

# The Illinois Patriot



## Illinois Society Sons of The American Revolution

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## The President's Message

by President Thomas D. Ashby

I was pondering what my last President's Message should be and a lot of ideas ran through my head: perhaps our upcoming May Annual Congress, when we have the Member Awards Dinner and the Youth and Community Awards Luncheon. Or maybe back to the basics. We need every chapter to have a Registrar and a Color Guard. Another thought: successful Chapters have jobs for all their members and support all the Illinois SAR's Community and Youth Awards programs. Possibly, let's get behind the Center! I thought I might discuss the need to call members who haven't renewed their membership and encourage them to do so. Or, what about becoming a George Washington Fellow? I know, the excitement of Genealogical research. Another possibility, how does the new Membership System work? How about getting help to fill the Poster and Brochure Contest Chairmanship? Thinking again, how do you fill a slate of Chapter Officers? Wait! Many of these seem familiar. Perhaps I mentioned them before. In fact, I am sure I have!

Well, my two years are nearly up and it is almost time to turn things over to a new president, Toby Chamberlain, and his new Senior Vice-President, Jim DeGroff. As I reflect back on the last two years, I want to thank everyone for their support, advice, and help - especially the chapter presidents, Illinois SAR officers, committee chairmen and past officers.

Volunteers have agreed to fill key positions to help our state continue to grow beyond the 1000-member goal of the past. Members helped save the Fort Dearborn Chapter after the loss of its long-time president, Bing Seibold. Jim DeGroff rejuvenated the Ewington Chapter. The Zeally Moss Chapter spun off the new Fort Armstrong Chapter. Dick Chamblin is working to rebuild the Decatur Chapter. Others merged the Salt Creek Chapter back into the Fort Dearborn and Fox Valley Chapters.

New chairmen have stepped forward: Michael Murray to fill Budget and Finance, Allan Campbell - Rumbaugh Orations, Gary List - Knight Essay, Garry Grugan - Fire, EMS, and Police Awards, Scott Sanders - Illinois Patriot Editor and recently, Eric Funkhouser - Outreach Education Chairman. What great support I have received! I really appreciate it!

I have had a busy time attending chapter meetings, cemetery markings, grave markings, parades and DAR meetings all around the state - many more than a couple of times. I have attended all national congresses, leadership meetings and state Board of Managers meetings as Vice-President and President.

I have also had the help of our State Auxiliary President, my wife Linda, who has accompanied me to most of these activities. She has brought the message of what the SAR Auxiliary does, and the need for us and our wives to support the efforts of both the State and National SAR Auxiliaries.

As I leave the President's position, I take on the new mantle of National Trustee for our State Society. I will also continue as the State Color Guard Commander and IT Chairman. Also, I am still on the National Boy Scout, Membership and Nominating Committees. I am sure all that will be enough to keep me very busy!

Thank you for your support and for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve the SAR!



Thomas D. Ashby

## Senior Vice-President Toby Chamberlain's Comments



Toby Chamberlain

Wow! The February Saturday morning Board of Managers meeting in Bloomington had so many Illinois SAR compatriots attending that additional chairs had to be added just prior to the start of the meeting. With your help we can keep the momentum going and have even more Illinois SAR members attend the May BOM meeting in Springfield.

You do not have to attend either the Friday night dinner or Saturday lunch in order to attend the Saturday BOM meeting. Of course, I hope you will choose to attend one or both meals. This is a great time to meet and socialize with your peers from around the state.

After the Friday dinner, the presentation of the Illinois SAR chapter and individual awards will take place. Following the Saturday lunch, the presentation of the Community Service and Youth awards will occur.

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## Senior Vice-President Toby Chamberlain's Comments continued

Also, Illinois SAR officers for 2016-18 will be installed.

You will find a dinner and lunch reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact me at [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net) or 217.483.6267.

I have been hard at work on staffing vacant positions on several of our ILSSAR committees. We need to find a chairman for

the School Poster committee. Also, we need members to help fill out some of our Illinois SAR committees. Some of the vacancies are on the Historic Sites, Public Service, ROTC Cadet Recognition and Outstanding Citizenship Committees.

I need your help filling these vacancies. Are you willing to step forward?

