The President’s Message

by President Thomas D. Ashby

Already it is late Summer and the kids are back in school. You will have received your dues notice, as the goal was to mail them out by September 1st. We do this so we have time before December 31st to react to those who have not paid. If renewals are not into National by then, members are dropped from the roles and there is a $5 late fee to get each one reinstated. This can add up to some serious cash. Please get your dues in as soon as possible so your chapter president doesn’t have to start making calls! While you are at it, help our Ladies Auxiliary support us by signing up your wife.

I still need a volunteer for Illinois State Finance Chairman. I know there is someone out there with a head for finance. The Finance Chairman’s duties include preparing the budget based on previous ones and input from Illinois State officers, insuring our money is invested properly and presenting a report at our quarterly Board of Managers meetings. This is not a terribly hard job. If you have the willingness and the skills, please e-mail me at tdashby@me.com or call me at 309-897-8483.

Another goal that I have is for the Illinois State SAR to participate in the Grade School Poster and the Junior High School Brochure Contests. In order to do that, we need an educator or interested compatriot to lead a committee to judge a State winner for each of these contests. This person would coordinate with each chapter to contact the grade/junior high schools in their chapter area to make them aware of the contests, rules and where to send entries. Once a State winner is selected in each contest, the committee chairman would forward entries to National for judging. If you are interested, please contact me at the afore-mentioned address/number.

The National SAR is very concerned about Educational Outreach to our schools, which are teaching about the Revolutionary War. National will provide curricula and informational material such as maps, CDs and DVDs about various subjects that teachers or compatriots can use to properly educate our youth. It would be helpful for a person with an educational background or interest to coordinate this information distribution at the State level. Step forward and let me know of your interest!

At the last National Congress in Louisville, our own Dick Chamblin was elected to the esteemed position of Vice-President General of the Great Lakes District (Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin). The Illinois State SAR will host the Great Lakes District Meeting on October 30th and 31st at the Hyatt Lisle Hotel with a dinner/meeting Friday and meeting Saturday. State and National Officers will be in attendance to meet compatriots, address the group and answer questions. It’s a great opportunity to meet these officers without traveling to Louisville or farther. See more information in another section of the Illinois Patriot.

Have you ever tried to fill a slate of Chapter Officers? Don’t wait until your nominations meeting! Start now! A personal voice contact will achieve better results than a mass e-mailing or a “cattle call” at the meeting. List all your members and their present jobs. Consider out-going officers for other important jobs like Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Chairmen.

Reserve critical positions for people who would be available to be present at meetings, but call all members. Even junior members can fill positions such as committee members or parade marchers. Try to determine the jobs, interests or hobbies of those on the list and match them to positions you want to fill.

Make three columns next to each name. The first column should be the primary position you would like that compatriot to assume, the second a fall-back position of lesser importance, and the third a “foot in the door position”. When you get a candidate for Vice-President, make sure he is aware he will be President in two years. You might also consider succession from Secretary to Treasurer and Treasurer to VP.

To get more people involved, give only one job to each person. Include Committee Chairmen of the Citizenship, Eagle Scout, Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, Flag Award, Color Guard, ROTC, Public Service Awards, History Teacher Awards, etc. Also, try to provide two-deep leadership by filling committees with a Vice-Chairman. When you make calls, talk to the person or just leave a message to call you back.

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Don’t ask your question to an answering machine. Tell the person; “We’re asking all of our members to take roles in the success of our SAR Chapter. Considering your abilities, background and leadership, I have determined you to be the best candidate for “President” (or whatever) of our Chapter. Then, explain the position, offer help to get him started and ask him to accept the nomination at the upcoming meeting.” Try to insist he take the position as it is the best fit for him and the chapter and he will contribute to the strength of the organization. If, after some discussion, he persists in declining, ask him if he would then accept your number two position. Then, if not that, at least your third position, as everyone should have a job. Get everyone involved! Good luck!

Ladies Auxiliary visits historic Springfield home during BOM

The Auxiliary visited the lovely Edwards Place Historic Home in Springfield. Elaine arranged for us to be given a private tour with a curator from the mansion. The tour included wonderful stories about the house and its ongoing restoration as well as stories about Springfield itself and a regular visitor to the house - President Lincoln. We encourage the Ladies to attend the upcoming Great Lakes District meeting, the November Board of Managers meeting in Peoria and Auxiliary sponsored events.

