



Illinois Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



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Our Speaker: Ron Feldman "Uniforms and Clothing of the Revolutionary Period"

Our speaker is Ron Feldman from the [Northwest Territory Alliance](#). He discussed different types uniforms and equipment used in the American Revolution. Ron's wife and daughter did a show and tell about woman's and children's clothing during the Revolutionary War. Ron's son demonstrated the use of various firearms and weapons used during the Revolutionary War.

Ron belongs to the Northwest Territory Alliance (NWTa) it is an American Revolutionary War reenactment organization located in the Midwestern United States. The NWTa are a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle, and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. They strive to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battlefield tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible.

Introduction of New Members: Kevin Diehl, William Diehl, Robert Garrison, Eric Ingersoll and William Ingersoll.

JROTC Awards: Dale Bottom presented the JROTC Awards to:

Corey Kopchak, First Place Alysha Guthrie, Second Place Jose Sanchez, Third Place

Knight Essay Award: Compatriot Scott Sanders presented the award to:

Samantha Trisni of Plainfield East High School.

Presentation of World War II Award to: Charles Sener, Donald Shee and Carson Yeager.

CAR Presentation: Compatriot James Kessler presenting check to Ruthann Baird, D.A.R.

Our Fox Valley Chapter Officers 2012-2014



(from left to right) Compatriots Don Shee, Don Parrish, Mike Campagnolo, Robert Baird, Scott Sanders, Dale Bottom, Rod Herbig, Andy Baffes and Bruce Talbot.
Not pictured: David Bailey, Charles Sener and John Kessler



Chicago Memorial Day Parade 2013

On Saturday, May 25, 2013 the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard marched in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade. The day was cool and overcast (great day for marching) with thousands of cheering people lining the parade route. A great tribute to all the men and women who served and are currently serving in the military. The Chicago Memorial Day Parade is the largest in the country, and was broadcast live over ABC. The parade stepped off at noon from State Street at Wacker Drive and ended at Van Buren Street.



JROTC Award recipients



Jim Garrison presenting the JROTC SAR award to C/Capt. Michelle Housh at Lincoln-Way North .

Michelle will be a senior next year serves as the JROTC photographer. Michelle was a member of the Academic Bowl team that placed 6th in the nation. Michelle is a member of Lincoln-Way North's stage crew and is active in the Girl Scouts.



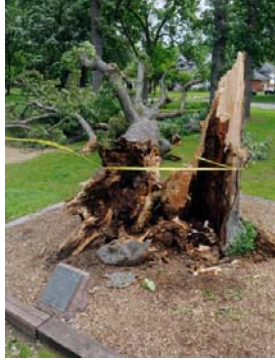
Jim Garrison presenting the JROTC SAR award to C/TSgt. Lana Crump at the Lincoln-Way Central JROTC Awards Banquet

Lana is a member of the Kitty Hawk Honors Society and the Creative Writing Club. She enjoys poetry and art and she volunteers as a tutor for other students. Lana plans to attend Joliet Junior College next year with a concentration in Psychology and Counseling. Her goal is to provide counseling to veterans of combat.

If you would like to serve on the ROTC Committee or attend an awards ceremony, please contact the ROTC Chairman, Dale Bottom at 630-887-7465 or d.bottom@comcast.net.



“Liberty” oak replaces “Constitution” oak downed by storm in Brookfield’s Kiwanis Park



The “Constitution Oak” after the storm 2011



(from left) Compatriots Rod Herbig (Fox Valley)
Mike Campagnolo (Fox Valley) and Joe Costello (Salt Creek)



New “Liberty Oak” planted by DAR in 2012

On May 6 at 6 p.m. the La Grange-Le Portage Chapter DAR along with members of the Salt Creek and Fox Valley Chapters SAR in color guard dress and a group of Brookfield residents were at the dedication ceremony for the new oak in Kiwanis Park, near the playground area. The Sons of the American Revolution performed the flag ceremony.

It was nearly two years ago that Brookfield lost a 120-foot-tall historic landmark. A storm on June 21, 2011, which produced wind gusts of up to 75 mph, leveled trees throughout the village.

