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The President General's Message



Dear Fellow Compatriots,
I am pleased to report that, after a spirited debate, the Trustees approved at the Spring Meeting by a super majority vote (three-quarters of Trustees present and voting) our proposal to move our headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage to the Fulton Conway Building on West Main Street in Louisville. I am also proud to report that we made this historic purchase on March 27, 2008. In accordance with the provisions of the approval by the Trustees we will not start the build-out until we have raised enough money to fund it without using any funds we may receive from the sale of our current property. The total cost of the buildout is estimated to be \$5-6 million. After purchasing the building we have approximately \$1.5 million left in the building fund and expect to receive another \$1 million in tax credits so we have an immediate need to raise approximately \$3 million in new donations.

I have set as a goal the raising of those funds by the Fall Trustees Meeting of 2008 so that we can start the buildout on approximately Oct. 1, 2008. To help us accomplish this goal we have established a capital campaign chaired by Compatriot Sam Powell of the North Carolina Society, who has achieved previous success in similar campaigns with other organizations. He will be working with a fund-raising company we have engaged that will help us set fundraising goals, identify high-end contributors, and obtain major gifts from both within and outside of our organization. I am confident that we can achieve our fundraising goal by Oct. 1 for the following reasons:

1. By purchasing the Fulton Conway Building we have demonstrated a commitment to the establishment of a new SAR Headquarters and Center for Advancing America's Heritage in that location.



2. We will be approaching members of the Louisville business community who have been supportive of our proposal to enhance their community with a genealogical library and heritage center in the Museum District of Louisville. We believe they will be generous with their gifts.

3. We believe our members will respond to the more clearly defined vision of the Center for Advancing American Heritage that we will be developing in the coming months.

I am excited about the prospect of achieving our long-held goal of finally having a facility where members, schoolchildren, new citizens, and the general public can search their genealogy and learn about the founding fathers and the establishment of the greatest nation on earth. I urge you to join in this noble endeavor by con-



tributing generously to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. I know that, working together, we can achieve our goal.

In addition to activity relative to the Headquarters move, Theresa and I have visited with many compatriots and wives in several locations around the country. We have been gratified at the warm welcome we have received wherever we have gone. Without exception our compatriots have expressed support for the ongoing project to build out and move into a wonderful new facility for our Headquarters and the Center for Advancing American Heritage. In the weeks to come, we will visit Sea Isle, Ga., for a commemoration; the South Carolina Society; the New England District; Montrose, Iowa for a commemoration; and the Pacific District at a meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition we will participate with a group of 38 compatriots and wives on a pilgrimage to Scotland and northern England where we will visit George Washington's ancestral home and points important to John Paul Jones.

This has been a busy year but a productive one and a year that will go down as one of the most important years in the history of the NSSAR. It could only happen with your unwavering support and I know that I can count on your enthusiastic support to continue into the future as long as it takes to achieve our goals. I thank you for that continuing support.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

Bruce A. Wilcox

Bruce A. Wilcox
President General

NSSAR's future home

LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

KENTUCKY TOBACCO CO. WAREHOUSE
& BRANDEIS & SANDERS BUILDING
(Present Fulton Conway & Co.)
Louisville, Ky.

A History of Main Street

EARLY YEARS

The Falls of the Ohio River was a natural obstacle in the river's course from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, prompting the founding and settlement of Louisville. Captain Thomas Hutchens made the first survey of the region in 1766. In 1773, Captain William C. Bullitt, under a commission from the College of William and Mary, spent most of the summer surveying, so land could be transferred by the end of the year. Ironically, Bullitt fought to drive Lord Dunmore out of Norfolk during the Battle of Great Bridge on Dec. 9, 1775.

Not to be outdone, the surveyor of Fincastle County (the major portion of the present Commonwealth, which included the site of Louisville), Col. William Preston, would not recognize Bullitt's survey as being official, and ordered the survey redone in 1774, even though Bullitt's survey was used under the original conveyance. Land-claims disputes crowded the dockets of early Kentucky courts.

Staunch Tory John Connolly received a deed for 2,000 acres opposite the falls from Lord Dunmore for assistance to the Crown during the French and Indian War. In 1774 the land was advertised; however, with the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, little more was accomplished until 1778, with the arrival of Lt. Col. George Rogers Clark, who felt the Crown's land grants were very much out of fashion.

Soon after his arrival on May 27, Clark established a fort on 7-acre Corn Island, located in the Ohio River, starting at about the present 600 block of West Main Street. The small fort served as a base for the expeditions against British-controlled Kaskaskia and Cahokia, both in present-day Illinois, as well as Fort Sackville, which later became the town of Vincennes, Ind. The Corn Island fort was located on the



THE NELSON CLUB HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fort Nelson
A.D. 1782.

margin of the favorite hunting ground of numerous, hostile tribes of Indians.

On April 24, 1779, lots were laid off on the Southside mainland along both sides of present-day Main Street (a block from the river's edge), from First to 12th Street. In 1779, Fort Nelson, a fort-on-shore, was constructed between Sixth and Eighth Streets on the north side of Main Street. The fort occupied about an acre of ground; present-day Seventh Street would have passed through its front gate. The fort was named for Virginia Continental Congressman Thomas Nelson Jr. The area was dotted with small ponds and stagnant water, giving Louisville the name, "Graveyard of the West." Severe epidemics occurred in 1817 and 1822, which led to the establishment of a Board of Health to safeguard the inhabitants.

After receiving an act of incorporation from the Virginia Legislature in summer 1780, the city began two decades of slow but steady growth. In 1784 approximately 200 houses



THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

The Fulton Conway Building as it appeared on June 20, 1960. This photo by Alice Newman appeared in Louisville Magazine and is from the Louisville Magazine/Chamber of Commerce Collection. The original caption read, "Fulton Conway has moved only three times in its 100-year history. In several instances, customers are sons and grandsons of men who traded here when the firm sold only blacksmith supplies."

were located along Main Street from First to 12th. By May 1786 all of the riverfront lots had been auctioned off. The city continued to prosper and by 1813, Main was paved from Third to Sixth. By 1832, there were a total of 161 addresses of property along Main Street between Fifth and Ninth streets. This register contained a diverse list of entrepreneurs. However, in that same year a disastrous February flood was responsible for destroying most of the frame buildings located along the river.

The scale of buildings began to change on Main Street during the 1850s. Hotels began appearing, and wholesale operations moved into the district. There was a concentration of tobacco companies and warehouses on Main, west of Eighth Street. The decade of the 1860s saw Main Street bloom as a wholesale center. During the Civil War, Louisville was supposedly a neutral city, and prospered as a supply depot, largely because of the network of connecting railroads. Immediately after the war, a strong economy supported new construction along the street. In 1864, the first streetcar ran on Main Street.

THE CULTURE OF MAIN STREET

In an article entitled, "The Once and Future Main Street," the author described Louisville's Main Street as it was in 1874: "Once Main Street was Louisville's commercial heart, the place where frock-coated merchant princes, bankers, tobacco brokers, distillers,

railroad executives, and manufacturers headed every morning after breakfast in their mansions on Walnut, Chestnut and Broadway. It was the destination of the less elegantly attired clerks (the office was an all-male world in 1784), of shopkeepers, of the cooks and chambermaids and scullery maids who kept the Galt House and Louisville Hotel functioning smoothly, of the burley teamsters who filled Main Street with the rumble of their heavy wagons hauling goods between the riverfront and warehouses - the only Main Street sound that could match the deep-throated whistle of arriving and departing steamboats at the wharf."

A business block was constructed by noted architect John Andrewarta (who also designed Louisville's City Hall) on North Main Street, between Eighth and Ninth, for Samuel Thorner of Cincinnati, according to information in The Courier Journal of March 10, 1873. This business block suffered a destructive fire on Oct. 17, 1876, according to the Louisville Commercial.

BUILDING OF KENTUCKY TOBACCO CO. WAREHOUSE (FULTON CONWAY & CO.) 803-807 WEST MAIN STREET

In 1881, W. D. Depauw obtained an indenture with Samuel Thorner, owner of the parcel (Jefferson County Deed Book 237, page 492). Construction started soon after on a building in the style of Modified Renaissance Revival. A strong stylistic impression is created

on the first story by 10 cast-iron columns, identical to those on the Fort Nelson building nearby. Nine segmentally arched windows are separated on the second floor by 10 wide-brick pilasters. Above each window is a panel with a series of corbelled-brick dentils which, taken together, constitute the only feature approaching an entablature in appearance.

The Kentucky Tobacco Co. Warehouse (KTCW) is located in the Cast Iron District of West Main Street. Cast iron was developed as a building material by Daniel Badger of New York and first used in Boston in 1842; James Bogardus is credited with developing cast-iron units that generally imitated classical architecture. Cast iron was cheaper than stone or brick, and mass-produced units could be assembled quickly; consequently, there are some areas where whole streets were comprised of cast-iron facades, resembling elaborate masonry buildings.

The Soho district in New York City is the only place in the United States with more cast-iron facades than Louisville's Main Street. Another area with a similar concentration of cast-iron facades is Portland, Ore. Cast iron is light and strong, and its load-bearing capacity was such that it allowed taller structures to include wider expanses of glass. Almost coincidental to the expanded use of cast iron for local construction, a glass works in New Albany, Ind., owned by John Ford and W.A. Depauw (Depauw also built the tobacco warehouse), would soon develop the first successful American-made plate glass in 1870.

The cast iron used on Louisville's Main Street was probably manufactured in the Louisville foundries of Merz Architectural Iron Works or Sneed Iron Works. Both were leaders in the manufacturing of cast-iron facades, and the Sneed foundry was located at Eighth and Market, the building where Glassworks is presently located. Louisville's network of railroads allowed its foundries to make cast iron available nationally.

The Kentucky Tobacco Co. Warehouse was built to store tobacco hogshead, which is a large wooden barrel used in America since colonial times to store and transport tobacco. By 1760 a standardized hogshead measured 48 inches long and 30 inches in diameter at the head. Fully packed with tobacco, it weighed about 1,000 pounds. In all probability Main Street's earliest formation was actually as a tobacco road,

where hogsheads of tobacco were rolled to the warehouses, thus packing down the primitive dirt road.

The warehouse was occupied in the early years by a variety of tobacco brokers. In the early 20th Century, its use had switched to grocery and coffee storage. During the years surrounding the start of the Great Depression, it was vacant. In 1936, A. J. Whitley purchased the building, and relocated Fulton Conway & Co., an automobile accessories business, from a location a few doors west on Main Street. His grandson, Whitley Courtenay, eventually purchased the business.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES

West Main Street, from Eighth to 12th Streets, was lined with tobacco warehouses. The 1905 city directory lists 14 tobacco warehouses on West Main, from the Kentucky Tobacco Co. Warehouse at 805 W. Main to the United Dark Warehouse at 1116 W. Main, plus one at the corner of Ninth and Main. While many of the tobacco warehouses were built prior to the approximate 1881 construction of Kentucky Tobacco Co. Warehouse, one might question the long-range planning of W. D. Depauw. The initial hogshead system of tobacco storage and sale had gradually given way in Virginia to the sale of loose-leaf tobacco by auction. In 1849 the Virginia Code recognized these methods, in lieu of the sale of hogsheads of the leaf, as provided in the 1730 Act. By 1865, the tobacco auction had completely replaced the earlier marketing techniques in Virginia (Tobacco Institute, Virginia, 1971: 28-29). While other states later followed suit, the tobacco industry conversion to the loose-leaf storing and selling procedures eliminated the need for a heavy-load supporting building such as the Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse. This is probably why the building wasn't restored to four floors after the 1890 cyclone. It subsequently was only used for storage of tobacco for a little more than 20 years.

BUILDING OF BRANDEIS & SANDERS A COTTON WAREHOUSE (FULTON CONWAY & CO.) 809 WEST MAIN STREET

The earliest reference to the building appears in the Louisville Commercial account of the 1876 fire. The fire reached the rear portions of the structure, but the flames were



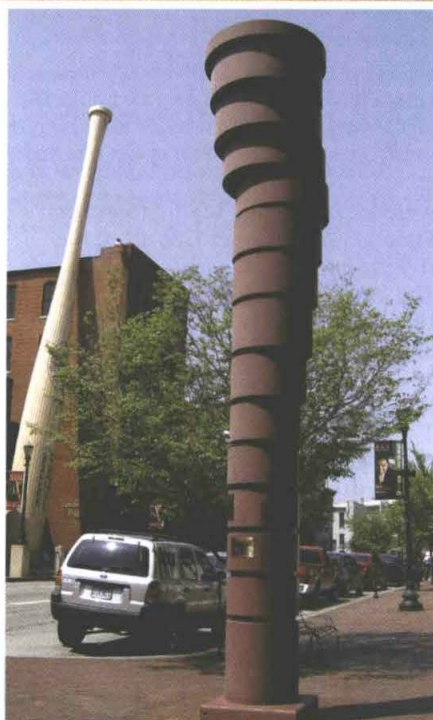
A sculpture on the street in front of the new headquarters building, at right, depicts the 1890 Cyclone, which left much of the city in ruins, as shown above.

quickly controlled and the damage was considered negligible. The building was originally a four-story structure of cast iron and stone facing. A somewhat open cast-iron ground floor consisted of four attenuated pilasters supporting the cornice. The additional floors were adorned with Renaissance-inspired windows. While Kentucky was not a cotton-growing state, the Brandeis & Sanders Building is a testament to the importance of the Ohio River for transportation, and Louisville as a distribution point, for the southern cotton commodity trade.



CYCLONE OF MARCH 27, 1890

At 8:30 p.m. on March 27, 1890, a class-4 cyclone hit Louisville. The storm, nicknamed the "Whirling Tiger," entered from the southwest and swept over the West End, including West Main Street. The storm is still listed among the top 25 cyclones (tornadoes) in the United States, with 76 reported deaths in Louisville alone. The damage included the 800 block of West Main Street, and the Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse was "completely wrecked with the exception of a part of the front and back walls," according to the March 29 *Louisville Commercial*, the top two floors were never reconstruct-



ed. The Brandeis & Sanders building was "a heavy sufferer with its warehouse completely wrecked," as reported in the *Louisville Commercial* article. It is evident the latter structure was reconstructed to its original height from Main Street photographs appearing April 25, 1921 in *The Courier-Journal*.

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A little more than a month later from the evening of what became known as "That Awful Cyclone," the first NSSAR Congress was held in the Galt House Hotel, located at First and Main Streets, about eight blocks from the Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse and the Brandeis &

Sanders Building. The Galt House apparently suffered little or no damage.

THE GREAT 1937 FLOOD

The 1937 Ohio River flood occurred in late January and early February, with damage stretching from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill. Approximately a million people were left homeless, with 385 dead and property losses reaching \$500 million. By January 27, the water level reached 57 feet (normal is less than 13 feet) in the Louisville area, setting a new record; 70 percent of the city was under water at that time. Actually, since Main Street is situated on the top edge of the riverbank, it was slightly higher than areas farther inland. Main Street at Fourth was above water. A. J. Whitley had just within the previous year moved the Fulton Conway business into its present location. Present owner, Whitley Courtenay, stated in an interview at the University of Louisville Oral History Center that his grandfather said, "The water completely filled the basement, and a small amount entered a low point in the floor in the rear of the building, with Main Street remaining dry. We were forced to evacuate the premises during the flood, and upon returning it was discovered that the building had been entered, and parts were taken; however, a very complete list was left by a government agency for reimbursement."

1937 FIRE: BRANDEIS & SANDERS BUILDING

Shortly after the flood receded, the Brandeis & Sanders Building caught fire, reducing the building to one floor, leaving the second floor with a false-front facades. A few years later, A. J. Whitley decided to buy the building from the insurance company and add it to his adjacent building, the Fulton Conway. While in the process of repair-

ing the fire damage, it was discovered that a defective flue from the Fulton Conway boilers had caused the fire.

NSSAR PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE

On Feb. 23, 2008, under the leadership of President General Bruce A. Wilcox, the general officers, Vice-Presidents General, and the Trustees voted to take the first step, preliminary to relocating our National Headquarters to 803-809 West Main Street in Louisville. This historic action required the purchase of the Kentucky Tobacco Company Warehouse and the attached Brandeis & Sanders Building, which together is currently referred to as the Fulton Conway Building. The

building is located in the West Main Street Preservation District Museum Row, named for the large number of museums within the area. The building will provide the necessary space for National Headquarters, as well the future Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

—J. DAVID SYMPSON, HISTORIAN GENERAL

Sources:

- Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory JC-LC 40
- National Register of Historic Places Inventory, 3/22/1974
- West Main Street Preservation District Designation Report, 1/31/1977



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All of the participants in the closing on the property formerly known as the Fulton Conway Building in the Museum District of downtown Louisville. Representing the NSSAR were, seated, from left, NSSAR's closing attorney and Kentucky Compatriot Bill Buckaway, President General Bruce A. Wilcox, Development Director Laurie Anne Roberts and Director of Finance Craig Johnson, and standing, North Carolina Compatriot Sam Powell, left, and Executive Director Joe Harris. Across the table were Mary Ann and Whit Courtenay and, standing, the Courtenay's attorney, Kevin Distler.

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Historian General J. David Sympson provided this look at the area NSSAR will soon call home.



He is a frequent contributor to SAR Magazine and has been honored with many state and national society awards. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Louisville, Ky.

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After much discussion and messages of support from Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, below right, and Kentucky Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo, below left, the Trustees, above, voted 62-9 to exercise the purchase option on the Fulton Conway Building on Main Street in downtown Louisville. Once completed, the building will house NSSAR Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

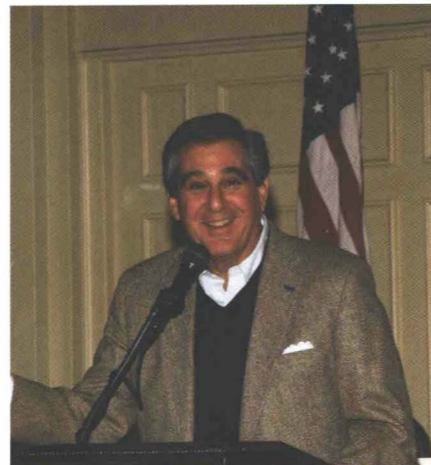
SAR taking its message uptown

The NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting in February drew the attention of state and local officials as the Trustees voted to purchase a building in the center of what is referred to as the city's Museum District.

