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President General's Message

These are very exciting times to be in the SAR!

In this issue you'll read the report on the trip to France to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties of Paris and Versailles. I'll leave the details of the once-in-alifetime trip to the article, but I want to again thank the leaders and members of the Society in France for the tremendous effort they put into this weeklong event. And I want to thank all those from the U.S. who helped make it a success, particularly all the members of the color guard, and David Sympson, Lee Swart and Rod Hildreth. The entire event just underscored the important relationship between our two great nations that has existed these last 225 years. This is one of the last 225th anniversary events, of course; and we owe all our members who worked hard on this seven-year program and made it a great success.

We just completed our Fall Leadership/Trustee meeting, which had the largest attendance in memory. A highlight was the recognition of former President General Dr. George Brandau. At our Spring Leadership/Trustees meeting we will recognize former President General Charles Printz. Both Brandau and Printz had key roles and provided important leadership to our Society in the not-so-distant past. Both are now in their 90s, and it is our privilege to have them in attendance so that we can honor them for their contributions, not just to our Society, but to their communities and our nation.

I'm pleased to report that our three newest task forces are beginning to make a difference. The Task Force for Wreaths Across America chaired by Marston Watson, CASSAR, has already expanded and has a plan for implementation of this great program all across the nation. The Task Force for Registrar Education, chaired by Harry Fife, TXSSAR, has a plan for standardizing and making more efficient our application procedures, and they are now beginning to implement their plans by assisting state society registrars. And our newest Task Force for Special Projects, chaired by Tim Bennett, DCSSAR, is now formed and giving thought to the many possibilities, including memorial plaques from the SAR at such locations as Pearl Harbor, Valley Forge and the Tomb of the Unknowns.

We do need your help as individuals, as well as at the chapter, state and district levels, to self-police our electronic communications. While we have the authority and tools to control matters related to SARtalk, you must help us control use of mass e-mail to our membership, or segments of it, from other members expressing views related to party politics, or



Former President General Dr. George Brandau was the featured guest at the Fall Leadership/Trustees meeting in Louisville.

including suggestive or "off-color" jokes or photos, or other inappropriate content. Of course, everyone is free to have his own opinion and express those opinions. But, in some cases it could cause concerns, if not sanctions, related to our state and federal tax status; in any event, this is simply a matter of courtesy to others. Please think before sending out mass messages, realizing they might offend some recipients in the group you send to; and, if you are a recipient, then politely tell the sender to take you off their mailing list if you don't want their messages for any reason.

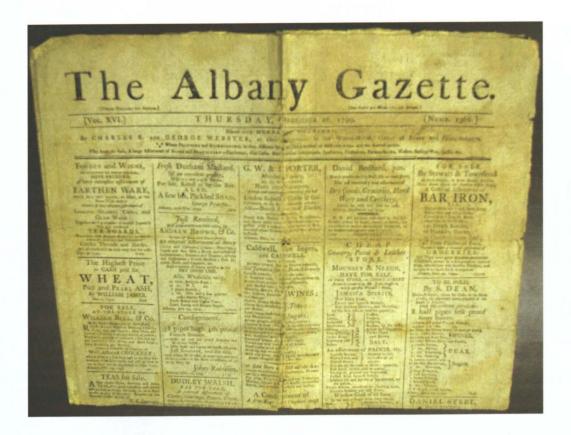
Raylene and I have had the privilege of visiting several state society and district meetings since the last publication of the magazine. It is exciting and energizing to see and hear what you are doing. I am more convinced then ever that many of you, your chapters, and your state societies, are making a significant, positive difference in the lives of young people in our nation. Thank you.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

land 1 Spalely David N. Appleby President General

Corrections: The name of Mrs. Eleanor B. Niebell, who presented a gift of \$10,000, was misspelled in the Summer Issue.

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Olde newspaper reports death of President Washington

By Stephen A. Leishman Historian General

Our SAR library houses many books on its shelves, but in a secure room that is an adjunct of the library are several valuable historical collections that go largely unnoticed. Among them is the John H. Merz collection on Hessian soldiers. Our library is one of three in the nation to have the complete collection of the Lafayette papers. The George Washington collection is another. Within this collection is the Dec. 26, 1799 edition of *The Albany Gazette*.

