A Message
From The President

By ILSSAR President
Richard Chamblin

At the August BOM meeting, the membership passed a change in the bylaws relating to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will now have seven members (up from five) with the addition of the State Treasurer and another member chosen by the State President. This change will allow for more representation from all three Regions. Lee Braden, American Bicentennial Chapter and State Treasurer now joins the Executive Committee. Lee, one of our younger and newer members has experience in internal auditing. We need more active members like Lee. Jim Wallace, President of the Long Knives Chapter has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee. He has shown outstanding leadership qualities during his service to the SAR. I know Jim will serve the Illinois SAR in commendable fashion.

The Illinois Society once again participated in the Twilight Parade at the Illinois State Fair. The marching participants were VPG Tom Ashby and wife Linda, Springfield Chapter President Drew Robinson and wife Tina, Springfield Vice President Stan Buckles, and Zeally Moss drummer Adrian Tubbs. Toby Chamberlain and I provided taxis service. The high temperature and high heat made the parade dangerous for anyone but the young and hardy. It is time to take a serious look at ways we can continue the Society’s participation in this event without jeopardizing the health of the participants.

The State Fair Veterans Day event on Sunday, August 12th provided free admission and food for all veterans. Lou Myers, Chair of the State Veterans Affairs Committee was joined by Past State President Toby Chamberlain, Springfield Chapter Vice-
A Message From The Sr. Vice President

By ILSSAR Senior Vice President Mike Campagnolo

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

At the last National Congress in Houston, our own Tom Ashby was elected to the esteemed position of Vice President General of the Great Lakes District (Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin).

The Illinois Society SAR will host the Great Lakes District Meeting on Friday October 26 and Saturday October 27 at the Springfield Wyndham with the GLD/ILSAR banquet on Friday and GLD meeting Saturday morning followed by a lunch buffet then the ILSSAR BOM meeting in the afternoon. State and National Officers will be in attendance to meet compatriots, address the group, and answer questions. It’s a great opportunity to meet these officers without traveling to Louisville or farther. Our dinner speaker will be Timothy Good The Lincoln Assassination. Timothy is the Superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, a 28-year veteran of the National Park Service, and is author of four books on the history of Abraham Lincoln.

The contracts are signed and we will be trying out a new BOM location in the Southern Region starting next year! We will be having the February BOM at the Double Tree by Hilton Mt. Vernon. 222 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864. We have reserved the dates of February 8 and 9, 2019. I have been talking to Susan Lynch (Director of Food & Beverage) and Holly Talbert (Sales Manager) and went over the contracts. I have booked Larry Werline (US Grant) for the February 8, 2019 guest speaker. He is happy to travel from Chatham to Mt. Vernon. I would like to thank Compatriots Richard Scott and Jerry Whitson for suggesting this venue.

The May 10-11, 2019 and August 8-10, 2019 BOM’S will remain in Springfield and those contracts are already signed. We will not need a speaker for the May Medals and Awards night but will be looking for a speaker for the August BOM. If you know of anyone please let me know.

We are still looking for a Northern Region venue for early Nov 2019.

ILSSAR Calendar of upcoming events in 2018

September 27 thru 29, 2018 NSSAR Fall Leadership Louisville, KY
Meeting at the Brown Hotel. Call 888.888.5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate. Registration can be found at SAR.ORG, Compatriots, Leadership Information, then Register.

Oct 26 and 27, 2018 Combined NSSAR Great Lakes District meeting and ILSSAR Board of Managers, Springfield, IL.
It will be at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at $121 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 Timothy Good The Lincoln Assassination. Timothy is the Superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. A 28-year veteran of the National Park Service, and is author of four books on the history of Abraham Lincoln. Black Tie or Uniform for Friday night dinner.

February 8 and 9, 2019 Board of Managers Meeting, Mt Vernon.
The meeting will be at the Double Tree by Hilton Mt. Vernon. 222 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864. Ph: 618-214-7100. Rooms at $109 each night for the SAR rate. Our dinner speakers will be Larry Werline (US Grant) and Krista Graves (National History Teacher) for the August BOM. If you know of anyone please let me know.

SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisiville, KY.
It will be either the last week of February or first week of March 2019 TBD, Brown Hotel. Call 888.888.5252 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

May 10 and 11, 2019 Board of Managers meeting in Springfield.
It will be at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Rooms at $121 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. This meeting is our annual SAR chapter and individual awards night.

We will have the Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction. No Guest Speaker.

July 5 thru 10, 2019 National SAR 129th Congress, Costa Mesa, CA.
The location will be the Orange County Hilton, 3050 Bristol St. Costa Mesa, CA 92526 Ph: 714.540.7000. Room rates TBD.

August 8, 9, & 10, 2019 Board of Managers, Springfield, IL.
Illinois SAR Board of Managers meeting dates are: Thursday, August 8 for the State Fair; The BOM dinner is Friday, August 9 night; and the BOM meeting itself is Saturday, August 10 at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Ph: 217.789.1530. We have rooms at $114 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking. On Saturday, August 11 our BOM meeting will be followed by lunch. Our speaker is TBD.

