



Summer 2024

The Illinois Patriot

Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution
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Illinois Society Members August 9-10 Meeting

Compatriots will gather at the Holiday Inn in Effingham on Friday & Saturday, August 9 and 10 for our next ILSSAR quarterly meeting.

The Holiday Inn in Effingham is located at 1301 Avenue of Mid America. The phone/reservation number is 217-540-7777. To reserve online, use the following link:

[Holiday Inn-Effingham](#)

Meals can be purchased in advance, with Friday dinner only \$30 per person, Saturday lunch for \$20 per person, or both for \$50.

The Friday evening program will feature Eddie

Price presenting on the American Revolution in West.

By 1782 the American Revolution was drawing to a close. Lord Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown and negotiators were still hammering out the Peace treaty of Paris. But the war still raged for frontier settlers, American Indians, and Canadian rangers. On August 19, 1782, in far western Virginia territory (later Kentucky), the worst military defeat of the war happened.

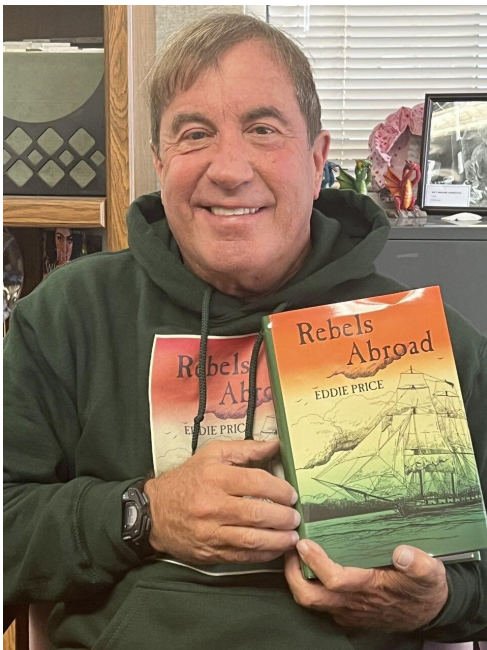
We hope you will join us Friday evening for this

interesting program of the event that some historians call “the last battle of the American Revolution.”

If you are planning to attend the meeting please complete this [form](#).

If you have any questions or require more information please contact Bill Wheeler by e-mail at bill.wheeler@illinois-sar.org.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 9-10.



About Friday's Program Speaker Eddie Price

After teaching high school and college history for 36 years, Eddie Price embarked upon the career of a full-time writer. His historical novels *Widder's Landing*, *One Drop—A Slave!* and *Rebels Abroad* gained instant critical acclaim and he began presenting programs to historical and genealogical societies, libraries and arts councils, patriotic organizations, schools, colleges, and universities. His children's books, illustrated by Mark Wayne Adams, soon became a hit with younger audiences. *The Little Miss Grubby Toes Misadventure Series* is popular with children all over America. Winner of Moms Choice Awards, Florida Authors & Publishers Awards, and Readers Favorite Awards, Eddie visits schools, book fairs, and events with an engaging reading program, puppet show, singing, and activities. Eddie serves on the Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau and is a Kentucky Chautauqua performer, portraying the winning jockey of the 1913 Kentucky Derby, Roscoe Tarleton Goose. To learn more about Eddie Price and upcoming books, visit his website at: www.eddiepricekentuckyauthor.com

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The Next Chapter of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution



I am filled with a sense of profound honor and responsibility as the State President of the Illinois Society Sons of the American

Revolution. It is with immense pride that I step into this role, ready to serve and uphold the values that our esteemed organization stands for. For those of you that I have not had the pleasure to meet and you would like to know a bit about my background, we've added my bio on the ILSSAR website at <https://www.illinois-sar.org/bio.html>.

The Sons of the American Revolution is more than just a society; it is a vibrant community of individuals who share a deep respect for the sacrifices and struggles that shaped the birth of our great nation. Our members are the descendants of those brave souls who fought for freedom and democracy during the American Revolution. We carry their legacy forward, ensuring that their stories of courage and resilience continue to inspire future generations. It is this community that inspired me to serve at both the chapter and state levels.

