

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

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

Upcoming Calendar:

Chapter Meetings are usually held the 3rd
Saturday in JAN-APR-JUL-OCT

April 18, 2009 Springfield Chapter meeting at
Springfield Motor Boat Club; at 11 AM

May 15 - 16, 2009 119th Annual Meeting
Illinois Society in Springfield, IL (Hilton) 8:30
AM

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

July 18, 2009 Springfield Chapter meeting at
Location TBA; at 11 AM

October 17, 2009 Springfield Chapter meeting
at *Location TBA*; at 11 AM

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

Outstanding Citizenship Award Luncheon Held February 21st at the Springfield Motor Boat Club

Once again, our chapter's Citizenship Award Luncheon was a major success. On February 21st, at the Springfield Motor Boat Club, Bronze Good Citizenship Certificates and pins were presented to 19 outstanding students selected by the Sangamon and Menard County high schools.

The students, parents, grandparents, DAR representatives and 11 of our chapter members attended the luncheon.

Chapter members attending the event were: **Stephen Bradley, Toby Chamberlain, Bob Dennison, Ken Griffin, Randy Jones, Richard Moldenhauer, Lou Myers, David Preston, Karl Reed, Bruce Underwood, and Cletis Underwood.**



L-R Front: B. Dennison, L Myers, D. Preston, R. Jones
L-R Back: Bradley, R Moldenhauer, Reed, Ken Griffin
Not Pictured Toby Chamberlain, Cletis Underwood & Bruce Underwood

Thanks to the Good Citizenship Committee members: **Randy Jones, Lou Myers, Richard Moldenhauer, and Cletis Underwood** for making the luncheon such a success. A special thank you goes to **Stephen Bradley** who decorated the facility, helped welcome guests and collected money for the event. Thanks also to **Jane Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Lou Meyers, Polly Meyers and Richard Moldenhauer** who helped take down decorations and cleaned up afterwards.

Robert K. Gray gave the key note address. Mr. Gray is the co-founder of the Springfield Citizens Club. He gave a rousing talk on the importance of setting standards to live one's life and the importance of being an active citizen and participating in the democratic process, especially voting.



Robert K. Gray Speaker: Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon

Chapter Members Attend Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony

Early each calendar year, the Springfield Chapter contacts the Abraham Lincoln Council and gets a list of the scouts from our area earning the rank of Eagle Scout the previous calendar year. Our chapter prepares certificates of recognition for presentation to each scout at a council-wide event at the Illinois State Capitol.



Scouts and Sponsors @ Recognition Ceremony

This year **Dave Preston, Richard Moldenhauer, and Lou Myers** represented the Springfield Chapter at the Abraham Lincoln Council Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony February 28, 2009.

The Colors were brought into the Hall of Flags by the Official Honor Guard of the City

of Springfield, the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. After the dinner, the procession to the House Chambers was led by the bagpipers of the Saint Andrew's Society of Central Illinois.

As the Illinois Appellate Court Judge, Thomas Appleton, called the roll of the 2008 Eagle Scouts they came forward and were presented their SAR Eagle Scout Certificates by the Springfield Eagle Scout Chairman, **David Preston, Richard Moldenhauer** and President **Lou Myers**.



Scouts Receiving Awards & SAR Certificates

A total of 65 Eagle Scouts from nine counties surrounding Springfield, IL were presented Certificates. The Chamber was filled by the Scouts, their sponsors, Scout Leaders and family and friends in the balcony.

Flag Award – Stephen Bradley, Chairman

Members of our chapters are encouraged to give Flag Awards to their friends and neighbors who fly the flag regularly.

Stephen Bradley remains our chapter's Flag Award Chairman. Please submit any flag award names to Stephen for 2009.



Harland 'Hop' Conner & Compatriot Don Blessman

The latest recipient of a Springfield Chapter Flag award was Harland 'Hop' Conner of Tuscola, IL. Hop has long been recognized by his community as "the flag guy" and a patriot who flies the flag nearly every day; especially on his birthday which appropriately enough is June 14th – Flag Day.

Hop is a veteran and he maintains memberships in several veterans groups. In February 2009, Hop's patriotism and faithfulness in flying the flag in his community was recognized and written up by the Tri-County Journal Newspaper.

