

Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter



Fall Luncheon

Saturday, October 29, 2023



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Call to Order



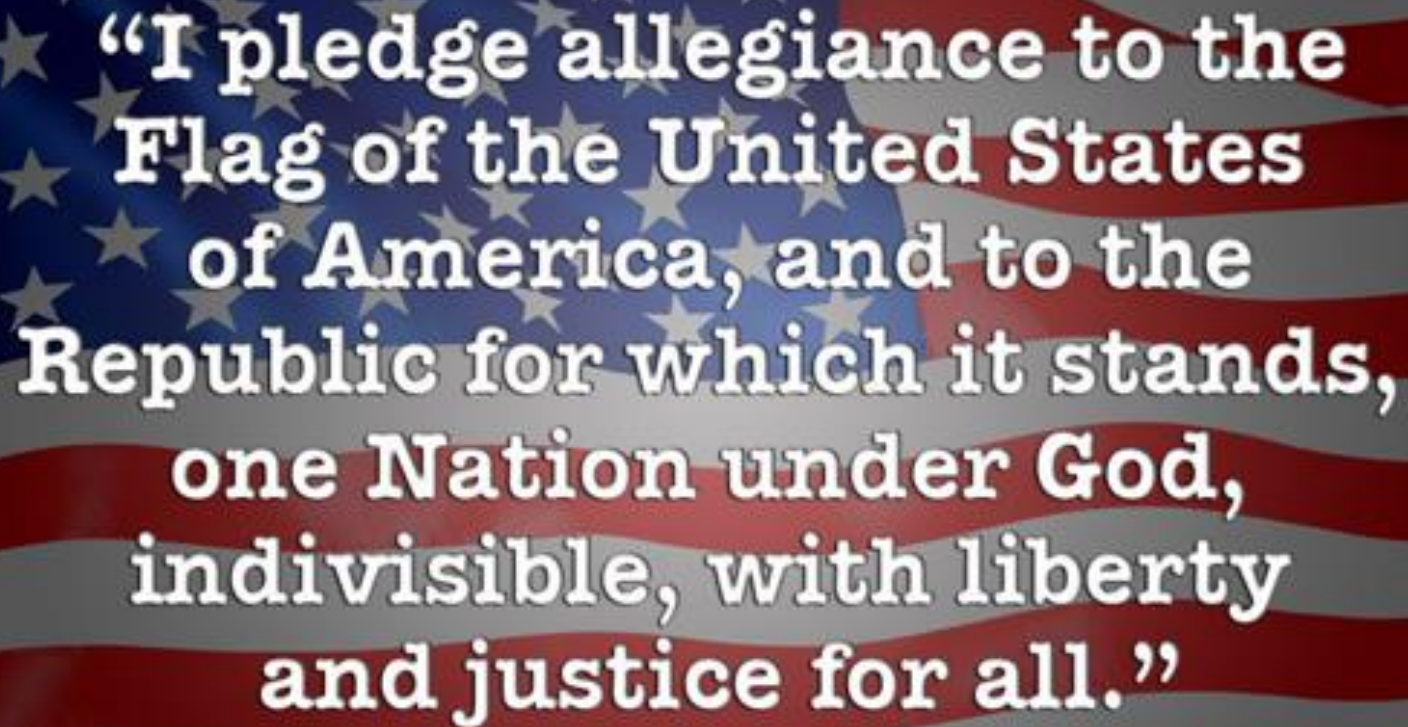
Invocation



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Ronald Feldman – Fox Valley Chapter Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

The background of the slide is a stylized American flag. It features a blue field with white stars on the left side, and red and white horizontal stripes on the right side. The stripes are slightly wavy, giving it a sense of movement.

**“I pledge allegiance to the
Flag of the United States
of America, and to the
Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all.”**

SAR Pledge

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

The SAR Pledge is not a pledge to the organization, but to liberty and our constitutional republic. Nonmembers who wish to make this pledge are permitted and even encouraged to do so, and those who do not should stand respectfully with their hands at their sides.

