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Fox Valley Spring Dinner at Ashbury's April 29, 2012

Illinois in the War of 1812

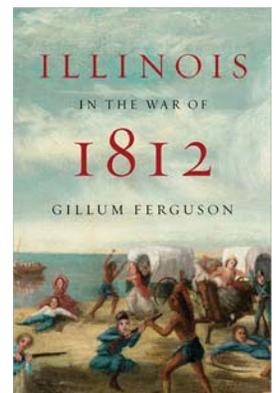
Guest Speaker and Author: Gillum Ferguson

Spring Dinner Program

Mark your calendar for Sunday April 29, 2012 at 5:00 PM for our annual Spring dinner program. We are very excited to welcome our evening program speaker, Gillum Ferguson, Esq. presenting his new book "Illinois in the War of 1812". Mr. Ferguson is uniquely qualified to speak on this topic since his research has led to the only book on the subject. A graduate of Harvard and the University of Illinois College of Law, Mr. Ferguson served for twenty-five years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago. With a lifelong interest in the history of Illinois, his birth state, Mr. Ferguson discovered the lack of any book devoted to the experience of Illinois during the War of 1812, a crucial stage in the transition from territory status to statehood. The history of Illinois in the War of 1812 has never before been told with so much attention to the personalities who fought it, the events that defined it, and its lasting consequences.

His book represents two-and-one-half years of research among many original documents. Please join us for this special opportunity to learn about Illinois in the War of 1812. Copies of Mr. Ferguson's book will be available for purchase.

Endorsed by the Illinois Society of the War of 1812 and the Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.



Gillum Ferguson

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Illinois Society President Franz Herder will be installing our new chapter officers and new SAR members. We will also be presenting the winner of our JROTC essay contest and will be making a donation to the Children of the American Revolution. Please join us at Ashbury's at Bought Ridge Golf Course, 355 Boughton Road, Bolingbrook on April 29th at 5:00 PM social hour, 6:00 PM dinner. All members, family, and guests are welcome!

The cost for the banquet is \$36.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12:

Make checks payable to: "Fox Valley Chapter, SAR" and indicate your choice of prime rib or Orange Roughy (veggie meal or child hamburger is also available on advanced request) and mail to:

Compatriot David Bailey
1569 Marquette Ave.
Naperville, IL 60565



Chicago Memorial Day Parade

Calling All Members!

Saturday, May 26, 2012 the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will be marching in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade and we encourage you to join us! You don't need a color guard uniform, and feel free to bring your family. The Chicago Memorial Day Parade is the largest in the country, and will be broadcast live over ABC. You secretly always wanted to be part of a reality TV show, well, here's your chance! The parade steps off at noon from State Street at Wacker Drive and ends at Van Buren Street. If you can join in, please contact Compatriot Thomas D. Ashby via email at: tdashby@starband.net so we can communicate to the city how many members will be in our parade group.



The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution 122nd Congress May 18-19, 2012



Springfield Hilton
700 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 789-1530

On Friday, May 18, 2012 join the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at the Springfield Hilton. Special guests are NSSAR Executive Director Don Shaw and actor Terry Lynch portraying Alexander Hamilton. All are welcome. Friday Dinner \$40, Saturday Luncheon is \$30. Contact Bruce Talbot at BruceRTalbot@aol.com for reservations or more information.



8900 Fairview Ave
Brookfield, IL 60513
(708) 387-2432

Salt Creek Wine Bar is located conveniently right across the tracks from the Brookfield Train Station.

Salt Creek Chapter Meeting

On Thursday April 19th 7:00pm at the Salt Creek Wine Bar in Brookfield, IL. The evening will include updates on a number of activities at the National, State and Local levels.

Featured Program: *Speaker: Bruce Talbot "Commodore Talbot and the American Revolution".* Mr. Talbot's presentation emphasizes the naval aspect of the Revolution with colorful tales about his ancestors. Guest's are always encouraged to attend.



Fox Valley Chapter ROTC Program

The Sons of the American Revolution proudly supports the ROTC, JROTC and Sea Cadet programs. A Bronze Medal and Certificate are awarded to a meritorious cadet in JROTC (High School); a Silver Medal and Certificate is given to an ROTC (College) and Sea Cadets receive a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. The JROTC recipient must: (1) Exhibit a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, all-around excellence in JROTC activities, and community service; (2) Be in the top 10% of their JROTC class; and (3) Be in the top 25% of their overall class.