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, often referred to as "the mayor for life," spoke to the assembly and expressed his support for moving from the area the NSSAR has called home since 1979.

"This will put you where you want to be—front and center," said Abramson.

The vacant building, which had been an auto-parts and supply store, is across the street from the Louisville Slugger Museum, two doors east of the Frazier International History Museum and a half-block from the Louisville Science Center and the Kentucky Museum of Art and Crafts. Between what will be the Center for Advancing America's History and the Ohio River will be Museum Plaza, a 62-story tower due to be completed in 2010.



President General Bruce Wilcox said the site will "suit all of our needs."

The vote to purchase the property passed by a margin of 62-9 (87 percent). Subsequent motions regarding the renovation of the new building and the future sale of the current 21,000-square-foot headquarters and the adjacent land also passed by a similar margin.

Actions by the Executive Meeting during Leadership Weekend, Feb. 21-24, 2008 in Louisville, Ky.

☆ The independent audit results were presented by members of the Mountjoy Bressler accounting firm. Audit finding is "unqualified" as financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with general-

ly accepted accounting principles. Jack London noted the executive committee (EXCOM) has vigorously made efforts to comply with existing and contemplated federal regulation to avoid even the perception of fraud, waste or abuse in our operations.

☆ North Central District VPG Charles Chiles resigned. The PG

appointed John Scarpino to this position. This action was ratified unanimously by the EXCOM and the Trustees.

☆ The matter of Web site hosting charges was addressed by the PG and Director of Operations Mike Scroggins. NSSAR began charging fees to state societies in 2004. At present,



Choirmaster General Richard D. Brockway of West Virginia leads the SAR Singers and meeting attendees in song during Saturday night's banquet at the Brown Hotel in Louisville.

fees simply reflect the actual cost to NSSAR. Higher fees result from not compressing video or photos. Information on these fees is sent to state society secretaries. The issue of development of Web sites for state societies was referred to the IT Committee for a plan to be presented to the EXCOM in July 2008.

☆ Report requested by EXCOM was presented by Tom Jacks regarding review/reduction of medals and awards, particularly "Monday Night" awards during Congress. One-hundred-nine awards are currently given on Monday Night (excluding the Minuteman and Liberty Awards). Many were multiple, totaling more than 200! Report adopted in detailed concept. Compatriot Jacks was commended for his effort on this difficult task. PG will appoint a working committee to further review and refine the report.

☆ Membership issues presented by Joe Dooley. Proposal No. 2: reduce additional family supplemental application costs by half (as is current practice or new membership applications). This was approved by the EXCOM and Trustees. Proposal No. 2: A new member would be considered to have paid his dues through the end of the following calendar year. This was not approved.

☆ Oath of Office matter again referred to the Bylaws Committee.

☆ Discussion held on administrative matters, to including the automated answering service.

☆ Spring Leadership meetings in the future are to be scheduled on the first full weekend in March.

☆ Policy for future will be that annual Congress dates will not conflict with local and state activities on July 4.



Wink Rouse looks at items for sale during a WOSAR fundraiser.

☆ After discussion, the PG directed the staff to present an implementation plan as quickly as possible for the use of credit cards for Leadership meeting and Congress registration fees.

☆ Becky Olson d.b.a. Keepsake Family Trees was granted a limited license to use the SAR logo on family tree certificates prepared for proven SAR members. Proof to be established by submission by member of a record copy of his approved SAR appreciation. Preparation of the limited license document was referred to the

Legal Advisory Committee for action.

☆ The NSSAR application to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for funding has been submitted. If the application is approved, half of the funds received will go to NSSAR, and the other half will be divided pro-rata between participating state societies.

☆ Regarding move of National Headquarters, three motions are to be presented to the Trustees: 1. Exercise purchase option on Fulton Conway Building; 2. Defer start of build-out until sufficient funds raised including tax credits to fund it; 3. When build-out complete, sell current property and place proceeds into endowment for outreach education and operation of new building. All three subsequently passed by the Trustees.

☆ Tom Jacks made Medals and Awards Committee presentation. Among others, the following committee proposals were approved:

- 1) Buck Meek Award established
- 2) GASSAR 2009 Congress Medal
- 3) La Paix de 1783 Medal (Paris 2008 trip)
- 4) President General's Best Chapter rule changes
- 5) Gold Good Citizenship medal for U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri



American Revolution winding down

For the final time in American waters, British and Patriot warships do battle.

Florida Society celebrates the last naval battle of the American Revolution (in American waters)

LINDSEY COOK BROCK, NATIONAL TRUSTEE, FLORIDA SOCIETY

On Saturday, March 8, the Florida Society held its annual celebration of the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" at the facilities of the Canaveral Port Authority in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

This year marked the 225th anniversary of this historic naval battle fought in American waters south of Cape Canaveral.

The battle strategy began on March 9, 1783, when the *Alliance*, led by Capt. John Barry, and the *Duc de Lauzun*, under command of Capt. John Green, divided their precious cargo of \$72,000 Spanish silver dollars and other specie that



The U.S. Navy provided a color guard for the commemoration of the last battle fought in American waters.

were badly needed by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Off the coast of what is today Fort Pierce they completed the transfer and headed northward along the Florida coast.

At this same time, the British ships *Alarm*, a 32-gun frigate commanded by Capt. Charles Cotton; *Sybil*, 28-gun frigate led by Capt. James Vashon; and *Tobago*, 18-gun sloop-of-war with Capt. George Martin at the helm, met off Cape Canaveral and began cruising southward, looking for the American ships.

The British ships were spotted by Barry on the morning of March 10, 1783. Barry decided to head southwest for the protection of the Spanish fleet, which he knew was sailing for a raid on Jamaica.

As they tried to escape, the slower ship, the *Duc de Lauzun*, lagged behind. Barry slowed his ship for the *Duc de Lauzun* to come alongside and advised Green to jettison his cannon to lighten his ship.

A fourth ship appeared on the horizon and the British ships shifted their positions, one breaking off from the pursuit.

Barry decided that the fourth ship was an ally, so he made the daring move to engage the one British ship, *Sybil*, which was closing in, and thus buy sufficient time for the *Duc de Lauzun* to escape to safety. Barry deliberately placed his ship between the *Duc de Lauzun* and the oncoming *Sybil*. The *Sybil* continued firing her cannon and the *Alliance* took several shots. One smashed

225TH CORRECTION

"The Last Crisis of the Revolution," page 8, Winter 2008 issue. Footnote (2). Mary Rhinelander McCarl, the wife of former President General Henry McCarl, advised that the Massachusetts Historical Society has General George Washington's "Newburgh Address" and it is available for viewing online. Just Google "Newburgh Address"



into the captain's cabin, killing a master's mate and wounding several others.

Barry left the quarter deck and personally walked from cannon to cannon encouraging and cautioning his men to not fire until he gave the order himself. He wanted to lure the enemy in as close as possible, "half a pistol range." The *Alliance* took a full broadside from the *Sybil* and still did not fire her cannon.

At the last moment, Barry ordered the main topsail raised to mast to position the *Alliance* directly abreast of the *Sybil*. At the order from Barry the full fury of a broadside from his ship was

strong presence of a British patrol.

Thus, the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War was fought and won off the coast of Florida just south of Cape Canaveral—sealing another American naval victory.

Capt. William M. Drake of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Unit of Cape Canaveral was the guest speaker at the anniversary celebration. The Color Guard Unit from the Naval Ordnance Test Unit presented and posted the Colors.

The U. S. Navy Band Southeast from Jacksonville, under the direction of MUI (SW) Chief Musician Kenny

unleashed upon the *Sybil*. The British guns went silent after 40 minutes of close fighting; the *Sybil* lost two sails and had considerable damage to her hull. The *Sybil* quickly broke off from the fight and fled back to the other British vessels. Her casualties were reported to range up to 37 killed and 40 wounded.

Thanks to the courage and skill of Barry, both American ships completed their mission and on March 20, 1783, the *Alliance* sailed into New Port, R.I., abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia because of the



Genealogist General Chuck Bragg brings greetings during the 225th celebration.



Oliver, played several musical overtures and MUI (SW) Vocalist James Collins of the Navy Band Southeast sang the national anthem.

Chris Kahl, singer/songwriter from Merritt Island, composed and sang a ballad entitled "The Last Day the Cannonballs Did Fly."

The Elizah Clark Militia of the Georgia Society fired a volley in memory of the brave men who served aboard the *Alliance* and the Navy Band Southeast played "Echo Taps" immediately after the volley.

Twelve state societies were represented at this year's celebration and nearly 200 individual participants from various state societies and other organizations participated in The Massed Color Guard Parade.

There were approximately 250 other spectators

NSSAR 225th streamers were given to all state societies and 225th lapel pins were given to all in attendance. The Massed Color Guard Parade ended with the performance by The New Young Patriots of Ft. Lauderdale, who presented a medley of military songs.

The New Young Patriots is a colorful marching group of young people, ages 10 and older, who perform to promote patriotism among our youth and the general public. The group was recently acknowledged by The White House with a personal phone call and gift for promoting patriotism.

There were 53 wreaths presented by various organizations, including the NSSAR, NSDAR, FSCAR, the local Florida Society SAR chapters and other state societies of SAR, CAR and DAR.

Peace of 1783 celebration is Sept. 1-5 in Paris

The friendship between France and the United States is important to both nations. It is for this reason that the State Society in France of the Sons of the American Revolution, in conjunction with the France DAR chapter, has planned and is sponsoring a special trip for patriotic associations members to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the treaties that concluded the struggle for American independence and represented the nations' first success against common foes.

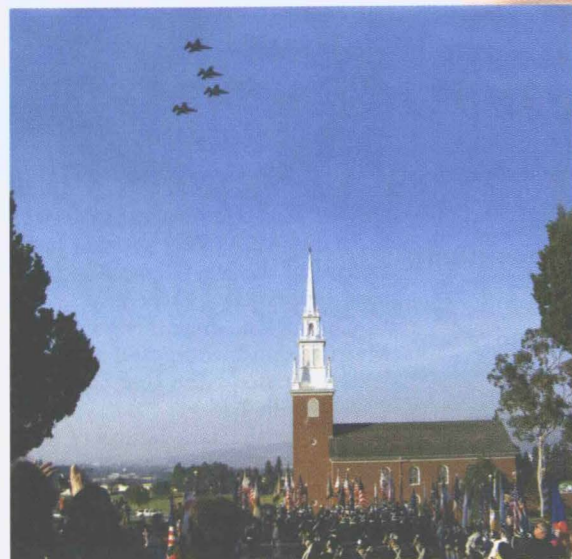
The ceremonies planned for Sept. 1-5 in Paris offer an opportunity to relive our history and share the official Peace of 1783 observance, while visiting beautiful palaces and chateaux, historical museums and attending gala parties and dinners.

Patronage at the highest levels has been confirmed.

Detailed program and registration information can be accessed by visiting the Peace of 1783 Web site as www.polynome.fr/peace1783.

The Peace of 1783 chairman for the United States is David N. Appleby (applebylaw@aol.com).

California event draws 66 color guards



From top left, clockwise: the F-16 fighter fly-by by the 416th Fighter Test Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base; the Mountain Fife and Drum Corps from Lake Arrowhead; a musket salute provided by Morgan's Rifles, a reenactment group, and the Redlands, Riverside and Sons of Liberty Chapters of the SAR; the British Contingent—the 23rd Regiment of Foot, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, saluting the 33rd Regiment of Foot; and the review of the Massed Color Guards by the five branches of the armed forces.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JOHN DODD, CHARLES GENTIS, JIM BRADLEY, JOHN MOHLER, EILEEN TISCH AND LINDA MORAN.

Sixty-six color guards, including 10 from various SAR chapters, took part in the 26th annual Massing of the Colors at the Hall of Liberty and the 60-foot tall George Washington Monument in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Burbank, Calif.

The Mountain Fife and Drum Corps (led by Kevin Garland) supplied much of the music. The event was topped off by a possible first for an SAR chapter event—a fly-by of four F-16 fighters, which was arranged by Compatriot Lt. Col. David D. Smith, USAF.

David Hayball, president of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, served as master of ceremonies.

Participating in the Review of Massed Color Guards were Brig. Gen. Stephen Kirkley and Maj. John Tomstock (U.S. Army), Lt. Col. Thomas R. McCarthy (U.S. Marine Corps), Commander Salvatore Palmeri (U.S. Coast Guard), Lt. Kathleen Hosie (U.S. Navy) and Compatriot Smith.

Aided by the Blue Eagle Honor Guard from Edwards Air Force Base, Smith led the U.S. flag folding ceremony.

SAR OUTREACH: HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This listing is compiled for each issue by Compatriot John H. Sauer, a member of the West Virginia Society. It is continually updated, largely through information sent to Compatriot Sauer at 2110 Mason Blvd., Point Pleasant, WV 25550 or by e-mail to SweetSauer@suddenlink.net.

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May 9-11 — 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 17 — Alamance Battleground State Park, N.C. (near Burlington, N.C.): 2 p.m. Anniversary Battle of Alamance. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Alamance Battleground Chapter. NCSSAR.

May 26 — Philadelphia, Penn.: 4 p.m. Washington Square. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution. Memorial Day Commemorative Service. SAR participants.

May 26 — Austin, Texas: Memorial Day Service. 10 a.m. State Cemetery. Sponsored by Patrick Henry Chapter. TXSSAR.

May 26 — Westwood, Mass.: Memorial Day. 9:30 a.m. Parade and wreath laying.

May 31 — Natural Tunnel State Park (near Gate City, Va.): 10 a.m. at Patriot Monument near Blockhouse "A." Color guard and wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

June 8 — Baltimore, Md.: 9 a.m. Old St. Paul's Cemetery. Commemorative service for Declaration Signer and Rev. War veterans. Color Guard, musket firing, wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

June 14 — Ramsour's Mill (near Lincolnton, N.C.): 2 p.m., wreath laying sponsored by the Catawba

Valley Chapter, NCSAAR. Color guard participants.

June 17 — Charlestown, Mass.: Bunker Hill Day. Anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill. 9 a.m. Church service, parade, musket salutes, wreath laying. The New England Contingent participates.

July 4 — Philadelphia, Penn.: Independence National Historical Park. 2 p.m. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing at Liberty Bell Pavilion.

July 4 — Monticello, Va. (near Charlottesville): 10 a.m. Jefferson's Tomb, wreath laying. Co-sponsored by Thomas Jefferson. VASSAR and DAR.

July 4 — Ashlawn, Va. (near Charlottesville): 10 a.m. Jefferson's Tomb, wreath laying. Co-sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter, VASSAR and DAR.

July 4 — Mount Vernon, Va., noon, Washington Family Tomb. Wreath laying. VASSAR.

July 4 — New Haven, Conn.: 9 a.m. Memorial Service for Roger Sherman, Declaration Signer. CTSSAR.

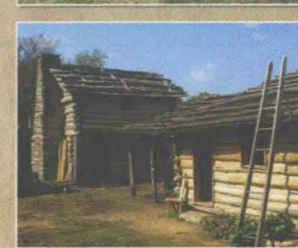
July 4 — Washington, D.C., Congressional Cemetery: 10 a.m., wreath laying. Tomb of Elbridge Guerry. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

July 6 — Old House Plantation Cemetery, S.C. (east of Ridgeland): 10 a.m. wreath laying for Thomas Heyward, Declaration Signer. Sponsored by SCSSAR.

July 26-27 — Fort Laurens (near Bolivar, Ohio): 11 a.m., annual memorial service. Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the Revolutionary War, wreath laying. Sponsored by Western Reserve Society.

Aug. 31 — Groton, Conn., Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park: Reenactment of the battle, wreath laying, CTSSAR participants.

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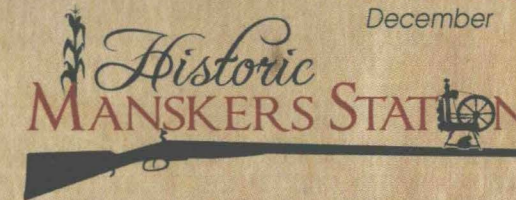


EVENTS

Spring Encampment, last weekend in March
Independence Encampment, July 4th

Fall Encampment, first weekend in October

Yulefest: a 1780s Christmas Celebration, first Saturday in December
Winter Encampment, first weekend in December



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Registration includes (1) The Host Society Reception on Saturday evening, (2) Sunday's Memorial Service, (3) Tuesday's President General's Banquet, and (4) Wednesday's Installation Banquet. (1) Sat. July 5th California Society Host Reception at the Railroad Museum in Old Town. Transportation and museum tour is part of the welcome. (2) Sun. July 6th Memorial Service, a two block walk (or march if you choose to join the Color Guard) to the historic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. (3) Tues. July 8th President General's Banquet will have a special guest speaker and celebrates a well done year. (4) Wed. July 9th Installation Banquet Introduces our new General Officers to start our year off.

The California Society has arranged these optional events for your enjoyment of this historic area.

(5) Friday July 4th Capitol View Music & Fireworks

The Hyatt's Capitol View Room provides a fabulous location for spending the evening dancing, listening to music, or just engaging conversation before the Fireworks in the area begin. A bartender is present but the drinks are on your own. After dinner out, join us for desert and munchies. Cost is \$25 per person.

(6) Sat. July 5th Lodi Wine Country Tour

See the adjoining story, but wine tasting and a full sit down lunch is yours. Choose Lunch: Lodi Brewing Co. (6A) or Woodbridge Crossing (6B)
Cost: \$75 per person.

(9) Mon. July 7th Youth Awards Luncheon

Our most precious assets are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Break away from business and join us.
Cost: \$40 per person.

(12) Tues. July 8th Ladies Luncheon

Ladies will enjoys an afternoon luncheon at the Firehouse in Old Town. Join them at this elegant old firehouse and enjoy a really special meal and program for \$45 per person.

