

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Est Feb. 1897

January 16, 2010

Upcoming Calendar:

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

Jan 16, 2010 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

Feb 5-6, 2010 State BoM meeting
Bloomington, IL (Marriott Hotel) 9 AM.

Feb 21, 2010 Outstanding Citizenship
Luncheon at the Illini Country Club at 11 AM.

Mar 4-6, 2010 Leadership/Trustee Meeting
Louisville, KY (Brown Hotel)

April 15, 2010 Lincoln Death Day Ceremony
Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, IL

April 17, 2010 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

May 14, 15, 2010 120th Annual Meeting
Illinois Society in Springfield, IL (Hilton
Hotel) 8:30 AM

June 25-30, 2010 – 120th Annual Congress
Cleveland, OH (Renaissance Hotel)

July 17, 2010 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

October 16, 2010 Springfield Chapter meeting
at *MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave at 11 AM.

MCL Cafeteria is the New Chapter Meeting Location!

President Lou Myers has arranged for
the next few chapter meetings to be held at the
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Avenue,
Springfield.

The Springfield Chapter has enjoyed
holding its meetings at the *Springfield
Motorboat Club* at its scenic location on Lake
Springfield but we weren't always able to
secure a private meeting room. The *MCL*

Cafeteria will provide a complementary private
meeting room. In addition, the new meeting
location is a cafeteria and offers an extremely
wide selection of foods catering to all styles of
diets.

Finally, the meeting location is easy to
find and is centrally located to many of our
members. Please join us at the *MCL Cafeteria*
for our next chapter meeting January 16, 2010.

Outstanding Citizenship Program – Randy Jones, Chairman

The Springfield Chapter contacts all 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.

Outstanding Student Citizenship Luncheon @ Illini Country Club

The Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon
will be held this year on **February 13, 2010** at
the **Illini Country Club** starting at 11:00 AM.
The Outstanding Citizenship Committee of
**Chairman, Richard Moldenhauer, Randy
Jones** and **Stephen Bradley** are in charge of
the luncheon.

If it's been a long time since you have
been to the Illini Country Club or helped honor
the outstanding students of Sangamon and
Menard Counties, mark your calendars. The
cost of the luncheon is only \$17 ea. Please

make your check payable to *Springfield Chapter SAR*. Checks can either be given to a committee member at the January 16st meeting or sent to Stephen Bradley by February 6, 2010 at 18 Roosevelt Road, Springfield 62703-5342.

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.

Veterans Contest

An USS Stark award form is enclosed in this mailing. Once completed (use either calendar 2009 or the last 12-month period of activity), please turn the forms in at the **January 16, 2010 meeting** at the very latest.

The forms may also be mailed to **Ed Decker**, Chairman of the Veterans Committee at 3518 Sheffield Road, Springfield, IL 62703-5032. Ed needs to complete tabulating the forms and mailing the finished chapter report to ILSSAR and NSSAR postmarked before February 1, 2010.

The Springfield Chapter has won the ILSSAR's Admiral James B. Stockdale Award for many years and wants to continue that tradition. Don't forget that the Springfield Chapter has expanded its veteran's program to include collecting books and magazines to send to the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy. Please bring your excess magazines and books to chapter meetings.

A thank you goes out to **Ed Decker** for leading our chapter's effort and to all of the

members who contributed so unselfishly throughout the year to our veterans and turned in their points and magazines to Ed. Ed appreciates the effort of the participating chapter members.

Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank all compatriots who paid their dues in 2009 and those who made extra donations. Your support and generosity helped make the year a very successful one. The Springfield Chapter achieved its goals and met its fiscal responsibilities.

The Springfield Chapter SAR had \$2,177.67 in income for FY 2009 and \$1,700.63 in expenses for FY 2009.

The Springfield Chapter SAR has a checking account with a balance of \$3,440.63 and a certificate of deposit for the Carrol C. Hall Fund with a balance of \$3,541.00. Its maturity date is 9/25/2010.

The Springfield Chapter SAR is in a sound financial condition as of FY 2009. The generosity of the extra donations helped considerably this past fiscal year. The \$5, \$10 and larger donations made the difference.

Please attend the Good Citizenship Luncheon on February 13, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Illini Country Club for only \$17.00 a person. If you have never been to this beautiful venue, now is your chance and also bring your wife. You will not be disappointed. Send your check to Stephen Bradley, 18 Roosevelt Road, Springfield, IL 62703.

Stephen A. Bradley
Treasurer

Annual Chapter Dues (\$15) Needed in January 2010

Greeting to you all for 2010! 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 16th 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. 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.

Ruben Ross Grave Marking

As you know, one of the activities of Springfield Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is to help perpetuate the memory of Revolutionary War patriots and to honor them by marking their graves wherever possible..

On Saturday, October 24, 2009, the Bekik-a-nin-ee Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, sponsored a DAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Reuben Ross, at the American Legion Memorial in the Waverly Square in Waverly. The Chapter Regent, Mrs. Sandy Heaton, presided over the program.

The Springfield Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, provided an Honor Guard and the American Legion Post 262 provided a gun salute and TAPS. The WaBose Society, NSCAR, presented a Memorial Wreath.

The bronze marker in honor of Reuben Ross was unveiled by Mr. John Brocksieck and Mr. Greg Reeves, descendents of Reuben Ross. There were over 75 people in attendance. Several who attended the ceremony were descendents who live in the area. A reception followed at the Waverly Senior Center. The marker will be placed permanently at his grave.

Reuben Ross fought in the Revolutionary War at a young age and later settled in the Palmyra, Illinois area in the 1820's.



Springfield Chapter Color Guard (left to right) **Stephen Bradley, Karl Reed, Toby Chamberlain, Richard Moldenhauer**

Also attending the grave marking from the Springfield Chapter were **Harold Wright** and Chapter President, **Lou Myers**.