

Illinois Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



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Spring Dinner Program with Dr. Ben Whisenhunt

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“Francis Dana, John Paul Jones and Russian-American Relations”

During the American Revolutionary War, the emerging United States sent a mission to Russia led by Francis Dana to seek official recognition of the United States from Catherine The Great of Russia. Dana’s mission spent several years in St. Petersburg working to secure a closer relationship with Russia and the experience had an extraordinary influence on one of the youngest members of the mission, John Quincy Adams. The second episode in Russian-American relations at this time is related to naval hero John Paul Jones. Once the war had ended in the early 1780s, he sought out a new commission for his services. By the end of the 1780s, he had taken a commission in Russia, but his time there was one of intrigue and scandal.

You will not want to miss this fascinating and little known part of American history from one of the area’s leading experts on early American-Russian foreign relations!



Ben Whisenhunt is Professor of History at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. He has taught a wide range of courses over the past 20 years. He has published four books on Russian history, the two most recent being on Russian-American relations. His current project is entitled “*Comrade Rhys: An American in Revolutionary Russia*.” It is a biography of American minister and journalist Albert Rhys Williams (1883-1962) and his experiences in Russia. He was a J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar in Russia in 2006.



Ashbury’s at Boughton Ridge
355 Boughton Road, Bolingbrook, IL

Sunday April 27, 2014

5:00 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program

Don’t miss our Fox Valley Chapter Fall Dinner at Ashbury’s at Boughton Ridge! All members, family, and guests are welcome. Please join us! We need your checks **ASAP** to get an accurate count to the chef. Please designate your dinner preference: Prime Rib, Talapia or Vegetarian. **The cost for the banquet is \$38.00 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 Talapia (Vegetarian meal or child hamburger is also available on advanced request) and mail ASAP to:

Request receipt of reservations by April 16, 2014

Make checks payable to “Fox Valley Chapter, SAR”

Compatriot Eric Ingersoll

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Aurora Police Officers awarded Law Enforcement medals



Fox Valley Chapter President Rod Herbig far end, the seven police officers with Ann Prosser and Fox Valley Secretary Mike Campagnolo near end. Fox Valley Registrar Andy Baffes and incoming Vice President Dave Olson were also present but not pictured.



Fox Valley Chapter President Rod Herbig addressing the officers before awarding them with medals and certificates.

The Fox Valley Chapter of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution on Friday January 10, 2014 recognized the heroics of seven Aurora police officers who last March pulled a girl to safety after the car in which she was riding plunged into a frigid pond.

Officers Christoffel, Gartner, Sullivan, Coronado, Swastek, Doepel and Hahn were presented Law Enforcement medals and certificates for acting valiantly and without hesitation during a chaotic life threatening situation. If it were not for these valiant efforts of these seven officers Anne Prosser, the girl that was rescued from the vehicle probably would not have survived. The above listed officers made the conscious decision to risk their personal safety by entering the freezing water.

On March 9, 2013 a call was dispatched for an accident involving a vehicle that left the roadway and landed upside down in a icy retention pond. Officers Chritoffel, Swastek, Gartner, Doepel and Coronado were first to arrive at the scene. The police officers without hesitation entered the frigid water in an attempt to free the people inside the vehicle. They managed to get the side door open and reached inside the vehicle. They were unable to see under the chest deep water with floating ice all around. Another officer went around to the driver's side but was unable to get the door open because the ice was up against the vehicle at the surface of the water. Officer Swastek attempted numerous times to push the vehicle away from the ice with negative results. Officers Sullivan and Hahn arrived on the scene and entered the frigid water to help the other officers free the occupants inside the vehicle. All the officers continued to try to gain entry into the vehicle. When the fire department arrived they provided the necessary equipment to gain entry into the vehicle. A young female passenger located in the car was removed from the car and taken by officers Hahn and Doepel to shore. They assisted in performing CPR on her. She was taken to a waiting ambulance and transported to Provena Mercy Hospital. The young female passenger Anne Prosser has completely recovered.

The *Daily Herald* made a short video of the ceremony for their website and published an article with a picture the next day in the newspaper.



A Flag Day Celebration in Downers Grove

Featuring the West Suburban Concert Band



On Saturday June 14th, 2014 Compatriot Donald Shee organized a Flag Day Concert featuring the West Suburban Concert Band of more than 60 members in Fishel Park in Downers Grove, IL. We are expecting a large crowd like last year to listen to the West Suburban Concert Band play patriotic and other inspiring music. The concert is planned for 7:00pm to 9:00pm including a 15-20 minute intermission.

