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The President General's Message



Dear Compatriots:

The dictionary defines "vibrant" as "energetic, vigorous". On our recent travels to Battle Days in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, the celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown and meetings of the Atlantic Middle States, South Central, Central and Great Lakes Districts, Wanda and I have witnessed the vibrant nature of our organization. We attended The American Legion Convention in Salt Lake City where I addressed several thousand delegates. And by the time this issue of our magazine reaches you, I will also have taken the traditional "western tour" of Society meetings in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. The Color Guards are serving in the traditional ways: parades and other public events. But they are also creating niches: Naturalization ceremonies, fairs, joint activities with the DAR.

A strong indication of the vibrancy of our State Societies is the extent to which they are creating new Chapters. I set a goal for each of the Vice-Presidents General to encourage each State President to establish a new Chapter this year. I am delighted to report that several Chapters were established in October alone. A report of these Chapters will be made in the next magazine and at the leadership meeting in Louisville. At the end of the year appropriate recognition will be given to the Chapter Builders whose efforts can have long-lasting effects.

The National Society is only as strong as the sum of its State Societies and individual Chapters. Most of our Societies and Chapters are performing great service to our members, the public and to the youth of our nation. At the recent 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Fox Valley Chapter in suburban Chicago, an outstanding program highlighted the accomplishments of this excellent Chapter.

Your Executive Committee has reduced the price of the ROTC medals to ease the burden on local Chapters, particularly those with many JROTC and ROTC units in their area.

Your SAR Foundation continues to plan ways to enhance our endowment funds which will enable our Society to fund patriotic education initiatives. The funding for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage continues to grow. We're over the halfway mark - \$3 million - with every expectation of success in the near

future. Please consider the inclusion of the SAR Foundation in your estate planning. Several of our largest bequests have come from departed Compatriots.

The new Membership Directory should be in your hands by the time you receive this magazine. Use it to increase membership and build new Chapters. You will find areas where members live but have no Chapter nearby. These are great places to start new Chapters.

What I have seen and heard in these past several months gives me great reason to be optimistic for the future. So until next time, keep up the Good Work!



President General White was one of the scores of Compatriots and guests who were on hand in Yorktown during October to participate in the 225th anniversary of the battle that took place there ending the Revolutionary War. Here he is shown placing a wreath at the grave site of Governor Thomas Nelson. A full report of other activities begins on page 4.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

Nathan White, Jr.
Nathan E. White, Jr.
President General



Compatriots Trek to Yorktown To Mark End Of The Revolution

For four days in October tens of thousands of people from across the nation converged on this tiny town in Virginia to witness a variety of programs involving our members, including a colorful parade and grave marking ceremony.

More than 50,000 history buffs, students, families, lovers of pageantry, members of the SAR, and everyday inquisitive folks converged on Virginia's Historic Triangle - Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown - on October 19-22 to take part in and observe a four-day program organized to celebrate General George Washington's defeat of the British at Yorktown.

The story of those four days is presented here in three parts. VASSAR's Bob Bowen, Chairman of the National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, sets the scene with an overview of the activities. VASSAR President-elect Joe Dooley describes those events organized for the benefit of the more than 250 members of the SAR family who traveled from near

and far to take part in the program. And, NCSSAR's Jeff Lambert, Immediate Past President of the famed re-enactor group "Continental Line", writes about the various re-enactments of the battle that were held at nearby Endview Plantation and on Surrender Field where the British laid down their arms 225 years ago. That, too, was an impressive event for attendees to witness.

WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS KEPT ATTENDEES BUSY

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Chairman, NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

The National Park Service estimated that 15,000 people attended the parade and various programs on Thursday, October 19. NPS said 8,000 people gathered on Friday, 15,000 on Saturday and 10,000 on Sunday for a total of 48,000 spectators for the four days. Add to that an estimated 3,000 re-enactors and you have 51,000 people converging on tiny Yorktown, population 900, to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown.

A thick pea soup fog enveloped the entire Yorktown National Battle Park on the morning of October 19, but lifted just in time for the parade that began at 10:00 a.m.. Small dew droplets were still shining on the boxwood hedges adjacent to the Grace Episcopal Church at 9:00 a.m. when members of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic groups marked the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr.

It was impossible to attend all events. For example, at the same time the SAR was honoring the memory of Governor Nelson, a group of French military veterans, led by European District Vice-President General Jacques de Trentinan, was laying a wreath at the French Memorial. It was also at 9:00 a.m. that a series of military interpretive programs began at various locations in the park; and a new exhibit "The Legacy of Yorktown: Virginia Beckons" opened at the Yorktown Victory Center. There was plenty for everyone.



The National Society Color Guard, under the leadership of Commander Charles R. Lampman (left foreground) and Virginia Society Color Guard Commander Andrew M. Johnson (right foreground), played an important part in the two-mile parade. More than 60 Compatriots from throughout our Society were on hand for the event.

The Corps of Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, more than 1,000 strong, was a parade favorite. There were also military units representing every branch of the armed forces, local schools groups and one of the largest SAR marching Color Guard units this writer has ever seen outside of an Annual Congress.

In keeping with Virginia's Historic Triangle Theme, the *Godspeed*, a replica of one of the three 17th century ships that brought the first settlers to Jamestown, paid a visit to Yorktown's waterfront. There were also displays commemorating the 400th anniversary of America's first settlement. Jamestown will be a feature attraction next year when Virginia hosts the 117th Annual Congress in Williamsburg.



Compatriot Bowen wears a number of hats when it comes to generating editorial materials for the magazine - strictly as a volunteer! Importantly, he has had the broad assignment of coordinating the preparation of historical feature articles by a wide assortment of Compatriots to commemorate the 225th anniversaries of key events of the Revolutionary War. He is a member of the Virginia Society.



More than 51,000 people converged on tiny Yorktown for the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, which brought the Revolutionary War to a conclusion.

Thursday's program at Yorktown concluded with a massive fireworks display while more than 200 members of the SAR gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Williamsburg for a Victory Dinner.

Friday featured more of the same with a replica of the 18th Century schooner *Virginia* at the Yorktown waterfront, and the modern guided cruiser *USS Normandy (CG 60)* open to the public at nearby Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. Historian Dr. Robert A. Selig lectured on what took place the day after the British surrendered in 1781. That afternoon there was a tribute to the French Navy at the Admiral DeGrasse statue at Fort Story in Virginia Beach, and a re-enactment of the Battle at the Hook at Endview Plantation, about seven miles from Yorktown.

Saturday's venue included battlefield encampment demonstrations, a Children's Parade at the Riverwalk Landing and several reenactments at Endview Plantation including the French Attack on Fusilier's Redoubt and the pivotal attacks on Redoubts 9 and 10. The highlight of Sunday's activities was a reenactment of the march and surrender of British forces on Surrender Field. And, while the surrender of General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown is looked upon by many as the final battle of the war, there were several lesser engagements throughout the new emerging nation that would come the following year, including the Battle of Blue Licks in Kentucky, the Battle of Fort Henry in West Virginia, and the Battle of Lookout Mountain in Tennessee.



These four marchers walked the entire distance from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, replicating the route that Washington and Rochambeau took in 1781: Mike Fitzgerald, David Fagerberg, David Holloway and Rose Morin. The men marched more than 600 miles, while Rose (right) drove to provide logistical and materiel support.

SOME PROGRAMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO SARS

By Joe Dooley, Virginia Society President-elect

As reported earlier, the morning of October 19, 2006, was shrouded in a heavy, gray fog. But, the SAR Compatriots, their ladies and other guests, who boarded buses from Williamsburg to Yorktown, could not have had more sunny dispositions if the sky had been clear and blue.

More than 200 Compatriots and guests converged at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown at 9:00 a.m. to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. In October 1781, Nelson, who was also the commanding General of the Virginia Militia, stood with General Washington on the heights overlooking Yorktown, and encouraged Washington to shell the large, elegant house where Nelson speculated the British General Lord Cornwallis maintained his headquarters. The house was Nelson's own. On October 19, 2006; SAR President General Nathan E. White, Jr. was among those who laid a wreath on Governor Nelson's grave.

Twenty nine wreaths were presented on behalf of State Societies and individual Chapters. After the wreath laying ceremony, Compatriots proceeded to a staging area to form up for the annual Yorktown Day Parade. The Parade kicked off at 10:00 a.m., and was nearly three times longer this year than it has been in other years. The Parade passed thousands of spectators and dignitaries,

including PG White, and Virginia's U.S. Senators John Warner and George Allen and Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis, among others.

In the evening, more than 200 Compatriots, their ladies and other guests attended a Victory Dinner hosted by the Virginia Society at the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg. Sandra Fife Moore, a fifer with the Prince William III Fifes & Drums, escorted our special guests to dinner to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." Among the special guests were the marchers from America's *March to Yorktown*: Mike Fitzgerald, David Fagerberg, David Holloway and



Now serving as President-elect of the Virginia Society, Compatriot Dooley is a technical writer for the Federal Government, but has also published works of literary criticism and two genealogical books. He serves as Chairman of the NSSAR Membership Committee and Chairman of the VASSAR 117th Annual Congress Planning Committee. He is a member of the VASSAR Color Guard and is Adjutant of the National Color Guard.



LEFT: Generals Lafayette, Washington and Rochambeau offered toasts during the Victory Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. **RIGHT:** U.S. Senators John Warner and George Allen and Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis (all from Virginia) were among the many dignitaries that reviewed the parade and took part in the program by the monument on October 19.



Everyone loves a parade ... old and young alike!



Virginia Society President Jim Bayne delivered the principal speech at the Governor Nelson Grave Marking Ceremony.

Rose Morin, Fitzgerald, Fagerberg and Holloway marched more than 600 miles from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia, to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. Rose Morin drove along with them to provide logistical and materiel support. After the Victory Dinner, PG White presented them all with Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.

The other special guests at the Victory Dinner were none other than General Washington himself, along with General Rochambeau, the Marquis de Lafayette, and Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. Before dinner, General Washington read to the assembled guests a letter he had written to the Continental Congress, informing them of the French and American victory over the British. After dinner, these illustrious heroes of the Battle of



More than 200 people gathered for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of Patriot Governor Thomas Nelson. At the Battle of Yorktown, Nelson was commanding General of the Virginia Militia.



At the time of the Yorktown Commemoration Program, National Color Guard Commander Charles R. Lampman (foreground) was presented a replica of a gold ceremonial sword by members of the Commander-in-Chief Guards (from left): Melvin Harrell, CASSAR; Registrar General Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR; LTC Peter Goebel, USA, ESSAR - Immediate Past National Color Commander; Lt. Robert Ebert, USA (Ret), CASSAR President; Karl Jacobs, Executive VP, CASSAR; and Donald N. Moran, Past President, CASSAR. Several Guard members not present also contributed to purchase of the sword.

Yorktown, offered their comments and entertained questions from the audience.

When the Generals and Governor Nelson had finished answering questions, the North Carolina Society and the Virginia Society held drawings for their respective raffles. The North Carolina Society was raffling off a Virginia long rifle and a powder horn on which the entire Washington - Rochambeau Route was scrimshawed. The Virginia Society was raffling a framed print of Jonathan Trumbull's *Surrender of Cornwallis*. Jim Bayne, President of the Virginia Society, drew the ticket for the North Carolina raffle, and the winner was none other than Joe E. Harris, President of the North Carolina Society! Joe graciously declined the prize, and after a second drawing, South Carolina's Fred Kaffenberger was declared the winner.

Next, Joe Harris drew the winning ticket on behalf of the Virginia Society raffle. Terry Mitchell, President of the newly chartered General Daniel Morgan Chapter in Virginia, won the framed print of *Surrender of Cornwallis*. VASSAR then held three surprise consolation drawings and awarded a print commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown signed by the artist, to George Cronk of Connecticut. Ernie Irish of Maryland and Dick Austin of Virginia won books about the Revolution.

PG White presented streamers to 24 State Societies that had participated in one of the SAR sponsored events that day: the wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Thomas Nelson, the Yorktown Day



Compte Jacques de Trentinian, Vice-President General for the European District, came from Boulogne, France to take part in the Yorktown anniversary celebration.



LEFT: Two raffles were drawn at the Victory Dinner, with South Carolina Compatriot Fred Kaffenberger winning the long rifle offered by the North Carolina Society. Terry Mitchell of Virginia won a framed print of "Surrender of Cornwallis" given by the Virginia Society. NCSSAR President Harris (left) and VASSAR President Jim Bayne (right) officiated. **RIGHT:** California Society President Robert Ebert (right) presented VASSAR President-elect Joe Dooley a Silver Von Steuben Medal. Others taking part in the presentation were Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg (left) and California Compatriot Donald N. Moran.





At the conclusion of the wreath laying service at the grave site of Governor Thomas Nelson, the Benediction was offered by the Rev. Forrest B. Chilton (foreground), Chaplain of the Kentucky Society's Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter. Among those behind him were President General Nathan E. White, Jr.; Historian General J. David Sympton; and National Color Guard Commander Charles R. Lampman.

Parade, or the Victory Dinner. The streamers proudly stated in gold letters, "And the World Turned Upside Down, Yorktown 1781 2006." Streamers were awarded to the following Societies: Alabama, District of Columbia, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, France, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, Empire State,

North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Finally, fifer Sandra Moore escorted our special guests out to the tune "The World Turned Upside Down" and Compatriots and their guests retired for the night, after a long, fun filled, and celebratory day.

THOUSANDS THRILLED BY RE-ENACTMENTS

By North Carolina Society Compatriot Jeff Lambert

This was a personal journey for me beginning back in October of 1981: the Yorktown Bicentennial. I had just entered into the world of re-enacting the previous year and had participated in the Bicentennial commemorative events at Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse. Yorktown was to be the midway point to my remaining Bicentennial events. A trip to Paris, France (Expedition Libritare) and the ceremonies related to the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty and the final curtain call for the Ratification of the Peace Treaty in Annapolis, MD was for many the finale of a great re-enacting career. As for me, it was the impetus to sustain me for the next 25 years to return to the spot where it all started for me and culminated in Cornwallis' defeat and the place where the world turned upside down.

Twenty-five years ago I was a "ground pounder", the term for the common foot soldier during the Revolutionary War. This time I returned as a Captain, serving as Adjutant to the Southern Battalion, and to make things better, I was mounted so I did not have to walk all over Yorktown to perform my duties. We portrayed the Virginia Militia in the siege. Don't let the term militia confuse you. These men had served in one capacity or another during the



A Past President of the North Carolina Society's Bethabara Chapter, Compatriot Lambert is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Old Salem Museums and Gardens (www.oldsalem.org) located in Winston Salem, NC. He has been a member of the First Virginia Regt since 1980 and was an extra (mounted continental officer) in the movie *The Patriot*. He is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the Cincinnati.



Troops from several battalions moved to the Surrender Field for the final Huzzahs! The surrender has been well documented and was followed as closely as possible, given the day's limits.

war, either as a member of the Regiments of the State or Continental establishment. They had seen combat and were anything but raw recruits, like those who filled the ranks this weekend.

My Battalion of "Virginians" was made up of units from the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Oh yes, those parts of the old Virginia in Ohio were also falling in the ranks there as well. Like our forefathers, we have "fought" side by side for years and knew each other well. We were truly Brothers in Arms. Most of the troops present are members of the Continental Line, which recently allied with the Sons of the American Revolution to



cross promote the principles and ideals that the two organizations cherish.

A great deal of work had been put into this event and it has been in the planning stages for years. On the 18th, I participated in a fund raiser in Gloucester just over the York River. The special feature was a presentation by Dr. Robert A. Selig about the Battle of the Hook. This was the largest mounted engagement in the Revolutionary War and as a result of the solid performance by joint French and American mounted troops, the Crown forces remained behind their defenses for the rest of the siege. A little-known fact is that the Crown forces led by Banastre Tarleton surrendered one hour after the surrender at Yorktown; thus, it could be said that the defeat of the Crown forces at Gloucester was the last hurrah for the British Empire in the colonies and not at Yorktown - but I don't want to start the war all over again.

The next day, October 19, Surrender Day, started off soggy and a fast-moving fog covered the sky. This was good cover as we spent the afternoon laying out the lines for the Southern Battalion from the colour line to the kitchen fire line and every tent and mar-

quee in between. That evening found a number of us returning to Gloucester for another presentation and a wreath laying ceremony at the Courthouse, which is rich with history. The ceremony included an appearance of the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. As I waited inside the Courthouse for our turn, former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. came in and what a treat it was to talk with him. He was arguably the most important individual for the Bicentennial Event in 1981 and it was great to get a chance to finally thank him for all he did to make that event happen. Afterwards it was time for a wonderful repast and back to get some rest before the storm.

Friday morning found me running full tilt. I was transferring from the hotel to the camp, seeing to my mount for the weekend, Annie the wonder horse, who saved me from a lot of walking all over the peninsula, and gearing up for a battle to take place at Endview Plantation, seven miles away. I arrived early to saddle up and had the honor of watching the troops form for the recreated Battle of the Hook. In the battle Tarleton was dismounted - a nice term for being knocked off his horse. Duc de Lauzun was about to

Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton (right) and a member of the Second Continental Dragoons clashed at the Battle of the Hook, the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War.





The reenactment of the Battle of the Hook saw an array of participating units, including members of the Virginia Militia.

do the honors when Tarleton's men recovered him and brought him to safety.

In our recreated battle we had a Tarleton from Colonial Williamsburg taking the dive. The crowd loved it. Our recreation was much like the original where we fought back and forth over the field. The troops accounted for themselves splendidly and at the end everyone was satisfied with the way they acquitted themselves on the field. The volleys were crisp; the air was full of smoke and the roar of the musketry. Everyone received a Well Done.

This was the last major activity for Friday, but there was plenty for Saturday. Saturday reveille started at 6:00 a.m. just after the morning gun. The parade was dew covered and the fog was lifting when we hit the colour line for our first formation. We "hooked up" like paratroopers in our buses to be transported back to Endview and dropped back in time for the assault on the Fusilier Redoubt. We had so many muskets on the field we could hardly fit everyone on it. The assault started with a great cannon barrage and then the French troops led the charge. Like the day before, everyone - Crown, French and Continental - acquitted themselves admirably. We were whisked away back to the camps for the opportunity to clean our gear before Lt. Colonel Robert Abercromby led 350 British troops on a sortie to spike allied guns in position on the second parallel.

While we were in camp, the Lights and the New Englanders were doing honor to the Assaults on Redoubts #9 and #10. A brief historical note: The regular French troops did not look at the Continental Troops with much more respect that the Crown forces of King George III. The French assault was done much the traditional way. The Sappers would go in first and cut the path thru the obstructions, as the "forlorn hope" would wait to rush the redoubt with the rest of the troops following them up. As you can imagine this takes time and casualties mount as the forlorn hope is a "sitting duck". The Continentals were led by the Sappers but the Forlorn hope just decided to not wait and climbed over the backs of the Sappers and rushed the British defenses and secured the redoubt in much less time.

Lafayette sent word to his French counterpart asking if he, the Continentals who had secured their objective, could be of assistance to the French in securing theirs. "May I be of assistance to you?" To this day the French look at us in a totally different light.

As dusk approached we were formed up awaiting Abercromby's foray. This allowed us the opportunity to fire in mass. Again, as our forefathers, we delivered volley after volley with the unison that comes from years of experience. We had NPS Rangers watching us and they were in awe of the ability for us to continue to fire so consistently. In my unit alone we have a good number of active duty military that find this avocation a great release.

Soon the field was filled with smoke that hung over the ground and filled the air. The Crown forces were hundreds of yards away firing. One could see the muzzle flashes and then a second or two later hear the blast from their guns. The Artillery was delivering volleys as fast as they could, thus adding to the total effect. When the musicians played the ceasefire, it was the end of a great day. We all went back to camp to clean our weapons and engage in jollification until tattoo.

