



The General's News

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Dirck Amerman: From Private to Captain

March 7, 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Rob Jones

Dirck Amerman was a Revolutionary War soldier, who mustered with the New York militia. He was born in New York City on September 28, 1759 and lived there until shortly before the War when the British forces' occupation of New York displaced his family and others from their homes. At this point Amerman moved up the Hudson River to a village called Newburgh, located almost equidistant between New York City to the South and Albany, New York to the North.

Amerman joined a Company of Rangers in the 2nd New York Militia as the War started. Payment records show his rank as Private in 1778. But, by April 9 of 1781, records also show Amerman was appointed as Regiment Adjutant Officer, in the county of Ulster, under Lt. Colonel George Denniston. In this appointment Dirck served the regiment as an Assistant Quartermaster.

It is interesting to note that Amerman's future father-in-law Issac Belknap was also an officer in the Ulster County Militia in the Quartermaster Corp, under the command of Colonel Jonathan Hasbrouck. Belknap's company was posted at the Highlands and Fort Montgomery, both strategic positions along narrow passages of the Hudson River.

In June of 1781 after his appointment to adjutant officer, Amerman was posted at Camp Phillipsburgh which is just West of White Plains New York. This posting is recorded in letters that were written at the time. The 2nd New York Militia saw action in the Hudson Highlands and the Battle of White Plains while posted there.

General George Washington had his headquarters at Camp Phillipsburgh from July to August of 1781. Afterwards, Washington's

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Arthur M. & Berdena King Award Winner Announced

Submitted by Steve Kern
Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee

At the March 7, 2023 meeting of the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter, it was my pleasure to introduce John (Jack) Bruemmer as our Chapter's Arthur M. & Berdena King Award winner.

He was presented with a patch to wear on his scout uniform signifying he was a participant in the King Contest, an SAR Eagle Scout Certificate, and a check for \$750.



Eagle Scout Committee Chair Steve Kern honors award winner Jack Bruemmer

The patriotic essay (maximum 500 words), which Jack submitted as part of his King application, was titled *A Prussian's Aid During the Revolution*, which he presented to the attendees at the GJB SAR Chapter meeting. Members

who were unable to attend this meeting can read his essay on [pages 3 and 4](#).

Jack, son of Kevin and Kathleen Bruemmer of Bloomington, was a member of Troop 920 (WD Boyce Council) when he attained his Eagle Scout rank. Jack is also a member of the Order of the Arrow. Troop 920 is sponsored by St. Mary's Church, and his scoutmaster was Christopher Knoll.

Currently, Jack is a freshman at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. He graduated from Central Catholic High School. ★

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David Haggard

February 4, 1764 – April 15, 1844

David Haggard was born in Albemarle County, Virginia to Nathaniel and Elizabeth Gentry Haggard. He had 9 siblings. David Haggard was a private in the American Revolutionary War. In March of 1781 he enlisted at Moppen Hills and served in the Virginia Militia. He served under Captains Harris, Martin, and Fry, and Colonels Richardson and Matthews. According to family legend, while David was in the military his twin brother Bartlett, who was not enlisted, would sneak into the camp, and change clothes with David. David was then free to go home and visit his family. During his time in the army, David was present during the Battle of Yorktown on October 14, 1781. Following the battle he guarded British prisoners of war until discharged in November 1781.

After the war David worked as a carpenter. He lived near Monticello and at times worked on President Thomas Jefferson's home. In 1779 David Haggard married Nancy Dawson, the daughter of Reverend Martin Dawson. In 1792 David moved with his wife and first child to Clark County, Kentucky. In all they had ten children. In 1836 they moved to Bloomington, Illinois residing at 319 South Center Street. Haggard was active in organizing the First Baptist Church in Bloomington. On April 15, 1844, Haggard died at the age of 80. His wife Nancy died December 1, 1857. In 1913 David's name was included on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Miller Park erected by McLean County. In 1926 Haggard's grave was marked by the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

This plaque was funded by the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, and the George Washington Endowment Funds in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

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David Haggard Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Scheduled

The patriot grave marking for David Haggard will be on Sunday, June 11 at 1:30pm. The location is his gravesite at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery (Bloomington), where he is interred.

