

**Illinois Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Draft Minutes of the
May 5, 2007
Annual Business Meeting**

There were 36 ILSSAR compatriots in attendance as follows:

First	Last	Chapter
Dave	Ashbrook	GJB
Tom	Ashby	At-Large
Charles	Berry	ABC
J. Gordon	Bidner	GJB
Robert	Blanchard	Lewis & Clark
Stephen	Bradley	Springfield
Don	Campbell	GGRC
Art	Casebeer	Long Knives
Jonathan	Casebeer	Springfield
Schweizer	Charles	GGRC
Bob	Collins	Fort Dearborn
Joe	Costello	Salt Creek
Rex	Egelston	Lewis & Clark
Jack	Firse	Lewis & Clark
Franz	Herder	Salt Creek
M. Joseph	Hill	GGRC
Robert	Hoaglin	Stephen Decatur
R. Garey	Hodge	Springfield
Wesley	Hyland	Kishwaukee
Mike	Johnston	FV
Tim	Krell	Springfield
Michael	McMeins	FV
Louis	Meyers	Springfield
Richard	Moldenhauer	Springfield
Robert	Morefield	Long Knives
James	Neese	Elijah Smith
Duane	Neet	Ewington
Don	Parrish	FV
Tim	Raymer	GGRC
Karl	Reed	Springfield
Bing	Seibold	Fort Dearborn
Chuck	Sener	FV
Ron	Smith	FV
Joseph	Smith	Salt Creek

Donald	Widdows	Elijah Smith
Harry	Windland	GGRC

President Reed gaveled the 117th Annual Business meeting of ILSSAR to order at 8:40 AM

The Colors were presented and posted at 8:41 by the ILSSAR Color Guard, consisting of compatriots: Jim Say, Bob Collins, Bob Blanchard, and Jack Firse on the drum. The Color Guard was dismissed at 8:42.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Karl Reed.

The SAR Pledge was lead by Central Regional VP R. Garey Hodge.

The Invocation was given by ILSSAR Chaplain J. Gordon Bidner. Gordon discussed a book he had been given entitled George Washington's Rules of Civility, and shared a passage from the book on dealing with one another with kindness.

A Quorum of at least 20 members in attendance was confirmed by Recording Secretary Mike Johnston. – 36 compatriots in attendance. Recording Secretary Mike Johnston requested either a discussion or approval of the February BOM Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by compatriot Harry Windland, seconded by compatriot Joe Smith. Motion passed on voice vote.

GLD VP - Stephen Bradley – Compatriot Bradley reminded all attendees to please purchase 50/50 raffle tickets from the ladies auxiliary for the C.A.A.H. To date the ladies have raised approximately \$50,000.

Compatriot Bradley noted that this was his last state meeting as the Great Lakes District VP. He stated he had tried to focus on fund raising as his #1 issue. He noted that since ILSSAR is larger than the other states comprising the Great Lakes District, our state society is more complicated than the others, and is also the largest in membership. Stephen concluded he enjoyed his time as VP, that he tried to serve ILSSAR and the district well, and that he will continue to serve at the National level.

President's Report – Karl Reed - by title – President Reed recognized compatriots attending their first Business/BOM meeting. Compatriot Tom Ashby was presented with a rosette by President Reed. President Reed also introduced compatriot Mike McMeins, who remarked he had already received a rosette at the February BOM Dutch-treat dinner. Compatriot Ashby is working on developing a chapter in the Peoria area, and has already purchased two SAR uniforms. Tom thanked President Reed for the invitation to attend the business meeting. [Applause]

President Reed discussed his report on page 20 of the report packet. President Reed spoke of the many items and functions taking place and improving within

ILSSAR. President Reed remarked these were not all his accomplishments, but the results of the efforts of the many people who have worked and assisted with them.

President Reed discussed the recent acquisition of Insurance for ILSSAR officers, the society and its endowments. An Ethics Committee was formed to deal unsubstantiated accusations and unethical behavior. President Reed noted that attendance is improving at the BOM meetings, and early indications for the August meeting in Petersburg are looking good as well. ILSSAR's programs are improving, and ILSSAR now has a first-class means of communicating with our members via the Illinois Patriot. President Reed recognized the exceptional work being performed by compatriot Ron Smith [applause]. President Reed remarked that ILSSAR is one of the few state societies that are working with all the high schools in their state for citizenship, essay, and Rumbaugh awards. President Reed stated that compatriot Jim Barr has contacted 869 Illinois high schools. The ILSSAR Color Guard now has 40 members. The ROTC awards are chaired by compatriot Bruce Talbot and servicing numerous high schools not previously associated with ILSSAR.