Sunday was the big day for the re-enactors. As I said earlier it was a journey that started off 25 years ago and for many some years before that. After performing my duties as adjutant and submitting my morning reports to HQ, I was off to the Dragoon camp to saddle up Annie. Everything was in slow motion, as we knew it was the end of the event and also the end of some active careers in re-enacting. As for me, this will be the last event I spend in camp. The romance of sleeping under the stars with the sounds of silence broken by dirty smelly men snoring has lost its charm.

I mounted up with the Dragoons, General Lincoln and General Washington and we rode off to the parade to lead the victorious Allied troops to the surrender field. There was a light rain but it did not dampen the spirit of those troops. The Surrender was well documented and followed as closely as we could, given the day's limits. The Crown forces marched up the road between the lines of French and Continental troops. The colours were surrendered and then the defeated forces grounded their arms. It was a moving experience to see this from the perspective of 225 years later.

If anyone ever doubts the enduring popularity of George Washington, they should have been at Surrender Field in Yorktown, Virginia that day. Although everyone knew our George Washington was an actor, there was a reverence for the spirit he projected. It brought tears to my eyes. People wanted to take pictures and the rangers had to act like bodyguards. If it weren't so moving it would have been funny. After the final act, it was requested that all re-enactors that participated in the Bicentennial please step forward and be recognized. Nearly half of the people stepped forward - awesome! The troops then marched by in review and for one last hurrah. Each and everyone received a salute from General Washington and his staff - myself included. They had kept the flame of independence and the spirit of liberty alive another 25 years honoring their patriot ancestors. It is time for the next generation to step forward as we pass the torch on to them.

After the last unit passed in review, General Washington and the staff rode off to return to camp. The road was choked with troops and spectators. We decided to ride off the road and as General Washington, his staff and lifeguard galloped past the troops, there were cheers for the General and to liberty. I am truly honored to have experienced that and in my own humble way experienced what it was like to be General George Washington.



French troops passed in review on the Surrender Field.

SAR Magazine Editor Win Williams to Retire; Compatriot Being Sought As His Replacement

After 28 years of dedicated service as Editor of **THE SAR MAGAZINE**, Winston C. Williams has announced his desire to retire upon the selection and training of a replacement. Initially, the search will concentrate on locating a Compatriot with the qualifications outlined here.

Our magazine is the official quarterly publication of the National Society. Published in February, May, August and November, it reports news about patriotic, historical and educational activities at the National, State and Chapter levels. Special reports recap such news as the commemoration of major events of the Revolutionary War, the restoration of significant historical sites, and many other member-sponsored events and programs. Circulation is approximately 27,000.

SAR is seeking an experienced, highly organized editor, capable of working both independently and at the direction of the Publisher.

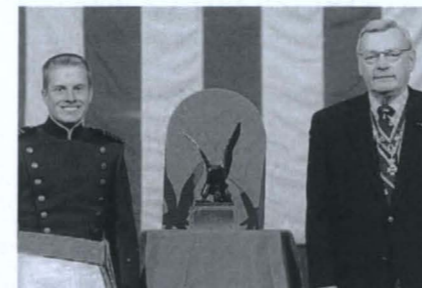
Candidates should have at least four years of magazine experience; familiarity with magazine design, layout, copy editing, circulation and mailing requirements a must.

Responsibilities include setting and enforcing editorial and art deadlines; overseeing the quarterly production process; managing the magazine budget; working with printing firms, mailers, contributing writers and photographers; handling content and photo reprint requests from readers; and coordinating logistics of special projects, including overall appearance and readability of the magazine.

Candidates should be able to multi-task and have excellent problem-solving skills. Interested applicants should e-mail a cover letter, resume, editing experience and salary requirements by December 31, 2006 to: Compatriot David G. Boring at this address: dboring@comcast.net.

Students At Service Academies Saluted By NSSAR

Each year Cadets at the United States Military and Air Force Academies, and a Midshipman at the Naval Academy, are presented National Society awards for excellence in the area of American History. Here are those recognized this spring.



During the May Awards Ceremony at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Cadet First Class Seth M. Cannon was presented the Outstanding Cadet in Foreign Areas Studies Award. Doing the honors was Col. Joseph Thomas, USAF (Ret), Vice-President General for the Rocky Mountain District. Funding for this annual award was provided several years ago by Wisconsin Compatriot C.E.Thorp.



LTC Peter K. Goebel (left), Vice-President General for the North Atlantic District, and former Historian General Richard W. Sage (next to Goebel) were pleased to recognize Cadet Jessamyn J. Liu with the NSSAR award for the best thesis in American History. She received an engraved saber and scabbard. Participating in the May ceremony at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York was Col. Lance Betros, Chairman of the History Department. She chose as her thesis theme "The Process of Ratification and Post Ratification Reactions of Antifederalists in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts." Compatriots Goebel and Sage are active members of the Empire State Society.



District of Columbia Compatriot J. Philip London (left) and Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox (holding certificate), a member of the Virginia Society, represented the National Society when awards were presented to worthy Midshipmen attending the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Receiving a sword from them for penning the best "honors thesis" as judged by the institution's History Department was Midshipman First Class Nicole Cram. Also taking part in the program was a professor in the History Department. Her thesis was about the interplay between the American and British film industries in the post World War II period and how they were affected by post WWII American foreign policy and foreign trade policy. This led to the growth of international cooperation between democratic nations.

President General White Addresses August American Legion Convention

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society Secretary

President General Nathan E. White and his wife, Wanda, attended the 88th National Convention of The American Legion in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 25-31, as distinguished guests. Others on the dais during the Convention were President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

White, a 30-year life member of Harding Blame American Legion Post 321 in Piano, Texas, is the third SAR President General to speak to a National Convention of The

defeated, but whenever it is passed, it will take several years for ratification and perhaps a few years after that for Congress to pass appropriate legislation. What are we to do until then? My personal opinion is that the answer to Flag Burning is Flag Waving! I believe that Flag wavers far exceed the Flag burners. I'm sure you've witnessed the patriotism of tremendous crowds at the July parades and of the throngs at baseball games across the land, removing their caps and singing the National Anthem - the kind of patriotism that reacts with anger to the



President General Nathan E. White, Jr. (center) and SAR American Legion Committee Chairman Lyman Brenner (right) presented American Legion National Commander Tom Bock with the Distinguished Patriot Award.

American Legion. Charles F. Printz of West Virginia addressed the group when the National Convention was held in Louisville in 1989. Ray Musgrave, also of West Virginia, addressed the Legionnaires when their National Convention was held in St. Louis in 2003.

"We Are Partners In Patriotism"

"In many ways the SAR and American Legion are partners in patriotism," PG White told the 12,000 Legionnaires in attendance. "The Citizens Flag Alliance and the Blue Star Salute program are two examples of the cooperative effort by modern veterans and the descendants of our first veterans, many of whom are the same people, working together for patriotic causes.

"One of our partnership efforts was working for passage of the Flag Amendment. The recent attempt to gain a Flag Protection Amendment was narrowly

defeated, but whenever it is passed, it will take several years for ratification and perhaps a few years after that for Congress to pass appropriate legislation. What are we to do until then? My personal opinion is that the answer to Flag Burning is Flag Waving!

He described the Blue Star Salute program as a partnership between local SAR members and local American Legion posts and "I hope that partnership will expand in the coming years."



Compatriot Bowen, the author of this report, is a member of the SAR's new American Legion Committee and Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. Bob is a 32-year member of The American Legion. He served as Commander of Virginia Post 364 in 1979-80; Virginia State Commander in 1991-92; and National Vice Commander in 1996-97. He currently serves the Legion's national organization as a member of the Legislative Council and has liaison duties with Senator John Warner of Virginia.



In addressing delegates to the Legion's National Convention, President General Nathan E. White, Jr. emphasized the strong ties existing between the Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution.

PG White went on the say, "the late President Ronald Reagan said: 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We don't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.'

"The National Society of Sons of the American Revolution looks forward to continued partnership with The American Legion, to protect that Freedom and hand it on to our children and our children's children."

Busy Schedule of Special Events

In addition to addressing the delegates at the Wednesday session, PG White and Wanda attended a special musical broadcast program of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir conducted in the city's 20,000 seat Conference Center; the annual American Legion Memorial Service with the 360-member Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a

supporting role; the National Convention Parade; a special Liberty Rally; and the National Commander's Tuesday Night Banquet.

Among the other Compatriots in attendance at the National Convention were Lyman Brenner, Vice Commander of The American Legion in Delaware and Chairman of the SAR's new American Legion Committee; Andy Johnson, a member of the Legion's National Security Commission and Chairman of the SAR's Reenactor's Committee; and Steve Leishman, a delegate to the National Convention from Delaware and Chairman of the SAR's George Washington Endowment Fund Raising Committee.

Following his remarks, President General White, with Lyman Brenner assisting, presented National Commander Thomas Bock of Colorado with the SAR's Distinguished Patriot Award.

President General White's eligibility for membership in The American Legion is based on his service as a naval supply officer aboard the *USS O'Brien (DD725)* in waters off Vietnam in 1968. His four years of naval service began in 1966 and ended following a tour as an Administrative Assistant with the Congressional Appropriations Committee on Capitol Hill in 1969.



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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 Winter 2007 Issue, which will be published in February, is December 15.

December 11 - Gunston Hall (near Alexandria, VA): 12:00noon. Wreath laying commemorating George Mason's birthday. Sponsored by George Mason Chapter. VASSAR

December 15 - Great Cane Break Battlefield (near Simpsonville, SC): Celebration sponsored by SCSSAR and DAR.

December 19 - Valley Forge National Park, PA: 6:00pm. Annual "Walk In" commemorates Washington's Army entry into Valley Forge. SAR participants.

December 25 - Washington Crossing, State Parks, PA/DE: 11:00am. Commemoration and re-enactment of Washington's Army crossing the Delaware. Sponsored by Washington Crossing Foundation. SAR participants.

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January 13-14 - Cowpens National Battlefield, SC: 10:30am. - Anniversary Celebration. Wreath laying sponsored by the Daniel Morgan Chapter. SCSSAR.

February 9-10 - Washington, Georgia: Anniversary Battle of Kettle Creek. 10:00am - 2:00pm. Historic home tour, film, battle field tour and wreath laying. Sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter and GASSAR.

February 18 - Philadelphia, PA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday. Wreath laying sponsored by the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter. PASSAR. 11:00am. Independence Hall and Washington Square.

February 18 - Burbank, CA (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills): Celebration of Washington's Birthday. Wreath laying; musket firing; 50+ Color Guards. Sponsored by Sons of Liberty Chapter. CASSAR.

February 22 - Mt. Vernon, VA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday. 11:00am. Wreath laying at Washington Family Tomb; Sponsored by SR; SAR participants.

February 24 - Moore's Creek Bridge Battle, NC (near Currie): 10:00am: Anniversary Celebration. Sponsored by SAR, DAR, SR participants.

February 26 - Burlington, NC: Battle of Clapp's Mill, Pyle's Massacre and Battle of Lindley's Mill. Commemoration at 2:00 pm. Allamance Battleground. Sponsored by Allamance Battleground Chapter. NCSSAR.

March 16 - Montpelier, VA: Madison's Birthday Celebration 11:00am. National Commemorative Service. VASSAR participants.

March 17 - 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 14 - 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 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 12 - 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.

May 13 - Allamance Battleground State Park, NC (near Burlington, NC): 2:00pm. Anniversary Battle of Allamance. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Allamance Battleground Chapter. NCSSAR

History Teacher Award Launched

The National Society has launched the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Award that will recognize and commend social studies teachers across the nation, according to an announcement made recently by Director of Education Colleen Wilson. She emphasizes that nominees may teach in private, public or parochial institutions at the middle or high school level. The winner will receive a trip to the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Those wishing to enter the competition may obtain application forms obtained from a local SAR Chapter.



Texas Society Compatriot Tom Lawrence has created the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award in honor of his parents.

Colleen reports that it is through the generous donation of the Hon. Thomas E. Lawrence of the Texas Society, that this award was created to honor his parents and the importance they placed on history education. The award, valued at \$1,400, includes tuition with transportation expenses limited to \$400. Room and board will be provided to the winner through the Freedoms Foundation. Compatriot Lawrence extends this professional educational workshop to an exceptional educator who will bring back to the classroom a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm to students of the American Revolutionary Era. Social studies teachers who teach history in smaller districts are also eligible.

Additional information about the award is posted at www.sar.org or by contacting the Director of Education at cwilson@sar.org. The deadline for submitting applications to the Chapters is December 15, 2006. The State Societies will then select a winner by January 2, 2007 and the final winner will be announced by April 1, 2007.



During the Constitution Day program at the University of Louisville, Lynne Cheney practiced with fifth graders the art of writing with quill pen and ink at the SAR booth.

NSSAR In Constitution Program

By Colleen Wilson, Director of Education

Constitution Day is an important event in our nation's history. It was also exciting for 120 fifth grade students from Hite and Wheatley elementary schools in Louisville, Kentucky. The students spent the morning with Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, at the University of Louisville McConnell Center where a lively discussion took place of how the Constitution has kept America strong for over 200 years. Cheney who is the author of 10 books, including a children's book called "America: A Patriotic Primer" was accompanied by U. S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky).

The SAR was proud to be a participant in the Constitution Day festivities and focused its efforts on providing an interactive activity for the students. Since both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were drafted, written and signed with quill pen and ink, students took quill pen in hand and proceeded to copy a line of text from the documents. Executive Director James N. Randall greeted both Mrs. Cheney and Senator McConnell as each visited the SAR booth.

When the student activity commenced, Cheney walked over to SAR Director of Education Colleen Wilson and asked if she had an extra quill pen and ink. She conveyed her enthusiastic support of the activity to Wilson and encouraged her in this type of interactive approach. Seems even our second lady and accomplished author was excited to try her hand. History was alive as news reporters, photographers and invited guests watched as students, teachers, and Cheney immersed themselves in the writing process of our Founding Fathers.

Conclusion by a fifth grader, "This is harder than it looks. No wonder it took them so long!"

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IN OUR MEMORY

CARL FRANCIS BESSENT PRESIDENT GENERAL 1984-1985

Carl Francis Bessent, who was born in 1919, was called to eternal rest on August 27, 2006 in Towson, Maryland. Prior to holding the position of President General, he had served as Secretary General (1982), Treasurer General (1979), Maryland Society National Trustee (1977-1978) and Vice-President General for the Mid Atlantic District (1977). His broad experience in the SAR also included serving as President of the Maryland Society (1976-1977) and as President of what is now that Society's John Eager Howard Chapter in Baltimore. (1974-1975).

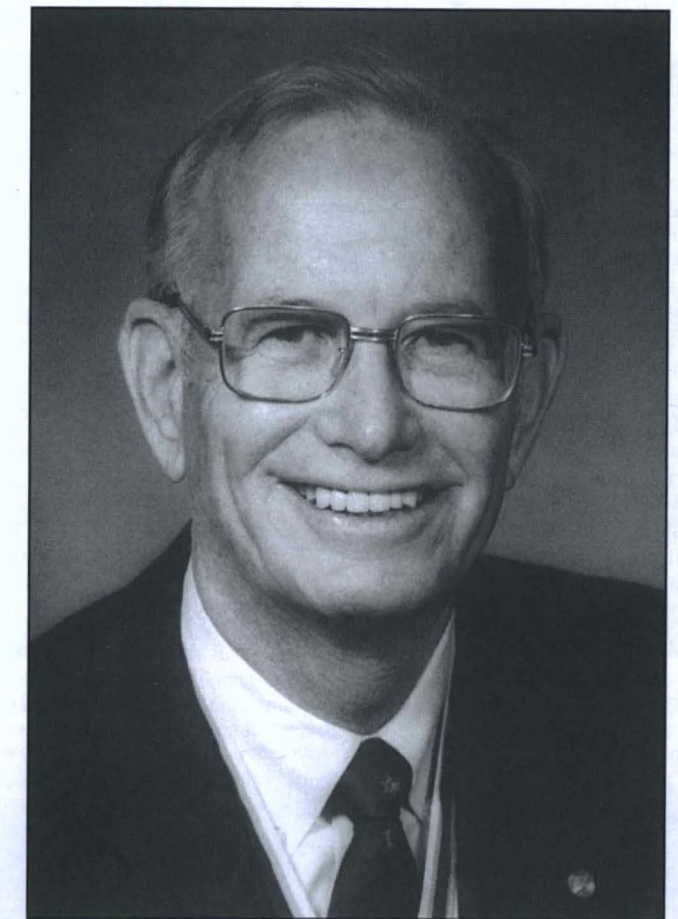
During his tenure as President General, his leadership enhanced the communications of the Society as every level - with noteworthy improvements in our Chapter, State Society and National Society publications.

Recognition of his leadership in this important area led to establishment of the "Carl F. Bessent Award" named in his honor and presented every year to the editors of outstanding State and Chapter newsletters.

He served for many years as Chairman of The SAR Magazine Advisory Committee, which has since been made a function of the Communications Committee. It is interesting to note that over a period of several years before the Society celebrated its 100th birthday in 1989, Compatriot Bessent authored a series of major articles that recounted highlights of the Society's history. These manuscripts were later reprinted in book form. At the time he undoubtedly knew more about our Society's rich heritage than any other member.

Compatriot Bessent received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Clemson University in 1942. His career as a Mechanical Engineer was interrupted by World War II. He became a decorated veteran, serving in the United States Air Force from June, 1942 through June, 1945, and earned the rank of Lt Colonel. His courageous military service in WWII earned his membership in what the author Tom Brokaw proclaims "the greatest generation."

He was a retired Mechanical Engineer with a long and distinguished career at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. His industry leadership was recognized with numerous honors, including the prestigious



Hunt Award by the Association for the Iron & Steel Technology.

He was a loyal alumnus of Clemson and contributor to the university. His passion for American Heritage led to his devotion to history and his authorship of numerous historical works. He was a frequent contributor to *The Independent Republican Quarterly* and numerous historical journals.

Among the many honors he was presented in recognition of his services to the SAR was the coveted Minuteman Medal, which he received in 1979. Others he gained over the years included the Gold Good Citizenship Medal and the Patriot Medal.

He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Concordia Lodge of Masons. He also belonged to a number of genealogical and patriotic societies.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, the former Velma Elizabeth Leitzel, two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren and a great grandson. A Memorial Service was held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Historic Williamsburg, Virginia To Host Annual Congress in July

By Joe Dooley, Chairman, Virginia Society Congress Planning Committee

The year 2007 marks not only the 400th anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown, but it will also be the year when the National Society's 117th Annual Congress convenes in Williamsburg, Virginia - July 7 thru 11 - in the heart of America's Historic Triangle: Williamsburg -Yorktown-Jamestown.

The Congress will be based in the historic Williamsburg Lodge, which is currently near completion of an extensive renovation. Colonial Williamsburg is just a short walk away. Plans for the gathering are well along; here are some of the highlights that will be available to attendees in addition to the traditional business sessions.

Society Congress Planning Committee is arranging for professional tour guides, boxed lunches and coolers of cold water and soft drinks.

On Tuesday, July 10, the ladies of the SAR will have their luncheon at the elegant Williamsburg Inn, just a sort drive from the Williamsburg Lodge.

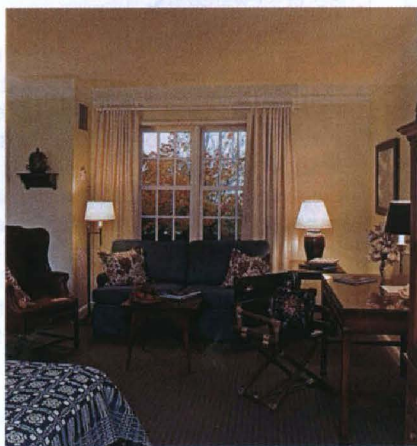
For the banquet on Tuesday evening, the Virginia Society Congress Planning Committee is currently trying to arrange for a prominent archaeologist-historian-author to be our guest speaker.

On Wednesday, SAR members and guests will be able to tour both Historic Jamestowne and the Jamestown Settlement.



