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A replica of the Bedford Flag, which dates to militia of the French and Indian War and was carried by colonial forces in the 1775 Battle of Concord, was one of 16 historic flags displayed by the Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter SAR in September at Hills Fort Living History Days at Greenville, IL. Holding the flag is Clark Chapter President Gaylord J. James. Behind him, Chapter member Timothy S. Raymer prepares to display the flag carried by Gen. George Rogers Clark's force when it captured Vincennes, IN in 1779. Hills Fort was a defensive strong point for Illinois settlers in the War of 1812. Besides activities at regular GGRCC events, compatriots James, Raymer and other GGRCC color guard members also participated in informational or flag demonstration exercises during the fall at the Latzer Home-Highland Homestead Days Sept. 11-13, the Flags of the Mississippi event Oct. 11 at the Lewis and Clark Site, Hartford, Veterans Day Parades, and the October DAR and ILSSAR dedication of a new marker for Revolutionary veteran William Gordon McAdams at the Dugger Cemetery in St. Jacob Township.

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## Residents of 12 Households Honored for Daily Display of U.S. Flag

The residents of 12 southern Madison County households received certificates of commendation Nov. 12 for displaying the U.S. Flag every day at their homes.

It was the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Flag Award Ceremony conducted by GGRCC in the lobby next to the James Madison statue at the Madison County Courthouse, Edwardsville.

“One of the several ways we promote patriotism is to demonstrate our appreciation of residents who properly display and faithfully fly our American Flag,” said William R. Feeny of Edwardsville, chairperson for the event. He is a retired professor of political science at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and a former president of the SAR chapter.

The chapter alternates every other year recognizing households or businesses in northern or southern Madison County. The 2009 honorees by township are:

Army veteran Tony and Kimberly Anderson, Granite City.  
 Roger and Sandra Bowler, Jarvis.  
 Army and Air Force veteran David and Jamie Danks, Edwardsville.  
 Navy veteran Barry and April Deatherage, Marine.  
 Army veteran Angel and Louise Fernandez, Collinsville.  
 David and Diane Heim, Saline. Their son is on active Army duty.  
 Army veteran Russell Loomis, St. Jacob.  
 Army veteran Edward and Carolyn Matlock, Nameoki.  
 Marine veteran Lee and Ina Miller, Venice  
 Navy veteran Bradford and Gail Voss, Helvetia.  
 Elsie M. Wasser, Pin Oak, late husband was a Navy veteran.  
 Marine veteran Keith and Judith Zumwalt, Choteau.

Several Madison County judges attended the ceremony.

## SIUE Police Officer Receives GGRCC Fire Safety Commendation

A Fire Safety Commendation Award was presented to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Police Officer Daniel Murphy by GGRCC Oct. 28, at the Chancellor’s Office, Rendleman Building on the SIUE campus.

Officer Murphy, on Aug. 17, noticed fire burning through the roof of a Cougar Village apartment building. Because of a power outage at the time, alarms had not been activated.

Officer Murphy entered the building and banged on the doors of all eight

apartments to warn any residents to flee. Although most of the apartments were unoccupied because of summer vacation, the officer’s warning did alert two residents who escaped without injury.

The presentation was coordinated by GGRCC member James A. DeGross Jr.

Murphy previously had been honored for his action by University system officials. “It was his response and bravery in the face of danger that saved two lives,” said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandergrift.

## President's Letter

By Gaylord J. (Jim) James

During the past three months the Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter has been very active thanks to the efforts of our members. This chapter continues to perpetuate the mission of the National Society with its participation in the various patriotic, historical, and educational activities held around Madison County.

In September we maintained an educational/informational table at the Latzer Homestead Days in Highland. We displayed four flags from the 16 Historic Flag collection: Washington's Ensign, the First Navy Jack, the Genl George Rogers Clark flag, and the Betsey Ross flag. Groups of children from the local schools heard the presentation and were given small American flags. Several compatriots maintained the educational table and were available to answer questions regarding the Sons of the American Revolution and especially answer questions regarding membership requirements in the society.