## A report from the recent NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville

By J. Gordon Bidner  
GJB Chapter President

I think I have attended ten NSSAR Leadership meetings since 2008, when I became ILSSAR President, then Trustee and then a VPG. The meetings are most generally interesting and informative and over the years I have made several good friends and acquaintances. It also seems that most often there is at

least one issue in a political sense. It also seems that there is a constant battle by past NSSAR leadership to remain in control of the direction of the SAR. The one thing that came out of this that was most the positive, was that concerns were raised about the Solid Light Plan and many 'rank and file members' expressed their concerns and had a voice and a hearing of sorts.

The major concern expressed by many was the lack of a good marketing and evaluation of the project along with reasonable projections of attendance and revenue versus expenses. The expectation is for a positive revenue stream for the Education Outreach Interpretive Center of around \$200,000-300,000 per year with an average yearly attendance of around 65,000.

The Solid Light Proposal was discussed at length at the ExCom meeting on Feb. 25 and then again on Saturday morning. Fourteen state societies sent resolutions to the NSSAR Leadership with eight in favor of the Solid light Proposal and six expressing opposition to the proposal.

During the ExCom meeting Bill Stone (AL), Chair of the Solid Light Committee, David Billings (AL), Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, David Boring (MI) and Randy Ellis (OK) Chair of the Budget Committee and Sam Powell (NC), SAR Foundation President all made



presentations regarding the proposed Center Exhibit Hall and Museum. These same presentations were then made again on Saturday morning at the trustee's meeting, along with a video provided by the Solid Light folks and a presentation by the Solid Light Project manager.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments before breaking for lunch and additional comments, a motion, and a ballot vote. The first motion was to pay the balance of the \$549,000 bill for 'The Plan' which passed with but one dissent. Then another motion was made to proceed with the Solid Light Interactive Museum Plan and start a Capital Campaign for \$10 million dollars to fund the project. The project is tentatively not to start until the money is raised and or pledges received.

The Trustees earlier were advised that the Museum Board recommended two alternatives: a \$5 million dollar project or a \$7.5 million dollar project, with the Museum Board in support of the \$7.5 million dollar project.

Why \$10 million? Two reasons. First, it fits within the 1776 Campaign. Secondly, it will take some time to attain this goal and costs and technology will likely increase and change. The roof-top garden and the basement 'video' were not included in the proposed motion OR discussion.

From 2000 to 2007, the NSSAR has

raised \$4,265,387 And, from 2008 to 2015, \$7,300,330 has been raised at an average of \$912,541 per year. Twenty two percent, or approximately 7,500 of the SAR members contributed an average of \$296/member over these last 15 years. So, it appears that it will take five to seven years at best, to raise the \$10 million.

Remember that the

NSSAR has a debt presently of \$1,238,715.47 for the headquarters build-out. The total 'net assets' for the year ending in 2015 is \$8,010,027.80.

The vote was 44 Yea's and 29 Nay's. Trustees, VPG's, General NSSAR Officers and 8 PPG voted, representing 60.3% in favor and 39.7% against the motion. I guess the thing that bothered me most was twofold. First, the 'major press' that was made and the attempt to provide information that wasn't previously available to members to pass the issue including the 'PPG Sympson Letter', the 'financials' from Billings, Boring and Ellis and the Powell Fund Raising Report.

Secondly, when the vote was announced a loud YEA from those in favor of the motion erupted. I could understand an applause, but not the loud voices. It further substantiated the fact that this was more about winning and face-saving than it was about doing what is best for the SAR, or at least seriously considering the objections and concerns raised.

If I were in NSSAR leadership I would be MOST concerned about the 40% that feel both ignored, disenfranchised and being seen as some have said, as 'naysayers!' I promise all of you reading this summary, that the 40% love the SAR as much as the 60% and most importantly want the NSSAR to remain solvent and committed to its members and purpose.

**The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Illinois Society Annual Meeting May 13 & 14  
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois**

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel room discount rate is \$102.00 plus tax. Cut off date for discount reservations is April 22, 2016. Call 866-788-1860 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate. Historically this has been a well attended event so do not delay in making your reservation. Dress is Black Tie, Business Dress or Uniform.

**Friday, May 13 dinner begins at 7p.m.** We will have a cash bar and social hour with Hors D’oeuvres from 6 to 7p.m. Dress is Black Tie, Business or Colonial Dress. Don’t miss the Ladies’ Auxilliary popular Silent Auction! Following dinner, chapter and individual awards will be presented.

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**Saturday Board Meeting** will start at 8:30 a.m. 2016-18 Illinois Society officers will be installed. Lunch begins at noon followed by community service and individual awards.