President’s Comments

Senior Vice-President Toby Chamberlain’s Comments

November BOM Speakers

We have two great speakers lined up for our upcoming Peoria and Bloomington – Normal Board of Managers meetings. Compatriot Dr Allan Campbell M.D. is the featured speaker at the November Peoria BOM. Allan will present a Power Point talk about General George Rogers Clark.

Joseph Cozzi, who finished second at the 2015 SAR National Oration Contest at the 125th Congress in Louisville, KY, will be the featured speaker at the February 2016 Bloomington-Normal BOM. Joseph, who is planning on entering the 2016 Oration Contest next year, is a senior at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, I.

Events planned for 2016

I have been working on 2016 events and have signed hotel contracts for the May and August 2016 Board of Manager meetings. The May meeting will find us back at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield for the Annual Awards Night. A change for the Awards Night is we will not have a speaker. This change was suggested by several Illinois compatriots so our Friday night dinner and presentation of awards would not last as long as it has in the past.

In August we will hold the Illinois State Fair Board of Managers meeting at the Springfield Wyndham Towers. The Hilton Towers where we have met numerous times over the years will convert to a Wyndham Hotel on January 1, 2016. The change of names should not impact our August BOM in any way. The same people will be handling our meeting and our room rate will remain the same.

New Committee Chair needed

I am temporarily (at least I hope it is temporary) serving as the ILSSAR Committee Chair for our Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter/EMS and Hero Awards. Is this something you would consider working on? Your help is also needed filling vacancies on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Audit Committee. If you would like information about serving on these committees, contact President Tom Ashby.

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Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel - Room discount cutoff date is October 16, 2015. Group Rate $124.00 per night plus tax includes free self-parking and breakfast for two. Call 1-309-367-6500 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution Rate (not SAR rate).

Friday, November 6
We will have a cash bar from 6 to 7 p.m.
Dinner and program at 7 p.m. Our speaker will follow dinner.

Compatriot Allan Campbell
(Captain Zeally Moss Chapter)
will present a Power Point talk about General George Rogers Clark.

Saturday, November 7
Board Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.
Luncheon follows the meeting.

I will attend the BOM Meeting but not any meal events __________

Friday & Saturday Meal Requests
Friday Dinner: Grilled Sirloin of Beef, Chef’s choice of vegetables, Pastry Chef’s choice of Dessert, $35.00 each.

Saturday Lunch: Marinated Chicken Breast, Chef’s choice of vegetables, Pastry Chef’s choice of Desert, $30.00 each.

Member Name:__________________________    Friday_____  Saturday_______
Spouse Name:____________________________    Friday_____  Saturday_______
Guest Name:_______________________________    Friday_____  Saturday_______
Special Meal Needs: ____________________

Mail personal check payable to “ILSSAR” for meal total to:

Compatriot Toby Chamberlain
230 Marblestone Drive, Chatham, IL 62629
Email: saichamb@comcast.net
home: 217-483-6267
SAR Calendar of Upcoming Events  
October 30 & 31, 2015  
Great Lakes District SAR Annual Meeting, Lisle, IL, Hyatt Hotel.  
Call 1-800-992-2694 for reservations.  
Ask for Great Lakes District SAR Annual Meeting rate - $109 plus tax, includes full breakfast buffet.  

November 6 & 7, 2015  
ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, IL.  
Call 1-800-228-9290 for reservations. Ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate - $124 plus tax. Free self-parking and breakfast buffet.  

February 12 & 13, 2016  
ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Marriott Hotel  

February 26 & 27, 2016  
ILSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel.  
Call 1-877-926-7757 for reservations.  
2016 NSSAR  
126th Annual Congress, Boston, MA, dates and hotel are TBA.  

ILLSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan  
Effective immediately my new e-mail address is gagrugansar@gmail.com.  
Please update your contact information accordingly.  
I apologize for the inconvenience.  

The SAR supports the DAR  
The Elijah Smith Chapter of the SAR supports the Rev. James Caldwell Chapter of the DAR with their annual Ice Cream Social. The local DAR Chapter owns the only remaining Governor’s mansion still in existence in the state of Illinois except for the current one in Springfield. The Gov. Duncan Mansion was built in 1834 for the then-governor Joseph Duncan. Each year the local DAR ladies have an Ice Cream Social which includes period dress for the ladies and a local Summer Community Band performing a variety of music. The Elijah Smith Chapter assists the ladies by dipping ice cream as well as setting up tables and chairs on the mansion’s lawn.  

