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The President General's Message

Dear Compatriots:

As you are settling into the year 2006, Norma and I hope that your Christmas season was filled with good health and abundant blessings.

As the year unfolds, your National Society is on the threshold of major organizational changes that promise an expanded leadership role in the life of our great nation. Trustees at the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville and delegates to the 116th Annual Congress in Dallas, Texas will have the opportunity to approve amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws that will greatly improve management and policy continuity. These changes will ensure success in managing centralized educational outreach programs and attracting funding grants.

The main proposal is lengthening the terms of the President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General to two years to take effect in 2008. These officers would now be able to concentrate more on advancing our mission. Terms for other national officers would remain at one year.

Our total membership has remained constant over the last six to eight years with new memberships equaling the sum of deaths and those moved to inactive status. In order to accomplish our mission we must do something to continually increase active membership. The National Society has initiated three key programs this year that, with your cooperation, should greatly improve this situation.

#1. Reinstatement Contest – In this issue of our magazine, Membership Committee Chairman Larry Guzy challenges us to do more recruiting and suggests useful techniques. He also explains the membership reinstatement contest now in effect between all states and chapters. Please join in the spirit of this competition which directly benefits your chapter and state. Retaining more members is as an important element in increasing our membership totals as recruiting new members.

#2. Proud To Be A Member Campaign – The current effort to personally contact every member to explain the benefits of SAR's programs is designed to improve our member's appreciation of the vital role played by the SAR in our nation. States and chapters have the opportunity to convert a significant number of "certificate" members to "participating" members as a result of this major effort. However, all members will gain an enhanced appreciation of the value of SAR membership; and consequently, improved recruiting and reduced resignations should result.

#3. Improved Induction Process For New Members – A task force, chaired by Registrar General Timothy Bennett, is hard at work creating procedures designed to familiarize incoming members with SAR's public service, patriotic and educational programs. The object is to establish expectations and habits of participation that naturally flow from knowledge of the value of

membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Incoming members will then have more than just an official connection to their Patriot Ancestor.

The SAR is a leader in promoting rational thought and freedom of speech in our nation's debate over culture and patriotism. The model for America is cultural assimilation and unity in one American Identity. These are the lessons the SAR teaches to the community-at-large in our educational outreach programs. This is also the reason you are asked to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Just as you are asked annually to support other worthy causes, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution requests that you consider annual support of the SAR's educational and patriotic missions. Please see the centerfold for further information.

Yours in patriotic service,

Roland G. Downing

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President General



In December President General Downing attended the Patriot's Ball staged by the Maryland Society at the Turf Country Club in Ellicott City. Shown surrounding him here are three of the 11 debutantes – all members of the C.A.R. – and their C.A.R. escorts who were on hand for the event (from left): Buena Merritt (SC), 2005-06 National Vice President, C.A.R. MidSouthern Region; Sarah Walters (SC), State President, SC C.A.R.; and Anna Walters (VA), National Chairman, C.A.R. Patriotic Education Project; Jeremy Sieverts (MD), National Chairman, C.A.R./DAR/SAR/SR Relations; Andrew Markham (AL), Alabama C.A.R. Senior State President; and Furman Lovett (SC), 2002-03 State President, SC C.A.R.



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Revolutionary War Events Leading To Yorktown Victory

Our focus on celebrating the 225th anniversaries turns to 1781 with the pivotal Battle of Cowpens, as well as closes out 1780 with two special news reports.

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Chairman, 225th Anniversary Committee

It was 1781 and after seven years of war the Continental Army and militia were poised to win their freedom. The British had sustained back-to-back defeats at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780, and at the Cowpens on January 17, 1781, and the Americans were in pursuit.

An effort by the British to cross the Dan River and gain entry in Virginia failed in February and the following month General Lord Charles Cornwallis gained a victory over American forces at Guilford Courthouse, but it was too costly.

Skirmish and small battles raged at various locations throughout the Carolinas and southern Virginia in the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1781. Cornwallis was forced to retreat to a small town on the New York River. He decided to fortify it and wait for reinforcements from General Sir Henry

Clinton, but in reality he had sealed his fate. Little did he know that Generals George Washington and the Comte Rochambeau would soon be on their way South with the taste of victory in their mouths. Or, that French Admiral deGrasse would soon arrive with his armada of French warships to prevent Cornwallis from being reinforced or evacuated by sea.

In this issue of *The SAR Magazine*, California Compatriot Charles R. Lampman describes the Battle of the Cowpens. In the Spring issue, Georgia Compatriot George Thurmond writes about the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Virginia Compatriot John Sinks, writes about Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton's campaign of terror in Virginia. Chuck Lampman returns in the Summer issue with a report on the Battle of Yorktown.

If you live in North Carolina, South Carolina or Virginia, you can easily find a Revolutionary War battle or event to fashion a 225th anniversary program around in 2006. The same is true, on a lesser scale, in New England. While the magazine cannot report on all of them, Chapters and State Societies could make an effort to focus on one or two Revolutionary War battles or events in their locales and organize a commemorative program for their community. Indiana Compatriot Charles F. Bragg reports in this issue on such a 225th anniversary commemorative program that occurred last November on a small one-lane country road opposite a cornfield west of Fort Wayne, Indiana. And North Carolina Compatriot Steve Pittard reports on the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which took place in South Carolina.

THE BATTLE OF COWPENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

By Charles R. Lampman, California Society

After the disastrous Battle at Camden, American Major General Horatio Gates retreated into North Carolina where he attempted to consolidate what forces he had left. Shortly after that battle he had been relieved as Commander of the Southern Department by Major General Nathanael Greene. Prior to being relieved, he requested an old friend of his, Daniel Morgan, to return

to active duty and support him in the Campaign in the South. Morgan agreed on the premise that he would be promoted to Brigadier General. Upon receiving his promotion, Morgan arrived in North Carolina and found Major General Nathanael Greene in command.

As Greene rallied his forces and headed south back into South Carolina, he did what military

commanders seldom do – he split his forces with Morgan in charge of the western group while Greene maintained command of the eastern group. Greene's basic orders to Morgan were to harass the British whenever possible. As Morgan headed south, Lt. General Charles, Lord Cornwallis learned that the Patriots had split their forces.

Cornwallis then split his own forces



The dramatic painting on the cover depicting the Battle of Cowpens was created by Don Troiani, a resident of Connecticut who for many years has focused on art relative to America's military heritage – with emphasis on the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Civil War. To help ensure historical accuracy, he often refers to his personal library of over 2,500 volumes and an extensive collection of such diverse artifacts as uniforms, equipment, insignia and weapons. He often travels to examine battlefields and structures firsthand. His unique art has appeared on a wide range of television productions and in uncounted prestigious publications. To learn more about Mr. Troiani and what works of his are available in high-quality prints, Compatriots are referred to this web site: www.historicalartprints.com.



General Daniel Morgan was in command of the Patriot forces at the Battle of Cowpens. One of the best field tacticians of the Revolution, he won permanent fame for his generalship at Cowpens. (Original art by Werner Willis of Charlotte, North Carolina.)

in an attempt to block Greene and Morgan and to not allow them to move freely into South Carolina. He put Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton in charge of approximately 1,100 cavalry and light infantry, known as the British Legion, to attack Morgan and his forces wherever and whenever possible. The main goal was to annihilate Morgan after which time Tarleton would proceed eastward and join with Cornwallis. Cornwallis with now all of his forces then planned to attack and defeat Greene, thus clearing the Carolinas of all Patriot forces.

As Morgan learned that a British Legion was heading to cut off his advances deep into South Carolina, he commenced a retreat northward in an attempt to find a site for a battle where he would have a tactical advantage. Early in the morning of January 16, 1781, he knew that Tarleton's scouts were approximately



The Congressional Medal given to General Morgan (1736-1902) was for his exemplary leadership and tactics he employed at the Battle of Cowpens. The medal has the following devices and inscriptions: An Indian queen with a quiver on her back, crowning an officer with a laurel wreath; his hand is resting upon his sword. In the background is a variety of military equipment. The inscription reads: "DANIEL MORGAN, DUCE EXERCITUS COMITIA AMERICANA – The American Congress to General Daniel Morgan." On the reverse side: A mounted officer leading his troops in a charge against a fleeing enemy. In the foreground, hand-to-hand combat between a dismounted dragoon and a foot soldier. In the background a fierce battle. The inscription reads: "VICTORIA LIBERTATIS VINDEXT – Victory, the protector of Liberty." On the bottom: "FUGATIS, CAPER AUT CAESIS AD COWPENS, HOSTIBUS, 17TH JANUARY 1781 – The foe put to flight, taken or slain, at Cowpens, January 17th, 1781."

five miles behind him. That afternoon he approached the Cowpens and decided, while not the ideal place for a battle, it would have to do.

The Cowpens was a meadow with scattered trees on both the left and right flanks of a main road. Back towards the Broad River was a knoll high enough that he would be able to watch as the battle ensued and also high enough to hide Lieutenant Colonel William Washington's cavalry.

THE BATTLE PLAN

Morgan surveyed the area in and around Cowpens as his forces were making camp for the night. In the evening Morgan personally talked to all his troops and commanders and made sure they succinctly understood his battle plan. The first line would be made up of all militia and his orders to them were to allow the British to come within killing distance and fire two volleys, aiming for the British officers

and sergeants. They would then go to their left and right and retreat back and join the second line of militia, commanded by militia Colonel Andrew Pickens. The second line would fire three rounds and then fall back while reloading. Then both the first and second lines would combine their firepower with the third line of Colonel John Howard's battle-hardened Continentals. Lieutenant Colonel Washington and his cavalry would be out of sight behind the knoll. At Morgan's command sometime after the first line had retreated and the second line was about to fire, he would dispatch the cavalry to come around on the left and the right flanks of the British. Thus the British would be forced to not only defend their front, but also their flanks. Morgan told all the men to get a good night's rest and have a good meal for the next day they would do battle with Tarleton's British Legion.



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Shown here is an onsite monument dedicated to the Battle of Cowpens National Battlefield, which is administered by the National Park Service. It is located 11 miles north of I-85 and Gaffney, South Carolina – and 2 miles southeast of U.S. 221 and Chesnee, SC.

THE COMMANDERS

Brigadier General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802) – At age 17 he left his birthplace in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and moved to the Shenandoah where he became a farm laborer and a teamster. At age 19 he joined the forces of General Braddock as a teamster and was at the Battle of the Wilderness in 1755. In 1775 he was commissioned Captain of one of the two Virginia rifle companies and headed to join the forces that had surrounded Boston. In September he was assigned to Colonel Benedict Arnold's unit for the march to Quebec. During the Battle of Quebec



Lt. Col. John Eager Howard of Maryland was as good a field officer as the Revolution produced. His Continentals were the heart of Morgan's army.

when Arnold was wounded, he took command of Arnold's remaining forces and he was captured by the British. He remained a prisoner until the summer of 1776 and then returned to join Washington's main army. He was promoted to Colonel and organized a company of sharpshooters. He was ordered by General Washington to join Major General Horatio Gates at Saratoga. After the important victory at Saratoga, he rejoined Washington and wintered at Valley Forge. Because of ill health, he resigned his commission in July of 1778 and returned to his home in Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton (1753-1833) – Tarleton was born in Liverpool to a wealthy family of high social standing. He was educated at the University of Liverpool in Oxford. He purchased a cornet's commission in the spring of 1775. After training he volunteered for service in the American Revolution. His first action was in the Charlestown (today Charleston, South Carolina) expedition commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton that ended in failure. He returned to South Carolina again with Clinton's expedition to capture Charlestown in 1780. He was now a Lieutenant Colonel and put in charge of a unit that combined mounted and on foot and became the forward eyes and ears of Lord Cornwallis after the surrender of Charlestown. He became infamous with the battle at Waxsaws that has become known as "Buford's Massacre". His nickname to Patriot forces was "Bloody Tar!" for in that massacre he allowed no quarter.



Lt. Col. John Eager Howard (1752-1827) was awarded a Congressional Medal for his heroic actions at Cowpens. The medal depicts a mounted officer with sword in hand in pursuit of a fleeing enemy with victory descending in the background. It is inscribed: "JOHN EAGER HOWARD, LEGIONIS PEDITUM PRAEFECTO COMITIA AMERICANA – The American Congress to John Eager Howard, Commander of a regiment of infantry." The reverse is inscribed: "QUOD IN NUTANTEM HOSTIUM ACIEM SUBITO IRRUENS, PRAECLARUM BELLICAE VIRTUTIS SPECIMEN DEDIT IN PUGNA, A.D. COWPENS, 17TH JANUARY 1781 – Because, rushing suddenly on the wavering line of the foe, he gave a brilliant specimen of martial courage at the Battle of Cowpens, January 17th 1781."

THE BATTLE

Tarleton knew that Morgan was camped approximately five miles away. About 3:00 a.m. on the 17th he loaded his wagons and his Legion commenced marching towards Morgan's position. He ran up against the same obstacles that Morgan had encountered, i.e. the dirt roads were a quagmire. Furthermore, the deep ruts left by Morgan's wagons hampered the British wagons. Morgan's scouts returned to the Patriot campsite and announced that Tarleton was en route. Morgan again called his leaders together and reemphasized the battle plan. The American forces were in position when Tarleton's troops appeared in front of them at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Tarleton surveyed the deployed formation of the Patriots and the lay of the land and made his first approach with his mounted cavalry with him in the lead. As they charged the Patriot's first line of skirmishers, they got within 50 yards before the skirmishers opened fire. As balls whizzed by Tarleton, the sharpshooters emptied no less than 15 saddles, which caused Tarleton to halt the advance and reevaluate the situation. The cavalry moved to the side and allowed the foot soldiers to advance. After firing the second volley the skirmishers ran to their left to join Colonel Pickens' second line. The British soldiers thinking this retreat meant that the militia had been routed, began a pursuit that disregarded any disciplined formation. As they charged to within killing distance, Pickens' militia fired three rounds that Morgan had ordered to cause many casualties among the charging British and brought them to a temporary halt.



Col. William Washington valiantly led a cavalry force against British Col. Banastre Tarleton. After a bloody engagement, Tarleton swiftly retreated with what was left of his troops. (Painting by Charles Willson Peale.)

After the third round when Pickens ordered a retreat to their left, the British again took this as a rout and their cheers caused confusion amongst Colonel Howard's Continentals. They assumed that their retreat had been ordered and they turned and marched further up the hill until Morgan and Howard regained control.

The Continentals then did an about face and fired another devastating volley into the British. At this point William Washington's cavalry charged around the left side of the hill and engaged the British right flank. Then Tarleton tried to outflank the Continentals. Pickens' militia had reformed behind the knoll and now came out on the British left flank and opened fire. Tarleton attempted to call in his reserve cavalry of which many refused to respond. Tarleton and what was left of his cavalry were in the heat of battle with William Washington's cavalry. At the same time Pickens' militia who had fired a deadly blast into Tarleton's remaining force, staggered them to a halt. Now there was confusion on both sides. Howard's line supported Pickens' militia as the British units started to fall back. Tarleton tried one more attack with 14 officers and 40 horsemen and made a quick decision to make a stand against Washington's advancing cavalry. As Washington's cavalry cut into the British, Tarleton turned his horse and swiftly retreated with what was left of his troops, finally realizing the battle was over.

Washington's cavalry chased after the enemy to add to the British confusion and casualty list. When Tarleton and what remained of his 1,100 men reached their baggage wagons, they found they were being



Col. William Washington (1752-1810) was awarded a Congressional Medal for his gallantry in leading a decisive cavalry action at the Battle of Cowpens. The medal is inscribed: "GULIELMO WASHINGTON LEGIONIS EQUITUM PRAEFECTO COMITIA AMERICANA – The American Congress to William Washington, Commander of a regiment of Cavalry." On the reverse side: "QUOD PARVA MILITUM MANU STRENUE PROSECUTUS HOSTES VIRTUTIS INGENITAE PRAECLARUM SPECIMEN DEDIT IN PUGNA A.D. COWPENS, 17TH JANUARY 1781 – Because, having vigorously pursued the foe with a small band of soldiers, he gave brilliant specimen of innate valor in the battle of the Cowpens, 17 January 1781."

sacked by a party of Tories. To prevent further looting and/or the capture of his wagons, he set them afire and hurried to rejoin Cornwallis who was about 25 miles away at Turkey Creek. The whole battle lasted a little over one hour. American losses were twelve killed and 60 wounded while the British suffered 100 killed, 229 wounded who were all captured along with 600 more British in the custody of Morgan and his troops. Many of the wounded on both sides later died making uncertain the final casualty count of those killed. Morgan had just defeated one of the British elite units.

Morgan, realizing that Tarleton was headed back to join forces with Cornwallis, collected his forces and the prisoners and headed to join up with Major General Greene. When they met, they headed north to the Dan River which separated Virginia and North Carolina where they knew that food and supplies could be obtained. The story of that retreat and Cornwallis' pursuit became known as the March to the Dan.

With the defeats at Kings Mountain and Cowpens, it was not very long before Cornwallis would go on the defensive, leaving the South and heading north where he would end up at Yorktown.

