As the weather turns warmer, all of us with uniforms look forward to getting outside for various community parades, patriot grave and cemetery markings, memorial ceremonies and the like. I enjoy wearing the uniform of one of my Patriot ancestors, John Maddox, for these events. I do this first to honor his memory and service, and second, to remind the general public that the Revolutionary War was the event that gave us this great United States of America.

The uniform gets the attention of people if worn for presentations of awards to Police, EMS, ROTC, Outstanding Citizens, an Eagle Scout or just about any other event you may be involved in. It begs the question, “What is he wearing?” I heard this from a little boy at the Twilight Parade in Springfield: “Daddy, is that a pirate?” Before the father could answer, I responded, “No, a Patriot.” The press (and the public) are also always ‘all over’ a uniform, wanting photos of you and many times, with them. It’s a sure picture for a newspaper story or a TV attention-getter which gives SAR much needed publicity.

A Color Guard is always a wonderful thing to have at a parade, SAR meeting, DAR event, or any patriotic celebration. All it takes is three men in uniform, a US Color bearer and two guards, or possibly four men with the addition of an SAR flag. Add a couple of muskets for a musket volley or ‘salute’ to the ones being honored and it becomes quite an event.

Sure, it costs a few dollars for the outfit, but you can start with a Minuteman set-up of a tricorn, shirt, britches, stockings, and shoe buckles. Later you can add a haversack, regimental or frock coat, maybe some authentic buckle shoes, a musket, bayonet and scabbard, and a cartridge box. Don Hyland (ecpechydland2014@gmail.com) has a source for a reasonably priced Minuteman outfit. Or, you can go to G. Gedney Godwin (http://www.gggodwin.com) or James Townsend (http://www.jas-townsend.com) and get the whole outfit. Check with your tax advisor, as your purchase may be tax deductible if used for the sole purpose of SAR activities.

Chapter Color Guard members are automatically part of the Illinois Society and National Color Guards. They can participate at events around the state and country, if they desire.

Many times the uniform is what sparks interest in becoming a member of the SAR. I have a ‘Meet John Maddox’ program that I’ve given to service organizations, schools, SAR and DAR Chapters, church groups and Scout Troops on the challenges of being a soldier in the American Revolution. I discuss my ancestor’s service, the clothing I’m wearing and items I’m carrying. I describe the events of the day and how a soldier’s life was a lot different than they would expect. At the end, I mention that I’m a member of SAR and they too may have ancestors who helped establish our great country and could also become members. I always collect a few names after the meeting.

For you who are not convinced to obtain a uniform, that’s not a problem. A uniform isn’t for everyone. I just want to encourage those who are so inclined, as we need you in our ranks to help be the ‘face’ of SAR to the public. In that vein, I want to suggest that you NOT wear your uniform if the public might perceive that you are endorsing a stand from any negative point of view. Try and keep it, as they say, as American as apple pie, and as indisputable as freedom for all.

New members are the lifeblood that keeps chapters and societies vibrant and renewed. The uniform is another way to garner interest in membership. It still needs to be followed up by a call or an e-mail from the chapter registrar or yourself to help the potential new member move along the process to become a member.

Have a great Spring and remember to have your chapter represented at our next Board of Manager’s Meeting in May. The details are inside. I hope to meet you at an upcoming SAR event!
**SAR Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**May 15 & 16**
ILSSAR Annual Dinner, Awards Night and Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, IL, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations. Ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate $99.00 plus tax. Parking is not included.

**June 26 to July 1**
NSSAR 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, KY, Galt House Hotel. Call 1-800-916-4339 for reservations. Ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

**August 13**
Illinois State Fair Parade – ILSSAR Color Guard, Springfield.

**August 14 & 15**
ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield Hilton Hotel. Call 1-800-445-8667. Ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate - $105.00 plus tax, includes full breakfast. Parking is not included.

**September 25 & 26**
NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel.

**October 30 & 31**
Great Lakes District SAR Annual Meeting, Lisle, IL Hyatt Hotel. Call 1-800-992-2694 for reservations. Ask for Great Lakes District SAR Annual Meeting rate - $109.00 plus tax, includes full breakfast buffet.

