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# The Illinois Patriot

Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution  
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## Illinois Society President Message

As the Illinois Society State President, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting events we have planned for this quarter. Our annual awards banquet and youth awards luncheon are quickly approaching, and I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight these and other significant occasions.

### Annual Awards Banquet

Our esteemed annual awards banquet will be held on May 9th. This event is a celebration of our shared heritage and a recognition of the outstanding contributions made by our members throughout the year. It is an evening of camaraderie, reflection, and honor as we acknowledge those who have upheld the principles and values of our organization. Join us for an unforgettable night of festivities and fellowship. At the awards banquet, the Ladies Auxiliary holds a silent auction. All proceeds of the auction support our cemetery marking program. You can learn more about the auction and the banquet on the state website at <https://www.illinois-sar.org/conference.html>.

### Youth Programs & Awards Luncheon

Following the awards banquet, on May 10th, ILSSAR holds our annual Youth Awards Luncheon. During this event, we recognize the remarkable achievements of young individuals in our community. This luncheon is dedicated to celebrating the future leaders who embody the spirit of the American Revolution. It is an opportunity to inspire and support our youth as they continue to engage in

patriotic endeavors.

Speaking of youths, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the work around inspiring and prospering our future leaders. Our State Youth Education Chair, Herb Allen, has been working with the National Education Chair, Roger Williams, along with our chapter officers to implement new programs to support educating our youth about the American Revolution and our founding principles. If there is a school in your area that is interested in educational programs around the American Revolution, please get in contact with your chapter. I'd also like to take a moment to recognize Compatriot Dennis Lybarger. Compatriot Lybarger and the General George Rogers Clark have been doing great work around youth awards and youth education.

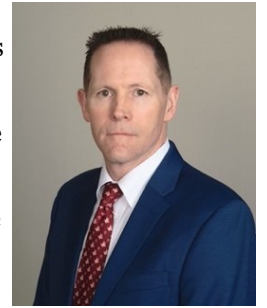
### Membership and Recruitment

One of the critical priorities for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is membership and recruitment. I am pleased to share that throughout the month of April, the National Society will be offering a 50% discount on membership fees for all new members. This initiative is designed to encourage friends and family to join our ranks and contribute to our mission of preserving the legacy of the American Revolution. We urge you to take advantage of this special offer and invite those who share our passion and dedication to become part of our historical society.

### America 250

As part of the Sons of the American Revolution's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American

Revolution, several programs and events have been organized to commemorate this historic milestone. One notable initiative is the National Liberty Tree project, which aims to plant Liberty Trees across the nation, serving as living symbols of freedom and patriotism. This project, along with other educational and commemorative events, underscores our commitment to preserving the legacy of the American Revolution and inspiring future generations to uphold its principles. You can read more about the project and updates at <https://america250sar.org/libertytree/>. The goal of the program is to plant 250 trees before July 4, 2026. Illinois is one of 20 states that have planted a Liberty Tree. If you know of a location to plant a tree, please contact Bill Wheeler at [bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org](mailto:bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org).



I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events and am excited about the growth and future of our organization. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Sons of the American Revolution.

William "Bill" Wheeler

***The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.***

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# May Society Meeting

Each year we have our Annual Awards banquet to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the work that you all have done. This year our annual awards banquet will take place on Friday, May 9th at the Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree Hotel in Springfield. All details on costs, meals, etc. can be found using the following form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/GpHjanguvo>

You can also find details and the event web page at <https://www.illinois-sar.org/conference.html>. This page will be updated with additional event details as well as auction items (more on that in a moment).

Dress for the Friday evening banquet is Black Tie or Uniform. Dress for the Saturday meeting and Youth Awards luncheon is business casual.

Each year the ILSSAR Ladies Auxiliary supports us by holding a silent auction. The proceeds raised during the auction go towards supporting the cemetery marking project. We are asking for your support by providing donations. Items that are successful include:

Baskets  
Wine  
Candy

Homemade bakery goods  
Colonial clothing

If you make a donation, please provide a picture of the item so that we can add it to the web page. For the Youth Luncheon, if an award recipient will be attending, please register on their behalf or please email [Bill Wheeler](mailto:Bill.Wheeler) so that we can have an accurate count.

