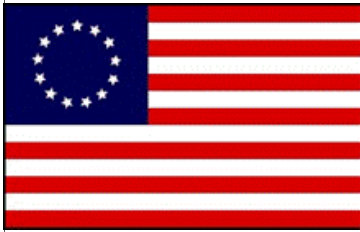


THE ILLINOIS PATRIOT



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The president's message

I would like to step away for a moment from my planned message concerning the state society to focus on the recent outbreak of tornadoes that struck our state November 17, 2013. From north to south, Illinois was scarred by ten tornadoes which destroyed hundreds of homes, injured over 125 people and cause 8 fatalities. Several of our members were personally effected by these tornadoes and I would like to ask for your help. On page 3 of this issue of The Patriot I am introducing our ILSSAR Tornado Relief Fund. Please consider making a contribution to the fund, which will directly go to help our members who suffered losses during the storms.



Bruce Talbot

I have been busy representing our society this fall. My wife Peggy and I drove to Grand Rapids, Michigan to represent the Illinois Society at the Great Lakes District meeting. At the meeting the President General and Vice President General Great Lakes asked me to address the biggest problem facing our society. Without hesitation I related the loss of two of our chapters and the potential that several other chapters would be disbanded in the near future. I related to the attendees at the Great Lakes District meeting the steps (as outlined in prior newsletters) we have taken to address the threat to the society. I also related a research study I found while searching for the cause of our shrinking chapters. The University of Michigan studied why civic organizations such as the V.F.W., Knights of Columbus, and many others have dwindling membership. The answer is technology! After the World War, like-minded people joined civic organizations to advance their ideals for the community and share their common interests. Today, email, the Internet, smart cell phones, Facebook, Twitter, and Skype have made it unnecessary for people to leave their home and go to a face-to-face meeting to exchange their opinions and shared common interests, rather, they now merely post their views and advance their agenda with like-minded individuals on a social media internet site. I challenged the Great Lakes District members to establish a presence on these social media sites as a means to engage members who are not driving to attend a face-to-face meeting. Did you know that ever month 25 BILLION pieces of information are exchanged on Facebook alone? Our Illinois chapters must change with the information age. I hope to see you on:



Have you seen the video clip from the Great Lakes District meeting on YouTube? Just go to the Illinois Society Facebook page or:
<http://youtu.be/EhJNKfgwylE>

The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting, February 7 & 8, 2013

Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
Bloomington – Normal
201 Broadway Ave., Normal, IL 61761
Hotel room discount cutoff date:
January 17, 2014

Call **1-866-704-2533** and mention **Sons of the American Revolution Meeting** for the ILSSAR group rate, \$119 per night (includes parking and breakfast for two)

Friday, February 7: Our Special Genealogical Seminar for everyone including Chapter Registrars, genealogical people & even DAR ladies will meet at the Marriott in Redbird F from 4 PM till 5 PM. **Please plan to arrive early & be ready to begin by 4.**

Our National Genealogist General Larry Cornwell will present his Power Point Genealogy Seminar to all in



attendance. This presentation gives tips on efficient and effective recruitment of new members, describes efficient research on the Internet to find lineages and documentation, and discusses techniques for keeping up with a large number of applicants. It is designed to help the chapter that is lagging in recruitment, for the compatriot who wants to research his own lines for supplemental applications, and for sponsors who want to help their recruits quickly qualify for membership. A question and answer session will follow.

Larry and his wife Leanne will give their "We are General and Mrs. Richard Montgomery" presentation as an example of one of Compatriot Cornwell's recruitment speeches. This presentation also serves as an example of one way to inform the community about the Revolutionary War.

Friday, February 7: For dinner we will meet at the Marriott in Redbird F. A cash bar will be available **at 5:30 PM till 7:30 PM, dinner is at 6 PM** followed by "We are General and Mrs. Richard Montgomery".

Saturday Breakfast, February 8 at Jesse's Grill (included for guests making reservations using our group rate). Checkout time is 12 PM. Free parking for hotel guests.

Saturday BOM meeting, February 8 at 8:30 AM to 12 PM in Redbird G.

