



**GENERAL JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW CHAPTER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
CHARTERED OCTOBER 21, 1975

**Chapter Meeting Minutes:** August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington, IL

**Attendees:** [37] Members and Guests

**MEMBERS:**

Andrew Argo, J Gordon Bidner, Randy Boyd, Ray Boyd, Jeff Clements, Jay Cummins, Kevin Crutcher, Micah Cutter, Charles Erickson, Bob Harshbarger, Jay Herrman, Steve Jiles, Rob Jones, Steve Kern, Bud Lewis, Danny Leifel, Calvin Lunny, Rick Milner, Brandon Roberts, Kevin Roberts, Sonny Rudsinski, Jeff Stout, Alan Washburn, David Williams

**APPLICANTS:**

Bob Jones

**GUESTS:**

Sandra Bidner (DAR & wife), Cindy Cummins (wife), Emily Cutter (wife), Mattie Cutter (daughter), Carolyn Jiles (DAR & wife), Kara Jones (wife), Susan Kern (DAR & wife), Edith Lunny (DAR & wife), Melodee Milner (wife), Dr. Matthijs Tieleman (Program), Pheobe Tieleman (wife)

List members dressed in uniform: **None**

List Awards Given/Received and the recipients: **[4]:**

**Liberty Bronze Medal to Steve Kern**

**Membership Certificates and Lapel Pins to Randy Boyd, Ray Boyd, and Micah Cutter**

Social Time

Welcome/Introductions

**Jay Cummins, President**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Bud Lewis**

SAR Pledge

**Steve Kern, Registrar/Genealogist**

SAR Mission Statement

**Jay Cummins, President**

Invocation

**Rev. Ray Owens. Chaplain**

MEAL

Summary of key topics:

1. President's Report

**Jay Cummins, President**

a. Notes from ILSSAR (Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution)

i. Liberty medal for Steve Kern

b. Upcoming Events

i. Constitution Week

ii. GJBSAR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

iii. Great Lakes District Meeting/Liberty Tree Dedication

iv. Veterans' Day Meeting



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2. Secretary's Report

**Rick Milner, Secretary**

- a. 14 Jun 2025 Meeting Minutes Summary
- b. Current membership status:

|            | 12 Aug 2025 | 14 Jun 2025 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Active     | 61 (+5)     | 56          |
| Applicants | 6 (+3)      | 3           |
| Associate  | 1           | 1           |
| Emeritus   | 4           | 4           |
| Honorary   | 1           | 1           |
| Military   | 1           | 1           |
| At Large   | 1           | 1           |
| Total      | 75 (+8)     | 67          |

3. Treasurer Report

**Rob Jones, Treasurer & Steve Kern, Finance Chair**

- a. Expenses since last meeting: The General's News and subscription for Doodle web tool
- b. Checking
  - i. Transferred from Money Market to cover expected expenses for the remainder of the year
  - ii. Balance reported
- c. Money Market: The value of the account as of August 12 was reported and compared to the beginning of the year value.

4. Registrar/Genealogist Report

**Steve Kern, Registrar/Genealogist**

"Since becoming the Registrar/Genealogist in November 2023, I have received approval from the NSSAR on 34 applications I submitted. There are currently four at the NSSAR awaiting genealogy approval. I have one that has been mailed to the ILSSAR Registrar being processed that will eventually be sent to the NSSAR for its genealogy review. I have one other I am currently working on and will be sending it to the ILSSAR Registrar shortly.

Not all of those I have received approval on are GJB members. For example, in one GJB member's situation I got approved his son's application and he lives in Florida. In another there were two brothers. One lived in our geographical area and one did not. They both were approved in the GJB Chapter but the one brother not in our geographical area changed to a Chapter in his area. In another case the GJB member whose application I processed moved to Ohio.



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5. Welcome New Members **Jay Cummins, President and Rick Milner, Membership Chair**

**Randy Boyd** –accepted 26 Jun 2025. Received certificate and lapel pin.

**Ray Boyd** –accepted 26 Jun 2025. Received certificate and lapel pin.

**Micah Cutter** –accepted 25 Jul 2025. Waiting to receive certificate and lapel pin.

6. Anniversary of Battles of Lexington & Concord, Massachusetts **Kevin Roberts**

Kevin Roberts shared a few memories from his attendance in April including pictures, video clips, and comments.

7. Program: **The Patriot Atlantic: The Dawn of the Age of Revolution** **Dr. Matthijs Tieleman**

A presentation by Dr. Matthijs Tieleman, ISU Assistant Professor of Early American History with a focus on the cross-Atlantic support for the American Revolution. ([Staff Profile](#) | [Department of History | Illinois State](#))

The Patriot Atlantic started before the American Revolution, including the Dutch, Irish, and American Revolutions. The focus of these revolutions was to restore liberties; whereas, the later French Revolution sought to replace the old with the new. Only the American Revolution was successful. Dr. Tieleman attributes that success to the American's attempt to include all in the restored society and the principles of compromise.

8. SAR Recessional **Jay Cummins, President**

9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard L. Milner*

Secretary, Richard Lee "Rick" Milner