

We present public service awards



We highly value our first responders and other community heroes by publicly recognizing their efforts each year.

We honor great history teachers

Each Spring, we choose an excellent teacher of American history by naming him or her as Teacher of The Year.



We honor those who fly the flag



Illinois' SAR members are always on the hunt for folks who properly and proudly display the American Flag at their homes. Each chapter throughout Illinois develops an appropriate way to honor these patriotic citizens with certificates suitable for framing and in some cases, public ceremonies.

How to become a member

Membership is open to any male (no age limit) who can prove direct descent from a man or woman who contributed to our country's freedom from Great Britain. A patriot did not necessarily need to have served in the military, but might have supported the Revolution by paying a supply tax, providing food for troops, serving as a juror, or being a local public servant.

You will need to document your lineage back to the qualifying ancestor. Acceptable sources for proof are vital records, census records, probate records, wills, family Bibles, and letters. Your local chapter registrar will help you locate the proofs. Please see the contact information below to get started. We're here to help!

Membership Interest Form

Your name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

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Email _____

Preferred Method Of Contact

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Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution



Who we are

The Sons of the American Revolution is a non-political, patriotic, educational 501C3 organization of men who have ancestors who fought for, or otherwise supported, the War For Independence from Great Britain that established the United States of America.

If you think you might be descended from a Revolutionary War Patriot, we invite you to ask about joining us!

What we do

The Illinois Society has 15 chapters throughout the state. Members are involved at the local level in many patriotic events and civic functions. Read on to learn more, and to find out how you can get involved.

We promote patriotism in education



Many Illinois SAR members have Revolutionary War uniforms or other colonial attire and give of their time to travel to schools to educate children about the birth of our country.

We promote patriotism in parades



Members of chapter color guard units put 'the colors' on display throughout the state by regularly marching in holiday parades.

We honor Our Forefathers

One of the most important programs of the Illinois Society is finding and honoring every Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Illinois. Many SAR members have spent countless hours locating and researching gravesites of local patriots. When a grave-site is located



and verified, an appropriate marker is obtained and a ceremony honoring each patriot is organized and carried out.

Contests and awards for students

Each school year, the Illinois Society sponsors contests to recognize students for writing or speaking excellence on Revolutionary War topics and historical themes about the founding of the United States. Students in high school are invited to write an essay or give a speech at the chapter level. Then, chapter winners can compete at the state level, with the state winners going on to national competition at the yearly annual convention.

Monetary awards are given for these two contests.



Oration Contest



Essay Contest



Outstanding Citizenship

Each Spring, on the recommendation of local high school principals, hundreds of seniors are recognized for displaying outstanding citizenship in their schools and communities.

We sponsor a Junior ROTC contest



Working with faculty advisors, the Illinois Society sponsors chapter and state contests to recognize the achievements of members of the state's Junior ROTC units. The competition involves writing an essay and getting their advisor's recommendation showing how his or her Junior ROTC membership has made the candidate a better citizen.

We honor our military



Illinois SAR members honor the military in many different ways. In October, Compatriots Allan C. Campbell M.D. (pictured) and Dale Bottom had the honor of representing the Illinois Society at the official commissioning of the brand new Virginia-class nuclear powered fast attack submarine USS Illinois (SSN-786).

We honor eagle scouts



New Eagle Scouts receive a certificate, badge, and essay contest forms to enter for potential cash awards.