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President's Message

Since our last update I am pleased to tell you that new membership continues at a satisfying pace. Thank you again for the effort you put into this endeavor. We really do have an organization that works and one of which we can be proud.

By the time of our February Board of Management Meeting in Bloomington, we're planning to put before you a slate of proposed ILSSAR officers for 2012-2014, the proposed committee chairs and members, and an updated list of At Large Members of the BOM. To do this, we need your support.

Many of you are currently active in ILSSAR activities at the State level., many more are not. What I'd like to ask **you** to do is (1) think about what you personally would like to see done better or differently, (2) think about what you'd like to be more involved with, and (3) let us know about any colleagues or Chapter members who have interests and skills that they could bring to the table and who would like to participate on the State level.

Then, pick up the phone or get on your computer and share your ideas and suggestions with President-elect Talbot, with me, with nominating committee chair Gordon Bidner (officer positions), or any of the other Executive Committee members. I do hope a number of you will choose to stay in your current committee appointments since you're doing such a fine job where you are. I also hope that we will hear expressions of interest from a number of you who are not regular BOM participants. Here are the committees that exist in your state society. You might be interested in joining one or more of them to help out..

ILSSAR Committees:

Illinois Patriot
Patriot Medal/Veterans
ROTC
CAR/DAR Relations
Webmaster
Historic Sites
Eagle Scout
Knight Essay/Rumbough
Outstanding Citizen
Public Relations
Audit

Medals and Awards
Schweizer History
Membership
Color Guard
Flag Awards
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS
NSSAR Fund Raising
Ethics
Budget & Finance
Constitution



*Franz Herder
President*



Thank you in advance for your willingness to consider this request and your help. If we all pull together we can make our already strong organization stronger still. May you all have a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in Bloomington.

Franz

February 3–4, 2012

ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting

at the Marriott Conference Center
 201 Broadway Street, Normal, Illinois
room reservations: 1-888-236-2427



Deadline: Midnight January 13, 2012

Special Group Rate: \$109

includes covered parking and breakfast for hotel guests.

Friday and Saturday Meal Requests

Friday dinner: 6:00 PM Fell C banquet room,

“Dinner with Dolly Madison.” We are honored to welcome the First Lady and her many stories of life with President Madison,

her design ideas for the White House, and her valor in saving our national treasures from burning by attacking British troops. This is one dinner you will not want to miss!

Espresso demi-glaze flat iron steak dinner, with a cash bar reception prior to dinner. \$35 per person, guests welcomed.

Saturday: 8 am Fell B ILSSAR meeting, 9am Ladies Aux. in Broadway room.

Luncheon: Noon Fell C Roast chicken dinner with desert, beverage. \$30 each.

Member name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Spouse name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Guest name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

I will attend the BOM meeting but not any meal events _____

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The Senior Vice President’s Corner

Bruce R. Talbot

I try to attend as many chapter meetings as possible because each chapter has its own unique meeting style. Recently, at the Fort Dearborn meeting, I was proud to assist in swearing-in new members to the society and talking to the chapter members about some of our youth and veterans programs. I encourage all members to visit a neighboring chapter and bring a friend! I think you will find the experience rewarding.

On December 5, 2011, I attended the Navy League “Pearl Harbor Survivors” luncheon in Aurora, Illinois. There were five military survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor who attended the luncheon. Each man stood and waved as his name and service was called out, and watching these early World War II vets reminded me how important keeping their story alive will be to future generations. In the nearly 200-member audience were high school cocon

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student members of the Mooseheart NJROTC and East Aurora High School NJROTC programs, and I was glad the students were able to see the program and listen to the stories of these veterans. It reminded me of the importance of our mission as members of the Sons of the American Revolution: keeping the stories of the sacrifices of the American Revolution alive for the next generation. The veterans of the American Revolution cannot stand and wave when their names are called . . . but we, their descendants, can. Students will not hear them tell their stories of the Revolution—but we, their descendants, can. Joining the society is so much more than proving your lineage—it is accepting the responsibility to keep your ancestor’s story alive for the next generation so they understand what sacrifices were made to found this country and the importance of preserving the Constitution and defending the nation.

One of the ways you can honor your patriot ancestor is to volunteer to support your chapter in accomplishing its mission. Please consider stepping up to help with your chapter’s veterans, ROTC recognition, Rumbough Oration, Knight Essay, high school history teacher essay contest, or community services award programs. Each program keeps the message of the principles your patriot ancestor fought for alive for the next generation of Americans.