EPILOGUE

Morgan's bad health and arthritis were bothering him so much upon reaching Greene that he could not sit upon a horse. Upon reaching Virginia, he returned to his home that he had named "Saratoga" in Winchester, Virginia. Morgan did not see any more action during the American Revolution.

Tarleton, surprisingly enough, was not blamed by Cornwallis for the loss at Cowpens. He was captured with Cornwallis at Yorktown some nine months later. Upon returning to England, he was viewed as a gallant soldier and retired from the British Army as a full General.

For the victory at Cowpens, Congress awarded Morgan a gold medal. Silver medals were awarded to Howard and William Washington.

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1780 PATRIOT DEFEAT IN INDIANA MARKED

By Compatriot Charles F. Bragg, Indiana Society

On November 5th of last year, the 225th anniversary of the defeat of Colonel Augustin de La Balme by British-supported forces in 1780 in northern Indiana was observed by a wide variety of individuals and groups. Included were SARs and DARs; the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana; Whitley County government officials and Historical Society members; elected State of Indiana officials; and the Mayor of Columbia City James Fleck. And Governor Mitch Daniels issued a special Proclamation which was presented by Compatriot Earl Salisbury.

The site is located between Fort Wayne and Warsaw. It was there that Colonel La Blame was attempting to assemble a large force of American Revolutionary War soldiers to attack Fort Detroit when he was surprised by Chief Little Turtle and the Miami



On November 5, 1930 the DAR Colonel Augustin de La Balme Chapter dedicated this historical marker that they had placed at the site of the encounter with the Miami Indians. Shown gathered there last November were members of several Chapter Color Guards within the Indiana Society.

Indians with the backing of the British. This engagement resulted in his detachment of about 40 Patriots being destroyed. Different accounts of the engagement exist, including a report that two soldiers managed to escape.

How The Celebration Evolved

A contact early in 2005 with Robert L. Bowen, Chairman of the NSSAR Revolutionary War 225th Anniversaries Committee, resulted in the development of this first-of-a-kind celebration, with over 120 participants and interested spectators on hand. Roger D. Barnhart, Indiana Society National Trustee, and his wife Martha, DAR Indiana State Treasurer, coordinated all aspects of the program and he served as Master of Ceremonies. The Indiana Society Color Guard, under the capable command of Steve Oberlin, consisting of Color Guard members from nine Chapters

presented a precision program and demonstration.

A Fort Wayne television station reported the ceremony and had coverage on the evening news. Three local newspapers ran full-color photos and articles about the program.



An impressive and solemn part of the program witnessed the blessing of wreaths by representatives of the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana.



Several days prior to the November 5th ceremony, these three performed some clean-up chores at the site of the monument (from left): Charles F. Bragg, author of the accompanying report; Indiana Society National Trustee Roger D. Barnhart; and Robert McMahon, a friend of the SAR.



Compatriot Charles F. Bragg has served as Registrar General, Vice-President General for the Central District and National Trustee and President of the Indiana Society. He has also been a member and/or Chairman of several National Society Committees, including Membership, Library Task Force, Nominating, Long Range Planning, Genealogy and Americanism. Among the medals he holds are the Minuteman, Patriot and Meritorious Service. Since the National Society started a wide range of programs designed to commemorate Revolutionary War battles, he has attended over 40 such events, including those held at Lexington and Concord, Fort Ticonderoga, Kings Mountain, Cowpens, Fort Sackville (at Vincennes, Indiana) and Kettle Creek.



Offering remarks at the program was Virginia Compatriot Robert L. Bowen. He holds the post of Chairman of the NSSAR Revolutionary War 225th Anniversaries Committee.



Included in the ceremony was the firing of a musket salute by members of the Indiana Society Color Guard.

BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN COMMEMORATED

By Compatriot G. Steven Pittard, North Carolina Society

This year's very special 225th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain was nearly done in by the weather!

On Thursday, October 6th of last year, after braving rain and traffic, Compatriots and others began arriving in near-by communities for the following day's ceremonies. In Gaffney, South Carolina, over 80 SARs joined with George E. Thurmond, who serves as Co-Chair (South) of the NSSAR Historic Celebrations Committee, in a pre-event discussion and social time. This particular gathering has grown over the years as more Compatriots have become aware of it. Also sharing the story of Kings Mountain were Over-the-Mountain Men re-enactors.

The Big Day

Friday the 7th began with rain, heavy at times - abating soon to permit staging the anniversary

program at the U.S. Monument within Kings Mountain National Military Park. Festivities began there in mid-morning, with National Park

Service Superintendent Erin K. Broadbent as Master of Ceremonies. After an introduction by North Carolina Society President Joe E.



The U.S. Monument within Kings Mountain National Military Park was the site of the placing of over 90 commemorative wreaths. Shown here is the combined Color Guard marching to the area as the program began; 38 Compatriots from 12 State Societies participated in the Guard.



As one of the principal speakers at the program, Secretary General Nathan E. White shared his beliefs and his hope for the future of our great nation. His remarks also praised the Patriots who were in the pivotal Battle of Kings Mountain.



Admitted into the SAR in 1998 through the North Carolina Society, Compatriot G. Steven Pittard has served as President of the **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** in Fayetteville, NC, as State Membership Chair and is presently Eastern Area Vice President as well as Editor of the NCSSAR's "The Old North State" newsletter. He also is serving on several National Committees, including Newsletters and Periodicals, Membership, Congress Planning, Americanism and Historic Celebrations. In his business life, he is Vice President and Co-owner of Worth Printing, Inc., a commercial printer in Fayetteville.

Harris, the Massed Colors were presented and posted. It should be emphasized that 38 SARs from 12 states comprised the Color Guard, which was commanded by NC State Co-Color Guard Commander Timothy W. Berly of the Mecklenburg Chapter.

"Laying Of The Wreaths"

The "Laying of the Wreaths" portion of the commemoration began with one presented by the NPS, followed by these organizations: NSSAR by Secretary General Nathan E. White and one by Executive Director James N. Randall; General Society of the Sons of the Revolution by BG M. Hall Worthington, General President; and the Ulster-Scots Society by Glenn Pratt. Next came wreaths from Clarence D. Williams, Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District; and 13 State Societies: Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY, February 24-25, 2006
National HQ/Brown Hotel

116th Annual Congress
Dallas, TX, July 8-12, 2006
InterContinental Hotel

Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY, Sept. 29-30, 2006
National HQ/Brown Hotel

Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY, February 24-25, 2007
National HQ/Brown Hotel

117th Annual Congress
Williamsburg, VA, July 7-11, 2007
Williamsburg Lodge

NOTE: The traditional "Trustees Meeting" is now termed a "Leadership Meeting" to better reflect the fact that these gatherings now encompass a wider variety of activities spread over a number of days—and involve Compatriots who are not National Trustees, such as Committee members and State Society and Chapter officers. These activities include such diverse programs as Committee meetings, workshops, seminars and banquets. And above all, keep in mind that every member of our Society is invited to participate!



Taking a prominent part in the commemorative program was Franklin Horton, Secretary of the North Carolina Society and President of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. He is shown here with Park Ranger Chris Revels.

Virginia. Other groups ranged from SAR Chapters, the DAR and C.A.R. to Colonial Dames and families of Patriots who fought there. In all there were 92 presentations!

Afternoon Program

At the conclusion of wreath laying, the Colors were retired and everyone proceeded down the mountain where many reconvened for the traditional NPS program that began precisely at 3:00 pm, the moment the battle took place on that fateful day in 1780.

Special recognition is offered to the North Carolina Society's Marquis de Lafayette Chapter which was charged for the third year with arranging the ceremony. And thanks go to Compatriot Bob Yankle for the accompanying photos; he is a member of the Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR.



Presenting a wreath on behalf of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution was General President M. Hall Worthington. He is also Alternate Trustee of the SAR Maryland Society. Holding the SAR Flag was Frank Horton, Secretary of the North Carolina Society SAR.

225th Anniversary Plans Underway To Celebrate Victory At Yorktown

Compatriots are encouraged to mark their calendars now to be in Yorktown, Virginia from October 18 through 22 of this year to help commemorate the defeat of Cornwallis by the American and French patriots there in 1781!

Among the festivities that are being considered for this year's enlarged program are a Battle of Yorktown Victory Parade, naval gun salute, fireworks, a wreath laying ceremony and prominent participation by the National Society Color Guard. There will also be several other patriotic organizations taking part in this grand celebration.

The National Society's Revolutionary War 225th Anniversaries Committee and the Virginia Society's Yorktown Day Observances Committee will keep you posted as plans are made!



Presenting one of the wreaths on behalf of the National Society was Executive Director James N. Randall. The other was offered by Secretary General Nathan E. White.



North Carolina Society President Joe. E. Harris offered an introduction to the day's program during the wreath laying ceremony. Shown seated was National Park Service Superintendent Erin K. Broadbent.

Tips For Expanding Our Society's Rolls

By Larry T. Guzy, Chairman, NSSAR Membership Committee

Putting Our Rich Inheritance To Work!

Everyone interested in his personal history, actively seeks a peg in time to a person or place that says his family made a difference. Our eligibility for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is a gift by chance of birth, but what a peg this is! We only discovered it. It was earned by our ancestors, and left to us to do with it what we want. If this sounds like a light under a basket story, it is. What do you do with your gift?

The basics of our Country's founding are as relevant today as they were 230 years ago. Are you part of the third that saw no need to change? Are you part of the third that said you didn't care? Are you part of the third that supplied goods and services as well as fought for your beliefs? Behind one of these answers is the reason for our gift, and it is easy to see which one. Once we discover our gift, what we do with it is the answer. WE are the National Society, not just the General Officers and Headquarters Staff. It is OUR organization and OUR obligation to our gift to make sure that the goals of our ancestors were not won in vain. You can read this and do nothing. That is one answer. You can read this and work for opposite goals; that is the right your gift gave you. You can also say "What can I do?", I have little time to be involved. If you answered: "What can I do?" here are some ideas that require little effort:

Return the support card your Chapter provided to you: no postage is necessary to help your Officers pursue funding for nationwide programs.

Let your friends know you are a member: wear your rosette, and mention your historical peg when your friends ask about it. Your gift was unknown to you at one time also.

Let someone in your Chapter know of a person who might be interested in membership: a new idea is being floated of an SAR recruiter—one who provides leads to men who become members.

Be a caller for your Chapter: phone committees call members to remind them of meetings and other activities and in so doing find they have similar interests and ancestors.

Contact former active members to inquire if their reason for inactivity has changed: a competition is underway that is a win-win for all involved. See section below.

Judge posters or essays submitted to your Chapter by youth interested in our history: if you want to renew your belief in patriotism among our youth, see what your Chapter is doing with them.

Those of us who are time-impaired certainly can do something. For those who have more time, or who feel stronger about our heritage slipping away, there are Chapter, State and National positions that can help fulfill your desires.

Regardless of how you answered the questions posed, remember that we are eligible by chance, but are members by choice. Help preserve our American Heritage by action, no matter how small, and you will feel a sense of making your ancestors proud.

Here Are Members Just For The Asking!

Your State Society and Chapter talk the talk of membership, but now there is an opportunity to actually do it just by asking! In pursuit of membership, this is as close to free as it can get.

The National Membership Committee has coordinated a re-instatement competition in which every chapter can win. It is named for former President General Ben Morris whose estate has recently donated a large sum to the furtherance of the goals of the SAR. The Executive Director has made the database from 2000, 01, 02, and 2003 of former active members in your State available to your State Society President and Secretary for re-instatement pursuit. It contains all the last known addresses of those compatriots who lived in your State regardless of which Society they belonged when they became inactive. You never knew so many compatriots from other Societies lived in your State without being a member there. Now you can find them and ask if they would like the opportunity to join your ranks in furthering Patriotism locally.

The "How To" is easy. Your State officers have obtained the database, sorted it by zip code, or whatever else works. Your Chapter is not limited in its competition by re-instatements just in your Chapter. You can re-instate members anywhere in your State and get credit regarding the National competition. If ever there was a competition you could win, this is it.

It is strongly recommended that contact be personal. NO MAILING and NO MESSAGES LEFT. They do not work well, or already have been tried. Simply call the compatriot and explain that you are with a local chapter of the Sons of the American



Besides spending a great deal of time as Chairman of the National Society's important Membership Committee, Compatriot Larry T. Guzy is very active in the Georgia Society. He is shown here participating in his Chapter's unique program designed to stress various aspects of patriotism to local high school students. He and other Compatriots, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms, discuss such topics as the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Revolution and would like to invite them to re-instate their membership in your local chapter. Don't hesitate to tell him what you do locally. For those who are wavering, you should ask if you could include them in your next Chapter and State newsletters. Since the competition runs between October 1, 2005 and May 1, 2006 there is even a chance to follow up again before the end of the competition to see if they enjoyed the information and would like to reconsider re-instatement. All winners will be recognized at Congress during the Awards Night.

Your State Society will gather the statistics from these re-instatements and report the winners to National in the following Chapter size categories:

Large chapter:	125 members and up
Medium chapter:	70 -125
Small chapter:	10-70

State competition is on the following State Society size categories:

Large State Society:	800 members and up
Medium State Society:	450 to 799
Small State Society:	1 to 449

This is all you need to easily increase the number of compatriots in your community. You win, the re-instated compatriot wins, your Chapter wins, and your State wins! If there are any questions feel free to contact Jim Randall at National, jrandall@sar.org or 502-589-1776 for the Database, or the Committee Chairman, Larry Guzy, for the "How To" at 770-952-1776 or guzy@mindspring.com.

All-Day Genealogy Seminar Scheduled Just Before Annual Congress Opens

Of real interest and value to many Compatriots and guests attending the 116th Annual Congress will be a Genealogy Seminar scheduled for Friday, July 7 – just before the Congress itself gets underway on Saturday and continues through the following Wednesday. Organized by Genealogist General Edward F. Butler, the event will be held at the InterContinental Hotel in the Dallas suburb of Addison – the official Congress Headquarters.

Compatriot Butler has announced that the seminar will feature three distinct phases which will be held simultaneously throughout the day, with attendees being given access to any of them as desired:

- In Crystal VI Ballroom: Lectures by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, a Past NSSAR Librarian General who is currently Chief of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library. His topics: Research in the Southern, Middle and New England States; Papers and Journals of the Continental Congress; and Correspondence and Papers of Revolutionary War Figures.

- In Crystal VIII Ballroom: (1) Gary Boyd Roberts, noted genealogical author and speaker from Boston, whose topics will be Genealogical Evolution of the Western World; Southern Connections to New England; and Royal Ancestors and Descendants of the First Families of Virginia; (2) Leland Meitzler, Publisher of *Heritage Quest Magazine*, whose topic will be Chasing Women, Finding Your Female Ancestors; and (3) William Dollarhide, Editor of *Genealogy Bulletin*, whose topic will be Census and Census Substitutes from the Colonial Wars to World War II.

- In Crystal VII Ballroom: Vendors from around the country will be on hand to assist registrants find the genealogical books, software and supplies they need.



Secretary General Nathan E. White, Jr., who is chairing the Texas Society Congress Planning Committee, reports that traditional business activities will be blended with a variety of unique optional

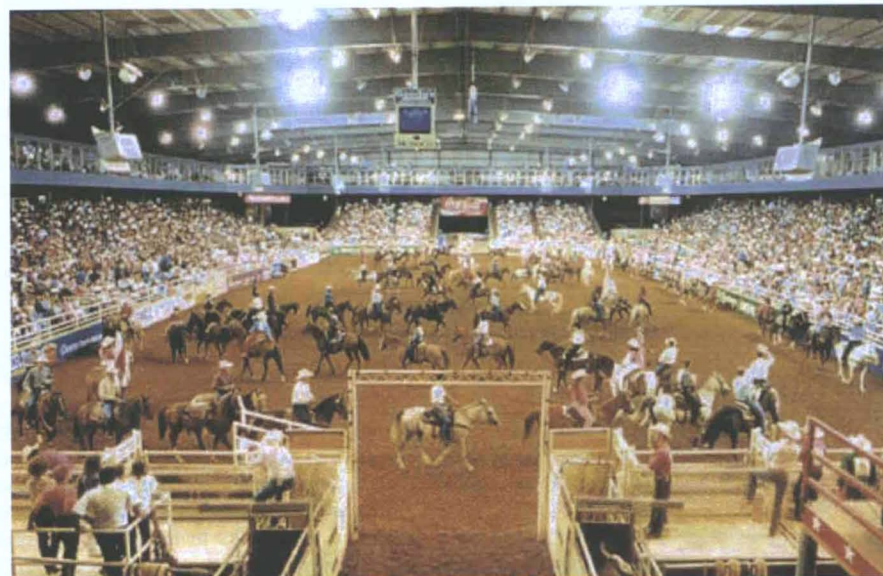
Advance reservations are suggested and may be made on the Congress Registration Form on the following page. Note that the cost for Compatriots is \$25, while that for others is \$30.

InterContinental Hotel Convenient

The InterContinental is conveniently located in the North Dallas Galleria area about 20 minutes by taxi from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and 15 minutes from Love Field Airport. DFW is home base for American Airlines, while Love is home for Southwest. The hotel offers complimentary area shuttle service within a three mile radius.