November 2019 Board of Managers Meeting
Location TBD Northern Region

Secretary—Drew Robinson
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:
theroblinsons_20@comcast.net

Do we have your consent to contact you regarding new events?

ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan
Effective immediately, my e-mail address is gagrugansar@gmail.com.
Please update your contact information accordingly.
I apologize for the inconvenience.
Great Lakes District Annual Banquet and Meeting
A meeting of ILSSAR, WISSAR & MISSAR

Friday and Saturday
October 26 and 27, 2018
Hosted by: Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution
Wyndham Springfield City Centre
700 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701

SAR Block of Rooms $121 (plus taxes) per night Call (217) 789-1530 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution group rate Group Rate Reservation Cutoff is October 5, 2018

Friday October 26, 2018
4:00 p.m. - Color Guard Event at Lincoln’s Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery
6:00 p.m. - Social Hour – Vista Rooms 2 & 3 on the 29th floor
with Hors d’oeuvres with cash bar
6:45 p.m. - Posting of the Colors
7:00 p.m. - Banquet - Vista Rooms 2 & 3 on the 29th floor

Saturday October 27, 2018
6:30 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet- The “Grille”, Main Floor
8:00 a.m. - Great Lakes District Business Meeting- Vista Rooms 4, 5, 6 on 29th floor
11:30 p.m. - Adjournment - Buffet Lunch- Vista Rooms 2 & 3 on 29th floor
12:30 p.m. - Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting- Vista Room 4, 5, 6 on 29th floor

Saturday October 27, 2018 Ladies Auxiliary Tour
Saturday morning: Curator tour of the Renovated Illinois Governor’s Mansion…TBD
Saturday afternoon: Ladies Auxiliary discussion/roundtable

Local Lincoln Sites: Saturday afternoon, SAR members/Spouses not attending the ILSSAR meeting can either walk to the Lincoln Home (2 blocks south of the hotel) for a free tour or visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (2 blocks North of the hotel) cost TBD, normally $12 Seniors, $15 Adults.

Note: Hotel checkout time is 11am. Autos/Luggage may be left at the hotel no cost.
2018 Annual Great Lakes District Meeting
Reservation Form
Advance reservation required. Deadline: October 22, 2018

Name: ___________________ Number Attending: _____________
Guest(s) ________________________________________________________________
Guest(s) ________________________________________________________________
Society: ___________________ Position(s): ___________________
Chapter: ___________________ Position(s): ___________________
Telephone Number ______________________ E-mail: _____________
Number Attending Color Guard Lincoln Tomb Event: ____________ Cell Phone No. ___________________

Friday October 26, 2018 Dinner Buffet Menu $35, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor

Entrees
Chicken Bruschetta- Grilled Tender Chicken Breast with a Fresh Bruschetta Topping and Shredded Parmesan. Drizzled with Balsamic Glaze
Cajun Seared Talapia- with Fresh Tomato Pico De Gallo

Salads
Garden Salad- Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Onion. Choice of Two Dressings
Israeli Couscous Salad- Couscous mixed with Sun Dried Cranberry, Toasted Pine Nuts, Onion and a Touch of Lemon.

Starches and Sides
Three Cheese Au Gratin Potatoes- Herb and Garlic Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Sauteed Vegetable Medley

Dessert
Chocolate Grand Marnier Cake or Marble Cheesecake

Saturday October 27, 2018 Lunch Buffet Menu $25, Vista Rooms 2&3 on 29th floor

Entrees
Sliced Roast Pork Loin- Infused with Rosemary and Garlic Pan Au Jus
Grilled Salmon Picatta- Flaky Fresh Salmon with a Lemon Caper Butter Sauce

Salads
Garden Salad- Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot and Onion. Choice of Two Dressings
Mixed Fruit Salad

Starches and Sides
Garlic and Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Roasted Vegetable Blend with Garlic and Herb

Dessert
Chocolate Mousse Cake or Key Lime Pie

Send completed reservation form and check payable to “ILSSAR” send to:
Compatriot Mike Campagnolo…1196 Cactus Trail… Carol Stream, IL 60188
Cell Phone No. (630) 464-4904
**A Message From ILSSAR President Richard Chamblin**

President Stan Buckles and this State President and ILSSAR President Dick Chamblin (all from the Springfield Chapter) manned the Illinois Society table in the Veterans Shed at the State fair. It became obvious that we need to enlarge the participation to include members from other chapters and upgrade the appearance of the display to attract more attention.

Allan Campbell, Zeally Moss Chapter and Chair of the Rumbaugh Historical Oration Committee, has contributed $2,000 to the Illinois SAR for the benefit of the 2019 Rumbaugh Historical Oration Awards. The Rumbaugh Committee, led by Dr. Campbell, has produced an amazing number of outstanding young orators. Dr. Campbell has dedicated himself to this program for many years and deserves our thanks for a job well done.

Liberty Bell of the West Chapter, NSDAR, conducted a Bicentennial Monument Marking in Chester, Illinois, August 26. Illinois SAR members attending were Long Knives Chapter President Jim Wallace, Southern Region VP Dan Crafton and myself. Wonderful lunch and ceremony…you just can’t deny it…the Daughters know how to put on an event.