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery will be decorated in a patriotic theme from Memorial Day to Flag Day (June 14) with U.S. flags lining the pathways.

At left is the grave marker artwork proof. Many thanks go to Steve Kern for spearheading the grave marker production and all of his time and effort to coordinate this event.

Feel free to invite a guest to attend, but be mindful that seating may be limited, so please consider bringing a lawn chair. ★

A Prussian's Aid During the Revolution

During the American Revolution the forces of the Americans left a lot to be desired. Undisciplined and inexperienced, they were completely unable to measure up to the might of the great British Empire. That was until a Prussian named Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben offered to help.

Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben was born to be a general, as he was literally born in a fortress. He made a name for himself during the Seven Years War. However, in 1763 he was discharged from the Prussian army by Friedrich the Great. For years he wandered through Europe until by chance he ended up in Paris in 1777 and met a certain Benjamin Franklin, who hired him to train American soldiers camped at Valley Forge.

Von Steuben arrived and, whilst he didn't speak very much English, began training the soldiers camped at Valley Forge. Von Steuben streamlined weapon training for guns, bayonets and artillery (a Prussian speciality). For these efforts General George Washington gave von Steuben the position of Inspector General of the continental army.

Another great contribution to the American effort was regulation of camp life. Before von Steuben arrived, American camps were cesspools of diseases and infighting. Von Steuben whipped these camps into shape. To help with camp sanitation, he ensured the digging of dedicated latrines, the separation of medical and cooking equipment, and the cleaning of the horse stables. As for aiding with soldier discipline, he stamped out disloyalty and back talking became unthinkable. Soldiers no longer cooked with their bayonets, no longer stole each other's clothing, and mutinies became a rarity from then on.

Von Steuben's aid was not merely in the realm of training and camp life, however, as he also was a master of logistics. His genius allowed for Nathaniel Green's southern campaigns to occur. The campaign's rousing success further testifies to von Steuben's abilities as his skills allowed for an entire campaign to be fought whilst his units were detached from their supply lines. This in turn gave the soldiers greater mobility and speed, which in turn allowed them to outflank their enemies.

Unfortunately von Steuben had to take sick leave in 1780, thus the southern campaign came to a standstill. However, von Steuben's

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training still rang in the ears of every American soldier on every front of the war. The American troops were well disciplined, well supplied, clean kept and became very effective. Von Steuben would become well enough to return for the famous battle of Yorktown directing the artillery regiments for maximum effectiveness and was present for the British surrender.

Von Steuben would be rewarded for his aid during the war with a countryside mansion where he would live out the rest of his days in luxury. It would be within this home where he would die in 1794 having no descendants.

Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben often is overlooked when speaking about American military history, however without him The American Revolution would never have been won and the United State's military prestige never would've occurred.

(471 Words)

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**Our NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee was recently designated.
It has been added to the 2023 Committees listing on page 12.**



headquarters moved to Newburgh, NY and was located there until near the end of the War in 1783. From a family heritage standpoint, it is interesting when your ancestor seems to be where the history was being made at the time.

Once the colonists won their freedom and the War was over, Amerman went back to Newburgh, NY and became a permanent resident and an important contributor to society there.

Amerman went to work for another member of the Belknap family, Abel Belknap. Dirck worked for a time in one of Belknap's mills before later captaining one of Belknap's single masted sloops that was used to transport goods from Newburgh to Albany and from Newburgh to New York City.

Later, Amerman would own his own sloop, the Siren, that he used to transport goods up and down the Hudson River. Dirck, some might say, had sailing in his blood. His great, great grandfather whom he was named after, Dirck Jans Amerman, was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands in 1645 and immigrated to the colonies with his family in 1650. Dirck Jans Amerman was also a boat captain.

