

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

ILLINOIS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER Est Feb. 1897 January 21, 2012

Upcoming Calendar:

Chapter Meetings are usually held the 3rd
Saturday in JAN-APR-JUL-OCT

Jan 21, 2012 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

Feb 3-4, 2012 State BoM meeting
Bloomington, IL (Marriott Hotel) 9 AM.

Feb 18, 2012 115th Anniversary Celebration
Springfield Chapter founding Panther Creek
Country Club.

Mar 3, 2012 Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon at
the Panther Creek Country Club at 11 AM.

Mar 10-12, 2012 Leadership/Trustee Meeting
Louisville, KY (Brown Hotel)

April 15, 2012 Lincoln Death Day Ceremony
Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, IL

April 21, 2012 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

May 18-19, 2012 1210th Annual Meeting
Illinois Society in Springfield, IL (Hilton
Hotel) 8:30 AM

July 7-11, 2012 122nd Annual NSSAR
Congress Phoenix, AZ (Biltmore Hotel)

July 21, 2012 Springfield Chapter meeting at
MCL Cafeteria 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM.

Springfield 115th Anniversary Dinner National Secretary General Keynote Speaker!!

The Springfield Chapter 115th
Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for Saturday,
February 18, 2012 at the *Panther Creek
Country Club*. The Springfield Chapter is one
of the first chapters in Illinois and the oldest,
consecutive-year chapter in Illinois by nearly
80 years!

Both the Illinois Society President **Franz
Herder** and the National Society
Secretary General, **Stephen Leishman** will
attend our chapter
anniversary dinner.

Thanks to our
Anniversary Dinner
Committee, things
are falling into
place. The event is
looking like it will
be a gala affair that
you won't want to
miss.



NSSAR Secretary General Stephen Leishman
Obviously, national officers rarely are
able to attend chapter events so be sure and
mark **February 18th** on your calendar and
make every effort to come out to this premier
event and meet our Secretary General. *This
July, Stephen is slated to become our National
Society President at the National Congress
scheduled for Phoenix, AZ.* Stephen should
provide us with the latest information
concerning the progress of the new Library and
Educational Center in Louisville.

In addition to our Secretary General,
we are also expecting ILSSAR State Officers
along with Illinois SAR and DAR Chapter
Presidents and members. We are limited to
seating 250 people at the dinner so get your
reservation form in as soon as possible.

Dress is Colonial Uniform, Minute Man
or Period Clothing, Black Tie or Business
Attire. **(See page #6 of this newsletter for
more information regarding
reservations)**

A cash bar will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with dinner immediately following. Dinner choices are Grilled Chicken Breast or Pork Loin. The cost is \$35.00.

There will be an opportunity drawing with the prize a donated Revolutionary Flag. Chances will be sold at the dinner for \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00 so plan on bringing some extra cash with you. Money raised from the opportunity drawing will be used to help offset the cost of the anniversary dinner.

Outstanding Student Citizenship Luncheon @ Panther Creek Country Club

The Springfield Chapter contacts all 21 high schools in Sangamon and Menard Counties inviting them to participate in the SAR Outstanding Citizenship program. The school administration selects a *senior* student and provides SAR with that student's name.

Our chapter recognizes students by having an award luncheon in which parents and school administrators are invited. In addition, schools usually recognize the student at the school's award assembly in May.

The Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon will be held this year on **March 3, 2012** at the **Panther Creek Country Club** at 3001 Panther Creek Drive Springfield IL 62711 starting at 11:00 AM. The Outstanding Citizenship Committee of **Dan Hrenko, Toby Chamberlain, and Lou Myers**, are in charge of the luncheon.

Mark your calendars. The cost of the luncheon is only \$18 ea. Please make your check payable to *Springfield Chapter SAR*. Checks can either be given to a committee member at the January 21st meeting or sent to **Dan Hrenko** by February 20, 2012 at P.O. Box 7163 Springfield, IL 62791. Wives and family members are always welcome. For more information contact Dan 217-698-8226 or danhrenko@sbcglobal.net

Revolutionary War Presentation @ October 2011 Meeting

Sure hope you didn't miss **Bob Dennison** program at our October meeting! Bob has been a Revolutionary War reenactor for many years. He has appeared on the History Channel several times in the role of a territorial ranger. Bob presented a tremendous program on the weapons, customs and equipment used by frontiersmen during the Revolution.