This New York newspaper was printed every Monday and Thursday by Charles R. and George Webster, at their store in the white house at the corner of State and Pearl streets. The cost of the paper was "Three Dollars per Annum." The paper consists of four pages with advertising on the front and back pages with the news found in the center two pages. Something else interesting, too: the words used American instead of English spelling; e.g., honor instead of honour.



The George Washington Collection consists of thousands of items such as books, manuscripts and microfilms relating to the patriot that have been accumulated since our society was formed. A significant portion was

selected for acquisition in the late 1980s by Librarian General Dick Wilson, with financing of those acquisitions provided by former President General Arthur M. King. Everything is stored in the George Washington

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETS IN OKLAHOMA CITY, HOSTED BY NORMAN CHAPTER

The South Central District, comprised of the Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas Societies, held an annual meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Aug. 22-23. Past SCD VPG Barnett Ellis of Kansas chaired the event, as current SCD VPG Robert L. Grover of Missouri was ill and unable to attend. President General David N. Appleby was the featured speaker at the Friday night banquet.

Pictured at right are the SCD Color Guard members that presented the colors at the meeting. Seated in front, left to right are: Martin S. Klotzbach (Kan.), Keith Brown, Sr. (Mo.), Stephen M. Baldwin (Mo.), Frederick Kaffenberger (Kan.), and Treasurer General Charles F. Bragg. Standing in the rear, left to right are: Glenn K.



Fast (Okla.), Michael J. Radcliff (Texas), Douglas Brady (Kan.), Henry C. Baer (Okla.), Richard F. Arnold (Texas), Gary T. Denslow (Okla.), Stuart O. Denslow (Okla.), Edgar E. Grover (Kans.), and John W. Knox (Texas).

Room, an adjunct of the NSSAR Library in our headquarters building. Compatriot King funded construction of the room; it is an authentic replica of a portion of Washington's library at Mount Vernon.

The newspaper is important to us because of its date. When George Washington completed his second term as the first president of the United States in 1797, he was weary of the political infighting surrounding the presidency. He longed for retirement and the peace at his beloved Mount Vernon. Unfortunately, his solitude lasted less than three years, and he died on Dec. 14, 1799 at age 67. The newspaper was printed 12 days after the president's death and includes news items and tributes to Washington. December 2008 marks the 209th anniversary of George Washington's death. Let's take a step back in history to read what was being written in the newspapers at the time of Washington's death.

In his last official duty as Washington's private secretary, Col. Tobias Lear V writes to President John Adams in Philadelphia: "SIR,

It is with inexpressible grief, that I have to announce to you the death of the great and good General Washington. He died last evening between 10 and 11 o'clock, after a short illness of about 24 hours. His disorder was an inflammatory sore-throat which proceeded from a cold, of which he made but little complaint on Friday. On Saturday morning about 3 o'clock he became ill. Doctor Dick, attended him in the morning and Dr. Craik of Alexandria, and Dr. Brown, of Port Tobacco were soon after called in. Every medical assistance was offered, but without the desired effect. His last scene corre-

sponded with the whole tenor of his life. Not a

groan nor a complaint escaped him, in extreme distress. With perfect resignation and a full possession of his reason, he closed his well spent life.

I have the honor to be —— Tobias Lear, Esquire"

Soon thereafter, President Adams issued the following statement:

"Gentlemen of the senate, and Gentlemen of the house of representatives.

The letter herewith transmitted will inform you, that it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from this life, our excellent fellow citizen, George Washington, by the purity of his character and a long series of services to his country, rendered illustrious throughout the world. It remains for an affectionate and grateful people; in whose hearts he can never die, to pay suitable honor to his memory.

JOHN ADAMS, Mount Vernon, Dec. 15, 1799"

"Congress of the United States House of Representatives. Thursday, Dec. 19, 1799.

Mr. Marshall, with deep sorrow on his countenance, and in a low, pathetic tone of voice, rose and addressed the house as follows:

"The melancholy event which was yesterday announced with doubt, has been rendered but too certain. Our Washington is no more—the hero, the sage, and the patriot of America—the man on whom in times of danger every eye was turned, and all hopes were placed, lives now only in his own great actions, and in the hearts of an affectionate and afflicted people...