Senior Vice President Mike Campagnolo put together an outstanding dinner event for the Aug. 10 BOM meeting and it looks like he is going to do it again at the Friday night dinner before the combined GLD/State BOM meeting on Oct. 26. In fact, the event, planned by VPG Tom Ashby, Mike Campagnolo, and the Ladies Auxiliary looks like it is going to be memorable. The Ladies will have a special tour of the renovated Governor’s Mansion.

**New History Teacher of the Year Awards**

By Tom Ashby

In the past there has been one History Teacher of the Year award for SAR at National, which is given to an outstanding High School History Teacher in the amount of $1400. The last national winner was from the Long Knives Chapter of the Illinois Society. Past President General Tom Lawrence’s father, Dr. Tom Lawrence, established the award a number of years ago.

Beginning this year PG Lawrence announced the amount has been increased to $15,000 per year giving $5,000 to a High School History Teacher, $5,000 to a Junior High School History Teacher and $5,000 to a Grade School History Teacher. More information will follow on this as the SAR website is updated https://sar.org/education/awards/american-history-teacher-award.

Why American Is Free History Curriculum Values through History, Incorporated [http://www.valuesthroughhistory.org/] presented its Why America Is Free Curriculum at the Annual Congress in Houston this year. American History is taught twice in grade/junior high school. First in the 4th or 5th grade levels and second in the 7th or 8th grade levels.

This innovative approach is a six week immersion program on the American Revolution in every subject that a student is involved in, Science, Math, Social Studies, Language Arts and PE, in a hands-on study that brings this period to life like never before. These meaningful experiences and connections result in academic excitement, true learning, high-level thinking, in-depth retained knowledge, and improved behavior and decision making.

In a majority of circumstances this curriculum will only be used if teachers are first approached by someone at the local level, like an SAR member, recommending it. After buy-in from the teacher the school board should be approached or a donor located to purchase the materials which are typically in the $5,000 range.

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**We need to hear from you by October 15!!!**

At the May Board of Managers meeting, former ILSSAR President Toby Chamberlain raised a concern he was made aware of involving delivery of the electronic version of The Illinois Patriot.

After a discussion, the board voted to return to delivering a printed copy to every compatriot via the USPS. Please cut out this survey, add your name, check the appropriate box, then give it to your chapter president at your earliest convenience. It is our attempt to deliver The Patriot to you in a form that you will both receive and read.

[ ] I have an email address and want to receive The Patriot by email.

[ ] I have an email address but would rather receive the printed Patriot by regular US mail.

[ ] I don’t have an email address and need to receive The Patriot by regular US mail.

NAME: __________________________

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August Board of Managers Meeting
Minutes and Report

22 Compatriots Present: Gary List, (CZM); Garry Grugan, (CZM); Sid Welles, (Elijah Smith); Charles D. Dobias, (GGRC); Larry D. Burgett, (Decatur); Ron Peck, (Lewis & Clark); Jerry Whitson, (Long Knives); Joe Harris, (Ewington); Lee Braden, (ABC); John Dyrud, (Ft. Dearborn); Stan Buckles (Springfield); Drew Robinson (Springfield/Decatur); Toby Chamberlain (Springfield); Bill Wheeler (Ft. Dearborn); Bill McLane (Pankeshaw); Toby Ashby, (Ft. Armstrong); Ray Owens, (GJB); Gordon Bidner, (GJB); Mike Campagnolo (Fox Valley); Lou Myers, (Springfield); Dick Chamblin, (Springfield); Scott Sanders (Fox Valley).

Minutes of Board of Managers Meeting August 11, 2018 in Springfield.
Called to order by ILSSAR President Richard Chamblin
– New chaplain introduced by President Chamblin. Rev. Dr. Natl. Trustee and now VP General Tom Ashby gave a report from the national congress in Houston.
– The new PG Warren Alter's six new goals:
  – Improve communication. Go to members.sar.org and make sure your email address is correct. State websites need to be updated with the most current information so new members can get hooked up with a chapter and registrar.
  – Improve growth. Carrying on PG Guzy's main goal. Improve retention. Many chapters lose almost 30% of new members each year.
  – Improve unity of all members. Divisions in projects and outlooks have occurred over the years and PG Alter wants to “bring everybody back into the fold and try to have some unity of purpose.”
  – Educational Outreach Work for a positive outcome of the Solid Light Project which the trustees have voted in favor of in the last six votes.
  – Public Service Recognition An emphasis to make sure first responders and law enforcement officers are properly recognized at national. Tom Ashby says not enough Illinois chapters are sending in recommendations to national for consideration. Only GJB did last year.
  – Emphasis on youth awards Eagle Scout awards are fully funded now. Knight Essay contests are low on funding. The chairman is “kicking in $5,000 or $10,000 every year just so they have awards for them at national.” PG Alter is working on the goal of making these contests fully funded.

