

# Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897      October 2013

## Chapter Officers

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## Calendar of Events

**Oct 19, 2013** Springfield Chapter Family Day Picnic at Springfield Chapter Compatriot **Bob Dennison's** farm in Dawson

**Oct 25-26, 2013** Great Lakes District Meeting, Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

**Nov 1 & 2, 2013** ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Peoria

**Jan 11, 2014** Springfield Chapter Meeting at *MCL Cafeteria*, 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 a.m.

**Feb 7- 8, 2014** ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Marriott Hotel, Bloomington-Normal

**Feb 27 to March 2** 2014 Spring Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

## Dead Line December 15, 2013

Please notify **Toby Chamberlain** ([saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net) or 217-483-6267) of any Springfield Chapter news, events and photos you would like to have included in the January 2014 Springfield Chapter Newsletter not later than December 15st. Send pictures (jpg files preferred) with write-ups. Identify those from LtoR in your pictures.

## Colonial Navy Jack and Ensigns

Can you identify the Colonial Navy Jacks and Ensigns on page two? Answers are on page three.

## Liberty Medal

Springfield Chapter member Brigadier General (retired) **Lou Myers** was awarded the prestigious NSSAR Liberty Medal at the SAR 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress in Kansas City.

The Liberty Medal is presented at NSSAR Annual Conferences to men who have signed as the first-time sponsor on, the membership application of ten new members.

The Liberty Medal was created in 1987 and commemorates the restoration of the Statute of Liberty.

**Lou** was not able to attend the Annual Conference in Kansas City so the Liberty Medal was forwarded to ILSSAR and presented to him at the ILSSAR August BOM meeting held in Springfield, IL.



Brigadier General Lou Myers (right) receives the NSSAR Liberty Medal from ILSSAR Senior Vice President Tom Ashby at the August Board of Managers Meeting.

## October Chapter Meeting Chapter Family Day Picnic

Information about attending and directions to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Springfield Chapter Family Day Picnic at chapter compatriots **Bob Dennison's** Farm in Dawson, IL is located at attachment two.

Based on last year's picnic this is an event that you should not miss. Your spouse, significant other, children and grandchildren are welcome to attend the event. There will be activities that all ages will enjoy taking part in.

Meats and drinks (water and soda) will be provided by the chapter. Everyone is asked to bring your own chairs and a covered dish or desert to share

### Did You Know?

**Paul Revere** probably did not take his famous ride yelling *The British are coming!* Both the American colonists and the British considered themselves British at the time of his ride

What **Paul** probably said was *The Regulars are coming* which is what the colonists called British soldiers.

### Uniforms and Medals

If you are wearing SAR medals on your uniform, you may be violating color guard guidelines.

You can find information about wearing SAR medals at sar.org and the current SAR Color Guard Hand Book.

In explaining the wearing of medals, sar.org reads, "*The wearing of SAR medals is not in keeping with the tradition of the period of the Revolutionary War*".

The time and place to wear medals and your neck ribbon is with a blazer, tuxedo or dinner jacket.

That said, the onsite Color Guard Commander can give permission to wear

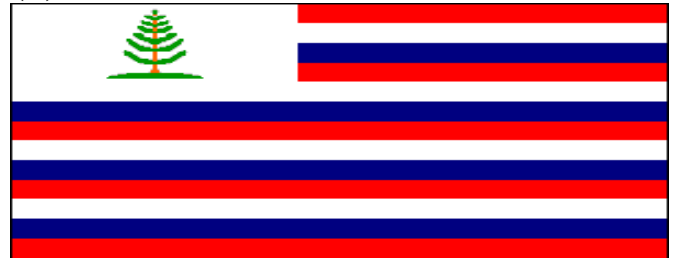
medals on your uniform where the general public is not present.

NOTE – some of the uniforms and medals information was obtained from the Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter July 2013 newsletter.

### Colonial Navy Jack and Ensigns

Can you identify these Colonial Navy Jacks and Ensigns? Answers are on page three.

(1)



(2)



(3)



### Supplemental Applications

Springfield Chapter compatriots do you have more than one patriot in your lineage? If so, consider completing a supplemental application form located on the Springfield Chapter web site and submit it to the chapter registrars.

## 226 Years Ago This Month the Battle of Germantown, PA

On October 4, 1777 the colonial army led by **George Washington** staged a four pronged attack at Germantown, PA against British, Hessian and The Queen's Rangers, a New York loyalist force.

The British were led by Generals **William Howe** and **Charles Cornwallis**.

If the attack succeeded the colonists would regain control of the colonial capital of Philadelphia. A loss would leave Philadelphia under British control for the upcoming winter months

General Washington's plan of attack has been called "brilliant" by a number of historians. However, even with **Washington's** plan of attack and a numerical advantage of 11,000 men against 9,000 British, the colonial attempt failed. There are several reasons for the failure but a dense fog that resulted in officers unable to maintain control of their men played a key part in the colonial loss.

