

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897 July 18, 2009

Upcoming Calendar:

July 4-8, 2009 – 119th Annual Congress
Atlanta, GA (Marriott)

July 18, 2009 - Springfield Chapter meeting at
Springfield Motorboat Club; call to order at
11AM Dutch Treat lunch follows.

Aug 13, 2009 State Fair Twilight Parade.
Springfield Chapter and Illinois Society Color
Guards to participate; Assemble 9th Street and
North Grand 5:30 PM

Aug. 14-15, 2009 - State BoM meeting
Springfield Hilton Hotel.

Oct. 17, 2009 - Springfield Chapter meeting at
Springfield Motorboat Club at 11 AM.

Oct 30-31, 2009 Great Lakes District Meeting,
Wyndham Hotel, Lisle, IL

November 11, 2009 – Veteran's Day Activities
Downtown & Camp Butler

November 14, 2009 - State BoM meeting
Location TBA

The 2009 Veterans' Contest a Success!

Ed Decker, Chairman of the Veterans
committee, said this year's veterans contest
was another success for the Springfield
Chapter. Ed turned in 617 points from the
Springfield Chapter members to the Illinois
State Veterans Chairman for competition for
the State's Admiral James Stockdale Award. In
addition.

Ed thanks **Edwin Decker, Randy Jones,
Tim Krell, Karl Reed** and **Cletis Underwood**
for supporting American veterans and for
turning in their veteran's activity form. I'm
sure Ed appreciated the effort of the
participating chapter members.

Check out the New Website!

The Springfield Chapter now has a great
website. The domain address is:

<http://springfieldsar.org/> Please note many
important items: 1) you can fill out any
supplemental application right on line 2)
prospective members can fill out draft
application right on line 3) 40 pages of
historical information regarding the patriots
buried in Sangamon County 4) a description of
Springfield Chapter activities and programs 5)
a brief chapter history 6) a calendar of future
events and 7) pictures of recent events.

Also note the list of Revolutionary
Patriots and their wives of the Springfield
Chapter members. If your patriot(s) is missing
it is because you have **never turned in your
membership application** (preferably a record
copy) to Karl Reed @ 4609 Bears Paw Ct.,
Springfield, IL 62711-7897. Turn in a copy of
your membership application and we can add
your patriot. Your membership application
helps us with the genealogy of new members.
Please help by turning in a copy your app.

ILSSAR 119th Annual Conference Hosted by Springfield Chapter

The 119th ILSSAR Annual Conference
was held May 15nd and 16th at the Springfield
Hilton Hotel. Attending the Annual
Conference from the Springfield Chapter were:
**Stephen Bradley, Ken Griffin,
R. Garey Hodge, Lou Myers and Karl Reed.**

There was a large crowd that included
Tom Owen, the keynote speaker. Tom is a
history professor at Louisville University. He
gave a very informative and funny talk about

General George Rogers Clark and his exploits in the American Revolution. Tom also included many interesting stories about General Clark and the history of Louisville.

Springfield Chapter and It's Members Honored by State Society

The Springfield Chapter, and some of its individual members, and friends of the Chapter were honored at the ILSSAR Conference.

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The Joel Willis Newsletter flag streamer was given to the Springfield Chapter for being **one of only six (6)** ILSSAR chapters who published chapter newspapers of at least four pages quarterly. Thanks to all members who submit articles and pictures for the paper.

Springfield Chapter Receives Presidential Citation

The Springfield Chapter was awarded the ILSSAR Presidential Unit Citation for being one of nine (9) ILSSAR chapters with perfect attendance at all ILSSAR Board of Managers meetings. Our chapter members deserve a salute for all their work on behalf of Illinois Society of SAR.

Stephen Bradley Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Stephen Bradley has served the Illinois Society as a Color Guard member, Audit Committee Chairman, during his 11 years in SAR. He has served the Springfield Chapter as the Flag Awards Chairman, member of the Good Citizenship Committee, color guard member Chapter President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Stephen also served as Illinois State President and as National Officer when he was the Great Lakes District Vice President General.

Louis Myers Receives a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Lou Myers has been a member of the Springfield Chapter for four years. During that time he has been extremely active in chapter and ILSSAR events. Lou has been the keynote speaker for Outstanding Citizenship award ceremonies and currently is President of the Springfield Chapter. Lou is very active in veterans' events and serves on the US Army's Reserve Officers Corp.

R. Garey Hodge Receives Silver Good Citizenship Oak Leaf Cluster

During the ILSSAR Conference, **R. Garey Hodge** received an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Oak Leaf Clusters are awarded to present holders of Silver Good Citizenship Medals in lieu of another silver medal. Receiving an oak leaf cluster is testimony to Garey's long and faithful service to our chapter and the State Society.

Garey is a 17-year member of SAR, a past Springfield Chapter President, Vice-President, Decatur Chapter President and Outstanding Citizenship Chairman. Garey has served on the ILSSAR Board of Managers for many years and most recently he was the Vice President of the South Central Region. Garey currently serves the Springfield Chapter as the commander of the Springfield Color Guard.

Karl Reed Selected as Man of the Year Award

Karl was recognized for his work for the Illinois Society. Karl has been a member of the Springfield Chapter for 11 years and has served ILSSAR as a Color Guard member, Audit Committee member, Chairman of the ILSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Committee, Senior Vice President and President.