– The next Great Lakes District meeting will be in conjunction with the next ILSSAR BOM meeting in October. It will start with a 4pm gathering at Lincoln's Tomb. The color guard will present a wreath in honor of Lincoln. Tom says “If you have a color guard uniform, wear it and come!!!!!!” Then at 6pm Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served on the 29th floor. It is a black tie event, but Tom says “You can come in any attire. We'll let you in the door” [Editor's note: Tom was joking about “any attire.”] He says national officers will be there including PG Alter, Treasurer General Davis Wright, and Registrar General Bruce Pickette. Maybe some others also. GLD award to be given out at the Friday evening dinner. On Saturday morning, the GLD meeting will end at noon. The ILSSAR BOM meeting will begin at 12:30p or 1pm after lunch.
– Toby Chamberlain National Trustee For Illinois' Report.
  – National Trustees (one from each state) actually run the national society.
  – There has been a movement to allow adopted male children to join SAR. It was voted down almost unanimously. Tom Ashby said they can still join but their lineage has to be from their blood parents only.
  – Fall leadership meeting coming up in September in Louisville, KY. Toby said “That's where all the real business is done.”
  – The GLD meeting is coming up in Springfield and we need a really good showing.
– Tom Ashby added that the fee for memorial applications has been reduced down to the regular fee for adults. From $430 to $115. Youth memorial applications stay the same.
– Bill Wheeler said dues schedule should be visible on the website. Gordon Bidner said in response that the presidents should get their info by email.
– Sid Wells, Elijah Smith Chapter, said chapter members should talk to their chapter presidents or registrars about fees.
– Dick Chamblin recognized State Registrar Gary Grugan for being promoted to Vice Chief of his local fire department.
– President's Report: President Chamblin asked the chapter presidents to make sure they send him the agendas and events for next year so he can plan his schedule.
– Senior Vice President's report: Mike Campagnolo said that regarding the rotating meeting location survey he sent out in May, to each region, he received some good responses.
– Northern Region VP Scott Sanders had 49 compatriots respond to the survey. 38 Would be interested in attending at a more northerly location than Springfield. Nine would like a location within 30 miles of Chicago. Two respondents weren't interested.
– In the Central Region, two compatriots favored moving the location around and three just wanted them all in Springfield.
– In the Southern Region, ten compatriots responded. Eight wanted a more southerly location. One wanted it to stay in Springfield. One had no preference.
– Mike Campagnolo said we should try moving it around next year.
– Jerry Whitson has two locations in mind for Mt. Vernon.
– Joe Harris suggested either Mt. Vernon or Effingham for the location. He said local members could pick northerners up at the Effingham train station, or at the Centralia train station for Mt. Vernon.
– Toby Chamberlain new contracts need to be signed for next year's hotels.
– Gordon Bidner (GJB) moved to approve the plan to move the BOM meeting locations around next year. Seconded by Tom Ashby (Ft. Armstrong). Approved by a show of hands.

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- **Secretary Report**: Drew Robinson said his report is in the packet.
  - National Registrar's office is down to a seven week turnaround on processing new applications.

- **Treasurer's Report**: Lee Braden (ABC): Report of the bank statement will be emailed out to the attendees.
  - Bill Wheeler asked if we are gauging interesting in electronic dues payment. Lee said more discussion about that is needed. Some sort of electronic payment is needed.
  - Gordon Bidner asked how many compatriots have email. Scott Sanders said finding that out is a work in progress with spotty results so far. October 15 was decided as the deadline for gathering that info and sending to Scott.

- **Registrar's Report**: Gary Grugan (CZM): The good news is that our application numbers are up, both new and supplemental.
  - He said there is a “significant” cost savings if family members submit together.
  - Gary processes applications in the order in which he receives them, based on postmark date.
  - If an application might get pended by national, Gary works with the applicant to get it ready for national before submitting because pended applications can by delayed by up to a year.
  - There seems to be a difference in what gets pended depending on which genealogist at national does the review.
  - Chapter registrars must make sure their applications are signed. National won't accept applications unless there are original signatures on all the copies and at all the appropriate places.
  - Applications that include checks with the incorrect amounts will not be forwarded to national.
  - Dates written as 8/11/18 will not be accepted at national. The correct format is 08 Aug 2018.
  - Pages must be in a top up format on both the front and back of each page or the application will be pended.
  - Applications must be on as few pages as possible.
  - Fox Valley Registrar Ted Miller was recognized by State Registrar Gary Grugan for doing “an outstanding job”. Gary has a high confidence that when his applications arrive that they will be in good order.
  - To speed up processing, don’t staple anything, said Gary. He prefers binder clips but paper clips will work too.
  - Only one set of proofs are needed if two applications are being sent in for the same patriot.
  - There are nine years of proof packets on file to help in new applications.
  - Signatures are not required on memorial applications. Grugan will sign as a co-sponsor if asked.
  - DNA evidence is now accepted as secondary evidence if there is no paper record.

- **Genealogist Report**: Ron Peck (L&C) The use of DNA evidence is not the light at the end of the tunnel but rather “the headlights of an oncoming train with DNA stenciled all over the side.”
  - “National has implicitly established that the genetic family tree has primacy over the genealogy family tree,” he said.

