President’s message June 2012

Life’s journey can be described as a series of passages—some joyous, some mournful. This was proven to me once again as marked by the joyous “passing of the torch” as we swore in our new ILSSAR officers at the 128th Congress, and mournful as at the same meeting, we reflected on our fellow compatriots who have been called home. The passing of Compatriot Jim Say, who gave so much of his time and expertise to the Illinois Society, will be felt for years to come, not just at the State Society level, but at the National Society too.

It is at times like these we must all reflect that a society must have a rotation of compatriots who are willing to step-up and be counted when their society calls. Gentlemen, I am making that call for help. As we start the new year, there are a number of positions that are vacant, and I am counting on our chapter presidents to nominate compatriots to fill those positions for the next year:

- Chancellor,
- Committee chairs for:
  - Medals/Awards
  - Ethics
  - Constitution
  - Veterans
  - Membership/Chapter Development

I would like to publicly thank Compatriots John Dyrud for taking over Jim’s position as national trustee, Steven Bradley as alternate trustee, and Donald Hyland as assistant treasurer. We need to fill these open positions at the August Board of Managers Meeting.

Our society is strong and vibrant with a number of chapters conducting important community patriotic ceremonies as well as promoting our youth programs that have achieved national prominence! As your newly elected president I have had the honor of representing the society at a number of events around the state:

- Patriot Henry Collins new grave marking dedication ceremony conducted by the Fox Valley Chapter and the Little Fort DAR Chapter in northern Lake County,
- Chicago Memorial Day Parade with the ILSSAR Color Guard,
- Capt. Zeally Moss Chapter dinner speaker in Peoria,
- Fort Dearborn Chapter luncheon meeting in downtown Chicago.

I look forward to attending many more chapter events over the coming years and encourage all members to attend their chapter meetings and special events. I also strongly encourage you to attend our upcoming Illinois Society quarterly meeting August 10-11 at the Springfield Hilton. Vice President Tom Ashby has a very exciting program lined up for us featuring author Gillum Ferguson presenting his new book “Illinois in the War of 1812.” If you have never attended a State Society meeting, this would be an excellent opportunity!
Senior Vice-President, Tom Ashby’s Comments

In a quiet corner of the lobby of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, at the end of the May Board of Manager’s Meeting in Springfield, my term began with the passing on of the quarterly folders on the communications between ILSSAR and the various hotels for the upcoming BOM meetings. Now President Bruce had passed on the “torch” so to speak. It was an expected duty of my new job, but as with all things, there was a lot more to it that I was to discover. This included the need to make sure all the contracts and contacts were updated with my information, pending contracts signed, details on meals and rooms planned, and the Speaker lined up and provided for for the next BOM at the Hilton on the 9th, 10th & 11th of August. I was to find out that in order to have this information into our Patriot Editor by the cut-off of June 10th everything needed to happen forthwith. It appears at this point that it’s all going to workout. Thanks to the help of Bruce for communicating with Gillum Ferguson our Friday night speaker.

This August State Fair Parade on the 9th, the dinner and presentation from Mr. Ferguson on the 10th and the BOM Meeting and luncheon on the 11th all promise to be a series of events to look forward to. It’ll be a hot hike to the Fair grounds during the parade but we try to end up at Saputos for dinner, a little R &R & look forward to our room at the Hilton. Linda and I always like to tour the State Fair on Friday before the dinner meal and speaker. If you do, remember to take the tram, visit the Ethnic Village for lunch and the Artisan building for purchasable art. Use the map at this URL http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/maps/Map.pdf for your tour.

I’m planning my first trip to the National Congress at Phoenix in July. I’m trying to build my heat endurance for the State Fair parade! It should be an interesting experience. I’m hoping I’ll learn a lot.

UP-COMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Aug. 9, 2012     Ill. State Fair Parade
Sept. 8-9, 2012  Cantigny Park—Wheaton, Il.
Nov. 2-3, 2012   ILSSAR meeting Peoria, Il 4 point Sheridan Hotel

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The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Board of Managers Meeting, August 10-11, 2012

Springfield Hilton hotel room discount cutoff date:  
July 19, 2012  
Call 800-445-8667 and ask for code “SON” for the ILSSAR group rate  
$99 per night (includes parking and breakfast for two hotel guests)

Illinois State Fair Parade

Held on Thursday afternoon, August 9. Participants in the Twilight State Fair Parade should meet between 5:30 and 5:45 at the corner of 9th and North Grand. Step off will be at 6 PM.  
Out of town participants are encouraged to stay Thursday night at the Hilton