Reservations may be made now by using the form that appears within this news story – or by calling the hotel direct at 972/386-6000 or 800/386-1592; the cut off date for special Congress rates is June 6 (for example, it will be noted that single and double rooms are priced at a modest \$89 per night, plus 13% tax).

Hotel amenities range from an outdoor pool, sauna and whirlpool to an on-site fitness center. Guests have a choice of over



This huge air-conditioned arena in Mesquite will be the locale for the Friday evening Championship Rodeo. Attendance will be optional.

500 rooms and 31 suites. Also featured are restaurants and a cocktail lounge. Personal services include ATM/cash machines, beauty salon, concierge, gift shop and the availability of secretarial assistance.

Mixture of Business and Pleasure

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A "must" place to shop is the noted Galleria Dallas modeled after Milan's gorgeous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. Visitors there may peruse such labels as Versace, Gucci and Louis Vuitton; gaze at Tiffany & Co.'s selection of diamonds; or play with the latest electronics at Sony Style. There is also an assortment of fine restaurants. Complimentary transportation will be provided by the hotel to the Galleria.

programs that will appeal to Compatriots and their guests:

- Friday evening, July 7 – Attendance at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo, which boasts high flying broncho riders, brawny steer wrestlers, cowgirl barrel racers, daredevil clowns and mighty ornery bulls. The oldest-running rodeo in the Lone Star State, it is regularly held in a fully air-

conditioned arena in Mesquite – not far from Dallas. The show runs from 8 pm through 10 pm. Bus transportation will be provided between the hotel and Mesquite.

- Saturday from 9 am through 4 pm – Bus tour of Dallas, with a no-host luncheon in the historic West End, the seed from which today's city grew.

- Saturday evening – Host Society Reception, a Western-style barbeque, held at Storybook Ranch, a historic reconstructed town using architecture from the late 1800s. Original in size to real

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 116TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

The Dallas Chapters and the Texas Society are all geared up as the hosts for the 116th Annual Congress set for the InterContinental Hotel Dallas July 8 through July 13, 2006. Please make your advanced registrations now for \$270.00 each for Compatriots, wives, and their guests by filling in the form shown below and mailing it to NSSAR, 1000 S Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

It should be noted that registrations received after June 1 will be increased to \$300. Act now and save! It is important that reservations are received for the optional tours as soon as possible in order to plan for bus transportation and meal reservations.

The registration fee encompasses entry to a variety of events: (1) Saturday Evening Reception; (2) Monday Youth Recognition Luncheon; (3) Tuesday Banquet; (4) Wednesday Banquet, and (5) Sunday Memorial Service.

Note that the optional events include the following:

(6) Fri., July 7 - 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. Genealogy Seminar
The Genealogy Seminar is a very special event for this Congress. The speakers and topics are described elsewhere, and you will have to pick which topics to attend. Fees are \$25.00 for Members and \$30.00 for SAR-Spouses and non-members and are due by June 1. After June 1, fees for all registrants will increase to \$40.00.

(7) Fri., July 7 - 6 p.m. Mesquite Rodeo

Here is your chance to attend a genuine Texas Rodeo at the Resistol Arena in Mesquite, TX. Enjoy a great evening of exciting entertainment. You may eat early or wait until you get there for a genuine BBQ Buffet (\$10.95) which is not included in the tour price.

(8) Sat., July 8 - 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Dallas City Tour

See the sights of Dallas on a day long tour including the infamous School Book Depository.

Various Breakfasts and Luncheons

You are welcome to attend the various hosted breakfasts. Ladies are welcome at any of them. New color guard members are encouraged to attend on Sunday morning. The Council of State President's Breakfast is primarily for current, incoming, and past State Presidents. The VPG Luncheon is primarily for current, past, and incoming VPGs. The NSSAR 1000 Breakfast is for current and new contributors of \$1000 or more to the George Washington Fund or the CAAH Fund.

(13) Tues., July 11 - 10 to 2:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon

Visit the fabulous Gaylord Texan Hotel for lunch and to honor our First Lady Norma Downing.

(16) Wed., July 12 - 11 to 4:30 p.m. Fort Worth City Tour

Spend the afternoon seeing the sights of Fort Worth with Box Lunch included.

To: National Society SAR, 1000 South 4th St, Louisville KY 40203

Enclosed is my Check for \$ _____ payable to NSSAR for these events:

My Registration for \$270 _____ Spouse / Guest Registration(s) at \$270 each.

These fees apply to Registrations received on or before June 1; after this date, fees increase to \$300.

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Events You Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)

Name of Guest (Please provide this name for their nametag)

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Events Your Guest Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)

Name of 2nd Guest (Please provide this name for their nametag)

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Events Your Guest Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)

During the Congress, I / we plan to stay at: _____

Special Diet _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Congress Events Included in Registration Fees

- (1) Saturday Reception
- (2) Monday Youth Luncheon
- (3) Tuesday Banquet
- (4) Wednesday Banquet
- (5) Sunday Memorial Service

Optional Congress Events

- (6) Genealogy Seminar
Fri. Jul. 7, 8:30 - 4 pm
See description above for pricing
- (7) Mesquite Rodeo
Fri. Jul. 7, 6 pm \$ 22.00
- (8) Dallas City Tour
Sat. Jul. 8, 9 - 4 pm \$ 48.00
- (9) Color Guard Breakfast
Sun. Jul. 9, 8 - 9:30 am \$ 23.00
- (10) Council of State Pres. Breakfast
Mon. Jul. 10, 7 - 8:45 am \$ 23.00
- (11) Atlantic Middle States Breakfast
Tue. Jul. 11, 7 - 8:45 am \$ 23.00
- (12) Southern District Breakfast
Tue. Jul. 11, 7 - 8:45 am \$ 23.00
- (13) Ladies Luncheon
Tue. Jul. 11, 10:00 am \$ 35.00
- (14) Vice-Presidents General Luncheon
Tue. Jul. 11, 12 - 1:30 pm \$ 26.00
- (15) NSSAR 1000 Breakfast
Wed. Jul. 12, 7 am \$ 23.00
- (16) Fort Worth City Tour
Wed. Jul. 12, 11 - 4:30 pm \$ 45.00

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SARF Board of Directors (2003 -present)
PG's ExCom NSSAR, 4 terms (2002 - 2005)
National & Alternate National Trustee (Rep. DCSSAR), 4 terms (2001 - 2004)
8 National Congresses (1998 - 2005)
13 National Trustees Meetings (1998 - 2005)
Co-founder Naval Academy History Award
GWEF Board of Directors (2001 - 2002)
Committees: Congressional & Government Relations; V-Chair (2000 - 2006); Patriotic Education, V-Chair (2001 - 2006); Medals & Awards (2001- 2004); Partners in Patriotism (2003); Independent Audit (2005); Finance (2003) & Strategic Planning (2004 - 2005)
National Meritorious Service Medal for SARF; CAAH, Fundraiser & Diamond level donor; George Washington Fellow, Friend of SAR Library

District of Columbia, SAR Service

President (2 terms); Trustee Benjamin Franklin Fund; Chairman, Nom. Committee Medals: State (DC) Distinguished Service; DCSSAR George Washington Distinguished Service; Patriot; Meritorious Service; Silver & Bronze Good Citizenship

Other Activities

AFCEA Chairman, Fin. & Audit Committee
All Saints Church, Foundation Board
Order of St. John, The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John in Jerusalem;
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem; 32° Scottish Rite & K.C.C.H.
BSA National Capitol Area Council, Board of Directors

Military

Captain, USNR, Naval Aviator,
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Systems Command, Engineering Unit (466)
Navy League, Naval Order of the USA
AUSA, American Legion, VFW, MOWW

Education

U.S. Naval Academy (1959), B.S.
U.S. Naval Post Grad. School (1967), M.S.
George Washington University (1971), Ph.D.

Professional

President, CEO (since 1984) & Chairman of the Board (since 1990) CACI International Inc., Est. 1962 (NYSE: CAI)

Personal

Son Phillip (SAR), Daughter Laura, 3 grandchildren, Brother & 1 nephew (SAR)

Letters of endorsement may be sent to:
PG Hank McCarl
28 Old Nugent Farm Road
Gloucester, MA 01930-3167

western towns and nestled among old-growth trees, this facility is comprised of these turn-of-the-century structures: old-fashioned saloon, old western inn, general store, apothecary, chapel, bank, opry house, blacksmith, livery stable, jail and undertaker's parlor. Bus transportation provided.

• Tuesday - Luncheon for the ladies at the fabulous Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center on Lake Grapevine. This Congress event will be in a replica of San Antonio's Riverwalk located at the Center's high atrium. Honored will be NSSAR First Lady Norma Downing.

• Wednesday afternoon - Tour of Fort Worth, with a box lunch included.

Sign Up Now!

The Spring Issue of the magazine will contain a detailed run-down of Congress activities by date and time. In the meantime, be sure to submit your Congress



The fabulous Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center (left) will be the setting for the optional Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday. Service will actually be provided along a replica of the famous Riverwalk in San Antonio (right).



On their own, Congress attendees may want to visit the unique Cavanaugh Flight Museum located at the Addison Airport a few minutes from the hotel. Over 30 planes fill 30,00 square feet of enclosed facilities.

Registrations and Hotel Reservations! Note that the optional programs are shown on the Registration Form, too.

You are also invited to visit the Congress website for current details: <http://2006sarcongress.com>.



New SAR Prayer Book Available

In 1997 under the leadership of President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr., the Chaplains Committee chaired by then Chaplain General the Rev. George A. Burns compiled the *SAR Prayer Book*. Prayers were adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal), the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ, Forward Movement Publications and from prayers submitted by members of the Chaplains Committee. The book contains the following sections: Invocations, Grace Before Meals, Benedictions, For the Armed Forces, For the Departed, Dedications, For the President and Congress, National Observances.

The *SAR Prayer Book* was revised in 2004-2005 under President General Henry N. McCarl. The Chaplains Committee undertook this revision guided by then Chaplain General the Rev. Dr. Leroy Stewart and its Chairman, the Rev. D. Gene Patterson. The prayer book of 2004-2005 retains all the prayers of the 1997 edition. In

addition it includes a section of hymns at its beginning and at its end a Funeral Ritual, a Memorial Service and a Grave Marking. A compact disc is available with the revised 2004-2005 edition.

The prayers included in the *SAR Prayer Book* are not intended to be exhaustive. Chaplains and Compatriots are encouraged to offer timely, original, heart-felt prayers appropriate to the occasion. The prayer book is intended as an aid and resource for public prayers at SAR events, especially more formal events such as funerals, memorial services and grave markings. The prayer book may also prove to be a valuable resource for those Compatriots less experienced at forming their own prayers.

The SAR Prayer Book with Helps (2004-2005) is available through the Merchandising Department at National Headquarters.

The Rev. David Hockensmith
Chaplain General, NSSAR

Enjoy the Excitement and Hospitality of Texas

And discover the elegance of the *Dallas InterContinental Hotel* which is pleased to host the 116th Annual Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. We look forward to serving you from July 5 - July 13, 2006. We offer 300 complimentary outdoor parking spaces and 535 covered spaces for a small fee, complimentary shuttle service to Addison area restaurants and the Galleria Mall, outdoor swimming pool, business and fitness centers, spa, beauty salon, barber, gift shop and boutique. We are located north of I-635 on the North Dallas Tollway just 16 miles from DFW International Airport and only 15 minutes from Love Field. Breakfast and dining available in the Monte Carlo Restaurant located off the main hotel lobby. You may register online using this complete web address.



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Reservations must be guaranteed by the first night's deposit or Credit Card. Deposit is not refundable unless cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival. Please be sure your reservation reaches the hotel by the cut-off date of June 6, 2006 to insure your accommodation. Otherwise rooms will be provided on a space and rate availability. Check out time is 12 noon. Rooms may not be available for check-in until after 3:00 pm.

InterContinental Dallas

15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001

To make reservations please call direct 972/ 386-6000 or 800/ 386-1592 or mail in this form.

Please reserve _____ room(s) for _____ persons

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Please Circle Preferred Room Type

Arrival _____ (Day-date) Departure _____ (Day-date)

Names of persons sharing accommodations

GROUP AND DATES

Annual Congress - Sons of the American Revolution
Wed. 5 July 2006 - Thurs. 13 July 2006
RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE: 6 June 2006

ROOM RATES

Single - 1 person	\$ 89.00 + 13.00% tax
Double - 2 persons	\$ 89.00 + 13.00% tax
Club Floor Single	\$ 115.00 + 13.00% tax
Club Floor Double	\$ 125.00 + 13.00% tax
Executive Suites	\$ 225.00 + 13.00% tax

First night's deposit enclosed

Credit Card: Amer. Ex VISA MC Diners

I understand that I am liable for one night's room and tax which will be deducted from my deposit or billed through my credit card in the event that I do not cancel within 72 hours of the arrival date.
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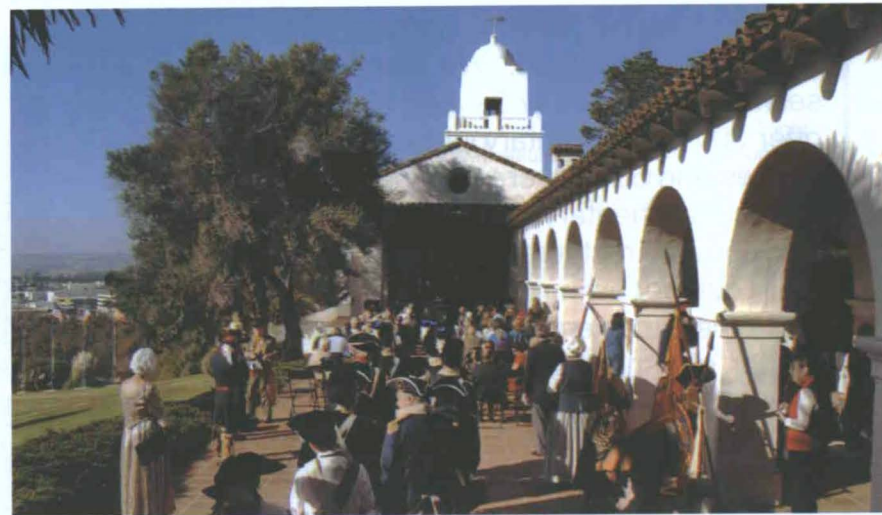
SAR Dedicates Plaque At San Diego Presidio Saluting Spanish Role In The Revolution

By William E. Tisch, San Diego Chapter President
Phillip L. Hinshaw, Past San Diego Chapter President

On November 4th of 2005, Compatriots of the California Society joined with SARs from about the country and representatives of other organizations to dedicate a plaque at the San Diego Presidio memorializing the Spanish soldiers and Native Americans who were stationed there at the time of the Revolutionary War.

The program opened with patriotic music rendered by the Mountain Fife and Drum Corps, followed by presentation of the Colors and the firing of a musket salute by members of the California Society Color Guard. President General Roland G. Downing dedicated a wreath to the memory of those men who were there during the Revolution. Other national officers in attendance were Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox, Historian General James D. Sympton, Librarian General J. Michael Jones and Rev. Dr. Stanley W. Delong, Vice-President General for the Western District. Serving as the Master of Ceremonies was California Society Chaplain Louis Carlson, while Society President Larry J. Magerkurth officiated at the unveiling of the plaque.

The ceremony was organized by the San Diego Chapter under the leadership of President William E. Tisch. Gaining approval from the City of San Diego to place the plaque in Presidio Park, and the exact wording for it, involved numerous meetings with staff and the Presidio Park Citizen Advisory Council. Compatriot Philip L. Hinshaw played an important role in obtaining approval for installation of the unique commemorative plaque.



A large number of people were on hand for the November dedication of the plaque at the Presidio in San Diego that housed Spanish soldiers and Native Americans who were serving the cause of American Independence.

Historical Background

In 1779 the Spanish monarch, King Carlos III, declared war on England, following the lead of France and Holland, and ordered his army stationed along the California coastline to fire upon any English ship or to attack any English raiding party that might try to gather supplies there. The following year the king issued a Royal Order which said, "Being that the Americans are the principal object of my concerns, and the

greed of my enemies, and being able to depend upon the voluntary help that I have always been blessed with and the loyalty of all the people of this vast and rich domain, I have decided at the present time on an easy, almost unnoticed, way to have a one-time donation, a contribution of one peso from all the free men as well as Indians and other casts that are part of the people, and two pesos from the Spanish and nobles and all individuals' servants and maids, deducting this from their salaries."

At the time, the San Diego Presidio garrison had fifty-four Spanish soldiers, commanded by Lieutenant Jose Francisco Ortega. He was ordered by Commandante General Teodoro de Croix of the Provinces of Northeast New Spain, which included Alta California, to make war with the English, to secure the safety of their horses and to collect the one-time donation on behalf of King Carlos III. The Alta California Missions and Presidios raised a total of 2,683 Spanish silver dollars for the American Revolution. It is not clear how this money was transmitted to the Americans; however, it is known that Spain provided substantial financial support of the Americans during the period of the American Revolution. During the dedication ceremony the *Saldados of the Garrison of the Royal Presidio of San Diego* and Father Junipero Serra (portrayed by Bruce Buonauro) reenacted the donativo and presented collected Spanish coins to the Honorary Consul of Spain in San Diego.

