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## Gary Sinise Awarded SAR Gold Good Citizenship

Gary Sinise was presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal in May 2011 at the Operation Support Our Troops kick-off event for their fund raising *Rock'n for the Troops* Concert on July 16, 2011. The event was held at Cantigny Park in Winfield, Illinois.

Ron Smith and Rod Herbig volunteered at Operation Support Our Troops helping pack donated goods that are shipped to our deployed troops.



Compatriot Ron Smith presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Award to actor/entertainer Gary Sinise



We proudly recognize patriot Gary Sinise for his tireless efforts and support of the troops.

Best known for his Oscar-nominated performance as Lt. Dan in "Forrest Gump," Gary Sinise is a strong advocate for the troops and has appeared at numerous events around the globe supporting U.S. service men and women.

The Chicago native tours with his *Lt. Dan Band* to perform free shows full of their unique style of oldies and rock and roll. He has also traveled to both Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and the National Navy Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, to visit troops wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Following a USO tour to Iraq, during which he visited with Iraqi school children, Gary Sinise co-founded *Operation Iraqi Children Program*, which provides school supplies to students in Iraq through the generosity of the American people.

The next *Rock'n for the Troops* Concert is set for July 21, 2012, at Cantigny Park in Winfield, Illinois.

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## Fox Valley Fall Dinner at Ashbury's October 30, 2011

### “Lincoln Landing: the landscape of history”



Dr Dennis H. Cremin

The Fox Valley chapter was pleased to welcome Dr. Dennis H. Cremin to our Fall Dinner. Dr Cremin is the director of the Lewis University History Center and directed the interpretive elements for the Lincoln Landing in Lockport, Illinois. Dr Cremin presented a fascinating story of how Lockport, Illinois touched Lincoln's professional life from a young state legislator, United States Congressman, President, and finally national martyr. Dr. Cremin also talked about how Lockport and the I & M canal played a role in Lincoln becoming president. After Lincoln was elected President, Lockport and the I & M canal proved to be an important asset during the Civil War. The canal was used to move cannon and military supplies used in the battle of Vicksburg. Throngs of people waiting to catch a glimpse of Lincoln's funeral train lined the railroad tracks alongside the canal to pay respects when the train from Washington DC passed through Lockport on its way to Lincoln's final resting place in Springfield.

### Law Enforcement Medal Awarded to Tom Lemming



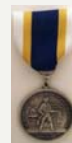
We were pleased to recognize Illinois State Police Commander Terry Lemming with our 2011 Law Enforcement medal. A veteran police officer with nearly 30 years experience Commander Lemming commands 600 state police officers assigned to the Chicago metropolitan area. Some of Commander Lemming's many accomplishments include:

- He successfully investigated the death of two young girls in a reckless homicide case resulting in the offender receiving 12 years in prison.
- He conducted 60 undercover drug purchases in a one month period from 50 different suspects, all of which were convicted and sentenced to prison.

Terry is a member and official on many professional organizations and also volunteers his time with community service organizations, including at his church and "Tinley Wish," a group that raises money for the neediest families in Tinley Park.



### Silver Good Citizenship Award presented to Deborah Rickert



The Fox Valley Chapter takes great pride to present the Silver Good Citizenship Award to Deborah Rickert for her years of continuous support to our troops in the field.

Deborah Rickert, the mother of a West Point cadet, organizes volunteers to collect package flavored drink mixes, trail mix snacks, candy, reading material and toiletries, which can be shipped to our troops. Personalized note cards are added to the boxes because some soldiers do not receive letters from home. Over 200 volunteers pack and ship 5,000 boxes of comfort items each year. Over 31,000 boxes of care items have been shipped totaling 775,000 pounds. To help with the shipping and overhead costs, Operation Support Our Troops featuring Gary Sinise, sponsors a fund raising concert called *Rock'n for the Troops* at Cantigny. Local companies and organizations have also contributed to help cover the cost.





## New Member Inductions



**Guy Parker Hamilton** of Naperville, Illinois

Patriot: **Michael Clore** who assisted in establishing American Independence by rendering patriotic service as a blacksmith to the District of Charlottesville, Virginia and donation of 350 pounds of beef.

**Scott Leon Pierre** of Wayne, Illinois

Patriot: **John Tuttle**, of Sunderland Hampshire, Massachusetts, who provided military service in the establishment of American Independence by serving as private in the Massachusetts State Militia.

**Michael Steven Campagnolo** of Carol Stream, Illinois

Patriot: **Andrew Kimbley**, of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky who provided military service in the establishment of American Independence by serving with General George Rogers Clark in campaigns against the British at Kaskaskia and Fort Sackville, as well as the Wabash Indians.



ILSSAR President Franz Herder welcome new Fox Valley members (left to right) Guy Hamilton, Michael Campagnolo, and Rick Treadway

## Upcoming Events

- February 3-4, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Bloomington, IL
- February 18, 2012.....115th Anniversary Springfield Chapter
- March 2-3, 2012.....NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- April 29, 2012.....Fox Valley Spring Dinner, Ashbury's, Bolingbrook, IL
- May 18-19, 2012.....Annual ILSSAR Convention, Springfield, IL
- May 26, 2012.....ILSSAR Color Guard Memorial Day Parade, Chicago, IL
- July 7-11, 2012.....NSSAR Annual Congress, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ
- August 9, 2012.....Illinois State Fair Parade, Springfield, IL
- August 10-11, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, 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



## Revolutionary Reenactment Days, Cantigny Park, Winfield, IL

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, staged an authentic Revolutionary War Reenactment the weekend of September 10-11, 2011. The event brings history alive as hundreds of reenactors from the North West Territory Alliance converge on the park.

"This is a special anniversary year, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> staging of the reenactment at Cantigny," said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. "It has always been one of the park's most anticipated events. Families, in particular, appreciate the reenactment for both its entertainment and educational value."

More than 400 Revolutionary War reenactors were at Cantigny, many of whom pitched tents and camped on the grounds. Redcoats and patriots consumed the Parade Field twice each day, engaging in mock battles complete with cannon and musket fire.



Compatriots manning the ISSAR recruiting table at Revolutionary Reenactment, Cantigny Park September 10-11, 2011

The skirmishes are narrated from the sidelines to help spectators understand the action. For a quieter time, visitors could walk through the encampment and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the soldiers use no "modern" amenities such as flashlights, charcoal or electricity.

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**March 31, 2012**

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