When I first joined SAR in 2014, I knew little about what the organization does outside of fostering membership. As a veteran, I wasn't initially aware of the support that SAR provides to our veterans. Nor was I aware of the many programs SAR has that supports getting our youth aware and involved in our history. Over time, I've discovered all the great

work SAR does for our community. During my time as president, I'm focusing on sharing these programs and work with our members.

This is indeed a great time to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. We continue to bring on new members, of which with new members bring fresh perspectives and ideas. We are expanding our outreach programs, engaging with schools and communities to promote historical education and patriotic celebration. Our research initiatives are uncovering fascinating insights into our ancestors' lives, enriching our understanding of the past. Our 15 chapters continue to identify and mark the graves of Patriots here in Illinois.

As President, my vision is to foster a spirit of unity and collaboration within our society. I believe that by working together, we can achieve great things. We will continue to honor our ancestors' legacy, promote the ideals of patriotism, and contribute positively to our communities. We will continue to work closely with DAR and C.A.R. in the work that we are doing.

I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to working with all of you. Together, we will write the next chapter in the illustrious history of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Thank you for entrusting me with this role. I am deeply humbled and promise to serve with dedication and integrity.

In the spirit of 'Libertas et patria' (Liberty and homeland),

The Illinois Patriot
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Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
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Submissions, Photographs, Articles, and Chapter announcements/events can be submitted at the following e-mail address:
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Editor reserves right to edit submitted materials for space.
The Illinois Patriot Fall (October 2024)
Deadline for Submissions: **Friday, September 20.**

Illinois Society May 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Bill Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Approval of Minutes: February Meeting minutes were distributed and approved.

Meeting Opened Pledge of Allegiance was initiated; SAR Pledge was initiated by Thomas Ashby; and Invocation was provided by Thomas Ashby. No guests or first-time attendees were present.

Welcome Honored Guest: Treasurer General Mike Elston, Virginia Society Mike talked about SAR 250th, selling pins, coins, shirts and medals Henry Rifle auction every year. Construction status of SAR Headquarters and Museum in Louisville, \$5 million spent. \$400,000 shortfall in NSSAR budget. Mike's main objective is to capture the 20-40-year-old age group to join SAR. 2024 July Congress in Lancaster Pennsylvania

10-minute break at 9:55am

Swearing in of New Officers 2024-2026: Treasurer General Mike Elston, Virginia Society did the swearing in:

President, Bill Wheeler, Fort Dearborn

Treasurer/Secretary, Drew Robinson, Springfield/Stephen Decatur

Registrar, Greg Westfall, Long Knives

Genealogist, Robert Ross
Recording Secretary, Mike Campagnolo

Chaplain, Ray Owens, General Joseph Bartholomew

Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeff Case, Kishwaukee

Chancellor, Terry Benshoof, Fox Valley

Central Vice President, Steve Kern, General Joseph Bartholomew

Northern Vice President, Jeff Case, Kishwaukee

New Business

- Officer Vacancies: Senior Vice President, Historian
- Chairman Vacancies: America 250th, Audit

Treasurer/Secretary Report – Drew Robinson Treasurer Report shared via email. Membership ▪ 2022 – over 1000 members ▪ 2023 – 970 members ▪ January 1, 2024-

954 members. Added 38 members so far, this year ▪ 11 members have passed away for state total of 981.

Banking: National has been paid dues income ▪ Tax reporting will be submitted by state for all chapters ▪ Shared and reviewed financial reports.

Budget ▪ Endowment: TIAA is improving (“looking positive”) \$400,400 PNC, \$14, 770 and 5th/3rd \$27,770 Total Assets \$470,221.46. Largest expense is meetings ▪ Do meetings need to take place four times? ▪ Do meetings require an overnight component?

