

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897 October 2014

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Calendar of Events

Oct 18, 2014 Springfield Chapter's 3rd Annual Family Day Picnic at Compatriot Bob Dennison's Farm

Nov 7-8, 2014 Great Lakes District Meeting, Crown Plaza Hotel, Madison, WI

Nov 14-15, 2014 ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria

Jan, 2015 Springfield Chapter Meeting, Date, Time and Place to be determined

March 6-7, 2015 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

April, 2015 Springfield Chapter Meeting, Date, Time and Place to be determined

May 15-16, 2015 ILSSAR Annual Meeting and Awards Night, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield

Dead Line December 15, 2015

Please notify **Toby Chamberlain** (saichamb@comcast.net or 217-483-6267) of any Springfield Chapter news and events you

want included in the January 2015 Springfield Chapter Newsletter not later than December 15th. Send pictures (jpg files preferred) with write-ups. Identify those from L to R in your pictures.

3rd Annual Family Day Picnic

The Springfield Chapter's 3rd Annual Family Day Picnic will be held at compatriot **Bob Dennison's** farm located at 429 Clear Creek Road in Dawson starting at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18th.

Based on the previous Family Day Picnics, this is an event you don't want to miss. Your spouse, significant other, children and grandchildren are welcome to attend the event. There will be activities that all ages will enjoy taking part in.

Meats and drinks (water and soda) will be provided by the chapter. Everyone is asked to bring your own chairs and a covered dish or dessert to share.

Contact Chapter President **Dan Hrenko** (danhrenko@sbcglobal.net or 217-494-8227) to let him know how many in your party will be attending so that we can purchase and prepare enough meat and drinks for everyone.

Directions - From Springfield, take I-72 east. Take the first exit on 72, exit 105. At the stop sign, turn right onto Mechanicsburg Road. Continue on the blacktop for 5.2 miles. Turn left onto Clear Creek Road and travel 4 tenths of a mile. Just as you crest a short hill, look to the left for 429 Clear Lake Road. If you have problems, Bob's phone number is 381-2044.

SAR 124th National Congress Greenville, SC Photo Essay



ILSSAR Compatriots L to R Dick Chamblin, Lou Myers, Toby Chamberlain, Tom Ashby and John Dyrud at the George Washington Fellow luncheon.



SAR National Combined Color Guard enters Greenville's Episcopal Christ Church to attend a memorial service for SAR Compatriots who died in 2013.

Before



After



National Society President Joe Dooley has his head shaved during the congress honoring a pledge to shave his head if \$1,000,000 was raised for the Center for Advancement of American Heritage during his term as President General.



L to R Dick Chamblin and Toby Chamberlain at the Battle of Kings Mountain Information Center.



L to R Dick Chamblin, Toby Chamberlain and National Park Service Ranger Roland Bissonette at the Battle of Cowpens Information Center.



L to R Cheryl Chamblin, SAR President Joe Dooley, Sue Chamberlain and Linda Ashby who received Excellent Cookie Makers plaques from President General Dooley. After finding out the President General was a cookie aficionado, Cheryl, Sue and Linda baked cookies for him when he attended the May ILSSAR Annual Dinner and Board of Managers meeting. Not pictured but also receiving plaques were Jane Bradley and Wendy Herder.

Roger Sherman Medal

Springfield Chapter Compatriot **Steven Bradley** was presented the SAR National Society Roger Sherman Gold Medal by ILSSAR President **Tom Ashby** at the October Springfield Chapter meeting

Created in 2013 the Roger Sherman Gold Medal is awarded to SAR members who have rendered significant and faithful service to the National Society over multiple years.

The Medal is named after Roger Sherman (April 19, 1721 – July 23, 1793). Sherman was an early American lawyer and politician, as well as a founding father. He served on the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence and was also a representative and senator in the new republic. He was the only person to sign all four great state papers of the U.S.: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. Roger Sherman had a large part in what is known as the “Great Compromise.” In 1787 this combined the “New Jersey Plan” which proposed a one house national legislature where each state could cast one vote, and the “Virginia Plan”

where representation would be based upon a state’s population.

Great Lakes District VP General

Springfield Chapter compatriot **Dick Chamblin** is the new Vice President General elect for the Great Lakes District that is made up of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. **Dick** will be sworn in as Vice President General at the November Great Lakes District meeting in Madison, WI.

SAR District Vice President Generals are SAR National Society Officers.

Congratulations **Dick!**

Flag Awards

Thanks to chapter President **Dan Hrenko** for nominating **Robert** and **Judy Zetter** and **Charles** and **Gloria Gugnion** for SAR Flag Awards. These are the first Flag Awards the Springfield Chapter has presented in 2014.