(16) Wed. July 9th Sacramento City Tour

This bus tour gives you an idea of the rich history of the area. You will start with lunch aboard the stern wheeler, Delta King. Following lunch you will see Sutter's Fort, the Stanford Home, the Governor's Mansion, and have an opportunity to tour the State Capitol and its gardens. Cost is \$60.

To: National Society SAR, 1000 South 4th St, Louisville KY 40203
Enclosed is my Check for \$ _____ payable to NSSAR for these events:

My Registration for \$265 _____ Spouse / Guest Registration(s) at \$265 each.

These fees apply to Registrations received on or before June 1; after this date, fees increase to \$280.

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Congress Events Included in Registration Fees

- (1) Host Society Reception
 - (2) Sunday Memorial Service
 - (3) Tuesday Banquet
 - (4) Wednesday Banquet
- \$265.00**

***** Optional Congress Events

- (5) Capitol View Music & Fireworks
Fri. Jul. 4, 7:30 - 10:30pm \$ 25.00
- (6) Lodi Wine Country Tour - A or B
Sat. Jul. 5, 9:30 am - 3:30pm \$ 75.00
- (7) Color Guard Breakfast
Sun. Jul. 6, 8 - 9:30 am \$ 25.00
- (8) Council of State Pres. Breakfast
Mon. Jul. 7, 7 - 8:30 am \$ 26.00
- (9) Youth Awards Luncheon
Mon. Jul. 7, 12 - 2:00 pm \$ 40.00
- (10) Southern District Breakfast
Tue. Jul. 8, 7 - 8:30 am \$ 25.00
- (11) Atlantic Middle States Breakfast
Tue. Jul. 8, 7 - 8:30 am \$ 25.00
- (12) Ladies Firehouse Luncheon
Tue. Jul. 8, 11:00 am \$ 45.00
- (13) Vice-Presidents General Luncheon
Tue. Jul. 8, 12 - 1:30 pm \$ 40.00
- (14) George Washington Fellows Lunch
Tue. Jul. 8, 12 - 1:30 pm \$ 40.00
- (15) NSSAR 1000 Breakfast
Wed. Jul. 9, 7:00 am \$ 25.00
- (16) Sacramento City Tour
Wed. Jul. 9, 11:30 - 4:00 pm \$ 60.00

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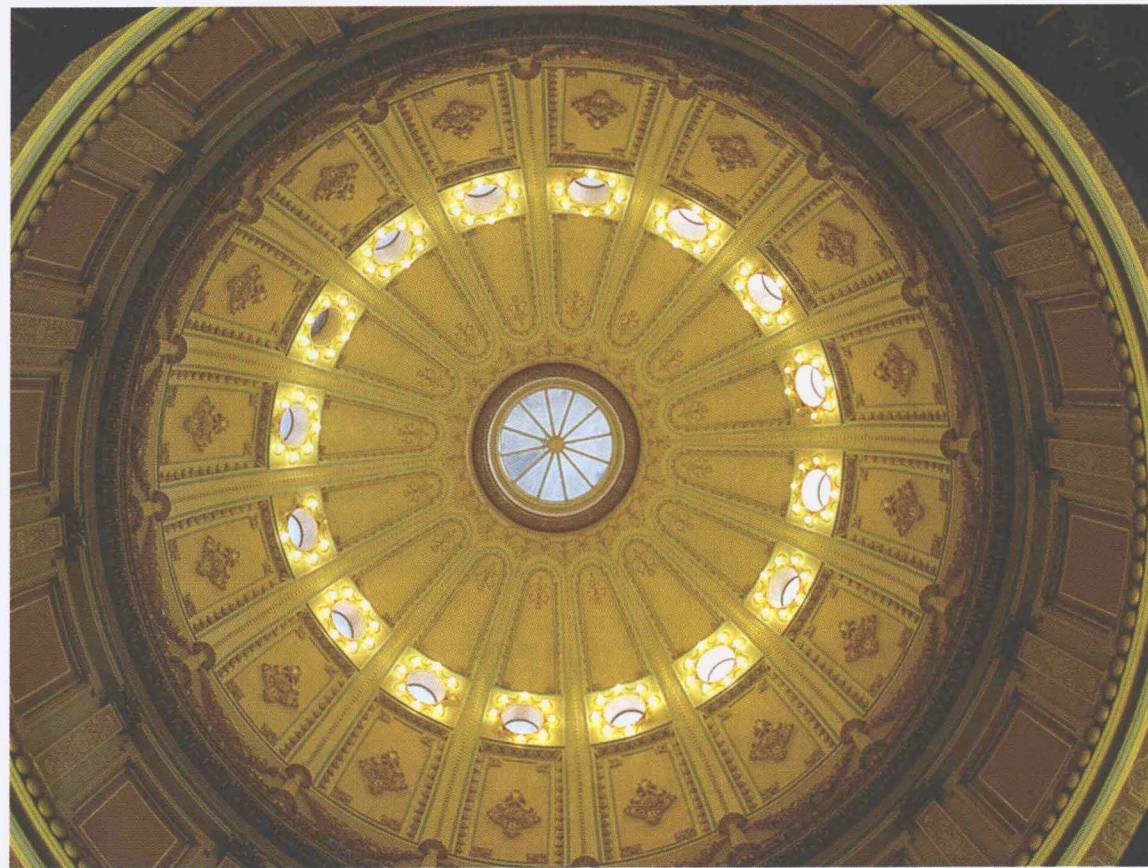
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118th SAR National Congress

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., JULY 5-9

Go West Young Man, Go West!

Those words are just as appropriate today as when they were first uttered. Forget the currency exchange woes and join us in California for the 118th Annual Congress in Sacramento from Friday, July 4 thru Wednesday July 9.

The Hyatt Regency will be our host. Call the Hyatt at 1-800-233-1234 to reserve your \$105 per night room (plus tax). This single or quadruple occupancy rate is available from Wednesday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 10. Come early and enjoy the country before the meetings



The base of operations for the 118th National Congress will be the Hyatt at Capitol Park, which is within easy walking distance of the state Capitol (pictured above) and historic Sacramento.

begin. This is your golden opportunity to explore the California Gold Country at a rate that will be hard to beat.

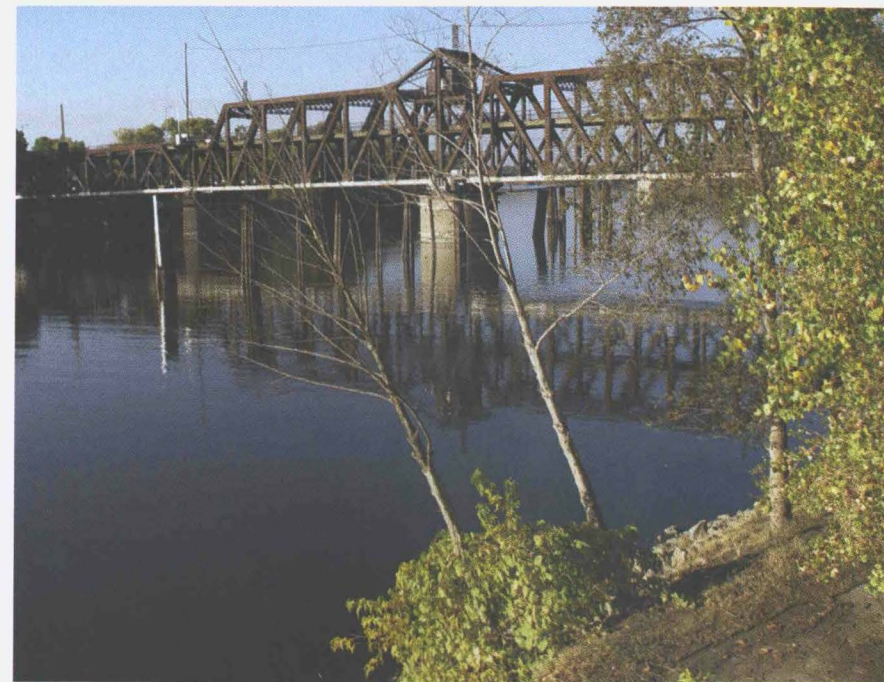
We are there to celebrate a year well done, conduct business, make plans for our next year, and elect our general officers for 2008-09. This is your

chance to experience all this and still have time to tour.

Early arrivals can settle in on Friday, enjoy a dinner on their own, then join us atop the hotel in the Capitol View Room for a nightclub experience. Music, dancing, conversation, and the best view of all the area's fireworks help welcome you to the West.

On Saturday come with us to the Lodi Wine Country. This jewel of the California wine country is a treat to visit. Lodi is California's largest grape-growing region and home to more than 50 wineries.

Included in the tour are wine-tasting stops at two wineries. This optional tour also includes a hosted lunch at either the Lodi Beer Company, an award-winning micro-brewery in the downtown district or Woodbridge Crossing, an 1860s stage-coach stop in the tiny town of Woodbridge. Each luncheon site is limited to 120 guests so please mark your



preference in the registration as 6A or 6B.

The CASSAR has chosen the Old Sacramento Railroad Museum as the site for the Host Society Reception. This museum will also be open to us for tours. Come experience West Coast hospitality.

Our Sunday Memorial Service is at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 416 paces from the hotel. This beautifully restored historic cathedral will easily accommodate our final respects to our passed compatriots. The service ends at 4 p.m. Earlier in the day we will have had breakfast, all attend committee meetings and held the First Lady's Tea. The night will end as usual with the Rumbaugh Orations finals, which is an event not to miss.

Business, awards, and banquets as usual during the day, however our speaker on Tuesday night is scheduled to be SAR Compatriot and actor Cliff Robertson. Explore his background with a link at SAR.org/118thCongress. Also use this site for your trip planning on what to bring, wear, research opportunities, and much more.

We will close out the meetings with a tour of Sacramento and the Installation Banquet. The tour will start with a lunch on the Sacramento River at the stern wheeler, *The Delta King*. We will go past the historic Leland Stanford home, historic Governor's Mansion, and much more, including the State Capitol tour, so wear comfortable shoes.

The following is a day-by-day explanation of the optional events:

(5) Friday July 4 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Night Club Music, Relaxation and Fireworks

The Hyatt's Capitol View Room provides a fabulous location for spending the evening dancing, listening to music, or just engaging in conversation before the fireworks in the area begin. A bartender is present but the drinks are on your own. After dinner out, join us for dessert and munchies. Cost is \$25 per person

(6) Saturday, July 5

Tour the Lodi Wine Country

See the adjoining story, but wine tasting and a full sit-down lunch is yours. As a check off, choose one location for your lunch. Cost: \$75 per person

(7) Sunday, July 6

Color Guard Breakfast

Our alter egos will breakfast on American fare. If you are a member or really want to be, join us for \$25 per person.

(8) Monday, July 7

Council of State Presidents Breakfast

For current, immediate past & possibly future state presidents, your presence is requested. General officers, candidates, and spouses all have to eat somewhere, so why not here? \$25 per person

(9) Monday, July 7

Youth Awards Luncheon

Our most precious assets are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Break away from business and join us. Lunch is spinach salad with roasted shallots, tomatoes and feta with mustard dressing and herb seared salmon over vegetable and potato hash with caper butter sauce \$40 per person.

(10) Tuesday, July 8

Southern District Breakfast

If you are from this district, or want to be, join them for real food and grits

DATES TO REMEMBER

118th Annual Congress
July 5-9, 2008
Hyatt Regency Hotel,
Sacramento, Calif.

Fall Leadership Meeting
Sept. 25-27, 2008
National Headquarters and
The Brown Hotel, Louisville

Spring Leadership Meeting
March 5-7, 2009
National Headquarters and
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(11) Tuesday, July 8

Atlantic Middle States Breakfast

Right at home with potatoes for breakfast for those from this descriptive local. Join them for \$25 each.

(12) Tuesday, July 8

Ladies Luncheon at the Firehouse in Old Town

Lunch at this elegant old firehouse and enjoy a really special meal and program for \$45 per person.

(13) Tuesday, July 8

Vice Presidents General Lunch

The Hotel's Capitol View Room is the setting for this lunch. Current, former and incoming all invited at \$26 each.

(14) Tuesday, July 8

George Washington Fellows Lunch

If you aren't one, you should be. Join them for lunch at \$26 each.

(15) Wednesday, July 9

NSSAR 1000 Breakfast

Donors to GWF, CAAH and Eagle Scouts gather to celebrate. If you join them, expect to be recognized. \$26 per person.

(16)
Wednesday,
July 9

Sacramento
City Tour

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Greater Sacramento, with a population of 467,343, has been recognized as one of America's five "most livable" regions and the city was cited by Time magazine as America's most integrated.

To register for Congress visit: <http://www.sar.org/news/congress/118thregistration.pdf>

Patriots Day is Tennessee holiday

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Our founding fathers made this vow when they signed the Declaration of Independence, and it was the solemn act of commitment made by our Patriot ancestors when they waged the fight for independence. Their indelible spirit is what the Tennessee General Assembly hopes Tennesseans will remember each year on April 19 as they observe Patriots Day across the state.

Tennessee joins Massachusetts, Maine, and Wisconsin in celebrating the date in 1775 of "the shot heard 'round the world."

Prodded by Compatriot Douglas E. Carpenter of Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, State Rep. Eric Watson of Cleveland, Tenn., has led a four-year campaign to make Patriots Day a state holiday in Tennessee. Assisted by State Sen. Dewayne Bunch and State Rep. Kevin Brooks, both also from Cleveland, the bill became law in Tennessee after passing both houses of the General Assembly without opposition, and securing the governor's signature.

In the spirit of Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott, Carpenter huddled frequently with the legislators, and spread the word to TNSSAR leadership about progress toward passage of Patriots Day in Tennessee. TNSSAR President Roy A. Miles III praised Carpenter for his "exceptional devotion" to the effort, by declaring, "We have Patriots Day in Tennessee because of Doug Carpenter!"

Watson presented a copy of the new law to Miles at the Society's 119th Annual Meeting in March. Upon receipt of a copy of the Act from Watson, Miles said, "The Sons of the American Revolution are grateful that our General Assembly

and Governor have chosen to honor the actions of our Patriot ancestors by making Patriots Day a state holiday. Our nation, today, stands solidly because of the foundation our Patriot ancestors laid more than 200 years ago."

[Following the presentation, Watson signed his SAR membership application, which was prepared by Compatriot Stanley A. Evans.]

The core values and guiding principles of our Patriot ancestors became the conscience of our new nation. Integrated into our governing documents, the heartbeat of these courageous Patriots coerces us to evaluate alternatives as our country sails through uncharted waters. Remarkably, when our ship of state ventures off course, we find our bearings in those original values and principles of our ancestors.

Patriots Day engages citizens to contemplate the courage of our Patriot ancestors who rose to defy the power of their King.

Their faith prompted them to risk all that they might "live free or die."

The strength of their character enabled them to return from the battlefield victorious, without a sense of entitlement to rule, rather, reacting with an unprecedented duty to serve. In the model of Cincinnatus, they beat their swords into ploughshares. The bountiful harvest of our Patriot ancestors' example nourishes our republic, and this model tutors new generations about the value of undivided loyalty, citizenship, liberty, and patriotism that make our nation one characterized by pilgrim John Winthrop as a "shining city upon the hill," a light unto the world.

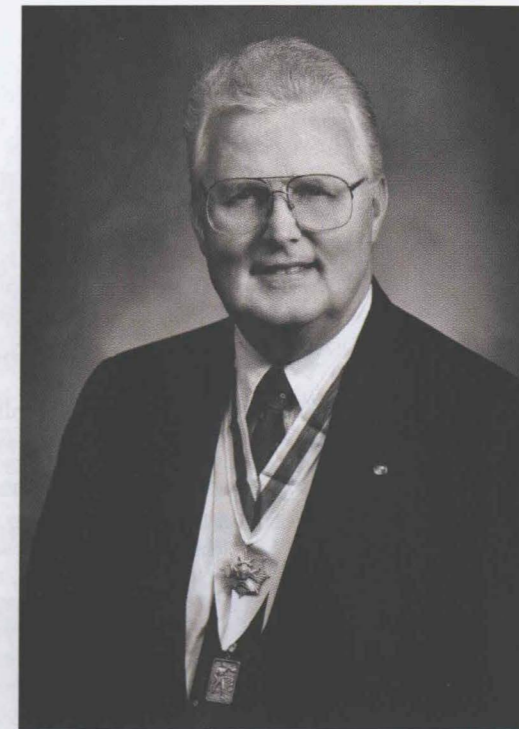
— RICK HOLLIS, TENNESSEE SOCIETY SECRETARY

President General Westlake served during SAR's centennial

James Rogers Westlake (Feb. 11, 1928-March 25, 2008); his memory survives in the people he touched, the things he did, and the stories he told.

Although he will be missed at our national gatherings, it is more as if he just has not been there in awhile. We in the Georgia Society will feel his loss since he was known to most of the members simply as President General and the one who could be counted upon to provide us with stories and guidance. Jim Westlake served 18 years as a former President General. As a result there are few around who knew Jim as anything other than President General.

He was elected PG on July 4, 1989 at the San Francisco Congress. In 1989, he started production of the centennial video for SAR which was finished during his term in 1990. Even as late as one week before his passing, Jim was asking questions about the purchase of the Fulton Conway Building and the race to build the Center for Advancing



Westlake was helping to plan our future. At the time he said, "We must continue to be heard. Our voice for our American heritage history is needed now more than ever before."

He was the founder and president emeritus of the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations. He was a past President General of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants.

Westlake was born in Kansas City, Mo. He arrived in Georgia in 1948 due to a job transfer after serving in the Navy in World War II. At 21, he founded an independent insurance agency, real estate and investment business that he held until 1971. In 1965, he was elected to his first of four terms as a Georgia legislator. From 1971 through 1995, he served as a public program administrator at the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Commerce. It was while he was employed there that he served the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as a four-term general officer, culminating in his election as President General.

You could not have known Jim Westlake without also knowing his lovely lady, Joyce. They were married 61 years, having been high school sweethearts. Joyce was always beside Jim throughout his final health ordeal. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her and their four children and their families. Say a prayer and tell a joke to remember Jim. We are better for having known him.