Bob Dennison Reenactor & SAR Member

January 2012 Meeting Program: IRAQ And the Trial of Saddam Hussein

Springfield Chapter member **Terry Lucas** has served several tours of duty in Iraq and will present a first-hand account of his experiences.

Message From President Chamberlain Chapter Speakers

"If you have not attended the last couple of your chapter meetings you have missed some great speakers. Looking at the speaker lineup for 2012, our upcoming meetings are something you will not want to miss.

Compatriot Terry Lucas will be the first of our 2012 speakers and will talk about his participation in the trial of Saddam Hussein at the January 18th chapter meeting.

If you have an idea for a chapter meeting speaker please contact Toby Chamberlain."

Many New Memberships

"Thanks to hard work by Lou and Polly Myers with an assist from Karl Reed, your chapter went through a giant growth membership spurt

in 2011. We added one out-of-state transfer member, 13 new members with six additional memberships in the membership pipeline.”

Get Involved

“It does not matter if you are a new or a long time chapter member, the Springfield Chapter needs you to get involved. The Chapter Vice President position needs to be filled and several of our committees (Flag, Outstanding Citizenship & Law Enforcement, Fire and EMT) have vacancies. We are also looking for both new and/or old members for our chapter Color Guard. Contact Bob Dennison or Toby Chamberlain for additional Color Guard information.”

Additionally, we are looking for a chapter member to handle publicity. This would be an excellent job for a new chapter member who wants to become involved with his chapter. Duties would include...

- 1) Attend chapter events.
- 2) Take a few pictures: get names.
- 3) Write-up several sentences.
- 4) Attach write-up and pictures to emails.
- 5) Send emails to Springfield Chapter News Letter Editor, *ILSSAR Patriot* Editor and *SAR Magazine* Editor and possibly the SJR.

Minute Man Uniform

We still have material for Minute Man Uniforms. The material is available to chapter members at no cost. If you want to join the Chapter Color Guard or participate in the Presentation of Colors at chapter events (115th Anniversary Dinner, Outstanding Citizenship Luncheon, etc.) this is an inexpensive way to obtain your uniform. Three chapter members have already taken advantage of this program and have participated in several chapter events (Illinois State Fair Parade, Petersburg Harvest Fest Parade and Philip Crowder Grave re-dedication). If you are interested, contact Toby Chamberlain.

ILSSAR Board of Managers

“The next quarterly ILSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) meeting is scheduled for

February 3 & 4, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington. Social time and dinner will take place on February 3rd with a business meeting followed by lunch Saturday morning February 4, 2011. All ILSSAR members in good standing and their spouse are welcome to attend. Contact Toby Chamberlain for more information.”

Veterans Program- Lou Myers Chairman

Each chapter or members-at-large are encouraged to support veterans and veterans programs. Chapter members make visitations, collect money, magazines and clothes and participate in as many veteran activities as possible. Each year, the Illinois Society gives \$1500 to a different veteran’s home in Illinois. The selected home uses the money to purchase items for veterans not covered by a government agency. In addition, SAR color guards participate in veteran parades.

Veterans Contest

An USS Stark award form is enclosed in this mailing. Once completed (use either calendar 2011 or the last 12-month period of activity), please turn the forms in at the **January 21, 2012 meeting** at the very latest.

The forms may also be mailed to Lou Myers, Chairman of the Veterans Committee at 595 Lime Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675-9754. Lou needs to complete tabulating the forms and mailing the finished chapter report to ILSSAR and NSSAR postmarked before February 1, 2012.

The Springfield Chapter has won the ILSSAR’s Admiral James B. Stockdale Award many times in the past and would like to reestablish that tradition. Don’t forget that the Springfield Chapter has expanded its veteran’s program to include collecting books and magazines to send to the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy. Please bring your excess magazines and books to chapter meetings.

A thank you goes out to **Lou Myers** for leading our chapter's effort and to all of the members who contributed so unselfishly throughout the year to our veterans and turned in their points and magazines to Lou. Lou appreciates the effort of the participating chapter members.

Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank all compatriots who paid their dues in 2011 and those who made extra donations. Your support and generosity helped make the year a very successful one. The Springfield Chapter achieved its goals and met its fiscal responsibilities.

The Springfield Chapter SAR had \$3238.37 in income for FY 2011 (which included a gift of \$1000 from the estate of Wm. Hughes Diller) and \$2241.21 in expenses for FY 2011.