Please let me (Tom Ashby) know if you plan to participate at tdashby@starband.net or 309-897-8483.  
**Friday, August 10th dinner program at 7 PM.** Gillum Ferguson, will speak on this new book “Illinois in the War of 1812”. An opportunity will be available to purchase autographed copies following the presentation. "For more than a century, there has been no book-length historical study of the War of 1812 in Illinois, but Gillum Ferguson has labored mightily to remedy that historiographical shortcoming. Massively researched and well written, Illinois in the War of 1812 is a pioneering work that will undeniably appeal to scholars, local historians, and interested readers."--Rodney O. Davis, coeditor of The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: The Lincoln Studies Center Edition  
Our dinner will be in the Vista room. We will have a cash bar available.

**Saturday morning** free breakfast buffet at Bennigan’s for hotel guests (bring your hotel check-in meal coupon). Check out time is 11 AM. Free parking for hotel guests.

**Saturday meeting** at 8:30 AM to 12 PM in the Hilton Vista Room 1 (29th floor).  
**Saturday luncheon** at 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in the Hilton Vista Room 2.

**Friday and Saturday Meal Requests**

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

Mail personal check payable by July 19 to “ILSSAR” for meal total to:  
Compatriot Thomas D. Ashby  
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Bradford, IL 61421-9520  
Phone: 309-897-8483  
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SAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)
July 6-11, 2012 NSSAR 122nd National Congress
Arizona Biltmore Resort, Phoenix
August 10 & 11, 2012 Illinois Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting
At the Springfield Hilton in conjunction with the
Illinois State Fair and ILSSAR Color Guard Parade on August 9th
September, 2012 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
Brown Hotel, Louisville
October 26 & 27, 2012 Great Lakes Meeting
Lisle, Illinois
November 2 & 3, 2012 Illinois Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting
At the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Peoria, Illinois

AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE 122ND ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS
Rosettes
George Rogers Clark Chapter
Bill Wilson, Charlie Casey, Chris Casey,
Springfield Chapter
Jacob Dietz, Jared Dietz, Cletus Underwood, Welton Woods, Dan Hrenko, Richard Chamblin

CHAPTER AWARDS
Joel Willis Newsletter Award
Fort Dearborn—Fox Valley—George Rogers Clark—Springfield

Perfect Attendance at All Four BOM Meetings

Flag Awards
ABC—Ewington—Fox Valley—GJB—GGRC—Lake Defiance—Lewis & Clark—Salt Creek—Springfield

Support to Veterans
Fox Valley—Springfield—Gen Joseph Bartholomew

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
Springfield

Individual Awards
Bronze Color Guard
Bob Dennison, Springfield; Joshua Wallace, Long Knives; Robert Samuel Jr., Long Knives; Steven Haldeman, Long Knives; Gerald Whitson, Long Knives; Robert Morefield, Long Knives; Joseph Costello, Salt Creek; Ronald Feldman, Salt Creek; Rod Herbig, Fox Valley; Jacob Dietz, Springfield; Jared Dietz, Springfield

Silver Color Guard
Toby Chamberlain, Springfield; Franz Herder, Salt Creek; Dave Ashbrook, Gen Joseph Bartholomew; Tom Ashby, Zeally Moss; Karl Reed, Springfield; Jim DeGroff, GGRC; James Wallace, Long Knives; Mike Tubbs, Zeally Moss

Color Guardsman of the Year
Toby Chamberlain—Springfield
AWARDS CEREMONY—CONTINUED

SERVICE TO VETERANS
Ron Smith—Fox Valley; Lou Myers—Springfield

BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP
Bill Harris, Salt Creek; John Cramer, Long Knives; Jay Cummins, Gen Joseph Bartholomew; Mike Campagnolo, Fox Valley

GENEALOGY EDUCATION AWARD
Gary Grugan, Zeally Moss; Jim & Lola DeGroff, GGR; Lou & Polly Myers Springfield

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH
Bob Collins—Bob Morefield—Jim DeGroff

PROGRAM PRESENTATION AWARD
Bruce Talbot—Fox Valley

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Bill White, GJB; Bill Hammitt, GJB; Rod Herbig, Fox Valley; Dale Bottom, Fox Valley; Gerald Whitson, Long Knives

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION
Karl Reed, Springfield; Dwayne Neet, Ewington; Ester Reed; Nancy Seibold; Linda Ashby; Sherley Firse; Judy Herbig

SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION
Sue Chamberlain

MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL
Polly Myers

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY AWARD
Lola DeGroff; Wendy Herder

