

Minutes of the GJBSAR Event

GJBSAR/DAR Constitution Day Event, Grace Church Activity Center, Normal IL
Steve Kern, Chair of the GJB Public Service and Heroism Committee
September 19, 2025

On September 19 (Friday) the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual meeting to commemorate, during Constitution Week, the adoption of the US Constitution on September 17, 1787.

Marilyn Nelson, Regent of the LGS DAR Chapter, followed by Jay Cummins, President of the GJB SAR welcomed the audience of approximately eighty attendees and gave their opening remarks. The program then commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance led by SAR Chaplain Ray Owens, next the SAR Pledge led by Rick Milner, GJB Secretary, and finally The American's Creed led by DAR First Vice Regent, Laura Baue. The Invocation was then given by Carolyn Jiles, LGS Chaplain.

Judge Scott Kording of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois was introduced as the keynote speaker by Marilyn Nelson, LGS Regent. Judge Kording's talk on the US Constitution was titled **"You be the Judge: The Enduring Relevance of Textualism in Defense of Constitutional Fidelity"**.

After Judge Kording's presentation Jay Cummins, GJB President, gave comments and welcomed Steve Kern, Chairman of Public Service and Heroism, to present SAR Certificates and Medals to those in public service who were nominated by their leadership. Law Enforcement Certificates and Medals were presented to: McLean County Sheriff Matt Lane, Bloomington Emergency Communication Manager Darren Wolf, Bloomington Police Detective Kevin Raisbeck, Trooper Joseph Steward and Trooper Logan Wunder both of Illinois State Police Troop #4. The Life Saving Certificate and Medal were awarded to Dispatcher Isabella Petrilli. Master Sergeant Billy Quinn and Acting Master Sergeant Ben Reichard of Illinois State Police Troop #5 were awarded Heroism Certificates and Medals.

Closing comments were made by Regent Marilyn Nelson and President Jay Cummins. The meeting ended with the SAR Recessional led by President Cummins.



Marilyn Nelson, Regent of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution



Jay Cummins, President of the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution



Judge Scott Kording of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois



GJBSAR Public service and heroism awards 2025: Left to right: Steve Kern, Chairman, Public Service and Heroism, Acting Master Sergeant Ben Reichard, Master Sergeant Billy Quinn, Sheriff Matt Lane, Dispatcher Isabella Petrilli, Detective Kevin Raisbeck, Darren Wolf, Trooper Joseph Stewart, Jay Cummings, President, General Joseph Bartholomew SAR Chapter. Not pictured; Trooper Logan Wunder

Also here is a link the program for the event should you require more details:

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