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April 29th Spring Dinner Highlights

Guest Speaker Gillum Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson gave an excellent presentation on Illinois involvement in the War of 1812. Mr. Ferguson is uniquely qualified to speak on this topic since his research has led to the only book on the subject. His book "*Illinois in the War of 1812*" represents two and one half years of in depth research. After the presentation Mr. Ferguson was happy to answer questions. Copies of his book were available at the end of the dinner. I bought a copy, it was a great read.



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Eagle Scout Award



The Fox Valley chapter was proud to present the *Eagle Scout Award* to **Ben O'Donnell**. The SAR has a Scholarship Program which is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. Entrants need to complete only one application -- the one for the chapter competition. If it is a winner, then it is used for the state competition; and if it is a winner in Illinois, then it is used for the national competition. This is an annual program with



Eagle Scout Award Winner
Eagle Scout Ben O'Donnell with his parents

shoulder patches, medals and scholarships presented each year.

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JRROTC Award



The Fox Valley chapter was proud to present the *JRROTC Award* to **Emily Leddin** from Lincoln Way West High School.. Runners up were **Ahgela Nuez** and **Jaqueline Hernandez** both from Aurora East High School. This award was presented by Chapter Vice President Dale Bottom.

The purpose of the program is to recognize a ROTC student of superior leadership abilities and accomplishments, military bearing, and overall academic excellence. The winner of this award is a superior ROTC Cadet who exemplifies the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors.



JRROTC Award Finalist
Ahgela Nuez, Emily Leddin, Jaqueline Hernandez



Election of New Officers



Former President Bruce Talbot pinning neck sash on new President Rod Herbig

Rod Herbig is taking over as new Fox Valley Chapter President after the successful two year term of Bruce Talbot.

Bruce Talbot has now become the new ILSSAR President at the Board of Managers meeting in Springfield on May 19th.

Andrew Baffes has been elected Fox Valley Chapter Registrar taking over the reins from Michael Johnston. Andy will help assist prospective members with their applications. Any compatriot who has a potential new member can contact Andy at foxsarregistrar@gmail.com. On our website visit our "How to Join" link www.foxsar.org/HowToJoin.html.



New Registrar Andy Baffes

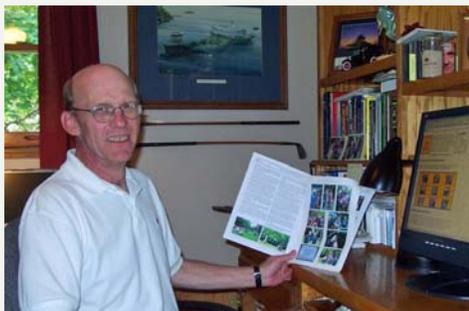


Bruce Talbot will be our new Fox Valley Chapter Sergeant of Arms replacing Chuck Sener. Chuck received the Life Time Achievement Award for his many years of service.

**Life Time Achievement Award recipient
Chuck Sener with outgoing President
Bruce Talbot**

Compatriot Mike Johnston Article Published

John Dudley: New Hampshire Revolutionary War Patriot and Du Page County, IL



Michael Johnston

Congratulations to Mike Johnston. Mike has served for many years as Fox Valley's Chapter Registrar and Genealogist. In fact many of you probably worked with Mike as you put together your application. Mike's genealogical skills are well known, and in addition to helping new applicants he has been extensively involved in documenting the Revolutionary War Patriots buried in our area. The short histories of many of these local men you find on our website (www.foxsar.org) are the product of Mike's work in conjunction with Don Parrish.

Mike recently had his work on John Dudley published in the *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Vol 44, No 1, Spring 2012). The article "John Dudley: New Hampshire Revolutionary War Patriot and DuPage County, IL Pioneer" was selected as the lead article in that issue. It presents a well-documented study of this soldier who relocated to Illinois in the summer of 1840. It includes details of his Revolutionary War service (he was present at Washington's crossing of the Delaware River) as well as a genealogy of five generations of his descendants. The Quarterly can be found in most local libraries, and we encourage you to review it.