The following week at the Fort Hill annual celebration in Greenville, we presented our 16 Historic Flag presentation, which, unfortunately, was somewhat abbreviated due to the rain showers that prevailed that weekend. But in spite of the damp weather, members were available to answer questions. While some members were in Greenville -- the same weekend -- a Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Award was presented to Leo Murphy in Edwardsville.

Early in October, Linda Rosenthal organized a Daughters of the American Revolution patriot recognition ceremony at the Dugger Cemetery in St. Jacob Township. The GGRCC Color Guard was asked to participate along with the Illinois Territorial Rangers and the VFW. Linda cooperated with Marilyn Campbell verifying the list of patriots of the Revolution who are buried in Madison County. Now Tim Raymer has been working with Linda, and there are four more patriots who shall be recognized. However, because of the inclement weather, the ceremonies shall be held next spring.

The annual Flags Over the Mississippi celebration was held Oct. 11 at the Lewis and Clark Historic Site in Hartford. We displayed the 50 state flags and again presented the 16 Historic Flags program. Jim Degroff, Hank Boss, Ronnie Hicks and Tim Raymer were on hand to answer questions..

Unfortunately, there have been some communication problems with the new Boy Scout Council, which now covers Madison and St. Clair Counties. Nevertheless, thanks to Marion and Ed Gerling, we were informed of triplets in Highland, who become Eagle Scouts on the weekend of Oct. 11. Adam, Jacob, and Timothy Rose were awarded SAR Eagle Scout certificates.

On Oct. 28 the chapter presented the SAR Fire Safety Award to Officer Daniel Murphy of the Southern Illinois University Police Force for warning several occupants at a burning residence building on the campus. Occupants of 12 residences were recognized Nov. 12 with SAR Flag Awards at a ceremony held in Madison County Court House. We are grateful to Bill Feeney for his efforts in organizing and conducting this event.

From the foregoing it is obvious that we are a very active, busy chapter. This would not be possible without the efforts of the members. I should like to see more compatriots involved, but many still are working, which, of course, precludes their attendance and participation in daytime events. However, plans are moving forward for the annual dinner at the Sunset Hills Country Club on Wednesday, Feb.10. It is hoped that many will be able to attend.

The Great Lakes District of the Sons of the American Revolution held its annual meeting Oct. 30-31. Joe Harris, executive director of the national society, and Samuel Powell, national chairman for The Center for Advancing America's Heritage: Campaign for New Generation, presented programs on the progress of the National Society's campaign.

It is not an especially enjoyable task to ask people to contribute money to any campaign. However I sincerely believe that this is a very worthwhile cause. The present headquarters is: 1) in a deteriorating neighborhood in downtown Louisville, 2) its removed from the area frequented by tourists, 3) is an area susceptible to flooding, and 4) the building was not designed to support the library collection. The new location remedies all the above problems. Large donations are certainly welcome, but a positive response from a large number of members is most impressive.

Thanksgiving has passed, but my best wishes to you all for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### **Highland Triplet Brothers Earn Eagle Scout Awards**

The Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution regularly recognizes Eagle Scouts but an Oct. 11 ceremony in Highland was unique.

Receiving recognition certificates and medals were triplet brothers (from left) Adam Edward Rose, Jacob William Rose and Timothy Garner Rose, honored at the First Congregational Church in Highland. The pet dog, Lily, shared the applause.

The brothers, age 18, are seniors at Highland High School and the sons of John and Kim Rose of Highland. Adam, Jacob and Timothy are members of Scout Troop 43 of Highland, and earned a combined total of 180 merit badges in qualifying for Scouting's highest honor.

The presentation to them was coordinated by Edwin G. Gerling of Highland, a long-time member of the Clark Chapter SAR.

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