Showed in the picture are SAR members (L-R): Mike Snedeker, Tom Glossop, Dave Tannahill, Bob Dalton, Richard Cook, and Phil Hadden, performing their “dipping” duties.
The chapter welcomed six new members at its August meeting.

New members inducted at August chapter meeting

With more than 30 people in attendance, the August meeting of the American Bicentennial Chapter saw the induction of six new compatriots: James Nelson Grant, James Doyle Grant, Daniel William Grant, Michael Rodney Pracht, Christopher Michael Pracht, and Thomas Charles John.

Thomas Ashby, President of the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and his wife Linda were our guests at the meeting. He gave an informative speech about the activities that the SAR supports and suggested ways that the membership can support the Illinois State and National SAR organizations. Mr. Ashby also welcomed our newly inducted members.

ABC Chapter president Larry Wade gave a speech on Braddock’s Defeat. Also known as the Battle of Monongahela, the battle was between the forces of the British and American Colonies against the French and Native Americans, and was linked to the beginning of the American Revolution, as well as an early battle in George Washington’s military career.

Chapter President Wade also acknowledged compatriot Max Dease for the contribution of Maltese Cross statuettes that he made on behalf of the ABC Chapter to the Des Plaines Illinois Fire Department.

The American Bicentennial Chapter was also represented in the Arlington Heights July 4th parade, along with the Eli Skinner Society, and the Aaron Miner Society. The parade car had magnetic signs representing all three organizations.

Chapter involved in many activities

The Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has had an interesting and productive year. Our Chapter continues to grow in the number of members and meeting attendance. Sadly, we have also lost some valued members due to age, such as Dean Grimes and Richard Yemm of Galesburg.

Our members have been active at a State and National level. State President Tom Ashby attended the Leadership Conferences and the 125th National Congress in Louisville, KY. He is a member of the National Nominating Committee. He has founded the Fort Armstrong Chapter in the Quad Cities.

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Compatriot Gary Grugan is the Illinois State Registrar. Gary List is our Chapter President and Chair of the ILSSAR Knight Essay Contest. Allan Campbell is Chair of the ILSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest and the C.A.R./DAR Committee.

Our Uniformed SAR Honor Guard composed of Mike Tubbs, Sargent at Arms, John Foster and Jim Miller participated in the DAR Flag Day ceremony and Allan Campbell gave the opening and closing prayers. The muskets were fired!!

We have had very interesting and informative presentations at each meeting, including Major Conover, Civil War Surgeon of the 108th Infantry, the Battle of Cowpens in

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Captain Zeally Moss chapter activities

South Carolina, Clara Barton, the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War and George Rogers Clark in his later years around Louisville, KY.

Throughout the year, various membership and award certificates have been presented, including the Roger Sherman Medal to Gary Grugan for services to the SAR at the Chapter level.

This medal was also presented to Gary List, John Foster, Mike Tubbs, Ed Peifer, Jim Miller, Aaron Miller and Allan Campbell. Cleta Riggins was presented the SAR medal of appreciation for support by a DAR member.

Our updated website contains our meeting schedule and other useful information: www.captainzeallymoss.org

Fox Valley Chapter

Revolutionary War Patriot honored in Naperville ceremony

The final resting place of Revolutionary War Soldier John Dudley was commemorated September 19 in Naperville, IL with the dedication of a memorial sign at the Naperville Cemetery. Fox Valley Chapter members participated along with local dignitaries. The speakers included; Mayor Steve Chirico, City of Naperville, Rena Tamayo-Calabrese, President & CEO of Naperville Heritage Society & Naper Settlement, and Sally Pentecost, Chairman of the Naperville Heritage Society.

SAR speakers included; Franz Herder, ILSSAR Grave Marking Chairman, Michael Johnston, Former Fox Valley President and John Dudley Researcher, and Kevin Alcott, Fox Valley Chapter Knight Essay Chairman.

