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## Fall Dinner Preview



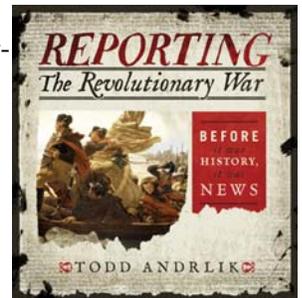
### Reporting The Revolutionary War, Before it was History, it was News

#### Meet our speaker author Todd Andrik

Todd Andrik is the curator, designer, historian and author working behind the scenes at Rag Linen. Todd works diligently to preserve original historic newspapers for future generations. Early newspapers were printed on durable paper made of linen rags and often bound for long-term storage; however, these newspapers survived countless natural and man-made disasters, including wars, floods, fires and deaccession, so many still show scars such as tears, holes, stains, acidification and non-archival tape mends. Through a partnership with one of the top paper conservators in the world, Todd helps save these first drafts of history from loss and restores them as close as possible to their original condition. The restored papers are then shared for public research and education via raglinen.com. Todd is a member of the *American Revolution Association* and writer for *American Revolution magazine*.



Todd Andrik



His passion for newspaper history stems from a career in media and marketing. Todd heads the marketing and PR operations for one of the nation's largest construction, design-build and commercial real estate development firms.

Todd earned his MBA from Roosevelt University and a degree in public relations from Illinois State University. He also studied international business and PR at Salzburg College (Austria). Todd serves on the advisory board of the Printing Office of Edes & Gill, the only colonial-era printing experience along Boston's historic Freedom Trail. Todd's wife is a great (7x) granddaughter of Abraham Amrine, who served as a Bedford County, Pennsylvania, rifleman in the American Revolutionary War.

Todd was nice enough to join us for our monthly Fox Valley Chapter Luncheon at the Fox Restaurant on August 18th to discuss his new book and his passion for the American Revolution. Todd has built one of the most significant and comprehensive private collections of Revolutionary War era newspapers.

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Here is the book overview:

Colonial newspapers published between 1763 and 1783 fanned the flames of rebellion in America, provided critical correspondence during the war, sustained loyalty to the cause and ultimately aided in the outcome. Publishing this November by Sourcebooks, Inc., ***Reporting the Revolutionary War: Before It Was History, It Was News*** will offer an unprecedented in-depth look at colonial newspaper coverage that helped start and finish the American Revolution.

Through vivid eyewitness accounts, battlefield letters and breaking news compiled from hundreds of newspapers – printed on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean – the story of the American Revolution is unlike any version that has been told. It is raw and uncut, full of intense action, drama and suspense. From start to finish, these frontline newspapers deliver incomparable insight about America’s founding and combine to reveal one of the most real and comprehensive narratives of the Revolutionary Era, loaded with amazing characters, better-than-fiction plot twists and the perfect climax. This is history in its purest form.

Coming together to help put the original newspapers accounts in context are 37 top historians — professors, scholars, authors and park rangers — who have contributed more than 60 fascinating essays that chronicle the impact these papers made on America’s War of Independence.

In addition to the 400-page, full-color book, a medley of multimedia and educational complements will be offered, including website, digital archive, enhanced e-book, video and educational lesson plans. With ***Reporting the Revolutionary War***, we are bringing the 18th century to the 21st. The book is out this November.



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

Sunday October 28, 2012

5:00 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Dinner

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: Orange Roughy or Prime Rib

**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



## Outstanding Citizenship Awards

by Robert Baird, Chairman

Each year, our chapter participates in this program with very successful results. In January, a letter is sent to some 80 schools in Du Page and surrounding counties inviting them to participate in the Outstanding Citizenship Award Program. The award is to be presented to one superior senior at their school and consists of a certificate and pin. The criteria for the award are: ***Dependability, Honesty, Courtesy, Respect, Leadership and Patriotism.***

It is pointed out that the school is to make the selection and make the presentation. The letter indicates that no financial stipend or scholarship is implied. It indicates that the award can be publicized through school publications and provided to colleges and universities in support of scholarship applications.

Usually schools start sending responses in February and March and most reply by April. Those not responding are sent a follow-up letter in April. The presentations are usually made in May at the school award night. This year, the invitations were sent to 76 schools and replies were received from 59 which is the usual ratio. Records of the participating schools and recipients are kept on file. It is often felt it would be desirable if the Fox Valley Chapter members made the presentations but this has been deemed not possible because many schools are located considerable distances away. For those of us who have presented the awards, it has been a most enjoyable experience because of the personality and high quality of the recipients.

The letter to the schools also points out that soldiers of the American Revolution who are buried near their school are covered on the Patriots page on our website [www.foxsar.org](http://www.foxsar.org)



Robert Baird

## Illinois Society Message



ILSSAR President  
Bruce Talbot

by ILSSAR President Bruce Talbot

The Illinois Society is taking on an initiative to increase member participation by creating more chapters so current members who do not live near a chapter will be able to attend SAR events. Now, you may be asking yourself, "What does this have to do with me -- I already belong to Fox Valley chapter?" Part of this program is to encourage our existing chapters to develop programs and practices to energize chapter members to become more active. Fox Valley President Rod Herbig has instituted monthly meetings, as noted on page 6 of the newsletter, and the State Society is planning new events across the state. In our area, the State Society will be presenting a gift to the Counsel General of France in Chicago on February 6, and we are planning a special gift presentation to the Chicago Fire Department. After a successful showing at the Chicago Memorial Day Parade, we are planning to participate in more community events in 2013. If you haven't attended our bi-annual dinners, monthly meetings, or special chapter events please consider attending in the future. Your membership is a more rewarding experience if you participate.