▪ **Newsletter** Currently not being printed/mailed ▪ Opt-In opportunity? ▪ Managed by chapter? ▪ Break even costs? ▪ Requested recommendation from Jason Butterick & Drew Robinson ▪ Costs prior to the pandemic were \$6300

Steve Hyatt made a motion to approve the Treasurer/Secretary Report. Second by Tom Ashby. MOTION PASSES

Military Service Recognition Motion to manage Military Service and War Service Medals and present at the state level Tom Ashby made the motion to manage Military Service and War Service Medals and present at the state level. Second from Gerald Whitson. MOTION PASSES

All chapters will send their nominations to ILSSAR Veterans Committee Chair Bob Welch **Emeritus Member** Motion to make Compatriot Robert Dalton of Elijah Smith Chapter an Emeritus member Bill Wheeler made the motion to make Compatriot Robert Dalton of Elijah Smith Chapter an Emeritus member. Second from Dennis Lybarger. MOTION PASSES.

ILSSAR Cemetery Marking Program: Cemetery marker costs have increased recently. Cost approximately \$3000. Last meeting Proposed to increase each request to \$1000 and limit the number of requests to five (5 per year) for 2025. MOTION PASSED at Feb Meeting Mike Campagnolo

created the ILSSAR Request form, Cemetery Consent form and Cemetery Marking step by step guide. Will have forms reviewed by the Executive Committee before approval. Last Meeting in February, Drew Robinson made a motion to increase the GWF request amount from \$500 to \$1000 per request and limit the number of requests to 5 per year starting in 2025. Second by Mike Campagnolo. MOTION CARRIED

Future Meeting Schedule: Requests from members to have meeting schedules two years in advance of meetings (in Constitution) Bill Wheeler to make more advanced nominations.

ILSSAR Trustee Report: Submitted to ILSSAR Webpage. Tom Ashby was submitted as an Alternate Trustee. Additional progress made on museum. Working on donations to fund additional buildout. Mike Campagnolo will continue Trustee in 2025 (Tom Ashby Alternate)

ILSSAR 250th Committee NEED CHAIRMAN, Chapters encouraged to get involved!
Old Business: Next Newsletter: July 15th, 2024; Submissions by June 10th

Chapter health: *Springfield* chapter has limited engagement. *Fort Armstrong* lost many members during COVID; meets every 3rd Wednesday. *Lewis & Clark* chapter not very active; Dan Crafton is Chapter President. *Fox Valley* chapter attendance at meetings and events are up.

Chapter Annual Reports: Need to be filled out and sent in.

Only a couple of chapters have done so. • **February Members Meeting 2025:** We are going to try a one-day Saturday Members Meeting (Trial) Event • Officer Training for Chapters on NSSAR Website • **Americanism Report:** Only one chapter has submitted so far out of 15 chapters. **Newsletter Distribution:** Mostly distributed online. Charge \$5 extra for printed copy? Drew Robinson and Jason Butterick will discuss. Meeting Adjourned 11:05 AM

Welcome New Compatriots & In Memoriam

American Bicentennial

Thomas Mathew Miller

Captain Zeally Moss

Henry Truitt V

Fort Dearborn

Aaron Abraham Barlow

Fox Valley

Gerald B. Booz

Louis Lantz Brewer

General George Rogers Clark

Joseph Andrews Rhodes

Joshua Adam Rhodes

Randy Joe Rhodes

General Joseph Bartholomew

Robert Leroy Harshbarger

Anthony Kirk Norman

Steven Glenn Shipley

Rodger Allen Salzman

Lewis & Clark

Charles Arthur Gray, Jr.

Piankeshaw

Wayne Richard Clark, Sr.