The Springfield Chapter SAR has a checking account with a balance of \$5,204.79 and a certificate of deposit for the Carrol C. Hall Fund with a balance of \$3,615.77 Its' maturity date is 4/25/2012.

The Springfield Chapter SAR is in a sound financial condition as of FY 2011. The generosity of the extra donations helped considerably this past fiscal year. The \$5, \$10 and larger donations made the difference.

Stephen A. Bradley, Treasurer

Annual Chapter Dues (\$15) Needed in January 2012

Greeting to you all for 2012! In addition to celebrating the holidays, it's also time to pay your \$15 annual dues and renew your membership in the Springfield Chapter SAR.

Please make your dues payable to:
Springfield Chapter SAR send them to **Toby Chamberlain** at 230 Marblestone Drive Chatham, IL 62629- 8699 or give them to Toby at the January 21st 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. 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 the support of every one of you if we are to continue our successful programs.

Phillip Crowder Grave Rededication

On Veteran's Day, the Springfield Color Guard participated in the rededication the grave site of Philip Crowder, a Revolutionary War soldier, buried in a small cemetery across the street from Illini Country Club in Leland Grove near Springfield.



**Dennison, Hrenko, Reed, Chamberlain, Bradley
Front Row: Eagle Scout, Blake Brown**

The grave refurbishment was the Eagle Scout project for Blake Brown of Troop 3 in Springfield. Blake Brown had two new professionally manufactured signs made commemorating the burial site of the Revolutionary War soldier, Philip Crowder. One sign is at the entrance to the cemetery and describes the importance of the site. A second sign is near the Crowder family gravestones and tells details of Philip Crowder's life.

Blake also replaced the current fence with black aluminum fence and reset the wooden steps leading up to the site. VFW Post 755 on Old Jacksonville Road donated \$400 and a flag

pole and flag to go next to the sign near Chatham Road.



Hrenko, Reed, Bradley, Chamberlain, Dennison

Six New Memberships Applications Approved by National Society SAR!

Dan Hrenko's application was approved in October. Dan is a long-time resident of Springfield and works as a financial adviser. His patriot was Henry Southard who served in the NY Militia.

Dennis Stevenson's application was approved in November. Dennis is a retired former municipal employee for the city of Danville, IL His patriot was John Larabee who served in the NH Continental Artillery.

Ron Ferricks and his brother **Don Ferricks** applications also were approved in November. Both of the Ferricks live in Athens, IL. Their patriot ancestor was John White, an early pioneer of Sangamon County who is also buried here.

Terry Lucas's application was approved in December. Terry lives in Springfield and his patriot ancestor was John Lucas who served in the Virginia Militia.

Jim Gain's application was approved in December. Jim lives in Springfield and works as a teacher at the Area Vocational Center. Jim is a close relative to the **Jeffery Gains** and **Jeffery Gains II** who had their applications approved in September.

New Membership Applications Pending Approval at NSSAR

A number of men have recently completed the sometimes difficult SAR membership application process. Currently, their applications are waiting review by the National Society at Louisville.

Richard Chamblin's application was forward to the National Society in October. Richard is a CPA who lives in Decatur and serves as a Accounting Instructor at Millikin University. His patriot ancestor was Titus Hinman who was an Ensign in the CT Continental Line.

Jared Dietz's application was forwarded to the National Society in December. Jared already has a uniform and has been marching with the Springfield Color Guard since summer; however, he wasn't eligible to join SAR until his birthday in November 2011 when he turned 18. Jared's brother, **Jacob Dietz** and his grandfather, **Cletis Underwood**, already are members of our chapter. Their patriot ancestor is Stephen Austin among others.

Mike Ladd's application was forward to the National Society in January. Mike joined the Navy Seabees in 1971. He was deployed to Japan, Puerto Rico and Guam. Later, he was selected for State Department duty and assigned to worldwide embassy duty to in security areas. Mike served at US Embassies in Moscow and later in Leningrad during the Cold War. He left Russia in 1980 to act as Public Works Chief in Hawaii. Mike was commissioned as Civil Engineer Corps Officer with a four year assignment to Keflavik, Iceland. Retired from the Seabees 1991 in San Diego and continued to work for the Navy as Director, West Coast Housing with the responsibility of all military housing projects in California, Nevada and Washington.