If you did not attend the May Illinois Society Annual Awards Dinner followed by the Board of Managers Meeting Saturday morning and Community and Youth Awards Luncheon in Springfield, you missed out on three great meetings. The Ladies Auxiliary Friday night Silent Auction was a big hit with some furious bidding and resulted in $1,000 being donated to the Illinois Society and $500 donated to the National Society Center for Advancing American Heritage.

Eleven of our 15 Illinois Society chapters were represented at the Awards Dinner. Additionally, 13 chapters had members attend the Board of Managers Meeting.

Awards presented included Class of 2016 Patriot Medals to Mike Campagnolo, Don Hyland, and Gary List. Gary Grugan was recognized as the Illinois Society 2016 Man of the Year. Compatriot Gordon Bidner received the State Distinguished Service medal. Chapter of the Year honors went to General J. Bartholomew. Twenty three Illinois Society Compatriots received either the National Society War Service or Military Service Medal bringing the seven year total to 95 medals.

If you have a chapter member who served in the military but has not received the War Service or Military Service, please contact me at saichamb@comcast.net, 217.483.6267 (home) or 217.299.1966 (cell).

Summer is community festival and parade time. This is great opportunity for chapters to get out and show who we are and what we do. The 4th of July is a great time to do that. Carrying that thought forward to 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th anniversary. State-wide celebrations will take place and ILSSAR can and should be involved.

So far in 2017, Sue and I have already traveled to several chapters to attend meetings and give the oath of office to new officers. If we have not yet visited your chapter, please contact me and let me know when we can visit you.

As I write this, Sue and I are making preparations to join with several other Illinois Society members to attend this year’s National Society Congress in Knoxville, IN in July. Future congresses are schedule for Houston, Texas (2018), Newport Bay, CA (2019) and either Richmond or Norfolk, VA (2020).

The President’s Message

by President Toby Chamberlain

Toby Chamberlain

President Chamberlain awards Presidential Citations to chapter representatives for perfect chapter attendance at BOM meetings.

Jim DeGhoff

Senior Vice-President Jim DeGhoff’s Comments

After the BOM approval of the new ILSSAR trifold as the model for the new National Brochure, we now have lots of material to show people and organizations what we do. Take the brochures and hand them out and talk about SAR. Now that it is summer, many historic sites and organizations are looking to have tables set up just for the purpose of expanding knowledge of organizations. I have passed out brochures at Eagle Scout ceremonies and Outstanding Citizenship awards and gotten many new members that way.

At the last BOM, the board acknowledged we are one of the last organizations to fully embrace technology. Starting Jan 1, 2018 we will be posting and emailing the BOM agenda and minutes package to the board for the next board meeting and all Patriot newsletters can be viewed the same way. Members will review and print what they need for the BOM. If members want to print the newsletter and have it in hand to read they can print it on their own. Compatriots without email will be receiving theirs by snail mail. These efforts will save us as a minimum $3000 per year. So it is imperative that you keep your email addresses current and notify Drew Robinson at once at therobinsons_20@comcast.net with any changes.

We have many strong chapters that support all of our programs and we hope each chapter supports some programs and have meetings even if only for the few. If you only have a few members, consider going to a nearby chapter to visit. You would be surprised at all you will learn.

Two programs dear to my heart are the Outstanding History Teacher award and Outstanding Citizen awards. Without great American History teachers we would not have as many students interested in history. The teachers make our history come alive and it rubs off on the students. Additionally, the Outstanding Citizen award gives the chapter great visibility in the community.
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SAR 2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 7–12, 2017
National SAR 127th Congress, Knoxville, TN. The Holiday Inn Knoxville is the primary site and is full up so overflow reservations are being taken at the Hilton Hotel, the only one available within walking distance of the Convention Center. Call 865.523.2300 for the SAR rate of $129 per night.

August 10, 11 – 12, 2017
Illinois SAR Board of Managers meeting dates are August 10 Thursday for the State Fair. The BOM dinner is August 11 Friday night at the Wyndham, Springfield, IL.

We have rooms at $110 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking and for those staying Saturday August 12. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: 217.789.1530.

Our speaker is Clarence Warfield whose wife's ancestor was a member of George Rogers Clark's militia that took Kaskaskia, Cahokia and Vincennes.