Joe Dooley wears a number of hats, including that of President-elect of the Virginia Society and as Chairman of that Society's Congress Planning Committee. This photo was taken at the time of the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

The Winter 2007 Issue of our magazine will feature added details, as well as forms for making hotel reservations and Congress registration.



When the Williamsburg Lodge renovation program has been completed - well before the National Society's Annual Congress will gather there - a typical guest room will be pleasingly furnished with handsome colonial pieces. The lobby will be an extension of the guest rooms, a place where people will want to sit at the library table, play cards, perhaps have a drink, and meet with other guests.



This architect's rendering shows the guest houses that will be part of the Williamsburg Lodge restoration. Featured will be a large conference center in the heart of the Lodge, as well as 323 guest rooms.

For the first time ever, the host state society will arrange for a game of golf for interested Compatriots and their guests. The Virginia Society Congress Planning Committee is currently discussing with the Williamsburg Lodge what might be arranged at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course on the afternoon of Friday, July 6.

On Friday evening, SAR members and guests will be escorted by a Fife & Drum Corps, leading us to a colonial tavern for dinner. While at the tavern, we may be entertained by a colonial balladeer or a colonial storyteller.

On Saturday, July 7 we'll tour the Yorktown Visitors Center and Battlefield. Afterwards, we'll return to Williamsburg for the Revolutionary City and a tour of Colonial Williamsburg. The Virginia

Historic Jamestowne is the actual location where the first English settlement on this continent was established. It is maintained and operated by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA).

The Jamestown Settlement is the recreated Jamestown Fort and Powhatan Indian Village. At the Jamestown Settlement, there are also reconstructions of the *Godspeed*, the *Susan Constant* and the *Discovery*.

As with the trips to Yorktown and Williamsburg, for the trip to Jamestown the Virginia Society Congress Planning Committee is arranging for professional tour guides, boxed lunches and coolers of cold water and soft drinks. Attendees will be taken care of!

1781 Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemorated

By Robert P. Yankle II, North Carolina Society

The Battle of Eutaw Springs was the last major battle fought in the South. It pitted Major General Nathanael Greene's Patriot forces against the British Army, fighting under Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Stewart, and was one of the bloodiest pitched battles of the Revolutionary War. Some of the most revered battle commanders in the Southern Campaign were there - Greene, Otho Holland Williams, John Eager Howard, Jethro Sumner, Henry Lee, William Washington, Francis Marion and Andrew Pickens. At best, this battle was reckoned as a "bloody draw" - neither side could claim a decisive victory, but Nathanael Greene had once and for all broken the arc of British outposts in the Carolinas and confined them to Charleston, SC, and the surrounding low country.

For many years, the Battle of Eutaw Springs has been overshadowed by the success of the Siege of Yorktown, and by spurious accounts that the North Carolina Continentals in particular, and the Southern Army in general, had not fought as hard as they could have. It was also rumored that the battlefield itself was under water, covered by Lake Marion on the Santee River.

Restoration Plan In Work

All of this is about to change. A team of historians, geologists, archaeologists, authors, photographers, and former Washington lobbyists have banded together and begun an active campaign to restore the Battle of Eutaw Springs to its rightful place as one of the most preeminent battles of the Southern Campaign. Their goal: a National Battlefield Park such as exists at Guilford Courthouse. They've been given a good start. A team of consultant archaeologists has pin-pointed the position of the "brick house" which figured so prominently in the capability of the British Army to rain destructive fire on the Patriot forces who had to break ranks, and high-step their way over tent ropes and camping fires to get at their enemy.

The same professional team has discovered musket balls, grape shot and cannon balls at the site which would have marked the British right flank, commanded so brilliantly by John Marjoribanks. In addition, a team of historians has been poring over the papers and first-hand accounts of Nathanael Greene and Alexander Stewart to gain a more accurate accounting of the events that occurred on September 8, 1781. It is from this reading that a much different account of the battle will soon be revealed in a number of publications.

Patriots Who Fought There Saluted

Step forward 225 years to September 9, 2006. On this day, members of the South



South Carolina Society Senior Vice President Rick Corbett observed as Major William Connor, President of the Eutaw Springs Chapter, saluted the American flag during an SAR wreath laying ceremony at Eutaw Springs Battleground on September 9. Serving as the Color Guard were Greg Ohanesian, Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District, and Doug Doster, Vice President for District II, SCSSAR.

Carolina Society met to honor the memory of the people who fought so valiantly at Eutaw Springs. Presiding over the SAR wreath laying ceremony was Major William M. Connor, SC National Guard and President of the Eutaw Springs Chapter, SCSSAR. He was joined by Greg Ohanesian, VPG, South Atlantic District, NSSAR, with Senior VP Rick Corbett and Doug Doster, VP Area II, SCSSAR. The

attendees included that very band of noted professionals (listed above) who had themselves gathered as a part of the Nathanael Greene Symposium conducted by members of the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. It was a powerful gathering of forces. Especially notable was Major Connor's exhortation for everyone in attendance to keep striving to preserve our heritage and way of life.

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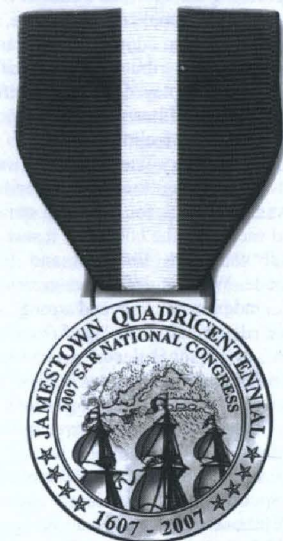
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First Place Winners Of National Society Contests For Youths Given Recognition At Annual Congress

The Eighth Annual Youth Awards Luncheon, staged during the 116th Annual Congress in Dallas this past July, honored five students who captured first place in as many National Society competitions. In addition, a monetary award was presented to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Illinois Society Compatriot Stephen A. Bradley.

These competitions were involved: **Rumbaugh Historical Oration, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout Scholarship, JROTC Outstanding Cadet and Americanism Poster.** The winner of each, except Poster, was on hand to be recognized and receive prizes and certificates.

A key requirement for all of the contests, except Poster, is the preparation of an essay on specific areas of interest; those submitted are reproduced in this special report. Compatriots are encouraged to make copies of these available to this year's potential participants as a guide to the high

standards they must meet.

Here are the top prizes that were awarded at the Congress. Also reported are those given to runners-up. Many Chapters and State Societies also offer awards.

Rumbaugh Historical Oration: \$3,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively. Others competing at the Congress received lesser amounts.

Knight Essay: \$3,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

Eagle Scout Scholarship: \$8,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$4,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

JROTC Outstanding Cadet: \$1,000.
Americanism Poster: \$300 Savings Bond. First and Second Runners-up: \$200 and \$100 Savings Bonds, respectively.

Compatriots and students interested in these programs will find complete descriptive information on the National Society Web Site: <http://www.sar.org>.



On behalf of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, National President Robert A. Fritsch brought greetings at the opening session of the Annual Congress in Dallas. As shown here, he was also on hand for the Youth Awards Luncheon to accept a \$1,000 check for use in furthering his project.

The Winning Knight Contest Essay

PATRIOTISM GUIDED BY CONSCIENCE

PATRIOTISM, n. Love of one's country; the passion which aims to serve one's country, either in defending it from invasion, or protecting its rights and maintaining its laws and institutions in vigor and purity. *Patriotism* is the characteristic of a good citizen, the noblest passion that animates a man in the character of a citizen. (*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*)

The stories of my country's first patriots, of the men and women who impelled, perpetuated, and won the struggle for American Independence, are those to which I sit an enraptured audience. Blood, toil, and ruin could not wrench the desire for liberty from their hearts. In pursuing the Glorious Cause of freedom, they began the national ardor that we, generations later, continue to adopt as American patriotism. Yet present-day tributes to the sacrifice and love of country displayed by our forefathers often overlook the philosophies that motivated this early American feeling.

Revolutionary War patriotism was cut out by conviction, fashioned by faith, verified by valor. It was, in general, founded on a standard of truth held sacred by the colonists; it was steered by a guide that both liberated and limited: conscience. Webster defined *conscience* as "internal... judgment of right and wrong", or the "principle" determining the "lawfulness or unlawfulness" of personal deeds. As evident from the writings of Revolutionary heroes, this stalwart, intangible pilot guided the patriot's view of liberty, his vision of its objective, and his actions in its defense.

Conscience substantially molded American perspective on freedom and revolution. "[W]ithout virtue, there can be no political liberty..." wrote John Adams: The colonists of 1775 had received a thriving, well-defined religious



Kristin Personius won the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and was awarded \$3,000. She topped all of the essays submitted by 38 State Societies – from a total field of several thousand entries. She resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

heritage from their Puritan ancestors and from the tremendous revival known as the Great Awakening. Reformed Christian doctrine backed the patriot belief that their inalienable rights, in the words of John Dickinson, were "from... the Lord of all the earth they are founded on the immutable maxims of reason and justice."

The colonists fought not only for their Godgiven rights, including religious liberty, but

for their rights as free-born Englishmen – rights established by the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, and the Colonial charters (official British documents which gave Parliament little legislative power in the colonies). Taking the Bible as their standard, the "rebels" prized justice and integrity in established law and opposed the arbitrary rule of Britain. American leaders sought peaceful redress of grievances for *eleven years* prior to declaring Independence. Even separation from Great Britain, declared John Witherspoon, was King George's "own choice," since the Prohibitory Act of 1776 ignored their petitions and caused America to be treated like an enemy.

Thus, justification for the War took root in moral, legal, and historical ground, while America conscientiously "[sought] justice *within* the empire" before resorting to armed self-defense. And conscience stimulated the far-sighted purpose for patriotic resistance to British usurpation. Despite the hope of profit or quest for personal distinction cherished by some, the Americans who fought for Independence displayed a remarkable unselfishness in their ideals. First, the fate of liberty in the experience of their descendants became a significant motivation. The Constitution itself vows that one of its objectives is to "secure the blessings of liberty to... our posterity". Paine argued the state of future generations no less than five times in *Common Sense*; John Adams realized that his struggles in politics would enable his children to enjoy education; Henry Laurens was personally willing to grant British demands, but wrote that "the Rights of Posterity were Involved in the Question[.] I... dared not betray my Trust".

Second, patriots recognized an obligation

toward all humanity, and forward thinkers already envisioned America as an exemplary refuge of liberty for mankind. A "passion for Liberty", according to Abigail Adams, should be founded upon the "[C]hristian principle of doing to others as we would that others should do unto us." In his appeal for soldiers to re-enlist in 1775, Washington urged that the interests of all humanity were at stake, and would either suffer or prosper by their decision. Perceiving that future liberty depended on *them*, Revolutionary supporters embraced this duty toward their children and fellow man regardless of how long they might live to enjoy it – judging that it would be basely wrong to secure temporary peace for themselves while abandoning coming generations to the bondage of injustice.

Knowing the integrity of their cause – being assured of the implications for their country – understanding that beliefs are authenticated by actions, it was therefore conscience that drove and determined how the Revolutionaries practiced patriotism. Their devotion had a heart wrenching vitality that gave, fought, and sacri-

ficed – and often expired with their souls still yearning to do more. Those who signed the Declaration of Independence knew they put their hands to a death warrant; it was a document of treason according to Britain. Collectively, these 56 delegates suffered banishment, beatings, total destruction of property, financial devastation, imprisonment, starvation, agonizing loss of family members, confiscation, betrayal, permanent illness, flight from pursuers, and death. Yet this ruin never caused them to recant; conscience was stronger. Similar dedication showed in others. With zeal unstained by materialism, the great American general served without pay and exhorted his soldiers to view patriotism as almost inseparable from Christian character. Perhaps this emphasis, combined with the nation's religious tenor, served to make the War "one of the most atrocity-free revolutions in the history of the world." Ladies willingly and actively supported their rifle-shouldering men, as untold thousands of farmers, merchants, preachers, doctors, students, lawyers, and tradesmen gave up possessions, employment,

and life itself to win the battle for inalienable rights.

Conscience – their "sacred honor" – allowed heroic patriots to place life and fortune on the line. It influenced scores of them to see liberty as a product of morality and a legitimate right of mankind. It inspired fifty-six of them to maintain a mutual oath through pain and destruction. It later prevailed upon thirty-nine of them to debate, write, and compromise during a hot Philadelphia summer. Through perspective, through purpose, and most visibly through practice, an enduring sense of moral duty pervaded the War of Independence. True patriotism, as displayed by our forefathers, is not fanaticism, not blind support of government (if such had been the case, there would have been all Loyalists and no Revolution), not unleashed vengeance or lawless protest. Rather, it is a rational, sound, peaceful love of country that strives to maintain just laws in purity, firmly adhering to right even when violently opposed. It is, in their legacy, a patriotism guided by conscience.

The Winning JROTC Program Essay

ARMY JROTC: MY PATH TO BETTER CITIZENSHIP

By Jacob Cook

According to Webster's dictionary, "A citizen is a person owing loyalty to and entitled by birth or naturalization to the protection of a state or nation." Citizenship is much, much more than that. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community". This quote means that our nation, having made mistakes in the past, has learned to unite and stand together as Americans.

Displaying these positive influences, not only affects American citizens, but the entire world. Army JROTC has made me a better citizen by giving me the insight to help others; I now realize how paramount our military personnel are to our success, and how our government was established, maintained, and run.

In my adolescence, I dreamt of making it big in the "real world." Achieving my dreams was all that mattered; I forgot those who gave me the right to have dreams in the first place. As a high school freshman, I enrolled in the Army JROTC program as an elective. During my first year of Army JROTC, I was a bit skeptical. Knowing that this was a military course, I assumed the program was just a way to recruit young individuals into the military. My first day in the class, I discovered that I had it all wrong. My instructor told my fellow peers and me that Army JROTC was not designed to make us enlist into the military, but rather to make us better citizens. I found this ironic considering the fact that I had joined Army JROTC to become a better citizen, and little did I know that the Army JROTC mission is to motivate young people to become better citizens. With everything my instructor taught me, I inevitably began to use citizenship skills in my everyday life.

Through my involvement in Army JROTC, I began to understand my position as a role model in my community. I understood why it was important for me to help children with their schoolwork, or to play a game with them, or just to show them how to have fun. I got more involved with the community by helping with service projects in Boy Scouts or by helping my neighbors with yard work. It was the little things



Receiving a check for \$1,000 was Army JROTC Cadet Jacob R. Cook for having been selected as the Outstanding JROTC Cadet for 2006. His entry in the contest was fielded by the Louisiana Society.

that made me realize the value of what I was doing. By giving my time, I was able to find a way to give back to the community. After I took a moment to reflect on my renewed morals, I was in awe of the fact that I continuously grew into more of a role model with each community involvement project.

Good citizenship begins with a good understanding of how our nation's armed forces allow us as Americans to live in a free country. Their hard work and dedication to our country has rejuvenated my pride in my country. I have developed more respect for my fellow countrymen who give their lives everyday to keep our country safe. Just by wearing the Army JROTC uniform correctly, saluting the United States flag, or saying a simple prayer, I show that I am extremely appreciative of their sacrifice to keep our nation free.

Before my Army JROTC experience, my understanding of how our government was established was not clear. I only knew basic information about the Democrats and Republicans and the three branches of government. Now I am more knowledgeable in the field of civics and how America's founding fathers based our government on the British Parliament. With this program I am now more appreciative of how much freedom our country allows its citizens and how our government has fought to maintain a democratic lifestyle. For this I am truly grateful and proud to be an American citizen.

In my three years of taking Army JROTC, I have demonstrated exemplary growth as I have traveled down the path to becoming a better citizen. Before I took Army JROTC, I was an average American who really could not tell the true meaning of good citizenship. As time passed, I grew with knowledge. Now, I can proudly say that I know what it takes to be an American citizen. I have attained a prize that so few can actually claim: Army JROTC has molded me from a child who did not know the true meaning of citizenship to a young man who can stand before you today and proudly say – "Thank God I live in the U.S.A.!"

The Winning Eagle Scout Essay

GEORGE WASHINGTON: MY FAVORITE AMERICAN HERO

By Michael W. Grogan

We see George Washington's face every day on our quarters and dollar bills. We hear the name of Washington spoken every night as we get the latest news from our capital. Yet rarely do we stop and appreciate how much he did for our country, and the legacy he left for all Americans. Sadly, even his Federal holiday has been reduced to a generic "President's Day".

Revolutionary War Hero

George Washington served as the commander of the Continental Army throughout the eight-year struggle for independence from England (1775-1783). Like many patriots, he was willing to risk both his life and fortune for the cause of liberty. His willingness to embrace the French plan for the Yorktown Campaign (1781) sealed victory for the revolution and secured our independence. Certainly, these deeds alone stand worthy of high praise and appreciation.

But, for me, there are three exceptional events that highlight his true greatness:

1. Trenton (1776) – Crossing the Delaware to achieve a surprise attack on the Hessian mercenaries was an outstanding feat. The icy Delaware River was a difficult obstacle to cross even in daylight, but Washington did it at night! He transported 2,400 troops secretly across the river on Christmas Eve and got them organized and into position by 8:00 am. Because of this surprise attack, the Americans won the battle by a huge margin.

A special moment of greatness, and perhaps the key to victory, occurred when George Washington called his generals together and told them that they were now under the command of a mere colonel! Washington had made everyone including himself – subordinate to Colonel John Glover during the crossing because of Glover's boating expertise and his excellent performance with the evacuation that saved the army from Long Island (August 1776).

2. Valley Forge (1777-1778) – Valley Forge was one of the darkest times for George Washington and the Continental Army. Washington led his army of about 12,000 soldiers to Valley Forge after their defeat in the Battle of Germantown. Because of the lack of supplies and the bareness of the surrounding countryside, the



Michael W. Grogan of Chesterfield, Missouri came in first place in the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Program. The lad was presented a check for \$8,000.

men were without adequate food, clothing and shelter - living in crude huts which they built for themselves. More than 2,500 soldiers died of disease and exposure to the cold, while desertions and the extreme lack of provisions further reduced the army to about one-half its former size.

Despite such conditions, Washington succeeded in using this time to create a well-trained and disciplined core force of "Regulars". Once again, he did this by recognizing and empowering others with special abilities – such as von Steuben, the Prussian volunteer whom he entrusted to drill the men. The performance of the newly trained soldiers at the next battle at Monmouth (1778) proved quite a shock to the British, who were forced to withdraw.

Washington's sense of duty to God and

Country at Valley Forge has become legendary in Scouting. The story of his kneeling and praying for the cause of liberty was used as the emblem for three BSA National Jamborees (1950, 1957 and 1964). (Note Another inspirational example of his recognition of "the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God" is set forth in his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 3 October 1789.)

3. Victory Won (1783) – With the end of the war, the Continental Army was ordered to disband. Most of the officers had developed a sense of personal loyalty to Washington after serving with him for eight years. Many had also grown disgusted with the Continental Congress, which they perceived as being weak. They resented its lack of support and sacrifice and offered to make Washington "King of the United States"! But, he refused the opportunity to seize power for himself. In an age of kings, he refused to become a king, staying true to his oath and retiring his commission with a tearful farewell. He had not fought George III in order to become "George I" – a temptation Napoleon Bonaparte proved unable to resist, when after the French Revolution he crowned himself Emperor of France (1804). This voluntary resignation, of power was so remarkable that King George III is reported to have exclaimed, "If he indeed does that he will be the greatest man in the world."

Founding Father And First President

After the war, George Washington was called upon once again to serve his country. First, he played an important role in presiding over the Constitutional Convention and the creation of our Constitution. He then served as our first president for two four-year terms, and again set the example of peacefully surrendering power upon their completion.

Conclusion

What makes George Washington my favorite American hero is his willingness to serve his country unselfishly; his clear belief in "Duty to God and Country"; and most uniquely, those greatest of moments which came not from seizing power for himself, but from his willingness to share, and eventually relinquish it for the greater good!

The Winning Rumbaugh Oration Contest Essay

THE CRISIS OF TREASON

By Edward Seage, Jr.