Saturday Auxiliary Meeting at 9 AM to 11AM will be in the Broadway meeting room.

Saturday luncheon at 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in the Beaufort Room.

Friday and Saturday Meal Requests

Friday dinner: Caesar Salad, Flat Iron Steak demi (rolled in cracked black pepper, topped with demi glace), Yukon Potatoes and Chef's Vegetables, Key Lime Pie: \$35 each

Saturday luncheon: Mixed Green Salad, Chicken Saltimbocca (chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto and Swiss cheese, risotto), Chef's Vegetables, Carrot Cake: \$30 each

Member name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Spouse name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Guest name: _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

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

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

ILSSAR EMERGENCY TORNADO FUND



The American Flag Flies Proudly In Washington, Illinois!

On November 17, 2013 Illinois was hit with ten tornadoes that caused massive damage, with over 100 injuries and 8 deaths. Winds were recorded at 190 mph in Washington, Illinois, hard-est hit during the storms. Relief agencies such as the Red Cross and others have responded to provide assistance to residents and support to first responders struggling with the aftermath.

Several of our members were severely effected by the storms.

Thankfully, none of our members were hurt but they do need your help! Although insurance can help with the rebuilding, it doesn't cover every personal loss.

The Illinois Society is asking all our members to contribute \$25 or more to our emergency tornado relief fund which will be used to help our members directly impacted by these storms. All contributions will go directly to the victim families. Any excess funds will be donated to the American Red Cross Illinois Tornado Relief Fund.

Please make checks payable to "ILSSAR Tornado Fund" and mail to our treasurer, Compatriot Don Hyland, 304 Felmley, Normal, IL 61761.

Yes, I want to help a compatriot's family! I am donating \$ _____

Name: _____





Senior Vice-President, Tom Ashby's Comments

On September 26 to the 29 Linda & I attended the Fall Leadership Meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. It was a very informative meeting. The new Vision Plan for the Center for advancing America's Heritage was shown and discussed. This was a plan of what our new Museum will be developed into after all the basic construction is complete. There is a great brochure detailing the design as well as an online PowerPoint at SAR.ORG. Everyone should be looking at that presentation. Other gems that came out of the meeting are an increase in Supplemental Applications, if approved at Annual Congress, will go up from \$50 to \$80 effective 7/14/14. Also Family applications will increase to 50% of the Primary application. Linda attended the Auxiliary Ladies Luncheon aboard a paddle wheel steamer on the Ohio River. She really enjoyed her afternoon cruise and the steam calliope concert before boarding.

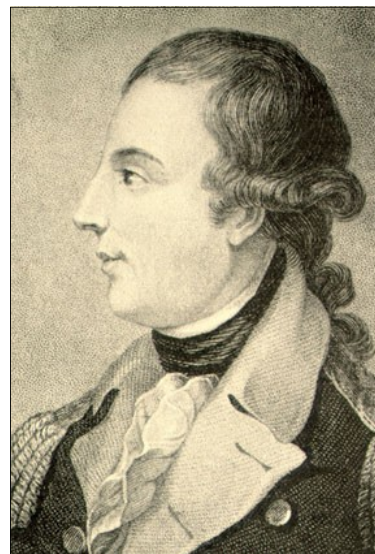
In November we were to have our BOM again at the Four Points in Peoria. However, due to a fire in the elevator shaft we had to move the meeting to the newly remodeled Marriott Pere Marquette. Everything seemed to work out well though even though I was not in attendance as I was recovering from knee replacement surgery. I understand Dr. Keen, our speaker, was great, the staff was very accommodating and the food was excellent. I have booked the Pere Marquette again for November of 2014 at President Bruce's request.

Our next Board of Manager's weekend promises to be an excellent one at the Marriott in Bloomington – Normal on February 7 & 8. Genealogist General Larry Cornwell will attend do an important genealogy seminar from 4-5 PM so I hope that all our chapters send their genealogy people, registrars and even interested DAR ladies to the seminar, for which, there is no cost. Our organization depends on having members and there MUST be someone interested in genealogy in each chapter to make it a viable enterprise.



