

Illinois Society SAR Leads State Fair Parade

Once again, the Illinois Society Color Guard was one of the honor guards leading off the Illinois State Twilight Parade.

For the second year in a row, the crowd viewing the twilight parade was estimated to be 20,000 to 25,000.

The Illinois Society Color Guard received many positive comments and standing ovations during the parade from the large crowd.



ILSSAR Color Guard State Fair parade ILSSAR Color Guard @ State Fair – Note Banner

The Color Guard also received many **hand salutes** by veterans in the crowd. It has been a fairly recent development whereas **veterans are given the option of saluting the flag** as it passes by instead of putting their hands over their hearts as done in the past or as still done by people who have not served in the armed forces. Joe Smith returning the veterans' hand salutes seemed to be especially appreciated.

The Illinois Color Guard and the ladies who joined us deserve a well done and thank you.



Front row L-R Tom Ashby, Janet Smith, William, Lleyton and Graham Turk and Megan Osborne.

Back row L-R Jim DeGroff, John Dyrud, Lori Osborne, Joe Smith, Wendy Herder, David Jackson, Toby Chamberlain, Dave Ashbrook, Bill Dawkins, Audrey Dawkins, Karl Reed and Illinois Society President, Franz Herder.

Not Pictured Lou and Polly Myers who drove their van in the parade and broadcasted patriotic music. The Myers also provided rides for those needing assistance in the 97 degree heat. At the end of the parade, the Myers had cool drinks for everyone and gave rides back to the start line for those needing to get back to their cars.

Springfield Color Guard

Bob Dennison is serving as the new Color Guard Commander of the Springfield Chapter. The Springfield Color Guard is helping increase public awareness about SAR. Currently, ten (10) men in the Springfield Chapter have uniforms. Members of the Springfield Chapter participating in our chapter color guard are: **Stephen Bradley, Stephen Bradley II, Toby Chamberlain, Bob Dennison, R. Garey Hodge, David Jackson, Sam Kirby, Jeff Kirby, Richard Moldenhauer** and **Karl Reed**.

The Springfield Color guard needs even more members. If you are interested in getting a uniform and participating in the Springfield

Color Guard, please contact **Bob Dennison**,
Color Guard Commander @ 217-364-4133.

Flag Awards

Stephen Bradley remains our chapter's Flag Award Chairman. Members of our chapter are encouraged to give Flag Awards to their friends and neighbors who fly the flag regularly. Please submit any flag award names to Stephen for 2011.

Springfield Chapter Service to Veterans

Springfield Chapter members are encouraged to support veterans and veterans programs. Chapter members make visitations, collect money, magazines and clothes and participate in as many veteran activities as possible.

An USS Stark award form is enclosed in this mailing. Once completed (use either calendar 2010 or the last 12-month period of activity), please turn the forms in at the October 16, 2010 meeting or the January 15, 2011 meeting at the very latest.

Each year, Springfield Chapter members cumulate veteran points for their activities supporting veterans, and then they fill out the service to veterans form (included) and turn those points in to the Chairman of the Veterans Committee.

Dues Deadline Now December 31st

Several years ago, the Executive Committee of NSSAR adopted December 31st as the end of the NSSAR fiscal year. You can expect to receive an invoice for national and state dues before Thanksgiving.

The \$15 Springfield Chapter dues will be due at the January 15, 2011 meeting. You can bring your chapter dues to the January meeting or mail them to Treasurer, Stephen Bradley at 18 Roosevelt Rd Springfield, IL 62703-5342.

Your Springfield chapter dues make the Springfield chapter programs possible. You

make a difference whether you are active in the chapter or participate in SAR events. We need the support of every one of you if we are to continue our successful programs. Checks should be made payable to the *Springfield Chapter SAR*.

Check out Additions to the Website!

The Springfield Chapter 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 of your application.