The concert is FREE, open to the public, and sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter.

Any Questions contact Don Shee at gunrb17@comcast.net



“WAR DOGS MAKING IT HOME”

Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution 76th Annual State Conference



The ILSSAR Color Guard was present at the 76th Annual Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution (I.S.C.A.R.) annual banquet to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois on March 8th.

Miss Caitlin Collins is the **FIRST** N.S.C.A.R. National President in the 119 year history of N.S.C.A.R. from Illinois. Senior National President Mr. Hans E. Jackson also attended. Mr. Jackson, a past New Hampshire SAR State President and past NSSAR New England District Vice President General, is the **FIRST** male Senior National President in the history of N.S.C.A.R.



(L to R) Fox Valley Chapter President Rod Herbig, incoming President Mike Campagnolo and Salt Creek Chapter Treasurer Joe Costello



(L to R) N.S.C.A.R President Caitlin Collins addresses the crowd with her father Robert Collins looking on and Senior National President Hans Jackson



Memorial Day event at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery



In addition to the parade, here's another Memorial Day activity for this year. For the past few years Jim Garrison has volunteered at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery putting flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. This is done on the Friday prior to Memorial Day and we remove them on the Tuesday after Memorial Day. This is a worthwhile and rewarding experience and is an excellent way to honor the veterans buried there. Any compatriot wishing to join Jim this year can contact Jim for details.

Jim Garrison's e-mail is: jimg60@sbcglobal.net and phone: (815) 469-8824

Welcome New Fox Valley Chapter Members



Ronald Herbert Davis
Harry William Reineke IV
John Francis Costello
Henry Cleves Hutcherson
Donald Eugene Sachnoff
Andrew Thomas Kadolph



New Chapter Officers Nominated for 2014-2015

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Possible future committees: Public Relations and Heroism Award



Join the Color Guard



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 interests you, contact Rod Herbig at: scout1947@comcast.net

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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 or
630-926-6277 for more information.



Look at our new Fox Valley Chapter Banner

Sons of the American Revolution

Getting ready for the 2014 parade season



Fox Valley Chapter



The vinyl banner is 7ft x 3 ft with 3" pole pocket on top.

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Fox Valley Chapter Meetings

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The Fox Valley Chapter produces two formal meetings/dinners each year. (in the Spring and Fall) We also have informal monthly meetings hosted by our Chapter President, **Rod Herbig**. 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**

Monthly Meeting Notice

*** Our chapter will continue to have our monthly meetings in 2014.***
 We will be changing to the **3rd Saturday** of each month. There are many scheduling conflicts if we went to our standard 2nd Saturday.

We will however change venues to accommodate compatriots that are on the outskirts of our area. One venue is the Elmhurst American Legion Post 187 in Elmhurst it is located at 310 W Butterfield Road. Our first meeting there will be May 17th. We will be looking for other venues this year. If you have a spot for a future meeting preferably in our north or western areas just speak up.

Upcoming Events in April, May & June

- April 6, 2014...10:00am - 2:00pm.....Grave marker Dedication Elk Grove, IL & Hebron, IL
- April 19, 2014...Noon-2:00pm.....Chapter meeting (lunch) Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- April 27, 2014...5:00pm-9:00pm.....Spring Dinner at Ashby's Bolingbrook, IL
- May 16-17, 2014.....ILSSAR BOM Annual Congress Springfield, IL
- **May 17, 2014.....Chapter meeting TBD (lunch) American Legion Post 187 Elmhurst, IL
- May 22, 2014.....Decorating Veterans Graves in Lisle with Rod Herbig
- May 24, 2014.. 10:00am.....Chicago Memorial Day Parade Chicago, IL
- May 23 & 27, 2014.....Putting Flags on graves at ALNC with Jim Garrison (see page 4)
- May 26, 2014.....Wheaton Memorial Day Parade (Time TBD)
- May 23 & 27, 2014.....Putting Flags on graves at ALNC with Jim Garrison (see page 4)
- June 14, 2014 7:00pm.....Downers Grove Flag Day Concert, Downers Grove, IL (see page 3)
- June 21, 2014.....Chapter meeting (lunch) location TBD

**Might have to switch dates because of conflict with ILSSAR BOM

DEADLINE

**Our next issue
 Summer 2014
 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, 2014

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