"I have learned to hate all traitors and there is no disease that I spit on more than treachery." Aeschylus, the Greek tragedian, put it best. The founding fathers couldn't have agreed more. To the founders of our country, treason was the worst offense a man could commit. Our country's forefathers had such an overpowering love for America that they included an entire section of the Constitution strictly to deal with treason.

Section 3 states that Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court. The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason, but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture except during the life of the person attainted.

Treason was a constant worry for the

American patriots during the revolution. It was impossible to tell who was a revolutionary and who was a loyalist. The person you thought was your patriotic neighbor could have been a Tory. For example, the most famous traitor of the American Revolution was the least likely person to be one. American General, Benedict Arnold was the model of a patriot. An active soldier in the revolution, a companion of George Washington, and a revered and respected general, Benedict Arnold was the last person anyone would have expected to be selling secrets to the British army. Nonetheless, in 1778, Arnold was discovered conspiring to hand the American fort of West Point to the British Army. After the founding fathers saw one of their own patriots committing treason, they knew the issue must be addressed in the Constitution. The framers included section 3 in the Constitution in order to protect the American dream and system both in the time of the revolution and today.



Edward Seage, Jr. was the winner of the Joseph S. Runibaugh Historical Oration Contest and was awarded a check for \$3,000. He was sponsored by the Delaware Society.

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So what exactly does Section 3 mean? Well, just like every other part of the Constitution, it's open to interpretation and debate. And it has been debated. The problem is that the crime of treason, although punishable is not clearly defined and is not easily proven. Treason, as defined by article 3, consists only of levying war against the United States or in giving aid and comfort to an enemy of the U.S. The best interpretation of Section 3 came from Supreme Court Justice John Marshall during the trial of Aaron Burr. Burr had been accused of conspiring to overthrow the U.S. government. He had planned to gather Mexican troops. While this may sound like treason, under the definition of Article 3, it is not. Treason only includes levying war against the government, not conspiring to. Justice Marshall stated, "there must be an actual assembling of men, for the treasonable purpose, to constitute a levying of war." Since a person can only be proven guilty if there are two witnesses of the treasonable action, or by confession in open court, Aaron Burr was acquitted; his actions were covert.

Unfortunately, as time went on, Section 3 proved to be somewhat inconsistent. During the Cold War, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, a husband and wife scientist team working for the U.S. atomic bomb project, were accused and convicted of treason for selling nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union. They were both executed in the electric chair. Aaron Burr, who had planned to gather troops, raid America's border and help Mexico destroy the U.S. government, was acquitted, but the insipid husband and wife scientists were electrocuted. The Rosenbergs truly suffered from the inconsistency of interpreting Section 3. The secrets they passed to the Soviet Union were not all that valuable, yet they were given the maximum possible punishment. In contrast, Klaus Fuchs, a Soviet spy from the same time, was only sentenced to 14 years in prison after selling the most valuable atomic secrets of the 1940's.

With the Patriot act, Guantanamo Bay, and America's war on terror, traitors to the American cause have grown significantly in number. Most famous was the case of John Walker Lindh, a

young California native who was found fighting for the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2000. Walker Lindh fit the definition in Section 3 as closely as one possibly could. He was captured during a Afghani prison revolt carrying a machine gun, possessing two hand grenades and fighting alongside the Taliban against American troops. He was sentenced to twenty years in prison.

The cases speak for themselves. The founding fathers had every reason to be concerned about treason. From Benedict Arnold to John Walker Lindh, treason has been an ongoing issue. The drafters of the Constitution believed in the greatness and sanctity of the American way and incorporated section 3 to ensure that the American dream would live on. Some were jailed, some were fined, some were executed, but all those who betrayed America were brought to some kind of justice because of section 3. Although the wording of section 3 may be vague and open to interpretation I think the message of the founding fathers is clear. "I have learned to hate all traitors, and there is no disease that I spit on more than treachery."

Compatriots From 15 State Societies Attend Conference In Washington, DC

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society Secretary

A memorial graveside ceremony for a Signer of the Declaration of Independence at historic Congressional Cemetery; attendance at the famous Marine Corps Evening Parade; a tour of the U.S. Capitol with lunch in the Mansfield Room which is reserved for the families of U.S. Senate members; a tour of The White House for the ladies; a meaningful business meeting with instructional programs; induction of a new member on the President's White House staff; and scrumptious food at all events. What more could you ask of a District Meeting, or in this case, the annual combined meeting of the North and Mid-Atlantic Districts known as the Atlantic Middle States Conference?

The conference was held in Washington, DC on August 11-12 and drew the attendance of 67 Compatriots representing 15 State Societies. President General Nathan E. White, Jr. was there and spoke about the four task forces he has established for his term of office focusing on new Chapters, foreign societies, prominent new members, and the possible elimination of annual dues through a life membership plan.

In addition to a Candidates Forum, the Business Meeting included periods of instruction by Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox: "The Outreach Program"; Ralph Nelson: "The Revolutionary War Graves Registry Project"; Genealogist General Chuck Bragg: "New Directions to Increase Membership"; and Executive Director Jim Randall: "The Director of Education: A New Role."

The annual Atlantic Middle States Conference draws on the seven State Societies that comprise the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Districts, including New

Jersey and New York from the North and Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia from the Mid-Atlantic. In recent years, the two-day event has given the President General the opportunity to call the first meeting of his Executive Committee and this year was no different, with attendance from Executive Committee members residing in Alabama, Georgia and Michigan in addition to those living in the Mid-Atlantic District.

The conference rotates among the seven State Societies in the North and Mid-Atlantic Districts and is held on the second weekend of August each year. Maryland will host the Conference in 2007.



Paul Hays (right), Vice President of the District of Columbia Society who serves as Reading Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, briefed Conference delegates inside of one of the Capitol Building's hallways containing statues sent there by state legislatures.



Presiding at the formal wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Eldridge Gerry, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence buried in the Congressional Cemetery, were President General Nathan E. White, Jr. (right) and Scott Shewmaker, President of the District of Columbia Society.



Nealton Burnham (center), a member of President Bush's White House team, was inducted into the SAR during the Saturday Night Conference Banquet. He is shown talking with Virginia Society President-elect Joe Dooley (left) and Dominic Lay of Virginia's Culpeper Minute Men Chapter.

General Officer Candidates Offer Background Data During Forum At Leadership Meeting

By Special Contributing Editor Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society

Candidates for General Officers for the 2007-2008 term presented their credentials to Compatriots from throughout the Society who attended the Fall Trustees/Leadership Meeting in Louisville September 28-30. The Candidates Forum was moderated by former President General Roland Downing, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The complete list of known candidates, and their credentials, is as follows:

PRESIDENT GENERAL - Bruce A. Wilcox - Virginia Society. Compatriot Wilcox is currently serving as Secretary General. He previously served as Treasurer General, Registrar General, Historian General and Librarian General. He has served on the Executive Committee and Foundation Board as a voting member for the past three years and as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee for three years. He is a Past President of the Virginia Society and his many SAR

medals and awards includes the Minuteman Award. Bruce is a graduate of the Naval Academy and served on active duty for 20 years as a Naval Aviator. He and his wife, Theresa, are regular attendees at National functions. Bruce is a George Washington Fellow and major contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

SECRETARY GENERAL - David N. Appleby - Missouri Society. Compatriot Appleby is currently serving as Treasurer General. Previously, he served three terms as Chancellor General. David is serving his fourth term as a member of the Executive Committee. He also serves on several committees. A life member of the Missouri Society, David is a practicing attorney-at-law and has served as a County Prosecuting Attorney, a Municipal Judge and as a City Alderman. A retired Army Reserve Colonel, David and his wife, Raylene, are regular attendees at National

functions. A Vietnam veteran, David is a member of The American Legion, the VFW and The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, which he served as Grand Prior. David is a George Washington Fellow and has received the Minuteman Award.

TREASURER GENERAL - Edward A. Butler - Texas Society. Compatriot Butler is currently serving as Chancellor General. Previously, he served two terms as Genealogist General. Judge Butler has extensive experience in the banking and securities field as General Counsel for a Wall Street brokerage firm, serving as its financial principal with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He has served as treasurer or president of 27 different organizations. Judge Butler is the founder and former President and National Trustee of the Mexico Society. He also served two terms as Vice-President General of the International District. He and his wife,

Robin, attend all national SAR functions and are frequent visitors to District and state functions through the National Society. Judge Butler is a George Washington Fellow and has received the Minuteman Award.

CHANCELLOR GENERAL - Peter M. Keltch - Oklahoma Society. Compatriot Keltch has served the Society in many capacities, including President and Trustee of the Oklahoma Society, Vice-President General of the South Central District, and member or Chairman of several national committees. Peter has been a member of the SAR for 30 years, joining while a student at Northeastern State University in 1966. He was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma in 1972. He has served as a member of the U.S. Education Appeal Board in Washington, DC, and currently serves as a United States Administrative Law Judge in Oklahoma City. Judge Keltch is a George Washington Fellow, a contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and recipient of the Patriot Medal and Distinguished Service Medal.

GENEALOGIST GENERAL - Charles F. "Chuck" Bragg - Indiana

Society. Compatriot Bragg is currently serving as Genealogist General and previously served as Registrar General. He also served as President of the Indiana Society, National Trustee and Vice-President General of the Central District. Chuck has served as member or chairman of several national committees. An Air Force veteran, he is currently serving as a colonel in the Indiana Guard Reserve as a volunteer at one of the nation's largest processing centers for soldiers going to and returning from Bosnia, Croatia, Afghanistan and Iraq. Colonel Bragg is a George Washington Fellow, a major contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and recipient of the Minuteman Award. He and his wife, Karen, are frequent visitors to SAR events around the country as well as attendees at all national meetings, programs and events.

REGISTRAR GENERAL - Timothy R. Bennett - District of Columbia Society. Compatriot Bennett is serving his second term as Registrar General and is seeking a third term. He has been a member of the SAR since 1961. During his 45-year career, he has served as DCSSAR President, Trustee and Vice-President General of the Mid-Atlantic District. He

has attended 26 Annual Congresses and more than 40 Trustees Meetings. His national committee work includes Congressional and Government Relations; C.A.R.; and the Task Force to Create an Improved Induction Process, among others. Tim is a George Washington Fellow, a Friend of the Library, a contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and recipient of the Patriot Medal, the C.A.R./SAR Gold Medal of Appreciation and the Minuteman Award, Class of 1987. Tim's wife, Mary Jane, accompanies him to most of the SAR events he attends.

HISTORIAN GENERAL - James David Simpson - Kentucky Society. Compatriot Simpson is serving his second term as Historian General and is seeking a third term. His goal in a third term is to start an archival record of Presidents General for the past 17 years, to write a comprehensive report on actions taken at the first Annual Congress, and to provide a supportive role in furthering the accomplishments of the history-related committees. David is a Past President and Trustee of the Kentucky Society and former Vice President General of the Central District. He has served as chairman of five national committees and



Bruce A. Wilcox, VASSAR



David N. Appleby, MOSSAR



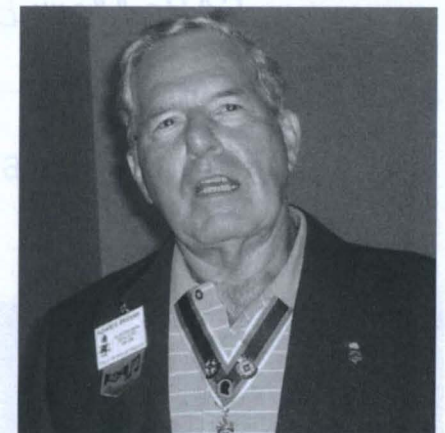
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Timothy R. Bennett, DCSSAR



James David Simpson, KYSSAR



Richard D. Brockway, WVSSAR



Peter M. Keltch, OKSSAR



Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR



Robert C. Judice, M.D., LASSAR



Rev. Stanley W. Delong, CASSAR

is the recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Minuteman Award. Dave and his wife, Evelyn, are frequent attendees at national and district SAR programs and events.

LIBRARIAN GENERAL - Richard D. Brockway - West Virginia Society. Compatriot Brockway is a Past President and Trustee of the West Virginia Society as well as Past Vice-President General of the Central District. He currently serves as Chairman of the Music Committee, and as a member of several other committees, including the Library Committee. Dick and his wife, Norma, have attended the last six Annual Congresses. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, Patriot Medal, Silver Color Guard, and Meritorious Service Medal, among others. Dick is a member of the Lions Club, is a Civil War Reenactor, and a Bagpiper with The American Legion West Virginia Highlanders. He is a George Washington Fellow and contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

SURGEON GENERAL - Robert C. Judice, M.D. - Louisiana Society. Compatriot Judice is seeking a second term as Surgeon General. He served his first term in 1994-95. In the interim, he has served as President of the Louisiana Society, Trustee and Vice-President General of the Southern District. Dr. Judice has served on several national committees, including the Medical Advisory Committee and Eagle Scout Committee. He and his wife, Susan, are the proud owners of L'Hermitage, an 1814 plantation in Darrow, LA. Bob served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam era. His SAR medals and awards include the Patriot Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. Dr. Judice is a George Washington Fellow and a contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL - Rev. Stanley W. De Long - California Society. Compatriot De Long is currently serving as Chaplain General and is seeking a second term. He has served as Vice-President General of the Western District, President

and Trustee of the California Society, and a member of several National committees. Stan began his Navy career as a Corpsman and retired as a Commander, Chaplain Corp, with a total of 38 years of naval service. Among his SAR Medals and awards are the War Service Medal, Patriot Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Silver Good Citizenship Medal, among others. He and his wife, Joan, have two sons and two grandsons who belong to the SAR and one granddaughter who belongs to the C.A.R. Stan is a George Washington Fellow and contributor to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Each of these candidates has made a special \$500 donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

To endorse any or all of these candidates, you should notify the Nominating Committee in care of Former President General Roland Downing, Committee Chairman; 2413 Heather Road West; Wilmington, DE 19803 or via email: rdowning@udel.edu

SARs Mark Battle of Point Pleasant, West Virginia

President General Nathan E. White, Jr. and his wife Wanda led a large parade of Compatriots from nine State Societies who gathered at Point Pleasant, West Virginia October 6-8 to commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

In a news report submitted to the magazine by Virginia Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, who serves as Special Contributing Editor, he stated that the event included a children's education day on Friday, with more than 700 elementary school children from West Virginia and Ohio in attendance. That night, there was a candle light tour of the battlefield with reenactors explaining the battle between Shawnee and Mingo Indians led by Chief Cornstalk and militiamen from Southwest Virginia under the command of Col. Andrew Lewis.

Saturday featured a late morning parade and a Colonial Ball held at The American Legion Post that evening. On Sunday, the Compatriots and their families attended a Colonial Church Service at Tu Endie Wei State Park, ate lunch at a local Methodist Church, and attended a Memorial Service

where members of the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. presented 42 wreaths in memory of those who fought at the confluence of the

Kanawha and Ohio Rivers on October 10, 1774. President General White was the principal speaker.



Riding atop a sporty auto were President General and Mrs. Nathan E. White, Jr., while a large contingent of SARs from several states marched with them in a festive parade. His immediate escort included National Color Guard Commander Charles R. Lampman (right), a member of the California Society, and Mike Tomme (left) of the Georgia Society.

NSSAR Hosts Constitution Day Program For Students

The National Society opened the doors in September and welcomed Trinity High School of Louisville to a lively discussion of the U.S. Constitution. Addressing the group of almost 100 junior and senior high school students were the Hon. William L. Knopf of the Kentucky Court of Appeals and Compatriot William Buckaway of the law firm of Tilford, Dobbins, Alexander, Buckaway and Black.

Discussion focused on the historic document that has insured our individual freedoms since September 17, 1787. Both speakers remarked to the students that they were impressed by their grasp of Constitutional material. This level of understanding enabled Knopf and Buckaway to go into greater detail when answering questions about recent legislation.

In his opening address to the government civics class, SAR Executive Director James N. Randall stated, "The constitutional framers were men of character, emotion and vision. They also brought various views that differed from their fellow delegates. What would you do today if you were charged with the creation of a document that would govern millions? What would your most important issue be?"

With the success of the Constitution Day program, plans are already being discussed



Executive Director James N. Randall introduced the Hon. William Knopf and Compatriot William Buckaway to kick off Constitution Day at National Headquarters. They addressed almost 100 government studies students from Trinity High School.

for next year. It is through these interactive quality programs that the SAR will

advance their role as a resource to the social studies teachers of this nation.

Ohio Compatriot Wins Bond Photographic Award

Editorial space limitations in the Summer 2006 Issue of our magazine prevented reproduction of the winning patriotic photo submitted by Charles G. Edwards, a member of the Ohio Society's Cincinnati Chapter, as shown here. His was selected from a number of entries in the popular Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr. Memorial Photographic Award given each year to the Compatriot whose entry is selected as most representative of patriotism. Judging is performed by the Editor of the magazine, Historian General and the Chairman of the Historic Celebrations Committee as based on criteria spelled out in this news report. It is always presented during Recognition Night at an Annual Congress.

The award was established by Mrs. Wilma Bond in 1997 in memory of her husband, who died that year after having been very active at all levels of the SAR. She contributed \$20,000 to the Society to be invested so as to yield at least \$1,000 annually with up to \$1,000 of that to be presented to the winner.

Photographs are to be 5x7 inch in size, unmatted and unframed, and may be either in color or black and white. Only one per Compatriot will be accepted. Entries must be received no later than February 15 by the NSSAR Executive Director, with judg-

ing to take place at the time of the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville. All

entries become the propriety of the National Society and will not be returned.



The winning photo submitted by Compatriot Charles G. Edwards depicts Cincinnati Chapter John Simmon's 5 year old daughter Johanna posting the National Colors during the Chapter's Flag Day Ceremony. Providing the drum beat was Compatriot Randy Krueger.



COMPATRIOTS: COME SHARE THE VISION!



Tax Advantages Available Through Giving To Center For Advancing America's Heritage

By Ed Butler, NSSAR Chancellor General

For the past few years our National Society has been raising funds for the construction and maintenance of a new building across the street from our National Headquarters in Louisville, KY. The Center for Advancing America's Heritage will be more than just a building. It is anticipated that it will be a center for learning. We envision that the SAR will become the guardians of our history and heritage for future generations. At this point we are a little over half way to our goal of six million dollars.

Please consider this article as both a sincere request that you dig deep into your pockets, and a listing of some ways to take the sting out of your gift.

CASH. The simplest way to participate is to make a cash contribution, for which you will receive a tax deduction as a charitable contribution, as we are an IRS 501 c (3) non profit charitable corporation. Total contributions may not exceed 30% of adjusted gross income in any given year. Many members pledge to make payments over a period of five years, thereby making it easier to make a substantial gift.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES. In late October, 2006, the Dow reached record breaking highs. Many of you have stocks and bonds or mutual funds that were purchased several years ago which are worth substantially more than you paid for them. When you sell those stocks you will be forced to pay a capital gains tax on the profit. If you donate those appreciated securities you have owned for a minimum of 12 months, you benefit in two ways: 1) You avoid paying the capital gains tax; and 2) You receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the security on the date it is donated. Sometimes, you make money on the transaction. If the value of the proposed gift is more than 30% of your adjusted gross income, the gift can be set up over two or more years to help you maximize the tax advantages of the gift. If you live in a state with an income tax, you receive similar benefits on your state tax return.

APPRECIATED COIN AND STAMP COLLECTIONS AND WORKS OF ART. The same rules apply as to gifts of appreciated securities. If you are downsizing, or if your children are not interested in your collections, consider donating them to the SAR Foundation. You should have the objects to be donated appraised by an expert to nail down the amount of your tax deduction.

APPRECIATED REAL ESTATE. Although the same tax rules apply to the donation of real estate, the transaction must be consummated by execution of a deed by you to the SAR Foundation. It would also be prudent on your part to have the property appraised by a licensed real estate appraiser immediately prior to the gift. This can be residential land, vacant city lots, commercial property, farm or ranch land, etc. Probably the SAR would not use the property, but it would benefit from selling the land.