One of those casualties was a magnificent white oak in Kiwanis Park — the Constitution Oak, so named because it was standing at the time the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. The tree received the designation in 1987, the bicentennial of the Constitution's signing.

But now, courtesy of the LaGrange-Le Portage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, there's a new white oak standing where the Constitution Oak once towered. The tree was actually planted last fall, and a new plaque noting that it's a gift from the DAR is already in place.

The DAR became interested in assisting in the replacement of the tree when one of its members, Brookfield resident Wendy Herder, mentioned that the Constitution Oak had blown down in a storm.

In 2010, the chapter donated a tree that now stands in Denning Park in LaGrange, said Lubenkov. The DAR has long been interested in conservation and reforestation efforts. According to Lubenkov, the LaGrange chapter, founded in 1927, was involved in planting hundreds of trees during the 1930s.

"We decided the [Constitution Oak] would be a good tree to replace," said Lubenkov, "so the Daughters of the American Revolution decided to donate a tree and a plaque."

The organization contacted Brookfield Village Forester Scott DeRoss, who was happy to help find a suitable replacement — a white oak like the one that preceded it.

"It's a native white oak," said DeRoss. "We wanted what we call a 'true' white oak."

The tree was grown from seed, said Lubenkov, at Possibility Place nursery in Monee.

"It's a special tree," said Lubenkov.

The Constitution Oak, which it replaced, was also a special tree. It was estimated to be between 300 and 327 years old when it was dedicated as a local landmark in 1987. Chris Stach, writing in the Riverside-Brookfield Landmark in 2005, noted that the tree not only pre-dated the Constitution but the births of all of the country's Founding Fathers.



Wheaton Independence Day Parade



The Fox Valley Chapter joined the Perrin-Wheaton Chapter of the DAR in the Wheaton Fourth of July Parade. The parade officially began at 10:00am. A very large crowd lined the 19 blocks of the parade route down Main Street with a little jog west to City Hall, a block down to Front Street and finishing along the tracks in front of the reviewing stand on Front Street. Compatriots Rod Herbig, Steve Riley, Dave Olson and Mike Campagnolo from Fox Valley and Joe Costello from Salt Creek Chapter marched along with the DAR on a beautiful day in Wheaton. **Our picture was on the front page of the Daily Herald.** A very special thanks to compatriot Scott Sanders who works at the Herald. Don Parrish our Webmaster posted pictures on our web page under Newsletter/Archives. The Parade was also video taped and shown live on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10)



The Illinois Society SAR 123rd Congress May 17-18, 2013 At The Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield



Guest Speaker Brian "Fox" Ellis portraying John James Audubon



Caitlin Collins the newly elected National Society CAR President



Corey Kopchak the new Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award winner. Dale Bottom presenting the sword with Tom Ashby looking on.



Larry "The Flag Man" Eakhardt receives the Silver Good Citizenship Award from Franz Herder.



Chapter Flag Award Streamers presented (left to right) Franz Herder, Joe Costello, Gerald Whitson, J. Gordon Bidner, Rod Herbig, Dan Hrenko and Tom Ashby.



Donald Shee receiving the War Service Medal with certificate from Tom Ashby and Franz Herder looking on.



A Flag Day Celebration in Downers Grove

Featuring the West Suburban Concert Band

On June 14th, 2013 the Downers Grove Neighborhood patriots Don Shee, Susie Purser, the Peter Hux Family, Lynette and Joe Stemer, Rich and Carrie Flory, David and Ruth Dunell and Carol and Art Wright organized a neighborhood concert to celebrate Flag Day. A large crowd turned out to listen to the West Suburban Concert Band play patriotic and other inspiring music. When "Yankee Doodle Dandy" was being played that was our queue to make our appearance. Fox Valley President Rod Herbig told the crowd about the SAR and what are chapter does to inspire patriotism. He also mentioned the 15 patriots buried in the Fox Valley five county area

The concert was located in the front of the Shee residence at the south end of Hillcrest Road. The concert started at 6:45pm and lasted until sunset.