Spain continued its support for the United States to the end of the War of

Independence. Elsewhere, Spain often attacked English shipping in the West Indies. This action helped free the French fleet that helped secure the victory of the last great battle of the war, in Yorktown, October, 1781. Spanish participation against England, in the Gulf of Mexico and the Louisiana Territory also proved to be quite beneficial to the United States during the Revolutionary War. This action tied up many valuable British ships, supplies and men.

Compatriot Makes Gift

On July 16, 1929, the 160th anniversary of the founding of the San Diego Presidio, philanthropist and patriot George White Marston presented the Junipero Serra



The Ceremony that saw unveiling of the plaque was conducted by these Compatriots (from left): William T. Tisch, San Diego Chapter President; Larry J. Magerkurth, California Society President; Philip L. Hinshaw, Past Chapter President; and Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Society Chaplain who served as Master of Ceremonies.

Museum and the Presidio Park to the people of San Diego. Marston, a former President of the San Diego Chapter (1914-15), had been buying and preserving the land around the "old" Presidio for over two decades! George Marston understood the historical value and contribution that Spain made to the United States during the American Revolutionary War. He presided over a day-long dedication at the Presidio that culminated his hard work and dedication to preserving the site of the first Spanish settlement in Alta California.

Other Varied Attendees

The Spanish Crown was represented by Her Excellency Maria Angeles Olson, Honorary Consul of Spain in San Diego. Mrs. Georgia Callian, President of the San Diego Descendentes, represented the Presidio descendants now living in San Diego. Abel Silvas, a Native American /Californio, whose ancestry comes from the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians of the Acjachemen Nation – and a direct descendant of the Silvas Family, one of the first European families to settle in Southern California – represented the Native Americans that lived in the Presidio in the 1780s. Also among attendees were members of the DAR and C.A.R..



Participating in the plaque dedication ceremony were (from left): Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox, President General Roland G. Downing and California Society President Larry J. Magerkurth.

SAR OUTREACH: HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This listing is compiled for every issue of the magazine by John H. Sauer, a member of the West Virginia Society. It is continually updated, largely through information submitted by State Societies and Chapters. Please send such data to him at 2110 Mason Blvd., Point Pleasant, WV 25550 or directly by e-mail to SweetSauer@Charter.net. The deadline for the Spring 2006 issue, which will be published in May, is March 15.

March 11 - Montpelier, VA:

Madison's Birthday Celebration
11:00am. National Commemorative Service. VASSAR participants.

March 18 - Guilford Courthouse National Battlefield (near Greensboro, NC):

11:00am. Annual Memorial service. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Nathanael Greene Chapter, NCSSAR.

April 8 - Bedford, Concord, Lincoln, MA:

Parades & ceremonies, Liberty Pole capping, Paul Revere capture site. SAR New England Contingent participant.

April 13 - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC:

10:00am. National Commemorative Service; Wreath laying. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

April 15 - Halifax Day:

Halifax, NC celebration of "Halifax Resolves", first colony to recommend independence from England. SAR grave marking and wreath laying 2:00 pm sponsored by Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR.

April 19 - Concord, MA:

Battle of Concord; MASSAR. 8:00am. Wreath laying at Col. Buttrick's grave. 9:00am. Parade and Ceremonies at The Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard participates. 12:00 Noon. Reception, luncheon at Colonial Inn. MASSAR participants.

April 19 - Monticello, VA (near Charlottesville):

Jefferson's Birthday Celebration. 10:00am. Wreath laying; VASSAR participants.

April 19 - St. Simons Island, Georgia:

Georgia Patriots Day. Anniversary of Frederica Naval Action Ceremony. 10:00 am Fort Frederica National Monument. Sponsored by Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

April 23 - Santee National Wildlife Refuge near Summerton, SC (I-95, Exit 102):

2PM: Battle of Fort Watson 225th anniversary ceremony conducted by Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.

April 26 - Musgrove State Park, Clinton, SC:

Commemoration and wreath laying for the fallen Patriots at the Battle of Musgrove Mill. Sponsored by Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR, and Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSDAR.

April 28 - Richmond (Hollywood Cemetery) VA:

Monroe's Birthday. 11:00am. National Commemorative Service. Wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

May 13 - 14 - Martin's Station (near Middlesboro, KY at Cumberland Gap National Historic Park):

Celebration of Martin's Station Raid sponsored by the Virginia Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, VA. VASSAR participants.

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May 13 - Alamance Battleground State Park, NC (near Burlington, NC):

2:00pm. Anniversary Battle of Alamance. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR

May 21 - Allentown, PA:

10:30am. Annual Lehigh County Declaration of Independence Celebration, Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. Sponsored by Valley Forge Chapter, PASSAR.

May 26 - Philadelphia, PA:

4:00pm. Washington Square. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution. Memorial Day Commemorative Service. SAR Participants.

May 28 - Waxhaws Battlefield (9 miles east of Lancaster, SC, Rte 522):

Bufford's Massacre. Wreath laying 2-4pm on the 28th. Sponsored by SCSSAR.

May 29 - St. Louis, MO:

Battle of San Carlos Memorial Service at Old Cathedral Jefferson Expansion National Park.

May 29 - Austin, TX: Memorial Day Service

10:00am. State Cemetery. Sponsored by Patrick Henry Chapter, TXSSAR.

May 29 - Westwood, MA: Memorial Day

9:30am. Parade and wreath laying. MASSAR Color Guard participates.

June 8 - Connecticut State Capitol, Yale University, Hale Homestead, Hale Schoolhouses:

Wreath laying and musket salutes. Co-sponsored by CTSSAR.

June 11 - Ramsour's Mill (near Lincolnton), NC:

Wreath laying sponsored by Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSSAR at 2:00 pm. Color guard participation.

June 11 (Sunday) - Baltimore, MD:

9:00am. Old St. Paul's Cemetery. Commemorative service for Declaration Signer and Rev. War veterans. Color Guard, musket firing, wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

June 17 - Charlestown, MA:

Bunker Hill Day. Anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill 9:00am. Church service, parade, musket salutes, wreath laying. The New England Contingent participates.

June 18 - Lebanon, CT:

225th Anniversary Commemoration of Connecticut's "Declaration of Independence." Gov. Trumbull's War Office. Sponsored by CTSSAR.

June 25 - Charleston, SC (Carolina Day):

3:00pm. Parade and Ceremony. Commemorating Battle of Sullivan's Island (1st Battle of Charleston). Wreath laying. SCSSAR participants.

June 25-26 - Springfield, NJ:

225th anniversary of Battle of Springfield. Saturday 25th, encampment and re-enactment 3pm; Sunday 26th, encampment 10am, re-enactment 1:30pm.

State Societies In New England Mark Centennial Of Ethan Allen Monument

By Vermont Society President Charles A. Foell

1905 was the year the Vermont Society built the Ethan Allen Tower – "As a Memorial of the Services of General Ethan Allen in ...the establishment of American Independence."

A Norman style tower, it is an imposing 40-foot tall, 30-foot square monolith that sits on high ground in Burlington, Vermont. It holds a commanding 360-degree view including Lake Champlain and surrounding vistas. The ledge it sits on was a key vantage point for Native Americans and later American Revolutionaries. During WWII, trained "Spotters" held lookout on the Tower itself watching for the enemy aircraft.

Community involvement was key to creating a fitting celebration that sought to engage the entire population. The Vermont Society teamed up with the Chittenden County Historical Society and Burlington Parks & Recreation to create a daylong event on August 13, 2005. The following was our mission statement for the celebration:

"A celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Norman-style Tower in Ethan Allen Park, built by the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to honor Ethan Allen's life and deeds and as a memorial to him and his Green Mountain Boys.

This significant event will increase awareness of and pride in our community's efforts to protect and enhance our natural areas and preserve our historic heritage"



The Vermont Society's newly organized Color Guard performed for the first time ever during a parade commemorating the Tower's anniversary. Carrying the banner were Compatriots Arnold Fallon and Owen Boardman. Right behind them was Drummer Charles Foell III in bare feet! The back row starred Sergeant Mak Keyes (hidden), Charles Foell II and Geoffrey Colby. (Photo courtesy Jeff Gross.)

Parade Salutes Tower

The day began with early botanical and geological tours of Ethan Allen Park, followed by a parade Burlington's Mayor Peter Clavelle described as, "the best parade the town has ever seen." The parade was routed past the Heineberg Senior Center and had many entertaining groups including

past, present and future Green Mountain Boys (and Girls). The Vermont Society debuted its first-ever Color Guard under Commander Arnold Fallon, marching with the New England Contingent SAR to represent the original Green Mountain Boys. Maj. Gen. Martha Rainville and the Vermont National Guard Color Guard represented the present Green Mountain Boys, and the Essex Junction Junior ROTC Color Guard represented the future Green Mountain Boys.

Following the parade, former President General Henry McCarl and Vermont Society President Charles Foell presented the Bronze Certificate of Appreciation to Vermont Governor James Douglas, Mayor Peter Clavelle and Major General Martha Rainville. VTSSAR 1st VP Wayne Foell presented the awards for the Vermont Society's Poster Contest, which was initiated by Chaplain General David A. Hockensmith, had 130 entrants. The four first place winners took home awards and a



Prayers were offered at the Ethan Allen grave monument by former President General Henry N. McCarl (foreground) and Chaplain General Rev. David Hockensmith (at monument). (Photo courtesy Mary McCarl.)

cash prize for their artistic rendition of the Ethan Allen Tower.

Following the awards and brief speeches, Kevin Graffagnino, author and Director of the Vermont Historical Society, spoke on the life and deeds of Ethan Allen. This was followed by a formal rededication with ribbon cutting held at the Tower, along with a reenactment of the DAR's flag presentation to the VTSSAR from 1905. A musket salute followed at the top of the Tower by the New England Contingent, SAR.

Ceremony At Ethan Allen's Grave

One highlight of the day's festivities was a wreath laying ceremony at Ethan Allen's grave site. Two of his descendants attended: Dr. Ethan Allen Hitchcock Sims and Dr. Nathaniel Sims. Officiating was Chaplain General David A. Hockensmith (a member



The New England Contingent SAR fired a 21-musket salute during the wreath laying ceremony at the Ethan Allen grave monument, shown in the far background. (Photo courtesy Melissa Dorso.)

of the Vermont Society), while Compatriot McCarl presented the wreath. Performing a moving 21-musket salute were members of the New England Contingent under the command of Todd Gerlander.

Capping off the day was a cruise aboard the *Spirit of Ethan Allen III*. Featured was dancing to the big band music of the Green Mountain Swing Band as the sun set over the Adirondack Mountains.

Awards Presented

A variety of awards were given to those who assumed responsibilities that made the overall event a rousing success:

- Meritorious Service Medal to Charles A. Foell II, VTSSAR President and Co-Chair Ethan Allen Tower Centennial Committee; and Wayne L. Foell, VTSSAR 1st VP and Parade Marshal.

- Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to David Arms, VP Chittenden County Historical Society and Co-Chair Ethan Allen Tower Centennial Committee.

- Martha Washington Medal to Ann Arms, Chittenden County Historical Society and Secretary Ethan Allen Tower Centennial Committee.

- Distinguished Service Medal to Arnold Fallon, VTSSAR 2nd VP and Color Guard Commander for his many contributions in the event.

Among those representing State Societies in the region included: George Cronk, VPG for the New England District; John Manning, MASSAR President; Ben Hampton, NHSSAR President; Eugene Clauss, RISSAR, Past VPG for the New England District; Todd Gerlander, CTSSAR VP, Commander New England Contingent; and Ron Newton, MESSAR, Past VPG New England District.



Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Tower were (from left): Dr. Ethan Allen H. Sims, a descendant of the Patriot; Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle; David Arms, VP Chittenden County Historical Society; Charles Foell, Vermont Society President; Wayne Gross, Director Burlington Parks; and former President General Henry N. McCarl. (Photo courtesy Melissa Dorso.)



Vermont Society VP Wayne Foell is shown presenting one of four awards to a youngster who participated in a poster contest. Entrants had to render their interpretation of the Tower. (Photo courtesy Mary McCarl.)

History Of Monument Begins Back In 1903

Editor's Note: Special thanks go to Compatriot Arnie Fallon for submitting the following background information about Ethan Allen and the Tower. He serves as 2nd Vice President of the Vermont Society.

Ethan Allen was a patriot during the Revolutionary War. He and his Green Mountain Boys helped in assuring our freedom. This controversial figure in American history dwells in the collective history of our nation – a person of action and also of myth – a person also entwined in Vermont's history of focusing on the individual. Some snicker at his sweeping raucousness – others are offended by his naturalistic style, seemingly dismissive of the religious.

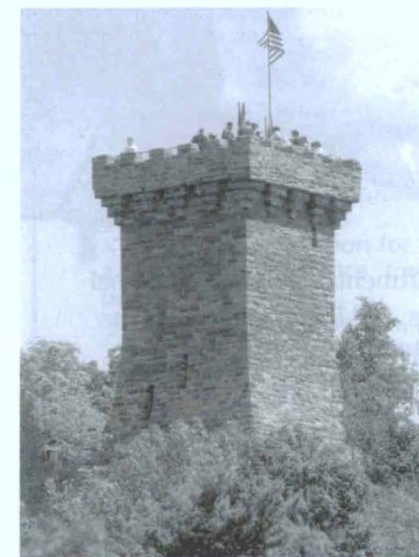
Independent of these opinions, his gargantuan contributions to the patriot cause have been worthy of substantial note and recognition.

In 1903, the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, desirous of a memorial to Ethan Allen, considered purchase of a portion of the former Ethan Allen farm at Burlington. Included in this property was a bluff overlooking Lake Champlain – a point of surveillance for Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys in gauging British movement along Lake Champlain. The land had been purchased in 1902 by then Mayor of Burlington William J. Van Patten. In 1904, in an act of civic generosity, Van Patten agreed to convey 15.171 acres to the Vermont Society with the stipulation that the Society build the Tower within one year. The Vermont Society raised the necessary funds. The Tower was dedicated on August 16th, 1905, the 128th Anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, the Tower construction having been completed just six days beforehand.

Representing the President of the United States Theodore Roosevelt at the dedication ceremonies, was Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior. Delivering the oration at

the dedication was Charles Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States. Also attending were Francis Appleton, then NSSAR President General; Governor of Vermont, Charles J. Bell; Governor of New Hampshire, John McLane; and many other dignitaries. President Roosevelt was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Tower was constructed by the Champlain Manufacturing Company of Burlington utilizing the Norman-in-Style design of architect R.C. Cottam. Built using local "redstone" quarried nearby, the edifice stands 40 feet tall.



This full view of the Tower was taken when the New England Contingent SAR and the Vermont National Guard Color Guard were atop it during the celebration. A 1905 flag was flying. (Photo courtesy Jeff Gross.)



Valley Forge Society of the Descendants

Descendants of a soldier who served in the Continental Army under the command of General George Washington at Valley Forge during the Winter encampment period of December 19, 1777 – June 19, 1778, may be eligible for membership in the Society with proven documentation.

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Participating in the ceremony that saw presentation of the Leadership Award were (from left): President General Roland G. Downing, Padres Chief Executive Officer Sandy Alderson and San Diego Chapter President Will Tisch. Also on hand but not shown in this photo was Capt. Jack Ensich, USN (Ret), Padres Director of Military Marketing.

Padres Given New Patriotic Award

The business offices of the San Diego Padres within Petco Park Baseball Stadium was the setting for the first time presentation of the newly created Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award in early November of last year. Doing the honors was President General Roland G. Downing, with Padres Chief Executive Officer Sandy Alderson accepting on behalf of the team. Also participating in the event was San Diego

Chapter President Will Tisch dressed in Revolutionary War attire.

The award was initiated for giving to an organization/company/institution that has consistently exhibited patriotic leadership in their community. The beautifully framed certificate specifically recognized the Padres for inviting the Chapter's Color Guard to perform in several pre-game ceremonies and for their promotion of



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respect for members of the United States Armed Forces.

President General Downing encourages Compatriots to identify deserving organizations for consideration and submit nominations through their Chapter and State Society. He points out that the award is given at the discretion of the President General. Its purpose is to promote patriotism and unity under one American identity. A further purpose, he emphasizes, is to develop channels of communications between the SAR and executives/owners of the recipient organizations in order to gain support for our educational outreach programs.

In news story materials submitted to the Editor of our magazine, Compatriot Tisch reported that to learn more about what the Padres do to support the military, go to their web site at www.sandiegopadres.com; in the search box type in **military**. He also reports that helpful details on contacting local professional sports organizations may be found at the San Diego Chapter web site: www.sandiegosar.info.



Members of the San Diego Chapter Color Guard (lower left) frequently perform in Padres pre-game ceremonies. Note the close-up photo projected on the big screen at the top.



While at Petco Park to salute the Padres for their patriotism, President General and Mrs. Roland G. Downing posed with San Diego Chapter President Will Tisch at the entrance.