- **Chaplain’s Report**: Ray Owens (GJB): Led a moment of silence for three deceased compatriots Bud McCafferty (Springfield), Leo Miller (GJB), and Timothy Schultz (Ft. Dearborn), and Bill Johnson (GGRC), and Gene Arms (L&C).

- **Sgt. At Arms**: Stan Buckles introduced as the new Sgt. At Arms.
  - Gordon Bidner moved that Stan Buckles serve as the new Sgt. At Arms from 2018 to 2020. Seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

- **Northern Region VP**: Scott Sanders reports that the Northern Region busy this summer.
  - Fox Valley had a grave dedication in Plano, marched in the Memorial Day parade in Wheaton, marched in the Independence Day parade in Downers Grove, and took part in a grave dedication with the Kishwaukee chapter in Belvidere.
  - The FV color guard presented the Colors at a Schaumburg Boomers minor league baseball game along with the CAR.
  - WW2 B-17 waist gunner and 93 year-old FV Compatriot Don Shee organized a flag distribution event at a local mall prior to Flag Day. He also donated the mini flags.
  - FV Chapter Registrar Ted Miller is a new member of The Mayflower Society.
  - FV has eight new chapter members due largely to Ted’s work as registrar.
  - The Kishwaukee Chapter had a grave dedication June 16 with more than 80 people in attendance on a hot humid day in Belvidere to honor two RW Patriots, Thomas Hart and Timothy Lewis. Two descents of Thomas Hart were in attendance from different parts of the country. Chapter President George Graham Jr. did a great job in getting a Rockford TV station, The Rockford Register Star newspaper, and a local radio station to attend and provide coverage.
  - ABC took part in a recent genealogy conference in McHenry County.
  - ABC President Bruce Wright has written a book, available on Amazon, detailing how he found his RW patriot ancestors. It has many links that are useful for others who are researching their own history.
  - Ft. Dearborn members attended a CAR regional meeting, attended a grave marking with the Kishwaukee Chapter, worked with national to update social media sites and update their website with new graphics approved at the national congress, and submitted a poster for the annual poster contest.
  - Ft. Dearborn sponsored a speaker for a North Shore Senior Center event.

- **Central Region VP Lou Myers**: Quincy Veterans Home has had a problem with the water which comes from the Mississippi River.
  - Chatham library asked to have a beginning genealogy workshop at which 34 persons attended. Five attendees were interested in joining SAR. At two following Monday sessions, members helped those interested in becoming SAR members work on their applications.
  - Working on 25-30 applications in the Springfield area.
  - Bill McLane (Piankeshaw) emphasized need to do programs in schools.
  - Gordon Bidner reported that GJB will be holding a Constitution Week program with the DAR in September. Gary Grugan will be honored for his first responder work. Judge Bob Freitag will be the keynote speaker.
  - An Iranian hostage will speak to the GJB chapter November 11 for Veteran’s Day.

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Southern Region VP report: VP Dan Crafton couldn't attend due to a conflict.

Lou Meyers reported that Dan has been very active in planning for the DuQuoin State Fair Veteran's Day activities.

New Chapter Presidents: New Decatur President, Larry Burgett was recognized.

President Chamblin: National Awards given out at the congress:
- Liberty Medal for getting ten or more new members: Tom Ashby, Jim DeGroff, John Dyrud, Bob Lybarger, Ted Miller, William Wheeler, Jerry Whitson
- Certification of Appreciation for John Dyrud, Steve Bradley, Jim DeGroff.
- Fox Valley awarded for its work on an honor flight.
- ILSSAR received awards for Eagle Scouts, largest number of members transferred from CAR, Admiral Furlong award for flag certificates, essay participation award.
- Showed a newspaper article about Long Knives Chapter's cemetery marking in Denauga.
- Motion by Gordon Bidner (GJB) to add the state treasurer to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Bill Wheeler. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Discussion about adding a seventh member hopeful from southern region to the Executive Committee to add a tie breaker, also to improve North-South geographical representation. Lou Meyers made motion to add a seventh member. Seconded by Chuck Dobias. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Jerry Whitson: Discussion about the DAR finder's form for an application for the SAR. The chapter gives the award, Jerry thinks the certificate should be signed by the state president and state secretary rather than the chapter president. Jerry moved that the chapter presidents send the form to the ILSSAR President and Secretary who sign the certificate, then mail it back to the chapter. Seconded by Gordon Bidner. Toby Chamberlain said the finder's form must be attached to first page on the application packet and sent in at the same time. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Reports:
- CAR/DAR relations by Bill Wheeler.
- New SAR logos are on the Ft. Dearborn Facebook page
- PRS or Patriot Research System. Working to get all applications on existing applications loaded into the PRS system.
- Youth groups. Bill Wheeler tried to get info on the Georgia youth group. He gave his age on the phone and they hung up on him. They won't even talk to someone over 50.
- CAR relations. CAR will do presentations to chapters on CAR's efforts to help vets with PTSD. Contact Bill Wheeler if interested.
- Color Guard and Flag Award Report: Mike Campagnolo.
- Color guards from Wisconsin and Michigan being contacted for representation at the upcoming GLD meeting.
- Still trying to get color guard insurance information.
- We might not participate in further Twilight parade parades due to the heat and humidity. Dick Chamblin reported that the SAR members who finished looked beat. He said to either use people who are younger and could finish well, or just forget about participating. Discussion ensued. Toby Chamberlain said floats are not allowed Gordon Bidner said his chapter used his pickup truck at the Memorial Day parade with a GJB sign on the sides.