LIFE INSURANCE. Here you simply make the SAR Foundation both the irrevocable owner and beneficiary of an existing whole life insurance policy. The deductible amount is the cash surrender value of the policy at the time of the gift. You may also deduct the full amount of any premiums you pay on the policy after the donation.

IRA FUNDS. If you are 70 1/2 years of age and you have an IRA, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, allows you to instruct your IRA trustee to make donations up to \$100,000.00, directly to the SAR Foundation in calendar years 2006 and 2007 only. These funds are not subject to any withholding tax by the trustee. The law applies to both traditional and Roth IRAs. The funds are not included in your gross income. This helps you in your tax computation if you itemize deductions, especially if you have substantial medical expenses. Such donations do not count against the maximum annual limit of 30% of your adjusted gross income for charitable gifts.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. Even if your estate will not be subject to Federal Estate Tax, it may be subject to your state's Inheritance Tax. By leaving a bequest in your will to the SAR Center For Advancing America's Heritage, you may receive a deduction from the applicable inheritance tax plus your estate will be allowed the same deduction from your final income tax return for the year of your death. What better way to show that you are a loyal SAR member? You don't have to do to the expense of completely redrafting your whole will. Your bequest can be handled in a simple **Codicil** to your will. Many SAR lawyers in your state would probably draft that Codicil for you free of charge, or for a nominal fee.

In addition to your tax deduction, you will receive a handsome certificate from SAR for your gift, plus a lapel pin and miniature medal recognizing your participation. With gifts of \$10,000.00 or more, the donor receives the right to name a room in the new center. The naming right attaches with the pledge.

With your help we will have the new Center up and running in no time. Please make your donation now.



Compatriot Butler was elected Chancellor General at the Annual Congress in Dallas this past July, having completed two terms as Genealogist General. A member of the Texas Society, he was instrumental in founding the Mexico Society and served as its President and National Trustee. He is a George Washington Fellow.



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

TO: The SAR Foundation, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203-3292

To make possible the construction of the new library and to assist in the full development of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, I/We pledge the following donation:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed, payable to *The SAR Foundation, Inc.*

The balance will be paid as follows: _____

I/We expect to make the next payment on _____ (month/year)

Signature _____ Date _____

Please charge my Credit Card: Visa; MasterCard; Discover; Am Exp.

Credit Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. Date: _____ / _____

Name _____ Society/Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Special instructions or designations, if any: _____

_____ Anonymous? _____

Compatriots Converge on Louisville To Attend Fall Leadership Meeting

When the weekend of September 29-30 rolled around this year, over 155 Compatriots gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for the National Society's traditional Fall Leadership meeting. On hand were the General Officers, Vice Presidents General, National Trustees, other State Society officers, former Presidents General and the Chairmen and members of scores of Committees. To handle this large a group, facilities at National Headquarters were used for a limited number of small meetings, while most Committees met at the Brown Hotel on Friday, but a few blocks from Headquarters. The Brown also served as the locale for the Leadership Meeting on Saturday and the evening banquets.

This news story summarizes highlights of interest to the broad membership, while an assortment of photos depict a range of activities to emphasize involvement of

many Compatriots in the Society's important business. A large number of spouses were also on hand, with programs designed for them, too.

Meetings Begin On Thursday

Thursday morning saw members of the Executive Committee gather at Headquarters, with President General Nathan E. White presiding. This and other meetings of the Committee are reported by



True to tradition, the National Color Guard performed smartly while presenting and retiring the Colors at the banquets.

Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox elsewhere in this report. During the afternoon, the SAR Foundation Board met, also at Headquarters.

A wide range of Committee Meetings were held on Friday throughout most of the day beginning at 8 am. That evening candidates for General Officers were offered an opportunity to review their qualifications during a unique forum held for a large number of attendees. Their resumes are summarized in a special news story elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

On Saturday morning between 9 am and 10 am, three separate sessions were held



Presiding over business sessions and the two evening banquets was President General Nathan E. White.

for the benefit of these State Society officers: President and Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer; and Genealogist and Registrar. These presented valuable opportunities to share solutions to common problems. This phase was followed by a workshop with the sole objective of proposing alternatives to the annual task of collecting dues. To accomplish this, attendees were divided into small groups to discuss the topic - with the leader at each table later reporting on collective suggestions.

Following a luncheon, all attendees gathered for a general business session to hear reports from the General Officers and Committee Chairmen. Presiding was President General White. Presented here are capsules of some of those reports.

The PG began by asking for the presentation of gifts to the Society. Numerous members came to the microphone to announce various gifts ranging from books for the Library to funds for the financial support of such programs as the Eagle Scout Scholarship and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Former President General Roland G. Downing, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, revealed the names of those known candidates for General Officers: President General, Bruce A. Wilcox, VAS-



The Crystal Ballroom in the Brown Hotel was dedicated on Saturday morning to a number of tables where attendees participated in a workshop to develop possible alternatives to the annual task of collecting dues.

SAR; Secretary General, David N. Appleby, MOSSAR; Treasurer General, Edward A. Butler, TXSSAR; Chancellor General, Peter M. Keltch, OKSSAR; Genealogist General, Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR; Registrar General, Timothy R. Bennett, DCSSAR; Historian General, James David Sympton, KYSSAR; Librarian General, Richard D. Brockway, WVSSAR; Surgeon General, Robert C. Judice, M.D., LASSAR; and Chaplain General, Rev. Stanley W. DeLong, CASAR. The Nominating Committee will formally meet at the Spring 2007 Leadership Meeting to select the slate for 2007-2008.

Secretary General Wilcox then reported on actions of the Executive Committee Meetings held just prior to this Leadership Meeting. He also offered supplemental information to his submitted report. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Trustees to adopt Committee actions.

Treasurer General David N. Appleby presented the proposed budget for 2007 as approved by the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the budget was passed by the Trustees. The remaining General Officers made comments to supplement their written reports that were distributed prior to the meeting. Each called upon Committee Chairmen under their cognizance to the podium to offer supplemental comments to their written reports. This was followed by calling up remaining Committee Chairmen to make supplemental comments.

Registrar General Timothy R. Bennett reported that as of August, 2006 membership in the Society stood at 27,052 and that we continue to move forward.

Librarian General J. Michael Jones stated that the Friends of the Library members have purchased Ancestry.com (Library Edition) and Heritage Quest for the



An important motion was introduced by California Compatriot Marston Watson relative to the vote by the San Francisco Board of Education to eliminate the JROTC program there. Involved was the drafting of a Resolution by the President General in support of the JROTC and sending it to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.



Delaware Compatriot Stephen A. Leishman is Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Funds Board Fund Raising Committee. At a breakfast honoring those who have made financial contributions to various projects of National Committees, he reported that the Fund is approaching \$900,000 in value. Earnings are used to pay for selected pro-



Reverend Stanley W. DeLong, Chaplain General, offered the Invocation and Benediction at appropriate points during the overall Leadership Meeting.



Three different groups of State Society officers met to discuss solutions to common problems. **LEFT:** Presidents and Vice Presidents. **RIGHT:** Secretaries and Treasurers. The third group involved Genealogists and Registrars. Such sessions have proven to be quite beneficial.



During a meeting of the Congressional and Government Relations Committee, Chairman Bill Allerton (standing) stressed the importance of maintaining contacts with local, state and national government leaders. He was responsible for several letters read at the Annual Congress held in Dallas this year relative to the 100th anniversary of our Society's Charter from the United States Congress. Included were those from President George W. Bush (which Bill is shown holding), Vice President Richard B. Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Peter Pace and former President George W. Bush. In attendance were (from left): Bob Bowen, FPG Roland G. Downing, Andy Johnson, Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox, Treasurer General David N. Appleby, and Registrar General Tim Bennett.



Michigan Compatriot Richard Steele (center) chaired a productive meeting of the Genealogy Committee. Assisting him in answering queries was Staff Genealogist Susan Acree.



During each Leadership Meeting, Compatriots who are attending for the first time are recognized. President General Nathan E. White (end of aisle) introduced nine such men.

Library. These two programs may provide Internet access needed to prove a new Patriot or to expand a family tree.

Under new business, a situation in San Francisco was described in which the Board of Education voted to eliminate the JROTC program because of military recruiting connotations. A motion by Compatriot Marston Watson, seconded by Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg, for the President General to draft a Resolution in support of the JROTC Program to be transmitted to the San Francisco Board of Education was passed.

The next regularly scheduled Leadership Meeting will be held in Louisville on Friday, February 23 and Saturday the 24th, 2007. Remember, all Compatriots may attend!



Registrar General Charles F. Bragg reported that the Society's membership continues to grow.



A great deal of planning goes into organizing the special luncheon at every Annual Congress where the winners of youth competitions are honored. This function got off to an early start for the 2007 event at the time of the Leadership Meeting when these Compatriots gathered to share ideas. **SEATED, FROM LEFT:** Renaldo J. Hamilton, Chairman, ROTC and JROTC Committee; Stephen A. Bradley, who serves as Master of Ceremonies; and George D. Thompson, Chairman, C.A.R. Committee. **STANDING, FROM LEFT:** John R. Wallace, Executive Committee Liaison; Charles A. Newcomer III, Chairman, Boy Scout Committee; Lawrence E. McKinley, Chairman, Oration Contest Committee; Christos Christou, Chairman, Essay Contest; and Winston C. Williams, Editor, *The SAR Magazine*.



Former President General Roland G. Downing received from President General Nathan E. White a Certificate designating him an Honorary Texan, the PG's home state. He also received a Flag flown over the Capitol in Austin.



Conducting a meeting of the Membership Committee were Chairman Joe Dooley (right), VASSAR and Vice Chairman Larry Guzy, GASSAR.



One of the largest and most important National Committees is Strategic Planning. Chairing a meeting was Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox (standing).



It was announced that Staff Registrar Joyce Adams was retiring at the end of December after over 27 years of dedicated service. President General Nathan E. White called her to the podium to receive a rousing ovation from attendees.



A meeting of the Communications Committee was chaired by Michigan Compatriot David G. Boring (third from left). This entity oversees the composition, content, publication and finances of all NSSAR publications and public relations.



New Mexico Compatriot Walter F. Baker chaired a meeting of the Flag Committee, which among a number of responsibilities encourages patriotic respect for the United States Flag and judges the Furlong Award for presentation at the Annual Congress.

Executive Committee Actions

The Executive Committee met on three occasions at the Fall Leadership Meeting. The first meeting was on the morning of Thursday September 28. At this meeting the following discussions occurred and/or actions were taken:

- ROTC medals have been reduced in price to \$7.50.
- A proposed Teacher of the Year Award has been presented to the Medals and Awards Committee. Compatriot Tom Lawrence of the Texas Society will fund the program at \$1,500 per year. The award is proposed to be announced on 1 April.
- A centralized billing system has been proposed. EXCOM will continue to evaluate the feasibility of a pilot program.
- A motion was passed not to increase registration for Leadership Meetings and that the registration form be changed to clearly indicate that guests do not pay registration.
- A motion was passed that the wording of the SAR pledge and recessional be amended in all publications and used as stated in the handbook and that the pledge and recessional be made part of the bylaws upon approval by the membership at Congress.
- The issue of who would be the Magazine Editor when Win Williams retires was discussed. It was generally agreed that the EXCOM would first look for a candidate from within the NSSAR and then failing that it would look externally.
- A proposed fund raising contest was discussed. Executive Director Randall will work on a structure.
- ED Randall announced that the SAR Directory should be in the mail to



Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox reported on actions of the Executive Committee to attendees at the general Leadership Meeting. The accompanying report presents them in greater detail.

members by October 15. We have 5200 of them on order.

- A motion was passed to increase the cost of a record copy of a membership application from \$5 to \$10 effective Jan 1, 2007.
- The budget process was discussed. PG White directed that the process flow should be from the Budget Committee to the Finance Committee to the EXCOM and then to the Trustees for approval.
- A motion was passed to approve a reinstatement contest as presented to the EXCOM.
- A presentation was made by ACR, our consultants for the Membership Database. They have installed changes that significantly increase response speed. They would like to establish a prioritized 3-5 year plan. The IT



The Executive Committee met a number of times to consider a wide range of important business items (from left): J. Philip London, DCSSAR; John R. Wallace, ALSSAR; FPG Roland G. Downing, DESSAR; Secretary General Bruce A. Wilcox, VASSAR; President General Nathan E. White, TXSSAR; Executive Director James R. Randall (guest); Treasurer General David N. Appleby, MOSSAR; George E. Thurmond, GASSAR; David G. Boring, MISSAR; and Chancellor General Edward F. Butler, TXSSAR

Committee will work with them to create such a plan.

- The issue of copyright of the NSSAR logo and its usage was discussed.
- A presentation was made by Charity Capital Group proposing a life insurance based fundraising project for NSSAR. A motion was passed to further investigate the proposal.
- ED Randall reported a dialog with Owsley Brown Frazier that may result in a proposal by him to establish a reciprocal usage agreement between our library and the Frazier Historical Arms Library in Louisville. The proposal will be evaluated when and if it is tendered.
- A proposal by the DC Society to provide funding support for the Congressional Cemetery in DC was referred to the George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution Committee for consideration.

On Saturday morning, September 30, the Executive Committee met and conducted the following business:

- The EXCOM approved the following new awards as proposed by Tom Jacks of the Medals and Awards Committee:
 - The NSSAR Congressional Charter Centennial Medal
 - The Former Vice-President General Certificate
 - The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award
 - The Military Service Medal
- A motion was passed to approve the budget as presented by the Finance Committee and recommend approval by the Trustees.
- A proposal that the PG write a letter to the San Francisco Board of Education expressing concern over their impending action to cancel the JROTC Program was accepted by PG White for action.
- A motion was passed to ratify the contract entered into with the Hyatt Hotel for the 2008 Congress.
- A motion was passed to ratify health guidelines for Color Guard activities as recommended by the Medical Advisory.
- A proposal by the Eagle Scout Committee to establish an outreach program was returned to the Eagle Scout Committee to address concerns expressed by the EXCOM.
- Registrar General Bennett reported that the application process was working well with little current processing delay. Top states for total membership include Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, and Virginia.

On Saturday afternoon, after the Trustees Meeting the EXCOM met again and conducted the following business:

- A motion was passed to approve the History Teacher of the Year Program

as previously proposed with minor revisions.

On Sunday morning, October 1, the EXCOM met yet again and conducted the following business:

- A critique of the just completed Leadership Meeting was conducted.
- The value of the Outreach Program was discussed. PG White recommends that the message be carried to every chapter.
- Alternate approaches to conducting the 1000 Club and George Washington Fellow recognition were discussed. A motion was passed to have a GW

Fellow luncheon at Congress on Tuesday and a 1000 Club breakfast on Wednesday.

- It was reported that the GW Distribution Committee will fund the second step of the proposal by the DC Society for the NSSAR to support the three step improvement plan for the Congressional Cemetery in DC (the DC Society had already completed the first step). It was reported that the Massachusetts Society will fund the third step.
- The level of contribution by individuals for CAAH to be published in the magazine was discussed.

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Oversees composition, content, publication, and finances of all NSSAR publications and public relations.

Chairman: David G. Boring; 1371 Audubon Rd. - Grosse Pointe Parke, MI 48230
Vice-Chairman: John H. Franklin; 338 Simon Rd. - Hudson, OH 44236

CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Assists host State Societies in planning current and future Congresses. Receives invitations from Societies for hosting future Congresses. Reviews guidelines and inspects Congress facilities. Makes recommendations on future Congresses to National Trustees and Congress delegates. Responsible for registration credentials for each Congress.

Chairman: Larry Guzy; 4531 Paper Mill Rd. - Marietta, GA 30067
Vice-Chairman: Joe E. Harris; 6 Hunter Court - Southern Pines, NC 28387
Senior Advisor: Barrett L. McKown, 3580 S. River Terrace - Edgewater, MD 21037

CONGRESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Identifies SAR members employed at all Federal levels and works to stimulate interest and involvement in Society activities. Seeks appropriate and approved involvement by the Society with Committees organized by Congress or the Executive Branch.

Chairman: William Allerton, III; 2250 Ridge Lake Dr. - Metarie, LA 70002
Vice-Chairman: David M. Walker; 9061 Tower House Pl. - Alexandria, VA 22308

DAR LIAISON COMMITTEE

Establishes and maintains support through contact with DAR at all levels. Promotes mutual understanding, assists with common problems and cooperates with DAR whenever and wherever possible.

Chairman: David R. Curfman; 4201 Massachusetts Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20016
Vice-Chairman: Brian I. Worcester; 5200 Cedarwood Dr. - Reno, NV 89511

EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE (ARTHUR M. KING)

Supervises and promotes Eagle Scout Awards Program. Maintains continuing liaison with the leadership of Boy Scouts of America organization.

Chairman: Charles A. Newcomer, III; 1601 Spartan Lane - Athens, GA 30606
Vice-Chairman: T. Rex Legler; 4630 Chatham Dr. - Bloomington, IN 47404
Vice-Chairman: William Allerton, III; 3350 Ridge Lake Dr. Ste 202 - Metarie, LA 70002
Senior Advisor: Robert E. Burt; 219 Allen Ave. - Key Largo, FL 33037
Senior Advisor: Thomas L. Burgess, 2616 Rea Road - Charlotte, NC 28226

ESSAY CONTEST (GEORGE AND STELLA KNIGHT)

Promotes, supervises, and conducts Annual NSSAR Essay Contest.

Chairman: Christos Christou; 303 Nicholson Rd. - Essex, MD 21221
Vice-Chairman: Stanley W. De Long; 3354 Mt. Carol Dr., San Diego, CA 92111
Senior Advisor: Larry R. Perkins; 101 Curtis Lane - St. Clairsville, OH 43950

ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Ethics Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to investigate any violations of the protocols developed for the conduct of elections and operations of the Society. Their investigations may be instituted by written complaint or by information brought to the attention of the chairman or any member of this committee. The Ethics Committee may hold hearings and take testimony with relation to such complaints. At the conclusion of any investigation, the committee may recommend disciplinary or no action to the President General and the NSSAR Executive Committee.

Chairman: Henry N. McCarl; 28 Old Nugent Farm Rd. - Gloucester, MA 01930 (2008)
Vice-Chairman: Karl W. Jacobs; 402 Hillcrest St. - El Segundo, CA 90245 (2009)
Ex-Officio: Edward F. Butler; 8830 Cross Mountain Trl. - San Antonio, TX 78255

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

To identify and provide guidance on the maintenance and renovation of existing NSSAR building facilities.

Chairman: John T. Manning; 10 Old Colony Way; Scituate, MA 02066
Vice-Chairman: William A. Buckaway, Jr; 1761 Sulgrave Rd. - Louisville, KY 40205

FINANCE COMMITTEE

An oversight committee concerning financial operations of NSSAR. Evaluates all financial proposals, existing financial programs and reports findings and recommendations to the President General and the Executive Committee. Bylaw No. 18, Section 1(c).

Chairman: Floyd L. Jernigan; 413 Colonel Way - Pewee Valley, KY 40056 (2007)
Vice-Chairman: Harold F. Miller; 1444 Pine Bay - Sarasota, FL 34231 (2008)
Ex-Officio: David N. Appleby; POB 158 - Ozark, MO 65721

FLAG COMMITTEE

Encourages patriotic respect for the flag of the United States. Promotes Flag Day Programs for the week ending June 14th each year. Identifies resources on the history of the U.S. Flag for use by State Societies. Judges Furlong Award for presentation at the Annual Congress.

Chairman: Walter F. Baker, 1808 Halfmoon Dr. - Las Cruces, NM 88005
Vice-Chairman: Robert L. Bowen, 78 Smithfield Way - Fredericksburg, VA 22406

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Reviews genealogical procedures and applications for membership to insure that there is reasonable evidence that applicants are eligible for membership. Recommends methods of research for a prospect to follow where proof is missing on any essential fact. At Leadership Meeting, reviews all pending applications over six months old and recommends course of action for each. Conducts Workshop on genealogical sources and Procedures at the Annual Congress.

