



# Capitol Area Patriot Newsletter

## Springfield IL SAR Chapter

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

### Chapter Officers

President: **Dick Chamblin**  
Vice President: **Drew Robinson**  
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Chapter Newsletter: **Toby Chamberlain**

Emeritus: Members

**Lou Myers**  
**Cletis Underwood**

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

### Upcoming Events

**March 19, 2016** Chapter Meeting, 3:00 p.m., MCL Cafeteria, 2251 Wabash Ave.

**May 13 & 14, 2016** ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, \$102.00 plus tax. Call 866-788-1860 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate. Cutoff date for reservations is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Friday night is dinner and ILSSAR Awards presentation. There will not be a speaker on Friday night. Saturday morning is the BOM meeting, lunch, Community Awards presentation and 2016-18 installation of officers. This event is always

well attended so make your dinner and lunch reservation early.

**July 8-13, 2016** NSSAR 126<sup>th</sup> Congress, Boston, MA, Westin Copley Hotel. Call 866-716-8108 and ask for the NSSAR 2016 Boston Congress rate \$199.00 plus tax.

**August 11, 2016** Illinois State Fair Parade – ILSSAR Color Guard, Springfield. If you will be participating in the parade, contact ILSSAR President Tom Ashby at [tashby@me.com](mailto:tashby@me.com) or 309-202-4067.

**August 12 & 13, 2016** ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Springfield, Wyndham Hotel (formally the Springfield Hilton Hotel). Room rate of \$107.00 per night includes two full breakfast buffet coupons per room and one complimentary parking pass per room. Cutoff date for reservations is July 21. Remember this is the state fair weekend and last minute rooms are almost impossible to find.

**August 14, 2016** Illinois State Fair Sunday Veterans Parade – ILSSAR Color Guard.

**September 29 – October 1, 2016** NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 877-926-7757 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

**November 4 & 5, 2016** ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Peoria Pere Marquette Marriott Hotel, \$115.00 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 October 4, 2016. Call 309-637-6500 or 800-228-9290 for reservations.

**February 3 & 4, 2017** ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting, 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 800-228-9290 for reservations.

## Springfield Chapter Meeting

The next Springfield Chapter Meeting will be held at the MCL Cafeteria at 3:00 pm.

*Spouses and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

## 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 2016 Springfield chapter newsletter letter not later than March 15, 2016.

## Ensign Titus Hinman

*Springfield Chapter President **Richard "Dick" Chamblin** furnished this biography of his Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor.*

Ensign **Titus Hinman** was born in Connecticut in 1733. His great-grandfather, Sgt. Edward Hinman, came to the colonies in 1650 after serving as sergeant-at-arms and personal body guard to King Charles I. Ensign Hinman's Grand-father, Capt. Titus Hinman (1656-1736) served in the Colonial Militia and in the Connecticut Assembly.

Ensign Hinman served the British in the Connecticut Colonial Militia under Capt. Benjamin Hinman during the French and Indian War. During the Revolutionary War, Ensign Hinman served as a Patriot in the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Fifth (Hanover) Company.

On 3 July 1778 Ensign Hinman was killed during the battle known as the Wyoming

Valley Massacre (near present-day Wilkes-Barre, PA). On one side of the battle was British Colonel John Butler with over 1000 troops in addition to Tories and Seneca Indians. On the other was a small group of Colonial regulars (including Ensign Hinman) and some local militia, numbering under 500. Within two hours, over 225 patriots were captured or killed. Those captured were tortured and killed. Women and children living at the fort were allowed to leave. Ensign Hinman's wife, Johanna Hurd Hinman, and their children survived to return to Connecticut.

A monument at the site of the battle commemorates the event and lists the names of men who fought in the battle.

*Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of Springfield Chapter Compatriot stories about their Patriots.*

## Chapter Holiday Dinner Pictures



Left Karl Reed receives a National Society Certificate for his service as Great Lakes District Vice President General from the current Great Lakes District Vice President General Dick Chamblin.



Left Toby Chamberlain presents Dick Chamblin with the 2015 Springfield Chapter C. C. Hall award certificate and medal. The presentation took place at the 2015 Holiday Dinner.



Group photo of chapter and prospective chapter member at the December 2015 Holiday Dinner

### Wreaths Across America

Seven members of the Springfield Chapter Color Guard, Bob Dennison, and Drew Robinson, former chapter member Dan Hrenko, Richard Moldenhauer, Toby Chamberlain, Steve Bradley and Dick Chamblin presented the Colors at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony held at Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The ceremony included laying a wreath at the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln by Great Lakes District VPG Dick Chamblin. Oak Ridge is second most visited cemetery in the country, second only to Arlington National Cemetery.