Member Directory Planned For 2006

Working in partnership with Harris Connect, Inc., the country's leading membership directory publisher, the National Society is planning to issue the forthcoming 2006 NSSAR Membership Directory in October of this year. According to Historian General James D. Sympton, this will be the first one in five years and which was also produced by the Harris firm.

The directory will be the most complete and up-to-date reference of more than 27,500 Compatriots worldwide. In addition to listing each member's primary State Society and Chapter affiliation, the volume will feature his primary Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor name, and up to 13 Supplemental Ancestors. The directory will be sorted into three easy-to-use sections and to facilitate networking with other members, included will be residence and business information, as well as e-mail addresses. It will truly be a very worthwhile publication to own.

Recently, Harris distributed letters of inquiry, using both electronic mail and the U.S. mail. The process of information gathering will require several weeks. Once Harris receives the required data from individual members, a telephone review process will begin. It should be emphasized that all information submitted will be kept confidential. Members will be given an opportunity to purchase a copy during the phoning verification phase.

Returns To Mark Historic V-E Day



During July of last year, Texas Society Compatriot X B Cox, Jr., and his wife Melba trekked to Berkshire, England to celebrate the 60th anniversary of V-E Day – at Basildon Manor where he had lived for a year prior to D-Day. At the time he was an officer with the 81st Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. He is shown here at the manor's front entrance observing a program being presented by a re-enactment contingent. He participated in the D-Day invasion via a glider, was in the Battle of the Bulge and ended the war at Berschestgaden while a Lt. Col. He remained in the active reserves.

Applicants Sought To Fill New Post Of Education Director For The NSSAR

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolutions (NSSAR) invites nominations, resumes and written expressions of interest for the position of Education Director. The NSSAR was founded in 1889 and seeks to promote and enhance the quality understanding of the affects of the American Revolution. The incumbent, who will become the first Education Director that the NSSAR has selected, will be a talented professional who is a team player. This key professional staff member will report directly to the Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer of the NSSAR. Interested persons are encouraged to learn more of the mission and purpose of the NSSAR by visiting its website, www.sar.org.

Minimum requirements for consideration include an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university, with preparation and work in social sciences and education. A graduate degree in educational planning, history, social sciences or related fields of study is preferred. The salary for this professional position is negotiable and commensurate with experience for comparable not-for-profit member organizations.

The Education Director will, among other duties, be responsible for the development and implementation of broad based education programs to educational and other not-for-profit organizations. The qualified applicant should demonstrate successes and accomplishments in the following areas:

- Research, planning and implementing educational curriculum for k-12 social science students, with an emphasis on American History
- Planning and presenting classroom instruction and/or training events
- Ability to plan and execute educational outreach programs to multiple constituencies including students, professional educators and administrators
- Creation of materials using modern technology, including web-based systems and interactive web-site activities
- Excellent organizational abilities, with supervisory experience desirable
- Excellent oral, public speaking and written communication skills
- Ability to represent the NSSAR to broad constituencies to include NSSAR members, elected officials, professional educators and university officials
- Ability to communicate with various professional media groups and producers
- Strong appreciation for the American Revolutionary era and a personal preference toward traditional American culture, beliefs and customs
- Grant writing research, preparation and presentation
- Ability to be flexible and open to new learning environments

Expressions of interests, including resumes, cover letters, salary expectations and other supporting documents may be sent to Mr. James N. Randall, Executive Director, NSSAR, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Electronic submissions should be sent to edsearch@sar.org.

All materials are due to the National Offices by 5:00 PM, 21 March 2006.

Greene's Crossing Of The Dan River In 1781 Being Commemorated This Year

By Compatriot Larry G. Aaron, Dan River Chapter Past President, VASSAR

The echo of Compatriot Douglas Powell's footsteps permeated the silence of the stairwell in The Prizery – a century old abandoned tobacco factory in south Boston, Virginia. As he entered a vast and vacant upstairs room, he envisioned times gone by when tobacco was king and the leaves were "prized" or pressed layer by layer in hogshead barrels for later shipment.

The smells and sound of ongoing renovations reminded Powell that the Prizery's past was now being transformed into a community, fine arts, and welcome center, complete with the banquet hall and theater.

As Powell, a member of the Dan River Chapter of the Virginia Society, surveyed the room, he turned and noticed a window behind him. The parking lot below was not what suddenly captured his attention. It was the perfect view of Boyd's Ferry site.

The ferry site, along with Irwin's Ferry four miles upstream, was used by Nathanael Greene's army as his men escaped the clutches of Cornwallis's veteran British troops in the Race to the Dan during the winter of 1781. Like the evacuation of Dunkirk in World War II, boats of every conceivable kind were gathered together to transport Greene's army across the river on February 14. When Cornwallis arrived, Nathanael Greene's troops were safe on the other side of the river with all the boats. All Cornwallis could do was watch the celebration.

Greene's crossing of the Dan River was not just another retreat in the face of superior enemy. It rescued the American Revolution from certain disaster, and also set the stage for the Battle of Guilford Courthouse followed by the surrender at Yorktown.

It was this crossing of the river that Compatriot Powell thought of when he gazed out the window. He envisioned an exhibit that would tell General Greene's story and what happened beyond the tree line on the banks of the Dan River over 200 years ago.

Powell, also a board member of the Halifax County Historical Society, one of the user groups at The Prizery, began promoting his idea. Through the leadership of President Barbara Bass, the Society made floor space available for the exhibit and appointed Compatriot Powell to chair a committee to make it happen. Important community leaders, such as South Boston's Town Manager, Colonel Ted Daniel, as well as retired judge and former Virginia House of Delegates member Frank Slayton have joined the effort.



The Prizery at South Boston, Virginia is a former tobacco factory that is being converted to a community arts and welcome center. The Boyd's Ferry window is directly above the entrance at the bottom left. (Photo courtesy Dan Shaw.)



The author of the accompanying news story, Compatriot Larry G. Aaron, prepared a major feature article for the Fall 1995 issue of our magazine titled "The Race to the Dan". The initial page of the six-page manuscript is shown here. The entire article has been posted on the magazine link within the National Society web site; it will appear there for several months.

Work on the exhibit began in 2004, with volunteers conducting research and Dr. Ralph Wileman, University of North Carolina Professor Emeritus, developing a design. Virginia's 5th District Congressman Virgil Goode assisted the group in securing an initial \$20,000 planning grant. Further funding will be needed to complete the project in time for America's 400th Anniversary at Jamestown in 2007.

When completed, the exhibit will highlight the major military leaders and battles in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution, especially the events involved in Greene's retreat across the Carolinas and his crossing of the Dan River.

A timeline of the retreat and a wall mural of the Crossing will also greet visitors. A large interactive wall map will offer audio descriptions of selected events as re-enactors portray the voices of Cornwallis, Nathanael Greene and others.

At the end of the exhibit tour, visitors will stand where Douglas Powell stood alone that day at the top of the stairs and saw the ferry site. Because of private



This photo of Boyd's Ferry Site at South Boston, Virginia was taken on a cold, rainy and snowy day in Winter 2005. The weather must have been similar to the day Nathanael Greene's troops crossed the Dan River.

property restrictions, and lack of accessibility, the site has never been available for the general public to visit or see. Now, for the first time, the Boyd's Ferry location can be viewed from The Prizery's 3rd floor vantage point. Also, at the window a video presentation will detail the movement of men and supplies across the river.

Other Plans For The Future

According to President Barbara Bass, with the exhibits completion, the Halifax County Historical Society will host a resource room to allow guests to research local history and that related to Greene's Southern campaign. Future plans include a model of a boat used by Greene's troops as they crossed the river and an artist's rendition of Greene crossing the Dan.



Douglas Powell and Barbara Bass recently observed Boyd's Ferry site from the third floor window of The Prizery in South Boston, Virginia.

Also in the early stages of development are living history and lecture series presentations for next year's commemoration of Greene's Crossing. This effort will complement the lighting Freedom's Flame initiative, sponsored by the National Park Service, which will emphasize the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

The goal of the exhibit and these related activities is not just to teach a history lesson filled with names and dates and battle description. Visitors will gain an appreciation of Greene's magnificent maneuvers throughout the South during the war and understand the significance that the crossing of the Dan River by Greene's army had on the outcome of the American Revolution.

Although the ferry site below The Prizery doesn't tell the whole story, Historical Society President Barbara Bass says, "The window will honor the memory of local historian Carroll Headspeth, whose book *The Retreat to the Dan* was published in 1974 for the American Bicentennial.

Headspeth kept the story alive and reminded readers of its importance. He

wrote, "For it was General Nathanael Greene's successful retreat and crossing of the Dan that contributed greatly to the final victory at Yorktown."

What Visitors Will Experience

Many visitors are expected to look through that window and see for the first time the very spot where a pivotal turning point of the Revolution took place. As they gaze outwardly, toward the Dan River, visitors will hear in their minds the echo of sounds made over 200 years ago – sounds of struggling men, marching 40 miles the last 16 hours toward the Dan, half starved and miserably cold, leaving their bloody footprints on the ground. Sounds of thrashing water as horses and men hurry to cross the wide expanse of the rapidly moving and flooded Dan River.

They will imagine, too, the debilitated and exhausted men of Greene's army and hear them raising their voices in strained huzzahs as the last man crossed the river.

As their imaginations soar, visitors may also smell the gunpowder from distant volleys of musketry firing in the shadow of recoiling cannons. Ghostly images of men, known by few, may appear as breathless warriors lying on frozen fields of far away battles, their faces fixed in stony silence from having sacrificed themselves for freedom's sake.

As that happens, the Crossing of the Dan exhibit at South Boston, Virginia – with the Headspeth Window facing the river – will allow the light of liberty to brighten hearts anew.



This aerial view of South Boston, Virginia shows Boyd's Ferry located to the left of the railroad bridge slightly below the photo's center. It is on the Dan River. (Photo courtesy Dan Shaw.)

For more information about this project access <<http://www.prizery.com/Racetothedan/Exhibit.htm>>. Those wishing to contribute funds, artifacts, information from diaries, letters, pension records of participants - even boats used at the crossing - or volunteer their services to The Prizery Project may contact Douglas Powell, 1074 Lakeshore Drive, Halifax, Virginia 24558; call 434-476-2483; or email at douglas@banisterriver.com

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Why All Compatriots Should Support The Six-Million-Dollar Capital Campaign

Dear Compatriots,

Our missions are, "... to inspire ... the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers, to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution, to acquire and preserve the records..., to mark the scenes..., to celebrate the anniversaries..., to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom..." Our prophetic Compatriot founders wrote these phrases a hundred years ago. They are in our Congressional Charter and are signed by Compatriot Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. All our educational, historical and patriotic programs are based on the above charges.

Today the SAR is on the front lines of a culture war between, on one hand, patriotic citizens who believe America is a force for good in this world and who are inspired by the lessons of our founding, and on the other hand, by those who opt out of the mainstream culture, are destructively critical and attempt to soothe us with talk of "impossible dreams" such as multiculturalism and world government. These naysayers reject teaching our youth about the subjects in the above paragraph. Instead, they revise history to suit their insidious agendas, teach feelings (guilt/blame) in place of facts and burden students with doubt without offering viable alternatives. Unfortunately, they are the thought leaders for most of our country's educational systems. This is why the educational mission of the SAR and other patriotic private organizations has risen to top priority in recent years. Winning this culture war is the major justification for the Six Million Dollar Campaign.

To meet this challenge, the National Society is adding educational outreach programs using modern mass media techniques. Last year we initiated a history website designed to reach students and teachers in the community-at-large. This year we will hire an Education Director who will make the site interactive and attractive to students. This is just the beginning. When fully developed, the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (the Center or CAAH for short) will produce additional educational outreach programs. Building the new library and thereby expanding the headquarters complex is required in order to provide necessary facilities for the Center.

Other benefits to Compatriots, Chapters and the Nation are huge.

- The National Society will establish itself as a nationally known institution that provides the community-at-large with "good citizenship" education. This will help Chapters in attracting more new members. It will also increase participation by students in traditional youth programs.
- The National Society will improve its ability to support all traditional State and Chapter functions. Members will be able to point to the Center with increased pride and personally benefit from improved capabilities of the library and museum.
- The general public and students of history, political science, public history, and genealogy will have opportunities to examine significant works, collections and records pertaining to the Revolutionary War period in the expanded and improved facilities. School groups will be better served during their visits.

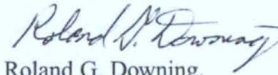
I am delighted to report that our campaign to build and endow the new library is gaining momentum. For example, well over \$600,000 was donated in 2005 compared to only \$130,000 in 2004. Today the building fund contains about \$1,500,000 or 25% of the goal of \$6,000,000. Furthermore, the property has been acquired, cleared and zoned. The architectural plans are complete. And a strategic plan that has been repeatedly examined and approved by our Committees, Trustees and Delegates at Congress is in place. We are well on our way, but we need the help of a much larger proportion of our members in order to be successful.

Less than seven hundred Compatriots are responsible for the funds donated so far. Forty have given \$10,000 or more and others lesser amounts - all the way down to less than one hundred dollars. Every gift, even a small one, is extremely important because it impresses potential funding organizations of the breadth of membership support. The SAR has over 27,000 members and, frankly, we must have the support of many more thousands of our members. This is why I am asking you to make a multi-year pledge using the form on the opposite page. Remember that money received on new pledges before March 2006 qualifies for a matching grant, so act now.

At times like this, it is helpful to think of our Patriot Ancestors who contributed so much to win American Freedom. Now it is our turn to help preserve it. Please help your fellow Compatriots build the Center by making a donation.

Make your Patriot Ancestors proud of you!

Yours in patriotic service,


Roland G. Downing,
President General



As depicted in this architect's rendering, the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage will feature a unique colonial design. Housed here will be our Society's vast Library holdings, with vacated space in our present Headquarters dedicated to sorely needed staff and Museum requirements.

Your generous gift, using the form below to indicate your intentions, will be most appreciated. Note that checks should be made payable to The SAR Foundation, which exists solely for the purpose of supporting the projects and programs of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE - CAPITAL DONATION FORM

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This handsome bust of George Washington was cast by the Gorham Company of Rhode Island in 1970. The sculptor was Arturo Bianchini. Later the piece was acquired by Compatriot Laurens Morgan Hamilton, a resident of Virginia who served as Vice-President General for the Southern District in 1960 and VPG for the Foreign District in 1962. He presented it to the National Society when our Headquarters was still in Washington, DC (prior to 1979).

GEORGE WASHINGTON: Our Greatest Patriot

Illinois Society President Kenneth W. Griswold presents an analysis of the early psychological events that successfully shaped the life of our nation's greatest Patriot.

This analysis will take a psychological approach and analyze some of the benchmarks that shaped George Washington's character, and led him to be referred to, for over 200 years, as the "father of his country," as well as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

When engaging in therapy with clients, therapists often help them to look for and to understand the "psychological anchors" that they hold onto, and which shaped their character, for good or for bad, not only during their formative years, but throughout their lives. This paper addresses the "psychological anchors" that enabled George Washington to develop outstanding leadership traits that perhaps can be best described as inspiring others to want to follow him, which they did at a very important time in history. The analysis will also in summary address Washington's global assessment of functioning, in an effort to determine if he really was as great as he is remembered as being.

The first "psychological anchor" is the physical traits that he inherited at birth. In 1732, the official calendar in Virginia at the time showed Washington's birthdate as being February 11, but the new Gregorian calendar adopted in Virginia in 1752, required a change to February 22, the now accepted birthdate. On this date, the second wife of Augustine Washington, Mary Ball Washington, the first wife being deceased, gave birth to her first child, a son whom they named George. It was recorded that the assisting midwife exclaimed "*my goodness, but he has large bones. I believe they are the largest I have ever seen in a baby at birth.*"

Throughout his life Washington grew in stature with an imposing physical appearance, much larger than most men of his day. The only recorded measurements of Washington were after his death when he was measured and weighed by Dr. Elisha Dick. Dr. Dick measured and recorded the Washington corpse as being six foot, three and three-fourths inches long, and weighing 225

The accompanying feature article was prepared by Dr. Kenneth W. Griswold (left in photo), a licensed psychologist who is serving as President of the Illinois Society. It is based on a presentation he has given titled "George Washington, 1732-1799: A Psychological Review of the Events That Shaped His Life." In this photo, he is shown at the Annual Congress held last year in Louisville where he received the Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award for his research on this particular topic; doing the honors was then President General Henry N. McCarl. At the national level of the SAR he has seen service on a variety of Committees, including History and Medical Advisory, and as a member of the Council of State Presidents. He is proud of his 45 years of experience as a teacher, college professor, consultant, and psychologist in private practice, both clinical and industrial/organizational psychology. He has authored four books.

pounds. In life he was no doubt taller and heavier, and described as being very muscular and athletic in appearance. During his lifetime it would have been foolish for anyone to physically challenge him.

George Washington always kept himself in control. No doubt George also remembered what his father, a deeply religious man, was recorded as saying on his deathbed, "*I am thankful that I never had to personally fight another man because I might have killed him.*" Augustine too had the strong physical traits that were inherited by his son George.

