell, Oration Contest Chairman no later than April 15. Contact him at 309.692.0373 or allancampbellmd@gmail.com for details and at www.sasar.org for the rules and detailed procedures.
One of Fox Valley's original members, Mike Johnston is shown with one of the chapter's newsletters that he edited for a number of years.

**Fox Valley Chapter**

**FV Past President fondly remembered**

By Kevin Alcott  
Fox Valley Chapter Secretary

It is with a heavy heart that I must report the passing of Mike Johnston, a former Fox Valley SAR Chapter President (2008-2009) who reinvigorated the chapter with his dedication and hard work. News of Mike's passing came from his daughter, Brooke, who told me that he passed away January 29. Mike, along with current Webmaster and former Chapter President Don Parrish (2003-2007), did all of the research to identify the Patriots buried in the Fox Valley area.

Mike's father fought at Iwo Jima, and in 2007 our own Don Parrish visited Iwo Jima and took Mike's father's dog tags to Mt. Suribachi, photographed them, and returned them. Aided by two Marines, Don raised an American flag over Mount Suribachi. He brought the flag and some black sand from the invasion beach back to Mike and his family.

Mike was active with the Chapter through 2019, and he will be sorely missed. A memorial to him was held at Calvary West Church, in Naperville.

**Highlights of Fox Valley’s vision for the summer and beyond**

Kevin Alcott (Secretary / Citizenship Chairman): Reported that through February 10, the Chapter has 107 Active Members.

Ted wants 20 new members in 2020, but he's looking for volunteers to help the Co-Registrars Terry Beshoof and John Lansing in calling up contact lists and helping with research. Ted believes this is a crucial activity in order to maintain bench strength for the Chapter. Ralph Harkison, Harry Brunner, and Geoff Carlson expressed interest in helping. Ted Miller promised to do a Registrar presentation (“how-to”) during the June or July meeting.

Flag Awards -- Scott Sanders will continue this responsibility for the Chapter. He reported the toughest part is convincing recipients you're not trying to sell them something, and that we won't publish their addresses.

Grave Marking - Current plans are to recognize Patriot Jeremiah Austin, who died in Plainfield. It is not known where Austin is buried, the idea is to erect a plaque in a public location in Plainfield, perhaps Settler's Park.

Veterans - Ted Miller asked for volunteers to pay tribute in any way to veterans, even taking them out for coffee or lunch. Ted noted that every one of us is descended from Patriot Veterans.

Paul Little has graciously agreed to again fund the production of Chapter Member ID cards, after a vote was taken. All members in good standing will receive ID cards for 2020.

**Fort Dearborn Chapter**

Chapter’s gavel passed to new president

In the photo at left, Incoming President Bill Wheeler, left, accepts the presidential gavel from Past President John Dyrud, right. ILSSAR Sr. VP Mike Campagnolo, below right, swears in officers at a recent Ft. Dearborn meeting at the Union Club in downtown Chicago. From left: Chauncey (Charles) Wells-Chaplain; James F. Barr-Treasurer; Martin Starr-Secretary; Martinu J. Dyrud-Vice President; and Mike Campagnolo.
General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter

Eagle Scout Joseph Trembley Winner of SAR Award at Local and State Level

By Stephen Kern
GJB SAR Chairman Eagle Scout Committee

The General Joseph Bartholomew local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has selected Joseph Trembley as the winner of its Eagle Scout 2020 award. Annual competitive awards are given at the local, state and national level to those recent Eagle Scouts, under 19 years of age, who submit an application for the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The winner at the local level receives a $250 cash award plus patch and medallion. The Illinois Sons of the American Revolution winner receives a $1,500 cash award and trophy. The ILSSAR winner’s application is forwarded to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution where the winner there receives a $10,000 cash award. Second and third place awards are $6,000 and $4,000 respectively.

The required application for the King Contest consists of three parts:
1. Eagle Scout Contest Application Form
2. Four Generation Ancestor Chart
3. 500-word Patriotic Themed Essay

Joseph’s winning patriotic themed essay is entitled “Marquis de Lafayette: A Friend from France”.

He was presented the local level award at a meeting of the GJB SAR Chapter meeting on March 11, 2020 and will receive the state level award at the ILSSAR Annual Meeting in May.

Joseph is a member of Troop 1870 of the W.D. Boyce Council, BSA. He is the son of Jennifer and Geoffry Trembley of Fairbury.

The mission of the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is to promote patriotism and to reaffirm those values on which our country was established. The GJB Chapter is one of 15 SAR chapters in the state of Illinois, serving Iroquois, Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties.