LARRY GUZY, GEORGIA SOCIETY



President General Westlake was credited with the formation of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, so it was most appropriate that the Georgia Society Color Guard provided an honor guard of 15 Compatriots for both his interment and memorial service at Trinity Presbyterian Church. A Georgia Society Color Guardsman played 'Taps' at the interment ceremony.

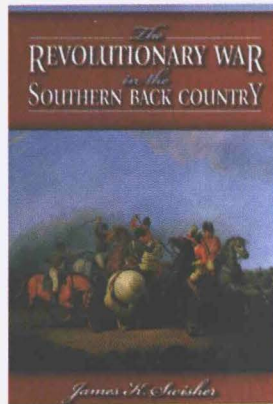
America's Heritage that he strongly supported. During his term as PG, additional land was purchased for our headquarters when it became available and was acquired through member donations. Even 19 years ago, PG

"Jim was ever a bright light in the SAR. After serving as President General he delighted in serving as chair of several committees, the most important of which he considered to be Membership. As a master of ceremonies his humor and intellect were superb. Who could ever forget his location of Plumnelly, Georgia—Plum in Georgia but nelly in Tennessee. He was unique in every sense."

—Larry D. McClanahan, President General 2000-2001

Books for your consideration

The Revolutionary War in the Southern Backcountry offers a description of the events that led to the climax and eventual demise of the British campaigns in the Southern theater.



The introductory chapter presents the British and Hessian employment of the 18th century European

method of warfare and the ways it contrasted with the colonial army's diverse and constantly changing fighting styles. The subsequent nine chapters detail the principal military efforts of the British in the South, their capture of seaports, movement in the backcountry, and the critical winter campaign of 1780-81. This campaign and its trilogy of intense clashes at Guilford Court House, Cowpens and Kings Mountain proved pivotal to American independence.

The leadership of armies isolated in the backcountry and left to their resources for survival is addressed. The British profiles include the admirably courageous direction of Lord Charles Cornwallis, his morally questionable but valorous cavalry commander Banastre Tarleton, as well as a cadre of impressive young officers such as Webster, Stuart, O'Hara, Hall and Ewall.

Author James K. Swisher's profile of the Southern colonial army details the genius strategies of Maj. Gen. Nathaneal Greene and the astute backwoods tactical abilities of Daniel Morgan at Cowpens.

Swisher received the Jefferson Davis Medal given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Virginia State Library Book of the Year Award in 2000. He was a Virginia Society of the Book Nominee and has published numerous articles in national publications including *America's Civil War*, *Confederate Veteran*, *Military Heritage*, and *Military History*. He has a master's degree in history from the University of Virginia, and he is a member of Sons of the American Revolution. He serves on the Lynchburg Museum Board and the Lynchburg Civil War Roundtable.

NEW ADDITIONS

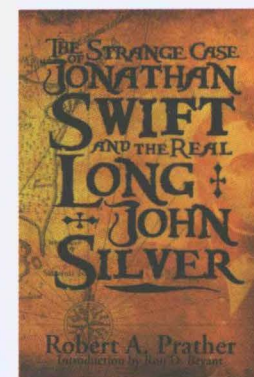
Michael Christian, librarian of the NSSAR Library, notes the following recent additions to the collection:

- *Numbering Your Genealogy: Basic Systems, Complex Families* by Joan F. Curran, Madilyn Coen Crane and John H. Wray. The 34-page book was published in 1999 by the National Genealogical Society, Arlington, Va. [CS24.C87 1999]
- *The Revolutionary Writings of John Adams* by C. Bradley Thompson. Published in 2000 by the Liberty Fund, Indianapolis. It is 331 pages. [E302.A262 2000]
- *Cemetery Records of Sullivan County, Tennessee* by Suzanne Burow and David Burow, Kingsport, Tenn. This two-volume set was published in 2007. [F443.88 B87 2007]
- *Boone: A Biography* by Robert Morgan. Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, N.C. in 2007, it is 538 pages with plates and illustrations. The book details the life of Daniel Boone (1734-1820), the pioneer who settled much of Kentucky. [F454.M67 2007]

Pelican published *The Revolutionary War in the Southern Backcountry*. It retails for \$24.95. (ISBN 978-1-58980-503-3)

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In his first book, *The Strange Case of Jonathan Swift and the Real Long John Silver*, Robert A. Prather asks the question "could this most famous of fictional pirates actually be based on the life of a real man?"



Prather argues that the pirate was a real-life Jonathan Swift from Alexandria, Va., an enigmatic merchant whose legendary silver mines have enticed and eluded treasure

hunters for more than 200 years.

From ancient maps, documents and charts, to personal diaries and secret Masonic archives, Prather boldly delves into both the mystery and the legend of Swift, as well as the probable connections with Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure, *Treasure Island*.

Filled with intrigue, deception, murder, cryptic codes and buried treasure, this provocative look into a fascinating segment of literary and American history will leave readers curious about the possibility of a real treasure yet to be discovered.

Said William DeVries, the pioneer artificial heart surgeon: "I was convinced and find myself looking to buy a metal detector to roam the hills of Kentucky in search of Long John Silver's trove."

Published by Acclaim Press, *The Strange Case* retails for \$24.95. (ISBN 978-0-9798802-1-6)

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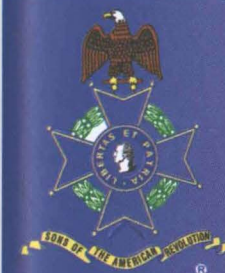
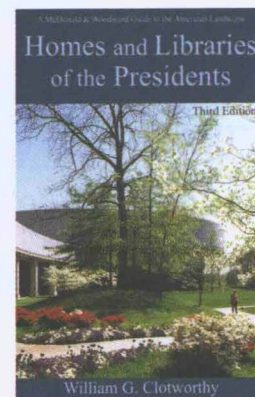
One way for the average citizen to get closer to the intimate environments, material possessions, or creations of American presidents is to visit their homes or the museums and libraries that house and interpret their lives and legacies.

Homes and Libraries of the Presidents is a guide to presidential homes, museums, and libraries.

Not only does it clearly identify, describe and provide information about nearly 100 publicly accessible sites that commemorate and interpret the presidents of the United States, it provides detailed maps to help visitors find sites that they want to visit. It also contains a short list of books and articles that will help readers expand upon the information presented in the site descriptions.

Homes and Libraries of the Presidents claims to be the most frequently revised of presidential guidebooks; the current edition contains information that was less than a week old when it went to press.

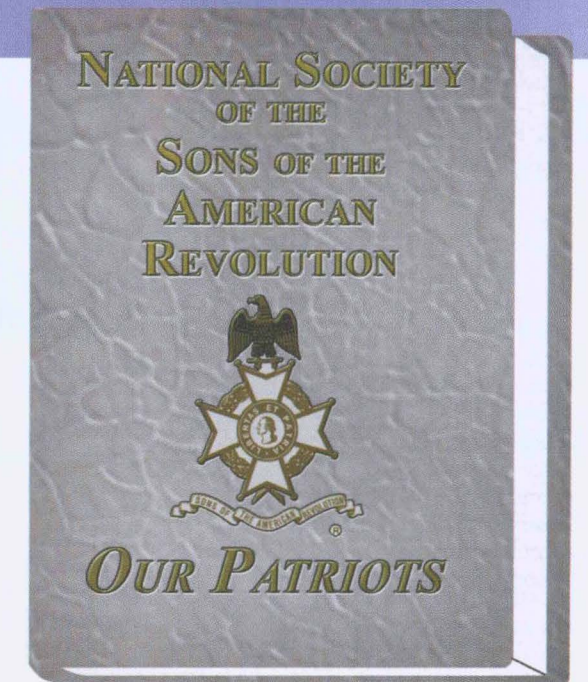
Priced at \$29.95/softcover, publisher McDonald & Woodward is offering *Homes and Libraries of the Presidents* at a 30 percent discount through June 30. For more information visit www.mwpubco.com/HLP.htm.



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The NSSAR is teaming up with nationally known history book publisher Acclaim Press to compile and publish a large, hardbound, coffee-table, *collector's edition* book featuring biographical sketches of all SAR Members and their Patriots. In addition to the history of our organization, this unique book gives us the opportunity to tell the story of these revered Patriots and see that it is preserved for future generations and accessible to libraries and researchers across the nation.



This 9"x12" volume will be bound in rich leatherette and trimmed in gold.

Contents of the NSSAR PATRIOTS BOOK

- ★ A brief overview history of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, its leaders, milestones and accomplishments
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- ★ Listing of Award Winners, Memorials, and Congresses
- ★ Complete listing of all current chapters and their locations
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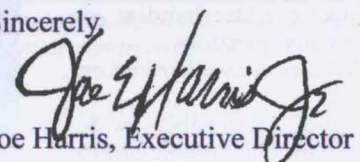
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Type yours and your Patriot's biography in 200 words or less along with a photo of you and one of your Patriot (if available) and send it to our publisher. Biography and order forms are available at www.sar.org/forms/acclaim.htm

You may also submit historic photographs and general interest stories of 1,000 words or less for the editor's review. When sending photos please write your name, address and caption on the back.

I thank each of you for participating in this important project.

Sincerely,


Joe Harris, Executive Director

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DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2008

Louisiana teacher wins Lawrence Award

Jill Ardoin of Lafayette, La., is the 2007 winner of the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.

Ardoin was sponsored by the Attakapas Chapter of the Louisiana Society.

Ardoin is an 11th grade history teacher at St. Thomas More High School and has both a bachelor's and master's degree in history from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Other finalists were from Indiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Ohio and Texas.

Ardoin will receive a trip to the Freedom's Foundation Summer Teacher Workshop in Valley Forge to attend a week-long seminar on the American Revolution.

For information on how your chapter can sponsor a teacher please visit the NSSAR Web site or call our Education Director Colleen Wilson at (502) 589-1776.



New George Washington Fellows

Compatriot Frank Appl, left, presents Ann Patton, with her husband, Lanny, a certificate as a new George Washington Fellow. More than 20 people made gifts to the George Washington Endowment Fund between April 2007 and February 2008. Among those honored at the Spring Leadership Meeting were John Michael Tomme Sr. (Georgia), Sheila Manning (Massachusetts), Dan Dudley (Massachusetts), Gary S. Wooden (Minnesota) and Clare Newcomer (Georgia). Gifts to the George Washington Endowment Fund are tax deductible under the NSSAR tax exempt status as a 501(c)3 organization. Individuals donating \$1,000 or more are recognized as George Washington Fellows and presented with a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate.

No more waiting for grave markers

We are elated to report that a new supplier has been found, and our stock of grave markers has been fully replenished! Also a major plus—our new vendor promises a one-week turnaround on new stock, eliminating back-order situations.

In the product descriptions below, you will notice a price increase over our previous markers. Bear in mind that a new vendor must design and strike new dies, therefore boosting our costs. We feel strongly that you will agree this price increase is offset by greatly improved product quality, as well as our ability to easily and seamlessly maintain our product inventory.

We're confident you will be very pleased with this upgrade—in both product and improved service—that we are now able to offer. Please contact our Merchandise Department at (502) 589-1779 with any questions.

You may also e-mail Senoria Walker at swalker@sar.org.

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Honor Revolutionary patriots and SAR members by designating their final resting places with our durable bronze markers.

PATRIOT GRAVE MARKERS

Lug-Mount: To be permanently embedded in headstone.

Standard (8" diam.) Catalog #0601L \$135

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Staked: Identical to the lug-mount, one size (8" diam.); includes sturdy bronze stake, approx. 24" long; best embedded in sunken, concrete base.

Staked (8" diam.) Catalog #0601S \$165

MEMBER GRAVE MARKERS

Same composition and uses, described above; one size.



Compatriot John Dyrud, chairman of the merchandise committee, and Merchandise Manager Senoria Walker display the new grave markers.

Lug-mount (5 3/4" diam.) Catalog #0602L \$90

Staked (5 3/4" diam.) Catalog #0602S \$110

Flush—Smaller version of above, with smooth back, for mounting on urns or in mausoleums. Other uses: on plaques, door knockers, paperweights, etc.

Flush-mount (3" diam.) Catalog #0603C \$30

American Youth in Excellence

In conjunction with the Jamestown Genealogical Society the NSSAR held its Annual National Convention in historic Colonial Williamsburg. However, the SAR didn't experience just the Jamestown celebration—it also got to see and feel the fruits of the combined efforts of various national organization patriotic youth programs at the convention.

A special group of youth was invited to participate in the ceremonies of the convention. The group was a Color Guard Honor Patrol from the Boy Scouts, and the American Legion (Sons of the American Legion). To be part of this Color Guard participants had to be qualified members of the SAL; meet one of the other pre-qualification guidelines: be either of Life or Eagle

rank in the Boy Scouts of America; and/or 2) be direct decedents of the Jamestown Company—for which the qualifying standards for the Jamestown Society were used.

Although the Jamestown celebration was the highlight of the year for these young men, they truly gave outstanding service and leadership in a year that can be called "A Busy Year for American Youth in Excellence."



At the tomb of George and Martha Washington.

All of these participating youth are either sons or grandsons of veterans, coming from the communities of Frisco, Texas and Marsing, Idaho.

The adult leadership is provided by Jared Friend, a Life scout and veteran, and Stephen Heidt, an Eagle scout, veteran and SAR Compatriot who comes from a family of veterans.

On Veteran's Day 2006 the Color Guard was requested to present colors at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Marsing, Idaho.

Between then and Dec. 22, 2007, the group took part in two dozen community, state and national events from the Klondike to the White House.



Preparing to open the SAR National Congress in Williamsburg, Va., with the SAR Color Guard. From left, front, Christian Fialho, Thomas Friend and Christian Friend; back, André Heidt, Matt Merritt, John-Thomas Heidt, Stephen Heidt and Ben Friend.

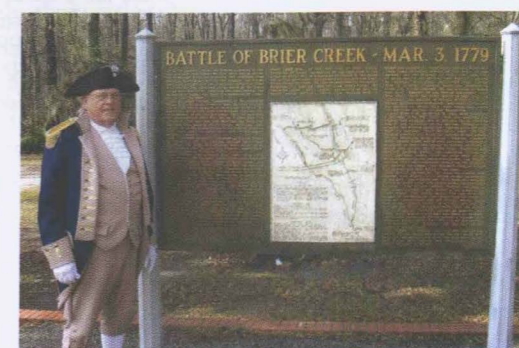
Georgia proposing 13th Colony Trail

Picture driving along Ga. Hwy. 17 and U.S. 17 from northern to southern Georgia along the Savannah River Corridor down to the coastal waterways to Florida.

Along the way, use the map you obtained from the visitor's center that shows locations of historic signs, monuments, parks, colonial churches, campsites, homes, heritage cemeteries, and other historic sites. Your trip is laid out with mileage distances, markers, hotels, restaurants and a guide to study the American Revolution in Georgia, the Colonial period of Georgia or the War of 1812.

Is this a dream? Maybe not. The GSSAR "13th Colony Trail" committee attended two organizational meetings in Washington, Ga., and in Sylvania, Ga., led by Bruce Green, product manager, Tourism Division, Georgia Department of Economic Development. Local government officials from the corridor also attended. In Sylvania, after being welcomed by Mayor Margaret Evans, Bruce Green led the sessions in development opportunities for Tourism Trails, and potential resources for Trail Inventory, with input from attendees. Following lunch, the group divided into categories for evaluation and analysis: organizational possibilities, inventory, funding, signage and marketing, partnerships, projects, and product.

A House of Representatives Resolution will be submitted for the 2009 Session. The National Parks Service will be consulted to obtain their endorsement.



Georgia Society President Charlie Newcomer stands beside one of the new historical markers on the trail.

The NSSAR will be asked to endorse the "13th Colony Project."

A list of stakeholders will be identified (historians, colleges and universities, and other allied associates). A Chronology of events/heritage will be catalogued. A list of resources will be identified—cemeteries, churches, historic places, battlegrounds, museums, etc. Signage will be installed.

We envision tours for our schools being set up by guides to educate students about the role of Georgia in the American Revolution. More than 33 counties were named for Revolutionary War Patriots, which should tell us how important the Colonial period, including the Revolutionary War, is to Georgia history.

The Tourism Division is assisting with the organization but more than likely a private group will end up "steering" the direction of this project. But, most importantly to each county involved, the "13th Colony Trail" will involve tourism, jobs, motels, and restaurants—economic development.

— LARRY WILSON, GASSAR, CHAIRMAN, "13TH COLONY TRAIL"



COMPATRIOTS: COME SHARE THE VISION!



Notes from the Development Department...

The last few months have been very busy, since first I, and then Morgan McLaughlin, began our journey with the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation.

During that time we have seen a change in our project from finishing an endowment campaign that would enable us to begin construction on a 5th Street facility to the decision to revitalize our capital campaign to raise the necessary funds to open the doors to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage. I am delighted that North Carolina State President Sam Powell has agreed to serve as our National Capital Campaign Chair. Dr. Powell brings a wealth of experience to the table and will be of great assistance in the coming months.

While we were conducting due diligence on the property on West Main Street, I worked on several parts of the project at PG Wilcox's request. At the same time the development department continued our efforts to reach our members and to apply for grants for program areas. By now you will have received the brochure we developed on our project with a request for funding from PG Wilcox. I urge you to thoughtfully consider his request.

In addition, I have worked to educate our neighbors in Louisville about our project and began laying the groundwork to ensure our success in seeking funding from our adopted hometown.

Ronald Reagan once said... "Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known."

How true this statement is for our own organization. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has been blessed to have been led by men with

vision. Former PG Vance led the way several years ago in looking to the future of this great organization. The subsequent decisions that were reached by our general officers over the years helped to solidify the determination of our current leader to provide a first-class facility to educate people about the strength of our nation.



HOW MAY YOU HELP?

By continuing to believe in the vision that The Center for Advancing America's Heritage represents for our future. We have placed on our Web site under The Center for Advancing America's Heritage tab various ways in which you may give. Please keep us in mind as you thoughtfully consider the SAR Foundation, Inc. in your gifts, in estate planning and in stock and trust distribution.

