

# THE ILLINOIS PATRIOT

APRIL 2013



**ILLINOIS SOCIETY**  
**SONS OF THE**  
**AMERICAN**  
**REVOLUTION**  
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## President's Message

On February 6, 2013, I led the Illinois Society presentation of a special gift to French Consul General Graham Paul to mark the exact date of the 235th anniversary signing of the Treaty of Alliance between the United States and France. The gift consisted of a framed historical York Current newspaper front page that breaks the news to the English people of the treaty between the United States and France. Upon the signing of the treaty on February 6, 1778, France officially recognized the United States as an independent nation whereupon, England declared war on France directly engaging them in the American Revolution. France's entry into the war provided much needed arms, gun powder, supplies and 10,800 French troops and 29 French warships to help the Americans in the war.

As I presented the gift to Consul General Graham Paul I spoke about the much needed supplies that flowed from France and how that really marked the beginning of the turning point in the Revolutionary War. Consul General Paul offered a toast, with French Champagne, to the long alliance between the two countries and recalled the famous line spoken at the arrival of the American Army in France during World War I, "Lafayette, nous sommes ici", ("Lafayette, we are here"). The presentation was attended by uniformed members of the Illinois Society Color Guard and chapter presidents from Fort Dearborn, Fox Valley, Salt Creek, and American Bicentennial chapters.

These types of events help keep the history of the American Revolution alive in a world too often obsessed with tawdry "reality shows" on television. I encourage all members and their families to participate in our up-coming events. Our annual black-tie banquet will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel on Friday evening May 17. This is a wonderful event where we recognize our members who have donated their time and treasure to advance the society and keep the history of the revolution alive in their communities. On Saturday at noon we will host a very special luncheon with several youth awards and a very special Silver Good Citizenship medal presentation to Larry "The Flagman" Eckhardt of Little York, Illinois who travels thousands of miles throughout Illinois and neighboring states to set-up 2,000 flags along funeral procession routes to honor our fallen military heroes. On Saturday May 25, 2013 the Illinois Society will again participate in marching down Chicago's famed State Street in the Memorial Day Parade. All S.A.R. members and their families are encouraged to march along with our uniformed color guardsmen in the biggest Memorial Day Parade in America!



Compatriot Dale Bottom is currently writing a state society handbook which we hope to deliver to chapters by the May meeting. Once the handbook is completed, Compatriot Rod Herbig and I will be traveling to chapters across the state to present a chapter leadership seminar using the new handbook and a custom PowerPoint presentation to revitalize our chapters. Have you attended a chapter meeting in your area? Do you have suggestions to increase participation within the society? Can you donate a little time to help with one of our many youth awards, such as judging an essay contest or presenting a good citizenship award? S.A.R. is more than a handsome certificate that hangs on the wall of your den, it is a patriotic organization to keep the spirit of the revolution alive in our modern society.

**The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Annual Congress and Board of Managers Meeting, May 17 & 18, 2013**

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center  
701 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701

**Hotel room discount cutoff date:**

**April 26, 2013**

Call **866-788-1860** and mention **Sons of the American Revolution Meeting**  
for the ILSSAR group rate, \$ **\$95.99** per night. Continental breakfast is provided, parking is on you own.

*Adventures with John James Audubon*



Come spend an hour in the studio of one of America's greatest naturalists. Listen to tales of his adventures as he finishes something no one had every accomplished before: drawing every bird in North America. Audubon will enchant you with stories of his travels and travails in the wildest places on the planet. He will bring to life bird behavior and history as he saw it in the early 1800s. With lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history, and bird migration, the audience is invited to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered-friends. Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis portrays Audubon in this entertaining and meticulously researched monologue drawing from Audubon's journals, essays, and letters to his friends and colleagues.

**Friday, May 17:** Formal dinner (Black Tie or Uniform) and Member Awards presentation. We will meet in Freeport Rooms A, B & C. Color Guard members please wear your uniform to present the Colors.

A Silent Auction, Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres will be available **from 6 until 7 PM; dinner is at 7:10 PM** followed by our awards program and guest speaker John James Audubon (Brian "Fox" Ellis).

**Saturday, May 18th:**

**SAR Men** will enjoy a Continental Breakfast from 7:30 until 8:30 AM in the Lincoln Room.

**The Auxiliary** will have a separate Continental Breakfast from 8:30 until 9:30 AM in the Governor Horner Room, their meeting will follow.