As we begin to turn the furnace on for the winter months, it might be a good time to think about a very special Christmas gift for a loved one in your family. If you start the application now, you can present a son, father, grandfather, or uncle with the gift of membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. The handsome membership certificate, beautifully framed, makes the perfect gift that can be proudly displayed for many years. And don't forget, children of members are eligible for membership in the Children of the American Revolution. Let's talk about who you would like to sponsor at the next luncheon meeting!



## Bringing History to Life at Cantigny



Rod Herbig manning recruitment table



Rod Herbig presenting the Liberty Medal Certificate to compatriot Michael Johnston at Cantigny



Continental Army advances in morning battle



18th century musicians



Continental sharpshooter

Dozens of re-enactors from the North West Territory Alliance brought the Revolutionary War to life at Cantigny on September 8th & 9th, showing visitors how men and women lived and fought during that formative era. The NWTAA is a not-for-profit group that specializes in re-creating the life of the Revolutionary War period.

Visitors to Cantigny on Saturday and Sunday were treated to battle re-enactments, artillery demonstrations and live music from the time. Many of the re-enactors also camped on the Cantigny grounds over the weekend, living the way soldiers and their families would have in the late 18th century. Visitors were free to walk through the camp.

Saturday's morning battle, the first of two to be staged that day, showed the better-equipped Continentals overtake a small band of British. A narrator explained the action to the hundreds in the crowd while the re-enactors fired muskets and booming cannons. The explosions set off a few car alarms in the parking lot.

Attention to battlefield detail was high. After one exchange of cannon fire, a British soldier dropped to the ground. A fellow soldier approached and somberly placed his downed comrade's hat over his face.

A bumper sticker seen at Wheaton's Cantigny Park Sunday explained the attitude that drives those who participate in historical war re-enactments: "*History should not be a mystery.*"

The Fox Valley Chapter has a SAR recruitment table set up every year at this event to help answer questions for potential new members. Rod Herbig (President Fox Valley Chapter), Franz Herder (President Salt Creek Chapter) and Mike Campagnolo (Fox Valley Newsletter Editor) were there Saturday manning the table.



## Welcome New Fox Valley Chapter Members

**Paul Thomas Baffes** .....National #184234.....State # 8354

**Robert Kinsella Baader** .....National #184615.....State # 8365

**Robert Kinsella Baader, Jr** .....National #184616.....State # 8366

**Brian Baader** .....National #184617.....State # 8367

**Andrew Patrick Oloffson** .....National #182961.....State # 8331

## The Battle of Kings Mountain



October 7<sup>th</sup> is the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, an engagement in South Carolina fought between American Patriots and Loyalists during the Revolutionary War. The 900 Patriots were led by Colonels Isaac Shelby and John Sevier, and the 1,100 Loyalists by Major Patrick Ferguson.

In an attempt to conquer North Carolina and secure the south, Cornwallis began a march north on September 9, 1780. His western flank was guarded by Loyalists, commanded by Major Patrick Ferguson, the only non-American present at the battle. A month into the march, three groups of American frontiersmen commanded by militia officers isolated this force on the heavily wooded King's Mountain. While the direct American attacks were repulsed

with bayonet charges, the frontiersmen, armed with rifles, were able to snipe accurately into the Loyalist forces. After an hour of fighting, Ferguson was killed, and with his death the Loyalists surrendered. The Patriot militia lost only 29 with 58 wounded while the Loyalist lost 290 with 163 wounded and 668 captured. The loss of his flanking force decided Cornwallis against continuing his march north, and he returned to Winnsborough, South Carolina. The aftermath was also notable for the savagery of the Americans, who executed several of their prisoners, probably in revenge for loyalist actions at the earlier battle of Waxhaws (Buford Massacre). The patriots' decisive victory delayed a British advance into North Carolina and raised their morale at a time when they were losing public support in the South.

Many historians consider the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 to be the turning point in America's War for Independence. The victory of rebelling American Patriots over British Loyalist troops completely destroyed the left wing of Cornwallis' army. This triumphant victory of the "Overmountain Men" allowed General Nathanael Greene to reorganize the American Army."

Thomas Jefferson called it "The turn of the tide of success."

In 1931 the battlefield site was made a national military park

### Did you know?

British officer Patrick Ferguson, despite his having been on the 'other side', was an excellent sharpshooter and developed the Ferguson rifle. He was also one of the better British officers with much integrity. He spared George Washington's life on an earlier occasion because he would've had to shoot General Washington in the back as he was surveying the field before the Battle of Brandywine and that seemed dishonorable.



## 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.



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

## 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 at right).

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

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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 ★  
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**3** Chapter Flag Awards Presented so far in 2012

## Upcoming Events

- 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

**DEADLINE**  
**Dec 31, 2012**  
 Our next issue Winter 2013  
 coming out in January

**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 December 31, 2012**

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