As PG Wilcox noted in his article, we must raise several million dollars over the next few months to keep us on track to moving into our facility in the near future. Much of this we hope will come from our local community but we need the ongoing support of our members.

Over the next few months you will hear a lot of information from our President General and Sam Powell, our capital campaign chair. You will also continue to hear pleas for assistance in this project. Please continue to provide for the future of our organization and our capital project, The Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

As you think of questions to ask or ways in which you may help, please feel free to contact our office at (502) 589.1776 x 31.

Laurie Anne Roberts
Your Development Director

WAYS TO GIVE

In support of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage, I pledge:

- \$1,000 \$10,000 \$50,000 Please contact me. I am interested in donating \$100,000 or more.

Pledge commitments may be fulfilled over a five or ten year period. At the end of the pledge period, donations will be acknowledged at the level received.

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 _____ (month/year)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your Gift

Revisions impact charitable contributions

Substantiation and Disclosure Requirements and the passage of the Pension Protection Act in 2006 impacted the regulations pertaining to the tax-deductibility of donations made to nonprofit organizations. Many organizations may not be aware of these changes. As a result, organizations could be making common mistakes when accepting donations and acknowledging their donors. This information is meant to clarify changes to IRS regulations governing donations to tax-exempt organizations. This information is not meant to be a substitute for expert legal, tax, or other professional advice.

One of the most common mistakes is providing benefits that reduce a donor's tax deduction. Many organizations aren't aware that the way in which donors are recognized can affect the amount of their tax deduction. There are two exceptions to this rule. The first is the token exception rule. This allows for insubstantial goods or services to be provided by a charitable organization in exchange for contributions. The fair market value (FMV) of the good or service must be less than 2 percent of the contribution or \$91, whichever is less. For items bearing the name or logo of the organization, the donation must be at least \$45.50, and the item must cost less than \$9.10. The second exception applies to membership benefits. Annual membership is considered insubstantial if provided in exchange of an annual payment of \$75 or less, and consists of annual recurring rights or privileges. This would include free admission for the individual or a discount at the gift shop. However, the 2 percent FMV rule applies to any benefit that is substantial. For example, a donor upgrades to a \$500 membership that includes two free concert tickets with an FMV of \$50. The value of the tickets would violate the 2 percent rule, so the donation is not 100 percent tax-deductible.

The second most common mistake made by tax-exempt organizations is receiving prohibited benefits from

donor-advised funds. Donor-advised funds are charitable giving funds maintained by a third party. These public charities collect the funds from donors and distribute the money in accordance with the donors' wishes. The IRS prohibits distributions to individuals and for non-charitable purposes. Distributions to non-charities and most type-3 supporting organizations without expenditure responsibility are also prohibited. Fund advisors or any person related to the grantor are also prohibited from receiving more than incidental benefits. The IRS has not clearly defined what is meant by "incidental benefits."

Another common mistake involves quid-pro-quo transactions. Quid-pro-quo transactions involve the exchange of money for goods or services and include raffles, charitable auctions, sponsorships, fundraising dinners or entertainment events, incentives for fundraising campaigns, and certain membership benefits. The donor can only claim a deduction for the amount above fair market value. The cost of the item is irrelevant; only the FMV is considered. For example, if an individual purchases an item at a charitable auction for \$100, but the item has an FMV of \$75, only \$25 is tax-deductible. Organizations must supply a written disclosure statement including the amount paid by the individual, value of goods or services received, and a statement of deduction above FMV. If FMV cannot be easily established, a good faith effort must be made to determine FMV. Contributions to college athletic funds are almost never 100 percent tax-deductible.

The IRS has also established new substantiations and disclosure requirements. To claim a deduction you must have a contemporaneous receipt or bank record. All donations of \$250 and above must be acknowledged by the receiving organization. Gifts made by payroll deduction must include documentation from the employer and a pledge card from the organization receiving the donation.

Gifts of clothing or household items must be in good condition or better. A price sheet is available on the IRS Web site for these items. Items of minimal value may not be tax-deductible (Ex: used socks). The IRS has separate rules for art, antiques, jewelry, and other high-value items. Gifts of property include all property other than publicly traded stocks. Rules defining who can provide a "qualified appraisal" have been strengthened. The IRS has increased the penalties for appraisers and donors who violate these rules. Contributions of tangible personal property must be put to related use by the receiving organization, and the organization must hold the property for three years or donors risk losing their deductions.

The final IRS mistake is not knowing the tax-exempt status of the organization. Organizations with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status can be further divided into five subtypes. There are two types of private foundations: operating and non-operating. Private operating foundations distribute funds for their own programs that exist for charitable purposes. Private non-operating foundations distribute funds to other charitable organizations. Nonprofit organizations can also exist to support other tax-exempt organizations. These are known as supporting organizations. Finally, there are public charities. Public charities receive most of their funding from public support, and these organizations promote the public good. The specific tax-exempt status can be found in the organization's IRS Determination Letter.

Hopefully, this information has clarified changes to IRS regulations dealing with tax-exempt organizations. If you have any questions about IRS Publication 1771 or tax-exempt organizations, please visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

—MORGAN McLAUGHLIN



Monument dedicated to Black Patriots

On Jan. 27, the Virginia Society dedicated a monument to the Patriots of Color from Charles City County, Va. The monument was erected in the Old Elam Cemetery. The Elam Baptist Church was founded in 1810, the third-oldest black church in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and its original members were both slave and free. The church stands on land that was deeded to it by Abraham and Sarah Brown. Abraham Brown was a black Patriot, who had supplied beef to the Continental Army.

Around 200 people joined the Virginia Society to dedicate this monument. Among the guests were President General Bruce A. Wilcox; SAR VPGs John Wallace, M. Hall Worthington and Robert L. Bowen; DAR VPG Patricia Hatfield Mayer; and Virginia DAR Regent Bana Caskey. The Pastor of the Elam Baptist Church, Rev. Horace B. Parham, Jr., several of the

trustees and members of the Elam community attended the dedication ceremony. John F. Miniclier, Jr., the county administrator of Charles City County, also attended, as well as all the members of the county board of supervisors.



President General Bruce A. Wilcox speaks at the monument dedication.



Participating in the dedication were descendants of Abraham and Isaac Brown, two of the soldiers named on the monument. From left to right, are Jean S. Fugett Jr., J. Russell Fugett, Jean S. Fugett Sr., Ric Murphy, Maria Cole, Dr. Marion T. Lane and John E. James Jr.

COMMENTS OF PRESIDENT GENERAL BRUCE A. WILCOX

It is not generally appreciated in scholarly circles, let alone by the general public, that perhaps 20,000 black Americans served during the American Revolution and helped our nation achieve its independence and liberty. Historically, during the Revolution, a sizable group of slaves and free blacks had joined the New England militia units that fought at Bunker Hill and then manned the breastworks encircling Boston. At the end of 1775, George Washington decided that the Continental Army would be racially integrated. Black troops were not assigned only to segregated units.



From left, President General Bruce A. Wilcox, John James and Marion Lane, the Rev. Horace Parham, and Virginia State President Joseph Dooley.

Though a few all-black units were added later in the war, most blacks served alongside whites and comprised, at any time, between 6 and 12 percent of the fighting force. Here was a stunning if silent social statement far ahead of popular opinion. The next time any American army would be so fully integrated was the Korean War.

Founded in 1889, and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, the SAR has over 27,000 members around the world. The SAR has had black members for decades, and in recent years, we have happily welcomed more black men into our ranks. Many of these black men are descended from white Patriots of the Revolution, but many others are descended from the black Patriots. The SAR does not care what color our members are, nor what color were the Patriots from whom we descend. We focus on honoring the Patriots, regardless of race. The SAR takes seriously its role to preserve the memory of all Revolutionary War Patriots and we are proud to honor these 26 Patriots of Color from Charles City County. Thank you all for attending the dedication of this memorial.

COMMENTS OF JOSEPH W. DOOLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY SAR

At SAR functions, we often quote Thomas Jefferson or Benjamin Franklin, and rightly so. But today, I'd like to quote Whoopi Goldberg:

"Call me a jerk, call me a blowhard, but don't call me an African-American. It divides us, as a nation and as a people, and it kind of annoys me. It diminishes everything I've accomplished and everything every other black person has accomplished on American soil. It means I'm not entitled to everything plain old regular Americans are entitled to."

"... The Bill of Rights is my Bill of Rights, same as anyone else's. It's my flag. It's my Constitution. It doesn't talk about some people. It talks about all people - black, white. You. Me."

"... So, no, I'm not an African-American. I'm not from Africa. I'm from New York."

"... George Washington belongs to me. Lou Gehrig belongs to me. Jackie Robinson belongs to me. ... The amber waves of grain? Mine. I'm as American as Chevrolet."

"For centuries now, people have come to America from all over the world. We were here. ... We worked the land. We had jobs. We had property. We had families."

Whoopi makes a very strong statement. But one thing she overlooks is that many of the black folks who were here not only had land, jobs and families, they were also Patriots who helped achieve our nation's independence.

How many of you are familiar with Harriet Beecher Stowe? You probably know her as the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. But I'd like to tell you about something else she wrote. In 1855, William Cooper Nell wrote *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution*. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote an introduction for this history of black Patriots. She wrote:

"It was not for their own land they fought, nor even for a land which had adopted them, but for a land which had enslaved them, and whose laws, even in freedom, more often oppressed than protected. ... Bravery, under such circumstances, has a peculiar beauty and merit."

That was in 1855. There was not another serious, scholarly work written on the subject of black Patriots in the American Revolution until 1961, more than a hundred years later, when Benjamin Quarles wrote *The Negro in the American Revolution*.

Today, we honor what Harriet Beecher Stowe described as that bravery which had peculiar beauty and merit.

Imagine for a moment that you are the commander of a company of soldiers. Now imagine that your force is arbitrarily reduced by 10 percent. By some accounts, perhaps 10 percent of the total number men who fought in the American forces — both in the Continental Army and in the various state militias — was black.

Could we have won our Revolution with 10 percent fewer soldiers? Could we have achieved our Independence without the effort and sacrifices of these black Patriots? If you want to take a hill or hold a field, you don't care what color your soldiers are, as long as they can shoot, and shoot well.

In 1961, Benjamin Quarles estimated that the total number of black Patriots was about 5,000. More recent research suggests that the number could be as high as 20,000.

How many Americans know that so many black Americans fought in our Revolution? Very few. This is sad. Americans of all colors don't know their own history.

Many high school and college textbooks on the American Revolution have pictures and drawings of scenes from the Revolution. Why do we not see black faces in the crowd as General Washington addresses his troops? They were there. They served. They fought, bled and died.

This brings me to this print that I brought with me today. You probably recognize this picture of Washington Crossing the Delaware, and you might have asked yourself, why is this picture here? It depicts an event that happened in New Jersey, and today we honor Patriots from Virginia. Let me explain.

This particular picture is an icon of the American Revolution. A minute ago, I asked why do we not see black faces in textbook pictures of the Revolution. Some of you may already know what I'm about to tell you, but I only just discovered this myself a couple of months ago: look at the man, sitting right in front of Washington: he's black. Here we have the image of a black man right in the middle of an icon of the American Revolution. I believe this is as it should be.

We in the SAR, and the DAR, seek to remember and honor all those brave men and women, regardless of color, who fought and won our freedom. We seek to educate all Americans about the glorious American Revolution.

If all you know about Washington is that he owned slaves, then I submit to you that don't know the man. He accomplished so many great and heroic things. His is a life worth studying. His is a life you can get excited about.

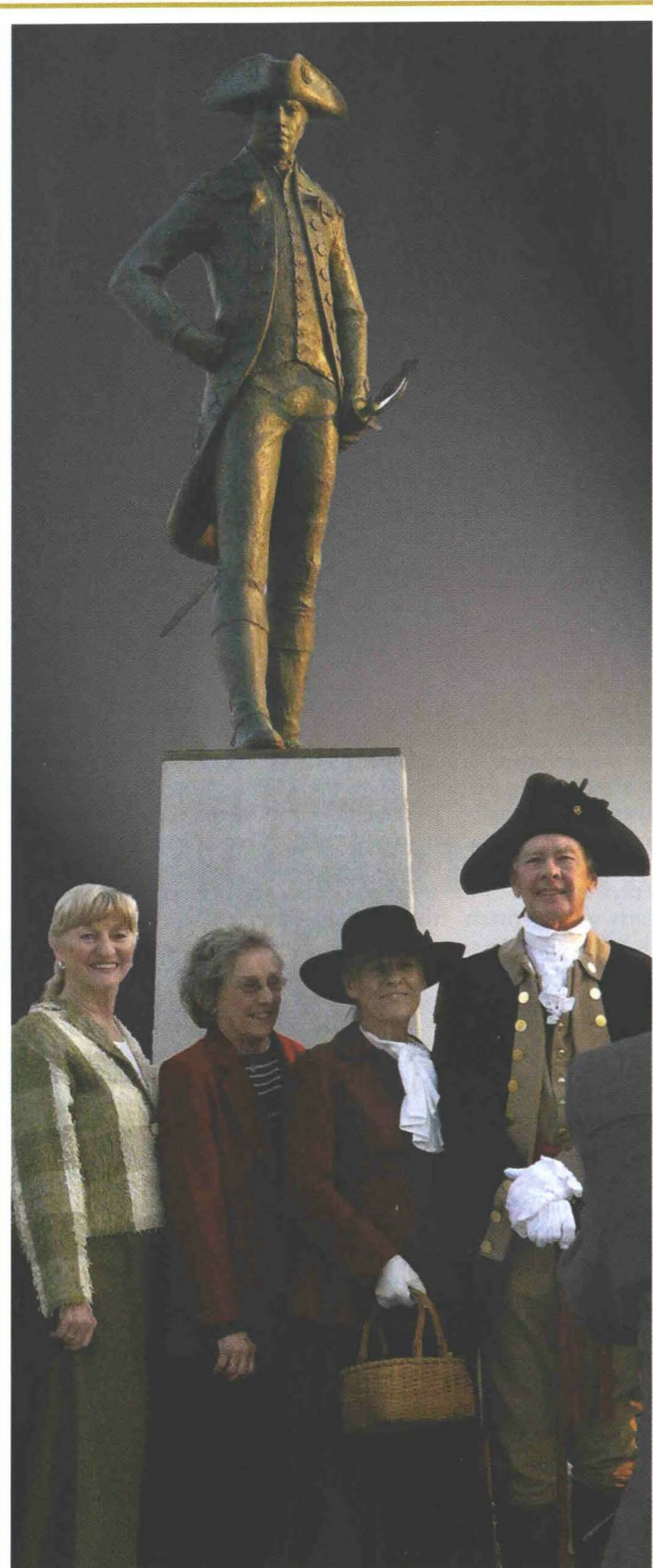
But in the same vein, if all you know about black Americans in the 18th century is that they were slaves, then you don't know the American people. Black Americans were not just slaves, although sadly, most of them were enslaved. Black Americans, like white Americans, were farmers, merchants, craftsmen, shipbuilders and clergymen. Most importantly for us here today, black Americans, like white Americans, were freedom fighters.

Martin Luther King once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

I would like to modify this statement somewhat: failure to honor all Americans who fought in our Revolution is a failure to really honor any of them.

American heroes come in all colors. As a people — an American people — we must all honor heroes like Washington. As a people, we must all honor the heroes whose names are engraved on this monument.

By JOSEPH W. DOOLEY,
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY



STANDING TALL

For its bicentennial, the city of Greensboro, N.C., commissioned native sculptor Jim Barnhill to craft a bronze statue of the city's namesake, Nathanael Greene. It was unveiled on March 26.

PHOTO BY BOB YANKLE



President General Bruce Wilcox presents Senior National President Suzanne Reynolds with the Gold Good Citizenship Medal during C.A.R.'s national conference in Alexandria, Va.

PG Wilcox presents award at C.A.R. National Conference

President General Bruce A. Wilcox attended the National Conference of the Children of the American Revolution that was held April 17-20 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Alexandria, Va.

He brought greetings from the Sons of the American Revolution and praised the members of C.A.R. for their patriotic efforts.

The PG presented the SAR Traveling Banner to the state of Tennessee for having the most C.A.R. members join SAR during 2007.

He then presented Senior National President Suzanne Reynolds and Honorary Senior National President Patricia Love Stephens with the Gold Good Citizenship Award for their years of dedicated service to the C.A.R., SAR, DAR, their communities and their country.

SUBMITTED BY FLOYD N. TURNER II, PASSAR C.A.R.-SAR LIAISON



STATE SOCIETY & CHAPTER EVENTS

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 2). Please note the deadlines below. Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical feature articles they would like to write. Each will be given careful consideration.

DEADLINES: WINTER (FEBRUARY) DEC. 15; SPRING (MAY) MARCH 15; SUMMER (AUGUST) JUNE 15; FALL (NOVEMBER) SEPT. 15.



ALABAMA SOCIETY

New officers for the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter are, from left, President D. Alan Dismukes and past presidents Curtis W. Posey Jr. (2006), Curtis W. Posey III (2007) and Bobby Joe Scales (2003-2004). The Cahaba-Coosa Chapter meets the third Sunday of each month at the North Shelby County Library in Pelham, Ala.

ARIZONA SOCIETY

At the Feb. 16, 2008 annual meeting the AZSSAR at the Skyline Country Club in Tucson, the attending compatriots elected the following officers: President Louis M. Newton, M.D.; Vice President Albert I. Niemeyer, Secretary/Treasurer Warren M. Alter, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer J. Michael Jones, Registrar Paul H. Duffy, Chancellor Mike Denea, Chaplain Robert Young.

Niemeyer was awarded the State Medal of Distinguished Service, the highest honor that can be awarded by a state society.



Compatriot Niemeyer, left, receives the medal and certificate from former NSSAR Surgeon Gen. Daniel H. Heller, M.D.



Warren M. Alter and John W. Harrill were awarded Meritorious Service Medals and Certificates. Peggy Hurd was awarded the C.A.R./SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation and Casey Caylor was awarded the C.A.R./SAR Bronze Medal of Appreciation.

