



## **Annual Chapter Dues (\$15) Needed in January 2009**

Greeting to you all for 2009! In addition to celebrating the holidays, it's also time to pay your \$15 annual dues and renew your membership in the Springfield Chapter SAR.

Please make your dues payable to: *Springfield Chapter SAR* send them to **Stephen Bradley** at 18 Roosevelt Rd Springfield, IL 62703-5342 or give them to Stephen at the January 17th 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. I realize that some of you may be unaware of the magnitude and scope of the Springfield Chapter programs. A brief description of SAR programs follow:

### **Outstanding Citizenship Program – Randy Jones, Chairman**

The Springfield Chapter contacts all of the 21 high schools in Sangamon and Menard Counties inviting them to participate in the SAR Outstanding Citizenship program. The school administration selects a *senior* student and provides SAR with that student's name.

Our chapter recognizes students by having an award luncheon in which parents and school administrators are invited. In addition, schools usually recognize the student at the school's award assembly in May.

### **Eagle Scout Program – Dave Preston, Chairman**

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 and presents them to each scout. The presentation takes place at a council-wide event at the Illinois State Capitol.

In addition, each Eagle Scout is encouraged to enter the state and national

competition. Each scout fills out an application that consists of: 1) a two page application form, 2) a four generation ancestor chart and 3) a 500 word essay.

Beginning in 2007, the Eagle Scout selected as the most worthy statewide is recognized at the Illinois Society Annual Meeting in May and presented with a bronze eagle statue and a **\$500 award**. The scout will also be entered in the NSSAR competition.

### **Veterans Program - Ed Decker, Chairman**

Each chapter or members-at-large 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. Each year, the Illinois Society gives \$1500 to a different veteran's home in Illinois. The selected home uses the money to purchase items for veterans not covered by a government agency. In addition, SAR color guards participate in veteran parades.

### **Law Enforcement – Tim Krell, Chairman**

Each May the Springfield Chapter recognizes an outstanding member of the law enforcement community who has served with distinction and devotion. There are no specific requirements for this award. Instead, the chapter solicits recommendations from our members and local law enforcement officials. The award is usually presented by our Law Enforcement Chairman and chapter president at the Springfield Police Department's award ceremony.

Our chapter then turns in the Springfield Chapter candidate to the Illinois Society. The police officer selected as the most worthy statewide is recognized at the Illinois Society Annual Meeting in May.

### **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.

The Illinois Society is recognized each year at the National Congress as having one of the more active Flag Award programs in SAR.

### **Color Guard – R, Garey Hodge, Commander**

More men are getting Revolution War uniforms and participating in color guard activities. Currently, nine (9) men in Springfield Chapter have uniforms and are participating all over the state in parades, (including the Illinois State Fair parade), veteran activities, grave markings, DAR activities, CAR meetings and air shows.

Members of the Springfield Chapter color Guard are:

**Stephen Bradley**  
**Stephen Bradley II**  
**Bob Dennison**  
**R. Garey Hodge**  
**Jeff Kirby**  
**Sam Kirby**  
**Richard Moldenhauer**  
**David Preston**  
**Karl Reed**

### **American History Teacher Award**

The Illinois Society wishes to identify, recognize, and commend Outstanding Social Studies Teachers. These extraordinary educators at private, public, and parochial institutions, who teach our children in a middle school, high school, community college, or university, will be recognized for actively addressing the history of the American Revolutionary era. The Charles B. and Eleanor N. Schweizer American History Teacher

Award will be represented to a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current, accepted, curriculum requirements.

The Illinois winner will receive a **\$500 award** and be recognized at the ILSSAR Annual Meeting in May. The teacher will also be entered in the NSSAR competition.

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### **The Knights Essay Contest and the Rumbaugh Oration Contest**

The Illinois Society wants the Springfield Chapter to contact the 21 high schools in Sangamon and Menard Counties and invite the schools to encourage their students to participate in the SAR essay and oration contests. The school administration would then notify the teachers and students of the SAR program. Individual students would be encouraged to respond to the SAR invitation and follow the instructions in the notification.

The Illinois Society committee evaluates the entries and selects the winners. These winners are recognized at the ILSSAR Annual Meeting in May.

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### **Chapter Dues Needed**

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 the support of every one of you if we are to continue our successful programs.