September 28 – 30 2017
National SAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888-888-5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

October 27 – 29, 2017
Great Lakes District Meeting. There is no other info at this time.

November 3 – 4, 2017
Board of Managers meeting at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at $119 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530.

After the evening dinner, our speaker will be Geoff Baggett from Cadiz, KY, author of three Revolutionary War novels. His talk will be “Revolutionary War in a Trunk” about frontier life in KY with his wife explaining women’s clothing and issues. Geoff will also have his excellent books for sale.

Feb 2 – 3, 2018
Board of Managers meeting at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at $110 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530.

Our dinner speaker will be Joy Upton, speaking on DNA testing and Genealogy.

March 1 – 3, 2018
SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888-888-5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

The atmosphere surrounding the 2017 Illinois Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution silent auction was anything but silent. When the last bid was made and the results were announced, the auxiliary had raised $1,380 thanks to the generosity of attendees and those who donated. At the auxiliary meeting the next morning, it was voted to donate $1,000 to the Illinois SAR, $500 to the Center for Advancing American Heritage, $100 to Ms. Cilla Tomme’s shoe project; and $100 to the National Ladies Auxiliary in lieu of providing an auction basket. Following the meeting, many of the ladies toured the Dana Thomas House.

It only costs $5.00 a year to belong to the Illinois Ladies Auxiliary. Each time the state board of management meets, the auxiliary meets too. Often we have a program or take a tour. Other times we just enjoy each other's company. Membership is open to wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the Sons of the American Revolution who are in good standing.

Contact State President Sue Chamberlain for more information.

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The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution
Illinois Society Annual Meeting August 10, 11, & 12, 2017
Wyndham Hotel, 700 E. Adams, Springfield, Illinois

The Wyndham's room discount rate is $110.00 plus tax and includes free parking and breakfast. The cut-off date for discount reservations is July 20, 2017. Call 217.789.1530 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate. Or, go to https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/sons-of-the-american-revolution-quarterly-board-meeting

Dress is black tie, business dress or uniform. Aug 10 is the Springfield parade and some rooms are available at our rate for that night too.

The Friday, August 11 dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Rendezvous Room. We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Following dinner, our speaker is Clarence Warfield “His Wife’s ancestor with George Rogers Clark”.

Saturday August 12 Board Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Center 4. Ladies Auxiliary begins at 8:30 in the Conference Center 3 and Lunch begins at 12 noon in the Plaza One.

We have had requests for a lighter lunch so we will have soup and sandwiches for lunch.

I will attend the BOM meeting but not any meal events: ______________________
Please fill the above out for BOM seating arrangements.

Friday and Saturday Meal Requests

Friday Dinner: Pork Loin, Asiago Potatoes, Deep Dish Dutch Apple Pie: $40 each
Saturday Luncheon: Broccoli Cheese soup and Salads and Deli Meat with assorted Breads $25 each

Member name: ___________________________ Friday _____ Saturday ___
Spouse name: ___________________________ Friday _____ Saturday ___
Guest name: ___________________________ Friday _____ Saturday ___
Special Dietary Needs: ___________________________

NOTE: Meal payment is due no later than July 20, 2017. Meal requests received after that will cost $45.00 for Friday dinner and $30.00 for Saturday lunch.

Mail personal check payable to “ILSSAR” for meal total to:
Compatriot Jim DeGroff
6 Ridgefield Drive
Troy, IL 62294-1925

Phone: (H) 618.667.8660
e-mail: jimdegroff@charter.net
Many compatriots honored at annual ceremony

The 2017 award program began with the Ladies Auxiliary receiving recognition for the thousands of dollars they have raised over the past decade for the Louisville Center and the Cemetery Marking Program.

Individual Awards

Man of the Year
Garry Grugan

Patriot Medals
Winning Patriot medals were Mike Campagnolo, Gary List, and Don Hyland who was not able to attend. The Patriot Medal is the highest award given to compatriots in Illinois.