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
Lou Myers, Springfield; Kent Worley, Louis & Clark

MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS

MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
Gerald Ivan Miller, Long Knives

WAR SERVICE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
Beverly Gene Anderson, Long Knives; John Cramer, Long Knives; George Thomas Gillespie, Long Knives; William H. Jones, Long Knives; William Leivate, Long Knives; Rodney Earl Lush, GJB; Harry Ronald Lush, GJB; Alan Craig Washburn, GJB; Welton Dewayne Woods, Springfield; Toby Lee Chamberlain, Springfield; James Edward Miller, Zeally Moss; Guy Franklin Welch, Fox Valley; George Burditt, Salt Creek; Samuel D. Akeman, GGR; David L. Conant, GGR; George L. Cook, GGR; Raymond J. Robinson, GGR; Eric V. Reelitz, GGR; William B. Warren, GGR; William B. Wilson, GGR; Robert Shaak, GGR; David M. File, GGR; George Casey, GGR

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT
J. Gordon Bidner, Gen. Joseph Bartholomew

PATRIOT MEDAL
Jim DeGroff, Gen George Rogers Clark; Jim Say, Kishwaukee

MAN OF THE YEAR
Robert Morefield, Long Knives Chapter

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD & TROPHY
Charles B. Schweizer, Gen. George Rogers Clark
Submitted by
Lola DeGroff

Members of the Illinois Ladies Auxiliary SAR (ILASAR) were entitled to rest following another successful silent auction. The auction, held during the May 18th banquet, raised $1,205. The auction is held every other year and raises funds for the National Society’s Center for Advancing America’s Heritage in Louisville. Each year, the ILASAR sends $500 to SAR for the CAAH.

Won’t you consider joining the ILASAR? Dues are only $5.00 per year. The Auxiliary meets the same time as the ILSSAR BOM. At some meetings the ladies enjoy touring the community, visiting art and historical museums, learning new hobbies, or just enjoying each other’s company. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to women related by marriage or bloodline to members in good standing or members deceased while in good standing of NSSAR. Contact Linda Ashby, lkashby@starband.net, for more information.
The Award Ceremony was featured on Springfield radio, TV stations along with a story in the Springfield State-Journal Register. The ceremony was attended by many Springfield and Sangamon County officials that included Springfield Mayor J. Michael Houston, Springfield Police Chief Robert Williams and Sangamon County Sheriff Neil Williamson.

With this photo L to Right is Toby Chamberlain, Graham Turk & Lleyton Turk and Dan Hrenko
Pictured are 10 of the 16 high school students who on April 11th received the annual Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Gen. George Rogers Clark chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The students were nominated by their schools on the basis of dependability, cooperative spirit, leadership, service to their school and community, and evidence of personal values and patriotism. The students received certificates and pins in the ceremony at the First Christian Church, Edwardsville presented by Clark Chapter President Ronnie D. Hicks (left, top row). The 10 present for the ceremony and their schools were (top, from left), Kelly McLaughlin, Bunker Hill; Zachary Logan, Gillespie; Corey Harden Jr., Madison; and Elan McClure, Alton; (bottom, from left) Jordan Burns, East Alton-Wood River; Danielle Garner, Mt Olive; Aloiyah Brooks, Roxana; Irene Aollars, Bethalto Civic Memorial; and Matthew Augustine, Edwardsville.

Andrew Goeken, 13, received June 5 a hero citation and medal from the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, for quick action to save his sister from possibly bleeding to death April 17. Andrew, of Godfrey, IL., applied pressure until an ambulance arrived when the sister, Caroline, 12, suffered a compound elbow fracture and bleeding artery in a trampoline accident at their home. Andrew, a recent graduate of Alton Middle School, said he learned the emergency procedure in Boy Scouting. Making the presentation were Clark Chapter members (from left) Lloyd E. Schwarz, President Ronnie D. Hicks, Alan Y. Harrison and James C. Hicks.

The Springfield Chapter participated the Memorial Day Ceremony at Camp Butler Memorial National Cemetery. Graham and Lletyton are CAR members and have participated in several Springfield Chapter Color Guard events. They are Grandsons of Springfield Chapter President Toby Chamberlain.