**Saturday Board meeting** will start at 8:30 AM to 12 PM and will be in the Lincoln Room.

**Saturday Luncheon** is from 12 PM to 1 PM will be in the Lincoln room with our Community/Youth Recognition Awards. This will be one NOT to miss as it shows the real purposes of the SAR.

**Friday and Saturday Meal Requests**

**Friday dinner:** Romaine Lettuce Salad with Tomatoes, Croutons and Parmesan, Top Sirloin with Shiraz Cabernet Reduction, Chef's Choice of Starch and Seasonal Vegetable, Lemon Berry Delight Cake: **\$35 each**

**Saturday luncheon:** Lemon and Herb Chicken Scaloppini Style, Illinois Corn Chowder with Corn Muffin, Chief's choice of a starch and Seasonal vegetables, Chocolate Truffle Mousse Cake with Raspberry Coulis: **\$30**

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

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

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

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

Compatriot Thomas D. Ashby  
15863 245 North Avenue, Bradford, IL 61421-9520

Phone: 309-897-8483  
e-mail: [tdashby@me.com](mailto:tdashby@me.com)

### SAR Calendar of Events



- May 17 & 18, 2013 Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting  
At the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.
- May 25, 2013 Memorial Day Parade – Chicago – meet at the corner of  
Upper Whacker Drive and Franklin = uniform or Grey slacks & Blue Blazer
- July 5 to 10, 2013 NSSAR Annual Congress, Kansas City, Missouri  
August 8 for Parade, and 9 & 10, 2013 Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting  
At the Springfield Hilton.
- September 26 to 29, 2013 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting  
At the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.
- November 1 & 2, 2013 Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting  
At the Four Points by Sheraton in Peoria.
- February 7 & 8, 2014 Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting  
At the Marriott Bloomington – Normal.
- February 27 to March 2, 2014 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting  
At the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

### Senior Vice-President, Tom Ashby's Comments

Our February Board of Manager's Meeting in downtown Bloomington-Normal was first class. Todd Andrlik's talk on "Reporting the Revolutionary War" was very enjoyable. The food was again excellent with another great turnout and another "largest crowd yet" for our Friday night programs. These have proven to be a highlight of our BOM meetings.

Linda and I attended the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville at the Brown Hotel from February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We joined eight other Illinois SAR

and Auxiliary members at the event. I attended the Boy Scout Committee meeting where we approved a small number of adult Scouters for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award and later went through 36 Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications to pick a winner for the NSSAR award (Florida had the winner announced at the banquet). I also attended the Genealogy and Membership Committee meetings. The Genealogy Committee was a bit too detailed for my blood. But the Membership Meeting was thoroughly interesting, as they discussed our cooperation with Ancestry. This relates to people who have looked at the old SAR applications on Ancestry, which will show them that *they* could be a member of SAR and, if they wish, forward a pedigree to a state SAR genealogical contact to try and make them a member. They anticipate that this could increase SAR membership by 25% next year.

I also enjoyed a training session put on by the Genealogist General and one of the Staff genealogists on getting to a completed approval ready application quickly.

Linda had a detailed tour of the SAR Library and the new construction on the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (SAR Offices and Museum) next to the Library. Things are progressing very well with move in completion expected to be later this year. Then it's on to Phase 2B, which is outfitting the museum.

One of the highlights of the Friday night banquet was the swearing of Senator Mitch McConnell, of the State of Kentucky, into the SAR.

This May, for our Annual Congress we're again at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center. We'll start Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup> with Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres at 6 PM followed by dinner around 7:15 and are usually ready to begin with either our program or our awards presentation at 8 PM. We're in for a treat with Brian "Fox" Ellis portraying John James Audubon. I'm looking forward to the evening and the BOM meeting with Community/Youth Awards Luncheon to follow on Saturday, I hope you are too. Remember you have until April 26<sup>th</sup> to book your room and until May 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve your meals.



# The Long Knives Chapter



The Long Knives celebrated fellow compatriot Jim Wallace's birthday at their meeting on February 2nd. All were treated to a piece of cake designed like Betsy Ross's Flag. Jim & Gerald are pictured here checking out the cake just before Jim's wife, Sue, served it.