**November 6 & 7**
ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, IL. Call 1-800-2280-9290 for reservations. Ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

**2016**
NSSAR 126th Annual Congress, Boston, MA, dates and hotel to be determined.

**2017**
NSSAR 127th Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN, dates and hotel to be determined.

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**Auxiliary at BOM**

Some of them are in shoe boxes, others are stored on a computer. What is apparent, however, is that all of the ladies attending the Illinois SAR Auxiliary meeting in Bloomington in February have them. That something is pictures. Lots and lots of pictures.

Lola DeGroff presented a program offering an easy solution for dealing with those pictures. Create a digital scrapbook. DeGroff brought several sample books and let everyone attending experiment to see just how simple it can be to create something that will become a family treasure. Even ladies who were reluctant left feeling confident that they, too, could do this!

Each time the ILSSAR BOM meets, the Ladies Auxiliary also meets. Activities run the gamut of sight-seeing, shopping, and learning a new skill. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, stepdaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the SAR members who are in good standing. The dues are only $5.00 per year.

For more information on joining, contact Auxiliary president Linda Ashby, lkashby@frontier.com.

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**ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan**

Effective immediately my new e-mail address is gagrugansar@gmail.com. Please update your contact information accordingly.

I apologize for the inconvenience.
Senior Vice-President Toby Chamberlain’s Comments

The February Board of Managers Meeting in Bloomington-Normal proved worthwhile even with the shortage of available city-wide hotel rooms resulting from the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Cheer Leading State Finals. The IHSA has already blocked hotel rooms for the first weekend in February 2016. As a result the decision was made to move our 2016 Bloomington-Normal Board of Managers meeting to the second weekend of February 2016.

At the BOM meeting it was announced our society has recovered from the 2013 membership loss that resulted in our state society taking a huge backward step to fall below the 1,000 member mark. Our membership now stands at 1,049 members and is still growing. To remain above the 1,000 member mark will require all of us to work at membership retention while recruiting new members.

May Annual ILSSAR Congress

On May 15 and 16 our Annual ILSSAR Congress will again meet at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. It will be a busy but worthwhile weekend. Friday night we will have a formal dinner, presentation of chapter and individual awards and our speaker, Commodore Stephen Decatur (aka John Biedler) who will appear in uniform) will take us back to 1804 and the time of the USS Philadelphia and Barbary Pirates.

Following the Saturday morning Board of Managers meeting, our Community and Youth Awards will be presented after lunch. The May Annual ILSSAR Congress is always well attended so make your reservations early. The cutoff date for the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel discounted $99.00 room rate is April 24th. Meal reservations cutoff date is May 9th.

The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Congress and Board of Managers Meeting May 15 & 16, 2015
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center
701 East Adams Street, Springfield IL 62701

There is a hotel room discount rate of $99.00 per night. However, April 24 is the cutoff date for the discount rate. Call 866-788-1860 and ask for the Sons of American Revolution Meeting group rate. Parking is not included.

Friday, May 15

Formal dinner (Black Tie/Uniform/Dark Suit) and Member Awards presentation. Color Guard please wear your uniform and participate in the Presentation of the Colors. A Silent Auction, Cash Bar & Hors D’oeuvres will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Dinner is at 7:00 PM followed by our speaker and the awards program. The speaker is Commodore Stephen Decatur portrayed by John Biedler who will talk about the sinking of the USS Philadelphia in 1804.

Saturday, May 16

SAR Compatriots will enjoy a Continental Breakfast from 7:30 AM until 8:30 AM. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a separate Continental Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM with the ladies’ meeting following.

The Saturday Board meeting will start at 8:30 and end at noon. The Community Youth Luncheon is from noon to 1:00 PM with awards to follow. Don’t miss this event as it shows the real purpose of the SAR.

Friday and Saturday Meal Request

Friday Dinner: Salad, Top Sirloin with Shiras Cabernet Reduction, Seasonal Vegetable, Lemon Berry Delight Cake: $35 each

Saturday Community/Youth Awards luncheon: Lemon and Herb Chicken, Corn Chowder with Corn Muffin, Seasonal Vegetable, Chocolate Truffle Mousse: $30 each.

If you have a special diet need (vegetable plate or other) please indicate that on your meal reservation form.