***As Abigail Adams said,  
"Remember the ladies"...***

**What would we do without them? The Illinois SAR Ladies Auxiliary has raised thousands of dollars to help the Society in carrying out its mission of inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our revolutionary ancestors.**

**Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, stepdaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the SAR who are in good standing.**

**The current dues are \$5 per year (which also makes a lady a member of the National Ladies Auxiliary).**

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*Editor reserves right to edit submitted materials for space.  
The Illinois Patriot Summer 2025 (July 2025)  
Deadline for Submissions: **Friday, June 20.***

# Illinois Society February 2025 Minutes

President Bill Wheeler called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

## Approval of Minutes

November Meeting minutes were distributed and approved. Meeting Opened Pledge of Allegiance was initiated; SAR Pledge was initiated by Steve Hyatt ; and Invocation was provided by Dennis Lybarger. No guests or first-time attendees were present. Welcome Honored Guest: No Special Guests this meeting 10-minute break at 10:45 am

**First Time Attendees:** Rick Milner, GJB Eric Reelitz, GGRC  
**New Business**

Officer Vacancies: Senior Vice President, Historian, Chaplain

Chairman Vacancies: Schweitzer History Teacher, Audit

## Treasurer/Secretary Report

– Drew Robinson: Treasurer Report shared via email.

**Membership** as of January 1, 2025 - 927 members, 15 members added so far this year; As of February 1, 2025- 942 members . Pending applications – 13 Pended applications - 5.

**Banking:** National has been paid dues income. Tax reporting will be submitted by state for all chapters Shared and reviewed financial reports

**Budget:** Endowment: TIAA is improving (“looking positive”) \$424,444.69 PNC, \$18,730.88 and 5th/3rd \$27,590.93 Total Assets \$470,221.46

The largest expense is meetings Do meetings need to take place four times? Do meetings require an overnight component? Jan & Nov meetings?

**Newsletter:** Currently not being printed/mailed. Opt-In opportunity? Managed by chapter? Break even costs? Requested recommendation from Jason Butterick & Drew Robinson. Costs prior to the pandemic were \$6300 Steve Hyatt made a motion to approve the Treasurer/Secretary Report. Second by

Philip Bailey. MOTION PASSES  
**Committee Reports**

**Knight Essay:** Welcome NEW Knights Essay Chairman Eric Reelitz from the GGRC Chapter  
**Veterans:** In the 2025 budget, we had budgeted \$250 to support Veteran’s organizations. \$150 will be provided to VFW and \$100 will go to Midwest Veterans Closet. Both are great organizations, and we thank them for the work that they do supporting veterans in Illinois,

**Flag Awards:** Total Of 41 Awards Presented so far in 2025. Fox Valley-12, GGRC-12, Kishwaukee- 5, Fort Armstrong- 5, Zeally Moss-4, Springfield- 2, GJB - 1 4

**Youth Awards:** Compatriot Ted Miller (ILSSAR Flag Chair and former president of the Fox Valley Chapter) raised concerns about the challenges that chapters and the state society face in locating and communicating key dates and details about the various youth awards (e.g. Rumbaugh, Poster Contest, Teach Award, etc.). Ted recommended that a committee be established to address these gaps. The committee has been established consisting of Ted Miller, Mike Campagnolo, and Bill Wheeler.

**Eagle Scout:** Chair George Tinkham submitted report. We have 6 Eagle Scout Scholarship applications for 2024.

**ROTC:** Chair Dennis Lybarger will be passing out ROTC medals and certificates to each chapter at this meeting. JROTC Essay needs to be in his hands by April 1st .

**Americanism Report:** March 15th Deadline (Jeff Case)

**ILSSAR Cemetery Marking Program:** Cemetery marker costs have increased recently. Cost approximately \$3000. 5 markings maximum statewide per year. GWEF will pay \$1000, ILSSAR pay \$1000 and the Chapter is responsible for the remaining

balance

**Future Meeting Schedule:**

Requests from members to have meeting schedules two years in advance of meetings (in Constitution) o Bill Wheeler to make more advanced nominations.