Floyd Lybarger 1929-2009

On April 16, 2009, the Springfield Chapter lost a long-time chapter member and friend, **Floyd Lybarger**. Floyd worked for DeKalb Seed Co and later worked for the Borden Chemical Company.

Floyd was active in the Springfield Chapter, the Illiopolis Christian Church and the Illiopolis community.

Floyd served in the Navy during WW II and participated in the occupation of Japan. He was especially active in the area of veteran activities.



Compatriot Floyd Lybarger

Gayle E. Lane 1928-2009

On May 28, 2009, the Springfield Chapter lost another long-time chapter member and friend, **Gayle Lane**. Gayle was a professional engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He was a past President of the Highway Engineers Association. He remained active in the National Cooperative Highway Program even after his retirement.

Gayle served in the Army shortly after WW II. He was active in veteran affairs and the First Presbyterian Church of Paris, IL.



Compatriot Gayle Lane

Joseph Jackson Grave Marking

"On April 4, 2009, members of the Elijah Smith Chapter and Springfield Chapter participated in a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Joseph Jackson in the Jacksonville East Cemetery, Jacksonville, IL.

The grave marking was held in conjunction with the James Caldwell Chapter and the Rhoda Fairchild Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and with representatives of the National Society Children of the American Revolution.



The six Elijah Smith Chapter and Springfield Chapter members attending were:

Front row: **Donald Widdows , James Neese, and Louis Myers.**

Back row: **R.Garey Hodge, Stephen Bradley and Karl Reed.**

A number of direct descendants attended the meeting and spoke briefly about the patriotic service of their ancestor, Joseph Jackson.

After the ceremony, the color guard marched to the grave sites of the two other patriots buried in the Jacksonville East Cemetery, Elijah Smith and John Dawson for a period of brief remembrance.



Elijah Smith Grave Site - Jacksonville

A reception was held following the grave marking ceremony at the historical Governor Duncan mansion in Jacksonville. Members of the Elijah Smith Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and James Caldwell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution gave tours of the recently restored mansion.



Governor Duncan Mansion

Abraham Scholl Grave marking

On May 9, 2009 members of the Springfield Chapter Color Guard participated in a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Abraham Scholl in Griggsville, IL.

The grave marking was held in conjunction with the Nancy Ross Chapter, along with representatives of the Springfield Chapter and the Captain William Penny Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Following the ceremony, the Nancy Ross Chapter held a tea at the Farm Bureau Building in Pittsfield, IL in celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the founding of their chapter. Over 100 descendants and members of the DAR and SAR attended the event along with two newspapers and a television crew from Quincy.



Abraham Scholl Grave Marking Griggsville, IL

Front row: **Jane Bradley, Esther Reed and Thelma McCulley.**

Back row: **Stephen Bradley, Karl Reed, Richard Moldenhauer and Alice Cripe.**

Annual Chapter Dues

Thank you to the following 52 men who renewed their membership and paid their \$15 Springfield Chapter dues for 2009.

ADAMS	CHARLES
AUSTIN	JON
BECKWITH	PETER
BENNETT	LEAHY
BLAKLEY	CHARLES
BLESSMAN	DONALD
BRADLEY	STEPHEN
BRADLEY II	STEPHEN
CHAMBERLAIN	TOBY
CURRIE	CHRISTOPHER
CLARK	RON
DECKER	EDWIN
DECKER	BRIAN
DENNISON	BOB
DIETZ	JACOB
DILLER	WM. HUGHES
GARROTT	FRED
GRAMHAM	RON
GREEN	RICHARD
GREEN	DONALD
GRIFFIN	KENNETH
HAUCK	MERT
HODGE	R. GAREY
JONES	RANDY
KIRBY	JEFF
KIRBY	SAM
KRELL	TIM

LANE	GAYLE
LUTTRELL	ALLEN
LYBARGER	BENNET
LYBARGER	FLOYD
MILLS	RICHARD
MOLDENHAUER	RICHARD
MOLDENHAUER	ERIC
MOLDENHAUER	RYHAN
MYERS	LOIUS
NELSON	JOHN
REED	KARL
ORR	JAMES
RICHARDSON	CLARENCE
ROGERS	SAMUEL
STEVENSON	JAY
SULLIVAN	FRANK
TUXHORN	BEN
UNDERWOOD	CLETIS
UNDERWOOD	BRUCE
WEIDINGER	LARRY
WEIDINGER	MELVIN
WITTER	RANDALL
WOODS	WELTON
WRIGHT	HAROLD

Your Springfield Chapter membership dues make our programs possible. You make a difference whether you are active in our chapter or participate in SAR events. We appreciate the support of every one of you as your membership is critical to the continued support of the Springfield Chapter's many fine programs; particularly those serving the youth of our state.

A number of men chose to make donations to several special funds *in addition* to their regular dues. We thank you for your much needed support. Those men are:

Adams, Charles
 Blakley, Charles
 Bradley, Stephen
 Bradley, Stephen II
 Chamberlain, Toby
 Decker, Brian
 Decker, Edwin
 Dennison, Bob
 Diller, Wm. Hughes
 Hauck, Mert
 Jones, Randy
 Mills, Richard
 Reed, Karl
 Stevenson, Jay