Annual Chapter Dues (\$15) Needed

Thank you to the following 38 men who have paid their \$15 chapter dues for 2009 and have renewed their membership in the Springfield Chapter SAR:

ADAMS	CHARLES
AUSTIN	JON
BENNETT	LEAHY
BLAKLEY	CHARLES
BLESSMAN	DONALD
BRADLEY	STEPHEN
BRADLEY II	STEPHEN
CLARK	RON
DECKER	EDWIN
DECKER	BRIAN
DENNISON	BOB
DIETZ	JACOB
DILLER	HUGHES
GARROTT	FRED
GREEN	RICHARD
GREEN	DONALD

GRIFFIN	KENNETH
HODGE	R. GAREY
JONES	RANDY
KIRBY	JEFF
KIRBY	SAM
KRELL	TIM
LANE	GAYLE
LUTTRELL	ALLEN
LYBARGER	BENNET
LYBARGER	FLOYD
MILLS	RICHARD
MYERS	LOIUS
NELSON	JOHN
REED	KARL
RICHARDSON	CLARENCE
STEVENSON	JAY
UNDERWOOD	CLETIS
UNDERWOOD	BRUCE
WEIDINGER	LARRY
WEIDINGER	MELVIN
WITTER	RANDALL
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 need and appreciate the support of every one of you if we are to continue our successful programs.

If for some reason you don't see your name on this list and want to continue to affiliate with the Springfield Chapter, please make your dues payable to: *Springfield Chapter SAR* and send them to **Stephen Bradley** at 18 Roosevelt Rd Springfield, IL 62703-5342 or give them to Stephen at the April 18th meeting.

Your membership is critical to the continued support of the Springfield Chapter's many fine programs; particularly those serving the youth of our state.

The 2008 Veterans' Contest

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.

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.

Kenneth Griffin's Membership Approved.



Lou Myers Presenting Membership Certificate to Ken Griffin February 21st

Ken Griffin recently became the newest member of the Springfield Chapter. He has served in law enforcement for nearly 40 years. Ken and his wife, Lea Ann and have two daughters and live in Glen Ellyn.

Ken's patriot ancestor was Johann S. Claar who served at Valley Forge during the American Revolution. Prior to that service Johann Claar served with Gen. Braddock in the French and Indian War.

2009 Annual Meeting Illinois Society SAR

On May 15th and May 16th the Springfield Chapter will host the 119^h Annual ILSSAR Conference at the Springfield Hilton.

Actual conference festivities will begin at 7 PM with the Friday night banquet, which is by reservation only. Reservation information was sent out in the Patriot; the State Society's newsletter.

The ILSSAR business meeting will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning and is for all

ILSSAR members. The State Society will present the ILSSAR Law Enforcement and Eagle Scout awards at the Saturday luncheon. The State Society is looking for a good turnout for this conference and it is important to go in order to enjoy good fellowship and learn about SAR.

Chapter Officers for 2008-2010

The Springfield Chapter elected its officers in April 2008. Springfield Chapter officers for 2006-2008 are:

President, **Lou Myers**

Vice President, **Karl Reed**

Recording Secretary, **Cletis Underwood**

Treasurer, **Stephen Bradley**

Registrar, **L. Myers/K. Reed**

The term for the new officers began April 1, 2008 and runs through March 31, 2010. The chapter officers need your help to carry out their chapter duties and your participation in chapter activities.

Committee Chairmen 2008-2010

Most of our Chapter's activities are carried out through our committees. For 2008 -2010, the Chairmen of our committees are:

Carroll C. Hall - **TBA**

Color Guard - **R. Garey Hodge**

Eagle Scout - **Dave Preston**

Flag Awards – **Stephen Bradley**

Outstanding Citizenship – **Jones**

Moldenhauer, Myers, & Underwood (more help needed on this committee)

Law Enforcement - **Tim Krell**

Newsletter Editor – **Karl Reed**

Veterans - **Ed Decker**

If you are willing to serve the chapter on one of our several committees, we hope you will make your interest and willingness to serve known to the officers or committee chairman.