We will have our Genealogist General Larry Cornwell and his wife will be presenting their rendition of "We are General & Mrs. Montgomery" after our 6 PM dinner on Friday. This will be followed on Saturday by our BOM Meeting & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and afternoon luncheon for all.

General & Mrs. Montgomery



ILSSAR Genealogist Gary Grugan

While most of you know me as the ILSSAR Genealogist, I am also a career firefighter/paramedic currently working as a Lieutenant with the East Peoria, Illinois Fire Department. My family and I live in Washington, Illinois where our children attend school and we have a great number of friends and family. The communities in which I work and live were devastated by an EF-4 Tornado that struck around 11:00 a.m. on November 17, 2013, a date that will be forever etched in our hearts and minds. I was on-duty in East Peoria at the time the tornado hit and was part of the initial and continued wave of emergency response. There are no words or pictures to accurately describe what the residents of these towns have endured since this day.

Two past presidents of the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter were directly affected by these storms – Compatriot Mike Tubbs and his wife Fran lost their home down to the floor joists and Compatriot Ed Peifer and his wife Yvonne suffered moderate damage to their home and property. There have been two fatalities and dozens of injuries attributed to the tornados in Washington, East Peoria and Pekin. Fortunately, due to early warning, the fact that this event occurred during the day and that basements are common in our area, these casualty numbers remained low in comparison to the damage incurred.

In the coming days and weeks, I realized that nothing in my professional or personal life had prepared me to witness the absolute destructive power of an EF-4 Tornado or the overwhelming generosity and strength of a community. The outpouring of support that this area has and continues to receive has been extraordinary and I have no doubt that our towns will be rebuilt and become stronger than they ever were.

My professional and personal commitments during this time forced me to temporarily suspend all SAR work, and I want to thank everyone for their understanding. I am happy to report that by the time you read this I will be back to functioning at normal capacity and will be available for all of your genealogical needs. I ask that during this holiday season you keep all those affected by this tragic event in your heart and your thoughts as they persevere through a nearly unimaginable set of circumstances. Their strength and commitment to each other provide a shining example of everything that is good about the human spirit.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays to all!

SAR Calendar of Events

- **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.
- **May 16 & 17, 2014** Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.
- **July 18 to 24, 2014** 124th NSSAR Annual Congress, Greenville, South Carolina
- **August 7** for Parade, and **8 & 19, 2014** Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting at the Springfield Hilton.
- **September 26 - 28, 2014** NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.
- **November 7 & 8, 2014** Illinois Society Board of Managers Meeting at the Marriott Pere Marquette in Peoria

The Peoria Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution invites the men of the Captain Zeally Moss Chapter, Illinois Society, Sons of The American Revolution to attend our January luncheon meeting on **January 21, 2014.**

11:30 a.m. Luncheon at Barrack's Cater Inn (Doors open at 11:00)

1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria, IL

Spouses are welcome.

Program: EDUCATIONAL, PATRIOTIC, WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Chime Stokers

The *Chime Stokers* hand chime choir is composed of stroke survivors and caregivers and is sponsored by Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp®. Their mission is to promote awareness of stroke and the stroke survivor through music performances. Music Therapists Susan Bock and Lauren Kramer are Co-Directors. Susan is the current Regent of the Peoria Chapter DAR.

Reservations: \$15.00

Make checks payable to Peoria Chapter NSDAR by Friday, January 15

Mail to: Virginia Hannon, 6407 North Fox Chapel Trail, Edwards, IL 61528-9622

Sincerely,

Sue Neal
Corresponding Secretary
Peoria Chapter NSDAR
309-256-9124



Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter



Among Madison County residents recognized by GGRCC for flying the Star Spangled Banner daily at their homes were Bill and Kay Butler of Saline Township. Presenting the award scroll was GGRCC President Jim DeGroff. Event chairperson was David M. File (left).

Residents Cited in 18th Annual GGRCC Flag Display Ceremony

Residents of 11 Southern Madison County homes were recipients of the 2013 Flag Award from GGRCC for displaying the national banner daily at their homes.