President Reed recognized the attendance of Charles & Eleanor Schweizer. President Reed remarked that the ILSSAR Website managed by compatriot Bob Collins has been entered in the national competition. ILSSAR recently attended the Illinois state DAR conference in Bloomington, and thanked all who assisted. Pictures from the event were being circulated around the room. There were eight compatriots in uniform at the DAR conference. ILSSAR had a booth, and received 15 contact names for prospective members. There appeared to be a firm consensus between the DAR and SAR to work together. The prospective membership queries were passed out to all attendees, and a discussion took place as to which chapter should contact the prospects. President Reed noted his summary of the DAR conference was on page 22 of the report packet [Applause].

President Reed requested for Sgt-at-Arms Don Campbell to pass out the literature regarding the August 10th BOM meeting, hotel, etc. We now have an overflow issue, since the original block of rooms reserved have all been taken. President Reed listed the names of compatriots who have made reservations at either location. President Reed also discussed the Friday night entertainment tickets.

SR VP's Report - J. Gordon Bidner – by title – VP Bidner thanked President Reed for all his hard work. VP Bidner noted his report was on page 24-25 of the packet. He will circulate the ILSSAR BOM directory and requested attendees to make updates as required. VP Bidner recognized compatriot Dave Ashbrook for his numerous great ideas, such as providing each new member with a book regarding ILSSAR, assigning a mentor for each new member as well.

President Reed noted that the day before the August meeting is the twilight state fair parade, and he will be submitting the application for the ILSSAR Color Guard to participate. President Reed noted the schedule for future meetings was on page 23, and he is requesting input from members as to the locations regarding future meetings, and where members feel these meetings should be held. There is a

possibility that the November meeting may be held in Peoria. We will keep the annual meeting in Springfield. VP Bidner remarked that on page 25 there were possible alternatives for various dates and their locations. Compatriot Harry Windland stated he would the BOM to consider Allenton Park near Champaign, west side of Monticello as a possible location. Compatriot Stephen Bradley rose and suggested any recommendations be given to President Reed or VP Bidner, and move forward with the meeting agenda. Compatriot Bradley noted he had neglected to mention previously that the next GLD meeting would be in Michigan.

National Trustee's Report – M. John Dyrud – by title – not present.

Secretary's Report – Duane Neet – Compatriot Neet remarked that it is time to designate delegates to the annual congress, and if any ILSSAR members will be attending to please place their names on the sign up sheet compatriot Neet will circulate. Compatriot Neet inquired if there had been any changes since the last year in each chapter's officers, as Secretary Neet needs to report this information to national, regarding each chapter's president and treasurer.

Secretary Neet passed out hard copies of his report, which he noted were color-coded. ILSSAR's membership is presently 750. Secretary Neet noted the list of new members was contained in his report, and he requested a motion to accept these new members. Motion to accept new members was made by compatriot Joe Smith, and seconded by compatriot Jim Say. Motion to accept new members passed on voice vote.

Secretary Neet noted on page 3 of his report that in 2006 ILSSAR gained fifty new members, nineteen of whom did not renew their membership for 2007 past their initial first years' membership. ILSSAR is losing members – a loss of 135 when compared to 2006. Secretary Neet pointed out he had broken out the membership and drops by region and chapters. Compatriot Neet noted that Joyce Adams at national in Louisville has left and things have slowed down. There were reinstatements secretary Neet made in January and has not received word back on their status. ILSSAR has sent national the check covering dues.

Treasurer's Report – Duane Neet – Treasurer Neet requested all attendees to mark budget line items 201, 209.2, 209.4, 209.6, 209.15-18, 215, and 218. These items are over budget and require BOM approval for inclusion in the budget. President Reed asked for discussion from the floor, or a motion to approve these line items. Motion by compatriot Jim Barr to approve the line items noted, seconded by Compatriot Bob Morefield. Motion to approve line item overages passed on voice vote.

Treasurer Neet noted the figures in the budget are on fiscal vs. calendar year. Treasurer Neet reviewed ILSSAR's seven endowment funds, which were designed for specific programs. The cash endowments have no strings attached. Treasurer Neet has in the past had to draw on this cash fund to pay ILSSAR's bills, and will likely need to do so again this year to pay for some activities.