## Lance Newman Receives his War Service Medal at February Meeting.



Lance Newman was officially recognized by the SAR for service to his country in Operation Desert Storm on Feb. 2, 2013. Lance is also the drummer for the Long Knives' Color Guard.

# Fox Valley Chapter

## ILSSAR presenting gift to French Council General Graham Paul in Chicago

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In Picture: the toast shot: (left to right) Consul General Graham Paul and Fox Valley Chapter President Rod Herbig.

I believe if all of us had appeared without uniforms, we would not have been warmly received as we were. In fact, as we were approaching the consulate through an underground shopping corridor, we were stopped by many people asking questions and taking pictures. We all stopped by an open area restaurant and sat down and ate lunch. People stopped by and questioned our organization, and why we were there. It was a real HOOT if you pardon my enthusiasm. Many compatriots simply hang their certificates on the wall at home and would not even consider purchasing this uniform. Not me!

Fox Valley chapter has been very busy lately. We are planning a formal dinner at Ashbys in Bollingbrook, April 28th. The North American Alliance is going to attend, showing off their uniforms (Both Colonial and B.. Oh you know ,, the other side) the weapons, parts of the uniforms. Now we serve prime rib of beef so this is no skippy sit down. We're the real McCoy in the Valley. Best get your reservations made soon.

Rod Herbig

# Join The Ladies Auxillary

Good morning, Ladies!

Did you miss our wonderful speaker at the Normal, Illinois Board of Managers dinner? Todd Anderlik gave a most interesting presentation of his book: Reporting the Revolutionary War: Before It Was History, It Was News.

Don't miss future presentations and good fellowship with patriotic people! If you have already paid your 2013 dues for the Auxiliary, thank you!

If not, please consider this reminder, print off the application form below, and send your dues to Cheryl today!

We have exciting plans for the Silent Auction at the next meeting in May. Come and help your man shop!

Attached are the minutes from the February Auxiliary meeting and your application to fill out.

Patriotically yours,  
Linda Ashby  
ILASAR Secretary

This application is for the wives of our members, Their association with us keeps the family together in our program.

Please bring your wives to our next Board of Managers Meeting.

We always plan special events and programs for them



Illinois Ladies Auxiliary  
of the Sons of the American Revolution  
(ILASAR)

Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's SAR State & Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues: \$5. Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please make *check payable to ILASAR* for \$5 and mail with completed membership application form to:

Cheryl Chamblin  
Treasurer, ILASAR  
315 Southmoreland Place  
Decatur, IL 62521



### SAR Ladies Auxiliary



Members of the Illinois SAR Ladies Auxiliary got together in February to plan for their big May silent auction. They all have big smiles on their face because they know how much fun everyone attending the annual meeting in May enjoys this 'friendly' competition. Do you have something you would like to donate for the auction? Contact Linda Ashby – [lkashby@frontier.com](mailto:lkashby@frontier.com). This is the Auxiliary's big fundraiser that sends money for the National Society's CAAH.

Did you know that every time the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution meets, female relatives also meet. Auxiliary members frequently go on site seeing tours or attend art shows while the ILSSAR BOM is meeting. Membership in the Illinois Auxiliary is open to any woman related by marriage or bloodline to a member in good standing or a deceased member of SAR. We are always looking for more members. Plan on joining ILASAR members at the May meeting for a fun and profitable time!

### Wreaths Across America December 15, 2012 Miller Park, Bloomington, IL.

Left to right GJB SAR Color Guard Don Hyland and Dave Ashbrook



Left to right Dave Ashbrook, Don Lush, Don Hyland and Bill White, Veteran's Chair



December 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. was a misty, cool and windy day, but it didn't deter some 35+ individuals from paying their respects for those that served our Nation and paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy. The General Joseph Bartholomew SAR Chapter was pleased and honored to provide the Color Guard for this event led by our Veteran's Chair Bill White who read PG Stephen Leishman's Proclamation for this event. The flags were at half-staff as a result of the Newtown, Connecticut, tragedy on December 14<sup>th</sup>. As we remembered those that defended our Freedoms we also remembered those that lost their lives due to this act of violence. It was a most meaningful ceremony and served all of us well as we thought again about all of those that have fought and died so that we might enjoy the fruits of their efforts in our lives today.