They received the award scrolls at the chapter's 18th annual Flag Award Ceremony at the Madison County Courthouse Nov. 7.

"The ceremony alternates between the northern townships in even numbered years and the southern townships in odd-numbered years. One of the ways GGRCC promotes patriotism is to demonstrate an appreciation for individuals who properly display and faithfully fly the American Flag," said the chairperson for the 2013 event, David M. File.

A Trip to The Senior Center

I called up my Compatriot Franz Herder, and said "what are you doing next Thursday"? And this is what happened at the Lisle Senior Center luncheon! What a Hoot!!!



Now! I have to admit, the food was a lot better than the presentation. The younger generation is going to have to step up and take our place!!!! Fortunately, the Seniors really didn't care. Our photographer was Don Shee from the Fox Valley chapter. Rod Herbig

George Rogers Clark Chapter



Steven Slemer, a Glen Carbon volunteer fireman, received a hero citation Nov. 20 from the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter, SAR, for saving a car crash victim from drowning in a flooded ditch. The victim, Southern Illinois University Professor Paul Wanda, said later that he apparently fell asleep while his Volkswagen was descending a hill in Madison County. Slemer, who was driving nearby, broke a window, held Wanda's head above the water, and cut his seat belt. Sheriff's deputies and Mitchell firemen lifted the car from the stream, took off a door and extricated Wanda. The hero citation was presented by Clark Chapter President James A. DeGroff (left), past

President Ronnie D. Hicks and chaplain Lloyd E. Schwarz (right). The other responders also received hero medals. They were Deputies Timothy Lawrence and Dennis Laboray and firemen George Miller, Albert Forrester, Tony Copper and Ryan Staicoff.



The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter presented SAR Hero Awards to seven men during a county board meeting at the Madison County Court House on November 20th. All the individuals helped rescue Paul Wanda after his car careened off a road and overturned in a water-filled ditch. The car was upside down in the water and the driver's window was down. They tried to pull him from the car, but his feet were wedged under the dashboard. As some rescuers lifted the car high enough to keep Wanda's head above water, another held Wanda's head. Rescuers used a Res-Q-Jack to prevent the car from sliding back into the water and were finally able to partially cut the seatbelt, remove the rear

driver's side door and pull Wanda to safety. County Sheriff Robert Hertz said It was a textbook case of first responders and citizens working together to save a life. Those recognized were: Steven Slemer, Timothy Lawrence, Dennis Laboray, Tony Copper, Ryan Staicoff, George Miller, and Albert Forrester.

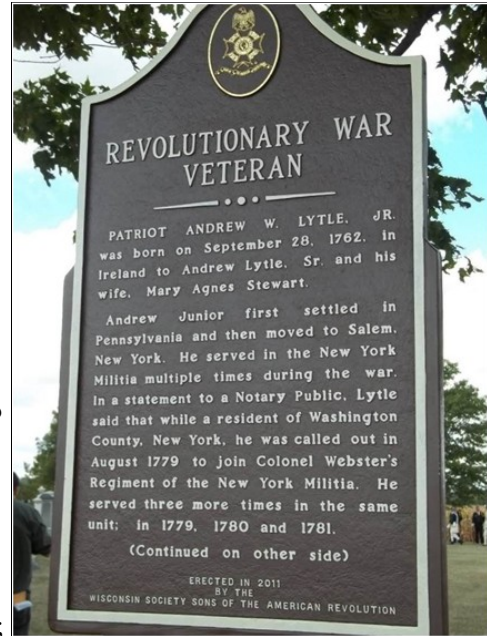
Photo Caption: Chapter chairman Lloyd Schwarz reads the accomplishments of those being honored. Also shown from the GGRC Chapter are Chapter President Jim DeGroff and Past President Ronnie Hicks.



Sons of the American Revolution, Illinois Society Cemetery Marking Project

The Illinois Society has undertaken a project to mark all the graveyards in Illinois where Revolutionary Patriots are buried. Although many of the individual graves are already marked, our hope is to place a cast-aluminum plaque similar to the example on your right at the entrance to every graveyard with a Patriot to allow visitors to honor the graves of the Patriots as well as to aid in protecting these cemeteries from being lost to development.