Chairman: Richard Steele; 1450 Trailwood Path - Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
Vice-Chairman: Richard L. Fetzer; Old Kent Farm - Aurora, OH 44202
Vice-Chairman: P. Rod Hildreth; POB 17 - Mentone, AL 35984
Senior Advisor: Richard Foss Locke Jr., 1559 St. Andrews Drive - Redding, CA 96003
Ex-Officio: Charles F. Bragg, 9771 Logan Lane - Fishers, IN 46038

GEORGE WASHINGTON ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

Oversees the fund raising program to provide financial support for unfunded and underfunded National Committee activities, and reviews requests for funds and recommends allocation of available monies.

Chairman: Franklin J. Appl, 1412 Sycamore - Norman, OK 73072 (2007)
Vice-Chairman: David G. Boring; 1371 Audubon Rd. - Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (2008)

GWFB DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Receives and recommends the allocation of funds available subject to the approval of the President General.

Chairman: John R. Wallace; 200 E. Silver Oak Dr. - Enterprise, AL 36330
Vice-Chairman: James L. Garthwaite; 12130 State Rte. 405 - Watsontown, PA 17777
Ex-Officio: Franklin J. Appl, 1412 Sycamore - Norman, OK 73072

GWFB FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Conducts fund raising programs to provide assistance to unfunded and under funded national committees.

Chairman: Stephen A. Leishman, 2603 Tonbridge Rd. - Wilmington, DE 19810
Vice-Chairman: John A. Horner, Jr., 3008 Fontenay Road - Shaker Heights, OH 44120
Vice-Chairman: Travis E. Spears, 11 Park Mirage Ln. - Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Ex-Officio: Franklin J. Appl, 1412 Sycamore - Norman, OK 73072

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Reviews, revises and compiles SAR Handbook and Procedures Manual in accordance with policy approved by the Executive Committee for consideration prior to implementation. Bylaw No. 18, Section 5.
Chairman: Marston Watson; 48 Southwind Circle; Richmond, CA 98404
Vice-Chairman: Darryl S. Jeffries; 1517 Hampden Blvd. - Reading, PA 19604

HISTORIC SITES AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Preserves, marks and interprets historic sites and buildings. Makes recommendations to National, State Societies and Local Chapters as appropriate. Monitors and participates in special historic celebration events.
Chairman: Robert L. Bower; 78 Smithfield Way - Fredericksburg, VA 22406
Vice-Chairman: John H. Sauer; 2110 Mason Blvd. - Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Vice-Chairman: Andrew M. Johnson, 1200 S. Monroe St. - Arlington, VA 22204

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Directs historical programs of the National Society.
Chairman: James D. Symson; 5414 Pawnee Trl - Louisville, KY 40207
Vice-Chairman: John C. Ellingson; 520 E. Holland Ave # W315 - Spokane WA 99218

HOSPITALITY AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Explores and implements ways in which all SAR functions can be more hospitable to members and guests. Identifies music suitable for use in programs and ceremonies for SAR at all levels, including public appearances. Identifies musical talent within our organization for possible use at Congress and Leadership Meetings. Researches music used during Revolutionary period.
Chairman: Richard D. Brockway; POB 23 - White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
Vice-Chairman: Richard E. Friberg; 7655 SW 83rd Ct. - S. Miami, FL 33143

INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Independent Audit Committee shall be the oversight committee of the NSSAR in which all financial and accounting activities are subject to audit, review and monitoring. The primary duties of the Independent Audit Committee shall be to recommend, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees, an outside independent auditing firm composed of Certified Public Accountants which will conduct the annual independent audit for the National Society and to review the findings of said audit; to provide and present to the NSSAR Board of Trustees the results of said annual audit; and, where appropriate, make recommendations for the approval of the Board of Trustees; and to conduct specified quarterly meetings to review and evaluate the unaudited financial statements and position of the National Society and report their findings to the President General and the Executive Committee.
Chairman: Larry J. Magerkurth; 77151 Iroquois Dr. - Indian Wells, CA 92210
Vice-Chairman: William R. Adams; 644 Hide A Way Ln. E. - Lindale, TX 76771

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Considers, plans, implements, assist and trains as needed to satisfy NSSAR needs related to information technology so as to provide and maintain efficient and cost effective internal and external information acquisition, processing and dissemination operations. The committee consists of two committees: the Internal Systems Sub-Committee and the Web Sub-Committee. The Board reports all findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee.
Chairman: William M. Marrs; POB 3725 Temple, TX 76505
Internal Systems Subcommittee:
Vice-Chairman: Raymond A. Clapsadle, 48 Redthorne Cove - Cordova, TN 38018
Web Subcommittee:
Vice-Chairman: Jessie L. Hagan, 1000 S. 4th St. - Louisville, KY 40203

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Annually analyze the insurance needs of the Society, and existing coverage, and to make recommendations on insurance coverage; to provide insurance counsel to the Society.

Chairman: David J. Gray; 121 Medford St. - Arlington, MA 02474
Vice-Chairman: Norbert W. Johnson; 721 Booth Dr. - Shreveport, LA 71107
Senior Advisor: Charles W. Britton; 6500 N. Grand Blvd. #118 - Oklahoma city, OK 73116

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

This committee will continue to serve in an advisory capacity to the President General, Treasurer General, SAR Foundation, SAR Executive Committee, and NSSAR Finance Committee on matters concerning the investment of all NSSAR Endowment Funds.
Chairman: Douglas B. Stuart; 12240 Arrow Park Dr. - Ft. Washington, MD 20744 (2009)
Vice-Chairman: James K. Say; 608 West 10th Street - Sterling, IL 61081 (2007)

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provide forum for discussion of legal problems/issues affecting the Society as well as assistance to the Chancellor General in his service to the Society, also advisor to Bylaws Committee.
Chairman: Peter M. Keltch; 708 Gleneagles Dr. - Edmond, OK 73013
Vice-Chairman: William A. Buckaway; 1761 Sulgrave Rd. - Louisville, KY 40205
Ex-Officio: Edward F. Butler; 8830 Cross Mountain Trl. - San Antonio, TX 78255

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Serves as the advisory body to Librarian General in the performance of the duties imposed upon him by the bylaws; develops long-range plans for the library; recommends procedures and policies governing the library; recommends an operating budget to the Budget Committee; coordinates the development and approval of the current year's operational activities, including the acquisition of books and materials, physical assets.
Chairman: J. Michael Jones; 212 W. Country Gables Dr. - Phoenix, AZ 85023
Vice-Chairman: Michael C. Wells; 3332 Wisteria Dr. - Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
Ex-Officio: Michael A. Christian; 4602 Kevin Ct. - Jeffersonville, IN 47130

MASTER OF CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

Gives dignity, elegance and wit to major events of Society's ceremonies. Recommends selection of Masters of Ceremonies at NSSAR events to the President General.
Chairman: Richard Austin, 4848 - 27th St. N. - Arlington, VA 22207
Vice-Chairman: Richard D. Brockway; POB 23 - White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

MEDALS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Periodically review medals, certificates and other awards and makes recommendations to the appropriate body for improvements. Considers and recommends new medals or awards when appropriate. Reviews recommendations for Gold Good Citizenship Medals and reports to the Executive Committee. Judges the following awards to be presented at Congress: President General's Cup, Tarbox and Pryor Awards.
Chairman: Thomas E. Jacks, 123 Cherokee Dr. - Abita Springs, LA 70420
Vice-Chairman: D. Gene Patterson; POB 383 - Picture Rocks, PA 17762

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsors, recommends, and provides reports on health care issues related to SAR members. Current health conditions and health care programs are presented at the Annual Congress.
Chairman: Daniel H. Heller, 201 E. Desert Park Lane - Phoenix, AZ 85020
Vice-Chairman: Robert D. Tackitt; 620 E. Capital St. NE - Washington, DC 20003

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Promotes new membership and retention programs.
Chairman: Joseph W. Dooley; 3105 Faber Dr. - Falls Church, VA 22044
Vice-Chairman: Larry T. Guzy, 4531 Paper Mill Rd. - Marietta, GA 30067

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE

Monitors operations of Merchandise Department, evaluating quality, price, and inventory. Promotes and publicizes merchandise offered and regularly monitors distribution of goods to other levels of the Society. Should be overall profitable operation.
Chairman: Martinus J. Dyrud; 1616 Sheridan Rd. 2G - Wilmette, IL 60091
Vice-Chairman: Gerald R. McCoy; 1329 W. LaSalle - Springfield, MO 65807
Senior Advisor: Floyd L. Jernigan; 413 Colonel Way; Pewee Valley, KY 40056

MINUTEMAN AWARD COMMITTEE

Reviews applications for Minuteman Award and selects up to six recipients each year. Announce selections to the National Trustees at the February/March Meeting.
Chairman: Roland G. Downing; 2413 Heather Rd W. - Wilmington, DE 19803
Vice-Chairman: Barrett L. McKown; 3580 S. River Terr. - Edgewater, MD 21037

MUSEUM BOARD

Monitors operation of the Museum at National Headquarters. Responsible for acquiring and displaying Revolutionary War Period artifacts in the Museum. Promotes docent program and visits to National Headquarters. Bylaw No. 18, Section 6.
Chairman: William C. Gist, 5608 Apache Drive, Louisville, KY 40207 (2007)
Vice-Chairman: Charles G. Carl; 2505 25th Ln. - Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

NEWSLETTERS AND PERIODICALS COMMITTEE

Creates, maintains and communicates to State Societies and Chapters programs for upgrading and improving newsletters and periodical publications. Holds a workshop at each Annual Congress. Judges the following awards to be presented at Congress: Bessent, Flatlers, Woodward, and Smallwood.
Chairman: George Thurmond, 120 Cannonade - Alpharetta, GA 30004
Vice-Chairman: George S. Pittard; 414 Wilder Dr. - Fayetteville, NC 28314
Vice-Chairman: John W. Plummer, 268 Haylor Ct - Oregon, WI 53575

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meets, considers candidates, and makes selection for General Offices within the society and the directors of the NSSAR Foundation. Membership is composed of five available Presidents General, four nominees elected of the Council of State Presidents and two national Trustees appointed by the President General. Meets at February/March National Leadership Meeting. Bylaw No. 18, Section 3.
Chairman: Roland G. Downing; 2413 Heather Rd W. - Wilmington, DE 19803
Vice-Chairman: Henry N. McCar; 28 Old Nugent Farm Rd. - Gloucester MA 01930

ORATION COMMITTEE (Joseph S. Rumbagh)

Plans, promotes, supervises, and conducts the Annual NSSAR Oration Contest at Congress.
Chairman: Lawrence E. McKinley, 12158 Holly Knoll Cir. - Great Falls, VA 22066
Vice-Chairman: Jonathan E. Goebel; 510 Hoags Corners; Nassau, NY 12123

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Responsible for the development of programs to preserve the traditional teaching of U.S. History in textbooks and in the classroom as well as for providing guidance and counsel to the NSSAR Director of Education, state societies and chapters in the implementation of these programs.
Chairman: Frank X. Hodalski; 4164 Centergate Blvd. - Sarasota, FL 34233
Vice-Chairman: William T. Cox, 109 Bridgeview Cir. - Hot Springs, AR 71913
Vice-Chairman: Charles R. Lampman; 2612 Ocean Blvd. - Corona Del Mar, CA 92625
Senior Advisor: Richard L. Robinett, 922 Oak Lane - New Braunfels, TX 78130

PATRIOTS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the committee is to prepare information for publication of the SAR Patriots records in books, compact disk (CD-Rom), and other media.
Chairman: Richard L. Robinett, 922 Oak Lane - New Braunfels, TX 78130
Vice-Chairman: Timothy E. Peterman; 11315 Applewood Dr. - Kansas City, MO 64134

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Advises Congress Planning Committee and others on issues relating to protocol. Reports to the Executive Committee with its recommendations on protocol matters.
Chairman: John D. Sinks; 4648 S. 34th St. - Arlington, VA 22206
Vice-Chairman: Barrett L. McKown; 3580 S. River Terr. - Edgewater, MD 21037

PUBLIC SERVICE AND HEROISM

Responsible for promoting and conducting fire, safety and law enforcement programs designed to protect human life and property. Also, responsible for oversight of a commendation program designed to recognize those engaged in fire, safety and police work and who risk their lives to preserve and protect the general public.
Chairman: Warren M. Alter; 6743 E. Rosewood Pl. - Tucson, AZ 85710
Vice-Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock; 6532 Heckscher Dr. - Jacksonville, FL 32226

REENACTORS COMMITTEE

To coordinate and act as liaison to its Revolutionary War reenactment community encouraging participation in reenactment activities.
Chairman: Andrew M Johnson, 1200 S. Monroe St. - Arlington, VA 22204
Vice-Chairman: Donald N. Moran, 17651 Arlington Place - Tehachapi, CA 93561

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Receives Resolutions from Chapters and State Societies, edits them and presents them in proper form for vote to the delegates at the Annual Congress.
Chairman: Charles W. Britton, 6500 NW Grand Blvd. #118 - Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Vice-Chairman: Hunter McDonald; 7036 Wild Iris Dr. - Nashville, TN 37221

REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES COMMITTEE

Continues to register final resting places of patriot forefathers. Makes plans for NSSAR to publish listings of the graves of the patriots. Recommends appropriate ceremonies for the marking of graves.
Chairman: Theodore J. Williams, 208 Chippewa St. - W. Lafayette, IN 47906
Vice-Chairman: David Allen Dean, 7832 Courtyard Dr. - Madison, WI 53719
Vice-Chairman: James H. Maples, 1501 Elmwood Dr. - Huntsville, AL 35801

REWRITE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Recommends non-substantive format and grammatically correct changes.
Chairman: Howard F. Horne; 4031 Kennett Pike #23 - Greenville, DE 19807
Vice-Chairman: William E. Gaddis; 5828 S 81st E Place - Tulsa, OK 74145

ROTC AND JROTC COMMITTEE

Responsible for the oversight of State Society ROTC/JROTC programs, stressing SAR support for every ROTC and JROTC unit in existence. Also, responsible for conducting the National Society's ROTC/JROTC program and selecting the winner of the National Society's award to the most outstanding ROTC Cadet and JROTC Cadet.
Chairman: Renaldo J. Hamilton, POB 585599 - Orlando, FL 32858
Vice-Chairman: Walter F. Baker; 1808 Halfmoon Dr. - Las Cruces, NM 88005
Senior Advisor: John C. Haughton; 13218 Grayhawk Blvd. - Frisco, TX 75034

SPEAKERS AND WRITERS BUREAU

The mission of this committee is to provide a pool of qualified writers and speakers that are available to promote the goals of the National Society through the written and spoken word.
Chairman: Walter R. Coe, II, 1503 Sylvan Way - Louisville, KY 40205
Vice-Chairman: Marston Watson; 48 Southwind Cir. - Richmond, CA 94804

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Responsible for reviewing NSSAR programs, evaluating

National Society needs and making recommendations to the Executive Committee on its findings.

Chairman: Bruce A. Wilcox; 1103 Belle Vista Dr. - Alexandria VA 22307
Vice-Chairman: Richard S. Austin; 4848 N. 27th St. - Arlington, VA 22707

TASK FORCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OUTREACH SUPPORT

This task force is charged with contacting every member and sharing information about the value of SAR membership to the nation and asking his support for current and future educational outreach programs targeting the general public. Members are to include State Presidents and Vice Presidents General.
Chairman: Bruce Wilcox; 1103 Belle Vista Dr. - Alexandria, VA 22307
Vice-Chairman: A. Bingham Seibold; 233 Sheridan Rd. - Kenilworth, IL 60043

TASK FORCE FOR MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

Organizes military service records of SAR members that are submitted for archival purposes.
Chairman: James G. Alexander; 271 Rainboe Dr. - Madison, AL 35758
Vice-Chairman: Alexander T. Probus; 3526 Lilac Rd. - Lietchfield, KY 42754

TASK FORCE FOR NEW CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

This task force shall encourage the development of new chapters in the various state societies and provide assistance in the form of new chapter development material. Materials shall be provided to the Vice Presidents General and state society officers.
Chairman: Peter D. Grass; 13424 W. 70th Terr - Shawnee, KS 66216
Vice-Chairman: Philip L. Hinshaw; 1246 Australia St. - El Cajon, CA 92020

TASK FORCE FOR NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

This task force will create a new membership orientation process that will teach the prospective member the value of lifelong SAR membership.
Chairman: Travis E. Spears; 11 Park Mirage Lane - Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Vice-Chairman: O. Lee Swart; 230 County Rd. 66 - Fort Payne, AL 35967

TASK FORCE FOR NON-DUES REVENUE ALTERNATIVE

Explores and recommends alternative non-dues income sources to the President General and Executive Committee.
Chairman: I. Barnett Ellis; 507 N. Stone Blvd. - Raymore, MO 64083
Vice-Chairman: Phillip B. Carr; 3011 SE Fairway W - Stuart, FL 34997

TASK FORCE FOR NOTABLE NEW MEMBERS AND PATRIOTS COMMITTEE

This task force shall identify and recruit notable new members who will enhance the reputation of the SAR by their membership, including government and community leaders, history teachers, and descendants of Black, Indian and female patriots. This task force will assist with the applications.
Chairman: Joe Dooley; 3105 Faber Dr. - Falls Church, VA 22044
Vice-Chairman: Karl W. Jacobs; 402 Hillcrest St. - El Segundo, CA 90245
Vice-Chairman: A. Bingham Seibold; 233 Sheridan Rd. - Kenilworth, IL 60043

TASK FORCE TO REVIEW POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF ANNUAL DUES

Explores and recommends innovative methods to eliminate the current annual dues process.
Chairman: Miles K. Dechant; POB 4187 - Reading, PA 19606
Vice-Chairman: Larry Patrick Cornwell; 7725 Halcyon Forest Trail - Montgomery, AL 36117
Vice-Chairman: Perkins L. Patton; 6511 Jeffries - Las Cruces, NM 88011

TASK FORCE TO REVIEW FOREIGN SOCIETIES

Review and recommend policies for the establishment and retention of foreign societies.
Chairman: Ralph D. Nelson; 205 Mercury Rd. - Newark, DE 19711
Vice-Chairman: Robert F. Galer; 7236 Lullwater Rd. - Columbus, GA 31904
Vice-Chairman: J. Michael Jones; 212 W. Country Gables Dr. - Phoenix, AZ 85023

U.S. STAMPS COMMITTEE

Promote issuance of commemorative stamps relating to Revolutionary War history, events and patriots.
Chairman: Byron Lee Everts, RR #2, Box 220 - Troy, PA 16947
Vice-Chairman: Michael C. Wells; 3332 Wisteria Dr. - Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Encourages Chapters and State Societies to conduct formal veterans program, making visitations to patients in VA hospitals, and rendering beneficial services to Veterans. Judges USS Stark Award for presentation at Congress.
Chairman: Douglas H. Stansberry, 150 Allenwood Rd. - Fayetteville, GA, 30214
Vice-Chairman: Stanley A. Evans, 120 Sun High Ct. - Cleveland, TN 37323

WEB EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Develop education website to improve public understanding of the American Revolution with reliable and comprehensive historical information and with positive and constructive elements.
Chairman: Ralph D. Nelson, 205 Mercury Rd. - Newark, DE 19711
Vice-Chairman: Richard Q. Fowler; 5395 Mink St. - Pataskala, OH 43062

YOUTH MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Responsible for providing growth opportunities for future leaders of SAR.
Chairman: Gerald Rex McCoy, 1329 W. LaSalle - Springfield, MO 65807
Vice-Chairman: Peter K. Goebel, RR2 Box 190 - Nassau, NY 12123

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

To oversee the coordination of the youth scholarship programs.
Chairman: John A. Horner, 3008 Fontenay Rd. - Shaker Heights, OH 44120
Vice-Chairman: Lawrence E. McKinley; 12158 Holly Knoll Cir. - Great Falls, VA 22066
Senior Advisor: Robert E. Burt; 219 Allen Ave. - Key Largo, FL 33037

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS GENERAL

Responsible for providing advice and counsel to the President General on NSSAR matters. The Committee membership consists of Former Presidents General. The Chairman is appointed by the incumbent President General.
Chairman: George Brandau; 3703 Olympia Dr. - Houston, TX 77019
Vice-Chairman: Howard F. Horne; 4031 Kennett Pike #23 - Greenville, DE 19807

COUNCIL OF VICE-PRESIDENTS GENERAL

Responsible for providing advice and council to the President General and assisting the President General's VPG coordinator in arranging visits to the Districts and State Societies.
Co-ordinator: Walter F. Baker; 1808 Halfmoon Dr. - Las Cruces, NM 88005
Vice-Coordinator: John D. Sinks; 4649 S. 34th St. - Arlington, VA 22206

COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS

Responsible for selecting four members of the National Nominating Committee from its membership of active State Society Presidents. The Council consists of the current and immediate Past President, Vice President, Sr. Vice President, or expected next President of each State Society. The Chairman is the President of the host society for the previous Congress. The Council is advisory and hosts the annual State and Chapter Presidents seminar that is held during the Spring National Leadership Meeting. The main meeting of the Council is held annually at the National Congress. The Secretary/Treasurer is elected each year by the Council at the National Congress.
Chairman: Thomas B. Green; 2319 S. Venice Dr. - Pearland, TX 77581
Chairman: Stephen A. Bradley; 18 Roosevelt Rd. - Springfield, IL 62703
Secretary: Larry T. Guzy, 4531 Paper Mill Rd. - Marietta, GA 30067

A complete and up-to-date listing of Committees, with Chairmen's E-Mail addresses and Committee Members can be found on the NSSAR Website at:

<http://www.sar.org/committee/committees/members.html>

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.

