



## THE LONG KNIFE

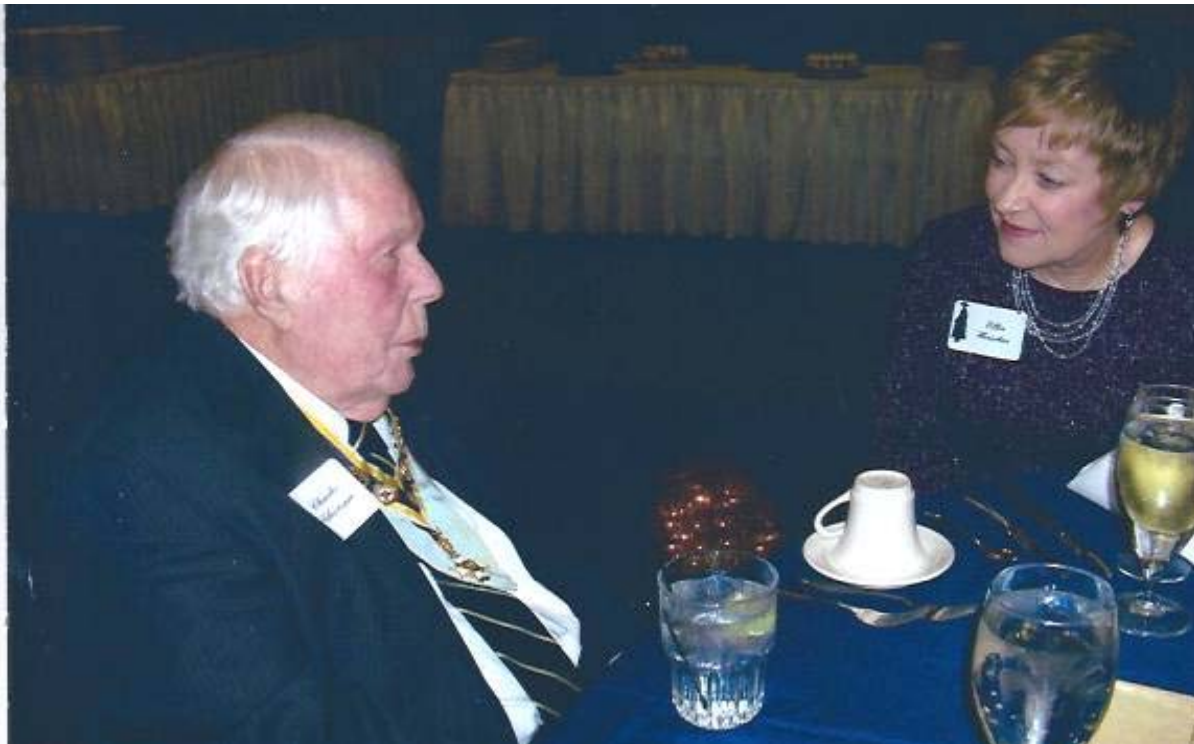
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*Col. Charles B. Schweizer, founder and first president of GGRCC, at the 27th anniversary meeting of the chapter chatting with singer Ellen Henschen. Compatriot Schweizer, who will be 100 in May, has been active in state and national SAR activities as well as those of GGRCC.*

### **New Officers Installed by State President at Annual Meeting**

Officers were elected and installed for two-year terms by Illinois SAR President Bruce Talbot at the GGRCC annual meeting Feb. 7 at Sunset Hills Country Club.

James A. DeGroff Jr., moves up to the president's position. He has held several chapter offices, 0 plus the state secretary posts, and has been particularly effective in recruiting new members. He reported the roster now is a record 96.

"This chapter is one of the most effective in the state of Illinois," President Talbot said.

Other new officers are Marvin A. Meng, vice president; Thomas E. Beavers, secretary; and William E. Johnson, treasurer. Jerry E. Maas continues as registrar.

Numerous awards were conferred for activities and service of members including special awards to retiring President Ronnie D. Hicks.

Barbara Kay, a Highland High School teacher, entertained in a "Betsy Ross" sketch and soprano Ellen Henschen sang the *Star-Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*.

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Luncheon meetings held the third Wednesday monthly at Edwardsville Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Rd. (IL Rt. 143)