The Fox Valley Chapter

By Fox Valley President Bruce Talbot



ILSSAR President Franz Herder welcomed new Fox Valley members (*left to right*) Guy Hamilton, Michael Campagnolo, and Rick Treadway. Each new member received a first meeting rosette in addition to their certificate.

Fox Valley Chapter Vice President Dale Bottom (far right) presents the Silver Good Citizenship medal to Debbie Rickerts (center) with her husband Bill Rickerts (far left), for her continued outstanding efforts supporting our military overseas with Operation Support the Troops America.



Fox Valley Chapter President congratulates our 2011 Law Enforcement medal awardees, Commander Terry Lemming of the Illinois State Police.





SAR FUTURE EVENTS—

Feb 3-4, 2012— ILSSAR Board of Managers, Marriott Hotel, Bloomington

Feb 18, 2012— 115th Anniversary Springfield Chapter (location pending)

Mar 2-3, 2012— NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville

May 18-19, 2012— Annual ILSSAR Convention, Springfield Hilton Hotel

May 26, 2012— ILSSAR Color Guard Chicago Memorial Day Parade

July 7-11, 2012— NSSAR Annual Congress, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix

Aug 9, 2012— ILLINOIS State Fair Parade, Springfield, IL

August 10-11, 2012— ILSSAR Board of Managers, Springfield Hilton Hotel

Oct 26-27, 2012— Great Lakes District Meeting, Wyndham Hotel , Lisle

November 2-3, 2012— ILSSAR Board of Managers, Four Points Sheraton, Peoria



Genealogy Research and the United States Census

GARRY GRUGAN—ILSSAR GENEALOGIST

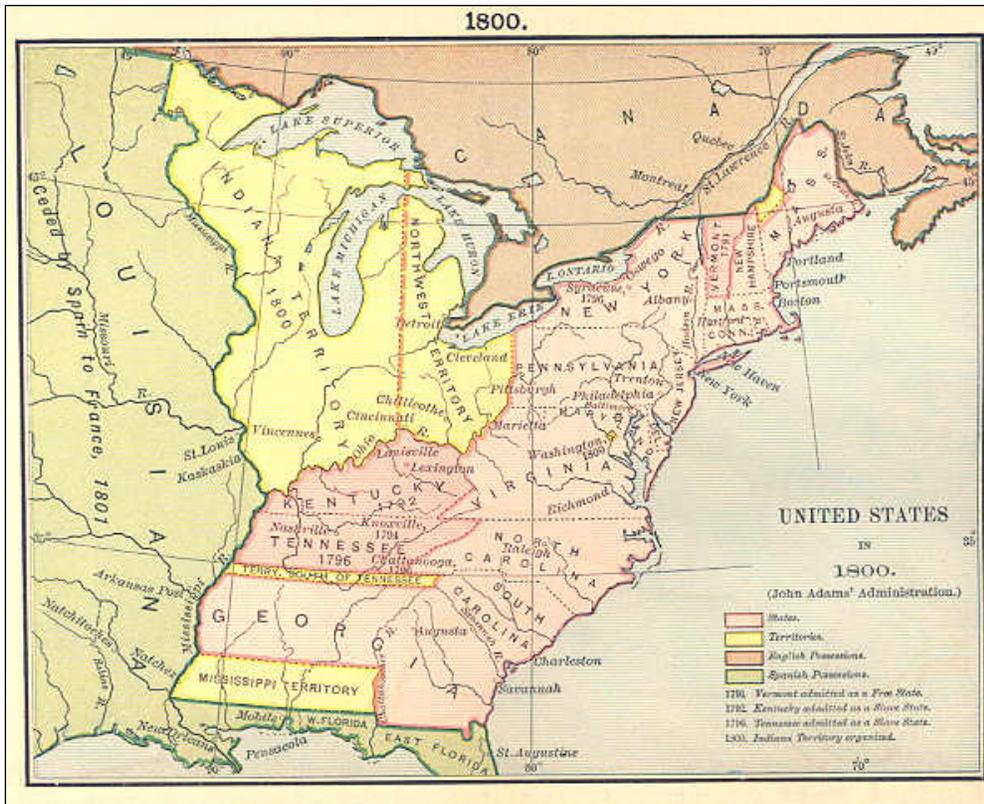
1800 Census – This census included the 16 existing states along with information for Washington D.C., and federal territory N.W. of the Ohio River, Indiana and Mississippi. The original census returns for Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Jersey, Mississippi and Virginia were lost.

The 1800 census asks the following information in columns, left to right: Name of the head of family; Number of free white males under age 10; Number of free white males age 10-16; Number of free white males age 16-26; Number of free white males age 26-45; Number of free white males over age 45; Number of free white females under age 10; Number of free white females age 10-16; Number of free white females age 16-26; Number of free white females age 26-45; Number of free white females over age 45; Number of all other free persons; Number of slaves.

