

# Illinois Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



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## Fox Valley Spring Dinner at Ashburys Sunday April 28th

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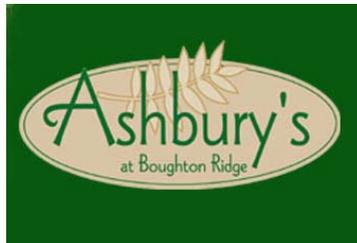
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Our speaker is Ron Feldman from the [Northwest Territory Alliance](#). He will be discussing and presenting uniforms and equipment used in America in the 1770's.

The Northwest Territory Alliance (NWT) is an American Revolutionary War reenactment organization located in the Midwestern United States. The NWT are a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle, and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. They strive to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battle-field tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible.

In addition to our speaker, we will presents awards to our Eagle Scout winner, our ROTC winners and the winner of the Knight Essay Contest. Our compatriots always enjoy seeing patriotic youth recognized for their achievements.



**Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge**  
355 Boughton Road  
Bolingbrook, IL

Sunday April 28, 2013

5:00pm - 6:00pm Social Hour

6:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner

7:00pm - 8:30pm Program

Fox Valley President Rod Herbig will be installing our new chapter officers and new SAR members. We will also be presenting the winners of our JROTC essay contest, Outstanding Eagle Scout, Fox Valley's entrant in the Knight Essay Contest. The Chapter will be making a donation to the Children of the American Revolution.

**The cost for the banquet is \$36.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12:** Make checks payable to: "Fox Valley Chapter, SAR" and indicate your choice of prime rib or Orange Roughy (veggie meal or child hamburger is also available on advanced request) and mail ASAP to:

Compatriot David Bailey  
1569 Marquette Ave.  
Naperville, IL 60565



## Our First Chapter Flag Award Presented in 2013



Chapter President Rod Herbig presenting Flag Award to Anthony "Tony" Alberti

A Downers Grove resident and shopkeeper was presented with an award on Presidents' Day for faithfully flying the US flag at his home and at his business. Anthony "Tony" Alberti received the award from the Fox Valley Chapter of the *Sons of the American Revolution*.

Tony came to the US from Italy at the age of 11, and became an American citizen 5 years later. He displays flags at his home and at his place of business because of his pride in being a citizen and wants everybody to know it. Tony owns and operates a barbershop in the Green Knolls shopping center at 63rd Street and Main Street neatly tucked away between Dairy Queen and Ace Hardware.

Presenting the certificate in his Colonial Military uniform is Fox Valley Chapter President Rod Herbig of Lisle. With more than 30,000 members, *Sons of the American Revolution* is our nation's leading male lineage society. It is an historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit organization that seeks to maintain and expand the meaning of true patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*E pluribus unum*" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.



Statewide Flag Award Totals for 2013 ( 2 Chapter reporting, 14 Awards Presented) as of 3/31/13

1. Salt Creek Chapter	13
2. Fox Valley Chapter	1



## Chicago Memorial Day Parade Saturday May 25th at noon

Come Join us!

Saturday, May 25, 2013 the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will be marching in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade and we encourage you to join us! You don't need a color guard uniform, and feel free to bring your family. The Chicago Memorial Day Parade is the largest in the country, and will be broadcast live over ABC. You secretly always wanted to be part of a reality TV show, well, here's your chance! The parade steps off at noon from State Street at Wacker Drive and ends at Van Buren Street. If you can join in, please contact Compatriot Thomas D. Ashby via email at: [tdashby@starband.net](mailto:tdashby@starband.net) so we can communicate to the city how many members will be in our parade group.





## The Illinois Society SAR 123rd Congress May 17-18, 2013 At The Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield



On Friday, May 17, 2013 join the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Special guest actor Terry Lynch portraying Benjamin Franklin. All are welcome. Friday Dinner \$40, Saturday Luncheon is \$30. Contact Tom Ashby at [tdashby@me.com](mailto:tdashby@me.com) for reservations or more information.



The Aurora DAR Chapter at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this past October.

### Congratulations Aurora Chapter DAR for 100 years!

The Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 and incorporated by an Act of Congress in 1896. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Today, the DAR has over 170,000 members, with 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and overseas. More than 900,000 women have joined DAR since it was founded. The mission of the society is to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. DAR members volunteer more than 250,000 hours annually to veteran patients, award thousands of dollars in scholarships and financial aid each year to students, and support schools for underserved children with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.