**ILSSAR Trustee Report -** Mike Campagnolo: Submitted to ILSSAR Webpage. Tom Ashby has submitted as an Alternate Trustee a report on the additional progress made to the museum in Louisville. Working on donations to fund additional buildout. Mike Campagnolo will continue Trustee in 2025 (Tom Ashby Alternate)

**ILSSAR 250th Committee:** Welcome NEW Chairman Jerry Whitson, Chapters encouraged to get involved!

## Old Business

**Next Newsletter:** July 15th, 2025; Submissions by June 10th

**Editor Note: This was inaccurate. It was March 20 deadline with April 2025 publication.**

## Chapter health

**Springfield** chapter has limited engagement.

**Fort Armstrong** lost many members during COVID. Meets every 3rd Wednesday.

**Lewis & Clark** chapter not very active- Dan Crafton is Point of contact.

**Fox Valley** chapter attendance at meetings and events are up.

Officer Training modules for Chapters are available on the NSSAR Website .

**Americanism Report:** Only one chapter has been submitted so far out of 15 chapters.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Mostly distributed online. Charge \$5 extra for printed copy? Drew Robinson and Jason Butterick will discuss.

# Welcome New Compatriots & In Memoriam

## American Bicentennial

Harold Thomas Stratton

## Ewington

Mark Edward Doan  
Robert Leslie McClerren

## Fort Dearborn

Michael Bownman McCarthy

## Fox Valley

Douglas Scott Anderson  
Erick Anderson

## General Joseph Bartholomew

Andrew H. Argo  
Mark Anthony Gurra

## Long Knives

Lon Douglas Burke

## In Memoriam

### **James Drummy Brown**

February 3, 2025

### **Jerome H Smith**

January 19, 2025

Fort Dearborn



## SAR University Launched

The NSSAR Education Committee is proud to announce the initial release of SAR University. SAR University is the location for all Compatriot and Officer training materials and is accessible by logging into [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) and simply clicking on SAR University in the blue toolbar at the top of the home page. Please feel free to begin

using this training resource and know that we have many plans for its evolution.

Note: Currently, you will be required to print and keep a copy of your completed training certificates as proof of your course completion.

## The Decade of the American Revolution 2023-2033

In 2025, the 250th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord will be observed.

The rest of the decade series follows:

- ⇒ 2026 Declaration of Independence
- ⇒ 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- ⇒ 2028 French Alliance
- ⇒ 2029 Siege of Vincennes/ Fort Sackville, Battle of Kettle Creek
- ⇒ 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- ⇒ 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- ⇒ 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- ⇒ 2033 Treaty of Paris.

State Societies and local chapters are encouraged to coordinate and host observances for each of the highlighted national observances. Local chapters should connect with D.A.R. chapters, Boy Scout troops, and other partnerships and organizations to coordinate a public event or activity highlighting the historical milestone. As was spoken at the previous Congress, “Just because the historical event did not happen in your area does not mean your area cannot have an event observing the historic

anniversary.”

The America 250th SAR Programs Committee has collected programs, materials, videos, and more to help your chapter organize and resource teachers, students, and the general public about the significance and impact of the Revolutionary War. You can review these resources at their website: [america250sar.org](http://america250sar.org)

# Chapter Capsules

## News from Our Chapters

### Fort Dearborn March 2025 Chapter Meeting

On March 20th, the Fort Dearborn Sons of the American Revolution held a noteworthy meeting at the prestigious Union League Club in Chicago. The gathering was marked by significant events and enlightening discussions, contributing to the organization's ongoing mission to honor the legacy of American independence.

A key highlight of the meeting was the induction of a new member, William Spencer by chapter President, Martin Starr. His swearing-in ceremony added a sense of tradition and continuity to the proceedings, symbolizing the growth and dedication of the Society to preserving the values of the American Revolution.