And also the following: Drew Robinson, Springfield; Robert Ridena, GJRC; Dale Bottom, Fox Valley; Ron Peck, Lewis & Clark; Garry Grugan, Zeally Moss, Michael Murray, ABC; Medal & Certificate Bill Wheeler, Ft. Dearborn; Kevin Babb, GGRRC

Silver Roger Sherman Medal
Franz Herder, Ft. Dearborn; Toby Chamberlain, Springfield; Jim DeGroff, GGRRC

Color Guard
Bronze Color Guard: Kent Dixon, Long Knives; James Whitt, Long Knives; Silver Color Guard; John Cramer, Jr. Long Knives; Jon Fixmer, Fox Valley; Drew Robinson, Springfield

Color Guardman of the Year; Jon Fixmer, Fox Valley Chapter

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

National Service Recognition
Companions who regularly and actively participate in Spring and Fall Leadership meetings in Louisville and the NSSAR annual Congress: Tom Ashby, Allan Campbell, John Dyrud, Toby Chamberlain, Dick Chamblin, Dave Ashbrook

Distinguished Service Chapter President
J. Marinus Dyrud, Ft. Dearborn Chapter

Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate
Karl Reed, Springfield; Sid Welles, Elijah Smith; Dan Crafton, Lewis & Clark; Joe Harris, Ewington; Dick Chamblin, Springfield; Tom Ashby, Zeally Moss; Scott Sanders, Fox Valley.

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Paramedic risks his life to save drowning infant

By Lola DeGroff

Highland, Illinois EMS paramedic Todd Zobrist was awarded the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution’s Hero award during the Youth and Community Awards ceremony held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield on May 13.

Zobrist was one of a team of Highland EMS personnel who responded to a call of a car in the water at nearby Silver Lake. What was found was an SUV almost completely submerged in water. The water temperature was about 46 degrees on that early March morning.

Zobrist removed his clothing and went out in the water to the vehicle, “swimming,” he said, “in order to get there faster.”

Reaching into the SUV, Zobrist touched what he initially thought was a toy. Instead, it was a three-month old boy who although he wasn’t breathing, had color indicating life.

Zobrist placed the child on the vehicle’s roof and began CPR. The child began breathing and Zobrist swam back to the shore carrying the baby so that both could receive further medical treatment.

Zobrist did not like to be singled out for his efforts, instead humbly insisting that the whole team be recognized. However, it was Zobrist alone who literally risked his life to save the life of the infant. The child was treated and released from a hospital a few days later.

Zobrist was nominated for the award by the General George Rogers Clark Chapter.
Many compatriots honored at awards dinner

State Medal of Distinguished Service
This medal is the highest medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during the President’s administration:
Compatriot Gordon Bidner

Military and War Service Medals
Richard Hall, Kenneth Hall, Brett Hall, Warren White, all Long Knives

War Service Medals

Life Membership Awards to Veterans
Kenneth Hall, Robert Holmes, John Cremer, Jr., Carroll Links, Edward Proctor, Michael Allen, Robert Cullen, Walter Harris, Paul Kelso, Sean Robinson

SAR Founders Circle
Thomas Carelton Bussin

Cemetery Marking Program
The Illinois Society continues its Cemetery Marking Program to indicate those cemeteries in our state that are the final resting places of Patriots of the American Revolution. I am pleased to announce that we are in our fourth year of this extraordinary program. To date we have marked 30 cemeteries!!!

Volunteer Boy Scout Award
Richard Ruedin Recipient of the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal

Silver Good Citizenship
Martha Washington Medal
Anne Peck

Lydia Barragh Award Medal
Sue Chamberlain

Chapter Awards
Chapter of the Year Award
One chapter’s scores stood out from three great nominees: General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter, Gordon Bidner, President.

Joel Willis Newsletter Award
For Chapters that published four or more newsletters in a calendar year: Fox Valley, Gen Joseph Bartholomew, Lewis & Clark, Ft. Dearborn, Long Knives, Zeally Moss, Springfield, Elijah Smith, and Steven Decatur.

Flag Awards
Flag Chairman Mike Campagnolo reports that this year ILSSAR qualified for the Admiral Furlong Award with 64 flag awards distributed and that nine of our Chapters met this goal: Fox Valley, Gen Joseph Bartholomew, Lewis & Clark, Ft. Dearborn, Long Knives, Zeally Moss, Springfield, Elijah Smith, and Steven Decatur.