You may enjoy the video "Today's DAR" available at: <http://www.youtube.com/TodaysDAR>

The Aurora Chapter was founded in 1912. Today the chapter boasts 111 members. Members are of all ages and from all backgrounds. Meetings are held monthly, September through May, typically on Saturday afternoons, at local libraries.

Each year the Chapter presents awards for the American History Essay Contest, Good Citizens and Junior ROTC. The chapter also sponsors the local Waubonsie Society Children of the American Revolution chapter, for both boys and girls, ages birth to 21. A Flag Retirement ceremony is held each June with the C.A.R. chapter.

There are many DAR Chapters in the Chicago suburbs; however, there are no geographic boundaries. We invite your wives, daughters, granddaughters to consider membership in the DAR through the Aurora Chapter. For more information, please contact [Aurora-DAR@earthlink.net](mailto:Aurora-DAR@earthlink.net).



## The DuPage Genealogical Society's 38th Annual Conference



Compatriots David Olson & Mike Campagnolo manning the booth at the DCGS Convention



The Perrin-Wheaton DAR was in the booth right next door at the DCGS Convention

The Fox Valley Chapter exhibited at the 38th annual Du Page Genealogical Convention on Saturday February 23rd at the Hilton Garden Inn in St Charles, IL. We had a table top display set up with American and Fox Valley Chapter Flags, SAR brochures, the Patriot and Fox Valley Newsletters, tricorn hat and new member sign up sheets. The convention started at 8:00am and lasted to about 3:00 in the afternoon.

We were there to promote our chapter and answer questions and educate potential members about SAR.

David Olson and Mike Campagnolo manned the booth and thought the convention was a great success. Our chapter genealogist John Kessler stopped by our booth to visit. There was approximately 300 attendees for the conference and we had good traffic and quality leads. Our neighbors next to us the Perrin-Wheaton DAR was also helpful in sending potential members our way. We went through all of our newsletter handouts. Carol Magnuson of DCGS wanted to thank David Bailey, Andy Baffes and Mike Campagnolo for donating items for the main raffle. This was a great opportunity to get the Fox



Good crowd at the DCGS Convention



## Welcome New Fox Valley Chapter Members

Patriot Name

*Kevin Diehl* .....National #186114.....State # 8436

*William Diehl* .....National #186113.....State # 8436

*Thomas Wendt* .....National #186158.....State # 8439

*Richard Farabaugh* ...National #185800.....State # 8411

*William Augustus Atlee*

*Thomas Chemler* .....National #185801.....State # 8412

*William Ingersoll* .....National #185802.....State # 8413

*Jered Ingersoll*

*Eric Ingersoll* .....National #185803.....State # 8414

*Jered Ingersoll*

*Coy Mc Queen* .....National #184736.....State # 8409

*Lewis Wills*

*Mitchell Williams* .....National #186372.....State # 8451

*Larry Hlavacek* .....Transferring Membership from ABC Chapter

*Kenneth Hlavacek* .....Transferring Membership from ABC Chapter

*James Mortell* .....Transferring from Florida Society SAR



## ILSSAR presenting gift to French Council



Pictured (left-right) Compatriots Tom Luce, Rod Herbig, Bing Seibold, and Bruce Talbot, Council General Graham Paul, Compatriots Franz Herder, Bob Collins, Ron Feldman, and Mike Cobb



A French Champagne Toast  
 Council General Graham Paul and Fox Valley President Rod Herbig

On February 6, 2013, the Illinois Society presented a gift to French Council General Graham Paul to mark the exact date of the 235th anniversary signing of the Treaty of Alliance between the United States and France. The gift consisted of a framed historical York Current newspaper front page that breaks the news to the English people of the treaty between the United States and France. Upon the signing of the treaty on February 6, 1778, France officially recognized the United States as an independent nation whereupon, England declared war on France directly engaging them in the American Revolution. France's entry into the war provided much needed arms, gun powder, supplies and French troops to help the Americans.

Illinois Society President Bruce Talbot presented the gift to Consul General Graham Paul and noted that the much needed supplies that flowed from France marked the beginning of the turning point in the Revolutionary War. Consul General Paul offered a toast, with French Champagne, to the long alliance between the two countries and recalled the famous line spoken at the arrival of the American Army in France during World War I, "Lafayette, nous sommes ici", ("Lafayette, we are here"). The presentation was attended by uniformed members of the Illinois Society Color Guard and chapter presidents from Fort Dearborn, Fox Valley, Salt Creek, and American Bicentennial chapters.



