

# Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



May 2010

## SPRING DINNER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ILSSAR President Gordon Bidner swore-in our new chapter officers and spoke about the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage.
- Chicago Historical Museum's Matt Lauterbach presented a captivating talk on President Lincoln's reasons for preserving the Union.
- Awards were presented for Eagle Scout essay contest and Fire Fighter Recognition Medal.
- Outgoing Chapter President Michael Johnston gave the State of the Chapter address and turned the gavel over to incoming Chapter President Bruce Talbot.



**Members enjoyed a wonderful meal and a fascinating presentation on President Lincoln by Matt Lauterbach of the Chicago Historical Museum.**

**More photos and details on page two!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20: 11:30 am Ft. Dearborn Luncheon at the Union League Club of Chicago
- May 31: Memorial Day
- June 10: Salt Creek Chapter meeting
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 27: Fox Valley Chapter meeting

## JROTC AWARDS BIG HIT WITH CADETS

Compatriot Jim Garrison presented the SAR bronze JROTC medal and certificate to Cadet Master Sergeant Mike Levesque of Lincoln Way East High School. Cadet Levesque was selected for the award by his military science instructor TSgt Sandra Harris USAF (Ret) for his superior leadership within the unit. Cadet Levesque is on the drill team and serves as scholarship NCO. His primary academic interest is astronomy and would like to attend the University of Chicago, University of Illinois or Cal Tech.



**Compatriot Jim Garrison with Lincoln Way HS JROTC Cadet M/Sgt Mike Levesque.**

Receiving an award from a member of the organization really makes the award special for a young person. Often the parents will also ask for a picture of their youngster receiving the award. Members who present the medals always report what a refreshingly positive experience it is given all the negative press we see these days about adolescents in trouble.

If you would like to present a JROTC medal please contact Compatriot Dale Bottom at:

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**DINNER PICTURES BY COMPATRIOT DON PARRISH**



Compatriot Rod Herbig with Eagle Scout Essay Winner David Bailey Jr



Keynote speaker Matt Lauterbach with Compatriot Bruce Talbot



Compatriot Carson W. Yerger, ILSSAR President J. Gordon Bidner and Compatriot Carson R. Yeager



Compatriot Bruce Talbot with Fire/Medic 1st Class Chris Murphy



Compatriot Chuck Sener with wife Helen celebrated his 90th birthday at the dinner.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVING THEIR FIRST MEETING ROSETTES**



Compatriot Andy Baffes with ILSSAR President J. Gordon Binder



Compatriot Bill Coyer, MD with Fox Valley President Mike Johnston

## FOX VALLEY SUPPORTS NEW SAR HERITAGE CENTER

Illinois Society President J. Gordon Bidner made a excellent presentation on the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage during the Spring Dinner Program. The center is part of the move of national headquarters to a new building in the historic Museum District of Louisville. The new national headquarters design calls for an atrium off the sidewalk that will connect with a genealogical research library housing over 60,000 volumes, offices, classrooms, and a history museum including many original paintings, flags, manuscripts, canons, and a replica of the Liberty Bell. A roof terrace will feature outdoor sitting and statuary space along with views of the Ohio River. The building covers over 40,000 square feet on three floors.



After the presentation, a motion was made by Compatriot Don Parrish to donate \$500 on behalf of the Fox Valley Chapter to the Center Foundation Fund. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Charles Sener and passed on a voice vote. The chapter will receive a flag streamer in recognition of the support. The check will be presented to NSSAR at the May 15, 2010 ILSSAR conference.

Your help is needed to fund the center. Each compatriot who makes a personal gift of \$100 will receive a lapel pin noting their support. Please visit the Heritage Center web site at:

<http://www.sarfoundation.org/>

<http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/CAAH-Giving-2009-06-10.pdf>

*"Where liberty dwells, there is my country."*  
Benjamin Franklin

## YOU ARE INVITED! JUNE 27 at 2:00 PM

All members of the Fox Valley Chapter are invited to attend the up-coming Board of Managers meeting on Sunday, June 27, at 2:00 PM. Right now we are planning on meeting at the home of Chapter President Bruce Talbot at 222 Sunshine Drive in Bolingbrook. If it appears we may need more space, we may move to a larger venue.

As the new officers assume responsibility for the chapter we are seeking input from our members as to the direction the chapter may wish to take. There have been suggestions on increasing meeting frequency, expanding community programs, and increasing member participation.

We need your input and

guidance to make these changes a success. We also need help in continuing and expanding our community service programs. If you have not taken an active role in the chapter, June 27th is the day to get involved!

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