

# Illinois Sons of the American Revolution

## Fox Valley Chapter

### Newsletter

Winter 2015



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Organized November 11, 1981 our 34th year

## Fall Dinner Highlights at Ashbury's

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Fox Valley Officers pictured from L-R, FV Webmaster Don Parrish, FV Member at Large Scott Sanders, FV President Mike Campagnolo, FV Secretary Harry Reineke IV, FV Treasurer Eric Ingersoll and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



Tobias Musicians and Speaker pictured from L-R, Joel Simpson, Paul Tobias and Lee Murdock.



NSSAR Lamplighter Award presented to Bob Baird pictured from L-R, FV President Mike Campagnolo, Bob Baird and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



Bronze Good Citizenship Award presented to Eric Ingersoll pictured from L-R, FV President Mike Campagnolo, FV Treasurer Eric Ingersoll and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



Silver Good Citizenship Award presented to Don Shee pictured from L-R, Don Shee and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



Bronze Color Guard Award presented to Harry Reineke IV pictured from L-R, FV President Mike Campagnolo, FV Secretary Harry Reineke IV and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



## Fall Dinner Highlights (continued)



ILSSAR President Tom Ashby pinning a Rosette on new Fox Valley member Jon Fixmer pictured from L-R, ILSSAR President Tom Ashby and new member Jon Fixmer



ILSSAR President Tom Ashby presented Rod Herbig with the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award pictured from L-R, ILSSAR President Tom Ashby and FV Vice President Rod Herbig.



## 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)



## 2014 Awards Presented to Chapter Members and Spouses

David Olson.....War Service Medal & Certificate.....Awarded 4/27/14  
 Rod Herbig.....Past President Pin & Certificate.....Awarded 4/27/14  
 Tobias Family.....Certificate of Appreciation.....Awarded 7/5/14  
 Eric Ingersoll.....Bronze Good Citizenship award.....Awarded 10/26/14  
 Donald Shee.....Silver Good Citizenship award.....Awarded 10/26/14  
 Rod Herbig.....5 year Membership Pin.....Awarded 10/26/14  
 Claire Ingersoll.....Certificate of Appreciation.....Awarded 10/26/14  
 V Robert Baird.....Lamplighter Award.....Awarded 10/26/14  
 Andy Baffes.....Liberty Medal OLC.....Awarded 10/26/14 (not present)  
 Michael Johnston.....Liberty Medal OLC.....Awarded 10/26/14 (not present)




## New Fox Valley Chapter Members for 2014

- 1.) Andrew Kadolph, Roselle, IL
- 2.) Ronald Davis, Glen Ellyn, IL
- 3.) John Costello, Darien, IL
- 4.) Donald Sachnoff, Tinley Park, IL
- 5.) Harry Reineke IV, Wheaton, IL
- 6.) Jon Richard Fixmer, St Charles, IL
- 7.) Gerald Lynn Weakley, Bonfield, IL
- 8.) Kent Rudel Weakley, Ocala, FL
- 9.) Joseph James Ernster, St Charles, IL
- 10.) Gregory McEntire, Naperville, IL
- 11.) Gary McEntire, Paris TN
- 12.) Adam McEntire, Novi, MI
- 13.) Patrick McEntire, Cordova, TN