John Dudley was born February 25, 1758 in Old Say-brook, Connecticut. In 1776 at the age of 18, he enlisted in the New Hampshire militia and served at Fort Ticonderoga. Then his brigade joined General George Washington’s army. A short time later, on a bitterly cold Christmas night, General Washington led John Dudley and 2,400 other American troops in the legendary crossing of the Delaware River. In May, he returned to Fort Ticonderoga with the militia, and in September 1777 he fought at the Battle of Saratoga, where British General Burgoyne surrendered. Following this the militia was discharged, and Dudley returned home to Newport, New Hampshire. In 1782 John married Lydia Stevens. They raised a family over the next fifteen years, including a son named John born in 1795. In 1816 the Dudleys moved to Ogden, Monroe County, New York, where Lydia passed away some years later. During the 1830’s John received a government pension for his Revolutionary War service. It was around that time that John Dudley, Jr. and his wife Mary Barrows moved to Lisle Township, DuPage County, Illinois. John Sr. joined them there by the summer of 1840 because he was aged and unable to support himself. John Dudley passed away at his son’s home on January 2, 1846 at the age of 87 years, 10 months. He is buried in Section 2, Plot 506 of the Naperville Cemetery in Naperville, Illinois.
Seven members of the GGRC Chapter participated in the flag raising ceremony sponsored by the Edwardsville Township at the Robert C. Stille Edwardsville Township Community Park in Edwardsville, IL. Uniformed re-enactors raised the American flag and the new Edwardsville Township flag which features a logo developed by a group of Edwardsville High School students.

The chapter had a field trip on August 13, 2015. Members and family/guests including Larry Smith and Richard Kinder toured the replicas of the Nina and Pinta at the Grafton, IL riverfront.

The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter presented its historic flag program on Flag Day, June 14th, in front of the Bond County Court House in Greenville. All fifty state flags were placed around the perimeter of the property. The chapter’s 28 historical flags were placed in a semi-circle around the Veterans Memorial. The event was a great success in spite of the rain which failed to dampen the enthusiasm and patriotism of those attending.
Scholarship Awards

The Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented Outstanding Citizenship Awards to 32 high school students from the chapter's seven-county service area. In addition, four of the students received scholarships.

Those earning scholarships in the chapter's Revolutionary War history essay contest are Matthew Grove of Belleville East High School, Benjamin Harsin of Belleville West, Daisy Tomison of Waltonville and Samantha Hopper of Waterloo. Samantha is also the recipient of the Jim Lattig Scholarship provided by the Lattig family and administered by the Lewis & Clark chapter.

Benjamin Harsin of Belleville West High School was one of four scholarship winners in the American Revolution essay contest sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution. He is shown with Bob Blanchard, scholarship chairman.

Samantha Hopper (left) of Waterloo High School is the recipient of the $500 James Lattig Scholarship administered by the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution. Samantha is shown with Bob Blanchard, scholarship chairman, and Chris Grand-Colas, granddaughter of James Lattig.

Law Enforcement Award

The Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented its Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Dave Davis, supervisory deputy for the Southern Illinois District of the U.S. Marshals Service.

In introducing Davis, award chairman Rex Egelston said, “Since the beginning of his duties with the U.S. Marshals Service in 1993, he’s been responsible for the arrest of thousands of local, state and federal fugitives, of which several were on the U.S. Marshals' top 15 list.” Davis has become a “go-to guy,” Egelston said. “When things get sticky, this is the guy they call.”

Davis is part of a team with the purpose of arresting fugitives who represent a threat to the general public, Egelston continued. “They are all aware every time, that the arresting officer faces the possibility of being seriously injured or killed.”

Fire Safety Award

The Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented its Fire Safety Commendation Medal to the Belleville Fire Department, represented by Fire Chief Tom Pour. “We have a career fire department with staff that's always there.” Pour said.

Illinois’ Teacher Of The Year is speaker at award ceremony

O’Fallon Township High School’s Veterans History Project benefits both those who tell their stories and the students who record them, Kristin Strubhart told members and guests of the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently.

“We’re working on our research skills, our writing skills and our communication skills,” Strubhart said. “Yes, our students are working for a grade, but they’re also working to bring honor to their veterans’ stories.”

Strubhart, the ILSSAR History Teacher of the Year, was guest speaker for the chapter’s awards ceremony. She has taught history at OTHS for 19 years and launched the program to interview veterans two years ago. So far, her class has recorded 35 men and women.

The recordings are sent to the U.S. Library of Congress and to the Illinois State Digital Archives, so they will be preserved for future generations, Strubhart said.