I will attend the BOM Meeting but not any meal events: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday and Saturday Meal Requests**

Friday Dinner: Lemon Dill Chicken, Seasonal Vegetables and Desert: \$35 each

Saturday Luncheon: London Broil, Seasonal Vegetables and Desert: \$30 each

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Meal payment is due not later than May 6. Meal requests received after May 6 will cost \$40.00 for Friday dinner and \$35 for Saturday lunch.**

**Mail personal check payable to ILSSAR for meal total to:**

Compatriot Toby Chamberlain Phone: (H) 217-483-6267, (C) 217-299-1966  
230 Marblestone Drive, Chatham, IL 62629 e-mail: saichamb@comcast.net

### SAR 2016 Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### May 13 & 14

Illinois SAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, \$102.00 plus tax. Call 866-788-1860 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate. Cutoff date for reservations is April 22nd. Friday night is dinner and Illinois SAR Chapter and Individual awards presentation. Saturday morning is the BOM meeting, lunch, Community and Youth Awards presentation and the installation of 2016-18 officers. This event is always well attended so make your reservation early.

#### July 8-13

National SAR 126th Congress, Boston, MA, Westin Copley Hotel. Call 866.716.8108 and ask for the NSSAR 2016 Boston Congress rate \$199.00 plus tax.

#### August 11, 12 & 13

August 11, 2016 Illinois State Fair Parade and Illinois SAR Color Guard, Springfield. If you will be participating in the parade, contact Illinois SAR President Tom Ashby at [tdashby@me.com](mailto:tdashby@me.com) or 309-897-8483.

August 12-13. Illinois SAR Board of Managers meeting, Springfield, Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Springfield Hilton Hotel). Room rate of \$107.00 per night includes two full breakfast buffet coupons per room and one complimentary parking pass per

room. Cutoff date for reservations is July 21. Call 217.789.1530 for reservations. Remember, this is the State Fair weekend and last minute rooms are almost impossible to find.

#### August 14

Illinois State Fair Veterans Parade and Illinois SAR Color Guard.

#### September 29 - October 1

National SAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 877.926.7757 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

#### October 28 & 29

Great Lakes District Meeting, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. Room rate and reservation information will be published when it becomes available.

#### November 4 & 5, 2016

Illinois SAR Board of Managers Meeting, Peoria Pere Marquette Marriott Hotel, \$115.00 plus tax. Sons of the American Revolution rate includes free self-parking and two free breakfast buffet coupons per room. Cutoff date for reservations is October 4, 2016.

Call (309) 636-500 or (800) 228-9290 for reservations.



### John Adams comes alive through Rumbaugh oration winner



Joseph Cozzi

Joseph Cozzi, a senior at Fenwick High School, and the 2015 ILSSAR Rumbaugh Oration winner who went on to finish second in the National Society's oration contest, presented his award-winning speech at February's BOM meeting. His speech, John Adams: Setting the Precedent of Integrity and Justice in America, was enthusiastically received. After his speech, he fielded questions about how he prepares for his orations. After graduating, he plans to attend Notre Dame, or perhaps Harvard, then pursue a career in medicine.

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### ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OFFICERS 2014-2015

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### ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan

Effective immediately my new e-mail address is

[gagrugansar@gmail.com](mailto:gagrugansar@gmail.com).

Please update your contact information accordingly.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

#### Secretary — Jim DeGross

Please notify me of address changes or deceased members, in order to keep your ILSSAR database up to date and your newsletter delivered to the correct address AT:

[loladegross@charter.net](mailto:loladegross@charter.net)



## Practical information on applications from ILSSAR's registrar

By Gary Grugan  
ILSSAR Registrar

After having completed my first year serving as the Registrar for ILSSAR, I thought it would be helpful to provide a few suggestions in regard to application preparation and submission based on my experience during this time.

### The Application Process

The new on-line application is available and can be used for every application type by creating a user account at members.sar.org. This application is quite a bit different from all previous application formats and will take some getting used to, so Chapter Registrars and any other application sponsors may wish to start working with it to gain familiarity. The new application format was, originally, to be mandated by this time. As of the time of this writing it has NOT yet been mandated and all previously approved application forms are still being accepted at NSSAR. If the new application is mandated, I will notify all state and chapter points of contact via e-mail.