American's Creed



BELIEVE in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

The American's Creed is recited at DAR and C.A.R. meetings and events. Nonmembers who wish to recite this creed are permitted and even encouraged to do so, and those who do not should stand respectfully with their hands at their sides.

Chapter President Opening Remarks



Thank You!!

I want to thank all of our Chapter members who made 2023 a very successful year. It is much easier to lead an organization when so many talented and thoughtful people contribute to achieving our mission.

Volunteers

I always spoke of “many hands make lighter work.” We are always looking for members and their family and friends to volunteer for anything we choose to do as a Chapter and on behalf of the communities in our territory.

Future

I’m looking forward to the next few years as our Chapter will be led by our new Chapter President, Matt Clark. It was my honor to serve as the Chapter’s President for the last five years. We managed to make it through a pandemic, and with a growing membership, we are all looking to support the new President, the Chapter and the Community in any way we can.

Lunch

Heroism Award

Heroes are ordinary
people who make
themselves extraordinary.

Gerard Way

The Chapter Heroism Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding bravery, self-sacrifice and acting with great personal courage.

For his personal courage and self sacrifice in saving the life of a young boy, the Fox Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution proudly awards this medal to:

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2024-2025 Chapter Officer Induction

President	Matt Clark *
1 st Vice President	Jon Fixmer
2 nd Vice President	Marty Callahan *
Secretary	Ted Miller #
Treasurer	Eric Ingersoll
Co-Registrar	Paul Carenen ^
Co-Registrar	Clyde Ruble ^
Color Guard Commander	Jon Fixmer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Campagnolo *
Webmaster	Don Parrish
Genealogist	Geoff Carlson *
Historian	Scott DeMuth *
Chaplain	Ron Feldman *

New Officer *
Interim now Full Officer #
Elected in 2023 ^

Installing Officer: Gentlemen, having been duly elected to office in the Fox Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, do you promise and swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution; and do you further promise and swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of your office to the best of your knowledge and ability, and that you will, at all times, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of our Society, so help you God? **REPLY**

2020-2023 New Fox Valley Chapter Members

2020	2021	2022	2023
Gary Biolchini	Steven Cantway	Tom Anderson	Matthew Brewer
Adam Hills	Erik Cheatham	James Davis	Matt Clark
Clyde Ruble, Jr.	Alex Harris	Scott DeMuth	Jay Davis
	William O'Connell	Scott Fox	Kevin Downey, Jr.
	Dillion Roche	Patrick Hill	Bill Hammons, Jr.
		Lloyd Hubbard	Ed McComb
		Wayne Mansfield	Andrew McComb
		Brett Mignin	Thomas McComb
		James Morton III	David McCoy
		Robert Nystrom	Nathaniel Nielsen
		Ed Ribeiro, Jr.	Matt Stilwell
		David Richardson	Mark Wentworth
		Bill Roth	SO FAR IN 2023
		Douglas Ruble	
New Members since our last luncheon in Oct. 2019		Steve Scott	
		Lew von Almen	
		Ken Walsh	
		Donvan Wolford	12

Fox Valley Chapter Member Anniversaries

2019 – 5 Years	2014 – 10 Years	2009 – 15 Years	2004 - 20 Years
Andrew & Karl Bibler	Ryan Carey	William Coyer	None
Geoff Carlson	Jon Fixmer	Richard Crawley	
Max Cockrell	Harry Reineke IV	Harold Damron, Jr.	
Tom Ebels, Jr.			
Steve Hubbard			
Thomas Lamb, Jr.			
James Lyon			
Wesley Naftzger			
Benjamin & Thomas O'Connell			
Paul Richardson			
Lynne Steele			