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President Reed called forward late arrival compatriot Louis Meyers to receive a rosette for attending his first BOM meeting. President Reed noted that compatriot Meyers is a member of the Springfield chapter had a distinguished military career, during which he was wounded three times.

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Registrar’s Report – Harry Windland – by title. Registrar Windland thanked compatriot Seibold for the high quality of the applications he submits, and that compatriot Seibold was responsible for 52% of all new member applications. Registrar Windland called attention to changes in the application process, where someone at the chapter must review and approve an application before submitting it to the registrar.

Medals & Awards – Harry Windland – by title– compatriot Windland noted this report was on page 41 of the packet. In February the BOM approved the Charles and Eleanor Schweizer History Teacher Award. Compatriot Windland informed everyone that he has the nomination forms for this award, which he would distribute at the meeting or mail to each chapter. Compatriot Windland stated ILSSAR would require help from the chapters for this award to work. He suggested the chapters contact the local middle and high schools. There is a \$500 cash award. Compatriot Windland stated that ILSSAR is grateful for Charles’ and Eleanor’s generosity in sponsoring this award, and the many other ILSSAR awards they sponsor.

Compatriot Windland requested Charles and Eleanor to come forward to the podium, and say a few words. Compatriot Charles Schweizer stated how happy he was to attend the business meeting. Charles remarked that he will be 94 years old this month, and his wife Eleanor will be 92. Charles remarked he is having trouble with his eyes and has difficulty seeing. He remarked he wished his mother were still here to witness his membership in the SAR. Charles stated that he has been fortunate and therefore able to fund some of ILSSAR’s activities. Charles thanked compatriot Windland for his assistance in establishing the History Teacher Award, and stated that many people don’t understand the revolutionary war. Compatriot Schweizer had informed compatriot Windland that he would fund the award’s endowment with a \$10,000 stock. However, since making that commitment, the stock has increased in value to \$12,500. [Applause] Charles then passed the stock certificate to treasurer Neet, and a number of photographs were taken. Charles reminded the BOM that they couldn’t invade the principal of an endowment. Charles remarked that he was proud of his membership in the SAR, and also very proud to have sponsored the membership of compatriots Joe Hill and Harry Windland. Compatriot Windland replied that he has not met anyone who has ever been so positive, and done so much for others. [Applause and standing ovation for Charles and Eleanor]

President Reed read the biography of Charles from the Friday night banquet program, and presented a copy to Charles.

Compatriot Windland concluded by saying he believes it is important for the awards and medals to be frequently updated, and as such he had requested for President Reed to assign a new Medals and Awards chairman. Compatriot David Bailey has agreed to serve as chairman for this committee for next year.

Break 10:00 - 10:16

Genealogist's Report – Robert Morefield –by title – Compatriot Morefield remarked that he is new to this position. He and Registrar Windland are planning a genealogy seminar for the application process at the November BOM meeting, and hopes all chapter registrars will attend.

Recording Secretary's Report – Mike Johnston - by title – Recording Secretary Johnston noted his report contained praise for three compatriots who had submitted their chapter reports early and whose content was exemplary.

Chaplain's Report – J. Gordon Bidner – by title – Chaplain Bidner remarked his report was on page 28 of the packet and requested everyone to read it at their convenience.

Chancellor's Report – Jim Say – no report. Chancellor Say remarked he would be putting two email addresses on the BOM directory, as his job has changed, and to please use both addresses when contacting him.

Sgt-at-Arms – Don Campbell – no report – Compatriot Campbell stated he didn't have much to say, except he hoped his duties would be confined to caring for the flags, and hopes all attendees behave. Compatriot Windland remarked that not only is Sgt-at-Arms Campbell a former US Marine, but also a graduate of East St. Louis High School.

Audit Committee – Stephen Bradley – by title – Compatriot Bradley noted the Audit Committee report was on page 32-33. Responding to compatriot Bradley's question, compatriot Neet estimated the 990 form will be completed by H & R Block by June 1st. Committee Chairman Bradley remarked most of the recent audit was spent reviewing ILSSAR's endowments. To date no money from ILSSAR's endowments has been spent to support our programs. Compatriot Bradley remarked that the BOM should consider whether or not we can and/or should start withdrawing cash down from the endowment's interest, since they are growing. Compatriot Bradley noted while not contained in the report, he would like the assistance of Treasurer Neet and Chancellor Say to have a specifically written amendment added to the ILSSAR constitution so future ILSSAR BOM's cannot spend the principal of any of ILSSAR's endowments. Compatriot Bradley concluded by saying in May 2008 the current president and treasurer will be leaving office and that an outside audit should be anticipated and performed.