Anyone who completes and prepares applications of any kind should become very familiar with the Application Preparation Manual that is offered as a free download from the NSSAR website at <http://www.sar.org/node/1846>. This manual describes in detail how to complete an NSSAR application and discusses what documents are, and are not accepted as generational proofs. One of the biggest problems I have seen with applications that I am unable to forward to NSSAR, is the attempted use of documents that are not accepted as a generational proof.

All application types must be printed double-sided in duplicate on the official watermarked SAR application paper.

The paper is typically available from

your Chapter Registrar or can be ordered in small quantities from the NSSAR website. Only one set of proof documents is required.

### A Few Tips on Proof Documents

These are the documents that I most often encounter problems with or that delay the submission of applications:

#### Census Pages

You must include a copy of the full census page that shows the complete family in question for generational proof. A census index page is not accepted as a proof and does not need to be included. NSSAR accepts census images from 1850-1940 as proof of lineage. Federal census records prior to 1850 are not accepted as lineal proof but can be used in conjunction with a proof argument.

#### Find A Grave Pages

The only information from a Find A Grave page that can be used as a proof document is the information contained in a photo of a tombstone that is contemporary to the time of death of the individual. All other user submitted information to Find A Grave is NOT accepted as proof documentation including but not limited to names, dates of birth and death, family relationships, etc. If a Find A Grave user has submitted an obituary or other biographical information it must be sourced and the source must be able to be located for the information to be considered. User submitted family tree pages to genealogical web sites are NOT accepted as proof documentation. All proof documents must be original or be fully sourced and cited to original proof documents.

#### Proof Arguments

When no specific document exists or can be found that clearly links one generation to the next, a preponderance of evidence case can be submitted for proof

purposes. A proof argument that clearly outlines the documents being submitted and how they inter-relate to create a preponderance of evidence must also be included. A preponderance case must be convincing and fact based to be accepted at NSSAR. The documents, when combined, must clearly point to a generational link and not rely on hearsay or conjecture. The method for developing a valid proof argument is available in the Application Preparation Manual.

### General Requests

Please do not mail applications with a signature required. This significantly delays application processing and could result in the applications being returned to you if I am not home to sign when the applications arrive. Standard and Priority Mail with tracking if necessary are all appropriate.

Two separate checks must be written for fees and dues to ILSSAR and NSSAR. Please do not have the applicant write just one check that combines ILSSAR and NSSAR fees. That slows down the application submission process until new checks are prepared by the State Treasurer.

Do not staple any documents together with an application packet. Binder clips are preferred and paper clips are acceptable. All staples need to be removed before I can forward applications to the NSSAR.

Overall, 85-90% of the applications I receive are submission-ready and in good order. Our pended application rate is low.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [gagrugansar@gmail.com](mailto:gagrugansar@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about application submission and proof documents.

## CGRC, Auxiliary support First Lady's initiative

National First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence's project for this year has been Help a Veteran. To that end, Illinois State Ladies Auxiliary members have been busy gathering toiletries, signing greeting cards and making fleece tie-blankets for veterans.

Prior to the recent Spring Leadership Conference, Mickey Jo notified the Auxiliary that at the Ladies Luncheon, there would be three visionary women who are opening a home for homeless women veterans in Lexington, Kentucky, the first such facility of its kind in Kentucky. We were to have a housewarming party and bring items that would be needed to set up a new household.

Auxiliary members did bring items for the new home, as well as a financial donation for whatever else might be needed.

At their recent Awards Dinner, General George Rogers Clark members found out about this project, passed the hat and generously collected another \$200 on the spot! The founders of the Sheppard's Hands Home for Female Veterans were overwhelmed by such outpouring of support!

Donations like these can be counted toward the Stark Award. If your chapter would like to know how the Illinois Auxiliary can help you work toward the Stark award, please contact Auxiliary President, Linda Ashby at [lkashby@frontier.com](mailto:lkashby@frontier.com).

For more information about the Sheppard's Hands project, check out [sheppardshands.org](http://sheppardshands.org).

# American Bicentennial Chapter

## Battle of Saratoga remembered at chapter meeting

The October 2015 Chapter meeting of the Illinois American Bicentennial Chapter included an induction ceremony for three new members, Michael Murray, Harold Ray, and Robert Faerber.