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

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.

ALABAMA SOCIETY

The **General Galvez Chapter** met in July, with Society President Col. Larry Cornwell speaking on "Promoting Patriotism". He discussed the many ways the Chapter can promote patriotism in their area. He stressed encouraging junior and senior high school students to visit the National SAR web site at www.SAR.org to obtain information about college scholar-

ships. At the meeting, Compatriots also continued making plans for a monument to General Galvez and his army for their contribution to the American Revolution. Two Revolutionary battles took place in Alabama; one was the conquest of Fort Charlotte in Mobile, and the other was the defeat of the British counter offensive at Spanish Fort.

ARIZONA SOCIETY

The **Barry M. Goldwater Chapter** had several interesting meetings recently. In April and May, Dr. Dennis Weiland spoke to Compatriots on the dangers of a Bird Flu Pandemic, and on Oxygen Recovery Therapy. The Chapter's July meeting featured Philip Loignon, a former SR-71 pilot. And in September, Compatriots honored

Arizona Task Force One, the first response team led by the Phoenix Fire Department that deployed to the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. Phoenix Fire Battalion Chief Chris Ketterer accepted the award and provided a first-hand account of the Team's harrowing experiences.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY



The **San Diego Chapter** won third place in the 57th Annual Coronado Parade, the most famous Fourth of July parade in Southern California. C.A.R. members led the contingent with the SAR banner, followed by the Chapter Color Guard led by Commander Will Tisch and Vice Commander Ernie McCullough. A golden Lincoln Continental came next, decorated by the Ladies Auxiliary and driven by First Vice President Dennis Cushman. Western District Vice-President General Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong and Chapter President Jim Mattern rode along. Bringing up the rear was a red Mercedes carrying Ladies Auxiliary members, with Compatriot Mike Howard behind the wheel.



A highlight of the July meeting of the **Central Coast Chapter** was the celebration of the 100th birthday of Compatriot Roger Cook (right). Cutting a birthday cake for the occasion was President Gary Cooper. Roger is a direct descendant of Lemuel Cook, Sr., a noted Patriot of the Revolutionary War who died in 1866 at the age of 106 years, 8 months and 10 days. He enlisted at 16 years of age for the term of the war. It is thought that he served under George Washington at Valley Forge (most of his military records were destroyed in a fire during the War of 1812).

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

On Sunday, June 18, the Society celebrated Connecticut Independence Day. Governor M. Jodi Rell issued a proclamation for the event, which marked the 230th Anniversary of Connecticut's "Declaration of Independence". It was on June 18, 1776 that "Rebel Governor" Jonathan Trumbull issued a proclamation announcing that the Colony of Connecticut had ended, and the State of Connecticut had begun!

The historic War Office in Lebanon, which is owned and maintained by the Society, was the setting for the celebration. The War Office was Connecticut's Revolutionary War Headquarters, where Washington, Lafayette, Rochambeau, Knox, and others, met with Gov. Trumbull during the War.



The Society Color Guard, called the "Connecticut Line," portrayed members of the Council of Safety and 1776-era, soldiers, when the Society celebrated Connecticut Independence Day in June.

Compatriot Russell Wirtalla portrayed Gov. Trumbull, and the Society Color Guard portrayed members of the Council of Safety, and Connecticut soldiers. A



Compatriot Russell Wirtalla, portraying Gov. Trumbull, read Connecticut's "Declaration of Independence" during a ceremony that recognized the real Trumbull's contributions to the Revolution.

wreath laying and musket salute to Gov. Trumbull took place, and the Society set up a small Revolutionary War Encampment and indoor Revolutionary War exhibit.

In late May, several Compatriots of the **Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch's** Color Guard participated in a celebration commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Cogswell Tavern in New Preston. Compatriots Walt Beeman, Russ Cashman, Charles Reimer and Ken Buckbee traveled to the Tavern, which was built in 1756 by William Cogswell when he was about 22 years old. He was married to Anna Whittlesey in 1762 and eventually they had 10 children.

Taverns were frequented by travelers who needed rest and nourishment during Colonial times. A lot of community business was discussed at these sites. Tavern licenses were awarded only to a "man of outstanding character and importance in his community." William Cogswell was a First Selectman, a member of the Committee of Correspondence, and was a Justice of the Peace.

There are a number of interesting leg-

ends related to the Tavern. One story describes that "one morning after a long previous day, the cooks were sitting down to breakfast and one said, 'I hope we shall be permitted to eat in peace for once.' Just then a Continental Army officer came galloping up announcing that 300 soldiers wanted breakfast immediately." It is believed that General Washington stopped at Cogswell Tavern three times. Family tradition holds that it was while en route to New Preston that General Washington was told of Benedict Arnold's treason (September 25, 1780). It is said that he was so upset that "he couldn't set, and paced the room holding a bowl of warm milk". While the family is not certain where Washington paced with his milk, they like to imagine that it was in the Tap Room of the house. It is known that he did stop at the Cogswell Tavern on May 25, 1781, because Washington noted in his diary, "Breakfasted at Squire Cogswell's."



The historic Cogswell Tavern celebrated its 250th Anniversary in May, with Compatriots from the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch's Color Guard in attendance. Built in 1756, the tavern was visited by General George Washington several times during the Revolutionary War.



Valley Forge Society of the Descendants

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY



Highlighting the Society's dinner meeting in April was an address by the Hon. Bruce Laingen (center), who spoke on his experiences as the Charge d'Affaires at the American Embassy in Tehran during the terrifying "Hostage Crisis" of 1979-81. He was one of 52 diplomats and citizens who were held hostage for 444 days by revolutionary extremists and followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini uprising in Iran at the time. Among the dignitaries on hand to welcome him were Dr. J. Phillip London (right) and his son, J. Phillip London, Jr. Dr. London is a Past President of the Society and now serves as President of the SAR Foundation; he owns one of the water color paintings rendered by Mr. Laingen from inside his confinement quarters at the embassy during the crisis. Also welcoming him was Society President Scott Shewmaker; he and his family are close friends of Mr. Laingen.

FLORIDA SOCIETY

The **Central Florida Chapter** held its Annual Patriots Day Dinner meeting in mid-April, with guests from several DAR Chapters in attendance. The speaker for the evening was Rafael Martinez, who spoke on growing up in Cuba, and then being greeted with open arms to his new home country of the United States. Martinez served as a public delegate, representing the United States before the United Nations 57th General Assembly.

At the **Flagler Chapter** meeting last February, an honorary Memorial Membership in the SAR was given to Lance Corporal Timothy R. Creager, who was killed in action in the Iraq War in July, 2004. He is a descendant of Patriot Adam Creager. The presentation was made to Creager's father, Michael Creager, by Senior Vice President Lindsey Brock.

When the **Ft. Lauderdale Chapter** met in February, decorated pilot Frank Fong was the speaker. Fong fought the Nazis during World War II, and earned some of the Army Air Corps' highest honors for bravery and skill: two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Air Medals.

Last January the **St. Lucie River Chapter** welcomed Lt. Donna Lastro as the guest speaker, an 18-year veteran of the Army who served in Desert Storm and Afghanistan. Lastro was awarded the Purple Heart.

Compatriot Ashby Stiff of the **Tallahassee Chapter** was awarded the SAR's 50-year pin and certificate for his 54 consecutive years of membership when the

Chapter held its quarterly meeting in February. The Chapter celebrated George Washington's Birthday, and Dr. Calvin Curry, Program Chairman, gave a talk about Washington's life after the Revolutionary War and before he became the President.

GEORGIA SOCIETY

The **William Few Chapter** welcomed Compatriots from throughout Georgia and South Carolina to Augusta, June 2nd and 3rd. The occasion was the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Augusta, hosted by a consortium of historical organizations. The weekend began with a symposium at the Augusta Museum of History. That evening, historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church held a Colonial Dinner that included period food, costumes, historic interpreters, and appropriate music and dancing. Among the attendees were U.S. Congressman Charlie Norwood, and Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver.

The SAR took center stage on Saturday, at the Celtic Cross at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The cross stands on the site of the original Fort Augusta and the location of the 1780 structure, Fort Cornwallis. The Colors were posted by the Color Guard, led by Deputy Commander Charlie Newcomer, followed by an Invocation and the Pledge. Augusta Deputy City Administrator Robert Leverett presented Society President

George H. Wheelless with a Proclamation from the Mayor recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the National Charter of the SAR and declaring June 9, 2006 to be "SAR Day" in Augusta. Twenty-one wreaths were presented at the Celtic Cross by the Society, the DAR and the C.A.R. Participants included President Wheelless and South Carolina Society President Charles Porter. The ceremony closed with a musket salute from the Elijah Clarke Militia. The day's finale was a re-enactment of the Battle of Augusta, complete with a replica Maham Tower designed and constructed by conservationist and re-enactor, Eugene Hough. More than 800 enthusiastic spectators witnessed the hour-long combat.

A highlight of this special occasion was the appearance of a detachment of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns. They gave five performances during the weekend.

The **Captain John Collins Chapter** was pleased to issue its first ever Heroism Awards in March, recognizing the brave action of two Kennesaw Mountain High School students. Carl Cramer and Justin Boswell witnessed a car crash into a pole and they pulled the driver out of the vehicle just before it burst into flames. Local dignitaries were present for the presentation, which was covered by local television.

Among the recent activities of the the **Button Gwinnett Chapter**, were Color Guard presentations and the awarding of Flag Certificates at local elementary schools, as well as raising the Lone Star Flag at the Veterans Museum Ceremony honoring Gwinnett County Veterans from the Battle of Goliad, Texas. They also gave a "Junior Color Guard" program at the Female Seminary's Spring Heritage Camp, a lineage workshop in Athens, a Flag History Program for Cub Scouts, and involvement in other Society Color Guard activities.

The **Marquis de LaFayette Chapter** had a second quarter full of programs and events. Several Chapter members did a school presentation and also awarded 23 poster contest entry certificates at Peachtree City Elementary. In conjunction with the DAR Gen. Daniel Newnan Chapter, Compatriots dedicated the Marquis de La Fayette Collection of children's books on the Revolutionary War Era at the Peachtree City Library.

Many other Society Chapters have had a busy year as well. The **Joseph Habersham Chapter** presented a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence to the White County Intermediate School in appreciation of the school's history program, and the **William Few Chapter** awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jacob Rife of A.R. Johnson High School in Augusta. The **Ocmulgee Chapter** presented one Silver

and 12 Bronze ROTC Medals in the Macon and Warner Robins area.

Members of several Chapters, including **Coweta Falls, John Milledge, Marquis de Lafayette, Button Gwinnett** and **Atlanta** participated in the July State Workshop in Pine Mountain held by the Georgia C.A.R.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY

During the June graduation of the 2006 Edwardsville Police Youth Academy Class, **General George Rogers Clark Chapter** President Donald E. Campbell awarded Brian Ludwig the SAR Heroism Award Medal and Certificate. The Academy holds a two-week course for 25 middle and high school students in which leadership and physical fitness are stressed, and Brian was a part of that program.

Brian was a freshman at Edwardsville High School last March when he ran to the aid of passengers in a car that had struck a utility pole. Mollie Carver, one of the passengers, had gotten out of the car and touched the electrically charged car and the ground. The current traveled from her right arm through her left foot. Brian, along with Dr. Keith Byler who had also heard the crash, found Mollie lying motionless on the ground, not breathing, and with no pulse. As Dr. Byler began first aid, Brian performed CPR. The doctor said that Mollie would have died without CPR.



The Annual Flag Day Ceremony was held in mid June by the **Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter**, in Wilson Park, Granite City. Mounting the colors (in uniform) were M. Joseph Hill (left) and Troy Huddle. Other participants, from left, were: Compatriot Harry Windland, DAR local Regent Elizabeth Edwards, Chapter President Donald Campbell (saluting) and Rich Thatcher, Granite City Mayor's representative.

INDIANA SOCIETY



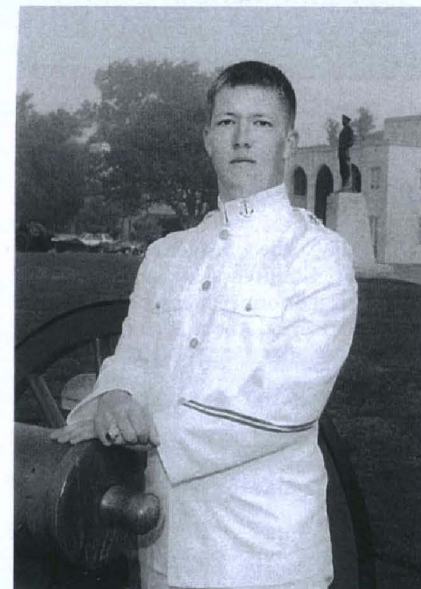
A Society Color Guard made up of Compatriots from the **Clarence A. Cook, Continental** and **Daniel Guthrie Chapters**, presented the Colors at President Benjamin Harrison's grave in mid-August, marking his Birthday Memorial Ceremony. An Honor Guard was provided by the 19th U.S. Regular Infantry (Civil War). Compatriot Christopher W. Barnhouse was the Master of Ceremonies and Ms. Caroline Scott Barnhouse, DAR, sang the National Anthem. Brigadier General William C. Kirkland, Commander, 88th Regional Support Group, laid a wreath from President George W. Bush, at the grave.

The C.A.R. state project to raise funds for the Colonial Collection of the new National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park at Ford Benning was announced at the workshop.



Members of the Society Color Guard, including six musket handlers and a bugler, mustered for an early August gravestone rededication and salute for John Keesling, Sr. (1758-1839), at Fatic Cemetery in Henry County. The ceremony was co-sponsored by the **Continental Chapter**, the Sarah Winston Henry Chapter, DAR, and the Keesling Family Association. The newly refurbished gravestone was first dedicated by local SAR and DAR Chapters in 1929.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY



Compatriot Bradley Daniel Steidle of the **James Early Chapter**, graduated from the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, in May. The commencement speaker was Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense. Steidle received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, and has reported for duty on the USS Carney (DDGM), a guided missile destroyer, in Florida. Steidle, who received a full four-year scholarship to VMI from the U.S. Navy, is the grandson of Compatriot James W. Early, also a member of the Kentucky

MAINE SOCIETY



In early June, Mt. Hope Cemetery at Sanford was the setting for a solemn grave marking ceremony that honored Patriots Thomas and Nathaniel Butler, both from Maine. Among the many participants were (from left): Kate Wentworth, bugler and local student; Paul Prescott, GASSAR, and MESSAR dual member, who served as Master of Ceremonies and is Commander of the GASSAR Color Guard; Terry Manning, GASSAR CG; Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR CG and dual member of GASSAR; Charlie McGillicuddy, MESSAR President and Commander of the MESSAR CG; W. Dayton Salisbury, MESSAR 1st VP and CG member; James Salisbury, MESSAR CG; and Christopher Ballard, grandson of Paul Prescott and Program Distributor. Also playing a prominent part was the Color Guard of American Legion Post 19.

MARYLAND SOCIETY

In May, the **Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter** dedicated a bronze plaque on the former home of its Chapter namesake Patriot. About 50 people were in attendance including Society President Christos Christou, the State Color Guard, a representative of the local Methodist Church (Everhart is considered one of its first pastors), and the President of the Frederick County Landmarks Association.



From left: **Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter** Compatriots Jack Schrodel, Julien Delphy and David Schrodel, descendants of Everhart, stand in front of the Everhart House, when the Chapter dedicated a bronze plaque on the Patriot's former home last May.

MISSOURI SOCIETY



The flag collection belonging to the **Allen Laws Oliver Chapter** made an appearance on the CBS Morning Show when Boy Scouts from Cape Girardeau and Jackson participated in a Flag Day celebration. The Scouts displayed the 27 flag changes from 1777 to the present. More than 1,000 citizens attended the early morning festivities and were pleasantly surprised to see the many Revolutionary War outfits from the SAR, DAR and Docents from the Red House.



Fourth of July observances for the **Allen Laws Oliver Chapter** included the dedication of the grave site of Revolutionary War soldier Alexander McLain, in Apple Creek Presbyterian Cemetery in Pochahontas. Compatriots, in period attire, led the procession, which included several McLain descendants. Pvt. McLain served with the North Carolina Militia, and fought in the Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY



The **Col. Richard Somers Chapter** awarded Cadet Hillary Bender with the Bronze ROTC Medal during the Junior ROTC Ball held in May at Pleasantville High School. Holding the award is Compatriot Major William F. Schmitz, Awards Chairman for the Chapter. Looking on at right is ROTC instructor, First Sgt. White, U.S. Army Ret.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY (NY)

The **Rochester Chapter** has completed a major project involving the complete restoration of the Revolutionary War Patriot gravestones in the Old Mill Cemetery in Sodus, located in Wayne County. Compatriot Daryl Verstrete, Chairman of the Chapter's Graves Research Committee, brought the cracked and damaged gravestones to the attention of the Chapter, and under the direction of President Steve Clarke, approached the

Town Supervisor and Town Historian. After cleaning the stones and recording the inscribed data, the stones were evaluated and either reinstalled or replaced with new markers ordered from the Veterans Administration. Seventeen new markers were ordered, concrete bases were poured and a work crew installed the markers. A formal dedication ceremony is planned for the Spring.



Among the many helpers who assisted in the restoration of Revolutionary War gravesites in the Old Mill Cemetery in Sodus, were, from left: Shirley Burns, Compatriot David Grosvenor, Compatriot Daryl Verstrete, Jr., Town Historian Sandy Hopkins, Holley Naused, Nancy Nevelizer and some "junior crew" supervisors. The markers were repaired and reinstalled where possible; 17 new markers were ordered and installed.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

The North Carolina and South Carolina Societies joined together to conduct a grave marking ceremony for Colonel Patriot William R. Davie on his 250th birthday in late June, at the Old Waxhaws Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, South Carolina. The event, with participation from the Masonic Grand Lodges of both states, commemorated the life of Davie, a Cavalry officer who was involved in some major events during the Revolutionary War. Just a sampling of his adventures: he was wounded at Stono Ferry, defeated forces at Hanging Rock, and chased down retreating loyalists at Ramsour's Mill. He was in several confrontations with Cornwallis, and Nathanael Greene made him Commissary General.