The meeting also featured an engaging presentation by guest speaker Dr. Omar De la Cruz, who delivered a compelling program on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Dr. De la Cruz's insights into PTSD were deeply informative, shedding light on the complexities of this condition and its impact on individuals, especially veterans. His expertise provided members with a greater understanding of the challenges faced by those affected by PTSD and underscored the importance of supporting mental health initiatives.

The Union League Club Chicago proves to be an ideal venue for these events, offering an atmosphere of elegance and historical resonance that complemented the

organization's values. As the Society continues to grow and evolve, meetings such as this one play a crucial role in nurturing connections, sharing knowledge, and celebrating the enduring spirit of the American Revolution.

Fort Dearborn's next meeting will be May 15th at 11:45am at the Union League Club Chicago. You can learn more about the event or Fort Dearborn on their website at <https://www.dearbornsar.org/> or Facebook at <https://fb.com/dearbornsar>.

### General George Rogers Clark American 250th

Mrs. Theresa Loehr, Social Studies teacher at Troy Middle School, invited Dennis Lybarger, of GGRC Chapter to give a presentation about the American Revolution and Colonial life to her 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to enhance her student's understanding of those times during our history. Mrs. Loehr's students have been studying about the Colonies and the American Revolutionary War.

Dennis was also invited to present information about the Revolutionary War to Mrs. Decker's fifth grade class at C. A. Henning School in Troy, Illinois, on February 5, 2025. Mrs. Decker had just started a unit on the Revolutionary War. He talked to the students about the Revolutionary War and Colonial life. The students

enjoyed examining some of the items that he brought to display.

### Chapter Anniversary Banquet

On February 26, 2025, the chapter held their 39th Chapter Anniversary Banquet at Diamond Mineral Springs in Highland, Illinois. It was attended by over 40 members, prospective members, spouses, and friends. Among those in attendance were the winner of the Knight Essay contest, Anastasia Hasenstab, and members of her family; President of the IL Society, Bill Wheeler; and the newest member of the chapter, Compatriot Darren Pelot.

Eric Reelitz, Chairman of the Knight Essay Award Committee; and Bill Wheeler, IL Society President, presented Anastasia Hasenstab a check for \$500 for her winning essay.

Outgoing Chapter President Philip Bailey then presented awards to several members. The Bronze Henry Knox Medal for service to the Chapter was awarded to Eric Reelitz, Chapter Chaplain; Stephen Hyatt, Chapter Registrar; Dennis Lybarger, Chairman of the America 250th Anniversary Committee for the Chapter; and Robert Ridenour, Chapter Treasurer. President Bailey also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Rachel Korte for placing the Wreaths Across America at Glen Carbon Cemetery when Phil was ill with COVID in December 2024.

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*General Joseph Bartholomew presents Citizens' Awards in Iroquois County: Jay Cummins, Chapter President, Compatriot Dr. Albert Day, Gage Vogel-Milford HS; Ava Carlson-Donovan HS; James Newell- Watseka, Madison Smith- Central High, Keegan Reed- Cissna Park, Jake Kocher-Iroquois West, and Compatriot Jay Herrman.*

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*Illinois Society SAR President Bill Wheeler and Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution State President Jack Rosenthal with members of DAR and SAR at the Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution State Conference.*

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*Illinois Society President Bill Wheeler swears in new officers of General George Rogers Clark Chapter: Eric Reelitz, President, Stephen Hyatt, Registrar Robert Ridenour, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chaplain Philip Bailey.*

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*Lewis & Clark Law Enforcement Award – Left to right are Dave Schmitt, Lewis & Clark chapter president, Angelica Powell with daughter Ava, Officer Cody Powell and John Meacham, chapter awards chairman.*

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*Lewis & Clark Chapter Life Saving Award – Left to right are Marcia and Rachel Rednour, Raylen's grandmother and mother, Raylen and Dave Schmitt, chapter president.*

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## Coulterville IL Celebrates Historic Ties to Revolutionary War Hero George Rogers Clark

A wave of community pride swept through Coulterville Saturday, March 15th, as students, residents, and members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) gathered for the dedication of a historical plaque commemorating General George Rogers Clark's pivotal campaign to capture Fort Sackville. The plaque, a testament to the town's significant, yet often overlooked, role in American history, was the culmination of a dedicated effort by the students of Coulterville.