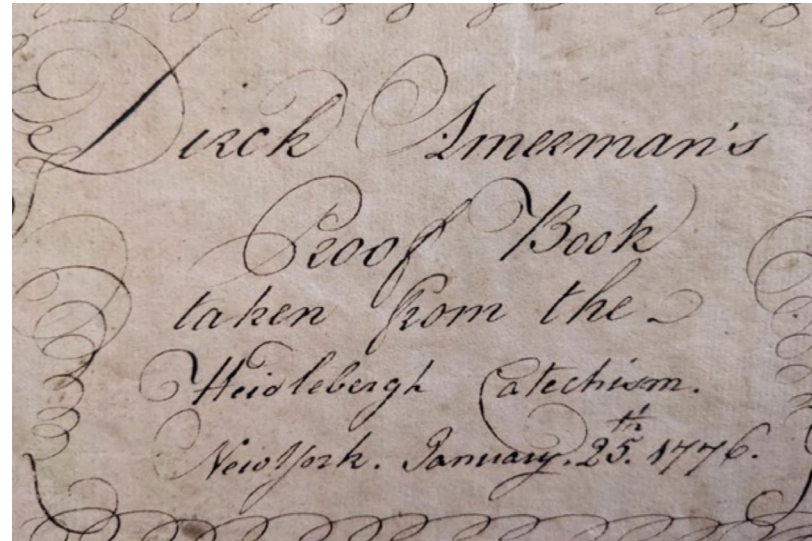
Newburgh was a wise spot for Dirck to have settled on the Hudson, as it was where the geography allowed for a productive harbor from which to move raw materials. This wasn't possible in other places along the river due to the existence of cliffs and mountain ranges. Settling in Newburgh helped create the foundation for a successful business and life.

Amerman had married Issac Belknap's daughter in April of 1782. Not only, as mentioned earlier, had Issac Belknap served as a Quartermaster at the same time as Amerman but, later they were also boat captains for Abel Belknap at the same time. Dirck and Mary Belknap went on to have 11 children.

Amerman was one of the founders of the Associated Reformed Church of Newburgh. His faith was a very important part of who he was. My family is very

fortunate to have an example of this faith in the form of his proof book in his own hand, dated January 25th of 1776.

Amerman was also instrumental in the formation of the Newburgh Academy, a school still in existence today. Dirck donated the lumber for the original 40' X 60' building from timber cut from his own land.



Dirck Amerman's proof book, penned by Amerman himself.

Amerman also moved into the politics of the day and was elected and served as the Newburgh Town Clerk from 1790 until 1797.

Dirck, who passed in 1826 and his wife Mary, who passed in 1835, were both buried in the Old Town Burying Ground in Newburgh, as attested to by burial records of the cemetery. Their lives from all accounts were full and on their head stone it is etched; "They walked with God, then slept with Jesus, and their flesh now rests in hope." ★

(Note: The discovery and preservation of our Amerman lineage could not have occurred if it had not been for my mother and grandmother. My grandmother especially was instrumental in collecting documents, dates and burials over her lifetime and I, in many respects, stand on her and my mother's shoulders in the family knowledge I have today.)

If My People

A Remembrance of Harry Hoit

Submitted by Dan Leifel

Those of us from the “Boomer Generation” (or slightly before) had the benefit of being surrounded by veterans of World War II, members of the “Greatest Generation” as described by journalist Tom Brokaw, himself a

the survivors came home (over 400,000 did not, and many who did, never fully recovered) made the America we know. These people, like our founding fathers, provided a legacy we enjoy. Can we maintain it?

For me and others of my generation, the veterans of World War II have always been available to counsel, to mentor, to comfort and lead. Unfortunately, they are leaving us for their eternal reward. As we mourn their loss, we take

comfort in having known them. The vast majority were not “heroes” in the sense that they did great things on the battlefield as most actually saw little or no combat (for every American on the front line in WWII, seven were in support roles) but each took an oath to “support and

defend the Constitution of the United States”, with his or her life, if necessary. That oath did not have an expiration date.