In Memoriam

Lee Wilder

April 22, 2024

General Joseph Bartholomew

Samuel Dale Akeman

April 28, 2024

General George Rogers Clark

Thomas Luce

April 17, 2024

Fort Dearborn

Chapter Capsules *News from Our Chapters*

Captain Zeally Moss

Over 500 people attended the Tazewell County World War II Veterans Event on Monday, May 27, 2024 at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center. The event was hosted by the Tazewell County Clerk & Recorder of Deeds Office, the Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission, and Morton High School. The Morton Boy Scout Troop, Freedom Rides provided assistance for the event. Area dignitaries and civic organizations presented acknowledgements as well as hundred of citizens sending letters and cards of appreciation. We are extremely grateful to the 14 Tazewell County World War II Veterans that shared the treasure of their experiences

with us! There are only 16 remaining World War II Veterans in the county.

The Captain Zeally Moss Chapter expressed appreciation to the 14 veterans with a WWII Military Service Certificate In grateful recognition for service in the United States armed forces; the others were delivered.

Fort Dearborn

At its meeting on May 16, 2024, Fort Dearborn chapter had the pleasure of welcoming Aaron Barlow who became a member in March. Compatriot Barlow's Patriot ancestor is William Makepeace, a Sergeant in Captain Seth Gilbert's militia, Colonel John Daggett's Regiment, which marched in response to the alarm of April

19, 1775. Aaron was presented with his SAR membership certificate and rosette by Bill Wheeler, Past President of Fort Dearborn chapter and current President of ILSSAR.

Our Treasurer and Past President Charles Wells filled in at the last minute to provide our members and guests with an inspiring and detailed lecture on his Wells ancestors and their role in the Boston Tea Party. His family preserves a tea label in Chinese said to have been rescued from the harbor.

Nancy Schultz, Hon. Regent of the Fort Dearborn chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Bill Wheeler the DAR "America 250!" commendation medal and certificate. This award is to identify individuals and groups



Compatriot Aaron Barlow presented his membership rosette by Bill Wheeler, Past President of Fort Dearborn chapter.

outside of the DAR “that have demonstrated extraordinary efforts to not only honor the men and women who achieved American Independence, but also to educate others about their service and sacrifice.” Well done, Bill! Fort Dearborn chapter of DAR recently celebrated their 130th anniversary which Chapter President Martin Starr and ILSSAR President Bill Wheeler were acknowledged.

We are looking forward to future lecture programs for Fort Dearborn chapter including talks on the portraiture of George Washington and the rescheduled lecture on Colonial Williamsburg. Watch your email for further details or visit our website at: <https://www.dearbornsar.org/>

Fox Valley

In a significant event for the SAR 250 celebration, a Liberty Tree was dedicated at the Flag Day Monument in Batavia on June 15, 2024. Sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Elias Kent Kane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the ceremony featured speeches by Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke,

SAR Vice Chairman Marty Callahan, and DAR President DeeAnn Carlson. Marria Blinn, Chair of the Flag of the United States Committee of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), presented flags flown over the NSDAR headquarters to Mayor Schielke and Callahan, honoring their contributions to the monument and the tree dedication.

The Liberty Tree, a powerful symbol of the Revolutionary War, was celebrated as a representation of freedom and resilience. The dedication ceremony, led by Fox Valley SAR Chapter President Matt Clark, emphasized the importance of preserving and commemorating the nation’s history. The event highlighted the collaborative spirit between local organizations and the city government, marking the beginning of a series of commemorations leading up to the United States’ 250th anniversary.

General George Rogers Clark

Over the last several months, Dennis Lybarger and Phil Bailey of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter have visited three local schools and made seven presentations as part of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War. The purpose of the visits was to talk with the students about the Colonies during the American Revolutionary War and to give them some insight, information, and opportunities to examine items brought by Dennis

Lybarger and to ask questions about the presentations. The students were very interested in the items and the presentations and welcomed the chance to learn new things. Presentations were made to two 5th grade Social Studies classes on January 30, 2024, at C. A. Henning Elementary School in Troy, Illinois; on March 13, 2024, to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes at Holy Cross Lutheran Elementary School in Collinsville, Illinois; and on March 19, 2024, to a Special Needs class at Granite City High School in Granite City, Illinois.