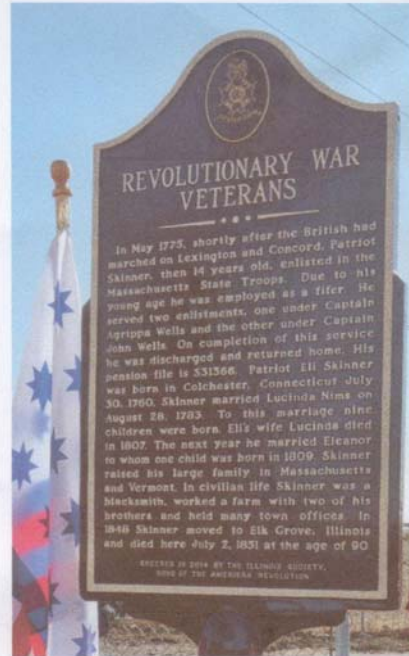




 **Sons of the American Revolution, Illinois Society Cemetery Marking Program**

The Illinois Society has undertaken a project to mark all the graveyards in Illinois where Revolutionary Patriots are buried. Although many of the individual graves are already marked, our hope is to place a cast-aluminum plaque similar to the example on your right at the entrance to every graveyard with a Patriot to allow visitors to honor the graves of the Patriots as well as to aid in protecting these cemeteries from being lost to development.

The first cemetery where we are undertaking to place a marker is the Elk Grove Cemetery. It is the only cemetery in Cook County that is the final resting place of two Patriots; Aaron Miner and Eli Skinner.



*Plaque tells visitors there is a Revolutionary Patriot buried in the cemetery and talks about what the Patriot did for the cause.*



Donations to this project may be made out to **ILSSAR** (tax deductible) and mailed to **ILSSAR State Treasurer: Don Hyland 304 Felmley Drive Normal, IL 61761 [donsgen50@gmail.com](mailto:donsgen50@gmail.com)**



## Cemetery Markings scheduled for 2015



**Patriot #1 Abner Powers** was at Valley Forge with George Washington's army. He fought in several famous battles: Bennington, Saratoga and the final battle, Yorktown. Abner Powers lived to be almost 92 years old and is buried in the **Lily Lake cemetery in Lily Lake, Kane county, Illinois.**

**Abner Powers** was born in Springfield, Addison County, Vermont on December 15, 1760, the 10th of 11 children and the 6th of 7 sons born to **Nathaniel** and **Hannah (Hartwell) Powers.**

In 1776, while still a boy of 15, Abner enlisted as a drummer boy with the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, and served in this capacity for two years. While serving as a drummer, Abner was present at the Battle of Bennington, the Battle of Saratoga, and shivered through the long, cold, miserable winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

In 1778, at the close of his two year enlistment as a drummer boy, Abner, now almost 18 years old, enlisted with three of his brothers as a soldier in the Regiment of Colonel (later general) **John Stark.** It was at the Battle of Saratoga in October 1777, where Stark became famous for the words "We'll defeat the British here today, or **Molly Stark** will be a widow."

Although it appears the Powers' family descendants believed Abner and all six of his brothers served in the Revolutionary war, the Daughters of the American Revolution's Patriot Index of 2003 does not list all of Abner's brothers. However, this does not mean they did not serve; it is possible no one has applied to the SAR or DAR for membership naming any of Abner's brothers.

**Abner Powers** served as a private and as a corporal, and was present during the Battle of Yorktown, where the combined American and French forces numbering close to 20,000 defeated the 8,900 British troops under **Lt. General Charles Cornwallis** and the American pursuit for Independence was secured. At the end of the war **Abner Powers** received a gratuity bounty of 15 Continental Dollars.

**Abner Powers** died in Kane County, Illinois on September 25, 1852 at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 10 days. He was buried at Canada Corners Cemetery in Lily Lake. Abner's grave was marked with a headstone bearing the date 1776, as well as his name, dates of birth and death, as well as a shield and stars.





**Patriot #2 John Dudley** crossed the Delaware with **George Washington's** army in the immortal Christmas attack, and he fought in the battles of Trenton, Princeton and Saratoga. He lived to be almost 88 years old and is buried in **Naperville cemetery in Naperville, Illinois.**

**John Dudley** was born February 25, 1758 in Seabrook, New London County, Connecticut. In 1776, at the age of 18, he was residing in the town of Newport, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

In late September or early October of 1776, the Militia of the area was called up to be sent to Fort Ticonderoga, about the time of the defeat of **Generals Waterbury and Arnold** on Lake Champlain. **John Dudley** volunteered for the New Hampshire militia, which set out under **Colonel Walker** of Charlestown and **Colonel Benjamin Bellows.**