In August of 2022 our community in general and the Gen. Joseph Bartholomew Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in particular lost one of the few remaining of the people who by their service and dedication we rightly refer to as “heroes”. This “model” (his Masonic brothers would say, “exemplar”) is known to us as Harry Edward Hoit, or just plain “Harry.” Harry was born on a farm

in southeastern McLean County in 1921. He lived through the Great Depression and moved to Ohio to find work. With the World on the brink of war, the defense industry started hiring workers, and Harry found work in an aircraft engine factory in Ohio. After Pearl Harbor, Harry tried to enlist in the Army, but he was rejected because he was found to have heart problems (which didn’t keep him from living a full life of over 100 years). Not deterred, Harry tried the Navy and they were satisfied with his health. Harry served three years and three months in the Navy, being discharged after VJ Day. Harry was an aircraft mechanic and served in Norfolk, Virginia, and after the Germans



Harry Hoit (left) with Dave Ashbrook.

recipient of the guidance offered by those men and women of that generation of Americans. Few Americans now living are aware of the fact that over 14,000,000 Americans served in uniform during that terrible conflict. Most of those were men, meaning that fully 20% of the male population of the United States (then with about 140 million people) served. It is even more striking to realize that the vast majority of those men were between 19 and 35 years of age, amounting to some 40 % of that age group. When



Harry Hoit (left) and William Dawkins in the 2010 Memorial Day Parade.

surrendered in May, 1945, he was assigned to work on an aircraft carrier, preparing for the invasion of Japan. Fortunately, the atomic

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bomb brought Japan to surrender and Harry was discharged. Along the way, in 1943, Harry married Lois Hiner. Harry and Lois had four children: Sharon, Michele, Jayne and Wayne.

As a skilled mechanic, Harry easily transitioned to civilian life working for Chrysler, General Electric and Montgomery Wards. In 1952 Harry was offered a job by Funk Brothers Seed Company and

eventually retired to Bloomington in 1979.

Harry joined the GJ Bartholomew Chapter in 1981 and served as Secretary for several years. He continued to support Chapter activities ever after.

Harry loved a quote by author Tony Blankley who said, “Life must be lived forward, but can only be understood backward. So too, is history”.

So, by now you may be wondering where the title of this piece (“If my People”) comes from. It will be explained next issue, but a hint is that it comes from the Bible, 2 Chronicles, verse 7:14. It is the heart of Harry’s philosophy of life, his view of what the Country has become and the lesson he so effectively communicated to children, friends, neighbors but, most of all, to his family. His legacy, like that of his generation, lives on. ★

A Passion for The Passion Play

Congratulations to Dan Leifel and Al Abbott for being loyal members of The American Passion Play cast. This year marked the 100th—and unfortunately the final—year of the play. The Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Bloomington Scottish Rite Temple) was the home for the performance for the 100-year duration.

GJB SAR President Gordon Bidner commented, “Once you have watched it in the Scottish Rite Temple and the scenes of Jesus Walking on Water, the Last Supper, Jesus being Nailed to the Cross, The Resurrection and the Ascension and so many more, you come away with the Bible speaking to you.”

Thank you to Dan and Al for years of participation and helping bring the story of the Passion of the Christ to life for so many! ★

The cast and crew of the 2023 American Passion Play.



The 24th Annual GJB SAR Good Citizenship and Scholarship Luncheon

April 6, 2023

Submitted by Dena McDonald

A college degree is still worth it.

In recent years, there has been a growing sentiment that a college degree is simply not worth what it once was—and for good reasons. However, 20 local high school seniors and their guests were reminded that, although there are certainly deficiencies in the system, we must be careful not “throw out the baby with the bathwater”.

Dr. Aondover Tarhule, Illinois State University Interim President, cited the arguments in favor of a college education in his keynote address at the 24th annual Good Citizenship and Scholarship Luncheon, hosted by the GJB SAR Chapter on April 6. The event was held at the Bloomington Country Club.

College costs have outpaced inflation, and that needs to be addressed, Tarhule stated. A significant decline in state funding has added fuel to that fire, but he also said that schools need to prioritize employer needs. Schools should foster an environment where students encounter a broad range of ideas.

“We should focus on training your minds for the careers of tomorrow,” Tarhule said.