At a combined Jan. 19 meeting of the Colorado River and the Lake Havasu City chapters, Jo Andress was awarded the Martha Washington Gold Medal and Certificate for recruiting six new SAR members. She worked with the prospective members until their paper work was approved. Three were inducted into the Colorado River Chapter. The others were inducted into the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

The chapter raised more than \$8,000 for the 3rd AA Battalion, Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon, Unit 40575 and sent these Marines items needed for everyday living. The chapter sent 30 boxes of donated and purchased items. Each box weighs approximately 15 pounds and sent by John and Karen Dodd, whose son is a lieutenant in the platoon.

Besides purchasing protective shirts and gloves, members have donated coffee, coffee makers, magazines, spices, toothpaste, deodorant and socks, and many have written letters.



CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

The Society's Color Guard/Living History Unit, THE CONNECTICUT LINE met at the historic J. Timothy's Tavern in Plainville to celebrate George Washington's Birthday. Twenty-seven color guard members met to discuss the upcoming 2008 calendar of events taking place in Connecticut and throughout New England. The unit annually participates in historical re-enactments, ceremonies, parades and school programs.

DELAWARE SOCIETY

The Delaware Society presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot Dr. William John Geimeier at the recent recognition dinner in Wilmington, Del.

Among other distinguished achievements, Dr. Geimeier has served as a past senior warden in his church, chaired the Pediatric Allergy Program & Clinic in a Wilmington hospital involving indigent patients, taught in the Pediatric Resident Program, and supervised preceptorships for residents in pediatrics, internal medicine and family practice.

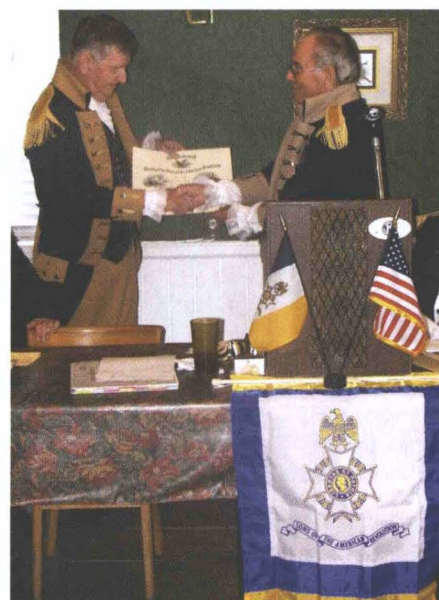
He is a past governor of the regional (East Coast), state and local allergy societies.

FLORIDA SOCIETY

The Florida Society chartered its 30th new chapter, the William Dunaway Chapter, on Jan. 5. The chartering ceremony and installation of the new officers was conducted by President Grant R. Wallin, Jr. of the Florida Society.

The William Dunaway Chapter was chartered in Greenwood, Fla., and is named for William Dunaway who fought with the 5th Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution.

VPG John R. Wallace of the Southern District and Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund, presented the new chapter with a new podium banner and desk flags. Wallin presented the chapter's president, Harry W. Dunaway, with U.S., SAR and Florida flags, and a check for \$400 from the Florida Society to assist with



VPG John R. Wallace presents Grant R. Wallin Jr. the William Dunaway charter.

start-up expenses. The new chapter had 11 charter members and it has several prospective members that are working on their applications to become members of the SAR.

BREVARD COUNTY CHAPTER

The chapter cosponsored the Fifth Annual George Washington luncheon with the Brevard County Regents Council, which represents the area's five DAR chapters. More than 100 people were in attendance when the SAR Color Guard presented the colors at this event.

Florida State Regent Sue Butler announced that Brig. Gen. Helms is to receive the highest award given by the

National DAR—The DAR Medal of Honor.

Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms is commander, 45th Space Wing, and director, Eastern Range, Patrick Air Force Base. Helms was also presented with the SAR's Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Medal.



Georgia compatriots and guests enjoy a dinner as part of the Kettle Creek celebration.

GEORGIA SOCIETY

The annual observance of the Feb. 14, 1779, Patriot victory at Kettle Creek took place on the weekend of Feb. 8-10. This was the 11th consecutive year for the celebration sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR with the support of the Athens and Samuel Elbert chapters and several other Washington organizations.

The Friday activities began with a presentation entitled, "Revolutionary War in Georgia," by Dr. Christine Swager, Revolutionary War author. The winners of the Kettle Creek Poster Contest sponsored by the Library, DAR and SAR were selected.

Saturday included a showing of the Kettle Creek video at the Mary Willis Library and a parade beginning at the library and ending at the historic Washington Town Square. It included SAR Color Guards from several states, CAR, DAR and SAR members dressed in Colonial attire, Revolutionary re-enactors and youth organizations.

Benjamin Franklin, Nancy Hart, Elijah and Hannah Clarke, Andrew Pickens, John Dooly and many others performed in living history demonstrations on the square. Children were taught colonial games and how to march with muskets and adults were "encouraged" to sign an oath of allegiance and join the militia.

At the Kettle Creek Battleground, located 10 miles from Washington off SR 44, U.S. Army historians conducted walking tours, tracing the steps of the Loyalists and the Patriots as they fought for three hours in 1779.

Saturday's highlight was the pageantry at the Battleground Memorial Ceremony at the Kettle

Creek Monument on top of War Hill. Wreath presentations by the various organizations and descendants honored the memory of the Patriots who fought in the battle. The Kettle Creek DAR Chapter decorated the commemorative markers that list the names of the battle participants.

Sunday began with a Colonial church service held at the Bethel United Methodist Church, which was sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR Chaplaincy Corps. Later in the morning representatives of the CAR, DAR and SAR gathered at the graveside of Elijah Clarke for a ceremony to recognize his part in the battle.



From left are Compatriot Jason Deal, County Chairman Jim Dennison and state Court Judge Franklin Rozier Jr.

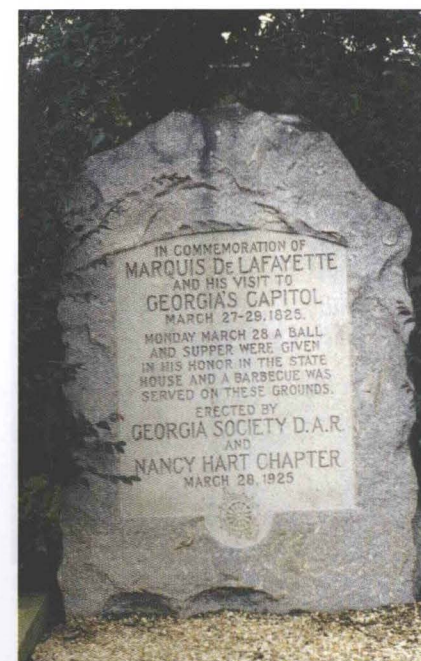
ALTAMAHA CHAPTER

The chapter recently donated a portrait of George Washington for display at the Pierce County Courthouse in Blackshear, Ga. The portrait was unveiled during a Feb. 22 ceremony, the 276th anniversary of Washington's birth. Altamaha SAR president David Dukes and members R.M. Beaver and Jason Deal attended the ceremony.

The portrait hangs on the wall in back of the judge's bench, overlooking the courtroom. The new portrait replaces one that disappeared during a renovation at the courthouse in the 1970s. The courthouse, constructed in 1902, recently underwent a \$2.5-million renovation and restoration. Col. Eldridge Thomas of Patterson led the pledge of allegiance. Thomas is retired after 35 years of service to the military, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The Rev. Jason Long, associate pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, offered the invocation and benediction. Approximately 40 people, including local officials, attended the event.

MILLEDGE CHAPTER

The chapter honored the memory of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, the Marquis de Lafayette, who came to the United States from France at the invitation of Congress and toured all states between 1824 and 1825. On the 250th anniversary of



Lafayette's birth, chapter members Buddy Bridges, Fielding Whipple, Jim Mills and Jimmy Paul received a proclamation from Milledge Mayor Richard Bentley in the historic old Capitol beneath the portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette that hangs opposite one of George Washington.

In his old age, Lafayette hoped to attend ceremonies for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. President James Madison prompted Congress to extend the invitation for Lafayette to visit the United States one final time. To honor the last surviving Revolutionary War general, Georgia Gov. George Troup arranged an elaborate journey across the state from the coast and the inland cities to the Creek Indian lands in the west.

Having previously visited Savannah and Augusta, Lafayette traveled inland to Milledgeville, the only city laid out for the purpose of being a state capital, arriving by carriage. He first met with Revolutionary War veterans and was delighted to find the man who helped carry him off the battlefield at Brandywine, where he had been wounded. Gov. Troup hosted the general at an outdoor supper and ball in the emptied state capitol.

On March 28, 1825, in commemoration of his visit to Georgia's capital, the Georgia Society DAR and the Nancy Hart Chapter NSDAR dedicated a monument to Lafayette on the 100th anniversary of his visit to the city. The marker is on the grounds of the Old State Capitol.

Lafayette completed his circuit of the nation before returning to Massachusetts for the Bunker Hill celebration in 1825.

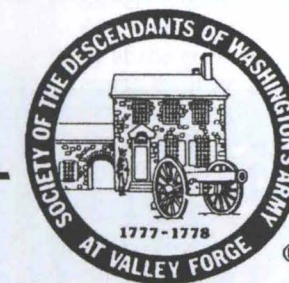
Colonial New England is looking for A FEW GOOD MEN



Can you prove lineal descent from ancestors born in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine or Vermont prior to July 4, 1776? If so, The National Society Sons of Colonial New England invites SAR compatriots to write for information to our Registrar General.

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND, 1620-1776

Registrar General Arthur Louis Finnell, 7501 West 101st Street, #204, Bloomington, MN 55438-2521



Valley Forge Society of the Descendants

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

To obtain a membership application form, please write to the Commissary General.

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From left, Piedmont member sponsor George Thurmond; Betty Price; U.S. Rep Tom Price, Carl Tanner, president; and Paul Hays, co-sponsor and president of the District of Columbia Society.

PIEDMONT CHAPTER

U.S. Rep. Tom Price of the 6th District of Georgia recently received his membership in the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member of the Georgia State Senate from 1997-2004. He was elected to Congress, serving from Jan. 3, 2005 to the present.

Price resides in Roswell with his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Robert. He is a member of the Roswell Presbyterian Church.

Congressman Price is a seventh generation descendant of Capt. Thomas Edmunds, company commander in the 15th Virginia Regiment of Foot, who served until the end of the war.

INDIANA SOCIETY

The INSSAR presents a George Rogers Clark Flag to the Indiana Adjutant General. This flag is a documented copy of the flag that was carried by militia forces when George Rogers Clark captured Fort Sackville

(Vincennes, Ind.) from the British in February 1779.

The Indiana National Guard activated 3,500 troops of the 76th Brigade in January 2008. This was the largest deployment from a state since the beginning of the Iraq War. The flag will be flown over 76th Brigade Headquarters in Iraq.

IOWA SOCIETY

A 250th anniversary of Patriot Nathaniel Fellows was recently celebrated in Iowa City. The IAS-SAR met at the graveside of Nathaniel Fellows a Revolutionary War Veteran. Patriot Fellows was born in New Hampshire in 1758.

Like his father, he served in the New Hampshire Line during the American Revolutionary War.

According to "Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots Buried in Iowa", published by the Abigail Adams



IASSAR members at graveside, left to right, Bill Lees, past president and registrar; Mike Rowley, president, and John Scarpino, VPG of the North Central Region.



Pictured left to right: T. Rex Legler III, T. Rex Legler II, Stuart Hart, G. Thomas Schnuck, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, James Arnold, Steven Oberlin, Robert Howell, INSSAR President and Genealogist Gen. Chuck Bragg.

Chapter of the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1978, Nathaniel Fellows "joined a 40-ox team heading west. The group crossed the Mississippi River into Iowa Territory at Bloomington (now Muscatine). From there the Fellows family traveled through wild country until they reached the swollen Iowa River near the present town of Iowa City in Johnson County. Fox Indians under Chief Poweshiek helped the family ford the river; the Chief then granted them permission to settle land not yet open to white settlers."

Original burial was on the family farm. The grave was marked in 1940 by the local DAR chapter. By 1970 the marker was moved to its present site at the entrance to Oak Hill Cemetery, north of Coralville.

Plans are now being made to mark the 170th anniversary on July 12, 2008.

KANSAS SOCIETY

The Kansas Society is proud of its compatriot, U.S. Army Specialist Josh Grassl, 23, now serving on his third tour of duty in Iraq. His parents are Peter Grassl, President, KSSAR, and Cathy Grassl, National Treasurer, SAR Ladies Auxiliary. The young soldier, a member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, was home on leave when he received a standing ovation at the society's George Washington Birthday Celebration on Feb. 23 in the presence of more than 250 SARs and DARs.

Upon his return to duty in Iraq, Grassl found that the Ladies Auxiliary had sent a collection of useful items ahead to his unit at Camp Striker in Baghdad. Included was information about the SAR and several four-generation worksheets for anyone with an interest in tracing their genealogy.

WICHITA CHAPTER

The chapter celebrated the birthday of George Washington at the Masonic Temple in Wichita, Kan., on Feb. 19. A catered dinner was served to all guests, including 250 Junior ROTC students from the Wichita area schools under the command of Col. Robert Hester.

David Heffelfinger, as Benjamin Franklin, presented many facts about the early era of our nation's history.

LOUISIANA SOCIETY

GALVEZ CHAPTER

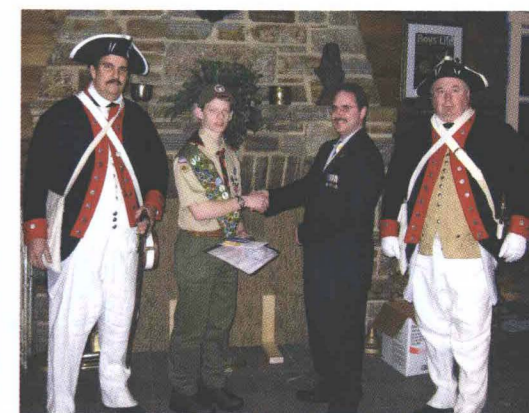
On March 25, the chapter honored Bossier City Mayor Lorenz Walker for his contributions to the community by presenting him the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. This award was presented on the recommendation of the National Trustee Norbert Johnson.

Mayor Walker, on accepting the award, said "I am very appreciative of this special recognition. The Sons of the American Revolution is an outstanding organization that strives to promote the ideals on which our county was founded. I am truly humbled by this honor."

Chapter Secretary Tom Williams presented Mayor Walker with the medal on behalf of the chapter.

ENEMUND MEULLION CHAPTER

Tony "Bo" Vets II, right, vice president of the Enemund Meullion Chapter, presented a new flag to Colfax Mayor Gerald Hamilton to replace the one currently flying in the city cemetery.



MARYLAND SOCIETY

The Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter presented Luke W. Durkin of Troop 1908 the prestigious SAR Eagle Scout Award at Camp Puh'tok in Baltimore County. The Award was presented by past state President Christos Christou Jr. and Color Guard members David W. Hoover and C. Louis Raborg Jr. attended in their Revolutionary War uniforms.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY

On Veterans Day, Compatriots John E. Sweeney of the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter of the Virginia Society of the SAR and William Higgins of the Col.

William Henshaw Chapter of the Massachusetts Society conducted a joint SAR grave marking ceremony at the grave of Sweeney's fourth great-grandfather Robert Hathaway, a forgotten patriot.

For more than 155 years the grave of Robert Hathaway, next to that of his wife Susanna Hill, in

Pine Grove Cemetery, Warren, Mass. was unrecognized as that of a veteran. Robert Hathaway was a three-year veteran of the 1st Rhode Island Continental Regiment from 1776 to 1778, having joined when he was 14. He served in the Massachusetts Militia until 1780. A combination of factors caused him to be unrecognized.

With the help of Warren, Mass., Historical Society Chairman Sylvia Buck, Compatriot Sweeney was able to locate the graves. He contacted the MASSAR regarding his intentions to mark his great-grandfather's grave and the MASSAR agreed to help. Compatriot Higgins volunteered to assist Sweeney and his wife, Carol, with the ceremony. Higgins and his wife, Charlotte, a DAR member, arrived at the grave early to place a large Betsy Ross 13-star U.S. Flag, a U.S. flag, and the Col. Henshaw Chapter SAR flag. They were beautiful additions to the ceremony.



U.S. Army Specialist Josh Grassl was honored by the Kansas Society.

MICHIGAN SOCIETY

DETROIT METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

The chapter honored Past President James L. Omlor and his father, Richard J. Omlor, with plaques for their long and dedicated service.

MISSOURI SOCIETY

The Society presented nationally known wildlife artist Ray Harm with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate at NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville. The award was in recognition of a lifetime of philanthropy. Harm and his company have donated more than \$3 million to a wide range of organizations, including the Air Force Academy, museums at Fort Sills and Fort Knox, to colleges, universities, hospitals, and cancer treatment centers. Environmental groups supported include the National Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited and National Wildlife Federation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY

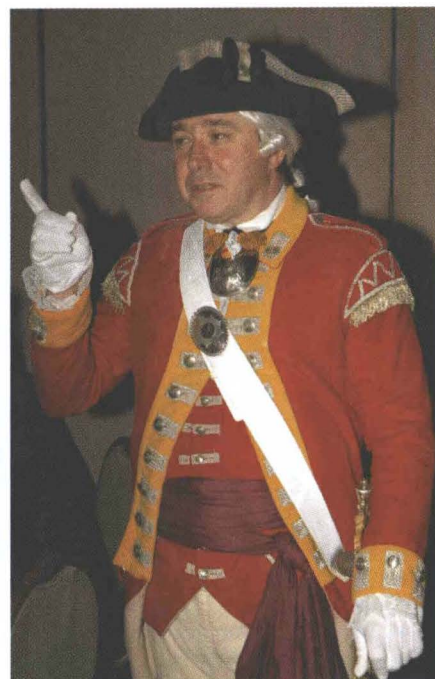
The British came to the Washington's Birthday celebration held in Manchester. Lt. Col. Paul O'Shaughnessy of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of the Foot, American Contingent was the speaker.