If you have someone who displays our flag and you would like to recommend them for a SAR Flag Award Certificate, contact President **Hrenko**.

Did You Know #1?

New Springfield Chapter members, did you know the Springfield Chapter founded in 1897 is the oldest continuously active chapter in Illinois and one of the oldest continuously active chapters in the nation?

Did You Know #2?

In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the name “United States” official replacing “United Colonies.”

Meet Our Newest Member

David Metz became the Springfield Chapter’s newest member when his SAR application was approved on August 27th. **David** lives in New Orleans, LA. His Patriot is **John Kennedy** who fought at the Battle of

Guilford Court House where he was taken prisoner and died four months later of starvation on a British prison ship.

Annual Dues

Annual dues for national, state and chapter were mailed on September 2nd. If you have not received your dues notice, contact assistant ILSSAR treasure **Dick Chamblin** at rhamlin1931@comcast.net or 217-428-8856. Dues are national \$30, state \$20 and Springfield Chapter \$15.

You can also make donations to several SAR special programs. However, if you choose to make a special programs donation with your dues, your donation stays with the state programs. If you want your donation to go to the Springfield Chapter programs, send your donation (not your national, state and chapter dues) to **Stephen Bradley**, 18 Roosevelt Rd., Springfield, IL, 63703. Make your special programs check payable to Springfield SAR Chapter and indicate which program you want to donate to (Eagle Scouts, Good Citizenship, Cemetery Marking, Grave Marking, Color Guard, Veterans Support, Chapter Newsletter or the General Fund).

1778 Colonial Naval Victory

On November 28, 1778 the Colonial Navy 16 gun USS Moultrie commanded by Captain Downham Newtown engaged a Jamaican privateer, commanded by Captain Smith, off the coast of South Carolina.

Although Captain Smith was wounded seven times in the battle, he refused to surrender his ship. The battle ended when the Moultrie's crew boarded the Jamaican privateer and defeated the Loyalist crew.

Cemetery Marking Committee

The Springfield Chapter Cemetery Marking Committee has been formed. It currently

consists of **Cletus Underwood**, **Lou Myers**, **Karl Reed**, and Chairman **Dick Chamblin**. The committee is currently working on selecting and marking a cemetery in Sangamon County where a Revolutionary War patriot is buried.

If you are interested in helping with this project contact **Dick Chamblin**.

Kentucky Grave Marking

On September 28th ILSSAR President and Captain Zelly Moss Chapter member **Tom Ashby** and Springfield Chapter members **Dick Chamblin** and **Toby Chamberlain** traveled to Paris, KY to attend the DAR Jemima Johnson Chapter grave marking of Revolutionary War Patriot **Esther Stilly Kennedy**. **Esther** furnished beef to the Continental Army during the war. **Esther** is the patriot of **Toby**. **Esther's** husband **John Kennedy** fought at the Battle of Guilford Court House where he was taken prisoner and died four months later of starvation on a British prison ship.



Pictured L to R ILSSAR President Tom Ashby and Springfield Chapter Compatriots Toby Chamberlain and Dick Chamblin who attended the DAR Grave Marking for Esther Stilly Kennedy in Paris, KY.

Color Guard Take Note

Normally the Illinois State Fair Parade weekend is the first weekend in August. However, in 2015 it has been moved to the second weekend with the parade taking place

on Thursday, August 13th. The ILSSAR BOM will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 14th and 15th.

Betsy Ross Flag



Cowpens Flag



It Happened In October

October 3, 1779 Fort Sullivan, NY is destroyed by the British.

October 7, 1777 Patriots repulse British in the second Battle of Freeman's Farm.

October 13, 1775 Continental Navy is established by 2nd Continental Congress.

October 27, 1776 General **George Washington** announced a \$100 reward for every enemy horse captured.

Harvest Day Parade

Color Guard members presented the colors for Petersburg Harvest Day Festival at Petersburg, IL on September 20, 2014. The Harvest Fest Parade kicked off the historical festival on Saturday.

A multitude of events are held during the weekend including an Art Exhibit at the Prairie Palette Art Gallery, a VFW 21 Gun Salute held at the local Veterans Memorial, the Harvest Fest 5K Run and the public was invited to learn more about history at the Menard County Historical Museum. Visitors also enjoyed the Vintage Ag Association Tractor Display and enjoyed a Car Show on Saturday.



Pictured front row L to R is McKenna Lambert and Cora Brillhart.

Second row L to R chapter Vice President Richard Chamblin, Karl Reed, General Louis Myers and chapter President Dan Hrenko. General Myers followed the color guard in his van playing patriotic music on his speaker system.