But, he added, if we reduce the value of a college education to money, we miss the point.

The students in attendance were recognized as outstanding



Dr. Aondover Tarhule, Illinois State University Interim President delivered his keynote address *The Changing Public Perception of a College Education*.

citizens because they valued and demonstrated service to their community. GJB SAR Chapter President and Master of Ceremonies Gordon Bidner observed on more than one occasion that this year’s class was a very well-rounded group

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Pictured with the student nominees are Sonny Rudsinski (far left), ILSSAR President Richard Rudin (front row, far right), and Steve Kern (back row, far right).

of young people, and he extended high praise to the group.

In addition to each student being recognized, the chapter awarded two \$1,000 scholarships. This year's scholarship recipients were Lilia Monigold from LeRoy High School and Corey Hadden from



At the podium is Master of Ceremonies and GJB SAR Chapter President Gordon Bidner, joined by (L to R) Rob Jones, Lance McCormick, Rev. Ray Owens, Steve Kern, ILSSAR President Richard Ruedin, and Illinois State University Interim President and Keynote Speaker Dr. Aondover Tarhule.



Rob Jones is pictured with 2023 Good Citizenship Scholarship winners Lilia Monigold (LeRoy High School) and Corey Hadden (Heyworth High School). Monigold and Hadden were awarded \$1,000 each.



Richard Ruedin presents the Good Citizenship certificate to Ryan Allen of Cornerstone Christian Academy. Allen was also the winner of the Knight Essay contest.

Heyworth High School. Monigold plans to study molecular/cellular biology and psychology and compete in cross country at Millikin University this fall. Hadden will attend Indiana State University and major in engineering, computer science or ministry.

Photos and a complete list of student award nominees can be found on [page 10](#).

Since 2007, it has been our practice to honor select adults as Outstanding Adult SAR Citizens, and we have recognized a total of 51 adult award winners, including this year's honorees:

- Susan Kern
- Sharon McCormick
- Dena McDonald
- Phares G. O'Daffer (GJB SAR member)
- Cherie Valentine (LGS DAR Member)

Over the years, we have recognized a total of 51 adult award winners.

Additional honored guests at the luncheon included:

- Richard R. Ruedin, ILSSAR President
- Cherie Valentine, LGS DAR Honorary Regent and Director
- Mark Jontry, Regional Supt., DeWitt, Livingston, Logan, McLean Counties
- Jeff Ekena, Regional Supt., Woodford, Tazewell and Mason Counties
- Jon Smith, Assistant Regional Supt., Woodford, Tazewell and Mason Counties
- Mrs. Louise Bowen, Pianist

Also recognized during luncheon was Ryan Allen, the winner of the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest (GJB Chapter and ILSSAR winner). Allen was also among the 20 student nominees at the Good Citizenship and Scholarship Luncheon.

GJB SAR Outstanding Good Citizenship Students

CLASS OF 2023



Briana Goeppinger
Ridgeview
High School



Brock Magnuson
Roanoke-Benson
High School



Carolyn Megow
Fieldcrest
High School



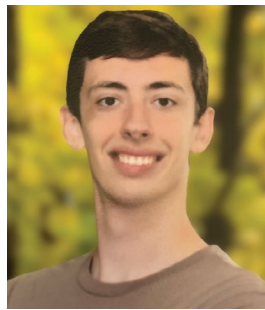
Carter Sailer
Calvary Christian
Academy



Corey Hadden
Heyworth
High School



Emma Bottomley
University
High School



Eric Mushrush
Tri-Valley
High School



Gavin Nafziger
Bloomington
High School



Grant Fogarty
Prairie Central
High School



Joseph Leffers
Central Catholic
High School



Kamden Edwards
Eureka
High School



Kyle Plym
Lowpoint-Washburn
High School



Kyra Carr
El Paso-Gridley
High School



Lilia Monigold
LeRoy
High School



Luke Pratt
Olympia
High School



Lydia Alonso
Metamora Township
High School



Owen Senn
Normal West
High School



Ryan Allen
Cornerstone
Christian Academy



Sophia Feeney
Normal Community
High School



Zachary Bork
Lexington
High School

Event hosts were Stephen Kern and Milton Rudsinski. Lance McCormick led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance while Jay Cummins led the SAR Pledge. The invocation was led by Rev. Ray Owens. Richard Ruedin extended greetings from ILSSAR, and Rob Jones led the SAR recessional at

the conclusion of the event. The Bloomington Country Club staff provided excellent service and a delicious meal, and pianist Louise Bowen entertained the guests with lovely music during lunch.