The 10th Regiment of Foot is a historically re-created unit formed to portray the service of the British Army in America during the American Revolutionary period. The 10th is composed of three types of soldier: Grenadiers, Light Infantrymen and Battalion soldiers. The members of the 10th are accurately uniformed and equipped, and are trained in 18th century military drill so that it appears in public exactly as a British soldier was seen more than 225 years ago.

Organized in 1971 in preparation for the Nation's Bicentennial, the 10th has set the standard for historical accuracy in reenacting the events of the American Revolution.

Lt. Col. O'Shaughnessy joined the 10th as a raw recruit in 1972. Working as a guide on the Lexington Battle Green he wished to what caused the Crown's forces to clash with the local militia. Joining a reenacting group helped him learn.

Sticking with the Tenth all these years has not always been easy, he reports; but it has been worth it. He can think of few other activities so thoroughly different, so wonderfully educational, and so completely worthwhile. Preserving our history is essential he believes and that if we lose it, we risk losing the foundation upon which our county is built.



Lt. Col. Paul O'Shaughnessy of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of the Foot.

The 10th Regiment today continues to be the best and largest British reenactment unit in New England. The 10th Web address is: www.redcoat.org.

Adjutant General State of New Hampshire Major General Kenneth R. Clark, United States Air Force was presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal during the meeting.

For most of Gen. Clark's career, he has served in various capacities at Pease Air Force Base, and later Pease Air National Guard Base in New Hampshire. His service earned him numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Guard Commendation Medal.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY

MENDHAM CHAPTER

Mendham Historical Society President Charles E. Topping explored the importance of the inns and public houses frequented by the traveling public and community in the Revolutionary War period.

SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER

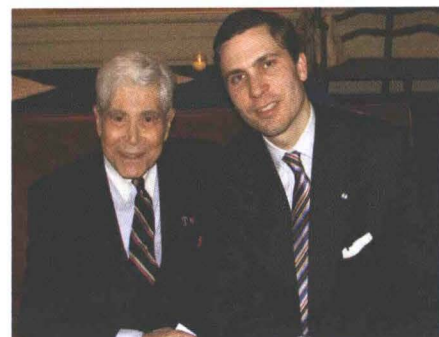
Dan Campbell, historian from Batsto Village, gave a slide presentation on the Iron Works at Batso Village during the chapter's winter meeting.

Batsto Village established in 1776, is located in what is now the Wharton National Forest, a U.N. International Biosphere. The area comprises 1 million acres of the Pine Barrons, so named for the unique environment of orchids, insect-eating plants, pygmy pines, and acidic soil the earth is not good for

European crops, but is underlain by 17 trillion gallons of the purest water in the country.

The iron industry of Batsto evolved from the bog iron deposits, material familiar to early Romans, Vikings, and later Europeans. With an abundance of water power, fuel as in trees, flux as in sea shells, and people, Batsto became a source of iron for the world. The pig iron produced required 21.2 tons of bog iron, 180 bushels of charcoal to make 1 ton of pig iron. To make the required charcoal, 1 acre of forest was cut down daily to run the pig iron furnace.

The pig iron ingots were then melted down for iron products, such as firebacks and important munitions for the Revolutionary War. George Washington, upon hearing about firebacks, purchased four for Mount Vernon, where two are still on display.



Compatriot Matthew Ptucha, right, and Col. Jerome R. Richard of the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY (NY)

The Military Order of Foreign Wars, New York Commandery, hosted a celebration for Washington's Birthday Feb. 21 at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. The event included members from other hereditary, patriotic and military organizations including the DAR, the First New York Continental Chapter, SAR and the Knickerbocker Greys. This is the 12th year that the event has been held and will be the last time at the NYG&B's mid-town Manhattan location, as the building is being converted into a synagogue.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

The 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford was observed at Hopewell Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Jan. 26, with approximately 100 people attending. As usual, the ceremony began with a delicious spread of ham and sausage biscuits provided by Compatriot Darryl Harkey of the Catawba Valley Chapter and the historic coordinator of Lincoln County. The memorial service began at 10 a.m.



The SAR Contingent at the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, N.C., March 15, 2008

(PHOTO BY BOB YANKLE)



Lord Cornwallis makes a point.

in the church to remember the sacrifice of Gen. William Lee Davidson and his men as they delayed Lord Cornwallis and his men in pursuit of Gen. Nathaniel Greene's army. During the ceremony, a re-enactor portraying Lord Cornwallis attended our program and spoke on the tenacity of the back-country people. He had miscalculated the Loyalists' support to the British Crown.

The NCSSAR presented the first Rev. Jeffrey Lowrance Memorial Award to Rev. Robert K. Wise. This award recognizes clergy who make significant contributions in Revolutionary War history by preservation or educational efforts in North Carolina. Dr. Wise, who grew up in the Hopewell community, served two terms on the Historic Properties Commission of Lincoln County, helped write the grant to obtain and develop the Madison Iron Furnace site and helped at least 1,000 children tour the Cowan's Ford site, and assisted Rev. Lowrance in researching the events that lead to the loan of Gen. Davidson's wallet to be returned from England and displayed in North Carolina.

GUILFORD COURTHOUSE

In a concurrent ceremony, the descendants of William Hooper and

John Penn, both original signers of the Declaration of Independence, presented a memorial wreath to the memory of their forbears at the Signer's Monument, located at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, N.C. And while that ceremony was going on, members of the SAR and DAR carried out their own acts of remembrance. Color Guards featured, the Guilford Courthouse Fife and Drum Corps, the Guilford Militia, and the New Jersey Light Infantry.

This is one of the premier events for the South East District. It attracted representatives from Maine, Ohio, Alabama and Kentucky.

Guilford Courthouse marks probably the most significant meeting of the armies under Nathaniel Greene and Charles Cornwallis that was ever fought. The SAR and DAR, in conjunction with the descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, saw fit to honor that occasion appropriately.

MECKLENBURG CHAPTER

The chapter honored Rev. Henry Wood by marking his gravesite on the front lawn of the Woods Chapel United Methodist Church in Greer, S.C. Leading the ceremony was Compatriot James H. Wood, fourth-great grandson of Rev. Wood.

Henry Wood was born on Dec. 16, 1756 in what is today Warren County, N.C. He served as a member of the Third Division of North Carolina Militia under Lt. Henry Shurrin and Col. Herbert Haynes. He participated in the battle of Guilford Court House and other engagements.

Rev. Wood married Susan Elizabeth Mayfield in July 1777 in Warren County, N.C. He was married for the second time to Nancy Burns following the death of his first wife. At the end of the War, he moved to Spartanburg County, S.C., where he lived until his death on June 12, 1843. After he moved to the Greer area, he started a Methodist meeting house which today is known as Woods Chapel United



From left are Ray Maxson, president Mecklenburg Chapter; Compatriot Jim Wood, Mecklenburg Chapter; and Dr. Sam Powell, president NCSSAR.

Methodist Church. In 1803, Bishop Francis Asbury during his trip through the Carolinas wrote in his journal that on Nov. 1 he rode to Woods for the evening and the next day preached at his house.

Rev. Wood's children and their descendants have been active members of Woods Chapel since its founding.

In 1923 funds were raised to relocate the remains of Rev. Wood and his wives from a family cemetery to the church. In 1924 the remains were brought to the church and a marker was placed in his honor.

Attending the ceremony were descendants of Rev. Wood from Nebraska, Kentucky, Georgia, Texas, South Carolina and North Carolina. A combined Color Guard with units from South Carolina and North Carolina presented the colors and the current pastor of Woods Chapel, Rev. David Norrell led in prayer. Wreaths were presented from various lineage societies, including SAR, DAR and C.A.R.

Dr. Sam Powell, president NCSSAR, presented a wreath. Joe Judge, director of music, Matthews, N.C., UMC sang "God Bless America" and Sloane A. Wood and Courtney Wood Picha, fifth-great granddaughters of Rev. Henry Wood sang "Amazing Grace."

OHIO SOCIETY

CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

In January, Chapter President James Fast presented the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Auglaize County Sheriff Allen F. Soloman.



CINCINNATI CHAPTER

Members of the chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard participated in a parade and ceremony celebrating the birthday of our ninth president William Henry Harrison at his North Bend, Ohio, tomb.

Pictured above are Compatriots Jeff Krueger, Jack Langlitz and John Kirts.



Also in January, Compatriot Paul Wilke gave an enlightening military flag presentation to the Delhi Township Historical Society. There were 70 flags from the Howard Miller Collection displayed and discussed. After the presentation, Compatriot Wilke answered questions for more than an hour.

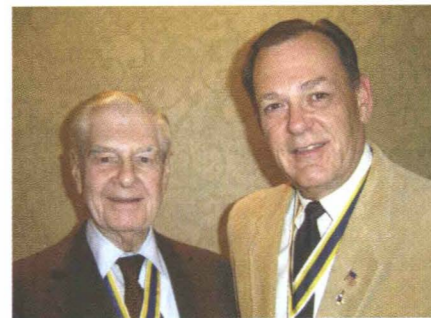


The Lafayette Chapter (OSSAR) celebrated the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette at the Fairlawn Country Club in Akron, Ohio.



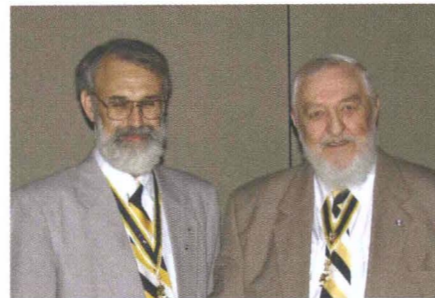
PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

A picture depicting the role of African-Americans in the American Revolution was recently presented to SAR National Headquarters at the Spring Leadership Meeting. Shown above with the picture are Jim Sanborn (left) President of the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter and PASSAR President James L. Garthwaite, Jr.



PASSAR President James L. Garthwaite, Jr., right, is pictured with Henry P. Hoffstot Jr., Esq., PASSAR chancellor. Compatriot Hoffstot celebrated his 90th birthday at the fall board meeting at Trevoze, Penn., near Washington's Crossing Historical Park.

Nevin C. Miller (right in the photo below) received the newly created Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. The NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee honored Compatriot Miller for "acting as a role model and providing dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America." Only two such awards can be granted within each state society per year.



BLAIR COUNTY CHAPTER

The chapter voted recently to change its name to the Frontier Patriots Chapter. The name change was made to acknowledge the geographic diversity of the members of the chapter. The membership area includes, but is not limited to, Bedford, Blair, Clearfield, Huntingdon and Indiana counties.

"Frontier" was chosen to emphasize that all of this region was part of the frontier that existed during the Revolutionary War period. "Patriots" refers to all of the patriot soldiers and emphasizes the fact that there were many patriots in this region during the Revolution.

CENTRE COUNTY CHAPTER

State College (Penn.) Police Department's Cpl. Barrett C. Smith organized a fundraising campaign to equip local service organizations and community groups in the Centre Region with automated external defibrillators.

His efforts raised \$7,500, resulting in the placement of new defibrillators in all State College Police cars.

Smith, who trains law enforcement personnel in the use of defibrillators, was presented with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal and certificate at the chapter's luncheon meeting on Feb. 16.



FORT HALIFAX CHAPTER

The Fort Halifax Chapter participated in a ceremony to honor Daniel Miller, Revolutionary War veteran and the founder of Millersburg, Pa. Pictured above at Daniel Miller's grave are (from left): James L. Garthwaite, Jr., PASSAR President, and Pennsylvania Compatriots John Pringle, Dale Seiders, Nevin Maurer Sr., Norman Houser, William Schreffler and Lloyd Lehman.

JOSEPH HIESTER CHAPTER

On Feb. 23, the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter hosted the annual President's Day Luncheon with Berks County Chapter, DAR, Conrad Weiser Society, CAR and the Historical Society of Berks County. The guest speaker was Col. David G. Fitz-Enz (ret.) who spoke on the subject of his book, *Old Ironsides: Eagle of the Sea*.



From left to right: Brian Clark (chapter president), Homer Butler, Steve Killian, Bill Lewis.

NORTHEAST CHAPTER

The photo, above, was taken in front of the Wyoming Monument near Wilkes-Barre on July 4, 2007. The monument marks and memorializes July 3, 1778 the Wyoming Massacre. A ceremony is held at the monument each year to remember the patriots who were



JEPHTHA ABBOT CHAPTER

For more than 40 years, the Jephtha Abbot Chapter Patriot's Holiday Ball has been held in Philadelphia. Pictured above, from left standing are: Mark and Beckie O'Neill (Chapter Regent) and Ann and Lanny Patten (PASSAR 1st V.P.) The O'Neills are the parents of the Pennsylvania CAR state president for 2007-2008. Seated, from left, are: Betty Dechant, Nancy and Jim Sanborn (Philadelphia-Continental President), Kathy Coryell and Win Carroll.

attacked in the battle. Each year, the Northeast Chapter presents a floral tribute as part of the ceremony. The four compatriots pictured attended the 2007 ceremony.

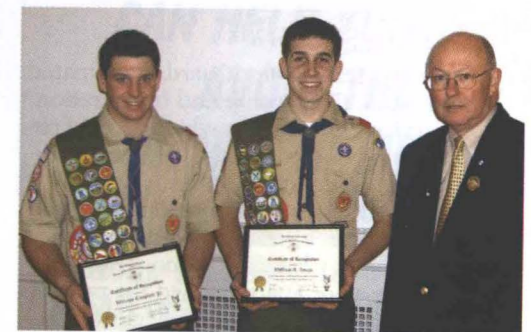
ST. CLAIR CHAPTER

Eric Eslary was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Officer Eslary and his police dog, Ando, have been active in the fight against drugs.

Sgt. 1st Class Todd Simpson of Latrobe was presented with the Heroism Award and an award of appreciation for his services to his country by the chapter. Simpson described for the chapter his tour of duty in Iraq when his Army Reserve Unit was called to serve there. Sergeant Simpson is a history teacher in the Greater Latrobe School District and lives in

badly. But on Christmas night 1776, Washington and his men successfully crossed the Delaware River, marched to Trenton and achieved a resounding victory over the Hessians.

Re-enactors practiced crossing the Delaware River in historic Dunham boats on Dec. 9, 2007. The spirit of the crossing is recreated each year on Christmas Day when an average of 10,000 visitors attend. Unfortunately, this year's crossing was attempted, but cancelled, due to river conditions.



RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY

Compatriot John W. Adams presented two new Eagle Scouts with the NSSAR Eagle Scouts Certificates during the Jan. 27 Eagle High Court of Honor for Troop 4, Gaspee Plateau, Warwick, R.I.

From left, are William Campbell Jr., William A. Lynch, and Compatriot Adams.

Latrobe with his wife, Robin, and three children.

WASHINGTON CROSSING CHAPTER

In the winter of 1776, Gen. George Washington and his ragged army had experienced only defeat and despair. The War for Independence was going

TENNESSEE SOCIETY

KING'S MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

The chapter celebrated Thanksgiving with a covered dish dinner at Rocky Mountain State Historical Site. Members and their spouses enjoyed an evening devoted to thanking those who have given of themselves on behalf of the SAR and the chapter.

Compatriot John V. Sims, past president and current secretary, received the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.

Martha Washington Medals were presented to DAR spouses of former chapter presidents and the current chapter president in appreciation for their continued support and assistance. Those receiving the award were Rebecca Briddell, Lois Wetzel, Carolee McKinstry, Ellen Sims and Elizabeth Bailey.



From left, Jack Williams, chapter president; Marcy Clark-Lovick, regent, Elizabeth Crockett Chapter; Robin Crouse, executive director, Fort Hood USO; Vic Smith, vice president, District 5, TXSSAR.



MCKINNEY CHAPTER

At a recent meeting the chapter presented the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Collin County Sheriff's Deputy, Sgt. Diana Stubbs for work as a superior crime scene investigator. Sheriff Terry Box, right, was presented with the Chapter Service Medal for all he has done for the chapter. Chapter President Peter McLellan is at center.



From left are Compatriots Howard Roach, Willie Walker, Chris Casey, Dan Reed, Peter Rowley, Jim Johnson TXSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Radcliff and Richard Arnold.

TEXAS SOCIETY

The Texas Color Guard participated in a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Ceremony in which 50 new citizens were naturalized. The ceremony was in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration held at the St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas.

The color guard opened the program by posting the colors. They closed the event by retrieving the colors and then posing for individual pictures with the new citizens, their friends and families.

Approximately 500 people attended the ceremony.

BRAZOS VALLEY CHAPTER

The Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the DAR provided toys for the children of our military personnel stationed at Fort Hood. Toys collected by the the Brazos Valley Chapter were presented to the DAR Chapter during its Christmas luncheon. Two representa-

tives of the Fort Hood USO were present to extend their thanks and appreciation to all those, DAR and SAR alike, for the outflowing of support. These toys were transported to Fort Hood for distribution to the children of military personnel during the various unit Christmas parties.

HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

The chapter collected and delivered two large bins of socks, underwear and toiletries for former servicemen and women in the Kerrville Veterans Medical Center.

Chaplain Jack Javens, a longtime volunteer at the hospital, collected the items, valued at more than \$400, from Compatriots and joined President Joseph Benham in presenting them to Alta M. Hurst, director of Volunteer Services at the Kerrville facility of the South Texas Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The SAR donation will supplement pajamas and other items supplied by the VA to hospitalized veterans from throughout the area. The medical center serves an estimated 18,500 former servicemen and women in the Hill Country.



Virginia Society President Joe Dooley, James C. Rees, President General Bruce Wilcox.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY

The Virginia Society presented a Gold Good Citizenship Medal to James C. Rees, IV, executive director of Mount Vernon. Rees has made numerous contributions of national importance in promoting and advancing the public image of George Washington, and in educating the public of the profound significance of this man. Perhaps no person has done as much to promote the understanding of the Father of Our Country as Rees.

As a result his efforts and tremendous fund-raising, Mount Vernon recently opened the Ford Orientation Center and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, which illuminate Washington's life in two state-of-the-art facilities. The promotion for Mount Vernon, which exhorts Americans to "Discover the Real George Washington," was Rees' idea.