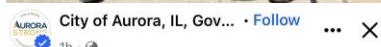
Fox Valley Chapter Member Demographics

County Membership			Yearly Membership			Members Age		
DeKalb	8	5.9%	2019-2023	53	39.3%	0 – 19	4	3.2%
Kane	32	23.7%	2014-2018	38	28.1%	20 – 29	9	7.1%
DuPage	30	22.2%	2009-2013	22	16.3%	30 – 39	10	7.9%
Kendall	3	2.2%	2004-2008	7	5.2%	40 – 49	10	7.9%
LaSalle	1	.7%	Earlier	15	11.1%	50 – 59	26	20.6%
Will	19	14.1%				60 – 69	16	12.7%
Grundy	2	1.4%				70 – 79	39	31.0%
Kankakee	4	2.8%				80 – 89	11	8.7%
Other IL	29	21.5%				90+	1	.8%
Outside IL	7	5.2%				AVG = 59; MED = 61.5; MODE = 72		
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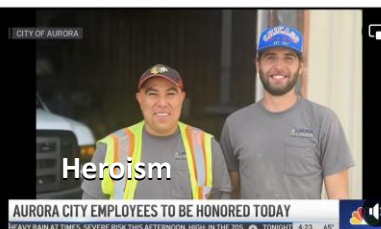
Fox Valley Chapter – A Year in Pictures



Memorial Day Parade



HEROES IN ACTION: Two of our very own City employees - Daniel Chavez and Josh Elrod of the Water & Sewer Division - saved a young life last week. Thanks to their heroic actions, baby Julian, 1, is alive and recovering. The dynamic duo will be honored tonight at City Council at 6 p.m. Join us at 44 E. Downer Place or watch online at www.youtube.com/cityofaurorailinois.



Heroism



Flag Award



Chapter Meetings



Reviewing The Troops



Challenge Coin



Flag Award



Boomers Game



DCGS Conference



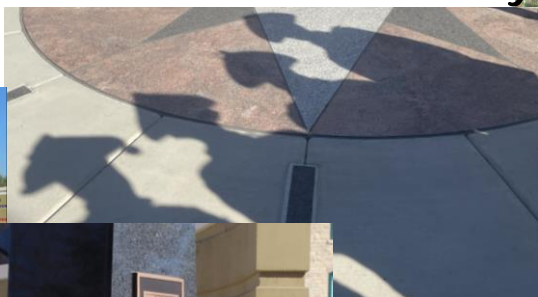
Outstanding Citizenship



Flag Day

Flag Day Monument Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, October 1, 2023



Bronze Good Citizenship Medal



Recognizing one's place in the greater communities through active service and respectful devotion to the community's members, values and standards.

This year the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is awarded to:

Paul Little

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Martin Callahan

Roger Sherman Medal



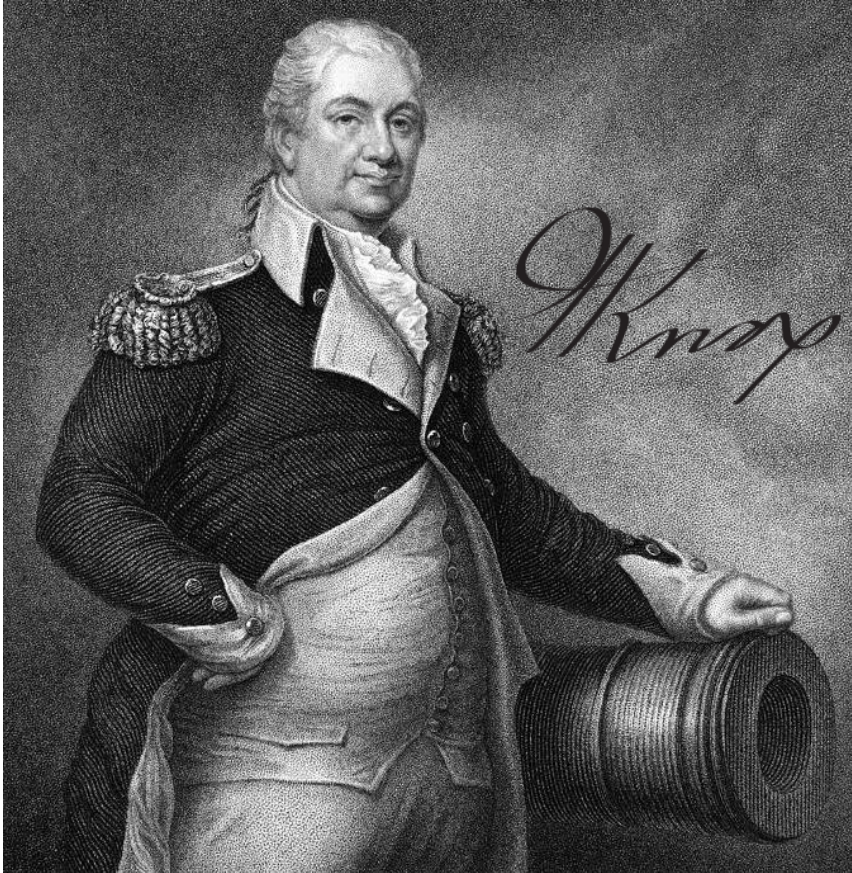
The Chapter Roger Sherman Commendation Medal is awarded in recognition of, and appreciation of, outstanding services to the Chapter.