President Reed inquired if a motion was needed to approve the Audit Committee report. SR VP Bidner moved to accept the Audit Committee's report, which was seconded by compatriot Joe Costello. Motion to approve Audit Committee report passed on voice vote.

President Reed also requested a motion to approve and recognize the BOM Directory as the official roster of the ILSSAR BOM. A motion to approve and recognize the BOM Directory as the official roster of the ILSSAR BOM was made by compatriot Jim Barr, and seconded by compatriot Windland. Motion passed on voice vote.

Budget and Finance Committee Report - Joe Costello - by title - Compatriot Costello noted his report was on page 34. Compatriot Costello remarked part of his report would be in response to the Audit Committee. He applauded their recommendations and the Budget and Finance Committee is working to implement them.

At the February BOM meeting a draft budget was presented. Compatriot Costello hopes in the future a draft budget can be presented earlier. Compatriot Costello remarked he had been working with Treasurer Neet on a detailed report regarding ILSSAR's endowments so the BOM can properly consider how to operate these funds. ILSSAR's endowments have witnessed good earnings and the BOM hasn't had to use all the interest generated to cover expenses.

The new procedures were handed out to the attendees and compatriot Costello requested a motion for the BOM to formally adopt these as ILSSAR's official procedures. Motion to approve the new procedures was made by compatriot Jim Barr, and seconded by compatriot Chuck Sener. Motion to approve the new procedures passed on a voice vote. Compatriot Costello informed the recording secretary that he would forward an electronic copy for inclusion with the draft minutes.

Compatriot Costello remarked there had been some fine-tuning of the five-year budget, copies of which were distributed. SR VP Bidner remarked that the costs for the current business meeting had gone over budget, and suggested that there be some latitude built into the budget to cover such situations and shortfalls. For the current meeting ILSSAR subsidized each attendee approximately \$12.00. Compatriot Bidner inquired if there was any discussion regarding this. He felt an additional \$1000 being added to the budget for the May meeting, and approximately \$250 for other quarterly meetings would be sufficient.

President Reed remarked he would like to add \$2,000 to the meeting's budget to cover any shortfall. Compatriot Jim Say remarked the budget should balance. Compatriot Don Parrish remarked that SR VP Bidner's proposal makes sense; functions such as the DAR outreach are paying dividends. ILSSAR should amend the budget to fund statewide activities.

SR VP Bidner asked if this would impact ILSSAR's dues, and also remarked that life membership in ILSSAR is no longer an option. Compatriot Harry Windland asked about teacher award funds. Compatriot Jim Say also remarked that while the budget shows the \$500 Eagle Scout Award, it does not show the expense of the Eagle Trophy, which costs \$75. Compatriot Costello recommends ILSSAR adopt this budget, go through the amendments, use some interest money from the endowments to balance the budget, and then develop process to follow. The BOM may possibly require explicit approval to use interest from the endowment funds. Compatriot Costello recommends ILSSAR develop a marketing plan with a dues policy and perform more strategic planning as a society, and when a budget is formed we ensure we cover the desired activities and functions.

The budget lists line items such as fundraising, insurance, taxes, a \$3,000 audit in even number years. It also contains \$3,100 for secretary/treasurer's stipend.

Compatriot Jim Barr made a motion to adopt this budget as amended and modified, which was seconded by Compatriot Art Casebeer. Motion to approve budget passed on voice vote. [Applause]

President Reed asked Parliamentarian Jim Say about biannual external audit cost when a president and/or treasurer leave office and if this was in the budget or if a motion was required. Compatriot Say replied that when the amended budget was approved this line item was included. President Reed remarked he wants to ensure ILSSAR has good business practices in place.

C.A.R. Relations Report – Timothy Spade – by title – not present

Color Guard Report – M. John Dyrud – by title – not present

Eagle Scout Report – Jim Say – ILSSAR received two applications and the check and trophy will be presented at the afternoon luncheon. Compatriot Say encouraged all chapters Eagle Scout Chairman to notify him as to their position.