Rees has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *C-SPAN*, *CNN* and *PBS*—always promoting Washington and his immeasurable contributions to our Nation.



FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH CELEBRATES JAMESTOWN WITH THE SAR

On Jan. 26, for the SAR's last official act celebrating the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, President General Bruce A. Wilcox and Virginia Society President Joseph W. Dooley visited the White House, and presented to former President George H.W. Bush a framed set of SAR Jamestown Commemorative medals. In May 2007, an SAR delegation presented a similar set of medals to the current President Bush.

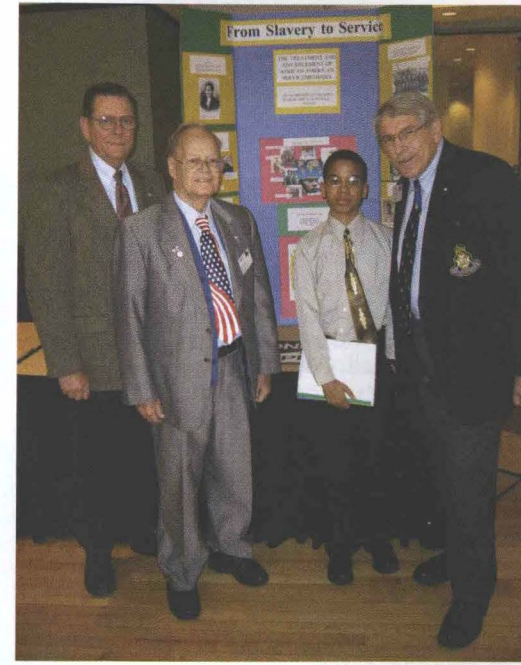
President Bush wore a tie with the insignia of a Naval aviator, which PG Wilcox noticed immediately. The two men shared stories of their experiences as Naval aviators.

The meeting with former President Bush was arranged by Compatriot Neal Burnham, who is on the president's White House staff.

HISTORY DAY

Five chapters of the Virginia Society supported the area History Day competition at George Mason University in northern Virginia. The Culpeper Minutemen and Fairfax Resolves Chapter recognized six students for outstanding projects in the field of American history 1750-1800.

These two chapters, along with the George Mason chapters, also provided judges for the competition and financial support. In addition the Col. Fielding Lewis and Col. William Grayson chapters provided financial



Above are Compatriots Lon Lacey, Dominic Lay, and Jack Sweeney with one of the exhibitors, Julian Williams.

support and all five chapters were listed among the competition sponsors.

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

The Society presented the Archibald Willard Bowl to Compatriot John Franklin for his outstanding contributions to our society over many years. This award is the chapter's highest award. The West Reserve Society and the Ohio Society have honored Franklin with many medals and certificates for his service.

It is notable that just this year the Ohio Society honored him with the Hubb Scott Medal, a high state honor. Franklin has also been heavily involved in the WRSSAR and state Color

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Compatriot John Franklin, right, accepts the Archibald Willard Bowl for his years of service to the Western Reserve Society.

Guards since their inception. Whenever our society has needed someone to step up and serve, it has been John Franklin with his I-can-help-with-that attitude who has come to our rescue.

Dr. Theodore Sande, former Case Western Reserve and Cleveland State University professor, addressed the Willard Night celebration. Dr. Sande holds degrees from the Rhode Island School of Design, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. He spoke on the burning of New London, Conn. on Sept. 6, 1781.

WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY

GREENBRIER CHAPTER

The chapter had a very special visitor at its annual picnic meeting. President General, Bruce Wilcox, made his first official visit.

It all came about when SAR member James McCafferty was selected last spring to receive the coveted Minuteman Award. It was to be presented at the 117th Congress at Williamsburg, Va. Due to illness, Compatriot McCafferty was unable to attend the formal presentation. A special exception was made to present the award to him locally. McCafferty, a life member of the Maryland Society, moved to Lewisburg, W.Va. two years ago to be close to his daughter, Cindy Martin. He also became a dual member of Greenbrier Valley Chapter WVSSAR. PG Wilcox wanted to present the award to Compatriot McCafferty himself. The local chapter was excited with the prospect of having the honor of the highest-ranking national officer attending its annual picnic meeting.

Many members of the WV State Society as well as several out-of-town guests were invited.

SAR members representing Maryland, Virginia and Tennessee joined West Virginia for the occasion. WV Society State President John Sauer and his wife, Joanne, for Point Pleasant and State Secretary/Treasurer Lance Carter and his wife, Judy, of the Andrew Lewis Chapter, Huntington, W. Va., attended. Former WV Society state presidents attending were Finlay Coles and his wife, Jane, of Point Pleasant, Phillip Gainer and Andrea of Lewisburg, and Richard D. Brockway and his wife, Norma, of White Sulphur Springs.

James McCafferty's daughters, Cindy Martin of Union and Bridgett Green and husband, Nick, (SAR member, Stone River Chapter) of Tennessee and granddaughters Meghan and Kaitlin Green were on hand to witness the special presentation to their father and grandfather.

Members of West Virginia Society's newest chapter, Captain Ralph Stewart, were also present.

Local DAR Andrew Lewis Chapter members attended including Regent Mary Frances Bodemueller. Maryland State President, Ernest Irish and his wife Madelyn, a DAR member, were on hand to see their friend receive his coveted award.

Following a picnic buffet PG Wilcox gave a brief message and then presented the prestigious Minuteman Award to McCafferty.

"The Minuteman Award is the most prestigious award of the National Society of the Sons of the American

Revolution," Wilcox said. "The National Executive Committee established the award in 1951. Only those Compatriots who have made distinguished and exceptional contributions of service the National Society may be recognized. The recipient may receive the award only once." The Minuteman Award is signified by a beautiful medal of sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background. The medal is suspended on a neck ribbon of light blue silk.

McCafferty also received a framed picture of himself in colonial uniform on Point Pleasant Battle Days presented by State President John Sauer. His daughters provided a congratulatory cake in honor of their father.

Dr. Robert Conte, historian at The Greenbrier, presented a personalized book of his history of The Greenbrier to the PG, and First Lady, Theresa Wilcox, was presented a gift basket by Norma Brockway.

McCafferty, the newest Minuteman, joined three other Minuteman recipients present: Barrett McKown, Andrew Johnson, and PG Wilcox.



WISCONSIN SOCIETY

Since 2007, DAR member Helen L. Malzahn, Sheboygan, Wis., has recruited eight new members for WISSAR.

She has submitted applications for her two sons, Robin and Charles Starck, and grandsons Christopher and Robert Sonntag, Benjamin, Charles and Theodore Starck and Justin Woodbury. And she also is currently working on a youth member application for her 8-year-old grandson, Seth Starck.

The Wisconsin Society honored her during its annual meeting.

She is a member of the Plymouth Chapter WIDAR.

A widow, she has four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



All Compatriots are invited to attend the functions listed below. Your State Society or Chapter may be included in four consecutive issues at \$6 per line (45 characters). Send copy and payment to The SAR Magazine, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203; checks payable to "Treasurer General, NSSAR."

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☆ **Tri-State Chapter**, Dothan, meets for dinner second Thursday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Call (334) 333-1946 or 677-3128 or e-mail tsalad@hotmail.com.

ARIZONA

☆ **Palo Verde Chapter**, meets for breakfast in Mesa, at 8:30 a.m., second Saturday except June-Aug. SARs, friends and family welcome. Call Art Cantrall (480) 966-9837.
 ☆ **Prescott Chapter**, luncheon meeting the third Saturday except July. Call (928) 776-4608 for information.
 ☆ **Saguaro Chapter**, breakfast meeting at Union Hills Country Club, Sun City, 8:30 a.m., second Saturday (except June-Sept). Call (623) 362-0272 for more information.

ARKANSAS

☆ **Crowley Ridge Chapter**, Dutch treat luncheon meeting 12:30 p.m. second Sunday except June, July, and Aug. Jonesboro Holiday Inn, 3006 S. Caraway Rd. SARs and guests welcome.

CALIFORNIA

☆ **San Francisco Chapter**, organized 1876, meets at noon usually on the fourth Thursdays (none in July, Aug. & Dec.). Contact Robert L. Wynne, No. 19, El Cerrito Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402-1209; (650) 579-1776; rlwynne@sbcglobal.net

CONNECTICUT

☆ **Fairfield County Chapters: Robert Sherman and Matthew Mead Branches.** Quarterly luncheon meetings. All are welcome! Please call (203) 505-8423.

FLORIDA

☆ **Caloosa Chapter**, Fort Myers. 11:30 second Wednesday, Oct.-May. Call (239) 454-0545, SARcaloosa@comcast.net.
 ☆ **Central Florida - Disney Area**, Lunch on second Saturday (except June-Aug.). Call (407) 261-0433.
 ☆ **Emerald Coast Chapter**, Fort Walton Beach, meets 8 a.m., second Saturday. For info call (850) 267-2881 or (850) 862-5078.
 ☆ **Flagler Chapter**, Luncheon meetings 11 a.m. third Tuesday. Call (386) 447-0350 for location.
 ☆ **Miami Chapter**, Luncheon meetings at noon the third Friday. We meet at the Steak & Ale

Restaurant, 9090 S.W. 97 Ave., Miami, Fla. Special observances on Washington's Birthday, 4th of July & Constitution Week. Visiting SARs and Ladies welcomed. For reservations call Douglas H. Bridges, (305) 248-8996; dougbridges@bellsouth.net.
 ☆ **Ocala Chapter**, 11:30 a.m., third Wednesday monthly. Elks Club, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. Some night meetings. Call 622-8039 to verify.
 ☆ **Pensacola Chapter**, meets 11 a.m. second Sat. at Sonny's BBQ, 630 N. Navy Blvd. (850) 473-1176.
 ☆ **St. Augustine Chapter**, Lunch meeting, 12 N. third Sat. Sept-May. Information and registration (904) 825-1594 or (904) 940-1077.
 ☆ **St. Lucie River Chapter**, Lunch, second Saturday at 9:30 a.m., except June, July, Aug. Holiday Inn, 10120 S. U.S. Highway 1, Port St. Lucie, for information call (772) 336-0926.

☆ **Saramana Chapter**, Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets Noon second Friday, except July & August. Call (941) 966-0493. Questions: Vic McMurray at vicmc4@verizon.net
 ☆ **Withlacoochee Chapter**, Lunch meetings 11 a.m. second Saturday monthly except June, July, Aug. Inverness Golf & Country Club. Info call (352) 382-7383 or (352) 637-5376. Guests always welcome.

GEORGIA

☆ **Capt. John Collins Chapter**, Marietta, meets at 6:15 p.m. on the third Tuesday, Spaghetti Warehouse, 2475 Delk Road, Marietta. Call Bill Coffeen at (770) 419-2549.
 ☆ **Cherokee Chapter**, Canton, meets the second Tuesday at the Rock Barn, 638 Marietta Hwy., Canton. Visit www.cherokeechapter.com.
 ☆ **Piedmont Chapter**, breakfast meeting on the third Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 909 Holcombe Bridge Road, Roswell. For info call Bob Sapp at (770) 971-0189 or visit www.piedmontsar.com.

ILLINOIS

☆ **Chicago Fort Dearborn Chapter**, Luncheon Meetings at noon. Union League Club third Thursdays Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep & Nov.

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KANSAS

☆ **Monticello Chapter**, meets third Thursday of month. 6 p.m. for dinner, program begins at 7 p.m. at Yarbrough's Family Restaurant located in Shawnee. Call (913)-383-8368 to verify.

NEBRASKA

☆ **Omaha Chapter**, Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Venice Inn, 6920 Pacific St. Guests and family members are welcome. Great conversation and food.

NEVADA

☆ **Signers Chapter**, Las Vegas, is holding a breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. first Saturday of each month at Denny's Restaurant, 3081 S. Maryland Parkway.

NEW MEXICO

☆ **Santa Fe Chapter**, meets second Wednesday for lunch, St. Francis Hotel. Information Jim Thornton (505) 995-9973, jthornton12@comcast.com. Join us!

OHIO

☆ **Western Reserve Society**, noon luncheon, second Wednesday, Judson Manor, 1890 E. 107th St., Cleveland, Sept. through June, except Oct. evening. For information call John M. Bourne at (216) 831-8700.

OREGON

☆ **Central Coast Chapter**, meets the second Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Reedsport Covenant Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road, Reedsport.
 ☆ **Lewis & Clark Chapter**, meets the first Saturday except July & August at 11 a.m. in the Community Room at the Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW 5th St., Beaverton.

PENNSYLVANIA

☆ **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter**, Meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July and August. Tel: Gregory J. Shively, Secretary, 1006 Chelsea Rd., Absecon, N.J.; Ph: (609) 569-1226.

TENNESSEE

☆ **Kings Mountain Chapter**, dinner meeting, third Thursday, except January, House of Ribs, 3100 Kingsport Hwy., Johnson City, 6 p.m. SARs and Guests welcome. Contact Jim Briddell, (423) 246-6065.

TEXAS

☆ **Plano Chapter**, meets every second Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at Tino's Mexican Restaurant in the Collin Creek Mall, Plano. Visit www.planosar.com or call (972) 442-3596.

VIRGINIA

☆ **Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter**, Fredericksburg, meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday in Jan., March, May, June, Sept., and Nov. For details e-mail: wlsimpsonjr@comcast.net.

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ES-T	Eagle Scout Trophy	N/C		

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cashiers Check Money Order Check
 Please charge to my: American Express Discover
 VISA MasterCard Exp. Date _____ / _____ / _____ CVV _____
 Card No. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
 Please include Payment with order.
 Make check/money order payable to: **NSSAR Treasurer General**
 Signature _____
 Daytime Telephone No. _____

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery on all orders.

Cat. No.	Item	Price	Qty.	Amt.
SECRETARY SUPPLIES (Cont.)				
0915	Membership/Supplemental Application (100)	17.00		
0916	Worksheets (100)	9.00		
0917	Blank Archival Paper (100)	13.00		
0918	Reinstatement Application (100)	8.00		
0919	Transfer Application (100)	8.00		
0922	Application Software Package	10.00		
0924L	Membership Dues Card (Laser) (100)	19.00		
0927	Business Cards (250)	40.00		
0928	Personalized Name Badge (Pocket Style)	12.00		
0928P	Personalized Name Badge (Pin Style)	12.00		
0928M	Personalized Name Badge Magnet	12.00		
0928W	Personalized Name Badge WOSAR	12.00		
0930	Chapter Charter	5.00		
0935	SAR Handbook with Binder	20.00		
0936	3-Ring Binder	9.00		
1051	Engraved Stationery (50)	24.95		
1052	Engraved Note Cards (25)	17.95		
1053	Sympathy Cards (25)	17.95		
1054	Picture Note Cards	5.00		
CAT	SAR Merchandise Catalog	2.50		
GAVELS				
0700	SAR Gavel	20.00		
0701	SAR Gavel w/stand	35.00		
0702	SAR Gavel Presentation Set	55.00		
0703	SAR Gavel Plaque	85.00		
HISTORICAL REPLICAS				
0750	Small Liberty Bell	17.50		
0751	Liberty Bell Desk Set	27.50		
0752	Large Liberty Bell	49.00		
0753	Small Rev War Field Cannon	10.00		
0754	Med Rev War Field Cannon	23.00		
0755	Musket Letter Opener	4.25		
0756	Small Naval/Fort Cannon	6.50		
0757	Mortar Cannon	15.00		
1200	DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE	1.00		
1201	U.S. CONSTITUTION	1.00		
1202	BILL OF RIGHTS	1.00		
1203	Rev Battlefield Map	1.00		
1204	U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	1.00		
1205	George Washington Portrait	1.00		
1206	Benjamin Franklin Portrait	1.00		
1207	Thomas Jefferson Portrait	1.00		
1208	Map - Lewis & Clark Expedition	1.00		
1209	Map of Valley Forge	1.00		
1210	Signing of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE	1.00		
1212	Set of '76 Continental Dollar	2.00		
1213	CONSTITUTION Poster	3.25		

**Gift Certificates
Available From
Merchandise
Direct**

Shipping based on Line #1

\$1.00 = \$1.50 \$9.00 = \$3.75
 \$2.00 = \$1.75 \$10.00 = \$4.50
 \$3.00 = \$2.00 \$10.01 to \$20.00 = \$5.00
 \$4.00 = \$2.50 \$20.01 to \$40.00 = \$6.00
 \$5.00 = \$2.75 \$40.01 to \$60.00 = \$7.00
 \$6.00 = \$3.00 \$60.01 to \$80.00 = \$8.00
 \$7.00 = \$3.25 \$80.01 to \$100.00 = \$9.00
 \$8.00 = \$3.50 \$100.00 and up = add \$1.75 for each \$100

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HISTORICAL REPLICAS (Cont.)				
1214	BILL OF RIGHTS Poster	3.25		
1215	DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE Poster	3.25		
1216	Four Docs. of Freedom Set	3.75		
ORNAMENTS & COLLECTIBLES				
1061	1997 Thomas Jefferson Ornament	12.95		
1062	1998 John Adams Ornament	12.95		
1063	1999 Benjamin Franklin Ornament	12.95		
1064	2000 James Madison Ornament	12.95		
1065	2001 John Paul Jones Ornament	12.95		
1066	2002 Alexander Hamilton Ornament	12.95		
1067	2003 Patrick Henry Ornament	12.95		
BOOKS & OTHER MATERIALS				
1001	SAR Magazine Binder	15.00		
1009	NSSAR HISTORY Vol. I	15.00		
1015	NSSAR History Vol. III	20.00		
1021	CHAPLAINS OF THE AMERICAN REV.	8.00		
1022	SAR Prayer Book	6.00		
1023	SAR Prayer Book (CD ROM)	8.00		
5500	Patriot Index (CD ROM Disk)	39.95		
5575	Rev. Grave Register (CD ROM Disk)	29.95		
EAGLE SCOUT MATERIALS				
ES-0411	Eagle Scout Certificate	0.75		
ES-0412	Eagle Scout Printed Certificate	0.25		
ES-F	Eagle Scout Pamphlet	N/C		
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