Three or four color guard members rode in the back in uniform with SAR and American flags. People stood up when they went by. Tom Ashby said we should give it up unless we can get younger members to participate. There was general agreement on that.

Regarding flag awards, there are 12 awards presented by five chapters so far. More work is needed because at least eight chapters need to send in at least one award each to qualify for the Furling award. Need to work harder.

Illinois Patriot Report: Scott Sanders. Set deadline of October 15 for return of Page 1 cutout survey by the chapter presidents. Scott stressed how to submit photos for the Patriot. Don't embed them in the copy of the story. Rather, send them as separate attachments with caption info.

Medals and Awards Committee Report: Gary List. The report is in the packet. Gary has volunteered to take over the work of Franz Herder. Gary said there is a 64 page report on the national website describing all the awards.

- Three goals. 1. Update the list of medals and awards.
- 2. Chapter presidents need to write to Gary with a simple justification for a member to receive an award.
- 3. Friday night award ceremony needs to streamline the awards ceremony. He recommends calling up all the recipients for an award, telling why each one won the award for, then taking a group photo.

Member and Chapter Development: Gordon Bidner. In each chapter, there should be a person who can mentor the new member in regard to chapter activities, etc. Also, mentors for new chapter presidents are needed also.

- Packets for new members and also for new officers, listing what to do and how to do it are needed.
- Gordon promised to respond to people who have these sorts of questions.
- Approaching members one on one might be better than just asking for volunteers at a chapter meeting.
- Tom Ashby said his chapter's nominating committee fits the job (not just officer positions) to the best particular jobs. Then they approach them individually. There are backup jobs for people in case they can't or don't want the first choice suggested by the nominating committee.

George Washington Fund distribution committee: Toby Chamberlain. There is still money available through the end of the year. President Chamblin said to get your ideas or requests to him and Toby Chamberlain will help writing up the proposals. They need to be well documented and with photos if possible.

ROTC Committee: Dick Chamblin. Ft. Dearborn will contact the schools in the Chicago area for students who will join. Chuck Dobias said more direct and personal contact is needed with the schools.

History Teacher Award. Tom Ashby. ILSSAR received the History Teacher of The Year Award from national. Krista Graves received a $500.00 stipend for a class she took. PG Lawrence Jr. increased the funding amount to $15,000/yr. for teachers' awards at different grade levels. Chuck Dobias said younger teachers should be nominated rather than those ready to retire so the money awarded can be used by the teachers for future teaching.

MEETING ADJOURNED!
Kishwaukee Chapter

Kishwaukee gets excellent media coverage for Belvidere dedication

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

The Kishwaukee Chapter had a most successful Grave Marking Ceremony June 16, 2018. The entire event from planning to end was a part of our chapter activities for about 16 months. As we approached the final planning stages we began to work on how to get the information out to the public.

The first step we took was to establish a list of print media, a list of television media, and radio media.

Once each list was complete we began to put together the contact Information of each source. The research began with finding out who is the right person to contact at each source. Once that was determined we set about how the best way was to contact that person. We found most of the necessary contacts use electronic devices for almost all communications today. So, the next step was learning the phone numbers, email addresses, twitter feeds etc.

These lists became extensive and very complete: names, best contact points, along with the best times within which to contact each one.

Once all of this was done, I formulated, what I would call a high impact email, or letter. The high impact letter I sent out follows:

Honoring Revolutionary War Veterans in Belvidere, Illinois

The historically famous Pettit Chapel, located inside the Belvidere Cemetery will be the gathering place June 16, 2018, 11:30am, as members of the Illinois Kishwaukee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, honor Timothy Lewis and Thomas Hart, two Revolutionary War Veterans, buried here. The ceremony will begin inside the Pettit Chapel, moving to the site of the historical marker for the reading, dedicating and unveiling. Guest speakers will include Dick Chamblin, President of the IL SAR, Franz Herder, Founder of the Cemetery Marking Program, and Sam Larson, Sexton of the Belvidere Cemetery.

Jacob Shadinger, Illinois President of the Children of the American Revolution will present the reading of the marker followed by Rich Stabenow, Asst. Registrar for the Kishwaukee Chapter performing the dedication and unveiling of the marker. Ray Beets, Secretary of the Kishwaukee Chapter will close the ceremony with the SAR recessional.

Three very special guests, fourth generation grandchildren of Timothy Lewis will be traveling from three states to be present as the historical marker commemorating their ancestor’s life is unveiled. The last living male descendant of Mr. Hart will be unable to make the trip due to his age and distance he would have to travel.