Steve Robinson of *The Normalite* and Connor Wood from *The Pantagraph* were in attendance to cover the luncheon.

The 25th Annual Luncheon will be held April 4, 2024, again at the Bloomington Country Club. Keynote speaker will be 2002 Normal Community West High School graduate Adam Hickman. Hickman was the first recipient of the Chapter's scholarship.

Applications for next year's event are due March 1, 2024. ★

Welcome to Our Newest Chapter Member

Richard (Rick) Milner



We are pleased to announce the newest member of the GJB SAR Chapter, Rick Milner!

Rick, who resides in Normal, officially joined our chapter on April 7, 2023. Here is a short introduction of our newest member:

Who is your Revolutionary Ancestor (s)?

William (Mannerbach) Manbeck

Did you serve in the military? If so, when and in which branch? No

Who was your sponsor? Ray Owens

Education:

- Diploma - Pekin Community High School
- Associates - Data Processing, Illinois Central College
- BB - Business Administration, Western Illinois University
- MBA, Illinois State University
- CPCU and CLU (Insurance Designations)

Career: Retired from State Farm Information Systems on January 1, 2020 after 35 years

Family:

- Wife of 41 years, Melodee Ann (Evans) Milner
- Daughter, Allison Marie (Milner) Meadows and her wife, Keltyn Rae (Williams) Milner

Rick will be joining the Membership/Mentoring Committee.

Welcome Rick! ★



Congratulations Lance McCormick!

Lance was awarded the ILSSAR Silver Good Citizenship medal earlier this year.

Thank you for your service to the community and our chapter! ★

2023 Programs/Events

MAY 29 • 7:00 am • Memorial Day, Bob Evans Restaurant, IAA Dr., Bloomington

EVENT: Bloomington Parade 9:00 am

HOST: Gordon Bidner

JUNE 14 • 7:30 am • Flag Day, Grace Church Fireside Room, 1311 W. Hovey Ave., Normal

PROGRAM: Flag Awards; "Simpkins Military History Museum" by Gary Simpkins

HOST: Steve Kern

JULY 4 • Independence Day

JULY 15 • 133rd NSSAR Congress, Orlando, FL

AUG. 11-12 • ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Effingham

SEPT. 15 • 1:00 pm • SAR-DAR Constitution Week and First Responders Awards Program, Grace Church Activity Center, 1311 W. Hovey Ave., Normal

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Robert Irons, Associate Professor & Chair of Accounting & Finance, Illinois Wesleyan University: "The Promise of the Preamble and the Path to Fulfillment"

HOSTS: Steve Kern, GJB SAR and LGS DAR Regent Jamie Atchison

SEPT. 21-23 • NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

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OCT. 10 • 6:00 pm • St. Luke Union Church, 2101 E. Washington St., Bloomington

PROGRAM: "Revolutionary War-Era Music" by Dr. David Williams, Retired ISU Professor of Music; Nominate the 2024 GJB SAR Leadership Team

HOST: Ray Owens

NOV. 10 • 12 pm • Veterans Day, St. Luke Union Church, 2101 E. Washington St., Bloomington

PROGRAM: "Reflections of a Vietnam Veteran" by Dennis Garrigus; Elect and Install the 2024 GJB SAR Leadership Team

HOST: Sonny Rudsinski

NOV. 10-11 • ILSSAR BOM Meeting, Peoria

NOV. 17 • The General's Newsletter

DEC. ? • 1:00 pm • The Iroquois County DAR-SAR Citizenship Program, Location TBD

2023 Committees

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