LtoR Bob Dennison, Drew Robinson, Dan Hrenko, Richard Moldenhaer, Toby Chamberlain, Steve Bradley and Dick Chamblin.

### Flag Quiz

Can you identify these Revolutionary War Flags? The answers are on Page 5.

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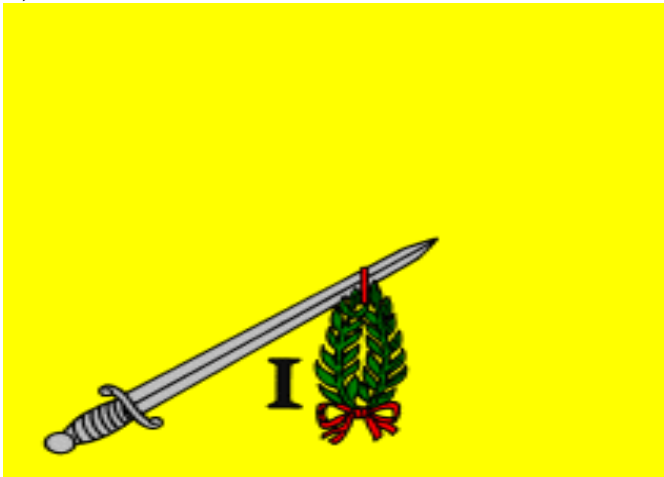
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## Eagle Scout Presentation Ceremony

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, 56 Eagle Scouts from 19 Central Illinois troops from the Central Illinois Abraham Lincoln Council were presented National Society Eagle Scout Certificates. The presentation ceremony took place in the State Capitol House Chambers.



Taking part in the Certificate Presentation Ceremony were LtoR Springfield Chapter President and Great Lakes District VPG Dick Chamblin, Toby Chamberlain, George Tinkham and Richard Moldenhauer. Both Tinkham and Moldenhauer are Eagle Scouts. Not pictured is Springfield Chapter Vice President Drew Robinson who also attend the event.

## Good Citizenship Lunch

On February 20<sup>th</sup> the Springfield Chapter hosted 12 Central Illinois high school seniors for lunch and the presentation of National SAR Society Good Citizenship Certificates.



Springfield Chapter Vice President Drew Robinson presents New Berlin High School Senior Connor Burger with a Good Citizenship Certificate.

## Flag Quiz Answers

- 1) 1st Delaware Regiment
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Light Dragoons  
(This unit is credited with the first mounted horse charge in what would become the United States)
- 3) General Washington's Life Guards
- 4) Fort Mercer
- 5) 9<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment (Commonly called Webb's Regiment, named for the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Colonel Samuel Webb).
- 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment (This unit wintered at Valley Forge)

## Did You Know?

There were two Boston tea parties! Almost everyone knows about how 50 or 60 "Sons of Liberty," disguised as Mohawks, protested the 3 cents per pound British tax on tea by dumping chests of the popular drink into Boston Harbor on December 16, 1773. But did you know that the about the repeated performance on March 7, 1774. The two tea parties cost the British around \$3 million in modern money.

There were women in the Continental Army, even a few who saw combat. Probably the best known is Mary Ludwig Hays, nicknamed "Molly Pitcher." She replaced her wounded husband at his cannon during the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. Another wife of an artilleryman, Margaret Corbin, was badly wounded serving in her husband's gun crew at the Battle of Harlem Heights in 1776. Thousands of other women served in Washington's army as cooks and nurses.

## Flag Certificate

If you have a friend, neighbor or relative who displays the United States Flag and you would like to nominate them for a National Society Flag Award Certificate, send their names as

they want printed on their certificates to Chapter President **Dick Chamblin** 217-429-8856 or [dickchamblin1931@comcast.net](mailto:dickchamblin1931@comcast.net)

## CAR

Do you have children or grandchildren under the age of 22? If so, consider helping them join the Children of the American Revolution. With your record copy the joining process should go smoothly. Contact Compatriot **Toby Chamberlain** 217-483-6267 for information

## Recruitment Campaign

Make it your goal to recruit a new Springfield Chapter member in 2016.

## State Society Committee Members

There are openings on several Illinois Society committees. Openings include the Nominating, Planning, Medals & Awards Public Service (Law/Fire Fighter/EMS & Hero) and the School Poster and Brochure Committees.

If you are willing to serve on an Illinois State Society committee or would like additional information, contact **Toby Chamberlain** 217-483-6267 or [saichamb@comcast.net](mailto:saichamb@comcast.net).