Fox Valley President Rod Herbig speaking to the patriotic crowd along with Mike Campagnolo at the Flag Day Concert Celebration in front of Compatriot Don Shee's home.



Honor Flight Chicago

July 10, 2013 at Midway Airport



All compatriots come join us to welcome back World War II veterans at Midway Airport. Come with SAR attire (shirt or hat). We will meet in the baggage area around 7:00pm. The veterans will arrive between 8:30-9:00pm. Join us to give them a warm welcome back home. If interested in joining us or have any questions contact Steve Riley at jrsrsar@gmail.com

2013 Flight Schedule:

Return flights are generally due in to Midway Airport between 8:30pm and 9:00pm, subject to schedule changes by the airline.

Wednesday, July 10th

Wednesday, August 7th

Thursday, September 12th

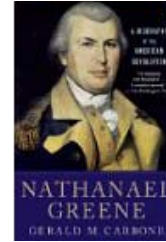
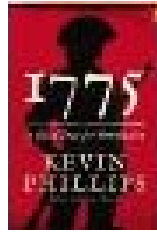
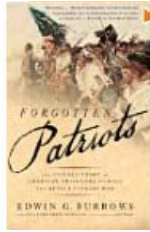
Wednesday, October 2nd

Wednesday, October 30th





Compatriot recommended Summer Reading



ILSSAR Flag Awards presented in 2013

Statewide Flag Award Totals for 2013 (4 Chapter reporting, 18 Awards Presented) as of 5/31/13



The Flag Award is awarded to a group, business or individuals who have an outstanding display of the US flag which inspires patriotism as well as follows all the proper methods for flag etiquette to respect the flag.

Our objective is to inspire citizens and businesses to display our nation's flag proudly.

For any Flag Award questions ask our Chapter Flag Award Chairman Scott Sanders at w9run@yahoo.com

1. Salt Creek Chapter	15
2. Fox Valley Chapter	1
3. Kishwaukee Chapter	1
4. Springfield Chapter	1

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



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 below). 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** ★
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 ★ E-mail: dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com ★
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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
at foxsarregistrar@gmail.com or
630-926-6277 for more information.



Wreaths across America



We urge our fellow compatriots to investigate how you can be a part of this year's Wreaths Across America program. The procedure is straightforward. SAR units register at the Wreaths Across America Web site, www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraiser.html. State Societies and chapters take advance orders from individuals, companies and organizations. Those who purchase multiple wreaths can even designate from a list of participating cemetery sites where they wish their wreaths to be placed. Cost for the wreaths is \$15 each, \$5 of which is returned to your State Society and chapters. Each

state society and chapter can have their on individual ID number and placed in the local paper so may be given for the program information. Invite them to participate placing the wreaths on the graves. All wreaths are shipped from the Worcester Wreath Co. in Maine, which originated the program in 1992 as the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project.



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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 and a little lunch 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.



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

In 2013, the second Saturdays in each month are *January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13th, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 3, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14*. 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 2 pm.

Upcoming Events July - Sept

- July 4, 2013...10:00am.....Fourth of July Parade with DAR, Wheaton, IL
- July 10, 2013....7:00pm.....Honor Flight for WWII Vets, Midway Airport, Chicago, IL
- July 7-10, 2013.....NSSAR Annual Congress, Kansas City, Mo
- July 13, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- August 3, 2013...Noon- 2:00pm.....Fox Valley Chapter Meeting, Fox Restaurant, Lisle, IL
- August 7, 2013....7:00pm.....Honor Flight for WWII Vets, Midway Airport, Chicago, IL
- August 8 -10, 2013.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, IL
- Sept 7, 2013...10:00am- 4:00pm.....Cantigny Revolutionary War Re-enactment, Winfield, IL
- Sept 17, 2013 7:00pm.....Fox Valley BOM Meeting, Lisle Police Station
- Sept 28th...TBD.....Du Page Co. Genealogical Conference, Naperville, IL

DEADLINE
Sept 30, 2013

Our next issue Fall 2013
coming out in October

**Please notify me of any Fox Valley Chapter news and events.
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