

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

FOX VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2010

U. S. NAVAL SEA CADET PRESENTATION

On Saturday, June 5 Vice President Dale Bottom presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal and ribbon to U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Zachary Dodd of the Ghostriders Squadron in Naperville. Zachary is the leading cadet petty officer and leads the cadet corps. He plans on attending the University of Illinois at Chicago majoring in biology. After college, he plans on entering the U.S. Navy as a nurse. Upon completing his service, he plans on attending pharmacy school. During high school, Zachary volunteered his services to a student run anti-drug program called Star Raiders and was a member of the school baseball team. Last summer, he attended a two-week Navy high school SEAL camp and this summer will attend the Navy Swift Boat camp. Our chapter is proud to recognize such outstanding young men! If you would be interested in presenting a medal at a U. S. Naval Sea Cadet unit or a R.O.T.C. school in our area, please contact Chapter Vice President Dale Bottom at D.bottom@comcast.net



V.P. Dale Bottom and US Naval Sea Cadet Zachary Dodd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 25-30: National Congress in Cleveland
- June 20: Fox Valley Chapter meeting
- July 4: Independence Day celebrations
- August 12: SAR Color Guard at IL. State Fair
- August 13-14: ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting Springfield Hilton

MEETING DATE CHANGE: JUNE 30, 2010

Do to a family commitment, I have had to change the date for our June Board of Managers meeting from the 27th to **Wednesday** evening June 30, 2010, at 7:00 PM.

I would like non-board members to come to this meeting to give us input on new activities or changes to meeting structure. The meeting will be very informal and will be held at my home at 222 Sunshine Drive in Bolingbrook, right along side Clow Airport. If it doesn't rain, we might be able to retire to the backyard for a little plane spotting while we talk about the future of the chapter.

If you can attend, please drop me a note via e-mail at:

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Or phone Bruce at 630-759-1124.



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National Society Champaign Chairman Dr. Samuel Powell receives the Fox Valley Chapter donation of \$500 to support the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage at the ILSSAR



"Benjamin Franklin" shares a word of wisdom with outgoing ILSSAR President Gordon Bidner before delivering a fascinating dinner reflection on his life and role in the American Revolution.

Fox Valley Chapter Vice President Dale Bottom and Chapter Board of Manager Rod Herbig at the Friday evening reception at the Hilton Vista Room reception. Dale has accepted the position of ILSAR ROTC Chairman and Rod has accepted the position of ILSSAR newsletter editor and received the bronze Good Citizenship medal. Fox Valley has a leading presence on the Illinois Society operation! We encourage all members to attend the Illinois Society functions. Not only are they a wonderful social event, but they are an opportunity to participate in the society's many interesting out-reach programs.





Fox Valley Chapter President Bruce Talbot's lovely wife Peggy and daughter Erin. Erin is a cadet at the United States Coast Guard Academy and is currently doing summer duty on board the Cutter MIDGETT based out of Seattle.



Fox Valley Chapter Vice-President Dale Bottom with his lovely wife Elaine. Dale is wearing the SAR War Services medal.



Fox Valley senior member and past ILSSAR president Chuck Sener (at the podium) announced the prestigious Patriot Medal awardees at the Friday evening dinner: Salt Creek Chapter President Franz Herder and Fox Valley President Bruce Talbot.

The Patriot Medal is the highest award a state society can bestow and is limited to two awardees per year.

Former Fox Valley chapter president Michael Johnston, (who was unable to attend) was awarded the silver Good Citizenship medal in recognition for his work on the Joshua Harris posthumous membership campaign. Compatriot Harris was killed in the line of duty while serving in Afghanistan.

Compatriot Ron Smith (also unable to attend) was recognized at the annual conference with the USS Stark Award for outstanding service to veterans.

The Fox Valley Chapter was recognized for perfect attendance at ILSSAR quarterly Board of Managers Meetings, and senior member Chuck Sener was personally recognized with the "Excellence Patriot Award" for his long service to ILSSAR.



You are invited to attend the next Illinois Society Board of Managers meeting! August 13 Friday evening social gathering and Saturday meeting 8:00 AM-Noon (with a luncheon to follow) at the Springfield Hilton. Room reservations at a reduced rate of \$99 are available by calling (217) 789-1530 and mention "ILSSAR rate." Luncheon is \$35 (choice of salmon or turkey dinners). Mail check payable to "ILSSAR" to: Bruce R. Talbot, 222 Sunshine DR. Bolingbrook, IL 60490

SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED SEPT. 11, 2010 AT CANTIGNY

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 11, 2010! The Fox Valley Chapter will join the Salt Creek Chapter at the 23rd annual Revolutionary War reenactment at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. The event is free however, there is a \$5 charge for parking (parking fee is waived for all active duty military and their family). Gates open at 10:00 AM, and we will have a table at the event for members to meet and to advertise the Sons of the American Revolutions to others attending the event. We encourage all color guard members from both chapters to wear their color guard uniforms! We also plan to have compatriot Joe Smith's historical flags on display. More than 600 re-enactors from the Northwest Territory Alliance will participate in the encampment. Two full battle reenactments with musket fire and live cannon fire will occur on the Cantigny Parade Ground. Over 40 civic organizations will join the SAR at the event that is expected to draw 10,000 visitors! This is a wonderful educational opportunity for member's families. The re-enactors will have full campsites on display with cooking techniques, clothing displays



and weaving, candle making, and historical figures telling about their lives during the days of the Revolution. Members will be encouraged to walk through the campsites and sit and visit with the re-enactors both in the colonists and the British camps. You will notice no flashlights, charcoal, electricity, or any other modern convenience being used in the campsites. The River Valley Fife and Drum Corps will perform just after the noon hour and the Heritage Band of Music will perform at 2:30 PM. The big battle reenactment starts at 4:00 PM with the artillery bombardment and concludes (after the Americans win the battle) with the retirement of the colors at 4:30 PM.

Cantigny Park is located at 1S151 Winfield Road (just south of Roosevelt Road) in Wheaton, telephone number (630) 668-5161, and on the web at <http://www.cantigny.org/events>

PLEASE SUPPORT THE NEW HERITAGE CENTER

The new Center for Advancing America's Heritage needs your support. The center is part of the move of national headquarters to a new building in the historic Museum District of Louisville. The new national headquarters design calls for an atrium off the sidewalk that will connect with a genealogical research library housing over 60,000 volumes, offices, classrooms, and a history museum, including many original paintings, flags, manuscripts,

canons, and a replica of the Liberty Bell. A roof terrace will feature outdoor sitting and statuary space along with views of the Ohio River. The building covers over 40,000 square feet on three floors.

The Fox Valley Chapter donated \$500 to the Center Foundation Fund at the May 15, 2010 ILS-SAR conference, but we also need the support of individual members. Each compatriot who makes a personal gift of \$100

will receive a lapel pin noting their support. Smaller donations are also welcome! Please visit the Heritage Center web site at:

<http://www.sarfoundation.org/>

<http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/CAAH-Giving-2009-06-10.pdf>

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LIFE TO
GIVE TO MY
COUNTRY."
NATHAN HALE*