Let us then, Mr. Speaker, pay the last tribute of respect and affection to our departed friend. Let the grand council of the nation display those sentiments which the nations feels.

For this purpose, I hold in my hand some resolutions which I will take the liberty to offer to the house.

"Resolved, That this house will wait on the President of the United States in condolence of this mournful event,

'Resolved, That the speaker's chair be shrouded with black, and that the members and officers of the house wear black during the session.

'Resolved, That a committee, in conjunction with one from the senate, be appointed to consider on the most suitable manner to paying honor to the memory of the man, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of this country.

'Resolved, That this house when it adjourn do adjourn to Monday.'

These resolutions were unanimously agreed to. Sixteen members were appointed on the third resolution."

From Philadelphia we are informed as follows:

"Philadelphia, Dec. 20

In consequence of the afflicting intelligence of the death of George Washington, Mrs. Adams' drawing room is deferred to Friday the 27th, when the Ladies are respectfully requested to wear white, trimmed with black ribbon, black gloves and fan, as token of respect to the memory of the late President of the United States: The Ladies of the officers of the general government will please to wear black."

Washington was buried on Wednesday, Dec. 18, according to the rite of the Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Thomas David, rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, officiating. Masonic rites were also performed.

Following his death, the American army wore black armbands for six months, Napoleon ordered 10 days of mourning throughout France, and the British Navy lowered its flags to half-mast.

Martha Washington died at Mount Vernon on May 22, 1802, slightly more than two years after her husband.

NSSAR takes step forward during Fall Leadership/Trustees meeting

One of the highlights of the Fall Leadership/Trustees meeting, held Sept. 25-27 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, was the approval of a new SAR Youth Exhange Program between the United States and France. Presented by VPG Jacques De Trentinian of France and VPG Lindsey Brock of Florida, the program was adopted unanimously. For more details, turn to page 10 of this issue.

As is tradition at SAR meetings, there were numerous gifts presented. The most emotional moment came when members of the Georgia Society presented the colonial uniform of President General Jim Westlake on behalf of his wife, Joyce. PG Westlake is often credited with the creation of the color guard program, which has grown to be an integral part of SAR chapter operations.

The featured speaker at the Friday night banquet was Hugh Howard, the author of Houses of our Founding Fathers: The Men Who Made America and the Way They Lived. Not only did he speak during Friday night's banquet, but he was also the guest speaker at the Ladies Auxilliary Luncheon and available in the hotel atrium to sign copies of his book on Saturday.

Georgia Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, who can often be found presenting

fast, as T. Rex Legler presented the long-time chairman of the Eagle Scout

Scholarship Committee the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award.

awards, found himself on the receiving end during Saturday morning's break-



Compatriots Lindsey Brock and Jacques De Trentinian present the concept of a youth student exchange to the trustees.

Saturday night's banquet featured a short speech by U.S. Army Capt. Curtis Kellogg, who works in the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox. He spoke on why he serves and chose to

One of the special moments of

Saturday night's banquet was the recognition of Mike Scroggins, currently the Director of Operations at **NSSAR** Headquarters, who has served on the headquarters staff for 25 years-beginning when he was in high school. Other high-

lights from the minutes of the Trustees Meeting include:

☆ The donation of books to the



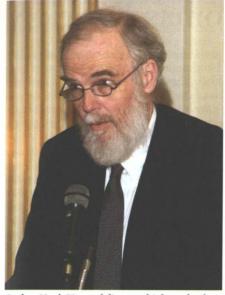
U.S. Army Capt. Curtis Kellogg discusses his public affairs work both overseas and at Fort Knox, where he is stationed.

library and money to the JROTC Fund and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

☆ Trustees who missed the 2008 Congress were sworn in.

A President General David N. Appleby delivered his comments on the state of the society. He then recognized the presidents general in attendance and each was given an opportunity to

☆ Compatriot Larry Magerkurth announced the first Western Regional International Conference in Honolulu Sept. 3-4, 2009, followed by a oneweek cruise in the Hawaiian Islands from Sept. 5-12, which would include a



Author Hugh Howard discusses his latest book during the Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting's Friday evening banquet.