Chapter Presidential Citations
Certificates for Perfect Attendance at all 4 BOMs: Gen Joseph Bartholomew, Fox Valley, Springfield, Long Knives, Ft. Dearborn, Zeally Moss, Gen George Rogers Clark, Lewis & Clark

American Bicentennial Chapter
The 1787 Constitutional Convention highlights chapter’s meeting

The May 2017 meeting of the American Bicentennial Chapter included a presentation by Sarah Sullivan, pictured at right, an instructor at McHenry County College, on the 1787 Constitutional Convention and the events leading up to it. Ms. Sullivan’s talk included a variety of anecdotes and insights, as well as the positions taken by the founding fathers including George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and Aaron Burr.
The Capt. Elijah Smith Chapter of SAR presented an award to High School Senior and Eagle Scout, Noah Stull, for his efforts in erecting a monument and flagpole to commemorate Revolutionary War Veterans at the Quincy, Illinois Veterans Home.

Noah also was instrumental in getting a wide array of colorful flowers planted in and around his stone structure to further glorify the garden and the brave souls who gave their lives during the Revolutionary War.

Benches were installed in the garden surrounding Noah's monument for veterans from the Quincy Vets Home to relax and reflect.

Elijah Smith Chapter President Sid Welles, center, presented a plaque and certificate to Eagle Scout Noah Stull for his excellent work at the Quincy Veterans Home’s monument and flagpole. Longtime SAR member Frank Turnbull assisted in the presentation ceremony.

Zeally Moss is off to a great start for 2017. It has many new committees and new members. State President Toby Chamberlin came to install the new officers for 2017. At left, from left, new member John Bellis, Tom Ashby, Registrar and John Foster, President. Above, 2017-18 President John Foster presents past presidents’ pin to Gary List 2015-16 president.
Ft. Dearborn learns of the five myths of George Washington

Professor Bruce Allardice took center stage at the Union League Club Chicago where he presented “5 Myths of George Washington”. Professor Allardice presented his topic to a group of 30 Fort Dearborn SAR members and supporters. He is a professor of history at South Suburban College, past president of the Northern Illinois Civil War Round Table and past president of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago.

Fort Dearborn Supports ISCAR
The Fort Dearborn Chapter has announced support of the Heart of a Marine Foundation (http://www.heartofamarine.org/) through the Illinois Society of the Children of the American Revolution (ISCAR). The Fort Dearborn Chapter was inspired by this year’s ISCAR president, Julia Hauenstein. Julia is looking to raise $5,000 for the Heart of a Marine Foundation.

As the ILSSAR Chair of the C.A.R./DAR relations committee, Allan Campbell, right, presented a $500 check from the ILSSAR to Julia Hauenstein, left, the current President of the ILCAR in support of her project, special canes for the Heart of a Marine Foundation. She is president of the CAR until March, 2018. Julia graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School in 2016 and has finished her freshman year at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. She has been active in ILCAR since 2009. For more information, call The Heart Of A Marine Foundation at 847.621.1731 or go to its website at www.heartofamarine.org. Donations can be made at that website if you are interested.

Fort Armstrong Chapter
At a recent Fort Armstrong Chapter Meeting, Tom Ashby presented SAR Vietnam War Service medals to Compatriots Larry Skelton, Shay Elliott, David Foster & Stephen Burke which had been authorized at the May 12 member’s awards banquet by President Chamberlain.
Fox Valley President Harry Reinecke IV fastens Abigail Sutter’s JROTC medal at Fox Valley’s awards luncheon. Abigail, from New Lenox, is the Fox Valley Chapter and Illinois State Winner. She received the bronze medallion from our chapter with a $500 check. She received the silver medallion, $1000 check, and the honorary sword from the state society. Mike Campagnolo presented the state awards to her at the Lincoln Way Central awards night May 19.

Fox Valley Vice President Mike Campagnolo presents the Color Guardman of the Year award to Fox Valley Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer, of Batavia. He was recognized for his outstanding organizing and leadership work. He excelled at organizing the color guard activities at several grave dedications, parades, and ‘Drill and Grill’ events.

Alexander J. Shura, a senior at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville gives his speech entitled “The Huddy-Asgill Incident of 1782” at the state award luncheon in Springfield. He plans to major in economics, political science, or history in college.