THE INFLUENCE OF AUGUSTINE

A strong "psychological anchor," George's father Augustine was born in 1694 and was 38 years old when George was born (1732). George's great-grandfather, John Washington, came to America by accident, serving aboard a British ship that ran aground in the Potomac River. He made the best of his circumstances, for while the ship was being repaired, he decided to marry and settle in Virginia. Within 20 years he owned over 5,000 acres, including the land that later became Mount Vernon.

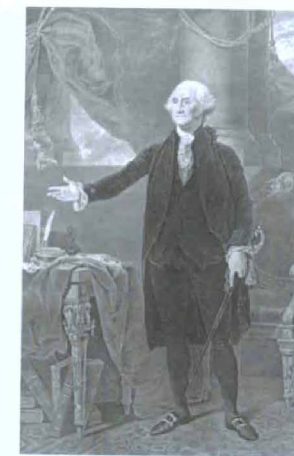
George's father was apparently almost perfect, with few if any flaws, and was a solid "psychological anchor" for George. Of large physical size and with great strength, he was well educated, could speak several languages, trusted in God, and became one of the best educated men in Virginia. He was versed in the classics. He went to England as a young man to complete his formal education, and came back "head and shoulders" above most other aristocrats. Having already inherited a great deal of land, he acquired still more, and established an iron works which soon became a center for manufacturing and building as Virginia was growing.

To illustrate the emphasis that George's father placed on education, he insisted or encouraged that his two sons by his first wife be educated in England. Those sons, Lawrence and Austin, were sent to Appleby Academy outside of London, a school with a fine reputation. It was recorded that they did very well. While son Austin stayed until 1740, son Lawrence was directed by father August, upon a visit to England in 1737, to come home in the summer of 1738 and to have experiences in managing both the families' considerable land holdings and the iron works.

THE INFLUENCE OF LAWRENCE

At this time George Washington was six years old, and about to soon come under the influence of his half-brother Lawrence, as well as the strong influence of his father, until the father's death when George was age 11. Had George's father lived until George was an adult, George would have followed the father's plan of an education in England, and then become a superior farmer, a very good citizen, and the head of a very fine family. However, he probably wouldn't have had the teenage experiences that led to George Washington's extraordinary self reliance which later served him throughout his life.

In his will George's father Augustine left George a portion of his land holdings, Ferry Farm, which he would now learn to manage with the help of his half-brother Austin, who also received a much larger group of holdings. George was to take full control of his personal inheritance at age 21.



James Heath, a London engraver, rendered this valuable work after the original painting of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart that had been ordered by the influential Senator William Bingham for giving to Lord Lansdowne of England; it is on display at our National Headquarters. The painting was purely conceptual with the exception of the head which the President sat for and which was used over and over again by Stuart for his many commissions from Washington admirers.

Augustine Washington, George's father, first married Jane Butler and had four children by her, including George's step-brothers Austin and Lawrence. She died in 1729 and in March of 1731, Augustine Washington married Mary Ball, George's mother, when she was 22 years old, an advanced age for a first time bride in 1731. Both of her parents had died before she was 13, but her family extended a large dowry to an already prosperous Augustine Washington. George was the first of their six children. Mary lived to be 80 years old and reports describe her as being always concerned about money, although she had ample financial resources at her disposal.

In later years, after George had risen to fame as "the father of our country," Mary Ball Washington lived in Fredericksburg with her second child, daughter Betty. George visited her when he could. In the same year that he became President in 1789, Mary Ball Washington passed away. She had outlived three of her six children. From a "psychological anchor" standpoint, there is little to indicate that George drew any of his strength of character from his mother, who was essentially undereducated, and with few strong traits for George to emulate. The author's assessment is perhaps unfair to her, because George's other "psychological anchors" were extremely strong, and thus very influential.

George's half-brother Lawrence was a strong "psychological anchor" in George Washington's life because he was there when George grew into a man, and perhaps more significant, he had important contacts that he could pass along to George. Even though Lawrence died at an early age, his lasting influence helped George gain appointments from powerful people.

LAWRENCE MARRIES NANCY FAIRFAX

A year before Augustine's death, he willed Lawrence, his then oldest son, a considerable piece of land called Little Hunting Creek Farm. A consideration for this early transfer of land was to make Lawrence a man of substance when seeking a bride. Lawrence soon came to know his neighbor, Colonel William Fairfax, the cousin of Lord Fairfax who was the largest landowner and most influential gentleman in Virginia. Colonel Fairfax was the manager of Lord Fairfax's holdings of over 5 million acres. Colonel Fairfax also had a beautiful daughter named Nancy, whom Lawrence married shortly after his father's death. Lawrence and Nancy had only one child, a daughter, and soon





This 1941 drawing by Paul Hawthorne, entitled "Washington Taking Command of the Troops at Cambridge, July 3, 1776", was published by the First National Bank of Boston. A popular story that this event occurred under an elm tree is probably a myth. (Courtesy Cambridge Historical Commission.)

Lawrence, recognizing his responsibility, became a surrogate father to George.

George's father, in addition to holding considerable acres and farms, and running a very profitable ironworks, had in times of need been a commander of the Virginia Militia, and a justice of the peace. He had a great deal of influence, and passed those traits and that influence to sons Austin and Lawrence, who then passed them along to George. When George was 15, four years after his father's death, he found a set of surveying instruments that had belonged to his father. Drawing upon his apparent strong aptitude for mathematics, George quickly learned how to use them.

GEORGE TAKES UP SURVEYING

At age 16 George joined a party of surveyors who were hired to venture into the Virginia wilderness to survey a portion of Lord Fairfax's five million acres. During this period of time George sometimes worked with other surveyors, and at other times worked on his own. In his surveying work George had to learn to survive in the wilderness, and face hostile Indians and wild animals. Upon his return from this expedition, George established his own surveying business and made a fine living, especially because surveyors could and did demand being paid in cash, as opposed to farm products. During this time George personally purchased 1,500 acres of what he saw as prime Virginia land, thus adding to the considerable inheritance that would come into his possession at age 21.

In 1751 George made his only ocean trip. Brother Lawrence had become seriously ill and requested that George accompany him to the Island of Barbados in the British West Indies for treatment. Within two weeks of their arrival George became ill with small pox. He recovered, but was scarred for life. Upon recovery he returned home, but Lawrence stayed in Barbados until June of 1752. Lawrence then died of tuberculous six weeks after returning. His extensive land holdings were divided among his three brothers, with George receiving that land known as Mount Vernon. Even in death Lawrence's influence enabled George to become an officer in the Virginia Militia, with the rank of Major, and with the responsibility for training militia in Southern

Virginia. Both Lawrence and Austin were role model "anchors" for George.

In October of 1753, George was given the responsibility of taking men into the wilderness toward the Ohio River Valley and to challenge the French who controlled that region. That is a lengthy story in itself, as is his 1754 military adventure where now, as a twenty-two year old Lt. Colonel, George commanded several hundred men, again toward the Ohio River Valley. At Fort Necessity, which he and his men built, and soon after surrendered, Washington learned the fine art of soldiering. From here his destiny would take him on a military path. All of these life experiences provided George Washington with "psychological anchors" that would sustain him throughout his life.

MARTHA IMPORTANT "ANCHOR"

Another strong "psychological anchor" in George Washington's life was Martha Dandridge Custis Washington, whom George called Patsy. She was a pillar of domestic strength and a "psychological anchor" for George. Throughout their 40 years of marriage she "stood by her man" and bravely followed him when at all possible, and under difficult circumstances, for a lady who was accustomed to the fine life of Virginia Tidewater Society. Martha was born on June 2, 1731, on a prosperous plantation near Williamsburg, and was educated in domestic arts, social skills, the running of a well ordered household, and raising a family.

At age 18 she married Daniel Parke Custis, her senior, and one of the wealthiest men in Virginia. They had been married for about eight years when he passed away in 1757, leaving her with two children, Patsy, who later died at age 17, and Jack who later died at age 26. Two other Custis children died in infancy. Martha, a widow for two years, was one of the wealthiest women in Virginia when she married George in 1759. He was one year her junior.

The children that appear in Washington family paintings were those of Martha's son Jack Custis. They are Martha's grandchildren. The boy, George Washington Parke Custis, was born in 1781 and was



On November 25, 1783 George Washington entered New York City shortly after the British left earlier in the day. A militia unit of Westchester Light Dragoons served as military escort for him, Governor Clinton and their mounted staffs. (Courtesy The Collections of the Library of Congress.)

legally adopted by George Washington. He became a well known playright and lived until 1857. He is perhaps best known as General Robert E. Lee's father-in-law. George Washington Parke Custis' daughter, Mary Ann Randolph Custis, the Washington's great-granddaughter, married Robert E. Lee in 1831. She later inherited the home that became known as the Custis-Lee Mansion, in Arlington, Virginia.

George Washington in his bachelorhood had been very popular with the ladies. He was quite wealthy, held extensive property of his own, including Mount Vernon, was well versed in social skills, and was remembered as being an accomplished dancer. He always displayed good etiquette, but he was essentially a "man's man," and was most comfortable among men and doing men's things. He may have been self-conscious about the marks that covered his face, marks left by the small pox that he contacted while accompanying his brother Lawrence to Barbados. George Washington used considerable powder or "pancake" make-up.



Depicted is George Washington in prayer during the encampment at Valley Forge – reflecting his deep religious convictions. There are a number of accounts of people accidentally discovering him at prayer, with the person behind him here presumably being Isaac Potts. (Courtesy National Archives.)

In regard to being a "psychological anchor" for George, Martha Custis Washington was a perfect wife. Although a woman who preferred privacy for both her and her family, she nevertheless adapted as a hostess, and wife for George, willing to do whatever was needed. Martha was said to have the skill of always making guests feel comfortable and putting strangers at ease. Throughout their marriage, and the hardships for people of their social class to live the public life that was forced upon them.

Upon George's death Martha reportedly burned the hundreds of romantic letters that George had written to her during their courtship and marriage. She died three years after George, May 22, 1802, just 10 days before her 71st birthday, and was buried alongside George at Mount Vernon.

THE ROLE OF GOD

The role of God in George Washington's life also provided him with a strong "psychological anchor," as strong as any of the other anchors, and probably the strongest. It is understood by all that have studied his life and actions that George Washington was a very devout and religious man. He was brought up in the Church of England, the Anglican Episcopal Church,

which was first established in the Virginia Colony in 1607.

Since his father went to England for his formal education, as did his two influential step-brothers, we can assume that George had in his possession a King James Version of the Bible, first printed in 1611, and an early version of the Book of Common Prayer, since the revision did not appear until 1789.

It is commonly known that George Washington believed in God and formal religion, and sought a relationship with God through almost daily prayers that were unselfish. His prayers were seeking wisdom and understanding, rather than personal gain. He was apparently in good favor with God, and a chosen figure in God's master plan, for his prayers were favorably answered, even in the roughest of times, and he was guided in proper directions as he apparently carried out the will of God.

George drew strength and leadership throughout his early experiences as a youth who was learning and building character. As a young adult he was thrust into life-threatening experiences and grew from those experiences. As an adult he led himself and parties of others successfully in significant historical events. Next, he was the leader of other idealists who sacrificed their lives and fortunes to overthrow what they considered to be a tyrannical government that they believed had enslaved them.

George Washington was able to influence by example the other great statesmen who came together. From this collection of gentlemen, who held both wisdom, insight, and leadership skills, documents were written and accepted that gave birth to a new concept of government, a concept of government which had never before been attempted. These documents resulted in the formation of the greatest nation in the world, The United States of America.

WAS WASHINGTON PERFECT?

Was George Washington as good as he has been described? For over 200 years scholars have witten about George Washington and almost all saw him in an objective manner. No major flaws in his character have been brought forward. He appears to be revered by all that have looked at him objectively. Other great men in our history, especially those who played the major roles in founding our nation, have been examined in an objective manner, and although their luster has largely remained intact, each has been attributed to have had some tarnished aspects during some stages of their lives. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison, John Hancock, Alexander Hamilton, Ben Franklin, and many other great men were by no means perfect. However, George Washington may have been perfect, or almost perfect considering the circumstances that he operated under at given periods of time.

In order for psychiatrists and psychologists, as well as other mental health professionals to have complete acceptance of the terminology and classification in describing behavior and mental health, they refer to a 900-plus-page publication of the American Psychiatric Association that is titled the *Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder*, generally referred to as the *DSM IV*.

Psychological behavior is examined by addressing four multiaxial classifications, and is summarized by a

fifth axis, "Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)." A psychologist or psychiatrist, addressing the other four axes, considers observed, or reported data in terms of psychological, social, and occupational functioning. He or she does not consider functioning due to physical or environmental limitations. At the very highest level of functioning a GAF score of 91-100 is awarded. The author of this article, presenting his professional clinical opinion as a licensed psychologist, awards George Washington a score of almost 100 in regard to his "Global Assessment of Functioning." A score above 90 denotes "Superior functioning in a wide range of activities, life problems never seem to get out of hand, is sought out by others because of his or her many positive qualities."

More than 200 years after his death, George Washington is still accepted by almost everyone as being "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Yes, George Washington was "the father of our country," and history remembers him as being a very good "father."

George Washington Endowment Fund Supports Varied Outreach Programs

By John R. Wallace, Chairman, GWEF Distribution Committee

When the George Washington Endowment Fund was created in the 1980s, few ever envisioned the positive impact that the concept of a fund whose earnings were dedicated to supporting the non-funded and under-funded National Society Committees and projects, would have on the activities of our organization.

During 2005, in excess of \$18,000 was distributed to assist in a wide range of NSSAR Outreach activities. The costs associated with the Historic Celebrations at Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Guilford



GWEF contributions have been an important factor in the purchase and distribution of thousands of this unique CD – entitled "America's Heritage: An Adventure in Liberty" – to history and social science teachers in elementary, middle and high schools all across the nation. It is doing a dramatic job of telling America's school children of our rich heritage.

Courthouse, to name just a few, were partially underwritten by the GWEF. Our National Color Guard Committee received reimbursement for a set of new portable flagpole stands. Partial funding was provided for the Frederica Naval Action monument at St. Simon's Island, the plaque dedication at a Presidio in San Diego, California, the Buford Monument, and the procurement of a Washington – Rochambeau Trail marker in Maryland. A display of a George Washington mannequin along with a Revolutionary War soldier at the Museum of Patriotism in Atlanta is coming to fruition as a result of GWEF support.

For the past several years the Endowment Fund has helped cover costs associated with the preparation and distribution of the nationally acclaimed American Heritage CD's, which have been placed in thousands of schools. Working with the Revolutionary War Graves Committee, money has been provided to help reclaim a cemetery in Massachusetts, which is the final resting place for numerous Revolutionary War soldiers, while also providing support for marking cemeteries in Wisconsin where Patriot soldiers are buried.

At the Annual Congresses, the cost of publishing the program containing the names of recipients of Community Service and Heroism Awards is covered by the GWEF. The ROTC Committee has received repayment for the recent publication of pamphlets on the National Society's JROTC programs. Matching funds have been provided to help construct a

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For some time the Wisconsin Society has had an ongoing program in cooperation with the State of Wisconsin to install official roadside markers at cemeteries where Patriots are buried. They have been paid for through contributions from Compatriots and friends of the SAR – and a grant from the GWEF. Shown here is a dedication ceremony for one of the markers wherein Scouts participated.

monument in Savannah dedicated to Haitian soldiers who fought there in the Battle of Savannah. The current levels of activities of many of these educational outreach projects would never have been possible without the financial assistance of the George Washington Endowment Fund.

This support of the NSSAR Outreach Educational Programs and our National Committees has been made possible by 629 Compatriots and ladies, many of whom are now deceased, who stepped forward and became George Washington Fellows: a number that represents less than 3% of our current membership. A Fellow is someone who has contributed \$1,000 or more to the GWEF.

New Jersey Battle Anniversary Marked

On October 6, 1778 the Battle of Chestnut Neck – the only battle fought on Atlantic County, New Jersey soil during the Revolutionary War – was commemorated on its 227th anniversary on October 6 of last year. Despite heavy rains, members of the Col. Richard Somers Chapter, government officials, local history buffs, representatives of the DAR Gen. Lafayette Chapter and the general public gathered at the site for a fitting celebration.

The encounter saw 150 local militiamen forced to retreat in the face of superior British naval forces, which then burned the privateering village of Chestnut Neck and



During the program, Port Republic Mayor Gary Giberson (center) was awarded the Good Citizenship Medal by Col. Richard Somers Chapter President Rev. Norman H. Thomas (left) and William Schmitz, Awards Chairman. The Mayor remarked that he accepted the medal not only for himself, but also for all the people of Port Republic and the volunteers who shed their blood for the War of Independence.

its port. Of special interest is that Franklin Kemp's definitive account of the battle in his book, "A Nest of Rebel Pirates," reveals that one of the homes destroyed that day by the British was that of James Giberson, ancestor of Port Republic's Mayor. Mr. Giberson was presented the Good Citizenship Medal "in recognition of notable services on behalf of our American principles."

A large white tent with three decorative side walls provided indoor comfort to attendees. Its open fourth side offered a panoramic view of the SAR's Privateers Monument. Rev. Norman H. Thomas, Chapter President, welcomed those on hand, while Chaplain Marl C. Denovchik said the opening prayer.