In addition to the induction of our new members, compatriot James Grant gave an informative presentation and speech about the Battle of Saratoga, a battle that one of his ancestors participated in as an American rifleman. He discussed the pivotal part in the battle played by the American riflemen, especially with the Kentucky longrifle. The longrifle introduced great accuracy due to its extended and rifled barrel. Accurately targeting the British officers at the battle resulted in confusion among the British line and contributed to the American victory.

The victory at Saratoga was instrumental in bringing France to the American



**ABC Chapter leaders Geoffrey Thompson and Michael Cobb with new members from left: Michael Murray, Harold Ray, and Robert Faerber.**

side as an ally, ultimately speeding up a successful end to the war. The ABC Chapter also participated in a joint meet-

ing in November with the Eli Skinner Chapter NSDAR, and the Aaron Miner Chapter CAR.

## Patrick Henry appears at February chapter meeting

The February 2016 meeting of the American Bicentennial Chapter included the Treasurer's report, Chapter officer elections, and installation of new officers. Newly installed officers are: President, Chris Jenner; 1st Vice President, Bruce Wright; 2nd Vice President, Conrad O'Connell; Secretary, Jeremy Rogers; Treasurer, Larry Wade; Registrar/Genealogist, Mike Cobb; and Sgt-At-Arms, Dr. Geoffery Thompson. The newly elected officers were sworn in by Mike Cobb.

Zach Rogers and Abby Rogers, members of the Aaron Miner Children of the American Revolution Society, gave a presentation on current local CAR activities.

That presentation was followed by a spirited call to revolution



**New ABC Chapter President Chris Jenner (left), is shown with with Ken Prazak (right) as Patrick Henry at February's chapter meeting.**

by guest speaker Ken Prazak, a local individual freedom activist, acting as Founding Father Governor Patrick Henry, the 1st and 6th Governor of Virginia. Mr. Prazak gave what could be called a contemporary version of Patrick Henry's 1775 address to the Virginia Convention. Outgoing President Wade made a call for volunteers to fill the two remaining positions of Chaplain and Historian. If you would like to become an officer, or volunteer your talents and time to one of our many committees, please contact Larry Wade.

Officers are elected and committee chairman and members are appointed.

## Ewington Chapter

### SAR Eagle Scout badge awarded to Salem Boy Scout

The Ewington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution presented Jared Hubler the SAR Eagle Scout badge, a certificate and a pocket Constitution during his Court of Honor at the Salem United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 27. Jared was recognized during a Court of Honor held by Troop 262.

Jared's Eagle Scout Service Project was to repaint basketball lines, four square lines, hopscotch lines, bases for kickball, the map of the United States of America, the basketball poles, backboards, and rims, and to put black tubing over the entire fence at the Salem Grade School playground.

Harris said, "Honoring deserving Eagle Scouts is one of our favorite outreach programs. These young men are the future of our country."

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution can trace their heritage to a man or woman who aided in securing the United States freedom during the Revolutionary War.

Several Salem residents including Ron Wood, chapter Eagle Scout chairman and Troop 262 scout leader, are members of the Ewington Chapter which meets in Effingham.



Chapter President Joe Harris, left, and Jim DeGross, right, recognize Eagle Scout Jared Hubler, center, at a Court of Honor in Salem.

## Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

By Allan C. Campbell, M.D.

### Chaplain, Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

The Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the ILSSAR began its season with a review of the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville and a discussion by President Tom Ashby of his plans for 2016 for the ILSSAR. You can access our schedule on our website at [www.captainzeallymoss.org](http://www.captainzeallymoss.org).

This year we will be visited by Alexander Hamilton and John Jay. The Constitution will be discussed by a retired Judge. The financing of the Revolution will be presented by our Chapter President, Gary List. At a Fall meeting, I will present a discussion of the 126th NSSAR Congress in Historic Boston. Any and all members and significant others are invited to join us. Check the rotating locations on our website.

## Kishwaukee Chapter

### Growing number of area Eagle Scouts receive awards



Kishwaukee Chapter President Ray Beets, left, in photo, and Scout Chairman Andy Hill, right, in photo, both of the Kishwaukee Chapter SAR attended the Blackhawk Area Council Scoutings 2015 Adult & Youth Recognition Dinner on March 6 at the Radisson Hotel in Rockford.

They presented SAR certificates to 34 of the Eagle Scouts in attendance out of a total of 173 certificates prepared. The number of Eagle Scout recipients continues to grow from one year to the next. They also presented the Outstanding Eagle Project award. Ray has attended the past three years in his Colonial Uniform, which seems to be a crowd favorite.