Colonist losses totaled 152 killed, 521 wounded and 438 captured. The men captured included the entire Virginia Continental Line 9th Regiment who were surrounded and forced to surrender.

British losses were 71 killed, 448 wounded and 14 missing.

With the loss at Germantown, some good came out of the colonist taking the offensive to the British. Along with their recent victory at Saratoga the French were impressed enough to provide more assistance to the rebel forces.

## Colonial Navy Jack and Ensigns

(1) New England Naval Jack Flag, (2) Colonial Naval Jack Flag and (3) Colonial Brigantine Reprisal Ensign.

## 2013 C. C Hall Award

Springfield Chapter compatriot **Cletis Underwood** was the 2013 recipient of the Springfield Chapter **C. C. Hall** award. The award was presented by **Toby Chamberlain** during the chapter meeting at Clayville.



Springfield Chapter Compatriot Cletis Underwood receives the 2013 C C Hall award from Past President Toby Chamberlain

## Coins left on Veterans Graves

Have you noticed coins left on veteran's headstones?

Coins left at veterans grave are meant to tell the deceased veterans family that someone has visited the grave to pay their respects.

Leaving a penny means that you visited the grave site. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased veteran trained together at boot camp. A dime means you served together. When you leave a quarter at the grave you are telling the family you were with the veteran when he was killed.

The money left at veteran's graves in national and state veteran's cemeteries is routinely collected and put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for veterans who lack funds to pay for their burial.



## Deitz, Dennison and Tinkham Receive Bronze Good Citizenship Medals



L to R Springfield Chapter President Dan Hrenko presents a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Jacob Dietz



LtoR President Dan Hrenko presents a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Bob Dennison



LtoR President Dan Hrenko presents a Bronze Good Citizenship medal to George Tinkham

## Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade

Thousands of spectators lined the 2013 Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade route and saw the ILSSAR Combined Color Guard marching in colonial uniforms and carrying colonial flags.

Included in the Combined Color Guard were seven Springfield Chapter color guard members – Dan Hrenko, Richard Chamblin, Jacob and Jared Dietz, Bob Dennison, George Tinkham, Lou Myers along with banner carriers Cora and Sadie Brillhart.



Springfield Chapter members who joined with the ILSSAR Combined Color Guard in the 2013 /Twilight Parade were LtoR Front Row Dan Hrenko, Sadie and Cora Brillhart, Bob Dennison. Back Row Richard Chamblin, Jacob Dietz, Jared Dietz, George Tinkham and Lou Myers.

## Children of the American Revolution

Do you have children or grandchildren under the age of 22? If so, consider helping them join the Springfield based Wa Bose CAR Chapter which was established June 13, 1927.

With your approved SAR application the joining process should go smoothly.

Springfield SAR Chapter member **Toby Chamberlain** is the registrar for the Wa Bose Chapter and will help with the application process.

Contact **Toby** at [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net) or 217-483-6267.



## Flag Award Certificates

SAR Flag Award Certificates have been presented to Springfield residents **Sam Maggio, Patrick Ratterree, Don and Rosa Walbert, The Schafer Family, Christopher Beckstrom** and **Michael A. Bowden** who were nominated by Chapter President **Dan Hrenko**.

If you have a friend, neighbor or relative who displays the United States Flag and you would like to nominate them for a SAR Flag Award Certificate send, their names as they want printed on their certificate to either Chapter President **Dan Hrenko** 217- 494-8227 or [sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbcglobal.net) or Chapter SAR Flag Award Chairman **Toby Chamberlain** 217-483-6267 or [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net).

## Anna IL Veterans Home

Springfield Chapter Compatriots Brigadier General (retired) **Lou Myers** and **Richard Chamblin** (Chairman ILSSAR Veterans Committee) delivered a \$2,000.00 check from the Illinois State Sons of the American Society to the Anna Veterans Home.

The \$2,000 donation completed a state fund drive to purchase a golf cart the veterans will use for transportation around the veterans home.



The Anna Veterans' Home is located in the Anna-Jonesboro community in Union County. This modern, single story structure opened in August 1994 and is situated on 16 acres. The home provides skilled nursing care services to eligible veterans.

## Veterans Day at State Fair

Compatriot Brigadier General (retired) **Lou Myers** was one of the of the readers of names of those who lost their lives in Iraq/Afghanistan on Veterans Day at the 2013 Illinois State Fair..



## Petersburg Harvest Days Parade

Five Springfield Chapter Color Guard members (**Dan Hrenko, Richard Chamblin, Bob Dennison, Lou Myers** and **Toby Chamberlain**) took part in the annual Petersburg Harvest Fest Parade on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Captain William Penny DAR member Polly Myers in colonial dress accompanied the marching unit that was seen by an estimated 2,750 parade viewers.