Member name______________________________________ Friday ______ Saturday____
Spouse name_______________________________________ Friday ______ Saturday____
Guest name_________________________________________ Friday ______ Saturday____

Mail personal check payable to ILSSAR for meal total to:

Compatriot Toby Chamberlain
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Meet Our New Chapter President, Compatriot Ralph Keen

Elected Chapter President at our January meeting, Compatriot Keen has a deep love of history and the American Revolution, not just as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, but as his avocation too. In his professional life,

Compatriot Keen’s title is Professor Keen, as he is a Professor of History and the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

A historian specializing in Early Modern Europe, his research has been concerned with the ways Reformation-era theologians drew on biblical and early church authorities in crafting political doctrines suitable to their era.

Professor Keen has authored two books, “Divine and Human Authority in Reformation Thought” and “Exile and Restoration in Jewish Thought.” In addition, he has authored a textbook from Prentice Hall entitled, “The Christian Tradition.”

Compatriot Keen received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1990, an MA in Classics from Yale in 1980, and a BA in Greek from Columbia University in 1979.

Meet Our New Chapter Vice-President, Compatriot John Dyруд

Elected Chapter Vice-President at our January meeting, Compatriot Dyруд has been a long-time and very active member of the Sons of the American Revolution at the local, state and national levels.

At the local level, he has been a long-time member of the chapter’s color guard and has represented the chapter at many events including a JROTC scholarship award at Culver Academy on Chicago’s south side. At the state society level, Compatriot Dyруд serves as the National Trustee and at the national level, he is the past Chairman of the National Society Merchandising Committee.

He is an excellent public speaker and fundraiser for the Society and regularly attends the Great Lakes District meetings and the National Society Congress. Now retired from the marketing and advertising business, Compatriot Dyруд has interests in genealogy, the Wilmette Rotary, and the Episcopal Church. He also received a B.S in economics and history from Lawrence University.

Meet Our New Chapter Secretary Compatriot Drew Wade

Compatriot Wade is one of the newest members of the Fort Dearborn chapter, but brings a wealth of knowledge to the chapter. He is currently the Senior Managing Director and Partner of the AIA Group, an investment management firm providing research and advisory services to institutions and sovereign funds. He was awarded an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. He currently commutes from Durham, NC where his wife is completing a physician fellowship in Allergy & Immunology at Duke University.

(The above biographies were taken with permission from the Ft. Dearborn chapter newsletter.)

A Tribute to the late Bing Seibold III

By Bruce Talbot
Past President, ILSSAR

The late Compatriot Bing Seibold III has a legacy of service to the Sons of the American Revolution that is truly impressive.

A member of the Fort Dearborn Chapter for over twenty-years, Bing was Chapter President at his untimely passing at the age of 80. In addition to his long service to the Fort Dearborn Chapter, he was also the State Society President from 1998-2000 and frequently attended the Great Lakes District meetings and the National Society Congress each year.

At the time of his passing, Bing was the State Society Chairman of the Audit Committee and regularly attended the State Board of Managers meetings.

Bing’s greatest impact on the Society was his love of genealogy and consistent desire to help men establish their lineage for membership in the Society. Bing was personally responsible for completing the genealogy and sponsoring hundreds of new members to the Society.

He was recognized year after year with the highly respected Florence Kendal Award given annually at the National Congress. The award is given to the top three SAR members who were the first-line sponsors for the largest number of new members during the previous year.

Born in 1934 in Evanston, Illinois Bing received a B.S. degree in history from the University of Miami at Coral Gables. He was member of Navy Reserve Officers Training Program and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserves.

Following his Navy service he returned to Chicago in the early 1960’s and was engaged in the investment business on LaSalle Street for 50 years. In 2001 he married his grade school sweetheart, Nancy Kuhn Lindner, who was a great supporter of his activities in the Sons of the American Revolution.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth. The service was well attended by friends, family and S.A.R. members from all around the state despite a winter storm.
Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

By Allan C. Campbell, M.D.

The Captain Zeally Moss Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, based in Peoria, is looking forward to an active year. Of course, our founder, Compatriot Tom Ashby is serving as the President of the Illinois Society of the SAR and will be very busy around the state.