On Wednesday, February 21, 2024, the chapter held its annual awards banquet at Bella Milano Restaurant in Edwardsville, Illinois. A special invitation was extended to Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the area. A total of thirty-eight persons (GGRC Compatriots, DAR members, the winner of the Knight’s Essay Contest, family members, and guests) attended this banquet. The evening’s festivities were started by the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the SAR Pledge, led by GGRC President, Philip Bailey. The members of the DAR in attendance were introduced and recognized. There were four local DAR Chapters represented: Ninian Edwards, Edwardsville, Benjamin Mills, and Cahokia Mounds. Paula Mattix Wand of the Ninian Edwards Chapter is also the Director of District VI of the Illinois DAR. After a very fine meal, the winner of the Knights Essay Competition, Rachel Brown, was introduced and presented with a certificate and a check. Her immediate family:

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National Society Treasurer General Mike Elston, Virginia SAR swears in 2024-2026 Illinois Society Officers. Left to Right: Society President Bill Wheeler; Treasurer/Secretary Drew Robinson; Northern Vice-President & Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Case; Central Vice-President Steve Kerns; Recording Secretary & Trustee Mike Campagnolo; Chancellor Terry Benshoof



Dennis Lybarger, Tom Ashby, and Mike Campagnolo as part of honor guard at the John Lockridge memorial dedication in Chatham.



Illinois Society presented a check for \$4600 to the National Society Children of the American Revolution national project at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The donation is received by Bailey Callahan, C.A.R. Great Lakes President and Jack Rosenthal, Illinois Society C.A.R. President.



Honor guard participants march at John Lockridge memorial monument ceremony.



Springfield Chapter Interim President George Tinkham speaking at the John Lockridge memorial monument dedication on May 4, 2024.



Kishwaukee Chapter SAR Compatriots Ray Beets & Tom Dummer assisted in the 2024 VetsRoll trip from Beloit, WI to Washington D.C. It was the 4th trip for Tom as an EMT/Paramedic and Ray's first as a volunteer.



Fox Valley presented first Liberty Tree at the Flag Day Monument in Batavia on June 15, 2024. Left to Right: Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke, Marria Blinn, Chair US Flag Committee (NSDAR), Fox Valley Chapter Vice President Marty Callahan, and Fox Valley Chapter President Matt Clark



Captain Zeally Moss Chapter presented World War II Military Service Certificates at the Tazewell County World War II Veterans Event on May 27, 2024



Steve Kern, General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter Chairman of the Flag Day Committee presented Jamie and Mary Kay Scharf of Normal, Illinois as 2024 Flag Day Award recipients. The Scharf's received a Certificate and a 250th Anniversary GJB Challenge Coin not to mention two pocket US Constitutions and each an Outstanding Citizen pin.

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parents, David and Shelli Brown, and her two sisters, Grace and Sophia, were present to see her afforded this honor. Her essay was forwarded to the Illinois State SAR competition. We wish her the best of luck! Phil then introduced the speaker for the evening, Dennis Lybarger, who talked about Money and Trade Items of the American Revolution. Several people responded with questions at the end of Dennis' presentation. The evening was brought to a close with the SAR Recessional.

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the General George Rogers Clark Chapter presented the SAR Junior ROTC Award to Cadet Sebastian Klingaman at Marion High School, Marion, Illinois. The presentation was made by Compatriot Dennis Lybarger, Chairman of the GGRC ROTC Awards committee.

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, the chapter presented the SAR ROTC Award to Cadet Kaleb Hollis of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Illinois. The presentation was made by Compatriot Dennis Lybarger, Chairman of the GGRC ROTC Awards committee.

