

Springfield Chapter SAR Newsletter

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

Upcoming Calendar:

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

July 9-13, 2011 121st Annual NSSAR Congress Winston Salem, NC (Marriot Hotel)

July 16, 2011 Springfield Chapter meeting at *MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave. at 11 AM. Dutch Treat lunch follows.

Aug 11, 2011 State Fair Twilight Parade. Illinois Society Color Guards to participate; Assemble 9th Street and North Grand 5:30 PM

Aug. 12-13, 2011 - State BoM meeting Springfield Hilton Hotel. 8:30 AM

September 30-Oct 1, 2011 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

October 15, 2011 Springfield Chapter meeting at *MCL Cafeteria* 2151 Wabash Ave at 11 AM.

Oct 29-30, 2011 Great Lakes District Meeting, Holiday Inn North Campus, Madison, WI

November 5-6, 2011 - State BoM meeting Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria

November 11, 2011 –Veteran’s Day Activities Downtown & Camp Butler

President Chamberlain’s Message

July 16, 2011 Meeting “Tom Brokow called those Americans who took part in World War II “The Greatest Generation”. You have a chance to meet one of the individuals Brokow referred to at our next Chapter meeting.

Springfield resident John Heidinger is a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who was at the battle of Okinawa to support the First, Fifth and Sixth Marine Divisions invasion. John went on to see and take part in history when his ship the USS Chevalier (DD 805) was in Tokyo Bay along with the

Battleship Missouri for the Japanese surrender.

John, along with his wife Betty, will be attending our next meeting and John will speak about his wartime experiences and answer a few questions.

I had the privilege of accompanying John on the April 4th Honor Flight to Washington. Based on that experience, I can tell you this is one meeting you do not want to miss.

Color Guard A number of factors over the past several years have resulted in the fewer men participating in our Chapter Color Guard. The Springfield Chapter Color Guard participates in veteran’s activities, grave markings, DAR activities, CAR meetings and community parades. During two of our recent parades, The Chatham Homecoming Days and the Illinois State Fair we received the *Best of Show* and *Cream of the Crop* awards respectively.

We need more men to join the Color Guard in order to replace members who are no longer active. Our goal is to have two ranks of four or more that will march in upcoming parades. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard contact me for additional information.

If you have a uniform or period clothes but no longer participate in Color Guard activities and would like to donate or possibly sell your uniform to a prospective new Color Guard member let me know. Since we are a not for profit organization the donation of your uniform may be tax deductible.

Looking for A Few Good Men

In their recruiting advertisements the U.S. Marines say they are ‘*Looking for Few Good Men*’. Your Springfield Chapter is doing the same thing. We need you to step forward and help the chapter grow by becoming active on our committees and/or becoming a chapter officer. Please answer this call for **your** help. At present too few men are carrying the bulk of the workload of **your** chapter activities.”

*Sincerely, Toby Chamberlain
President Springfield Chapter*

ILSSAR 120th Annual Conference Held in Springfield May 14th & May 15th at the Springfield Hilton

Attending the Annual Conference from the Springfield Chapter were: **Toby Chamberlain, Ken Griffin, R. Garey Hodge, Lou Myers, Richard Moldenhauer and Karl Reed.**

There was a large crowd that included **Larry Werline**, the keynote speaker. Larry is a retired education consultant from Sycamore, IL. He gave an interesting, informative and funny portrayal of Ulysses S. Grant. Larry has presented many programs about Grant’s and Franklin’s life at schools, reenactments, museums, conferences, parades and historical sites. He has participated in Civil War battle reenactments as well as appeared in several films about the Civil War including *Gettysburg, Gods and Generals* and *Antietam*.

Springfield Chapter and It’s Members Honored by State Society

The Springfield Chapter, and some of its individual members, and friends of the Chapter were honored at the ILSSAR Conference.

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The Joel Willis Newsletter flag streamer was given to the Springfield Chapter for being **one of only four (4)** ILSSAR chapters who published chapter newspapers of at least four pages quarterly. Thanks to all members who submit articles and pictures for the paper.

Springfield Chapter Receives Presidential Citation

The Springfield Chapter was awarded the ILSSAR Presidential Unit Citation for being one of eleven (11) ILSSAR chapters with perfect attendance at all ILSSAR Board of Managers meetings. Our chapter members deserve a salute for all their work on behalf of Illinois Society of SAR.

Toby Chamberlain Receives Both the Bronze Color Guard and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals

Toby Chamberlain has been a member of the Springfield Chapter for four years. During that time he has been extremely active in chapter and ILSSAR events. Toby has been active with the Outstanding Citizenship award ceremonies and currently serves as President of the Springfield Chapter and serves on the ILSSAR Board of Managers.

Toby Chamberlain has served the Illinois Society as a Color Guard member and has participated in presenting the color at meetings and has marched in the Illinois State Fair parade.

Memorial Day Activities

On May 30, 2011 **Stephen Bradley** represented the Springfield Chapter during Memorial Day events at Camp Butler National Cemetery. Stephen wore his Revolutionary War naval (sailors) uniform and presented the colors at the ceremony.