Memorial Day Parade

At left, Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer goes over marching instructions before the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade. Above, after the parade, Compatriot Ted Miller is interviewed by a junior high school student about his experience with his dad on an Honor Flight.
General George Rogers Clark Chapter

Memorial Day parades highlight chapter activities

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter was pleased to participate in two parades this past Memorial Day. The GGRC chapter members were honored to be chosen to lead the inaugural Memorial Day parade in Troy, Illinois. Compatriots participating in Troy were: Philip Bailey, Bob Kilzer, Anthony Robison, Richard Mantz, and Jim DeGroff.

This year marked the 150th year for the Alton parade. This parade is considered to be the longest running Memorial Day parade in the country. Four GGRC members participated in the Alton Memorial Day parade: Richard Ruedin, Robert Ridenour, Al Oleson and Jerry Oglesby. It was a great tribute to remember those who gave their all, that we have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Above, the GGRC Chapter held its SAR Outstanding Citizenship Awards ceremony recently. Additionally, Emily Klaas from Brussels High School received the chapter’s $500 scholarship, right, from Chapter President Charles Dobias. The scholarship was presented in honor of long-time member Charles Burgess who passed away in 2016. The students were nominated by their schools based on their dependability, cooperative spirit, leadership, service to their school and community, evidence of personal values and patriotism.

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter welcomed its newest chapter members Dan and Isaac Williams. They received their membership certificates from Chapter President Charles Dobias at an evening meeting of the chapter April 20.
Teacher of the year hails from Pope County

By Lola DeGroff

The winner of this year’s prestigious Charles & Eleanor Schweizer History Teacher Award is Pope County teacher Krysta Graves. This award was one of several given during the state SAR’s annual Youth and Community Awards Luncheon at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, May 13.

Nominees for this award must write a 500-word essay discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution-era and describing the innovative techniques or projects they use. Additionally, they must furnish an autobiography and a letter of recommendation.

Krysta is a social studies teacher at Pope County High School. In his letter of recommendation, Principal Ryan Fritch, described Krysta as ‘having an uncanny ability to bring history to life.’ He added, “She teaches with a pride and passion seldom seen.”

In her essay, Krysta stated that she considers the American Revolution so important, she incorporates perspective on this era into all her World History and American Government courses through what she calls ‘American goggles’. She added that to be a successful teacher, you must also be a successful student. She is continually looking for innovative ways to teach.

In recognizing Krysta with the award, Jim DeGroff, state chairman of the History Teacher Award Committee presented her a plaque in the shape of the state of Illinois and a check for $1,000.

Krysta’s nomination was submitted by the Long Knives SAR Chapter which covers the fifteen southern-most Illinois counties. Her nomination will be forwarded for consideration of a national SAR award.

Compatriot Jim DeGroff, left, congratulates Pope County High School social studies teacher Krysta Graves, center, as Jim Wallace, right, watches. He is president of the Long Knives SAR Chapter which sponsored Mrs. Graves.

General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter

Since the year 2000 the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has sponsored an annual Outstanding Good Citizenship/Scholarship Banquet in which deserving individuals from the community are recognized for their efforts and deeds in the preservation of our American Heritage of personal, economic, political, and religious freedom. Additionally an outstanding senior from each of the 20 high schools in McLean and Woodford Counties, selected by the faculty of their schools, are awarded SAR Outstanding Good Citizenship/Scholarship Certificates, SAR Pins, and Pocket US Constitution with two of them receiving $1,000 scholarships based on their participation in activities demonstrating their dependability, cooperation, leadership, patriotism, and scholarship. Since the inception of this program through 2017, 341 high school seniors have been presented with Good Citizenship Certificates, pocket Constitutions, SAR pins and $15,800 in scholarships have been awarded.

The banquet this year was held at the Bloomington Country Club on Apr. 13, 2017 with 110 attendants. The keynote speaker was Dr. Eric Jensen, the 19th President of Illinois Wesleyan University, who spoke on “IWU 20/20” and funding of higher education since 2008. Nineteen of a total possible of 20 high schools were present with their student nominees, high school representatives, and parents in attendance.