General Joseph Bartholomew

On Friday, June 14, the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter held its annual Flag Day breakfast meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce our Flag Day Award winner selected from the geographical area we represent—Livingston, McLean, Woodford and Iroquois counties. Steve Kern, Chairman of the Flag Day Committee introduced Jamie and Mary Kay Scharf of Normal, Illinois as our

2024 Flag Day Award recipients. The Scharf's received a Flag Day Award Certificate, a 250th Anniversary GJB Challenge Coin, and two pocket US Constitutions and Outstanding Citizen pins. Mrs. Scharf commented that her family had always honored and respected the flag and she for many years put small flags around her home at appropriate times of the year until she got her own flag pole which she had requested at every birthday and Christmas. She stated her appreciation for the recognition validating her patriotism. Mrs. Scharf also stated when she sees other people properly displaying our nation's flag, she has a habit of sending them a thank you note for their patriotism.

Also at this meeting Rick Milner, Chairman of the Membership Committee, recognized all new members since the GJB Chapter meeting in February. These new members are Dustin Geier, Michael Geier, Robert Harshbarger, James (Jay) Herrman, Kevin Keller, Calvin Lunny, Anthony Norman, Steve Shipley, Hadley Welsch and Terry Willis. In addition, Rodger Salzman transferred his membership from the state of Wyoming SAR to the chapter.

New member Steve Shipley was presented with the War Service Medal due to his service in Vietnam. Hadley Welsch, also a new member but not present at the meeting, received the Service Medal for his military service.

Awards were presented to Alan Washburn and Bob Harshbarger with a Roger Sherman Certificate and Bronze Medal by Chapter President Jay Cummins. In addition, both Lance McCormick and David Dougall were each recognized

with an Oak Leaf Cluster to be added to their existing Roger Sherman Bronze Medals. The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal is awarded to those compatriots in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter. President Cummins also presented Dan Leifel with the Henry Knox Achievement Certificate and Medal. The Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a Chapter to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of the Chapter.

Kishwaukee

From May 19-22, 2024 Kishwaukee Chapter SAR members Tom Dummer and Ray Beets assisted in the 2024 VetsRoll trip transporting a combined total of 220 World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans using 11 Coach Buses on a trip of a lifetime from Beloit, Wisconsin to Washington D.C. and back. There were a total of 401 people on the trip (including soldiers, medical staff, drivers, and assistants). Five of the veterans served during World War II. The group toured 10 memorials while in D.C., and ate formal plated dinners inside the US Airforce Museum at Wright Patterson A.F.B. in Dayton, Ohio and on the return trip inside the Cleveland Browns football stadium. This year was the 13th trip for the VetsRoll organization, and included a motorcycle escort the entire trip and back, police escorts on the Interstate through Rockford, Chicago and in D.C., and fireworks with a welcome home

ceremony all the way in from Chicago to Beloit on Wednesday night. Tom and Ray participated in their uniforms in "mail call" one night at a dinner reception, proudly representing SAR.

Long Knives

The month of May for the Long Knives Chapter started off with a Patriot grave marking and ended with a bang at the Mound City National Cemetery Memorial Day Service. The Long Knives Chapter honored Patriot John Hall on May 18, 2024, at the Old Ruff Cemetery near Galatia, Illinois. John Hall was born 1765 in Anson County, North Carolina. He volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War in 1781 and served in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment under the command of Captain William Crittenton. The grave marking was a momentous occasion for father and son compatriots Richard Hall and Kenneth Hall.

On May 25, 2024, the Long Knives Chapter Artillery and members participated in the Mound City National Cemetery Memorial Day Service in Mound City, Illinois. The artillery team had the honor of assisting in the closing ceremony with a three-round volley before the playing of Taps.

In their tradition of community and Veteran service, the Long Knives Chapter made a \$200 donation to AM Vets Outdoors at their June meeting. This group helps Veterans in the Southern Illinois area with outdoor adventures including hunting and fishing trips. Chapter President Alan Lang presented the check to AM Vets Board Member Kenneth Hall.



Long Knives Chapter Artillery participates in Mound City Memorial Day Service in Mound City.

Springfield

On Saturday, May 4th, the Springfield Chapter dedicated a memorial monument honoring John Lockridge, a veteran of the American Revolution. This ceremony took place at Chatham Cemetery located in Chatham, Illinois. Compatriot Toby Chamberlain spearheaded the effort to make this happen.