After the war, he served at the Constitutional Convention and is a Founding Father. He went on to become Governor of North Carolina and third Grand Master of the North Carolina

Masons. He also founded the University of North Carolina, and is known for other contributions to the state.

Patriot Davie "appeared" at the event, as well as his "contemporary", Rev. David Caidwell, who shared his thoughts of Davie with the guests.

The **Lower Cape Fear Chapter** recently honored three Emergency Medical Technicians for heroism. Ray Vipperman, James Lashmet and Shanna Simmons received the EMT Medal for saving the lives of three individuals, including a 20-month-old baby in a car seat. The car had crashed and rolled into a deep drainage ditch filled with rainwater. The EMT's were returning from another call and came upon the site. They immediately removed the unconscious passengers and administered treatment. The rescued family joined Compatriots and guests at a picnic and Awards Ceremony.

The Summer 2006 Issue of *The SAR Magazine* inadvertently failed to report

within news of the Annual Congress in Dallas that Compatriot Bob Yankle was presented the Carl F. Bessent Award Honorable Mention for editorship of "Pass in Review", the official newsletter of the **Alamance Battleground Chapter**. The award recognizes the most outstanding single sheet Chapter newsletters.

OHIO SOCIETY



During a late July Memorial Service at Revolutionary War Ft. Laurens in Bolivar, wreaths were laid at the Tomb Of The Unknown Patriot by the Society and members of the DAR and C.A.R.



The **Rufus Putnam Chapter** presented five Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to Central Ohio Law Officers, in early June. It was the first time the Chapter has participated in this program; over 50 people attended, including Society President Paul Wilke, Mrs. Joy Padgett from the Ohio State Senate, and representatives from the DAR and C.A.R. From left: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Paul Schenick; Ohio State Trooper Leroy Bethel, one of the honorees; and President Keith Kaufman.



The **Richard Montgomery Chapter** received the Mayor's Award for the second time, when it entered its flag trailer in the Americana Parade in Centerville on July 4th. Shown is a group photo of the members and family participants. At the reviewing stand, the members fired their flintlocks before the parade crowd and received a standing ovation. The Chapter's trailer displays many of the Colonial flags carried by soldiers and militia during the Revolution.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

As part of Pennsylvania's Flag Day in mid-June, a Flag Retirement Plaza was dedicated in the South Park of Allegheny County outside of Pittsburgh, with many SAR's in attendance. A combined SAR Color Guard comprised of Compatriots from the **PASSAR George Washington** and the **Ebenezer Zane Chapter** from the Ohio Society took part in the event. The new flag retirement area is a hexagonal plaza surrounded by seven flag poles - one for each branch of the military as well as the Merchant Marine and the American

Flag, and includes a large burn pit in the center.

An estimated 500 people turned out, many of whom brought flags to present to the Color Guard for placement in the pit. During the ceremony, three wreaths were laid, representing POWs, military personnel killed in action, and those who are serving on active duty. As daylight faded, the flags were set on fire as a 21-gun salute was given by a local VFW firing squad, and then taps echoed through the valley.



Compatriots received flags to be retired from Boy Scouts, as part of a Flag Day ceremony where a Flag Retirement Plaza was dedicated in the South Park of Allegheny County. The flags were unfurled and placed in the pit to be burned. A deposit box on the site will allow visitors to leave soiled, damaged and tattered flags to be incinerated during future ceremonies.



Compatriots from the **George Washington Chapter** have built 10 "frontier style" benches that have been placed in a restored early 19th century church at the Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life, located just outside of Avella. Standing with two of the completed benches are (from left): Ed Lemley, Gary Timmons, Joe Shaffer, Nat Roe, and John Yancosek. Meadowcroft is a historical landmark and has been designated as the oldest site of human habitation in North America.



When the descendants of Henry Vanderslice (the Sheriff of Berks County from 1774 to 1776) held a family reunion at the Historical Society of Berks County, the **Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter** Color Guard was invited to participate. The July event included recreating Sheriff Vanderslice's reading of the Declaration of Independence to the citizens of Berks County on July 8th, 1776. After the reading of the Declaration, each descendant had an opportunity to ring the Berks County Liberty Bell as their ancestor did 230 years ago. A local Ben Franklin re-enactor also helped to add a Revolutionary feel to the event. From left: Color Guard members Raymond Longacre, R. Wayne Murray, Captain Floyd Turner (portraying George Washington), and Chapter President Eric H. Troutman stand next to the Berks County Liberty Bell.



Compatriots from the **PASSAR Fort Jackson** and **George Washington Chapters** and **OHSSAR Ebenezer Zane Chapter** gathered for a Flag Day Ceremony at the steps of the Greene County Courthouse in Waynesburg, on June 14. Front row, from left: Gary Timmons, Shin Headlee, Don King, H. Miller Barb, Jim Hixon, Farley Toothman and Larry Perkins. Middle row, from left: J. Robert Rice, John Mariner, Bill Baily, H. Terry Grimes, Gene Lee, and Greg Leathers. Back row, from left: Richard A. Newhouse, Pam Snyder, Dave Coder and Kevin Gray.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY



Members of several Revolutionary War organizations gathered for a stroll down Main Street in East Greenwich in mid June, to honor the founding of the first American Navy in Greenwich in June of 1775. The walk ended in a party at the Varnum Armory, home to the Varnum Continentals. From left to right: Eugene S. Claus, Past Society President; Elizabeth Alfonso, President, RISDAR; Mrs. William M. Weaver, Jr., Senior State President, Rhode Island Society C.A.R.; Compatriot Bruce C. MacGunnigle, Colonel Commanding, Rhode Island Militia; and Carlen P. Booth, President, RISSAR. Compatriot MacGunnigle is wearing a copy of the first U.S. Navy captain's red and blue uniform from the regulations issued in September, 1776, by the Marine Committee of the Continental Congress.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY



Compatriots from the **Dr. George Mosse** and **Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapters** co-sponsored the 20th Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Thomas Heyward, Jr., in early July. The occasion marked the 230th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Heyward was one of four from South Carolina to sign the document. Also in attendance were many members from the **Captain William Hilton Chapter** and the **DAR Thomas Heyward Chapter**.

TENNESSEE SOCIETY



Lt. Bill Farmer (left) of the McMinn County Sheriff's Department received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from **Hwassee Chapter** President Joe Guy at the Chapter's monthly meeting in mid-May. Several Compatriots from the **Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter**, Cleveland, and the **John Sevier Chapter**, Chattanooga, were also present, as well as Society President Jim Moore.

TEXAS SOCIETY

The **Captain William Barron Chapter** met in late July, with Randy Gilbert, a local attorney and historian, addressing the group. His lecture was on Camp Ford, which was initially a Confederate training facility, but was pressed into service as a prisoner of war camp and eventually housed several thousand Union prisoners. In addition to his law practice, Gilbert has served in the Texas legislature as an Assistant District Attorney, and as President of the Smith County Historical Society. He has authored many published historical articles, and garnered several local and state awards for his work researching, preserving, and restoring Smith County's 1881 jail, which today houses his law offices.

The **San Antonio Chapter** has had a busy schedule in recent months, with several July 4th activities figuring prominently. Gathering at the Sam Houston National Cemetery for an Independence Day Parade, the group marched in procession to the ceremonial stand and posted the Colors. The guest speaker was Lt. General Davis, Commander, 5th Army. After that event the group gathered at the flagpole on the Parade Field at Ft. Sam Houston. The Chapter Color Guard kicked off that ceremony by marching around the pole and standing in position for the ringing of the bell by the Commander, as each of the original 13 colonies were announced. Following that commemoration, five cannons fired a total of 50 shots, one for each state, called in the order of the date it joined the union.

In mid-August, the Chapter attended the 193rd Anniversary of the Battle of Medina,

at a site overlooking Galvin Creek where between 800 and 1,300 men died on August 18, 1813. This was the bloodiest and largest loss of life in any battle in Texas history, occurring about 20 miles south of San Antonio. This battle was between the Republican Army of the North, called the Gutierrez Magee Expedition by historians, and the Royal Spanish Army commanded by General Joaquin de Arredondo. At least five Patriots of the American Revolution were involved in the Gutierrez Magee Expedition and one of them, Peter Sides, fought and died in the Battle. Some of the descendants of Peter Sides were in attendance to dedicate a Patriot Grave Marker.



High school teacher Nancy Peterson received a Certificate of Appreciation from **Brazos Valley Chapter** Vice President Jack Williams, when she spoke at a July Chapter meeting. Ms. Peterson teaches Government at Granbury High School, and during the lecture she outlined the course she teaches to seniors at the school. She explored a number of issues and questions related to the Electoral College and its impact on presidential campaigns.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Spring Leadership Meeting**
Louisville, KY, February 23-24, 2007
National HQ/Brown Hotel
- 117th Annual Congress**
Williamsburg, VA, July 7-11, 2007
Williamsburg Lodge
- 118th Annual Congress**
Sacramento, CA, July 5-9, 2008
Hyatt Regency Hotel
- 119th Annual Congress**
Atlantá, GA, July 4-8, 2009
Marriott Hotel

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.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY



The early years of the frontier come alive each year at the Natural Tunnel State Park during the second weekend of June when the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Association host the annual "Siege at the Blockhouse." Shown here is Barney Penley, President of the **Overmountain Men Chapter**, speaking to children taking part in various events. The Chapter's Color Guard was a vital part of the 2006 living history weekend that allowed people to experience life as it was beyond the western waters of Virginia. A frontier encampment with period music, cooking and Indian encounters set the stage for the siege at the blockhouse and local militia mustered to defend the settlers.

During their Annual Meeting in February, the Society awarded the Virginia Medal to Compatriot Robert Schmidt. He was recognized for his work as Chairman of the Society's group that participated in the Yorktown Day Association and for planning the Annual National tribute at the gravesite of Patriot Thomas Nelson, Jr.

WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY



During the July meeting of the West Virginia Society's Gen. Adam Stephens Chapter at Martinsburg, President Charles F. Printz (right) presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service to guest speaker Dr. Raymond Smock (second from right) and Membership Certificates to three new SARs (from left): James Glymph, Stephen Nicewarner and Dennis Hottel (making the Chapter the largest in the state with 115 members). Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University, Dr. Smock chose as his speech topic, Alexander Hamilton and the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Compatriot Printz was also recognized for having attained his 91st birthday earlier in the

The **Fincastle Resolutions Chapter** met during September, and Compatriots were treated to an enlightening talk given by Dr. Mary Ferrari, Associate Professor of History at Radford University. She addressed the relationship between the elite leaders of the Revolutionary movement and the "activists" who actually carried out most of the street actions. The reactions of both groups to the happenings and the effect this had on the political future of the new nation were examined. Dr. Ferrari earned her doctorate in history at William and Mary College. Her excellence in teaching has been recognized with the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

The SeaTac Marriott Hotel was the setting when the Society met for its Annual Meeting May 31 June 1. President General Roland, Ct. Downing attended the event, where an informal reception dinner was held for him by the Executive Board.

At one of the sessions Washington State Senator James Kastama spoke on the economic impact of China on the United States and the world. Also noteworthy, Mid Atlantic District Vice-President General Stephen Leishman discussed the new SAR membership database and what Compatriots can find on it. Concluding the two-day meeting was the Second Annual SAR/DAR dinner. The Marvin Shields Camp of Heroes of '76 National Sojourners, dressed in Revolutionary War era uniforms, presented an outstanding flag ceremony.

Florida SARs Participate In Program Marking Final Days of The "Mighty O"

By Compatriot Mark A. Kilgore, Pensacola Chapter

On May 13, 2006 over 500 former crew members and their families gathered at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida for a final tribute to the *USS Oriskany (CV 34)*, affectionately known as "The Mighty O". The private ceremony was held four days before the 888-foot, 27,100-ton Essex-Class aircraft carrier would be sunk 24 miles southeast of Pensacola Pass at a depth of 212 feet to create the largest man-made artificial reef.

Named For Revolutionary War Battle

The number of attendees was nearly half the current population of Oriskany, New York – the home of the Oriskany Museum and the site of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle for which the ship was named. The Battle of Oriskany took place on August 6, 1777 where 800 militia soldiers under the command of Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer met British Lieutenant Colonel Barry St. Leger and a 1,200-man detachment consisting primarily of Mohawk Indians and Loyalists in a ravine near Oriskany Creek. Both sides suffered heavy losses, and this battle is referred to as the bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War. What appeared to be a success for St. Leger was only temporary as the British army in the Mohawk Valley failed to keep its rendezvous with Burgoyne at Albany. This failure contributed heavily to the events around Saratoga <<http://u-s-history.com/pages/h1298.html>> in the following weeks.

Chapter Color Guard Asked to Participate

When Florida Society Northwest Vice President Ed Young became aware of the Oriskany Ceremony and its significance,



Shown here are some of the SARs and others who participated in the ceremony (from left): Compatriot Mark Kilgore, author of the accompanying news story); Congressman Jeff Miller; Florida Society President Lindsey Brock; and RADM Charles S. Hamilton II. (Courtesy Bruce Graner, Pensacola News Journal.)

he immediately contacted Debi Panyko of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce and offered the services of the Pensacola Chapter's Color Guard. His prompt attention resulted in the Color Guard having the sole honor of presenting, posting and retiring the colors. Many active duty and retired military personnel contend that this might have been the first time a non-military unit was given this honor at such a ceremony. Chapter members of the Color Guard were Compatriots Oscar Bellamy, Ray Lantz, Lonnie Jones, Mark Kilgore, Ed Young, and President Lindsey Brock of the Florida Society. Each speaker mentioned how appropriate it was to have descendants of Patriots who fought for our country during the American Revolutionary War to provide the final Color Guard for the *Oriskany*.



The National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola was the appropriate site for the ceremony. Hundreds of former *Oriskany* crew members and their families gathered there to pay tribute to the aircraft carrier. (Photo courtesy Bruce Graner, Pensacola News Journal.)

The Master of Ceremonies was U. S. District Court Judge Lacey Collier who introduced Pensacola Mayor Emeritus Vince Whibbs; retired Navy Captain Robert Rasmussen who commanded Fighter Squadron 3 on board the *Oriskany*; Rear Admiral Charles S. Hamilton II, Program Executive Officer for Ships; and U. S. Congressman Jeff Miller, Florida District I. Retired Navy Commander Robert Price, Chaplain Corps, and former crew member offered the invocation and benediction. Active duty participation was limited to providing the Side Boys for arrival and departure honors, ushers, and the Naval Air Technical Training Center Vocal Choir that sang the National Anthem.

Carrier Saw Extensive Service

The guest speaker for the ceremony was retired Navy Captain Jack Kenyon,



The retired aircraft carrier *Oriskany* sank stern first as explosives vented the 888-foot ship off the Florida coast. She will be employed as an artificial reef for generations to come. (Photo courtesy Jeffrey P. Kraus, U.S. Navy.)

Commanding Officer of the *USS Oriskany* from 1968 to 1969. He represented all of the twenty-two former Commanding Officers including the only brothers to command the same ship, Captain Charles Iarrobino (March 1962 to March 1963) and his young brother Captain John Iarrobino (March 1966 to March 1967). From its commissioning in September 1950 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard until its decommissioning twenty-six years later in Bremerton, Washington, Captain Kenyon estimated that approximately 45,000 crewmen had served on board during the Korean War, Vietnam, and peace time.

Each of the former crew members had their own special sea story about his service on board the *Oriskany*. One of the most revered memories of the crew that served in the early 1950's was when actor Mickey Rooney was onboard filming "The Bridges at Toko-Ri".

Instrumental in bringing the *Oriskany* to Pensacola was the beloved late retired Navy Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman, Jr. who was the CEO of the National Museum of Naval Aviation. His widow, Nancy Fetterman, was in attendance and honored during the ceremony.

Four days following the ceremony, the *Oriskany* was sunk under the on-looking and tearful eyes of her former crew members. What was estimated to take up to five hours only took thirty-six minutes as "The Mighty O" slipped to her final resting place at a fitting burial at sea.

On May 20th, cleared for recreational diving, the *Oriskany* began its second life. All former crew members can take pride that the *Oriskany* is the first aircraft carrier intentionally to be used as an artificial reef providing a useful service to future generations.

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Order By: (Please Print) _____
Customer Number or Nat. No. (if known) _____
Chapter or Society _____
Name _____
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NEW ITEMS!

Cat. No.	Item	Price	Qty.	Amt.
JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES (Cont.)				
0745	SAR Decal	0.75		
0760	Auto Badge	6.00		
0777	License Plate	9.00		
0778	License Plate Frame	9.00		
0780	SAR Cocktail Napkins (100)	9.00		
0782	SAR Saratoga Pen	4.00		
0787	SAR Teddy Bear	12.50		
0788	Travel Umbrella	12.00		
APPAREL				
0681	SAR Blue Silk Tie	30.00		
0682	SAR Red Silk Tie	30.00		
0684	SAR Striped Silk Tie	30.00		
0685	SAR Blue Logo Tie	30.00		
0686	SAR Red Logo Silk Tie	30.00		
0690BK	SAR Polo Shirt (Black)	Size 35.00		
0690HG	SAR Polo Shirt (Hunter Green)	35.00		
0690N	SAR Polo Shirt (Navy)	35.00		
0690R	SAR Polo Shirt (Red)	35.00		
0690RB	SAR Polo Shirt (Royal Blue)	35.00		
0690W	SAR Polo Shirt (White)	35.00		
0692	SAR Sweatshirt	30.00		
0692A	SAR Sweatshirt (Ash)	40.00		
0692FG	SAR Sweatshirt (Forest Green)	40.00		
0692NB	SAR Sweatshirt (Navy)	40.00		
0692RB	SAR Sweatshirt (Royal Blue)	40.00		
0693	SAR Golf Shirt (White)	35.00		
0693B	SAR Golf Shirt (Navy)	35.00		
0693R	SAR Golf Shirt (Red)	35.00		
0694	SAR Coach Style Jacket	45.00		
0695	SAR Mesh Ball Cap	n/a 12.00		
0695S	SAR Royal Blue Solid Twill Cap	n/a 12.00		
0695SG	SAR Green Solid Twill Cap	n/a 12.00		
0695SM	SAR Maroon Solid Twill Cap	n/a 12.00		
0695SN	SAR Navy Solid Twill Cap	n/a 12.00		
0696	SAR Baseball Style Jacket	48.00		
0698	SAR T-Shirt (Indigo)	17.00		
0699	SAR T-Shirt (Red)	17.00		
SECRETARY SUPPLIES				
0905	Pledge Cards (50)	6.00		
0906	Place Cards (50)	6.50		
0907	Postcards (25)	3.00		
0910	Pamphlet...Requirements for Membership (100)	8.00		
0911	Pamphlet...Precious Heritage (100)	15.00		
INSIGNIA				
0390	**Member Badge	70.00		
0391	Miniature Member Badge	35.00		
0392	**Combination Set	97.50		
	**National Number _____			
0393	***Official Neck Ribbon	12.00		
	For Chapter President and General Officer			
0395	Supplemental Star	4.00		
0396	Multiple Supplemental Star	4.00		
0450	Large Membership Certificate	25.00		
0501	Member Rosette	8.00		
0502	Metal Rosette	4.00		
GRAVE MARKERS				
0601C	Small Patriot Grave Marker Lug	45.00		
0601L	Patriot Grave Marker - Lug	90.00		
0601S	Patriot Grave Marker - Stake	102.00		
0602L	Member Grave Marker - Lug	65.00		
0602S	Member Grave Marker - Stake	82.00		
0603C	Crematorial Burial Marker	30.00		
JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES				
0611	WOSAR Pin	10.00		
0641	SAR Cuff Links	10.00		
0651	SAR Tie Clasp	10.00		
0652	SAR Tie Tac	10.00		
0660	SAR Blazer Buttons	30.00		
0670	SAR Coffee Mug (Blue Marble)	8.00		
0674	SAR Shot Glass	6.00		
0680	SAR Embroidered Patch	6.00		
0691	Gold Bullion Blazer Patch	20.00		
0730	SAR Window Decal	0.50		