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Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution

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*Genl George Rogers Clark on
"The March to Vincennes"
by
Frederich Coffay Yohn,
1929*

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Historic Flag Presentation

On May 18, 2023, The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter, ILSSAR, presented their Historic Flag Program at Evergreen Place in Alton, Illinois. Evergreen is an assisted living facility associated with Alton Memorial Hospital. The residents were very attentive and seemed to enjoy the presentation of 28 different flags that were connected with the history of the United States of America.



Dennis Lybarger (far left) holds the Bedford Flag while Phil Bailey (far right) tells of its history

Historic Flag Presentation



Robert Ridenour holds the current 50-star U.S. flag while its history is read to the audience.



Five compatriots from the GGRC Chapter were in attendance to present this historic flag program. They were (l-r): Phil Bailey, GGRC President; Dennis Lybarger, GGRC ROTC Award Chairman; Eric Reelitz, GGRC Chaplin; Robert Ridenour, GGRC Treasurer; and Al Oleson.

156th Annual Alton Memorial Day Parade

On May 29, 2023, five Compatriots from the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter ILSSAR took part in the 156th Annual Alton Memorial Day Parade. This is the longest continuous Memorial Day parade in the U.S. Of the five, Phil Bailey drove the truck, Al Oleson and Robert Ridenour rode in the back of the truck, and Dennis Lybarger and Dave Schmitt walked the entire three mile parade course.



(l-r): Dennis Lybarger, Robert Ridenour, Al Oleson, Dave Schmitt, Phil Bailey

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On June 14, 2023, The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter, ILSSAR, presented their Historic Flag Program at Cambridge House in O'Fallon, Illinois. We had made this presentation here in 2021. The residents were very attentative and seemed to enjoy the presentation of 28 different flags that were connected with the history of the United States of America.



Al Oleson (left) and Dennis Lybarger (center) hold the flag of the First Pennsylvania Rifles while Phil Bailey (right) reads the history of the flag.



Robert Ridenour (left) and Dennis Lybarger (center) hold the 48-star flag of the United States, while Al Oleson (right) waits for the next flag to be called.

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**Four GGRC Compatriots at the Historic Flag Presentation
(l-r): Phil Bailey, GGRC President; Dennis Lybarger; Al Oleson, Robert Ridenour**

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

— Thomas Paine

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