The event, held on March 15, 2025, saw a large turnout, with attendees eager to learn more about the historical significance of their town. General George Rogers Clark, a key figure in the American Revolutionary War, led his intrepid band of frontiersmen through the area that is now Coulterville during his arduous winter march to capture Fort Sackville (present-day Vincennes, Indiana) from the British in 1779.

"This dedication is more than just a plaque," stated Tim Heggemeier, a former resident and descendant of two of the men marching with George Rogers Clark. "It's a way to connect our community to the brave men who shaped our nation. By recognizing their journey through Coulterville, we are keeping their story alive for future

generations."

The students, driven by a passion for local history, initiated the project, conducting extensive research and collaborating with local historians. Their efforts included poring over historical documents and obtaining a map of Clark's route.

The ceremony began with a presentation by Tim Heggemeier, who provided a detailed account of Clark's strategic genius and the challenges his men faced during their perilous journey. He emphasized the importance of the campaign in securing the Northwest Territory for the fledgling United States.

"General Clark's march was a remarkable feat of endurance and determination," said Tim. "His victory at Fort Sackville was a turning point in the war, significantly expanding the boundaries of the new nation. It is essential that we remember and honor the sacrifices made by these patriots."

Following the presentation, the plaque was unveiled by the Coulterville students, revealing the inscription detailing Clark's passage through Coulterville. The plaque, now prominently displayed at the Coulterville Museum, will serve as a permanent reminder of the town's connection to this pivotal moment in

American history.

The dedication ceremony was further enhanced by a display of period artifacts and a musket volley by members of the SAR; Chapters Genl George Rogers Clark, Long Knives, and Kaskaskia Militia, who demonstrated the weaponry and period uniforms used during the Revolutionary War. The event concluded with a community gathering, where attendees shared stories, visited the Coulterville Museum, and reflected on the significance of the day.

"This is a proud moment for Coulterville," said Tim Heggemeier. "It's wonderful to see our students taking such an active role in preserving our history. This plaque will serve as a valuable educational resource for our community and visitors alike."

The dedication of the George Rogers Clark historical plaque stands as a testament to the power of community collaboration and the enduring legacy of American history. It is a reminder that even small towns can play a significant role in shaping the course of a nation. The students of Coulterville have made a lasting contribution, ensuring that the story of General George Rogers Clark's march through their town will be remembered for generations to come.



Attendees and Compatriots at the Coulterville Plaque dedication. Compatriots pictured l to r: Patrick Haskell, Long Knives; Eric Reelitz, General George Rogers Clark President; Philip Bailey, General George Rogers Clark Past President; Richard Ruedin, Past Illinois Society President and General George Rogers Clark Past President. Also pictured is Michael Jones, Kaskaskia Militia.



## Celebrating Excellence in Historical Scholarship George and Stella Knight Essay Contest Winner: Anastasia Hasenstab

In a remarkable display of historical scholarship and eloquence, Ms. Anastasia Hasenstab has emerged as the distinguished winner of the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest. Her journey to this prestigious accolade began at the February meeting of the General George Rogers Clark (GGRC) chapter, where she was honored as the chapter winner.

Ms. Hasenstab's exemplary article was subsequently presented to the Illinois Society for competition at the state level. The event was graced by the presence of State President, Bill Wheeler, who attended the GGRC meeting to deliver thrilling news: Ms. Hasenstab had also triumphed at the state level. This significant achievement marked a pivotal moment as her article ascended to the national stage, competing amongst the finest entries from across the country.

The recognition of Ms. Hasenstab's talents and dedication to historical research is not only a testament to her hard work and intellect but also an inspiration to young scholars everywhere. The Illinois Society eagerly anticipates her participation in the ILSSAR Youth Luncheon on May 10th, where Ms. Hasenstab and her family will be celebrated for her outstanding contribution.