## JROTC Award Presented



Cadet Captain Robert R. Ramoska with  
 ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot



The SAR bronze ROTC medal was awarded to Cadet Captain Robert R. Ramoska of Park Ridge, Illinois at the Marmion Academy, Aurora, Illinois on Sunday February 10, 2013.

Cadet Captain Ramoska serves as Cadet Battalion Adjutant and is a member of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the varsity swimming team.

Robert has a congressional nomination to the United States Naval Academy.

The Fox Valley Chapter is a very active participant in this award program. Currently we have twelve high schools, two universities and two Sea Cadet squadrons in our chapter area that we support. We take great pride and pleasure in having a chapter member attend each of the award ceremonies to make the presentation of the medals and certificates.

If you would like to serve on the ROTC Committee or attend an awards ceremony, please contact the ROTC Chairman, Dale Bottom at 630-887-7465 or d.bottom@comcast.net.



## SAR Members are welcome to upcoming SUVCW event



### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Illinois

Philip H. Sheridan Camp # 2

The Mount Greenwood Cemetery Association in conjunction with the Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil WAR (SUVCW) will conduct a dedication ceremony for over 70 new markers placed on the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 10am at the Cemetery located at 2900 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Cemetery's chapel.

The featured speaker for the event will be noted Civil War historian and author Rob Girardi. Other scheduled speakers include SUVCW National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski and representatives of the Ridge Historical Society. Civil War re-enactors from the 10th Illinois Infantry and the Rockford Zouaves will join local Boy Scouts in the Color Guard. A rifle salute will be provided by the American Legion and a period artillery salute by Mulligan's Battery, SVR.

Immediately following the new grave marker dedication ceremony, the SUVCW will conduct a rededication of the refurbished memorial to the L. H. Drury Post # 467 of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic which is also located in Mount Greenwood Cemetery.

For further information on the ceremony, contact David Bailey at [dcbailyr@comcast.net](mailto:dcbailyr@comcast.net).



## USS Stark Memorial Award

**THE USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD** memorializes those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding chapters and the most outstanding state society within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community, and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veteran's Committee.

In 2002 the NSSAR authorized the creation of the *Service to Veterans Medal* to be presented to the individual Compatriot that has supported the Veteran's program and is able to document 5000 points of support to our Veterans, using the point scale of the USS Stark Contest. An individual may count points for the LAST five years, BUT only the points that pertain to the current calendar year may be reported on the USS Stark Memorial Competition for the current year.

The USS Stark awards are presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress for the most complete Veterans program. The local chapter or Society presents the *Service to Veterans Medal*. The *Service to Veterans Medal* maybe presented at any time that the local chapter or Society approves the Medal. Activities should conform to the chartered purposes and to the type of activity suggested in the SAR Handbook.

Want to learn more about the USS Stark Memorial Award?  
Please contact the chapter Veterans Welfare Chairman  
Don Shee, at [gunrb17@comcast.net](mailto:gunrb17@comcast.net)



## Color Guard Uniforms



The Fox Valley Chapter would like to encourage our members to join the Color Guard. You can purchase all or part of your uniform from a commercial source (see ad below). You can start with trousers, ruffled shirt and a Tricorn hat and build a uniform as budget allows. If the Color Guard interest you contact Michael McMeins at: [mjmcmeins@att.net](mailto:mjmcmeins@att.net)

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★ Advertisement from American Revolutionary Uniforms ★  
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★ By Bernice's daughter **DARLENE NEUHAUS** ★  
★ 5757 Monterrey Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76112 ★  
★ (817) 496-4160 or Cell (817) 875-3577 ★  
★ E-mail: [dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com](mailto:dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com) ★  
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## SAR Supplemental Applications

Compatriots, do you have more than one ancestor in your bloodline who served in the Revolutionary War?

Consider filing a supplemental application with SAR!

Chapter members having more than one qualifying ancestor may file such applications through the Fox Valley Chapter Registrar. Since one of the SAR's objectives is to acquire and preserve the records of the individual service of patriots of the war, SAR urges those members having additional qualifying ancestors to file supplemental applications.