The General Joseph Bartholomew SAR Chapter was represented by Dave Ashbrook, Chapter Vice President and ILSSAR Chaplain, Don Hyland, Chapter Newsletter Editor, Bill White, Veteran's Chair, Don Lush, Chapter Sgt.-at-Arms and J. Gordon Bidner, Chapter President and NSSAR Great Lakes Vice President General

**I WANT YOU  
FOR THE COLOR GUARD**



**Are You?...**  
Patriotic  
Willing to travel  
Able to march in parades  
An active member of ILSAR

ILSSAR Color Guard is recruiting able bodied members to serve



**Chicago Area Compatriots!**  
Your assistance is needed on  
**Saturday, May 25. for the Chicago  
Memorial Day Parade**  
**Uniform or Blue Blazer with Grey slacks**  
**We will meet at upper Wicker Drive & Franklin Street**  
**12 Noon!**  
Can your society depend on .....  
**YOU?!**

Information..... Bruce Talbot [brucetalbot@aol.com](mailto:brucetalbot@aol.com) .

**Ft. Deaborn Chapter**



**Congratulations!**  
**To**  
**A. Bingham Seibold**

**Reaching the tallest  
Plateau in ILSAR history**

**400**

**New Members  
WOW!**

**Wear your colors proudly!**



(I don't know who this guy is...but  
boy is he ever good dresser!)

**American Revolutionary  
Uniforms**

**Darlene Neuhaus  
5757 Monterrey Drive  
Ft Worth, TX 76112  
(817-496-4160)**

**E-Mail: [dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com](mailto:dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com)**

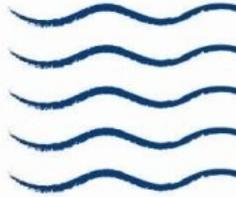


**Compatriots!**

Keep the second weekend of September open. Cantigny Park in Wheaton is having a Revolutionary War Reenactment

Your children and grandchildren are going to have a BLAST!

We will see you there!

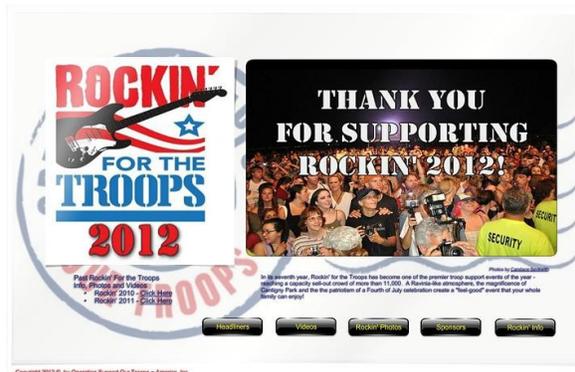


**Operation Support out Troops**

Every generation has a war to support and the young men and women who go into harms way.

In the northern suburbs of Illinois we have this origination which sends nearly 500 40 lb. boxes to our Illinois veterans deployed in foreign lands. The Fox Valley chapter members collect magazines, books, and other items requested by OSOT that they send to the troops, depending on seasonal demands. Some of us even go to the warehouse, fold and tape the boxes and on designated Saturdays fill the boxes with items the soldiers can use in these foreign lands.

Remember, our boys and girls do not have a Wal-Mart or Walgreen's on the corner to pick up necessary toilet items. Some go several weeks without a shower. Give, compatriots, give to our soldiers and marines who walk in harms way. 100% of your donation goes to the troops.



**Secretary —Jim DeGross**

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

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



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**TAPS**



- Lyle White Dec. 13, 2012**
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- Edwin M. Crawford Jr. Jan. 4. 2013**
- Michael A. Newcomb Dec. 30 2012**
- George M Burditt Jr. Mar 12 2013**

# Springfield Chapter



On February 23, 2013 the Springfield Chapter hosted 21 area high school seniors, their families and guests that included members from four Central Illinois DAR Chapters at our annual Outstanding Citizenship Award Ceremony and Luncheon. The students were presented an SAR Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and Pin.

Springfield Chapter Compatriot Brigadier General Louis Myers spoke to the students about the Duties and responsibilities of Good Citizenship. Special Guests were Gordon Bidner and David Ashbrook from the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter.