This monument and ceremony were made possible through the generous

contributions by numerous individuals, as well as from Captain William Penny Chapter of D.A.R. and from State and National Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. Equally important were the efforts by Village of Chatham, Chatham American Legion Post 759, and members of the Springfield Chapter Cemetery Marking committee.

John Lockridge fought at Guilford Courthouse and arrived just after the Siege of



George Tinkham, Interim Chapter President of Springfield Chapter with John Lockridge descendants at Cemetery Marking Service.

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Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis. After the war, John settled in the Chatham area. His land is still home to his family. Several descendants of Patriot Lockridge were present in honoring their progenitor. Refreshments were served at the Chatham United Methodist Church after the ceremony.

Stephen Decatur

The chapter elected its 2024-2026 officers and held an installation service at the Stephen Decatur monument in Decatur. Compatriot Jason Butterick was installed as chapter president; Chris Bradley as vice-president; Patrick Butterick as secretary and Alex Shealy as treasurer.

A series of informal chapter meetings will be held in the geographical area served by the chapter: Macon, Moultrie, Dewitt, Christian & Piatt counties.

Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast

Are you interested in the rarely taught history of the American Revolution? Do you know the name of the oldest soldier in the Revolution? Have you ever heard of Timothy Matlack or Christopher Ludwick? Do you know how much the American Revolution cost in terms of 2023 dollars? If any of this information is intriguing to you, tune into Revolutionary War Rarities, the podcast from the Sons of the American Revolution.

The easiest way to find Revolutionary War Rarities is

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Are You A George Washington Fellow?

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for the support of NSSAR unfunded or underfunded committees and special projects. 80% of

the corpus earnings are withdrawn for NSSAR project support. The remaining 20% is added to the permanent fund.

George Washington Fellows are elected through a single \$1000 gift or annual installment payment plan as a permanent gift to fund. It is not limited to SAR members; spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces are also eligible.

All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold pin, a certificate acknowledging their GW Fellow status, and listed with all GW Fellows in the SAR Genealogical and Research Library.

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9/10 AUGUST 2024
EFFINGHAM, IL

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Illinois SAR



CSM Robert Haglund (Ret)
Vice President General GLD (Nominee)
And Wisconsin State President
And
Don Skarda
1st Vice President Wisconsin Society

Cordially invite you to the
Annual Great Lakes District Banquet and joint host state meeting
With the Wisconsin Society SAR

Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Doubletree by Hilton - Brookfield
18155 West Bluemound Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
(262) 792-2334

Lodging \$129.00 plus tax through October 1, 2024.
Reservation includes free breakfast per room.
Link for room reservations: [Sons of American Revolution
\(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com)

(Guests can also call 800-222-TREE and ask to book in the Sons of the American Revolution room block at the DoubleTree Milwaukee Brookfield; group code: 908)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

134th National Congress

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
*Wednesday, July 10—Tuesday,
July 16, 2024*

Illinois Society Meeting

Effingham Holiday Inn
*Friday August 9—Saturday
August 10, 2024*

Fox Valley Chapter Cemetery Marking

Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora,
Saturday, September 14, 11 am

General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter Grave Marking Ceremony

Stout's Grove Cemetery—Near
Danvers, IL
*Sunday, September 29, 2024,
2 pm*

Fall Leadership

The Galt House—Louisville, KY

*Thursday, October 3—
Saturday, October 5, 2024*

Kishwaukee Chapter Cemetery Marking

Kingsbury Presbyterian
Cemetery
*Saturday, October 5, 2024,
11 am*

Elijah Smith Chapter Cemetery Marking

Woodland Cemetery, Quincy, IL
October TBA

Great Lakes District Meeting

Doubletree by Hilton -
Brookfield
*Friday, October 25-Saturday,
October 26, 2024*

Illinois Society Meeting
Doubletree—Bloomington
*Friday November 1-Saturday,
November 2, 2024*

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