

# Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Established February 22, 1897 April 16, 2011

## Upcoming Calendar:

Chapter Meetings are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in JAN-APR-JUL-OCT  
**April 15, 2011** Lincoln Death Day Ceremony  
Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, IL  
**April 16, 2011** Springfield Chapter meeting at  
*MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.  
**May 20-21, 2011** 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
Illinois Society in Springfield, IL (Hilton  
Hotel) Saturday meeting starts 8:30 AM  
**May 30, 2011** Memorial Day Color Guard,  
Camp Butler National Cemetery  
**June 25, 2011** Chatham Homecoming parade,  
Color Guard  
**July 8-13, 2011** – 121<sup>st</sup> Annual NSSAR  
Congress Winston Salem, NC (Marriot Hotel)  
**July 16, 2011** Springfield Chapter meeting at  
*MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.  
**August 11, 2011** State fair Parade Color Guard  
**August 12-13, 2011** State BOM meeting  
Springfield, IL (Hilton Hotel) 8:30 AM  
**September 30-October 1, 2011** NSSAR Fall  
Leadership meeting, Louisville, KY  
**October 15, 2011** Springfield Chapter meeting  
at *MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave at 11 AM.

## **Outstanding Citizenship Award Luncheon Held February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Illini Country Club**

This year's Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon was one of the best! On February 26th, at the Illini Country Club, Bronze Good Citizenship Certificates and pins were presented to 21 outstanding students selected by the Sangamon and Menard County high schools. (see newspaper article on page 6)

The students, parents, grandparents, DAR representatives and 8 of our chapter members attended the luncheon.

Chapter members attending the event were:  
**Stephen Bradley, Toby Chamberlain, Randy Jones, Richard Moldenhauer, Lou Myers, Karl Reed, Cletis Underwood and Jacob Underwood.**



**Outstanding Students & Springfield SAR Members**

Thanks to the Good Citizenship Committee members: **Stephen Bradley, Randy Jones, and Toby Chamberlain**, for making the luncheon such a success. A special thank you goes to **Martha Bradley** who provided music and spiritual guidance for the ceremony.

Thanks also to **Jane Bradley** and **Jacob Underwood** who staffed the registration table and along with chapter members welcomed guests.

One of the impressive things about this event was that our guests were welcomed at every turn, i.e., out in the hall by members in uniform, at the reception table and by individual members and some of the DAR ladies inside the room.

The key note address was given by Mary Maddox of the *Red Cross*. Ms. Maddox was very knowledgeable, informative, interesting and timely. She held everyone's interest throughout her talk as evidenced by after the meeting she was approached by several women interested in attending an upcoming *Red Cross* workshop and seminar.

During the July 17, 2010 chapter meeting, the membership voted to award a \$300 scholarship to one of the students attending the 2011 Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon. Since each student is so deserving of the award, the chapter decided to hold a drawing to determine which student was selected. This year, Keith Williams of Williamsville High school was selected to receive the Springfield Chapter's scholarship.

Again, the Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon was tops. For everything to run so smoothly and look so easy took organization and planning. Thanks to everyone who worked to make the Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon a major success!

## Chapter Members Attend Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony

Early each year, the Springfield Chapter contacts the Abraham Lincoln Council and gets a list of the scouts from our area earning the rank of Eagle Scout the previous calendar year. Our chapter prepares certificates of recognition for presentation to each scout at a council-wide event at the Illinois State Capitol.



Scouts and Sponsors @ Recognition Ceremony

This year, **Lou Myers, Richard Moldenhauer** and **Stephen Bradley** represented the Springfield Chapter at the Abraham Lincoln Council Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony February 28, 2011.

The Colors were brought into the Hall of Flags by the Official Honor Guard of the City of Springfield, the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. After the dinner, the scouts and their sponsors were trumpeted to attention by three trumpeters and led into the House Chambers by the bagpipers of the Saint Andrew's Society of Central Illinois.

As their names were called, the Eagle Scouts from 2010 came forward and were presented their SAR Eagle Scout Certificates.



Scouts Receiving Awards & SAR Certificates

A total of 67 Eagle Scouts from nine counties surrounding Springfield, IL were presented certificates. The chamber was filled by the Scouts, their sponsors, Scout Leaders and family and friends in the balcony.

## President Toby Chamberlain Message

"Staring with this newsletter I will try and contribute a few things about our chapter that I hope will be of interest to Springfield Chapter members.

### Recording Secretary

Cletis Underwood has agreed to resume the duties of Chapter Recording Secretary. Welcome back Cletis!

### 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Springfield Chapter, the oldest continuously active Chapter in Illinois was chartered February 22, 1897. General Joseph W. Vance was the first Chapter President and there were eight charter Chapter members. General Vance was veteran of the Civil War and also served as Illinois Attorney General from 1884 to 1891.