Compatriot Thomas then introduced New Jersey State Asseymen Frank Blee and Kirk Conover. They paid homage to those who fought there and all the servivemen and women who have since fought to preserve our nation's freedoms. The principal speaker was John W. Risley, former County Freeholder-at-Large.



HONORING VETERANS – On November 7 of last year Secretary General Nathan E. White, Jr. (left), in his capacity as Collin County (Texas) Judge, ordered a pause in proceedings to salute veterans in a ceremony held in the Jury Selection Room of the Court House. He offered a short talk, while local Compatriots participated in presenting the Colors and other activities. Shown here with him were Peter Rowley (in front of White) and Richard Arnold.

Tips From The Medical Advisory Committee

After Vioxx – What To Do About Pain & Arthritis

As I write this, today's newspaper is carrying a story about a \$250 million dollar settlement against Merck relating to a death said to be caused by Vioxx. This article is based on a presentation offered at the 2005 NSSAR Annual Congress.

Vioxx (or Refecoxib) is an arthritis and/or acute pain medicine introduced by Merck in 1999. It is in the "COX-2 Inhibitor" or COX-2 Selective" group of drugs; and was introduced primarily to help folks who had stomach distress from the then existing anti-inflammatory medicines. Merck voluntarily withdrew Vioxx from the market on September 30, 2004, citing a study that showed increased incidence of "cardiovascular events".

On December 17, 2004, the FDA issued a "Public Health Advisory" on all "COX-2's" stating there was an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes with this class, especially when used in high doses for 3 months or more, and when used in high risk settings, such as immediately after heart surgery. This Advisory included Aleve (naproxen, a traditional or "Non-Selective" NSAID – Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug, like Motrin, Mobic, etc), which was prior thought to be "safe" in regard to this issue. Then on April 7, 2005, the FDA withdrew its approval of Bextra (Valdecoxib-another COX-2) and added all "Non-Selective NSAIDs" to a list that would have a "black box" warning about Heart Attacks and Strokes on all prescriptions & OTC containers of these medicines. The one exception was Aspirin.

So What To Do?

The first thing to consider is that any medicine that is effective (helps as

advertised) will have side effects. The question is: are the risks worth the benefits? There are alternatives, but all of those have side effects as well. Yesterday's paper had an article about Tylenol (Acetaminophen) being associated with high blood pressure!

While all of the mentioned drugs (except Tylenol) are known to cause stomach distress, the mechanism of the association with Heart Attack and Stroke is probably something to do with kidney function and water retention. Whatever that is, statistically it's aggravated by smoking cigarettes. Aspirin again does not have this association; and the FDA wants people who take aspirin for their heart, etc. to continue to do so.

So, you should evaluate the risks vs. the benefits. Is this medicine helping my pain and/or arthritis? Is my high blood pressure under control? Do I take water pills (diuretics)? Is ankle swelling a problem? (If yes, stop the meds and speak to your physician). Then of course, stop smoking cigarettes. Be careful not to take more than the prescribed dose (of any medication). Does a lesser dose help? Do I need to take this medicine continuously? Take all COX-2s and NSAIDs with food. If you don't eat, don't take them. If they bother your stomach, stop!

If you work through the questions above; and speak to your physician, I think you can reach a reasonable decision about these medicines in the midst of the current confusion.

(Editor's Note: This enlightening article was submitted by on behalf of the Medical Advisory Committee by Daniel H. Heller, MD, who is serving as Surgeon General.)

STATE SOCIETY & CHAPTER EVENTS

All news stories about State and Chapter events appearing here and elsewhere in the magazine are prepared from materials submitted through a variety of means, including press releases and newsletters (which should be directed to the Editor at the address shown on page 3). Please note the deadlines below.

Black-and-white, glossy photographs are preferred. However, color photos are acceptable if they are of good quality, especially in contrast. They will be returned upon request if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Individual Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical feature articles they would like to write. Each will be given careful consideration.

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

Spring (May) – March 15; Summer (August) – June 15; Fall (November) – September 15; Winter (February) – December 15

ALABAMA SOCIETY



Wiregrass Chapter Compatriots recently presented the Colors at the 100th Anniversary Banquet of the Incorporation of the City of Samson. From left: Bruce Taylor, guest speaker Col. Voss, John Kelsøe and Andy Spann. Col. Voss is an astronaut who currently works at Auburn University.



Stepping back in time... some 70 guests from the **Wiregrass Chapter** and the DAR John Coffee Chapter listened to "President Teddy Roosevelt" describe his views of government and life in The White House at a recent joint meeting. From left: **Black Warrior River Chapter** President Johnny Curry as President Roosevelt; Society President Jim Maples; and DAR Regent Jean Vaughan.

ARIZONA SOCIETY

The **Barry M. Goldwater Chapter** celebrated its Annual Saratoga Day Dinner in mid-September by presenting SAR Law Enforcement Medals to five officers with the Phoenix Police Department, Desert Horizon



Precinct. The Chapter was pleased to have Society President Warren Alter present the awards. Following the dinner, Compatriot Rob Bohannon gave a presentation on the development of the Phoenix Police Department.

Donning his Pima County Sheriff's Department hat, Society President Warren Alter shared many anecdotes drawn from his years in law enforcement, when the **Palo Verde Chapter** met for its November meeting. The Chapter hosted law enforcement officers, their families and team members at the meeting, which honored five individuals with the SAR Medal and Certificate for meritorious service in law enforcement and community affairs.

The Society hosted President General Roland G. Downing and his wife, Norma, in Tucson last October. Society Compatriots gave the couple a guided tour of the city, highlighted by visits to San Xavier Mission and the Arizona Historical Museum. A State Dinner was held at the Marriott University Park Hotel, with PG Downing as the keynote speaker. In addition to over 70 Compatriots and their wives in attendance, the event drew



During an October visit to the Society held in Tucson, PG Roland G. Downing addressed the Board of Managers at the Skyline Country Club. He and his wife took part in several activities hosted by the Society, including a State Dinner.

many dignitaries: Librarian General J. Michael Jones; Surgeon General Daniel H. Heller, M.D.; VPG Rocky Mountain District Joseph L. Thomas; Past VPG Frank O'Bannon; Society President Warren Alter; Society Vice President Richard L. Zeilman; and Society Secretary/Treasurer Robert L. McClow.

After meeting for social dinners monthly throughout the summer, the **Palo Verde Chapter** held its September Chapter meeting at the Ranch House Restaurant in Mesa, where the victims of the September 11 attacks were honored and remembered. Twenty firefighters and their families attended the dinner. Mesa Assistant Fire Chief Gil Damiani was the guest speaker; he discussed the Mesa and Phoenix area catastrophic emergency response planning and preparedness, noting that all of the local departments are reviewing emergency and evacuation plans in light of the problems arising with the response to Hurricane Katrina.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

Sons of Liberty Chapter Compatriot, the Reverend Dr. Gary Alan Dickey, Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Westlake Village, hosted a Memorial Service commemorating the 9/11 attacks, on September 11, 2005. Participating in the service were the Ventura County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, a bagpipe band, the Boy Scouts and the Chapter Commander-in-Chief Color Guard. Imam Almed Patel of the Conejo Valley Islamic Center addressed the congregation, condemning the terrorist attacks and terrorism in general in the strongest of terms. Pastor Dickey then delivered a moving sermon titled "Faith at Ground Zero".

When the **Sacramento Chapter** learned that a "Dunlap Broadside" copy of the Declaration of Independence would be on display at the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, they swung into action, coming up with several ways in



Sacramento Chapter President Jim Faulkinbury "enlisted" recruits for the Continental Army as part of an exhibit featuring one of the surviving copies of the Declaration of Independence printed on July 4, 1776. The exhibit was at the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, from July until early October.



Compatriot Church Highbaugh "swears in" new Continental Soldiers, when **Sacramento Chapter** Compatriots provided a Color Guard and Revolutionary War story-telling as part of the Declaration of Independence display. These pint-sized patriots received eight dollars (Continental money!) for their first month's service.

which they could assist the Museum in enhancing the exhibit. After all, this historic document is one of only 25 surviving from the 200 that were printed at John Dunlap's Print Shop in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. These documents were then carried by horseback and read to the people in various town squares announcing the 2nd Continental Congress' final draft of the "Declaration". It predates the signed copy of the Declaration that is displayed in the National Archives, which wasn't signed until August 2nd, 1776.

After contacting California First Lady Maria Shriver, who has a strong interest in the Museum and its display of remarkable women assembled there, the Chapter offered

COLORADO SOCIETY



Society members and their guests welcomed President General Roland G. Downing at a luncheon held at the U.S. Air Force Academy Officers Club in mid-November. The Head of the History Department, Lt. Col. Vance R. Skarsted, extended an official welcome to the PG and briefly spoke on the history of the Academy and the role that hereditary organizations play in America. From left: PG Downing; Lt. Col. Skarsted; Rocky Mountain District VPG Joseph Thomas, Colonel, USAF; and Society President Howard Weiler.

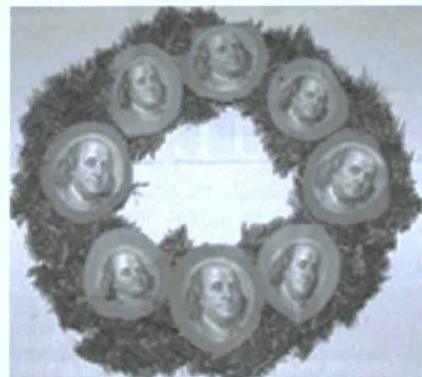


SSG Patrick Scott Guidry (center, with his wife) recently received the **Pikes Peak Chapter** Law Enforcement Commendation Award, as fellow members of the 984th Military Police Company from Ft. Carson looked on. The presentation was made during the Chapter's Bill of Rights Luncheon held in Colorado Springs. Guidry received the award for distinction and devotion in the field of Law Enforcement while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan during time of war.



Denver was the setting for a festive gathering of dignitaries celebrating the Christmas season (from left): Barry Christopher Howard, Governor, Colorado Society of Colonial Wars; Howard Kent Soper, Governor General, General Society of Colonial Wars; John Peebles; Past Governor, Colorado SCW; John Hamilton Works, Treasurer, Colorado Society, SAR; Col. Joseph L. Thomas, Vice-President General, Rocky Mountain District, SAR; and Myron C. Smith, Registrar, Colorado Society SAR.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY



When Society President Kenneth A. Buckbee recently visited meetings of the General **David Humphreys Branch** and the **Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch**, he announced that he had special treat for everyone: arrangement for "a wreath of Franklin" (Aretha Franklin) to make a special appearance. After attendees expressed doubts, he revealed this wreath accompanied by renditions of her popular song "Respect". Everyone had a good laugh! Incidentally, he made the wreath.

DELAWARE SOCIETY

The Society recently celebrated its Ratification Day's 218th Anniversary with a formal dinner in Wilmington. The Day is so designated in recognition of Delaware as the first state to ratify the nation's new Constitution on December 7, 1787. Society President Lyman R. Brenner presented a number of awards to members in recognition

of their service to the Society. The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was given to Compatriot Russell McCabe, State Archivist. Secretary General Nathan E. White, Jr., presented the keynote address and former President General Howard F. Horne, Jr., delivered brief remarks.



Secretary General Nathan E. White, Jr. (third from left) joined a group of the Society's Past Presidents at the Ratification Day's 218th Anniversary Dinner in Wilmington. From left: William H. Severns, Jr.; Charles M. Allmond, III; White; Lyman R. Brenner (incumbent); Howard F. Horne, Jr.; John C. Lewis; Stephen A. Leishman and Noel H. Kuhrt, Jr.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY



The Officers Club at Fort Lesley McNair was the site for the Society's Annual Yorktown Victory Celebration in mid-October. The French Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, was the group's special guest. He was joined by Colonel Jean Luc Friedling, Military Attache for the Embassy of France. Ambassador Levitte gave the keynote address about the French contributions to our victory at Yorktown.

FLORIDA SOCIETY



In mid-September the **Brevard, Jacksonville and Saramana Chapters** attended the "Commodore John Barry Commemoration Ceremonies" at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral. The SAR Color Guard was chosen to lead a parade of over a dozen Color Guard Units, amounting to about 100 strong. Leading the parade were, left to right: **Saramana** Compatriot Hal Miller, **Jacksonville** Compatriot Lindsey Brock, and **Brevard** Compatriots Ben DuBose, Jim Lane and Rob Ryan. In 1783 Commodore Barry was returning from Havana with the French ship "Duc de Lausun", with both ships carrying gold and silver bullion that was to be used to establish a National Bank. They were attacked by three British frigates. Barry, aboard the "Alliance" engaged the English ship "Sybil" and won the last naval battle of the Revolution.

The **Jacksonville Chapter** conducted its Third Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in mid-August. This year the ceremony was held jointly with the C.A.R. Princess Malee Society, and included announcing the name of each of the 13 original colonies as each strip was cut from one of the 55 U.S. Flags that were retired. Eighteen of the Flags had flown over the graves of veterans that served in various branches of the military.



On Patriots Day, September 11, 2005, **Withlacoochee Chapter** Compatriots and Color Guard, assisted by other area Color Guard units, dedicated a "Liberty Tree" in Veterans Memorial Park, Spring Hill. Speakers at the dedication ceremony included Florida's 5th District Congresswoman Jinny Brown-Waite and Society President Dr. Harry Hollien. The group is standing behind a Granite "Liberty Tree" Marker.

GEORGIA SOCIETY



On behalf of the Society, Chairman of the Library Committee T. Fisher Craft, Ph.D. (left), presented a \$1,200 check from the Endowment Trust Fund to Willard L. Rocker, Chief of the Genealogy Department, at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. The donation, given in mid-October, established the addition of 100 reels of microfilmed early North Carolina records to the collection of the Library's Genealogy Department. Under Rocker's direction, the resources of the library have grown to become the best genealogical search site in the southeast. Compatriot Craft noted that the expansion of the North Carolina holdings is very important as the immigration pattern was southward, and great many Georgians have connections in that area.

The **Mill Creek Chapter** sponsored a Genealogy Seminar August 17, inviting a membership "Task Force" of Society Compatriots to lead the seminar. Society Genealogist Bob Sapp narrated the well-attended conference and individual advisors and some local Mill Creek members assisted



Mill Creek Chapter President Ron McCrosky (left) is shown planning the presentation of Colors with the Society Membership Chairman Larry T. Guzy and Vice President Terry Manning when the Society teamed up with the Chapter to provide the program for the Statesboro Kiwanis Club in Mid-August.

several prospects for membership. The next day, after the Task Force took a walking tour of historic Statesboro, the group partnered with the Chapter to present a program to the Kiwanis Club. President Ron McCrosky introduced **William Few Chapter** President

Russell K. Brown, who gave a talk on the life of Archibald Bulloch, a Georgia statesman and Revolutionary War Commander. Compatriots were on hand to pass out brochures and discuss membership possibilities with interested prospects.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY



Eleven Certificates of Commendation were presented to Madison County residents in mid-November in recognition of their daily display of the American Flag. The Annual Ceremony by the **George Rogers Clark Chapter** took place at the Madison County Courthouse. Compatriot Charles R. Schweizer, founder of the **Clark Chapter** (in uniform, at right, in rear) was among the presenters.

When the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter** met for its September meeting, Dr. William C. Berger, Curator Emeritus of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, was the much anticipated speaker. The Union League Club of Chicago was the setting when Dr. Berger chose as his topic "Perfect Planet, Clever Species: How Unique Are We?" He lectured from his book, which has been described as the most balanced and

readable, non-technical overview in print of how life and intelligence developed on the earth. He noted that for many years the federal government funded the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), which was later popularized by Carl Sagan's novel *Contact* and the movie of the same name starring Jodie Foster...though in actuality SETI has never received signals from an alien civilization!

INDIANA SOCIETY



Clarence Cook Chapter and **Daniel Guthrie Chapter** Compatriots marched on a sunny day in the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade. Poised to march: Steve Oberlin, Mike Oberlin, Bob Howell, Ron Darrah, Stuart Hart, Robert Cunningham, and Ed Hitchcock. The Stars and Stripes was carried on a nine-foot pole, with the other flags on eight-foot poles.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY

The **James Early Chapter** met in late August at David's Steak House in Corbin. Dr. Jack J. Early, President, presided over the meeting and delivered an address on Major

General Nathanael Greene, Patriot and military strategist during the Revolutionary War.

LOUISIANA SOCIETY



When President General Roland G. Downing (right) made an official visit to the Society's Convention Banquet in Baton Rouge during December, he was presented a key to the city by City Councilman Darrell, Ourso, a member of the local **Gen. Philemon Thomas Chapter**. He also was given a Proclamation from the New Orleans City Council for his support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Making the presentation was New Orleans Compatriot Bill Allerton. Also receiving a copy were Executive Director James N. Randall and George Reece, Vice-President General for the Southern District.

MISSOURI SOCIETY



Compatriot Dirk Stapleton (left), **Harry S. Truman Chapter** of Independence, received a Certificate of Appreciation from Joshua Comeau, Junior Member of the Chapter as well as Vice President of the Corps of Discovery Society, C.A.R., during a recent C.A.R. meeting. Stapleton recently completed a 15-month tour in Kuwait; his daughter is a Charter Member of the Corps of Discovery Society.