The Fox Valley Chapter is a very active participant in this award program. Currently we have twelve high schools, two universities and two Sea Cadet squadrons in our chapter area that we support. We take great pride and pleasure in having a chapter member attend each of the award ceremonies to make the presentation of the medals and certificates. It is very rewarding to see the esprit-de corps exhibited by the entire cadet body when an award is presented. You see no tattoos, body piercings or other contemporary expressions of youthful independence; just clean, wholesome young men and women demonstrating pride in their school, their unit and their country. You are encouraged to volunteer to attend an awards ceremony that may be near you and make the presentation. There is not speech necessary; just present the medal and certificate when the recipient is called up, shake hands and congratulate them on their achievement. You will find the experience very exhilarating.



Mitchell Heaton congratulated by Dale Bottom

There is also an Outstanding JROTC Cadet contest conducted each year. A contestant must be outstanding in the JROTC program and have high scholastic achievement. In addition, they must present an original essay of 500 to 700 words on the topic, "How JROTC prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America". A chapter winner is entered into the State contest and the State winner is entered into the National contest. For the 2011-2012 Academic-year there are eight entries for the award from the State and six of the eight are from the Fox Valley Chapter, a strong indication of the enthusiasm for the JROTC in our area.

The accompanying photo is that of the 2012 Bronze Medal honoree Cadet Captain Michael Heaton of the Marmion Academy being congratulated by Compatriot Dale Bottom, Chairman of the Chapter's ROTC Committee. Cadet Heaton is the Battalion Adjutant, a position of considerable responsibility, particularly in a military academy. Cadet Heaton will soon become a plebe as he enters the U. S. Army Academy at West Point upon graduation from Marmion, a reflection of the high quality of the participants in the JROTC programs.

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



New Fox Valley Chapter Members

Charles Francis Oloffson of Bolingbrook, Illinois



Bryan Anthony Rossi of Joliet, Illinois

Robert Reed Vogel of St. Charles, Illinois

Robert Jacob Vogel of St. Charles, Illinois

Correction: In the Winter 2011 issue on page 3 of New member Inductions:
Corrected name spelling, should be Scott Leon St. Pierre, sorry Scott

Upcoming Events

April 19, 2012...7:00pm.....Salt Creek Chapter Meeting, Salt Creek Wine Bar, Brookfield, IL
(see details on page 2)

April 29, 2012...5:00pm.....Fox Valley Spring Dinner, Ashbury's, Bolingbrook, IL
(see details on page 1)

May 18-19, 2012.....Annual ILSSAR Convention, Springfield, IL
(see details on page 2)

May 26, 2012.....ILSSAR Color Guard Memorial Day Parade, Chicago, IL
(see details on page 2)

July 7-11, 2012.....NSSAR Annual Congress, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ

August 9, 2012.....Illinois State Fair Parade, Springfield, IL

August 10-11, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Springfield, IL

October 26-27, 2012.....Great Lakes District Meeting, Wyndham Hotel, Lisle, IL

October 28, 2012.....Fox Valley Fall Dinner, Ashbury's, Bolingbrook, IL

November 2-3, 2012.....ILSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Peoria, IL



Announcements

Chapter Position Openings:

Registrar: Mike Johnston has a new job which requires a great deal of out-of-state travel and has asked to be relieved of his duties as registrar. The chapter registrar assists prospective members with their application and should have a knowledge of genealogy practices. If you are interested in this position please let us know. The position needs to be filled at our April dinner meeting.

Schwitzer History Award Chairman: The chairman contacts area schools to solicit history teachers to enter the essay contest and then judges the entries for submission to ILSSAR for a cash prize of \$500. The position can be filled immediately.

State Position Opening:

Illinois Society State Treasurer: Bob Collins from the Ft. Dearborn Chapter has asked to be relieved of his duties as state society treasurer. The state treasurer mails dues notices, collects state dues, deposits the funds, and produces a quarterly financial statement. The treasurer should have experience in accounting principals and have knowledge in Excel or similar software. This is a very important position and needs to be filled by May. If you have an accounting background, we really need your help. The position needs to be filled by the May ILSSAR convention.

Congratulations

Springfield Chapter 115 years and going strong!



DEADLINE

June 30, 2012

Our next issue Summer 2012
coming out in July

Please notify me of any Fox Valley Chapter news and events.
Send me pictures (jpg files preferred) with write-ups The
DEADLINE for our next issue is June 30, 2012

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