This year the Roger Sherman Commendation Medal is awarded to:

Ronald Feldman



Henry Knox Medal



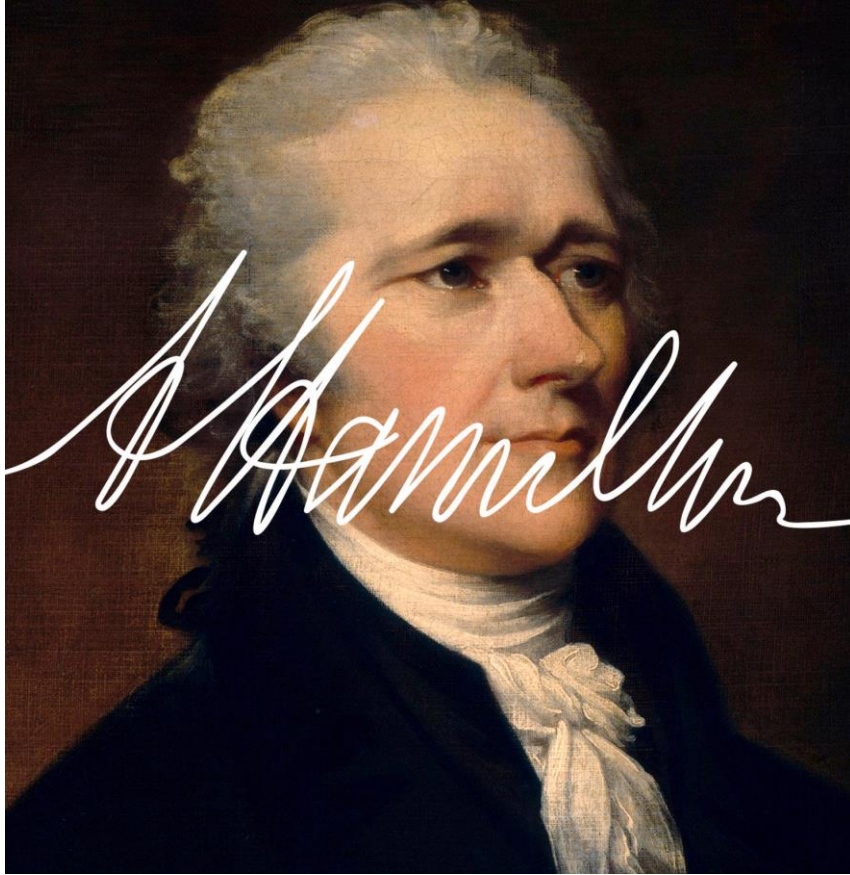
The Chapter Henry Knox Appreciation Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution advancing the mission, programs and activities of the Chapter.

This year the Henry Knox Appreciation Medal is awarded to:

Jon Fixmer



Chapter Meritorious Service Medal



The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to a member who has rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to the Chapter.