Supplemental applications are handled in a very similar way to regular applications, and should require only the proof documentation necessary to link your current bloodline to the supplemental patriot.

Fees are lower for supplemental applications than for regular applications, and you can qualify for supplemental star awards as well

Want to learn more about supplemental applications?

Please contact the chapter Registrar, Andy Baffes

at [foxsarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:foxsarregistrar@gmail.com) or

630-926-6277 for more information.



## Wreaths across America



We urge our fellow compatriots to investigate how you can be a part of this year's Wreaths Across America program. The procedure is straightforward. SAR units register at the Wreaths Across America Web site, [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraiser.html](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraiser.html). State Societies and chapters take advance orders from individuals, companies and organizations. Those who purchase multiple wreaths can even designate from a list of participating cemetery sites where they wish their wreaths to be placed. Cost for the wreaths is \$15 each, \$5 of which is returned to your State Society and chapters. Each

state society and chapter can have their on individual ID number and placed in the local paper so may be given for the program information. Invite them to participate placing the wreaths on the graves. All wreaths are shipped from the Worcester Wreath Co. in Maine, which originated the program in 1992 as the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project.



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## Fox Valley Chapter Meetings

The Fox Valley Chapter produces two formal meetings each year. (in the Spring and Fall) We also have informal monthly meetings hosted by our Chapter President, **Rod Herbig**, on the **second Saturday** of every month.

The monthly meetings are held in a comfortable atmosphere where members can sit down and have a nice conversation and a little lunch with Rod. They are held in the back area of a nice restaurant, **The Fox Restaurant**, located on Ogden Avenue, and Main Street in Lisle. Rod has reserved the time from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.



**Fox Restaurant 4700 Main Street  
 Lisle, IL 60532 (630)964-6984**

In 2013, the second Saturdays in each month are *January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13th, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14*. This is a good opportunity to met Rod and ask questions about Fox Valley Chapter or SAR activities. There is no need to call ahead, just drop by the Fox Restaurant, any time from noon to 2 pm.



## Upcoming Events April - July

- April 13, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- April 28, 2013...6:00pm-9:00pm.....Fox Valley Spring Dinner, Ashbury's Bolingbrook, IL
- May 11, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- May 17 & 18, 2013.....ILSSAR 123rd Congress & B.O.M. Meeting, Springfield, IL
- May 25, 2013...Noon.....Chicago Memorial Day Parade, Chicago, IL
- June 8, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- July 4, 2013...TBD.....Fourth of July Parade with DAR, Wheaton, IL
- July 7-10, 2013.....NSSAR Annual Congress, Kansas City, Mo
- July 13, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL

**DEADLINE**  
**June 30, 2013**  
 Our next issue Summer 2013  
 coming out in July

**Please notify me of any Fox Valley Chapter news and events.  
 Send me pictures (jpg files preferred) with write-ups.  
 The DEADLINE for our next issue is June 30, 2013**

Send to:  
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All of our past Newsletters and articles are in the Fox Valley Chapter archives please visit  
[www.foxsar.org/Newsletters.html](http://www.foxsar.org/Newsletters.html)



## Fox Valley Chapter Questionnaire and Suggestion Sheet

This is a questionnaire/suggestion page for the Fox Valley Chapter, SAR. Our intention is to gather feedback and ideas about what we can do to improve our chapter's activities and operations. Please if you have a little bit of time, fill out the questionnaire and give us some suggestions. We appreciate our compatriots input and look forward to hearing from you.

On the questionnaire grade on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being exceptional and 1 being poor

How well is the Fox Valley Chapter:

Communicating with you about meeting times and places?

1 2 3 4 5

Providing interesting content and speakers at our semi-annual dinners?

1 2 3 4 5

Supporting your efforts to provide "Flag Award" cards to neighbors who fly the American Flag?

1 2 3 4 5

Assisting you through the process of regular or supplemental applications to SAR?

1 2 3 4 5

Describing the opportunities and benefits of participating in the Chapter Color Guard?

1 2 3 4 5



If you circle 1, 2 or 3 on any of the above, please comment further about how we might improve?

Any suggestions or idea's to help us improve the Fox Valley Chapter?

Detach this sheet and please send to: Mike Campagnolo • 1196 Cactus Trail • Carol Steam, IL 60188  
or e-mail me at: [mikec@mobilemark.com](mailto:mikec@mobilemark.com) . Hope to hear from you soon. Thank You!