# Fox Valley Chapter

## Chapter honors Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies

On March 1, Fox Valley President Mike Campagnolo, and compatriots Rod Herbig and Jon Fixmer presented Law Enforcement Awards to three police officers at the Kendall County Office Building in Yorkville. Here are their stories.

For **Kendall County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Johnson**, at approximately 1:50 am on New Year's Day, Kendall County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Johnson arrived at Stonewater Lane and Washington Street



**Deputy Johnson**

eventually becoming completely submerged.

With air temperature wind chill readings of -1 and water temperatures just above freezing, Deputy Johnson jumped into the water, swimming to the vehicle in an attempt to rescue the driver and sole occupant. After several attempts, he was able to break out the rear window of the vehicle, and extract the driver from the car. With the help of Oswego Police officers on the scene, Deputy Johnson was able to bring the driver safely to the shore.

Deputy Johnson was treated and released for hypothermia and the injuries he sustained while breaking out the vehicle window.

For **Kendall County Sheriff Deputy Jason Larsen**, on October 12, 2015 at approximately 8:08 pm, Deputy Larsen responded to the 0-100 block of Hillside Drive in unincorporated Yorkville for a report of a male who had fainted and was unconscious.



Above, members of the Kendall County Sheriff's Department stand for a photo with Fox Valley compatriots after the award ceremony. At left, Fox Valley President Mike Campagnolo reads the award citations.



**Zachary Tongate**, on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 9:19pm, Deputy Tongate responded to a residence in the 600-block of Douglas Street in Oswego for a report of a male subject barely

breathing. While enroute, it was learned that the person had stopped breathing and that another person at the residence had begun CPR. Deputy Tongate arrived at the residence, assessed the situation and deployed an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The AED shocked the unresponsive subject one time and Deputy Tongate continued with CPR until Oswego Fire Department/Paramedics arrived and took over. Oswego medics transported the subject to Rush-Copley Hospital for further treatment.



**Deputy Larsen**

Upon arrival at the residence, Deputy Larsen saw that the person was not breathing normally. He quickly determined that he was possibly experiencing an opioid overdose. Deputy Larsen was trained and equipped to handle that situation, and he administered a dose of Narcan, which helped the victim breathe normally. After he was revived, he was transported by Bristol-Kendall paramedics to the hospital for further evaluation. A potentially fatal incident was avoided due to quick thinking by Deputy Larsen. Deputy Larsen used his recent training and newly acquired lifesaving tool, Narcan, to save a life.

For **Kendall County Sheriff Deputy**



**Deputy Tongate**

# General George Rogers Clark Chapter

## Marine, IL firefighter honored at chapter's award dinner

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter held its annual awards dinner Tuesday, February 23, at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the SAR Hero Award to local resident Keith Mills of Marine. Mills was returning home from work at Boeing when he stopped at a gas station and saw a woman collapse. Michelle Clark was having a heart attack. Mills, a volunteer firefighter, jumped into action and performed life saving CPR, thus saving Clark's life.

"Keith is a true hero," said chapter awards program chairman Lloyd Schwarz. "Time is of the essence in such a situation. The SAR is proud to recognize Keith and to have his wife and daughter here with us tonight."

Also at the meeting, new chapter members receiving their membership certificates at the dinner were: Phillip Corlew, Edwardsville; Jerry Oglesby, Bethalto; and Jackson and Samuel Compas, St. Louis.

The Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter has been active in the local area since its organization in February 1986. Chapter activities include sponsorship of a Little League team, honoring heroic deeds of first responders and brave citizens, recognizing JROTC and ROTC cadets, recognizing outstanding American



Chapter chairman Lloyd Schwarz, left, presents the SAR Hero Award to Keith Mills, right. Looking on is chapter present Marvin Meng.

history teachers, participating in Wreaths Across America, honoring Eagle Scouts, and identifying and marking Revolutionary War patriot graves. Additional information is available on the chapter website <http://ggrc-sar-il.org/> or by calling Jim DeGross, 618-667-8660.



From left:  
Robert Ridenour,  
J.D. Mulvihill,  
and Jim DeGross

The General George Rogers Clark SAR Chapter was pleased to participate in a great day at New Bethel United Methodist Church in Glen Carbon, IL on Sunday, Jan. 17th.