Our monthly programs running from March through October began with a presentation by our new Chapter President, Gary List, on the Battle at Cowpens. Please refer to our new website for our schedule of programs (www.CaptainZeallyMoss.org). Gary is also serving as Recording Secretary and Chair of the Knight Essay Committee for the ILSSAR. Allan Campbell is serving as Chair of the Rumbaugh Orations and C.A.R./SAR Relations Committees for the ILSSAR.

We look forward to participating in the May 15-16 Board of Managers meeting in Springfield, as well as the 125th National SAR meeting in Louisville, KY on June 26-July 1.

We mourn the loss of our Chaplain, Compatriot Richard Yemm. Allan Campbell will assume the post.

Salt Creek Chapter

Don Parrish, former Fox Valley Chapter President and currently recognized as the most traveled man in the world, spoke at our September meeting. Don told of highlights from his travels and gave vivid examples of how traveling to these locales enhances perspective on current events and history. He also spent time on some logistics of getting to more unusual destinations. A lively discussion followed.

On December 4 we had our annual holiday meeting with the LaGrange-LePortage DAR Chapter. The evening began with a buffet supper which was followed by a short meeting led by Franz Herder and Becky Thames-Simmons. Historian Leslie Goddard then entertained the group with stories of Chicago as candy capital of America and why Chicago was such a powerful location for candy making. Following the program, new member Scott Upp was welcomed and introduced. Mike Campagnolo, Eric Banfield and Franz Herder invited attendees to support our statewide Cemetery Marker and Flag Recognition programs.

Changes approved by Genealogy Committee

The NSSSAR Leadership meetings were held in early March. The national committees met and the trustees of every State Society met to conduct the business of the SAR. Any SAR member is welcome to attend to learn about how the NSSSAR works.

At the meetings, the Genealogy Committee approved five policy changes. For exact wording of the policies, please see the Genealogy Policy Manual at the website. You can use the drop-down menu from the Membership tab on the home page.

An updated version, along with the Application Preparation Manual, will be posted.

A. 2011-06, Applications from other lineage organizations.

SAR will now accept an official record or chapter copy of a DAR or C.A.R. application approved after 1 January 1985 as evidence of lineage and related fact except where DAR, C.A.R. or SAR has determined that the facts have been determined to be incorrect. In other words, center checks on applications approved after 1 January 1985 no longer prevent a DAR application from being accepted in lieu of other documents.

Applications approved before this date are acceptable for corresponding facts marked as individually-verified on DAR and C.A.R. applications. The subcommittee acknowledged that there were arguments on both sides of the issue and what it proposed was a middle ground that it deemed in the overall interest of the organization.

No review process is perfect, but the overall DAR review process is an excellent one that includes a number of checks and balances. The old policy was clearly confusing to many applicants, chapter registrars, and state registrars, and the genealogy staff was spending a great deal of time requesting further information relating to DAR applications.

Compatriot Peterman made a point in discussion I think all of us share: we do prefer copies of the documents themselves.
Changes Genealogy Committee continued

A. 2005-03, Application completeness.
   The applicant’s certificate of birth stating the names of parents, date, and place of birth of the applicant, if available, is no longer required. Other evidence for this information is now acceptable. Basically evidence that is acceptable for all other generations is acceptable for the applicant’s generation. A birth certificate with the information above conveniently proves multiple points on the application.

A. 2012-04, Proof documents in foreign languages. Policy 2012-04 still requires that a document in a foreign language be submitted with an accurate English translation of the pertinent facts. If a foreign language document is in an archaic handwriting with the text not easily recognizable, a transcription of the pertinent portion of the document is also required. It is no longer necessary to provide attestation that the translation is adequate by a competent translator. That was overkill for simple translations of birth and death registers, and almost impossible to get for translations of documents for which the originals are not readily accessible.

D. 2011-01, Direct and Indirect Proof Sources for Providing Revolutionary War Service of a Patriot Ancestor.
   Letters and newspapers and broadsides created between 1775 and 1783 have been added as examples of documents that can be accepted as evidence of service. These have already been acceptable, but all of the examples in the policy previously were official records.