MARYLAND SOCIETY



Tench Tilghman Chapter President Warren Tewes (left) is shown briefing Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff on his involvement in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. As a dentist member of a fatality management team under FEMA, he was deployed to Baton Rouge and areas in Mississippi for most of the fall and into winter, to identify fatality victims and re-associate them with their families for an appropriate funeral. He is affiliated with the University of Maryland Dental School and among a variety of tasks, serves as the Lead Forensic Dentist, OCME.



The **John Hanson Chapter** saluted the U.S. Armed Forces at a dinner meeting held in late June, which featured Fred Downs, National Director of Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service for the Veterans Administration. The Chapter, which partnered with a local VFW Post for this special meeting, were apprised of advances made in prosthetics, as well as Downs' program of visitation with amputees from Iraq and Afghanistan. Downs served in Vietnam, where he lost an arm to a "Bouncing Betty" mine. Among the attendees were, from left: James A. McCafferty, Past Society President and Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District; Fred Downs; Douglas B. Stuard, Chapter President and Society Trustee; and Compatriot Henry Hamann. Seated is Robert A. Winters, Commander of VFW Post 7459.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY

The Annual Constitution Week Luncheon was held jointly by the Society and the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution, in late September. The featured speaker was Dr. Angus MacDonald, Publisher of the *St. Croix Review*. Dr. MacDonald is an Australian native who emigrated to the United States following World War II. He chose as his topic "Hamilton and Jefferson" where he asserted that Hamilton was the greater of the two. He spoke of Hamilton's humble beginnings and how, during the Revolutionary War, he and George Washington realized that the country needed a central government, which helped shape him as a Federalist. Following the war, Hamilton established the Bank of New York in an effort to make our country from many independent states.

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY

Mississippi Compatriots were honored to participate with the DAR Nanih Waiya Chapter in a ceremony that saw marking the graves of Patriot Lt. William Tabor and his wife Susannah. Gathering for the event were a large group of descendants, SARs and DARs at the Old Tabor Cemetery near Louisville. Posting the Colors were members of the Society's Color Guard, while James Clark, Past President of the Georgia Society and a direct Tabor descendant, offered a biography of the Patriot, who fought in the Battles of Camden, Cowpens and Kings

Mountain. The program also included the unveiling of a Highway Historical Sign on the edge of the nearby highway that had



been sponsored for the DAR by various Compatriots and others.

Georgia Society Compatriot James Clark, a descendant of Patriot William Tabor, gave the address at the grave marking of Tabor and his wife Susannah, held near Louisville, Mississippi, in mid-September.



Society Color Guard members John Wright, Royce Stringer, Stewart Herron, and John Taylor (not pictured) posted the colors at the opening ceremonies honoring Lt. William Tabor and Susannah Tubb Tabor.

NEVADA SOCIETY

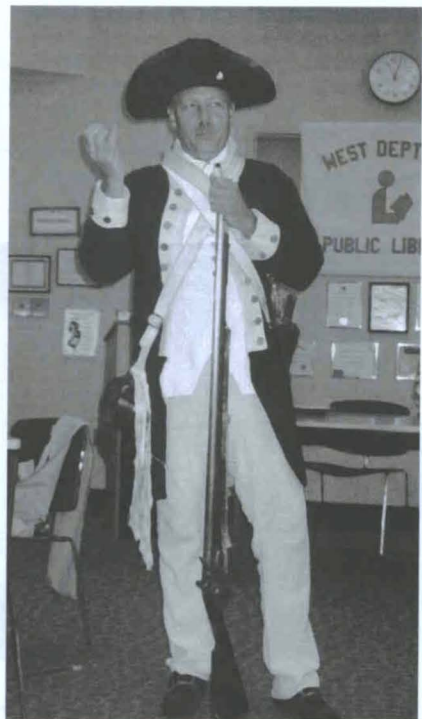


Several **Signers Chapter** Compatriots recently received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, presented by Chapter President C. Terry Robertson, for their efforts during Hurricane Katrina. From left: Compatriot Stephen G. Husson, volunteer fireman, handled emergency supplies for victims; President Robertson; Chapter Secretary Glen Brown, who assisted with psychological counseling in Houston for Katrina victims; and Compatriot Eric Husson, firefighter, who traveled to New Orleans with his FEMA team to rescue people in the flood waters.



When the **Signers Chapter** met for its November meeting, honors were in order for outgoing Society President Edger J. St. John (wearing hat) who was inducted into the Nevada Society Hall of Fame. From left: incoming Society President Terry Robertson; former Hall of Fame recipient and National Trustee John Harney, Jr.; St. John; and Society Secretary Ben Allen, who is holding the Hall of Fame plaque. The Hall of Fame award is given to members who have displayed outstanding leadership qualities for the Society.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY



At the September meeting of the **South Jersey Chapter**, Valley Forge National Park Ranger William Troppman, depicting a non-commissioned officer of the Continental Army, spoke about the encampment of 1777-78 with General George Washington. It is a myth, according to Mr. Troppman, that the troops at the encampment were inexperienced soldiers. The soldiers were encouraged because the British were overwhelmingly defeated at Saratoga. Even though that victory was followed by several defeats, the soldiers began to realize that they could make a strong tenacious statement against the British. Troppman also explained the impact of General von Stueben in developing the currently used field manual of the U.S. Army.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY (NY)



Rochester Chapter President Steve Clarke (left) presented Compatriot Daryl Verstrete with the Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal at the Chapter's Annual Meeting and Picnic, held in mid-August at the Gypsum Mills Estates in Victor. Compatriot Verstrete has been working tirelessly to locate and photograph all the gravestones for Revolutionary War Patriots in the six county area of New York served by the Chapter, and has accomplished this goal for Wayne County. He has also been photographing the graves of Civil War Veterans. In addition, he has obtained and set several new gravestones, provided by the Veterans Administration, at his own expense. His efforts have contributed greatly to the ongoing project begun by Compatriots Mile Tunison and Alex Williams of the Chapter's Graves Committee.



The Saratoga Battle Chapter held its Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony in September at the Saratoga Battlefield. Officers and past officers of the Chapter posing at the monument were: Compatriots George Ballard, Rich Fullam, Clyde Childs, Lew Slocum, Dennis Marr, Society President Peter K. Goebel, Duane Booth, Jonathan Goebel and former President General Henry N. McCarl.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY



Members of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter proudly marched in the Annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Fayetteville, with each dressed in their Revolutionary War uniform. Shown here is the Color Guard that consisted of these Compatriots (from left): LTC Joe E. Harris, Jr, USA (Ret), a Past Chapter President; Maj. Richard Bishop, USA (Ret); and LTC Franklin N. Horton, USA (Ret), Chapter President.

OHIO SOCIETY



Society Compatriots gathered at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman on Patriot Day, to dedicate a monument honoring over 6,000 Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Ohio. The jet-black monument is near the end of a woodland trail lined by monuments from many veterans organizations. Society Treasurer/Register Timothy Ward reviewed the history of Revolutionary War battles in the Ohio Country, and Society President Robert Parvin spoke on the character of the Patriots.



The Society Combined Color Guard participated in a ceremony held by the Anner Maria Hudson Society, C.A.R., that honored four Revolutionary War Patriots, held at the Old Hudson Township Burial Grounds. The Color Guard included the Archibald Willard Color Guard of the Western Reserve Society, and several DAR Chapters joined in the ceremony. The Patriots honored were Pvt. Jonathan Draper, 1750-1805, Sgt. Joel Gaylord, 1755-1824, Pvt. Stephen Thompson, Sr., 1734-1823, and Pvt. Stephen Thompson Jr. 1764-1840.

The Western Reserve Society has given its highest honor, The Archibald Willard Award, to Compatriot Robert Mattoon of Lakewood. He served with distinction in the U.S. Navy during both WWII and Korea, is a Past President of the Western Reserve Society, and notably, chaired the 1992 Centennial Committee of Western Reserve. The annual award is presented to a living

member of the Society who has contributed outstanding services to the Society. It is named for the Chapter's illustrious member who was the creator of the famous "Spirit of '76", first displayed at Philadelphia's



Centennial celebration in 1876. During his lifetime, Willard printed 11 "originals", the last of which he considered his masterpiece painting and is the one currently hanging in the Rotunda of Cleveland's City Hall.

The Arthur St. Clair Chapter recently presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Circleville Police Detective Kevin Clark in recognition of his outstanding 25-year career as a police officer and his special efforts in handling sexual assault and child abuse cases. Assisting with the presentation were (from left): Circleville Police Sgt. Robert Chapman; Society Secretary Tony Robinson; Detective Kevin Clark; Circleville Police Chief Wayne Gray; and Chapter President Robert E. Grim.



The Cincinnati Chapter held a Thanksgiving Luncheon at which the Fire Safety Commendation Award was presented to Compatriot Harry Geimeier (left) by President Paul Wilke (center) and Awards Chairman Robert French.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY



The Conococheague Chapter recently delivered a Flag Certificate to the Kittochtinny Historical Society for flying the U.S. Flag in the proper manner. Pictured from left: Compatriot James Musslewhite, Mrs. Anna Hill, Society President, and Compatriot Dr. David Kingsley.



George Washington Chapter President Gary W. Timmons (left) congratulates Stefano Perini, formerly of Italy, on his new U.S. citizenship. Compatriot Timmons was one of three featured speakers to address and welcome new American citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies held in United States District Court in Wheeling, West Virginia. Compatriot Timmons also passed out small American Flags and booklets on the Flag and the Constitution to each new citizen.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY



A rededication ceremony commemorating the life of Revolutionary War Patriot Solomon Southwick II, was held by the Society at the Newport Common Burial Ground in mid-September. Compatriot David Marsh of the Empire State Society (NY) is an ancestor of Patriot Southwick and contacted the Society for assistance in the commemoration. Present at the service from left were: Harold S. Sands, Treasurer, and Michael R. Northup, President, John Peck Rathbun Chapter; Society President Carlen P. Booth; and members of the Varnum Continental Color Guard, Rhode Island Militia. Patriot Southwick was the publisher of the Newport Mercury, and, in that capacity, greatly influenced public opinion with outspoken commentary against the British. He was also appointed Commissary General of Stores for Rhode Island, making him responsible for the supplies for the Rhode Island Militia.



Society Compatriots turned out for a Veterans Day Service conducted at the Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, where they joined with a group of DAR, C.A.R. and Order of Founders and Patriots members in a wreath-placing ceremony. SARs present included (from left): Past Society President Gene Clauss; Compatriot Robert Baxter, current Governor, OFPA; Society President Carlen Booth; and Past Society President Jerry Clifford.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY



Installation of officers for the **Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter** took place in early December, with Society President Gregory H. Ohanesian (right) administering the oath. From left: Secretary/Treasurer Dean J. Hewitt, President Benjamin F. Richards Jr., and behind the podium, outgoing President Gerald M. Smith.

TENNESSEE SOCIETY

The newest Chapter of the Society, **Hiwassee**, was chartered and new officers sworn in at a gala held at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club in Athens, in September. The Chapter will promote SAR objectives in McMinn, Meigs and Monroe Counties. New Chapter President Joe Guy

had the President's Medal and ribbon placed around his neck, and was presented the Chapter gavel, a gift from the **John Sevier Chapter** in Chattanooga. The guest speaker was former President General Larry D. McClanahan, a member of the Tennessee Society.

TEXAS SOCIETY



With enthusiastic flag waving, the **Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter** proudly participated in the Tyler Rose Parade held in mid-October! From left: Compatriots Jack Ludwick, David White, Tom Miller, Leland Carter, Roger Jacobs, Bobby Davidson and Larry Asburn. Compatriots Don Boyd and Archie Anderson manned the truck pulling the float.



From left: Uniformed Compatriots Peter Rowley, Richard Arnold and Mike Radcliff had the pleasure of posing with a new citizen, when the **Plano Chapter** members traveled to the Dallas Convention Center to provide a Color Guard for posting and retiring the Colors and conducting the Pledge of Allegiance, during U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremonies in December. A total of 1,277 people became citizens during two ceremonies held during the day.



A black powder musket volley was fired by Compatriots as The **Piney Woods Chapter** held a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Henry Bailey Greenwood at the Stoneham Cemetery, just West of Stoneham, in mid-October. Though Patriot Greenwood did not bear arms during the Revolution because of his Quaker beliefs, he did serve on jury duty in support of the State of Virginia. Present were members of the Society representing the **Bluebonnet, Paul Carrington, Cradle of Texas, Freedom, William Hightower, Alexander Hodge, Independence Piney Woods and Robert Rankin Chapters** as well as several DAR Chapters, numerous family descendants and the Society Color Guard. Henry Bailey Greenwood is actually buried in the lost Joel Greenwood Cemetery. In 1958, his broken marker was the only one left there, and in 1978, his descendants received permission to have it removed and placed in Stoneham Cemetery where his son and other Greenwood family members are buried.

The **Brazos Valley Chapter** joined with the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, DAR, on Historical Granbury Square in celebrating the 218th Anniversary of the establishment of the Constitution. The event, held during the week of September 17, was proclaimed Constitution Week in Hood County by Judge Andy Rash. Members from both Chapters gathered to hear the town crier call "Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye; Harken Near to Hear the Great News," which was, of course, that the Constitution had been signed in Philadelphia on September 17th, 1887.



Plano Chapter Compatriots presented and retired the Colors for the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony held in Plano in early September. There were 911 new citizens from 75 countries sworn in by Judge John D. Bush. Some of the participants were (from left): Compatriots Richard Arnold and Peter Rowley, WOSAR Maxine Heath, Society President Jim Heath, and Compatriot Mike Radcliff.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY



Past, present and future Society Presidents participated in a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Elijah Hatcher, in September. Past President J. Robert Justice (center) is flanked by President Lawrence E. McKinley (right) and President-elect James M. Bayne (left). The ceremony was sponsored by the **Culpeper Minute Men Chapter**, the Society, and the DAR Old Carolina Road Chapter. **Fincastle Resolutions Chapter** President W. Tucker Lemon, laid the wreath at the grave.



Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, was on hand when Constitution Day was celebrated at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Compatriot Joe Dooley (left) and Sandy Moore of the Prince William III Fife & Drums, participated in the event.



At the December meeting of the **Richard Henry Lee Chapter**, a key feature was awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal to Compatriot R. Leonard Carlton (right) by President Charles Farley. At 102, Carlton is the Chapter's oldest member and was recently granted Life Membership by the National Society; he is a retired insurance executive. The program also included an entertaining audio-visual program by Dr. George Moore entitled "A Musical Christmas from Austria." He was introduced by Compatriot Hugh White with the aid of a dramatic reading.

"The Real Story Of The American Revolution" Focus Of New National Society Web Site

By Ralph D. Nelson, Chairman Web Education Committee

In September 2004 the Strategic Planning Committee assigned a team chaired by Ohio Compatriot John A. Horner, Jr. to consider how our Society's unique resources might be used to provide significant public value and secure wider recognition for the SAR. The team suggested a new Web Site focused on three areas of public interest:

*Articles describing the ideas, events and people of the Revolution.

*Educational modules stressing unity and based on themes related to liberty and independence.

*A unified roster of civilian and military Patriots.

Design Team Appointed

A design team consisting of these Compatriots developed a basic structure for the site: Ralph D. Nelson, DESSAR; Donald N. Moran, CASSAR; Robert L. Bowen, VASSAR; George E. Thurmond, GASSAR; and Richard Q. Fowler, FLSSAR.

The battle descriptions, biographic sketches, and historic documents on the National SAR site were moved to the new site. Members of the Communications, History, Information Technology, 225th Anniversary, Historic Sites & Celebrations, and Re-enactors Committees helped identify and provide content for the site. Newsletter editors in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, and New York provided historical articles

and data collections for the site. Our best articles will be most widely used and effective if they are posted on a single site rather than scattered among 200 State Society and Chapter sites.

The draft site was reviewed by many Compatriots just before the 2005 Spring



Web Education Committee Chairman Ralph D. Nelson is shown offering a report at a meeting of the National Trustees. He has been heavily involved in a variety of information technology programs as they relate to our safety.

Trustees Meeting, at which the site was approved by the Executive Committee for public release. President General Roland G. Downing appointed a Web Education Committee to build a strong resource center for history education. The Revolutionary War Graves Committee and Patriot Index Committee have provided 200,000 records of Patriots to create a searchable database which the public can use to inquire about whether or not an ancestor's patriotic service has been reported and documented in SAR files. This will draw the public to this site and show our dedication to careful research over the past century.

How To Find The New Site

Please take a look at our new site – WWW.SAR.ORG – and recommend it to your friends and to the public. Be alert for well-based and well-presented material that could add value to the site, and inform the Web Education Committee Chairman Ralph Nelson (DEpatriot@aol.com) about Web sites to which we should provide a link, volunteers who could design interactive presentations or attractive pages, and volunteers who could transcribe rosters into the master database (being developed through the Revolutionary War Graves Committee). We have a good base to build from, and many outside the SAR have already shown an interest in what we provide.