During the Spring Leadership/Trustee Meeting in Louisville, Illinois State Secretary Jim DeGroff presented several gifts to the National Society on behalf of the Illinois Society. The gifts were donated to the National Society through Illinois by Lewis and Clark Chapter member Kent Worley. The first was a framed charcoal lithograph of the early colonial forests of America done by prominent national artist, Richard Harrington of South Lima, New York. Harrington is known nationally for his landscape, wildlife, and barn paintings and his work is shown across the nation. Also donated by Compahtriot Worley were eight books about the Life of [George] Washington which were written in the early 1800s. The final gift consisted of two framed 1782 Connecticut Payroll IOUs for a line solder who served during the American Revolution. President General Larry J. Magerkurth received all the gifts on behalf of the National Society.
**Secretary — Jim DeGroff**

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:

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**Date for items for the October issue of the Patriot**

Due:  
**SEPT 10 2012**
Frequently Asked Questions and more On-line Tips
Garry Grugan
ILSSAR Genealogist

In last summer’s issue I spent time discussing on-line genealogy research and stressed the importance of using it as a tool in conjunction with hands-on repository work. In other words – there are just some times when you are going to have to look through a dusty archive in a far away county to find the information you need when working on applications. This leads me to the most frequently asked questions I receive and they are:

**What do I need to provide when working with new applicants and supplemental applications to prove the lineage?**

The NSSAR offers a general list of what is accepted as a generational proof that is available on the National website and in brochure form. In my opinion, this list is not all-inclusive. Any original document that can provide a connection between generations should be considered useful. While one document does not always “solve the case”, a grouping of supporting documents that illustrate a relationship can, and have been, successfully utilized. All documents and previously published texts must come from official records or be fully sourced and annotated. This means blog posts, self-published family histories, family group sheets, internet postings and unsubstantiated theories will not meet the required proof standards. You can, however, use bible records, census records, birth-death-marriage-baptismal certificates, newspaper clippings, county and town histories and records, published and sourced family genealogies, military records and so on. The key is that your proof has to be an original or sourced record. It is highly unlikely that any new application or supplemental can be completed through internet research alone – you have to get dirty, make phone calls and do some traveling in many instances.

**If we need help can we contact you and what information do you need?**

I am always available for application assistance, guidance and review. I prefer that you only forward applications to me when your applicant and chapter level helpers have exhausted all options, you encounter a pended application or you would like an assessment of a final proof packet. I am compiling a list of chapter level application assistants – please forward names and contact information to me for anyone in your chapter that would like to help with new applications at the chapter or state level. When requesting assistance with an application it is imperative that I receive the most complete application worksheet available along with a complete proof packet of all research that has been conducted thus far. This is necessary to complete an accurate assessment of the next step in the research process. I can always be reached via e-mail at gagrugsansar@comcast.net.

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I realize that research travel is expensive and time consuming and I do not want to diminish the importance of on-line research, but to merely illustrate the point that it is not the only option. Here are a couple of useful sites for you to ponder in your spare time:

**Website Spotlight – Find A Grave**
If you are looking for the burial location of an ancestor, try this site’s simple search form. The results are not available through ancestry.com and rely on user-entry. Quality and quantity of the information will vary from a simple listing of dates and location to a full-blown genealogy with family links and photographs of the grave-stones and possibly of the person. (Note: these web pages are not accepted as generational proofs but provide a great research tool!) [http://www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

**Website Spotlight – American Libraries Internet Archive**
Nearly 1.7 Million complete searchable texts are available for free to read on-line or download in multiple formats including .pdf and Kindle editions! These texts are gathered from libraries around the world and include thousands of rare genealogical and history books. Many of these books can be used as application proofs – just print off the title page and pertinent pages in the text. [http://archive.org/details/americana](http://archive.org/details/americana)

**A Quick Note - The 1940 Federal Census**
The 72 year moratorium on the 1940 Federal Census Returns ended on April 1, 2012. There is not yet an index for these records so they need to be searched by enumeration district. The records are now available through the following sites for the first time for research: [http://1940census.archives.gov/](http://1940census.archives.gov/) and [http://www.ancestry.com/](http://www.ancestry.com/)

“Lets see now, You want me to jump over ..How many stones to get there?”

OK...Now for the next ten minutes

….Freeze!

0048 Class of 2012---
19 high school seniors

Rick Hollis receiving
the GJB SAR Good Citizenship Certificate from VP Dave Ashbrook

Citizenship Certificate from VP Dave Ashbrook

Dave Ashbrook, presenting Carole Starrett, the ILSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Robert Starrett, the NSSAR Patriotism Award from PPG David Symanson and the CAAH Certificate and pin from Sam Powell
Of the 600 members of the Northern tier of Illinois chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, only 10 were found to march to the colors, yet...what a magnificent parade it was..............

Come join us next year. Let us all show our colors in this Memorial Day Parade.