E. 2011-03, Acceptable Revolutionary Services. Renouncing allegiance to the King of England is no longer sufficient for Patriotic Service. Oaths of allegiance also had another part that is critical: swearing allegiance to a state or the Congress. Clearly, if allegiance was sworn to another king and not to a state or the Congress, the renunciation of allegiance of the King would not be Patriotic Service in furthering the Revolution.

Kishwaukee Chapter

Eagle scouts honored at recognition dinner

Ray Beets (President) and Andy Hill (Scout Chairman), of Kishwaukee Chapter, presented 143 SAR Certificates to deserving Eagle Scouts from the Blackhawk Area Council at the March 8, 2015 Council Recognition Dinner at the Radisson Hotel in Rockford. Blackhawk Area Council covers that SAR Chapter area as well as Greene County, WI.
New chapter officers sworn in at annual meeting

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter held its annual meeting on February 26 at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville. Illinois State SAR President Tom Ashby (right) administers the oath to newly elected GGRC officers: Jim DeGroff, registrar; Chuck Dobias, vice president; Tom Beavers, treasurer; Marv Meng, president; and Lloyd Schwarz, chaplain. Not present was secretary Roy Wehling.

Eagle scouts honored in two separate courts of honor

Eagle Scout Kyle A. Towner of Boy Scouts of America Troop 91 was presented with Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition for outstanding leadership and citizenship and a patch from the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter, Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

SAR Com patriots Jim DeGroff and Bob Ridenour presented the award at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony held on February 8 at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Hamel.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Kyle designed and helped build a 12’ x 16’ sports equipment shed in the new park in Worden, Ill. The shed was dedicated in honor of his late grandfather, Glenn Kronecker, by the Worden American Legion Post.

Kyle has been involved in scouting since joining Cub Scouts in September 2004. He has earned 43 merit badges. He is a senior at Litchfield High School where he is active on the Scholastic Bowl Team. He is the son of Steve and Joyce Towner. Presenting the award were Jim DeGroff and Robert Ridenour.

The General George Rogers Clark Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Illinois Chapter honored Joseph R. Towner with a certificate and badge and application for an SAR $1500 essay scholarship. The occasion took place on Sunday, March 1st at the New Bethel United Methodist Church in Glen Carbon during Joe’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Joe’s scouting adventure began in 2005 when he joined Cub Scouts. He worked his way up through the ranks crossing over to Boy Scouts in 2010. He earned twenty-seven merit badges, including the Pathfinding Badge which was an historic merit badge offered in 2010 as part of the Boy Scouts of America 100th anniversary.

Joe’s Eagle Scout project entailed painting the storage shed at his church and organizing and working to landscape around the sides of the shed with mulch, rocks and edging stones. Four raised garden beds were constructed next to the shed to grow vegetables.

A sophomore at Edwardsville High School, Joe is the son of Stan and Cheri Towner of Edwardsville.
Long Knives Chapter

Honor guard duty and anniversary dinner highlight Long Knives fall activities

Last September, the Vietnam traveling wall was in Carbondale, IL. Compatriot John Cramer served as part of the honor guard which kept watch 24/7 while the wall was on display. They encouraged members of military, veterans, and patriotic organizations to volunteer for the honor guard and wear their uniforms.

Also last September, the Long Knives Chapter held its tenth anniversary dinner at Mary's Restaurant in Herrin, IL. The guest speaker, Dorothy Rudoni, gave a historic presentation. Robert Morefield gave a brief history of the chapter. The honored guests were ILSSAR President Tom Ashby, his wife Linda, Sue Casebeer, her son, and his wife. Compatriot Bobby Samuel won the drawing for a free meal.

Compatriot Jack Cramer stands on honor guard duty at the wall.

From left, Jack Cramer, Chapter President, Sue Casebeer, and ILSSAR President Tom Ashby. President Ashby presents a memorial certificate to Sue Casebeer, in honor of her late husband Arthur Casebeer. He was one of the founders of the Long Knives Chapter and its first president.

Above from left, Robert Morefield, Tom Ashby and James Wallace. They are pictured with the Long Knives Charter. Mr. Morefield and Mr. Wallace are two of the original founders of the Long Knives Chapter.