This year the Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to:

Eric Ingersoll



Installation of the Chapter President



Matthew Clark

President-Elect Introduction

I'd like to introduce you to the next Fox Valley SAR Chapter President – Matt Clark.

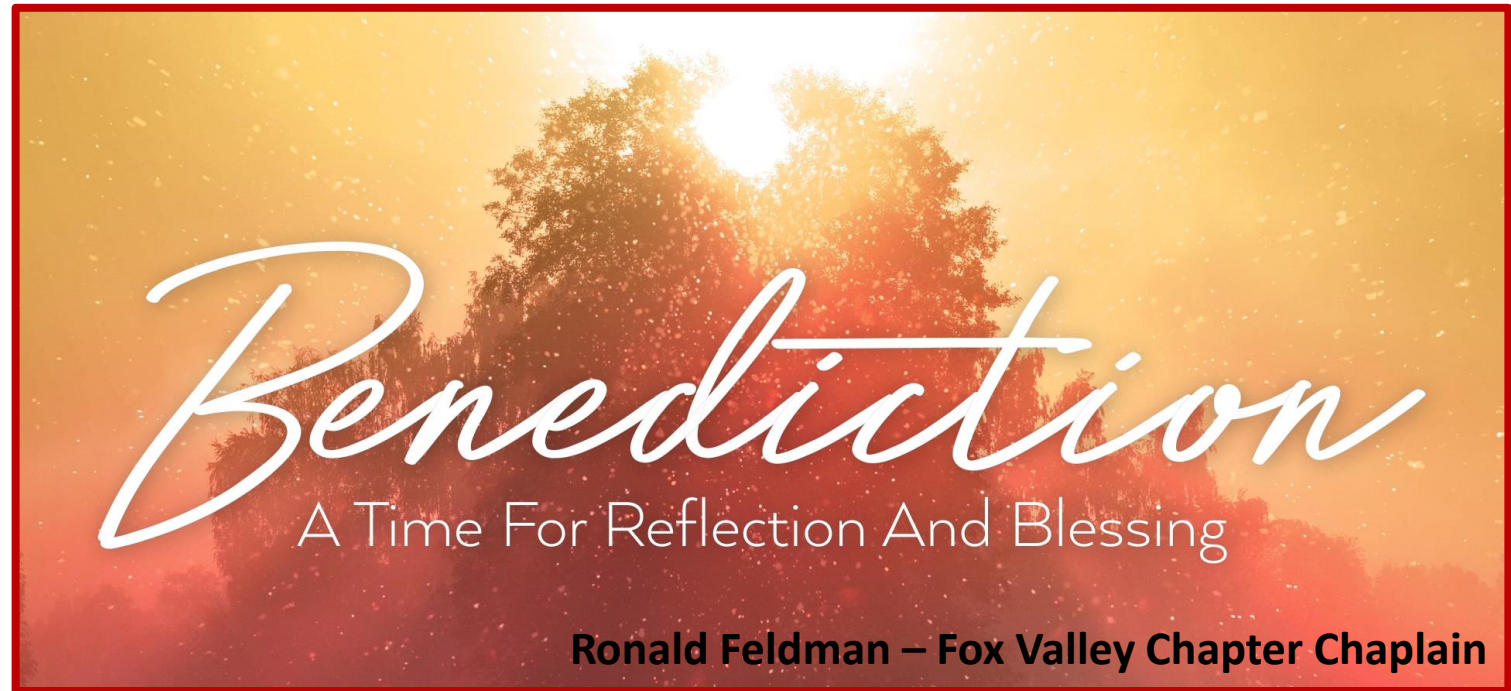
He is one of our newer members, and he brings to the role a wealth of knowledge and experience leading volunteer groups to achieve success.

On behalf of the Chapter, I welcome Matt to the Chapter Presidency, and I look forward to a smooth leadership transition and exceptional years to come.

Please welcome Matt Clark.

Trivia & Silent Auction Results

Benediction



SAR Recessional

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”

Declaration of Adjournment