Submitted by Toby Chamberlain

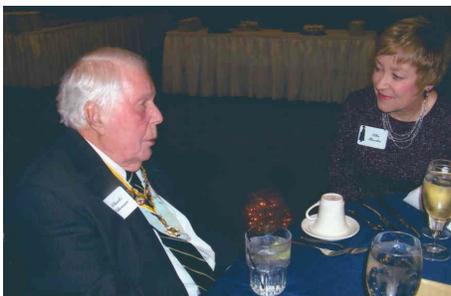


## Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter



John Douglas Schoeberle received a certificate of commendation and medal in an Eagle Scout

Court of Honor ceremony Jan. 13 at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Edwardsville. John, a member of Troop 216, is the son of Robert and Annette Schoeberle of Edwardsville and a graduate of Edwardsville High School. Making the presentation of the GGRCC awards was chapter Vice President James A. DeGroff Jr. (left).



Col. Charles B. Schweizer, founder and first president in 1985, of the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter, SAR, attended the annual meeting of the chapter, Feb. 7th in Edwardsville. He will mark his 100th birthday in May. Here he is with soprano soloist Ellen Henschen. Retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Schweizer has been active in local, state, and national SAR activities for more than 30 years.

## The Genealogist

Garry Grugan, ILSSAR Genealogist

The folks at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) have been busy over the past few months adding new record images and searchable databases that may offer a great benefit to our current and prospective members. As you know, it is important when gathering proofs for SAR applications that they include original documents that support the lineage that is being used. The addition of original document images to the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) databases can help provide that sought after documentation and best of all, most of it is available free of charge. Some of their databases are indexed and fully searchable but others are not. The image collections that are not searchable can typically be browsed and many times will be organized by region, area, surname, military unit or some other logical progression of information so with a little extra time and effort you can track down the records you are looking for.

A few highlights of recent additions include over 51,000 images for Maine Veterans Cemetery Records from 1676-1918, over 33,000 images for Delaware Death Records from 1855-1961, updates to available Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maine & Missouri Probate Records and over 8.6 million (yes, million) images from New York Probate Records from 1629-1971. Probate records are extremely valuable to the researcher because they may contain wills citing family relationships, certified court proceeding transcripts that identify heirs to property and belongings and bible and marriage records among others. The list of new additions is too long to recite in this article but the above additions alone should peak your interest in this resource.

You can find listings of their newly available collections along with links to additional learning tools and resources at their blog page which is found here: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/>. Good luck on your genealogical journeys – please do not hesitate to contact me at [gagrugan-sar@comcast.net](mailto:gagrugan-sar@comcast.net) with research questions as you move forward!

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### The DuPage Genealogical Society's 38th Annual Conference Feb23, 2013

The Fox Valley Chapter exhibited at the 38th annual Du Page Genealogical Convention On Saturday February 23rd at the Hilton Garden Inn in St Charles, IL. we had a table top display set up with American and Fox Valley Chapter Flags, SAR brochures, the Patriot and Fox Valley Newsletters, TRICOR hat and new member sign up sheets. The convention started at 8:00am and lasted to about 3:00 in the afternoon.



We were there to promote our chapter, answer questions and educate potential members about SAR.

David Olson and Mike Campagnolo manned the booth and thought the convention was a great success. Our chapter genealogist John Kessler stopped by our booth to visit. There were approximately 300 attendees for the conference and we had good traffic and quality leads. Our neighbors next to us the Perrin-Wheaton DAR were also helpful in sending potential members our way. We went through all of our newsletter handouts. Carol Magnuson of DCGS wanted to thank David Bailey, Andy Baffes and Mike Campagnolo for donating items for the main raffle. This was a great opportunity to get the Fox Valley Chapter name out and in circulation.



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## Velva La France!!

Kent Worley donated this original English newspaper "The York Current" from 1780, commenting on the Treaty of Alliance between the French and American Governments. This treaty brought arms, supplies, and soldiers to the American Revolution.



Mr. Thomas Luce, Rod Herbig, A. Bingham Seibold III, Bruce Talbot Illinois President, Consul General Graham Paul, Franz Herder former Illinois President, Bob Collins Illinois Treasurer, Ron Feldman and Mike Cobb



To the left: Illinois President Bruce Talbot, Ft. Dearborn President A. Bingham Seibold III, French Consul President Graham Paul and Mr. Tom Luce.