Members of the Long Knives Chapter stand for an anniversary photo at last September's anniversary dinner.
Fox Valley Chapter

The Illinois Board of Managers and You

By Fox Valley Com patriot Dale Bottom

What is the Board of Managers of the Illinois Society of the SAR? That is a good question. It is the governing body of the Illinois Society as specified in Article I, Section 5 of our Constitution. As defined in Article II, Section 1, the Board of Managers is made up of the elected officers, past presidents, recipients of the Patriot Medal, presidents of chapters, committee chairmen and other specified office holders.

Society members who do not qualify as one of the above classifications but are interested in joining the Board can be approved by the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting as Members at Large.

The purpose of this article is two-fold. First, it is intended to acquaint the wider membership with the Board of Managers, its purpose and broadly its make-up. Second, it is to let every Illinois Society member know they can and are welcome to attend any Board of Managers meeting.

Non Board members are unable to vote, however they can and are encouraged to participate in the discussions.

Attending a meeting could inspire you to be more interested in the Society’s activities and become more active in your local chapter or the state Society.

A case in point: Com patriot Mike Campagnolo attended a Board of Managers meeting very soon after receiving his certificate of membership. That was 16 meetings ago and since then he has attended every meeting, become President of the Fox Valley Chapter, the State Historian and the State Flag Chairman!! Way to go Mike and thanks for your dedication.

The Board of Managers meets four times annually to conduct normal business: February in Bloomington, May and August in Springfield and November in Peoria.

Each meeting begins with a social hour, dinner and speaker on Friday night.

There is always an interesting program on a historical subject, usually a Revolutionary War event or renowned patriot.

Saturday morning, the business meeting is held from 8:30 to noon and is followed by a luncheon. Adjournment follows. If you are unable to attend the Friday evening session, and especially if you live near the meeting site, you may want to consider coming to the Saturday business meeting and luncheon.

While the Board of Managers is the governing body of the Illinois Society, it is also sometimes referred to as the glue that, to use a hackneyed phrase, holds the Society together. Yet it is much more than that. It is where the time, talent and commitment of members serving on the Board are tempered in the crucible of challenges facing our organization to make it the dynamic institution it must be to succeed.

It is from that melting pot leadership emerges. It is the leadership that is required to provide the vision and the direction to meet the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Leadership does not come just from the head of the pack, as there is limited room there. Nor does it come from the back of the pack or as we often hear in contemporary jargon the phrase, to lead from behind. Leading from behind is oxymoronic, contradictory, by its very nature; it is not possible to lead from behind. But it can and often does come from within, as many opportunities for leadership are found there. It is infinite; it can be in duty, reverence, participation, commitment, dedication and or presence, limited only by the imagination and dedication of those who are willing to step up to the cause. It is essential, if our organization is to endure and to prosper, that we have broad participation from all members.

When the presidents and secretaries of the National Society and the Illinois State Society signed our certificates authenticating our having descended from a Revolutionary War hero, no doubt they expected it would be displayed in a place of prominence in the com patriot’s home or office. But not if it is only for show or just be used to add to our resumes or curriculum vitae.

While they were not expecting the new compatriots to be pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, as did our ancestors, they were hopeful the new compatriot would become an active and contributing member of the Society.

The next BOM meeting is in Springfield, May 15 and 16, 2015. Plan to come.

There is a registration form with instructions included in this issue of the Patriot. Not only can you attend the meeting, but in conjunction with the Springfield meeting, come early or stay late and visit interesting historical and educational sites such as the Capitol and the Lincoln Library and Museum.

Both Bloomington-Normal and Peoria have appealing sites as well. Come one, come all. All are welcome.
Fox Valley members attend genealogy convention at NIU

Fox Valley President Mike Campagnolo, VP Rod Herbig and Assistant Registrar Jon Fixmer attended the 40th Annual DuPage County Genealogical Convention.

The conference was from 7:30am-3:00pm, Saturday March 14 at the Northern Illinois University Conference Center in Naperville.

We handed out 2 dozen Fox Valley Newsletters, 50 SAR Brochures. We also talked with our neighbors attending from the Perrin-Wheaton DAR. We discussed our up coming events and parades.

There were more than 300 attendees at the conference. We had over 2 dozen leads. Last year we had one lead that resulted in a new member. Hopefully we have more than one this year.