Also on May 30, 2011, **Toby Chamberlain, Ron Clark, Bob Chestnut, Karl Reed** and **Harold Wright** attended the memorial service and grave marking for Civil War hero Leroy Key at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Television personality, Jerry Lambert acted as master of ceremonies while State Historian Tom Schwartz was the keynote speaker.

Leroy Key was being honored and his grave marked for his activities while at Andersonville Prison in organizing the Regulators in fighting, arresting, having a trial and punishing the infamous Raiders for abusing fellow prisoners.

Moweaqua Homecoming Parade

The Springfield Chapter Color Guard was active again June 4th during the Moweaqua Homecoming Parade. Aply assisted by their new recruit, Wm (Will) Turk, the Color Guard marched nearly one mile and a half in 88 degree temperatures.



Will Turk, Toby Chamberlain David Jackson and Karl Reed @ Moweaqua Homecoming

As a special tribute to his patriot ancestor, Toby Chamberlain carried the flag used by the patriot side at the battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina.



L-R D. Jackson, T. Chamberlain, W. Turk, K. Reed

The Springfield Color Guard has been active for 10 years. The color guard was impressed with number of Moweaqua citizens standing and saluting when the flags passed by. No other town has ever come close to them in the 10 years of the Springfield Color Guard.

The color guard has both red and blue vests. Technically, the uniform the color guard wears are replicates of the uniform worn by George Washington's personal body guards and requires a red vest. During hot weather, the color guard elects not to wear their coats and they are sometimes thought to represent the British! Consequently, the Springfield Color Guard has adopted blue vests when marching without coats.

Springfield Chapter Members Attend DAR Dedication June 19th

Members of the Illinois Society and Springfield Chapter Color Guard participated in a parade preceding the dedication of a life-size bronze statue honoring women veterans. Others in the parade included female veterans from many wars.

The statue honors veterans from the Revolutionary War through the present. On one side of the statue is the likeness of Army helicopter pilot Major Tammy Duckworth, who lost both legs in Iraq when she was shot down flying a Black Hawk helicopter. The other side features the image of Molly Pitcher

(Mary Ludwig Hays) from the Revolutionary War era. A memorial wall built behind the statue is constructed of bricks engraved with names of women veterans from the Revolutionary War through today.

The statue is located on the grounds of the C.E. Brehm Library in Mt. Vernon, Illinois where the Illinois Society Daughters of the American Revolution houses its extensive genealogical library.

Illinois Society President Franz Herder brought greetings from the state SAR and was seated with other dignitaries. Major Duckworth was the keynote speaker.



Springfield Chapter Members Participating:
Toby Chamberlain, Lou Myers and Karl Reed

Wm Hughes Diller 1916-2011

On June 4, 2011, the Springfield Chapter lost a long-time chapter member and friend, **Wm Hughes Diller**. Hughes (94) joined SAR in 1942 and was active in the Springfield Chapter for nearly 70 years. He served as Chapter President several times and was awarded the *Patriot Medal* in 1969 for his long and distinguished service to the Illinois Society.

Hughes served as in the Army's Field Artillery during WW II in the European theater.

Hughes Diller had a lifelong interest in history and was a member of many historical groups besides SAR including the Civil War Roundtable, the Sangamon County Historical Society and the Abraham Lincoln Association.



Wm Hughes Diller

Five New Membership Applications Sent to 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.

Paul Burtle's application was completed in February. Paul and his wife, Debra, live at 5435 Snell Rd. in Auburn. They have one daughter, Laura.

Jeffery Gain and **Jeffery Gain II** applications were forwarded to the National Society in June. Both of the Gains live in Hardin, Illinois. Their patriot ancestor was Captain Thomas Moore.

Doug Springer of 714 South 8th Street, Springfield and **Bill Springer** of 410 Glendale Dr, Metairie, LA recently completed their applications. Hopefully their paperwork will reach national in July. The Springers' patriot ancestor was George Donner who is buried in Sangamon Co.

Check out the Newly Revised Website!

The Springfield Chapter now has a great website. The domain address is: <http://springfieldsar.org/> Please note many important items: 1) you can fill out any supplemental application right on line and save it to your hard drive 2) prospective members can fill out draft application right on line 3) 40 pages of historical information regarding the patriots buried in Sangamon County 4) a description of Springfield Chapter activities and programs 5) a brief chapter history 6) a calendar of future events and 7) pictures of recent events.

Also note the list of Revolutionary Patriots and their wives of the Springfield Chapter members. If your patriot(s) is missing it is because you have **never turned in your membership application** (preferably a record copy) to Karl Reed @ 4609 Bears Paw Ct., Springfield, IL 62711-7897.

Turn in a copy of your membership application and we can add your patriot. Your membership application helps us with the genealogy of new members. Please help by turning in a copy of your application.

Colonia Times - Expressions

Needless to say, personal hygiene during colonial times left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." Also, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt and therefore the expression "losing face."

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the people. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars who were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion, thus we have the term "gossip."

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Once in a while, a guest (who was almost always a man) would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man." Today in business we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."