Ethics Committee – Rex Egleston – No Report

D.A.R. Relations Report – Robert Hoaglin – by title – Robert noted his report was on page 37. He wished to add that he was proud of President Reed's hard at the recent DAR conference [Applause]

President Reed remarked he would also like to recognize compatriot Bruce Talbot for his fine PowerPoint presentation used at the DAR Conference. Compatriot Jack Firse asked if this presentation could be shared with all chapters for their future use. President Reed replied he would attempt to send to all chapters as an email. Compatriot Don Parrish stated it should also be put on ILSSAR's website.

GWEF/CAAH Fundraising – Joe Hill - Compatriot Hill began by showing the recent SAR magazine requesting donations for the C.A.A.H. A hand out was distributed which covers compatriot Hill's thoughts regarding fundraising and working with national. Till now national has done the fundraising, and approximately ½ funds have been raised. The first half will be for construction of the C.A.A.H. and the second half will be for an endowment to fund operations and maintenance of the new building. Compatriot Hill wished to discuss the second half of funds needed.

National would like the state societies to begin fundraising for the library. \$3MM has been collected, while \$3MM is still needed, and compatriot Hill wished to discuss the plans of how will this be accomplished. National will handle all the money, bookkeeping, reports, etc. and will be involved in efforts and publicity in raising the funds. The required endowment fund has been started, which is similar to the GWEF fund. The chart in compatriot Hill's handout shows where ILSSAR stands in relation to other state societies. Ten months ago there were 766 donors, now, as of 3/21/07, there are 1,238. The operations endowment fund currently holds \$1.319MM. Compatriot Hill sees the ILSSAR BOM as half of those in ILSSAR who are interested in seeing ILSSAR reaching its goal. The other target group would be classified as the general membership whom ILSSAR's **Patriot** communicates with. This is an important step, which is to communicate to all ILSSAR members about the library. The question is how these funds should be raised. Compatriot Hill feels that some on the BOM can donate a certain amount over \$3K over a 3-5 year period, while others can donate \$1K over the same time period. Such a plan would satisfy ILSSAR's share for the \$3MM needed. Compatriot Hill believes the BOM will do better than the general membership population. ILSSAR's goal is around \$110K. Compatriot Hill will be formally asking for all members to consider making some type of pledge. Compatriot Hill and his wife Gen, and compatriot Jim Barr have already begun their donations. Compatriot Hill stated he will need help to raise these funds. ILSSAR needs a marketing expert to work on the prepared documents to ensure they are correct, and then get them in the **Patriot** so all members can be aware of the drive. Compatriot Hill discussed possible slogans and marketing processes, and then read the initial communication. Compatriot Jack Firse requested that he and his wife be put down as donors.

Citizenship, Knights Essay, Rumbaugh – Jim Barr - Compatriot Barr stated his admiration for those chapters who have done great work, especially Fox Valley, and Gen Jos. Bartholomew. Compatriot Barr will have final numbers at the August BOM Meeting. The Knights Essay and oration information would be shared at the Saturday luncheon.

Historical Sites – Jack Firse - by title - There was a short meeting after Friday night's banquet discussing putting a list of patriots on the state web site and to link to chapter's sites as well, so there will be one central location to find the data. Compatriot Jonathon Casebeer remarked that ILSSAR should have a standardized methodology of how to recognize historical sites and patriot graves.

Illinois Patriot Newsletter – Ron Smith – Compatriot Smith asked to be contacted by those who wish to receive the Patriot via email. ILSSAR can save considerable funds on printing, postage, etc. by sending out the newsletter electronically. Compatriot Smith also requested more articles and pictures.

Law Enforcement – Tim Krell – ILSSAR’s recipient for this year is from Bloomington, and will receive the award today at the luncheon. Compatriot Krell noted that there were not many submissions this year, and hopes for a better response next year.

Membership – Bing Seibold – per handout. Compatriot Seibold recommended the use of the formal application software to begin process. Cease using the old yellow worksheets. By beginning in the actual application it will save time, and ensure everything is correct from the beginning. Stay proactive and in contact with the prospective member/applicant. Heritage Quest now has Revolutionary pension applications on line.

Nominating Committee – Chuck Sener – The committee is beginning its search for candidates for the 2008-2010 terms. ILSSAR will be looking for a secretary, treasurer, and recording secretary. Compatriot Sener requested the BOM to begin thinking about candidates for these positions, and if anyone is interested in serving in one of these positions to please contact him.

Patriot Medal– Chuck Sener – Compatriots Jim Barr and Art Casebeer received the medal at the Friday evening banquet.