In addition, SAR Outstanding Good Citizenship Certificates were presented to Joanne Clauss for her support of the Iroquois County DAR-SAR Outstanding Good Citizenship/Scholarship program and inviting the GJB SAR Chapter to participate these past 9 years. She is a Wach-e-kee DAR Chapter member in Watseka. Also recognized were Dr. Alan Chapman, retired Educator and Supt. of Unit 5 School District, for his support of organizations such as the United Way and the fund raiser he initiated in 2016 for GFPD (Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders); and Jeffrey A Schwartz, former mayor of Downs, IL, who in 2002 initiated the McLean County Diversity Project for Middle School students, their mission being to foster a functional, rational acceptance of the differences that reside in each of us.

All participating students and members of the Color Guard who acted as hosts gather for a group photo at a banquet in Bloomington.
Kishwaukee Chapter

Chapter presents Good Citizens

By George B. Graham Jr.,
President-Kishwaukee Chapter

This year has been one of many successes. Our chapter awarded 18 Outstanding Citizenship Awards, 150 Eagle Scout Awards, and 1 ROTC Award. I had the pleasure of awarding the SAR Certificate of Appreciation along with the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Roseanne Kaletka-Johnson for all of the work she has done for the chapter over the past years.

Looking to the future of the chapter, we have inducted two new members this year, with a third set to be inducted at our next meeting. Kudos go out to our Registrar, Norman Dickey for all of the time and effort he has put into getting the applicants through the process required. His knowledge has been invaluable.

Very exciting is the fact we have, at this time, raised enough money to move forward with our efforts to install, at the Belvidere Cemetery in Belvidere Illinois, a Cemetery Marker Plaque honoring, Patriot Timothy Lewis, as well as Patriot Thomas Hart.

Thanks goes out to the members of the chapter for their generosity as well as a very generous donation made by the Boone County Veterans Club.

Franz Herder has been a great source of advice as we have worked our way through this project. A big Thank You to Franz.

Springfield Chapter

In addition to having a new chapter president, Drew Robinson, the Springfield Chapter presented 23 area high school seniors with National Society Good Citizenship Awards at a lunchon on March 18. Also, student award recipients, school administrators, teachers, students’ family members and Springfield Chapter compatriots attended.

In other news, at its March 24 Springfield Chapter Board of Managers planning meeting, a plan to mark the Mechanicsburg Cemetery near Dawson was approved. The Mechanicsburg Cemetery is the final resting place of Revolutionary War Patriot Luann McDaniel.

McDaniel, who served as a nurse at Valley Forge, was born on October 19, 1759 and died January 11, 1830. Her grave was marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1975.

Springfield Chapter members spent a busy spring handing out youth awards. On February 27, 62 Eagle Scouts from the Abraham Lincoln Council were presented National Society Eagle scout certificates following a dinner held at the Illinois State Capital Building. After dinner, the ceremony moved to the Senate chambers where the awards presentation was held.

The Springfield Chapter is looking for ‘A Few Good Compatriots’. Make it your goal to recruit a new member this year.

Ewington Chapter

Local area high school seniors receive awards from chapter

Ewington Vice President and OC Chair Larry Smith, along with Chapter President Joe Harris, presided over the presentation of the Outstanding Citizenship Award to 16 local high school seniors who were present for the ceremony on April 18, 2017.

An additional eight seniors received the award but were unable to attend. A reception was held following the ceremony.

Lola DeGroff, a member of the Silver Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, was the evening’s speaker. She reminded students that “each of us has the power to make a difference – the power of one.” She congratulated them on service they have provided in their communities and encouraged them to continue to find some sort of project – no matter how small – to continue making a difference.
Past and present Patriot Award winners

Past recipients of the Illinois state Patriot Award joined new recipients Gary List and Mike Campagnolo at May’s awards dinner in Springfield. From left are Lou Meyers (Springfield), Thomas Ashby (CZM), Gordon Bidner (GJB), Dick Chamblin (Decatur), John Dyrud (Ft. Dearborn), Toby Chamberlain (Springfield), Franz Herder (Ft. Dearborn), Gary List (CZM), Dale Bottom (Fox Valley), Mike Campagnolo (Fox Valley), Stephen Bradley (Springfield), Jim DeGroff (GGRC), Dave Ashbrook (GJB), and Dr. Allan Campbell (CZM). Not pictured is current Patriot recipient Don Hyland (GJB), who was not able to attend the award dinner.