The first cemetery where we are undertaking to place a marker is the Elk Grove Cemetery. It is the only cemetery in Cook County that is the final resting place of two Patriots; Aaron Miner and Eli Skinner.



Plaque tells visitors there is a Revolutionary Patriot buried in the cemetery and talks about what the Patriot did for the cause.

**Great Idea Franz, but now...all we need is..
our fellow Compatriots!!!!**

**Donations to this project may be made out to ILSSAR (tax deductible)
and mailed to ILSSAR State Treasurer :**

Don Hyland 304 Felmley Drive Normal, IL 61761 donsngen50@gmail.com

Questions; call Franz Herder at fherder@sbcglobal.net

Gerald Whitson at jeremwhit@nwcable.net

Or your chapter president

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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**If you know of a Com-
 patriot who has
 passed on, Please!!!**

American Bicentennial Chapter

The ABC chapter met on October 20 at the RAM Restaurant & Brewery in Wheeling. Congratulations to our new members who were sworn in at the meeting: **Adam Combs, Christopher Luke Jenner, James Zuhlke, Don Marlowe, and Ken Holiday.** Compatriot Paul Douglas gave a presentation "**General John Lamb, General of Artillery**".

Compatriot **Max Dease** presented two more donations on behalf of the ABC chapter to the DesPlaines Fire Department, including a light-up fire Station miniature and fore department lighthouse statue. **Fire Chief Alan Wax** gratefully acknowledged these gifts. Also, Max made a gracious donation to a local food pantry on behalf of our Chapter. Thank you, Compatriot Dease! The next meeting of the ABC Chapter is the Annual meeting on February 23, at the RAM Restaurant & Brewery in Wheeling.

Mike Cobb, President ABC Chapter, ILSSAR

Salt Creek Chapter



During the packed meeting at the Salt Creek gathering, Franz Herder awarded the medal to Jenne Christoff, a member of the LaGrange-Portage Chapter DAR, with able assistance given



by ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot; and in the right hand picture Bruce and Franz presented medal to Eric Banfield.

Kishwaukee Chapter

Photo of Kishwaukee Chapters two newest members, Nathan Bliss (left) and Mark Kaletka at the chapter's November 16th meeting. ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot was on hand to swear them in and present rosette pins. Nathan agreed to take over the flag awards program and Mark offered to help create a chapter face book page, which was up and running that same weekend. Kishwaukee Chapter continues to make great strides in increasing membership and looks forward to a great year in 2014.



The Springfield Chapter



Members of the Springfield Chapter Color Guard took part in Veterans Day Ceremonies at Camp Butler National Cem. in Springfield. Pictured LtoR are Stephen Bradley, Illinois Congressman Rod Davis, George Tinkham, Karl Reed and Springfield Chapter President Dan Hrenko. BG (Retired) Lou Myers also attended the ceremonies but was not included in the picture.
Toby Chamberlain

Kishwaukee Chapter

ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot swears in new officers of the Kishwaukee Chapter at their November 16th meeting.

(left to right) Allan Johnson-Vice President in his militia outfit; Ray Beets-President; Wesley Hyland-Secretary/Treasurer in his color guard uniform; Bruce Talbot.

Wes Hyland surprised the group with his brand new uniform that had just arrived days before. Allan looks the part in what his Virginia patriot might have worn.



Zeally Moss Chapter



2 Photo's Zeally Moss Meeting July 24, 2013

Fox Valley Chapter

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, tricorn 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 and 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 was approximately 300 attendees for the conference and we had good traffic and quality leads. Our neighbors next to us the Perrin-Wheaton DAR was also helpful in sending potential members our way. We went through all of our newsletter hand-outs.

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 there.





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The Long Knives Chapter of the SAR , on November 8th of 2013, presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. J.T. Bandy of "Bandy's Pumpkin Patch in Johnstown City, Il. .for his patriotic corn maze. Pictured in front of his store L to r, Gerald Whitson, Andrew Cairel, Lance Newman,J.T Bandy (owner) and John Cramer. Bottom John Cramer & J.T. Bandy