The two gentlemen honored today are of special interest to us, as a chapter. April 16, 1978, in the home of Mr. Wes Hyland, Belvidere, the Chapter was formed by selecting the name of the newly established Kishwaukee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. At that meeting, the officers of the chapter were: President Boyce Wright, Belvidere; Vice President Wesley Hyland, Belvidere; Treasurer Clark Bullen, Rockford; and Secretary James Wright, Rockford. Since April 16, 1978, members of Illinois’ Kishwaukee Chapter have with honor and respect, strived to live up to the mission of the SAR.

The SAR mission: The Objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

Respectfully: George B Graham Jr., President Illinois Kishwaukee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Some chapter members thought the information, as well as the letter, was too much. I however, felt each paragraph had a specific purpose and target. The final results were coverage in several newspapers prior to the event, with the Rockford Register Star running a teaser as well as the full story the day prior to the event, as well as having a reporter and camera crew at the event. The local TV station Channel 23, had me as a guest of Andy Gannons on his Morning Blend show two days before the event giving us more than six minutes of air time. One more point to be made is that the temperature the day of the event was approaching 100. I mention that only because the turn-out for the event was ‘standing room only’ in the Pettit Chapel.
Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

A Tradition Continues in Oratorical Contest

Captain Zeally Moss President John Foster, presented a member certificate to new compatriot Donald Conley at the IVY Club in Peoria. At right, Tom Ashby and Jim Miller present the new member certificate and rosette to Donald Conley on March 22.

At left, Terry Lynch portrayed Paul Revere at the meeting.

Chapter helps the DAR honor area Potawatomi Chief Senachwine

The Color Guard of the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the SAR was invited to participate in a ceremony to honor the memory of Chief Senachwine by the Chief Senachwine Chapter of the DAR on Friday afternoon, September 7, 2018.

Originally, the ceremony was to be held at the grave site on a bluff north of Putnam, Illinois. Due to rain, the ceremony was held at the Presbyterian Church in Henry, Illinois.

Chief Senachwine (c. 1744 to 1831) was one of the last major Potawatomi chieftains to live in the region. He became Chief in 1815, succeeding his brother Gomo. Although opposed to war, he sided with Black Partridge during the Peoria War and later accompanied the peace delegation to St. Louis to sign a treaty.

Prior to the Black Hawk War, he argued against war and his tribe did not participate in that war. He said on June 1830 “Resistance to the aggression of the whites is useless. War is wicked and must result in our ruin. Therefore, let us submit to our fate; return not evil for evil, as this would offend the Great Spirit and bring ruin upon us”

A year before his death, he became convinced that his tribe and, eventually, all Native Americans would be defeated and should move peacefully west, as his tribe did two years later, settling in Kansas.

Participants from left are Compatriot Tom Ashby, Jim Miller, Nancy Gilfillan, DAR Regent, Mike Tubbs, Aaron Miller, Bill Cook, President CZM Chapter. Behind them are members of the local DAR chapter.

During the ceremony, a wreath was laid at the site which also contains a stone with the plaque installed there on June 13, 1937 by Peoria chapter of the SAR.
Springfield Chapter

Cemetery Marker to Honor Revolutionary War Nurse

Planning for the Springfield Chapter cemetery marking for Patriot Luann McDaniel at the Dawson, IL cemetery is nearing completion.

The dedication and unveiling of the cemetery marker is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 P.M. with a reception to follow at Compatriot Bob Dennison’s home. We will need members of the color guard to attend in uniform.

The marker was installed Saturday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Springfield chapter welcomes three new compatriots

Three new members have had their applications approved and have joined the Springfield Chapter.

Donald Eugene Smith, who lives in Springfield, is a descendent of Patriot Lazarus Gatlin who was a member of the North Carolina Continental Line.

Randall Eugene Smith, is Donald’s son and also lists Lazarus Gatlin as his Patriot. He lives in Springfield also.

Gary Freese, who lives in Lincoln, is a descendent of Patriot John Hoffacker who performed Public Service and was a member of the York County, PA Militia.

General George Rogers Clark Chapter

Patriot Cemetery Ceremony and Eagle Scout recognition

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter Sons of the American Revolution recognized the Revolutionary War service of Laban Smart during a ceremony at Hagler Cemetery near Troy, Ill., on June 16. Laban Smart was born in 1758 in Franklin County, N.C. He served twice: first for three months in the Company commanded by Capt William Brickle and Lt. Benjamin Phillips. In the spring of 1781 he was drafted again for three months under the command of Captain Jones in the Colonel Linton and Major Wood’s regiment. He was married to Susannah Simmons. Laban moved his family from North Carolina to Tennessee and then to Kentucky and finally to Madison County, Illinois. He died March 28, 1840 and was buried next to Susannah who had died in 1838.

The marker shown is a cenotaph.

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter recognized Troop 777’s most recent Eagle Scout, Trenton Krocker, with the SAR Eagle Scout Award during a ceremony on August 26. Pictured above is member Dennis Lybarger (second from left) presenting the SAR Eagle Scout patch as chapter president Charles Dobias (left) and chapter Eagle Scout chairman Richard Ruedin look on. Trenton is attending Lewis and Clark College majoring in mechanical engineering.
Every year we take a break for the summer months of June, July and August, picking up our meetings in September. It has been our tradition to start off with a joint meeting with the DAR which they sponsor and organize. This year the joint meeting was held at the I Hotel in the Lincoln room, in Champaign, Illinois.