ROTC – Bruce Talbot – by title – not present

Flag Awards – Joe Smith – by title page 38. The General George Rogers Clark chapter made 15 presentations, and is always the leader in state.

Veteran’s Welfare – Chuck Sener – by title – in packet

Webmaster – Bob Collins – by title - page 48.

Regional VP’s:

M. John Dyrud – not present

Art Casebeer – the southern region is having a joint SAR/DAR event in June.

R. Garey Hodge – At the previous BOM meeting, Russell Page of the Stephen Decatur chapter had requested help. As the central region VP, compatriot Hodge had a number of recommendations relating to how the chapter can reactivate itself.

New Business:

Compatriot Harry Windland stated that the application forms for the history teacher award were on back table for anyone to take.

Salt Creek Chapter - Franz Herder – President Karl Reed presented Compatriot Herder with the Charter for the Salt Creek Chapter. Compatriot Herder stated it will take some time for the chapter to get up and running, and at this time the chapter managers are concentrating on recruitment, functions and activities. Compatriot Herder remarked he is thankful for the BOM support for the money and flags, and those who have expressed an interest in becoming members of the new chapter.

Peoria area chapter development – Tom Ashby – this anticipated chapter will be recruiting over a 6 county area. There will be a meeting soon, and approximately 50 invitees have been contacted. An invitation for the BOM was at the back of room for anyone wishing to take one.

Old Business:

President Reed noted that some of the items contained in the agenda have already been discussed in the course of the meeting. The At-Large members need to be contacted, as they don't get much from the SAR or ILSSAR except the SAR magazine and the ILSSAR **Patriot**.

Compatriot Don Parrish stated that when new members first join is the best opportunity to get the involved with activities, and they tend to stay involved and active.

President Reed noted that the meeting was ahead of schedule, and opened the floor to any chapter who wished to make a verbal report.

Chapter Reports:

Fox Valley Chapter - Don Parrish – by title – page 57. Compatriot Parrish thanked recording secretary Mike Johnston for developing the template for the chapter reports which made the job of assembling the annual report easier. The reason compatriot Parrish wanted to say a few words was that during the past 4-5 years the Fox Valley Chapter has conducted a great deal of rebuilding. In the past year the chapter has gained 8 new members. The chapter didn't pursue them: they came to the chapter requesting assistance. Compatriot Parrish noted that good chapter activities will pay dividends. Compatriot Parrish also wanted to highlight compatriot Ron Smith's direction of the chapter's Stark Award. Under compatriot Smith's direction the chapter accumulated almost 16,000 points for the year. [Applause] Compatriot Parrish also discussed other means of involving people and new members on the chapter board.

Compatriot Jim Neese came forward to the podium. He remarked that he was the first to computerize ILSSAR's membership; he had indexed ILSSAR's members

from 1890 to 1992. Compatriot Neese had assembled this data, which he formally presented it to compatriot Duane Neet.

President Reed noted that while conducting research in preparation for the DAR luncheon and meeting he had discovered that Sir Winston Churchill was a member of NSSAR and ILSSAR. President Reed had a copy of Churchill's application if anyone wanted to view it. Sixteen US Presidents have been NSSAR members.

General George Rogers Clark chapter - Tim Raymer – by title – Compatriot Raymer noted that the chapter registrar has resigned his post. A past president has accepted this post. Immediate chapter past-president Don Campbell will handle the ROTC awards for the chapter.

Lewis and Clark Chapter - Rex Eagleston - by title – the chapter will be having its annual picnic, with re-enactors, etc. Compatriot Harry Windland noted 2007 is the 203rd anniversary of Lewis & Clark's departure on their expedition. There will also be a dedication of a sugar maple tree grove, which will be named Schweitzer Woods in honor of Charles & Eleanor, who made significant donations.

Springfield Chapter - Richard Moldenhauer – the chapter recently had their outstanding citizenship banquet.

President Reed mentioned ILSSAR's website and how quickly we are able to get things on the website. Some chapters don't have links on ILSSAR website, so compatriot Bob Collins will set up something basic for each chapter who don't have a website. [Applause for Bob] President Reed noted that compatriot Collins is also active in the CAR.

The Benediction was given by J. Gordon Bidner.

The Color Guard retrieved/retired the Colors.

The SAR Recessional was lead by ??

The 117th Annual Congress of the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Johnston
ILSSAR Recording Secretary