## Chapter Financial Report--James C, Hicks , Treasurer

### Chapter Receipts

Member Dues/Contributions.....	\$1,239.00
50/50 Drawings.....	387.00
Other Revenue Sources	
2012 Annual Meeting/Dinner.....	2,180.00
Monthly Meeting Lunches.....	360.00
Transfer from Vanguard Mutual Fd.....	500.00
Cit. Award Reimburse from ILSSAR.....	160.00
Member Donations for Little League.....	150.00
Sale of Member-Donated Uniform.....	100.00
Donation from Mrs. Green.....	100.00
Small Car Magnets.....	58.00
Interest-Dilliard Endowment Funds ... ..	8.51
Total Other Sources of Revenue	\$3,616.51
Total Chapter Receipts.....	\$5,242.51
Chapter Disbursements	
Annual Meeting/Dinner 2012.....	1824.33
2013 Annual Meeting Deposit.....	100.00
Monthly Meeting Lunch Expense.....	392.70
.Awards.....	392.75
<i>Long Knife</i> Newsletter.....	305.36
Outstanding Citizen Award.....	220.75
ROTC/Law Enf./Fire Safety.....	97.50
Flag Display Award.....	100.97
Flag Day.....	32.00
Eagle Scout Awards.....	186.88
Little League Sponsorship.....	150.00
Wreaths Across America.....	100.00
Misc. Dinner Reimbursement.....	43.00
Administration-President.....	147.60
-Treasurer.....	201.06
Total Chapter Disbursements.....	\$4,294.90
Cash Balance 1 January 2012.....	757.18
Receipts for the period.....	\$5,242.51

Disbursements for the period.....	4,294.90
Cash Balance 31 December 2012... ..	1704.79
Irving & Dorothy Dilliard End. Fd.....	1,001.07
Dilliard Endowment Fund .....	1,001.17
Windland Endowment Fund.....	1,457.82
Money Market Savings.....	492.22
Vanguard Total Stock Index Fund... ..	4,464.41
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 2012.....	1704.79
Total Assets Dec. 31, 2012.....	\$10,121.48

### Marker for Eleanor Schweizer

The GGRCC color guard has been asked to participate March 9 by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the placing of a marker at the grave of Eleanor Schweizer at Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis.

The wife of GGRCC founder Charles B. Schweizer, she died Oct.21, 2012, at age 96. They were married in Webster Groves, MO in 1941 when he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### Wreaths Across America Event

Several GGRCC members participated Dec. 15 in the national Wreaths Across America ceremony, placing the tributes on graves of veterans at Nix-Judy Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

The GGRCC activity was led by volunteer Chuck Dobias, who recently transferred to the chapter from the Lewis and Clark Chapter.

Several Revolutionary War veterans have been honored by markers placed by GGRCC at the cemetery.

## Retiring President Ron B. Hicks' Report at Annual Meeting

During the past two years we have seen a substantial increase in membership of GGRCC. There are now 96 members in the chapter. Unfortunately we have lost several members in the past two years: Ed Gerling, Richard Greene, Earl Gruber, Jim Kessler Jr., Ronald F. Luebben and Harry "Donald" Laughlin. Honorary member James Paulk died in February 2011 prior to NSSAR approval. The SAR ritual was conducted for GGRCC long-time member Clarence Iberg and for Richard Greene and Ed Gerling by request of families. Sadly, we also said goodbye to Mrs. Eleanor Schweizer, wife of GGRCC founder and first president Charles Schweizer. Please join me in a moment of silence for our dear departed compatriots.

There have been some additional activities added to our already busy schedule. The Wreaths Across America program has been well received and will be expanded this year to include the 39 veterans buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery located near Glen Carbon. Our Historic Flag Presentation has now expanded to 17 flags. Many people have enjoyed seeing the flags flying on June 14, Flag Day in the different communities in Madison County, especially last year at the Lewis and Clark Observation Towers in Hartford.

Another request that has increased is for participation by our color guard. We now have 12 members who have uniforms and take part when a color guard is requested. Our expanded involvement in the Boy Scout Eagle rank, Court of Honor ceremonies has created numerous invites for color guard members to attend. The pre-Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades have been an opportunity for our color guard members to become visible to the host communities--also at ROTC and AF-JROTC awards events. Several DAR activity leaders have requested our color guard to participate at their events. When we participate in the activities many people, particularly the children, want pictures taken with members of the color guard.

Our monthly luncheons have been well attended, most recently for the delicious meal and a chance to win the fifty-fifty raffle. Twice the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Little League Association team sponsored by GGRCC finished in first place. We presented hero medals to Austin Roberts and Andrew Goekin. Law Enforcement Awards were presented to Chief Circuit Judge Ann Callis and Circuit Judge Charles Romani for the veterans court endeavor they have led. A Good Citizenship award was presented to 8-year-old Wyatt Erber. In addition, numerous Outstanding Citizenship Awards were presented to high school students from the surrounding communities. GGRCC yearly presents Flag Display Award certificates to residents of Madison County who fly the Flag daily--12 in 2012.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the president of the Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter. I am especially grateful to Jim DeGroff, William Feeney, Jimmy Hicks, Joe Hill, Troy Huddle, Timothy Raymer, Lloyd Schwarz, Charles Schweizer, A. Robert Shaak and Harry Windland for their tutoring and counseling these past two years and their help assisting me in the transition. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. God bless the United States of America.



John Douglas Schoeberle received a certificate of commendation and medal in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony Jan. 13 at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Edwardsville. John, a member of Troop 216, is the son of Robert and Annette Schoeberle of Edwardsville and a graduate of Edwardsville High School. Making the presentation of the GGRCC awards was chapter Vice President James A. DeGroff Jr. (left).

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