“I love to hear our veterans comparing stories. When they come in to do their interviews they talk to each other, and we have a reception where they can compare their stories. We had two World War II guys. One was in Europe and the other was in the Pacific. One flew B-17s and the other flew B-29s and they were joshing each other about which plane was better.” For more information about the veterans project, visit www.veterans.othstoday.com.

Counties served by the Lewis & Clark Chapter are St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Washington, Clinton, Marion and Jefferson. Email meacham@nwcable.net for information.

Benjamin Harsin of Belleville East High School, represented by the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution, is shown with Kristin Strubhart, the ILSSAR History Teacher of the Year, and winner of the ISPAr’s Teacher of the Year award. Strubhart is shown with Bob Blanchard, scholarship chairman, and Kristin Strubhart.
Each year, Mound City National Cemetery is the site of the largest Memorial Day celebration in deep Southern Illinois. The Cemetery was founded during the Civil War interring the remains of Northern and Southern soldiers. Today, the Cemetery is the final resting spot for Veterans in every conflict since then. This year, special honor was given to those who fought in the Viet Nam Conflict, deceased as well as living. Honorariums were presented to all Viet Nam Veterans in attendance. The Long Knives Chapter Color Guard was proud to represent the SAR in the opening parade as well as the Colors presentation.

Memorial Day at Mound City National Cemetery

Chapter honors cafe with veteran’s wall

The Long Knives Chapter recently presented the SAR American Citizenship award to Dixie King, co-owner of Dixie’s Cup Café. Located in Du Quoin, IL, Dixie’s Cup Café has maintained a Veteran’s tribute wall in the restaurant for the past fourteen years. The display includes individual photos of many Veterans from Du Quoin and Perry County. Pictured presenting the Award from the chapter is Jack Cramer.
On April 18th members of the Springfield Chapter Color Guard (Dick Chamblin, Bob Dennison, Dan Hrenko and Richard Moldenhauer) plus Jim DeGroff - General George Rogers Clark Chapter, presented the Colors at the DAR Captain William Penney Chapter grave marking of Revolutionary War Patriot Jacob Henry Shutt. Shutt is buried in the Historic Wimmer Cemetery in Auburn, IL. Springfield Chapter Compatriot Lou Myers furnished the sound system for the program. ILSSAR Senior Vice President Toby Chamberlain presented a SAR Wreath at the grave of Shutt. Shutt served in the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment. The Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment wintered at Valley Forge and saw action at Brandywine, Paoli, Valcour Island and Yorktown. The regiment also served in the defense of Northern New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Springfield chapter teams up with DAR for grave marking

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Patriotism on display at state fair

Seven Springfield Chapter members joined the Illinois Society Color Guard in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, where over 5000 spectators lined the parade route. Chapter members participating were Dick Chamblin, Dan Hrenko, Lou Myers, Karl Reed, Drew Robinson, George Tinkham and Toby Chamberlain.

Joining the contingent was Captain William Penny DAR member Polly Myers, ILSSAR President Tom Ashby, Linda Ashby, and their grandchildren, Hayden Coleman, Julia and Erica Cohen, all in colonial dress.

Carrying the Illinois Society SAR banner were Sadie and Cora Brillhart, granddaughters of Springfield Past President Dan Hrenko. Julia, Erica and Hayden passed out flags to bystanders.
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Here we are once more at summer’s end. Now here is the fall line up!
Thursday October 15th, at NOON, at Champaign Country Club, we will meet for lunch. Our speaker will Pattsi Petrie. She will share some comments about what is happening in Champaign County.
November…..NO Meeting.
Sunday, December 13, at 11:45 AM, at Champaign Country Club we meet for our annual Christmas Program! Our own William McLane will present a program on a little known Patriot from Delaware.

Images from the August board of managers meeting

Toby Chamberlin discusses the hotel accommodations.

Tom Ashby looks on as Dave Ashbrook gives the invocation.

President Tom Ashby presents the Roger Sherman Medal to Bob Morefield.

Karl Reed discusses the Patriot Award process.
General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

GJB members ride in Downs, IL parade

Don Lush organized a GJB SAR Float for the Downs 4th of July Parade with Don Lush, Rodney Lush, Don Hyland and Dave Ashbrook participating. It was held at noon and was well attended.

Riding on the chapter’s float in the Downs, IL Independence Day parade are from left; Don Hyland, Don Lush, and Dave Ashbrook. Walking along at right is Rodney Lush. In the back are from left; Quincy Roberts, Amy Harshberger, and Judy Lush.