First, there was a ceremony to recognize new Eagle Scout J.D. Mulvihill. Then, there was a ceremony honoring Jacob A. Mulvihill and Wyatt Hennig. All are in Troop 1034.

J.D.'s Eagle Scout project was to design and construct blue bird houses at the Yanda Log Cabin site and Schon Park and to paint paint numbers on the Greenspace North Walking Trail.

Jacob's Eagle Scout project was to design and lead the construction and staining of two storage benches for the Metro-East Humane Society's visitors room. Wyatt's Eagle Scout project was to clear a wooded

## Chapter honors local Eagle Scouts



From left: Robert Ridenour, Wyatt Hennig, Jacob A. Mulvihill, Jim DeGross. Ridenour and DeGross represented the General George Rogers Clark Chapter.

area and construct wooden benches and a fire pit behind St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church. Robert Ridenour and Jim DeGross presented the SAR Eagle Scout patch and certificate to each of the boys .

# General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

## Mid-winter events, activities, and associate memberships

### GJB SAR Chapter Recognizes Iroquois County High School Seniors for Good Citizenship

On Dec 11, the Annual SAR Good Citizenship Award Ceremony for the Iroquois County High School Seniors was held at Iroquois County Historic Society in the Old Court House in Watseka, IL. The award winners were selected by their schools' administrative and teaching staffs' observation of the students' conduct and achievement in the areas of dependability, cooperation, leadership, patriotism, and scholarship.

The presentation ceremony of the SAR Good Citizenship Certificate was conducted jointly with the DAR Citizenship Committee represented by its Chairwoman, Joann Clauss and SAR Committee Member William White.

### Eagle Scouts Court of Honor

The Eureka Boy Scout Troop 57 held a Court of Honor on Jan 3, 2016 during which time Eagle Scouts were recognized and presented SAR Certificates by William White, GJB SAR Chapter Eagle Scout Committee Chairman.

### Donations for Veterans

The GJB Chapter at its Oct 2015 meeting collected personal items including toiletries and books as well as \$350 in checks for veteran residents in the VA Illiana Health Care facility in Danville, IL. These items were delivered Nov 15, 2015 by William White who is a member and former Chairman of the GJB SAR Chapter Veteran / ROTC Committee who has headed this effort for a number of years.

### Leadership Planning Session for 2016

The GJB Chapter leadership held its annual planning session Jan 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the home of Bill and Jean Hammitt for the purpose of developing



From left, SAR Citizenship Committee Member Joann Clauss, DAR Citizenship Chair; Luke Vaughn, Central High School; Cody Carley, Watseka High School; Josh Reitz, Iroquois West High School; Elizabeth Duiz, Milford High School; Theresa Trask, Cissna Park High School; Candace Martell, Donovan High School; Sadie Koschnick, Christ Lutheran High School; William White, SAR Citizenship Committee Member.

the 2016 program of meeting schedules, locations, hosts, and programs, etc.

In addition to developing the 2016 program/events schedule, an idea was discussed for a means to include in our membership a category for those that wish to join just our chapter and pay dues while they pursue SAR Membership. This would also be for those who exhibit an interest in the work of our local chapter even if they might not be able to qualify via a Revolutionary Ancestor.

This category would only be utilized by 'invitation' and with a 2/3 vote of the GJB SAR Officers, BOM members, and Committee Chairmen.

After this was agreed to by those present and the entire Planning Committee, a poll was taken and agreed to, that such a membership category, Associate Member, be established and a policy written and accepted.

### Associate Member Policy

The GJB SAR Chapter is desirous of including and encouraging those potential members who wish to join the SAR before their application to NSSAR is accepted by permitting them to become Associate Members of the GJB SAR Chapter, if it is their desire and they are willing to pay the Chapter's Annual dues, currently \$25.00. Each potential Associate

Member, before being accepted, will first be voted on by the GJB Chapters' Leadership Team, which includes the officers, the BOM members and the major committee chairs. The candidate will require a 2/3rds vote of these men before being accepted as an Associate Member.

There are also a few men that don't have a Revolutionary Ancestor in their family lineage and therefore can't become members, but are most supportive of the SAR and its purpose by partic-

ipating in the preservation of our American heritage of personal, economic, political and religious freedom and to be active citizens in our great democratic society.