We are planning a 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner to take place in 2012 with Cletis Underwood and Jacob Dietz serving as co-committee chair. Cletis and Jacob will be asking chapter members for help during the months leading up to our anniversary dinner. Please answer the call for help when it comes. We will be contacting all of the active Illinois SAR chapters, ILLSAR State Officers along with area DAR Chapters to join us in celebrating 115 years. I anticipate this will be a fantastic affair so please join us in making that happen.

### Lincoln Death Day Observance

On April 15 at 11:00 a.m., the Springfield Chapter will participate in the annual Lincoln Death Day Observance Ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb with the presentation of a wreath. A number of area organizations that includes SAR and DAR take part in the Death Day Observance. If you have the opportunity to do so, please attend this event.”

### Annual Chapter Dues (\$15) Needed

Thank you to the following 45 men who have paid their \$15 chapter dues for 2011 and have renewed their membership in the Springfield Chapter SAR:

ADAMS	CHARLES
BENNETT	LEAHY
BLAKLEY	CHARLES

BLESSMAN	DONALD
BRADLEY	STEPHEN
BRADLEY	STEPHEN II
BURTLE	PAUL
CASEBEER	JONATHAN
CHAMBERLAIN	TOBY
CLARK	RON
CURRIE	CHRISTOPHER
DECKER	EDWIN
DIETZ	JACOB
DILLER	Wm HUGHES
GARROTT	FRED
GRAHAM	RONALD
GREEN	RICHARD
GREEN	DONALD
GRIFFIN	KENNETH
HAUCK	MERT
HODGE	R. GAREY
JACKSON	DAVID
JONES	RANDY
KIRBY	JEFF
KIRBY	SAM
KRELL	TIM
LUTTRELL	ALLEN
LYBARGER	BENNET
MILLS	RICHARD
MOLDENHAUER	RICHARD
MOLDENHAUER	ERIC
MOLDENHAUER	RYAN
MYERS	LOUIS
NELSON	JOHN
ORR	JAMES
REED	KARL
ROGERS	SAM
TUXHORN	BEN
UNDERWOOD	CLETIS
UNDERWOOD	JACOB
WEIDINGER	LARRY
WEIDINGER	MELVIN
WINSTON	LEE
WITTER	RANDALL

Your Springfield Chapter membership dues make our programs possible. You make a difference whether you are active in our chapter or participate in SAR events. We need and appreciate the support of every one of you if we are to continue our successful programs.

If for some reason you don't see your name on this list and want to continue to affiliate with the Springfield Chapter, please make your dues payable to: *Springfield Chapter SAR* and send them to **Stephen Bradley** at 18 Roosevelt Rd, Springfield, IL 62703-5342 or give them to Stephen at the April 16th meeting.

Your membership is critical to the continued support of the Springfield Chapter's many fine programs; particularly those serving the youth of our state.

## **Springfield Chapter Members Donate to Special Funds**

The Springfield Chapter wants to salute the following men who not only paid their dues but also made *separate additional contributions* to special chapter programs including: Eagle Scouts, Patriot grave marking, and the Outstanding Citizenship program.

Charles Adams  
Donald Blessman  
Stephen Bradley  
Stephen Bradley II  
Toby Chamberlain  
Wm Hughes Diller  
R. Garey Hodge  
David Jackson  
Randy Jones  
Richard Moldenhauer  
Lou Myers  
Karl Reed  
Thank you gentlemen!

## **Flag Award – Stephen Bradley, Chairman**

Members of our chapters are encouraged to give Flag Awards to their friends and neighbors who fly the flag regularly. **Stephen Bradley** remains our chapter's Flag Award Chairman. Please submit any flag award names to Stephen for 2011.

## **2011 Annual Meeting Illinois Society SAR**

On May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> the Springfield Chapter will host the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual ILSSAR Conference at the Springfield Hilton.

Actual conference festivities will begin at 7 PM with the Friday night banquet, which is by reservation only. Reservation information was sent out in the Patriot; the State Society's newsletter.

The ILSSAR business meeting will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning and is for all ILSSAR members. The State Society will present the ILSSAR Law Enforcement and Eagle Scout awards at the Saturday luncheon. The State Society is looking for a good turnout for this conference and it is important to go in order to enjoy good fellowship and learn about SAR.

## **Membership Sent to National Society**

In February, **Paul Burtle's** application for membership was sent to the national society. Hopefully, his application will be approved soon. Paul is from Auburn. His patriot ancestor is Benjamin Burtle who served in the Maryland Militia during the Revolution. When you meet Paul please introduce yourselves and welcome him to SAR.

Currently, there are quite a few other membership applications *in process* of completion. Soon the Springfield Chapter will be expanding beyond our current 45-50 members!