The lack of information on specific individuals does not allow the 1800 census to be used as proof of lineage but still contains valuable clues for the researcher.

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1810 Census – The only new state to be included in the 1810 census was Louisiana. The original returns for the District of Columbia, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio and Tennessee were lost and images are not available. The 1810 census columns were nearly identical to the 1800 form once again making it unusable as proof of lineage but useful as a general guide to each family’s make-up and movement through time.

1820 Census – This year saw a dramatic change in the amount of information gathered from each household and was focused on several special counts of smaller population groups. In addition it marked the first attempt by the census bureau to identify primary occupations and means of income in the general sense of agriculture, commerce and manufacturing. There were 33 different columns which provided quite a task for the census taker. Although not usable as generational proof, it remains a useful tool and included the following columns: Name of the head of family; # of free white males under age 10; # of free white males age 10-16; # of free white males age 16-18; # of free white males age 16-26; # of free white males age 26-45; # of free white males age 45 and up; # of free white females under age 10; # of free white females age 10-16; # of free white females age 16-26; # of free white females age 26-45; # of free white females age 45 and up; # of foreigners not naturalized; # of persons engaged in agriculture; # of persons engaged in commerce; # of persons engaged in manufacture; # of male slaves under 14; # of male slaves age 14-26; # of male slaves age 26-45; # of male slaves age 45 and up; # of female slaves under 14; # of female slaves age 14-26; # of female slaves age 26-45; # of female slaves age 45 and up; # of free male colored persons under 14; # of free male colored persons age 14-26; # of free male colored persons age 26-45; # of free male colored persons age 45 and up; # of free female colored persons undefree female colored persons age 26-45; # of free female colored persons age 45 and up; # of all other persons except Indians not taxed. r 14; # of free female colored persons age 14-26; # of

The next issue (April ILSSAR Patriot) will continue the discussion of United States Census Record Research.

ILSSAR Auxiliary

Wendy Herder, *PRESIDENT*



Left to right: Sally Balkcom, Linda Ashby, Shirley Firse, Kathy Say, Cindy Collins, Esther Reed,

Wendy Herder, Margaret Costello and Peggy Talbot.



Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary met over breakfast at the Board of Management meeting in Peoria. We advanced our plans for the Silent Auction to be held at the May Awards Banquet in Springfield. ILASAR is accepting donations for the auction. Proceeds will go to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville. After the meeting we split in groups and set out for various destinations in Peoria. Later, we joined SAR members for a lunch.

Please look for your dues notices which will be sent out right after the holidays. Dues are just \$5 per year and the Auxiliary is open to spouses of all SAR members throughout the State of Illinois. We welcome your participation.

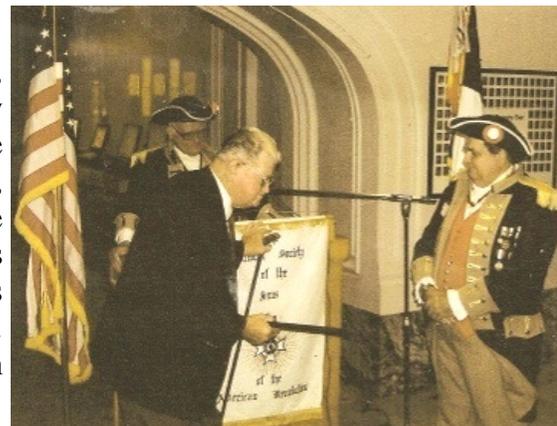
The next BOM is in Bloomington the weekend of Feb. 4 & 5. On Saturday morning we will have a business meeting. At that meeting we will be accepting nominations for two ILASAR offices—President and Treasurer. Terms end in May for these two offices.

After the business meeting Lola DeGroff will present program on digital scrap-booking. You should bring your laptop along to use during the workshop. Or just come and enjoy the presentation. Our meeting will be held in the Executive Board Room.

Wendy Herder

GGRC CHAPTER

C. Raymond Carlton, a World War II Army Veteran, was one of the residents of 12 Madison County households honored Nov. 3rd, by the Gen. George Rogers Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, for flying the U.S. Flag every day. Conferring the honor were chapter President Ronnie D. Hicks (right) and William R. Feeney (at podium), who has chaired the Flag Display event for all of its 16 Years. The recognition takes place annually at the Madison County Courthouse, Edwardsville.



SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER

Springfield Chapter Color Guard Helps Refurbish Revolutionary War Grave

On Veteran's Day, the Springfield Color Guard participated in the rededication the grave site of Philip Crowder, a Revolutionary War soldier, buried in a small cemetery across the street from Illini Country Club in Leland Grove near Springfield.

The grave refurbishment was the Eagle Scout project for Blake Brown of Troop 3 in Springfield. Blake Brown had two new professionally manufactured signs made commemorating the burial site of the Revolutionary War soldier, Philip Crowder. One sign is at the entrance to the cemetery and describes the importance of the site. A second sign is near the Crowder family gravestones and tells details of Philip Crowder's life.

Blake also replaced the current fence with black aluminum fence and reset the wooden steps leading up to the site. Nearly 100 people attended the grave rededication including several veterans groups, members of Boy Scout Troop 3, the DAR, the news media and the mayor of Leland Grove. The color guard was made up of **Bob Dennison, Dan Hrenko, Karl Reed, Toby Chamberlain, and Stephen Bradley**. In addition to the participants in the parade, Springfield Chapter member **Bill Springer** also attended the ceremony.



THANK YOU—WORLD WAR II VETS

Written by our Immediate Past President Gordon Bidner

To our WW II Veteran's Thank You for your service and dedication to Freedom. Tom Brokaw, identified you as the 'Greatest Generation' and I would agree. Your service changed the world. I hate to think of the kind of world we might have lived in had we not achieved victory. So, for what it is worth on this December Day in 2011 (Dec. 7th, Pearl Harbor Day) — Thank You! I am honored to know our WW II Veteran's and affirm from you the lesson that *Freedom isn't Free* !

Best Wishes, Gordon

Springfield Chapter

115TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday February 18, 2012 at Panther Creek Country Club

Come help the Springfield SAR Chapter celebrate our 115th Anniversary. The Springfield Chapter is registered as ILSSAR Chapter No. 1 and is the oldest consecutive year active chapter in Illinois.

The Anniversary Dinner will be held at Springfield's Panther Creek Country Club located off Route 4 on Panther Creek Drive one mile south of Interstate 72.

Social Hour 6 to 7 P.M. (Cash Bar) with dinner at 7 P.M

Speaker = NSSAR Secretary General and President General elect Stephen A. Leishman

Dress – Uniform, Minute Man or Period Clothing, Black Tie or Business Attire.

For those attending from out of town hotels along Route 4 and within one mile of Panther Creek C.C. on Route 4 near Interstate 72 are Comfort Inn, Court Yard, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn and Sleep Inn.

Clip and return with payment

***Deadline is January 31, 2012**

Seating is limited to 250 individuals

Name and if applicable National, State or Chapter Office

Guest name(s)) National, State or Chapter Office _____

Your email _____

Choice of

\$35.00 Grilled Chicken Breast with roasted potatoes # _____

\$35.00 Pork Loin with potatoes Anna # _____

Please make check payable to Springfield SAR

Mail to: Toby Chamberlain, 230 Marblestone Drive, Chatham, IL 62629

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KING GUSAQF XVI OF SWEDEN—

Here are some pictures of our family being received by *King Carl Gustaf XVI* into the Baden-Powell Fellowship at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. We are the first full family in the world to be admitted while all

the family members are currently active in Scouting. For grins I am also sending the picture of my daughter sitting at dinner beside the King. According to Swedish custom she was the King's dinner date. She was so excited when she found out she would be sitting beside him that she didn't know what to say. It didn't take her long to get over not talking.

The names other than mine: My wife is Cindy. Daughter Caitlin. Son Chris. The person with us is the Secretary General of the World Scout Foundation is John Geoghegan.

Bob Collins



Secretary —Jim DeGross

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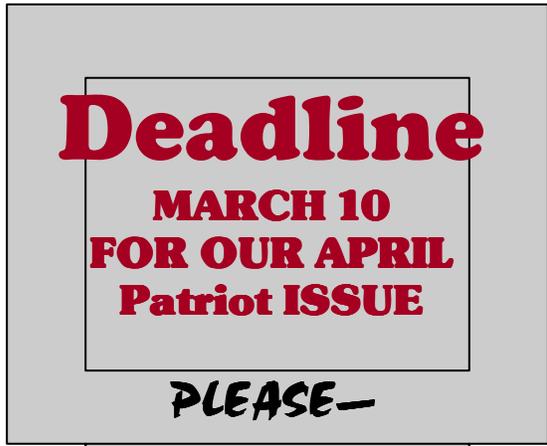


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ABC Chapter

November 29, 2011

State President Franz Herder attended our October 2 ABC Chapter meeting commemorating the Battle of Yorktown (October 19, 1781) at the RAM Restaurant in Wheeling. Franz gave an overview of the state society and encouraged our continued growth and service for our chapter. Franz also participated in awarding Burt Showers with his 35 year and WWII Patriotism certificates. ABC Compatriot Larry Wade presented Franz with a framed document of commemorative stamps of the battle of Yorktown, which Larry assembled. New compatriots Timothy Storm, Ron Langenberg, and Roger Willingham were inducted into the ABC Chapter.