At the start of the meeting there were two guests introduced, George Washington and Martha Washington’s Lady in Waiting (George Washington portrayed by Piankeshaw Chapter President, William Bayard McLane and Martha’s Lady in Waiting was portrayed by Piankeshaw Chapter President’s First Lady, Susan Joyce McLane, a member of the Alliance Chapter of the NSDAR.

This is considered a regular business meeting for the Alliance Chapter, NSDAR so the meeting began with the Alliance Chapter Regent, Kristin Peterson leading off with the DAR Devotional Ritual. The Piankeshaw Chapter President was introduced to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The American’s Creed was recited.

Kristin then introduced the guest speaker, Pam Bork, Regent Thomas Ford Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and a candidate for Chaplain General whose presentation was on the Illinois Bi-Centennial.

Following Regent Pam Bork’s presentation, Regent Kristin Peterson began the regular business portion of the meeting requesting all reports form the various committees.

From left in photo at right: Susan McLane as Martha Washington’s Lady in Waiting; guest speaker Pam Bork; William McLane as George Washington; and Kristin Peterson, DAR Alliance Chapter Regent.
On Saturday, June 9, 2018 the Long Knives Chapter presented a Memorial Grave Marking Ceremony for four Revolutionary War Veterans at St. John’s Church Cemetery in Dongola, Illinois. The four patriots buried there are Adam Clapp, Jacob Hileman, Christopher Lyerle and Peter Meisenheimer. The chapter worked for the best part of a year on the research, planning and marker erection. They held a fundraiser for the marker and raised enough to cover our portion of the expenses. The chapter was assisted at the ceremony by Boy Scout Troop 44 from Anna, Illinois. There were more than 100 descendants of the four patriots in attendance at the marking.
American Bicentennial Chapter
Duels And Caning Sometimes Settled Disputes Of Honor In RW Times

The August 2018 Chapter meeting of the Illinois American Bicentennial Chapter included lunch and a presentation by Sarah Sullivan, Instructor of History and Department Chair for History, Political Science and Economics at McHenry County College. Sarah discussed Revolutionary era methods of settling infringements to honor such as dueling and caning. Sarah's discussion made evident that there are parallels between the numerous political hostilities of that era and the political hostilities of current times. A meeting of the Board of Managers followed the Chapter meeting.

By Bruce Wright
President American Bicentennial Chapter

I recently self published my book Discover Your Roots! How I Found my North American and Revolutionary War Ancestors. I used Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) to publish both the paperback and the Kindle electronic versions of the book.

First, I submitted an electronic version of my book for copyright purposes to the U.S. Copyright Office, filled out their form, and paid their $55 fee. Their website is https://www.copyright.gov/registration/literary-works/index.html.


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Color Guard goes out with the crowd

Before a Schaumburg Boomers game July 21, The Fox Valley Color Guard brought the colors into the stadium in Schaumburg. Guard members, from left, Jon Fixmer, Mike Campagnolo, and Chip Dawes then stayed for the game with family and members of the CAR.
Captian Elijah Smith Chapter

The Elijah Smith Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution would like to invite you to a celebration of three Revolutionary War Patriots who are interred in the Jacksonville East Cemetery in Jacksonville, Illinois.

We will be honoring these three patriots by dedicating a plaque at the entrance of the cemetery to identify each of the patriots, their service to this country during the Revolutionary War, and their location within the cemetery. These patriots are Joseph Jackson 1758 – 1842, John Dawson 1750 – 1839, and this chapter’s namesake, Elijah Smith 1755 – 1836.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28 and will be held at the Jacksonville East Cemetery located on Myrtle Street in Jacksonville. Immediately following the dedication of the commemorative plaque, the Rev. James Caldwell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Jacksonville will host a reception at the Governor Duncan Mansion, located at #4 Duncan Place, 1200 West State St. in Jacksonville, Ill. Please join us to celebrate these three patriots and visit with our chapter’s members. For more info, contact:

Please RSVP to R. Sid Welles at email: sevenoaks@qj.net or 217.371.4763; or to Richard Chapman at rchapman@adams.net or 217.257.0482.

Lewis & Clark Chapter

The Lewis and Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution recently presented Outstanding Citizenship Awards to students from 21 high schools in the chapter’s six-county service region.

Decatur Chapter

Stephen Decatur Chapter new member Eric Fulton, left, receives his membership certificate from Registrar-Genealogist Roger Swain as State President Dick Chamblin watches at right.
Eight hearty marchers braved very high temperatures and humidity as they marched into position for this year's Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade in Springfield. From left they are: Drew Robinson (Springfield); Adrian Tubbs (CZM); Tina Robinson (Auxiliary); Stan Buckles (Springfield); Linda Ashby (Auxiliary); Tom Ashby (Ft. Armstrong); and Tom's grandchildren.