Upon arrival at Fort Ticonderoga he joined **Colonel Reed's** Regiment, enlisting in a company commanded by **Captain Robert Oliver Ashley** under **Colonel Reed's** command, in a group that was known as *Year Men* due to the one year term of their enlistment. **John Dudley** was stationed at Mount Independence, which the American troops named in honor of the Declaration of Independence, and was opposite Fort Ticonderoga on the Vermont shores of Lake Champlain. It was atop this rugged promontory that American troops built a fort complex to guard against a British attack from Canada. Soon, the Brigade was ordered to march to Albany which was accomplished by moving by water on Lake George. The Brigade was stationed a few days at Fort George, and then marched again to Saratoga, where they encamped a few days, and then proceeded to Albany. At Albany, they boarded a vessel and sailed to Kingston. From here they marched to Newtown, Pennsylvania, arriving in early December to join the main forces of **General George Washington's** army. From Newtown, Pennsylvania the forces proceeded to Trenton, New Jersey and Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware. Here, for the first time, on December 26, 1776, **John Dudley** met the enemy British Forces. During this famous battle and subsequent American victory, **John Dudley** took part and assisted in capturing about 900 Hessian soldiers.

Shortly thereafter, the regiment marched to Princeton, New Jersey, where the regiment took part in that successful battle and captured hundreds of British soldiers. From Princeton, New Jersey, the army moved to Norristown, Pennsylvania where they took up winter quarters. About the 15th of February, 1777 **John Dudley's** enlistment expired, he received a pass and returned home to New Hampshire, arriving on March 1, 1777.

**John Dudley** took part in the Battle of Saratoga, which forced the surrender of **Burgoyne.** After the battle of Saratoga, the militia was once again discharged, and **John Dudley** went home to Newport.

**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.





## 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](mailto: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 & Assistant Registrar Jon Fixmer**  
at [foxsarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:foxsarregistrar@gmail.com) or  
**630-926-6277** for more information.

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## Look at our new Fox Valley Chapter Banner



**The Banner made it through the 2014 parade season**  
**Getting ready for the 2015 season**  
**The vinyl banner is 7ft x 3 ft with 3" pole pocket on top.**



## Fox Valley Chapter Meetings

### **COMMITTEE & PROJECT CHAIRMEN**

ROTC Awards

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Eagle Scouts

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Flag Awards

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Genealogy

**Vacant**

Heroism Award

**Vacant**

Knight Essay

**Vacant**

Law Enforcement Award

**Rod Herbig**

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Outstanding Citizenship Award

**Robert Baird**

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Patriot Grave Markings

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**Vacant**

Membership & Recruitment

**Vacant**

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We also have informal monthly meetings hosted by our Chapter President, **Mike Campagnolo**. The monthly meetings are held in a comfortable atmosphere where members can sit down and have a nice conversation and a little lunch with Mike.

They will be held in three different locations this year, The Fox Restaurant in Lisle, The American Legion Post 187 in Elmhurst and the Messenger Library in North Aurora. The addresses are at the right. **Come join us!**

**We are always looking for new venues to help cut down driving times for compatriots on the outer areas of our chapter.**

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

**American Legion Post 187**  
310 W Butterfield Rd Elmhurst, IL  
(630) 833-7800

**Messenger Public Library**  
113 Oak St North Aurora IL  
(630) 896-0240

### \*\*\*Monthly Meeting Notice\*\*\*

\*\*\* Our chapter will continue to have our monthly meetings in 2015.\*\*\*  
We will be continue to have them on 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. 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.

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### Upcoming Events in January

January 22, 2015 7:00pm- 8:30pm.....Chapter Board of Managers meeting Lisle Police Station (date still pending)

## **DEADLINE**

**Our next issue  
Spring 2015  
coming out in April**

**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 March 31, 2015**

**Send to:  
Fox Valley Newsletter Editor  
Mike Campagnolo**

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[www.foxsar.org/Newsletters.html](http://www.foxsar.org/Newsletters.html)**