The ABC Chapter would like to congratulate Compatriot Geoffrey Thompson who has just been approved for membership in SAR. Geoffrey will be inducted at our February Annual Business meeting. On Sunday November 20, the ABC Chapter was honored to participate in a graveside service to dedicate the newly restored original gravestone of Eli Skinner, a Revolutionary War Patriot, at the Elk Grove Cemetery in Elk Grove, Illinois. The restoration and ceremony was sponsored by the Eli Skinner DAR Chapter of Arlington Heights. Also present was the Aaron Miner Society of the National Society Children of the American Revolution. In attendance were State Officers from their respective organizations—Shirley Fish, Illinois DAR State Vice Regent and Franz Herder, Illinois State SAR President and wife, Wendy (La Grange DAR). Holly Petersen (Eli Skinner DAR) led the ceremony and Compatriot Paul Douglas (ABC Chapter) read the invocation. Amy Myss (Regent Eli Skinner DAR), Mike Cobb (ABC Chapter), Lisa Rottenberg (Senior President Aaron Miner CAR), and Shannon Walters (Aaron Miner CAR) read parts of the biography of Eli Skinner. In honoring Eli Skinner on this 160th year since his death in Elk Grove, tribute was also paid to Aaron Miner, the second Revolutionary War Patriot buried in this cemetery in Cook County, and to all men and women who have served our country with integrity and devotion.

Photo Captions:

Photo 1—ABC Chapter New Members (left to right: President Franz Herder, Mike Cobb (ABC), Compatriot Timothy Storm (ABC), Compatriot Ron Langenberg (ABC), Compatriot Roger Willingham (ABC))

Photo 2—Burt Showers 35th and WWII Patriotism Award (left to right: President Franz Herder, Mike Cobb (ABC), Compatriot Burt Showers (ABC))

Photo 3—Franz Herder Presentation (left to right: President Franz Herder, Mike Cobb (ABC), Compatriot Larry Wade (ABC))

Photo 4—Eli Skinner Grave Markers

Photo 5—Eli Skinner Ceremony Officers (left to right: Amy Myss (Regent Eli Skinner DAR), Mike Cobb (ABC), Shirley Fish (Illinois DAR State Vice

Regent), Holly Petersen (Eli Skinner DAR), Shannon Walters (President Aaron Miner CAR), Lisa Rottenberg (Sr. President Aaron Miner CAR), President Franz Herder (ILSSAR), Wendy Herder (La Grange DAR)

Photo 6—Eli Skinner Ceremony Group



**KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST
AND RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST FOR 2012**

Duane Neet, State Chairman

Knight Essay Contest: Essays due to chapters no later than February 1; chapters to state chairman no later than February 15. All essays are to be typed originals. State winners 1st, \$200; 2nd, \$100; and 3rd, \$50. National winners 1st, \$2,000; 2nd, \$1,000; and 3rd, \$500.

Rumbaugh Orational Contest: Orations due to chapters no later than March 31; chapters to state chairman no later than April 15. All orations are to be prepared on a CD. State winner 1st, \$500; and \$200 for travel expenses to participate at National Congress, summer of 2012.

Inquiries should be directed to me at (217)342-4442 or to dnilssar@gmail.com. If a participant is not submitting through a chapter, then forward the entry directly to me. Full details and entry forms of each contest are available on the National website at www.sar.org/youth, education.

Duane Neet

FUNERAL CEREMONY FOR FALLEN COMPATRIOT

Submitted by ILSSAR Chaplain Dave Ashbrook

Jack Commodore Richmond, Champaign businessman, philanthropist, and SAR member passed away April 17, 2011. His wife, Marjorie, requested an SAR Color Guard Ceremony on November 14, 2011, their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Jim DeGroff and Dave Ashbrook, as well as William Miller and Don Lush of GJB Chapter, attended. A beautiful and meaningful Funeral Ceremony for Fallen Compatriot was performed for the many friends who attended.



Jack supported many causes in the Champaign-Urbana area. He worked with enthusiasm and passion. Jack was a loyal SAR Compatriot of Plankeshaw Chapter.





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