Those men may also be asked to be considered as Associate Members of the GJB SAR Chapter after receiving 2/3rds vote of the GJB SAR Leadership Team. These Associate Members will receive The General's News---newsletter, be invited to all programs and events of the Chapter and be treated as an equal member except voting on any official chapter matters or holding office. If they wish to serve as a member of a committee they are welcome to do so, but again, they would be ineligible to chair a committee.

It is important to know that we ask individuals, and before we ask them, that the GJB SAR Chapter's Leadership first approves the person that is being considered.

We don't want to ask someone before a vote, in case for some reason/s the leadership says NO and then we have to rescind the invitation.

Adopted this day of Jan. 15, 2016 and will be in effect until or if future GJB SAR Chapter Leadership deems this policy as unworkable and or undesirable.

# Lewis & Clark Chapter

## Wol-la-chee. Be-la-sana. Tse-nill.

Those Navajo words, translated into English, mean ant, apple and ax. All stood for the letter A in the Navajo code that was a major factor in the U.S. Marine Corps' victories in the Pacific during World War II.

The Navajo code talkers took part in every assault the Marines conducted in the Pacific from late 1942 to 1945. The code was considered so valuable that it was kept classified until 1968,

Lola DeGroff told members of the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution during its Presidents Day celebration.

DeGroff is DAR state volunteer information specialist. She is retired as a civilian communications specialist from the Air Force Communications Command and the Defense Information Systems Agency.

While the Japanese repeatedly broke other American military codes, they never came close to cracking the Navajos', which remains one of the handful of codes in military history that was never deciphered.

Many of the terms they came up with were fairly obvious. Airplanes were given bird names. Boats were given fish names. Different Marine Corps units were given clan names. The code for bombs was eggs, because the airplanes delivered the bombs and the airplanes were birds. The Navajo word for turtle was tank. The word for dive bomber was chicken hawk.

"Life became even more dangerous for the code talkers during their first assignment at Guadalcanal," DeGroff said. Not only did American radio users on the island try to jam the Navajo code signals, thinking they were Japanese, but American soldiers sometimes mistook the Navajos for Japanese. Therefore, some



From left are: Jim DeGroff, SAR Illinois Society secretary, Lola DeGroff of Troy holding a Navajo Code Talker doll, and Dan Crafton of Red Bud, president of the Lewis & Clark Chapter of SAR.

commanders ordered a bodyguard for each code talker. Congress honored the Navajo code talkers in 1992. On July 27, 2001, President George W. Bush presented four of the five living code talkers and relatives of 24 others with the Congressional Gold Medal.

"The Navajo code talkers represent a larger group of Native Americans who have defended our country throughout its history. We owe them, and all veterans a huge debt of gratitude," DeGroff concluded.

Pictured from left are: Great Lakes District VPG and Springfield Chapter President Dick Chamblin, Toby Chamberlain, George Tinkham and Richard Moldenhauer. They presented 56 Eagle Scouts from the Central Illinois Abraham Lincoln Council with National Society Eagle Scout Certificates in a ceremony held in the State Capitol House Chambers.

# Springfield Chapter



Springfield Chapter Vice President Drew Robinson presents Clarie Conlon with a Illinois SAR Society Outstanding Citizenship Certificate. Ms Colon attends Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield. The Springfield Chapter hosted 11 Springfield High School seniors on February 20 at the chapters annual Outstanding Citizenship lunch.



# Long Knives Chapter

## Chapter recognizes past president

Recently, the Long Knives Chapter had the privilege to honor past Chapter President Gerald Whitson for his leadership role. Gerald's dedication and insight helped guide and direct chapter projects and membership growth. Pictured, are past President Gerald Whitson accepting the award from current President Jack Cramer.



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## Casual Night at NSSAR Leadership Meeting

While attending the National SAR's Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville on March 25 to 27, those participating had an opportunity to attend the Casual Friday Night Caribbean themed banquet in honor of our guest speaker who was to talk about the Revolutionary War in the Caribbean.

In the front row of the photo at right, are from left; President Gordon Bidner and Chaplain Dave Ashbrook, both of GJB Chapter. In the back row from left are; Sue Chamberlain and Sr. VP Toby Chamberlain of Springfield Chapter, Cheryl Chamblin and VPG Dick Chamblin of Springfield and Decatur Chapters, President Linda Ashby of the Illinois Ladies Auxiliary, and Illinois SAR President Tom Ashby of the Captain Zeally Moss & Fort Armstrong Chapters. Dr. Allan Cambell & Trustee John Dyrud didn't make the picture but were in attendance.