Revolutionary Patriots buried in area counties discussed at meeting

The GJB SAR Chapter meeting of Feb 12, was held at the Lakeside Country Club. The meeting was hosted by Steven Kern and attended by 17 persons who braved the snowy weather.

The meeting was called to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, SAR Pledge and the Invocation which included a special prayer given for illness of Lance McCormick’s wife Sharon, Dan Liefel’s wife Paula, and Jay and Cindy Cummins grand daughter, Olivia Grace Beck.

J. Gordon Bidner, GJB SAR chapter president then welcomed all attendants and introduced them before the meal was served.

The chapter business was then conducted. The Secretary’s report which included a report on the previous meeting and the 45th Celebration Committee’s initial meeting on Jan. 24, 2020 at Bob Evans restaurant. This was given by members attending that meeting in the absence of Secretary Jay Cummins. Treasurer’s report was provided by Lance McCormick but presented by Gordon in the absence of Lance and was approved. J. Gordon Bidner then discussed information of interest to members concerning Chapter matters, some organizational matters, and distributed hard copies of the 2020 GJB SAR Chapter schedule of meetings and events.

Stephen Kern gave a presentation of the Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors buried in McLean, Woodford, Livingston, and Iroquois Counties which included names, information about the patriots, and burial sites. Copies of this information were provided.

He also discussed the four founding documents: The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Articles of Federation, and The Articles of Association. After this he presented the speaker for the evening, Bill Kemp, Librarian of McLean County Museum of History, who spoke on the topic “McLean County Front During WW I, The War to End All Wars.” Following completion of his presentation and answering of questions the meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional led by Al Abbott Jr.

Combined DAR and SAR Citizenship Event Dec 6

The members of Princess Wach-e-kee Chapter of DAR and General Bartholomew Chapter of SAR held their combined annual Iroquois County Citizenship Event at the Faith Lutheran Church in Watseka, IL.

The recipient of the Good Citizenship Award is a senior student chosen by the local high school district based on their dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism.

The SAR Sponsored Recipient Students were presented Certificates and Pins presented by William White, member of the Joseph Bartholomew Chapter in Bloomington, IL.:

Caleb Atwood, from Milford HS;
Mackenzie Stahlschmidt, from Donovan HS;
Justin Bunting, son of James and Janet Bunting, from Watseka HS;
Logan Oster, son of Bill and Christina, from Iroquois West HS;
Payton Kaeb, son of Warren and Jill Kaeb, from Cissna Park HS; Parker Rabideau, from Central HS.

L-R Joseph Trembley receives GJB SAR award from William White, and Stephen Kern

L-R Geoffrey, Jennifer, Joseph’s parents, Joseph Trembley and Stephen Kern.
Long Knives Chapter

A Merry Olde Christmas at Fort Massac

The Compatriots of the Long Knives Chapter enjoy not only the beauty of deep Southern Illinois, but also the rich historical significance of the Revolution itself. This year, the compatriots gathered once again for warm comradery and Christmas cheer. What could be a more fitting site to remember our Patriot ancestors than historic Fort Massac. For those that are unaware, the Ft. Massac grounds served as a location for early Spanish occupation (1540), French occupation (1757), British, and American occupation. In 1794 the rebuilt Fort served as a base during the Northwest Indian War. In 1803, Lewis and Clark utilized the Fort for resupply. Fort Massac is Illinois’ first State Park, and today is a very important historic site.

Ewington Chapter

ILLSAR President Dick Chamblin, left, presents Ewington Registrar, Bob Lybarger with the Liberty Medal Certificate with Oak Leaf Cluster he was awarded at the recent Board of Managers meeting in Mt Vernon. This is the second time he has received this award and the Oak Leaf Cluster will go with the medal he received the first time. This is awarded in recognition of the number of new members he has recruited. Congratulations to Bob!

Elijah Smith Chapter

General Lou Myers gave Elijah Smith President Sid Welles a check for $250.00 to present to the Quincy Veterans Home. Pictured above is President Welles, left, with Veterans Home Administrator Troy Culbertson.
The date for the I.S.C.A.R. & SAR co-sponsored Schaumburg Boomers game has been scheduled for Sunday, June 14th.

You may have noticed that this is also Flag Day! Our Color Guard is going to be bringing out the Colors and Diana Kwak will be signing again during the 7th inning stretch.

C.A.R. will have a display highlighting the new project. Tickets are $10 each and must be paid in advance.