Ms. Hasenstab's progress from chapter to state and now the national level highlights the importance of supporting



*Ms. Anastasia Hasenstab and her family with General George Rogers Clark Chapter President, Eric Reelitz*

young minds and encouraging them to explore history. Her success in the George and Stella Knight Essay contest is a sign of excellence and potential for the future of historical research.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Anastasia Hasenstab, whose

insightful and compelling essay has earned her deserved recognition and accolades. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to witnessing her continued success and contributions to the academic world.



## ILSSAR Silent Auction

All chapters are encouraged to support the Ladies Auxiliary by donating items for auction. All proceeds support the cemetery marking program.

May 9, 2025, 7pm CDT

Abraham Lincoln Hotel

<https://www.illinois-sar.org/conference>

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### **General Joseph Bartholomew Iroquois County Citizens' Awards**

We traveled to Milford on December 13 to help present the Iroquois County Outstanding Citizenship awards to six high school seniors. Chapter President Jay Cummins, new GJB member Jay Herrman, as well as Dr. Albert Day of Watseka attended. DAR Princess Wach-ee-kee Chapter Regent Nita Benner hosted this event where the DAR and SAR presented awards to graduating seniors from Iroquois County. Students were presented a Outstanding Citizenship certificate, pin, pocket copy of the Constitution, and the chapter's challenge coin. The GJB Chapter presented awards to the following students: • Keegan Reed - Cissna Park • Madison Smith - Central High School • Ava Carlson - Donovan • Jake Kocher - Iroquois West • Gage Vogel - Milford • James Newell - Watseka. An interesting program on the Lincoln Tomb was presented by Abraham Lincoln Historian Christina Lee Smith.

### **Lewis & Clark Life Saving Award**

The chapter presented a Life Saving Medal to a 12-year-old boy who prolonged his grandfather's life and a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to a police officer who saved a woman's life during a drug overdose call.

On October 2, Richard Rednour of Coulterville suffered a medical emergency outside his home. His 12-year-

old grandson Raylen Rednour called to his grandmother that something was wrong. Marcia Rednour called 9-1-1 and was told to start chest compressions. She told the dispatcher she didn't know how.

Raylen had gone to the house for blankets. When he returned, he said he knew how to do CPR because the Coulterville Police Department had taught students at his school. He and his grandmother did the compressions until police officers arrived and took over.

Unfortunately, Mr. Rednour passed away later that day at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, but Mrs. Rednour said she and the rest of the family were grateful that Raylen's knowledge and action gave them time to say good-bye.

### **Law Enforcement Award**

Officer Cody Powell of the New Athens Police Department arrived at a woman's home and found a woman in cardiac arrest due to an overdose. He administered a dose of Naloxone and performed a sternum rub using the knuckles of his closed fist.

After he found the woman didn't have a pulse, Officer Powell administered a second dose of Naloxone and performed CPR until the woman regained consciousness and began breathing on her own.

The town boards of Coulterville and New Athens had previously recognized Raylen and Officer Powell for their services.

### **Stephen Decatur**

The chapter will be

presenting its Citizens' Awards to various high school students in Macon, DeWitt, Piatt, Christian, and Moultrie Counties.

### **Are You a Friend of the SAR Library?**

The Friends of the SAR Library was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives and to provide for the purchase of non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology. The collection objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection. Anyone can become a valued Friend of the Library – SAR membership is NOT a requirement. All FOL members receive a beautiful enamel pin for their collection, and for members from the general public, the \$25 yearly support grants free admission to the library for the year!



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**250th Anniversary of Battle of Lexington & Concord**  
Saturday, April 19

**Illinois Society Members Meeting**  
Friday & Saturday May 9-10, 2025  
Springfield, Illinois

**George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Ceremony**  
Thursday, May 24, 2025  
George Rogers Clark Memorial—Vincennes, Indiana

**135th National Congress**  
Mohegan Sun Resort  
Uncasville, CT  
Saturday, July 12—Friday, July 18, 2025

**Illinois Society Members Meeting**  
Friday & Saturday August 8-9, 2025  
Effingham, Illinois

## **More Ways To Stay Informed**

*Here are even more ways to connect with SAR events & news*

**National Society**  
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**Great Lakes District**  
[illinois-sar.org/gld.html](http://illinois-sar.org/gld.html)

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