



# Capitol Area Patriot Newsletter Springfield IL SAR Chapter

**ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897      December 2016**

## Chapter Officers

President: **Dick Chamblin**  
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**Lou Myers**  
**Cletis Underwood**

Chapter web site: [www.springfieldsar.org](http://www.springfieldsar.org)

## Upcoming Events

**February 3 & 4, 2017** Illinois Society Board of Managers meeting, at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel, \$139.00 plus tax. Sons of the American Revolution rate includes free self-parking and two free breakfast buffet coupons per room. Cutoff date for reservations is January 13, 2017. Call 309-862-9000 or 800-228-9200 for reservations.

**March 1-5, 2017** National Society Spring Leadership Meeting, the Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY. For reservations call 502-8583-1234 and mention the Sons of the American Revolution.

**July 7-13, 2017** National Society SAR 127<sup>th</sup> Congress, Knoxville, TN. For reservations call the Knoxville Hilton (the Congress hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown which is sold out). The Hilton reservation number is 865-523-2300 Ext 323. The Hilton SAR discount rate is \$129 plus tax. The Hilton is located one block from the Holiday Inn.

**October 27-28, 2017** Great Lakes District Meeting, Madison, WI.

**2018** National Society SAR 128<sup>th</sup> Congress, Houston, TX. Dates and hotel information to be determined.

## Chapter Newsletter Deadline

Please notify **Toby Chamberlain**, email [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net) or call 217-483-6267 (home), 217-299-1966 (cell) of any Springfield Chapter news, events or pictures you would like included in the next 2017 Springfield Chapter newsletter letter not later than January 10, 2017.



3<sup>RD</sup> New York Regiment Flag – served in Canada

Invasion, Fort Stanwix, Sullivan Campaign and Morristown, NJ.

## Combined Springfield & Decatur Chapters Family Day Picnic

Springfield Chapter Family Day Picnic at Compatriot Bob Dennison's farm in Dawson on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.



LtoR Alice and Cletis Underwood



Springfield Chapter member "Chief" Stephen Bradley at the grill



LtoR DAR members Cheryl Chamblin (Stephen Decatur Chapter) and Sue Chamberlain (Captain William Penney Chapter)



LtoR Dick Chamblin and Drew Robinson share a joke together.



Group Compatriot photo – Toby Chamberlain, Cletis Underwood, Dick Chamblin, Karl Reed, Bob Dennison, Larry Burgett, Jason Butterick, Jonathon Casebeer, Drew Robinson, Mark Rankin, and Steve Bradley.



LtoR Doris and Jonathan Casebeer  
**Great Lakes District Meeting  
Grand Rapids, MI October 28-29**



LtoR Illinois Society President Toby Chamberlain, Illinois Treasurer Dick Chamblin and National Trustee Tom Ashby took part in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of US President Gerald Ford during the October Great Lakes District meeting. Both Chamberlain and Chamblin were presented Silver Roger Sherman Medals by National Society President General Mike Toomey.



Dick Chamblin (far left) participated in a Sword Salute at the President Gerald Ford grave site.



Color Guard members from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin presented Colors at the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

## Chapter Donations

Now is the time to make your yearly donation to the Springfield Chapter Programs. We are nearing the end of the tax year and your donation may be tax deductible. You may have made a donation when you paid your yearly dues, if so, that donation stays with the Illinois Society programs and does not filter down to the chapter level. A donation now will remain with the Springfield Chapter and help our outreach programs. Our chapter programs include Good Citizenship for high school students, Eagle Scout recognition, Chapter Color Guard, Cemetery Marking and Grave Marking. Make your check payable to Springfield Chapter SAR and write the name of the program you want to support on the memo line.

Send your donation check to Dick Chamblin, 825 Buccaneer Point, Decatur, IL 62521.

## Did You Know?

The Springfield Sons of the American Revolution Chapter was founded on February 22, 1897 and holds Illinois Chapter Charter Number One. Springfield is the oldest continuously active chapter in Illinois and one

of the oldest continuously active chapters in the United States.

## DAR Referral

SAR has adopted a DAR Finder Program that gives DAR members the opportunity to be awarded SAR medals for referring new SAR members.

The DAR Finder Report Form, available at the SAR National Society web site, must be attached and submitted with new applications. With one new approved SAR application, DAR members will receive the SAR Medal of Appreciation. With subsequent approved SAR applications, DAR members will receive the Martha Washington and Daughters of Liberty Medals.

## George Rogers Clark Flag



General George Rogers Clark march from Kaskaskia, IL to Vincennes has been depicted in many drawings, this is one by Frederick Coffay Yohn.

## Battle of Millstone

The Battle of Millstone, also known as the Battle of Van Nest's Mill, was a skirmish that occurred near the mill of Abraham Van Nest in Weston, NJ January 20, 1777.

A British foraging party of 500 men from the 37<sup>th</sup> Foot was flanked and driven off by forces composed of New Jersey and Pennsylvania militia of 450 men under the command of Brigadier General Philemon Dickson depriving the British of their wagons and supplies.

This action was one of a series of skirmishes known as the Forage War that persisted in northern New Jersey through the first few months of 1777, and it demonstrated that militia companies were capable of putting up a significant fight.

The action resulted in 4 or 5 militia men killed/wounded while British losses were 25 killed or wounded and 49 men captured.

The 20 minute skirmish ended in a colonial victory and resulted in the capture of 107 horses, 29 wagons, 115 cattle, 70 sheep, and 40 barrels of flour and 106 bags of miscellaneous items.



37<sup>th</sup> "Regiment of Foot Uniform Badge

## Eagle Scout Challenge

Springfield Eagle Scout Committee chairman

**George Tinkham** issued a challenge to Springfield Chapter members and they responded. Tinkham pledged \$250 to the chapter Eagle Scout Program if chapter compatriots would match his \$250 pledge. In a couple of days after Tinkham issued his challenge members pledged \$259 in matching funds.

### **Did You Know #2?**

Margaret Corbin became the first woman to receive a military pension from the US government for taking her husband's place at the cannons of Fort Washington after he was killed in the battle. Margaret was wounded with grape shot and disabled for the rest of her life.