**John Dudley's Grave
(large stone in center)**

John Dudley passed away on January 2, 1846 at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 7 days, and is buried in section two, plot 506 of the Naperville Cemetery in Naperville, Illinois. His grave (see picture at left) is toward the southern side of the cemetery mid way up the hill.



“Revolutionary Tale” of Henry Collins



PHOTOS BY SCOTT SANDERS/sanders@dailyherald.com
Hannah Perron, regent of the Waukegan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, left, and DAR Libertyville chapter Regent Denise Burja unveil the new marker on Henry Collins' grave. DAR member Amanda Burja, second right, and Sons of the American Revolution member Don Parrish from Naperville also attended.



Rod Herbig from Lisle, Racheal Hughes from Zion, Amanda Burja from Long Grove and Don Parrish from Naperville bring the American, Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution flags into the Mount Rest Cemetery in Wadsworth to begin the ceremony.

One of two known Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Lake County was memorialized Friday May 25, 2012 at a rededication ceremony at his gravesite in Wadsworth.

At the ceremony, which honored patriot Henry Collins, a new granite marker was unveiled. It included commemorative plaques from both sponsoring organizations: the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, nonprofit organizations composed of Revolutionary War descendants. Almost 70 people attended.

"It's been estimated that about 1,000 patriots of the Revolution are located here in the state of Illinois, and it's one of our missions to find each and every one of those sites and to make sure that they are properly marked," said Bruce Talbot, Illinois SAR president.

Henry Collins served a two-year enlistment at the age of 16 when a levy to supply soldiers was placed on his hometown in Southborough, Mass. He was discharged at the end of the war in 1783, and after moving around the country and even to Canada at one point, Collins settled in Newport Township in Lake County in 1844.

The DAR first learned of Henry Collins in December 2010, which was when Regent Denise Burja, of the Ansel Brainard Cook Chapter in Libertyville, and Valerie Perron, past District IV director of the Little Fort chapter in Waukegan, began researching the soldier. The national organization requires that significant proof be verified at its headquarters before a marker can be placed on any grave.

About six months later, after Burja and other officers worked to locate 30 pages of documents such as land records and war pension papers, the national DAR historian general approved their request to mark Collins' grave.

"We would honor anybody (in the military), but because we are the Daughters of the American Revolution, this holds special significance for us to make sure that their (patriots') graves are tended to," Burja said.

This was not Collins' first marker, however. The DAR of Waukegan had marked the grave on the same day 86 years ago, but the marker had since gone missing for unknown reasons, according to Diana Dretske, Lake County historian.

In 1964, the American Legion Post of Gurnee added a new marker to the grave. The SAR placed a plaque at the gravesite as well, which has since broken. *(article continued on page 4)*

These images and the article were from the front page of the May 26th edition of the *Daily Herald*



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 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.

In 2012, the second Saturdays in each month are May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, and Dec 8. 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 2pm.



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Upcoming Events

- July 7-11, 2012.....NSSAR Annual Congress, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ
- July 14, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle,
- August 9, 2012.....Illinois State Fair Parade, Springfield, IL
- August 10-11, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, IL
- August 11, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- September 8, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- September 8,-9, 2012...10am - 4:00pm.....Cantigny Revolutionary War Re-enactment, Winfield, IL
- October 13, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- October 26-27, 2012.....Great Lakes District Meeting, Wyndham Hotel, Lisle, IL
- October 28, 2012.....Fox Valley Fall Dinner, Ashbury's, Bolingbrook, IL
- November 2-3, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Peoria, IL
- November 10, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- December 8, 2012...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL

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Send me pictures (jpg files preferred) with write-ups
The **DEADLINE** for our next issue is September 30, 2012

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