VPG's forum, general officer's forum, NSSAR Executive Committee meeting, SAR Foundation meeting, a genealogy symposium, and a black tie dinner. He distributed a flyer to the trustees.

☆ Secretary General Ed Butler recapped the activities of the NSSAR Executive Committee at the Aug. 10, 2008 meeting in Princeton, N.J., and the several meetings in Louisville the past week. At the Princeton, N.J., meeting, the issue of whether to expend \$2,500 for an automated telephone dialer system was to be submitted to the trustees. SG Butler moved that the trustees authorize \$2,500 for an automated telephone dialer system. The motion passed unanimously.

☆ Treasurer General Chuck Bragg presented the 2009 NSSAR Budget recommended by the NSSAR Executive Committee, and it was approved unanimously. After the vote, Bragg stated that he was opposed to the budget.

A Doug Stuart, chairman of the Investment Committee, reported that he had attended the joint Executive Committee/SAR Foundation Board meeting when Fifth Third Bank delivered its report on our investments, and it recommended that we not change our investments. He stated it was also his opinion that our investments not be changed at this time.

☆ Geneologist General Joe Dooley explained the Distinguished Scholar Program; the SAR Symposium on the American Revolutionary War; and the SAR Journal on the American Revolutionary War, which had previously been approved by the Executive Committee.

☆ Capital Campaign Chairman Sam Powell delivered a report on the capital Heritage. (See story, page 24) campaign, and explained the silent

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Mike Scroggins, center and at top, was honored for his 25 years of service to the NSSAR Headquarters staff. Scroggins began in the mechandise department and today oversees much of the day-to-day operations of the building. The certificate was presented by Executive Director Joe Harris, left, and President General David N. Appleby, right.

phase would continue until the Atlanta Congress in July 2009. He paid tribute to William Drinkard, DESSAR, who recently left a bequest of \$1 million to the Center for Advancing America's

☆ Jack London, president of the SAR Foundation delivered a few remarks about the capital campaign for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and said he felt confident we would reach our goal.

Compatriot Congressman Thomas E. Price

By TIMOTHY R BENNETT

This is the seventh in a series of personal interviews with members of the U.S. Congress who are also members of dated by fellow workers or by employers. the Sons of the

American Revolution.

Rep. Tom Price, M.D., met with members of the Congressional and Governmental Relations Committee in April in a committee room of the Rayburn House Office Building. Members present were Timothy R. Bennett, Paul L. Hays, and Col. Andrew M. Johnson, all past presidents of the DCSSAR.

Price was elected to the 6th District of Georgia and has risen to become one of the most informed and effective Republican Congressmen.

Dr. Price, how did you get interested in politics?

As a third generation physician I grew up appreciating that there were some folks who were interested in controlling health care that didn't have anything to do with providing health care. I remember thinking that there were more people at the state capital and in Washington who were affecting my patients more than anyone I ever met in med school or in my practice. I was asked to run for the state Senate in 1996 and was fortunate enough to be elected to Congress in 2004.

As a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, do you think that the No Child Left Behind legislation has proven successful? Is the decrease in labor union membership a healthy thing for America?

Most people don't appreciate that the NCLB legislation was simply the amendment to the Elementary Secondary Education Act of the late 1960s, a reauthorization of a bill that had been in place for years. I have no objections to placing an accountability standard on education. However, when money flows, strings are attached. That allows the federal government to be very prescriptive about what MUST occur in every classroom across the nation. There is no way that the good folks in the Department of Education can know how Johnny and Suzie learn best in Woodstock, Ga. How the teachers get the students to the desired level ought to be left up to the educators on the ground. With respect to the part of the question regarding organized labor, I am not sure what the desirable level of union membership should be but I am sure that membership by "free, fair and secret elections" allowing the employees to

determine whether they want to become members of a union, is essential. Workers can determine best for themselves if they wish to join a union but can only do so if they are not intimi-

As deputy whip, part of the Republican leadership team, what are your duties?

One of my favorite jobs was when I was the Republican whip in the Georgia state Senate for two terms. The whip must know what is happening on the floor at all times, and he must be sure to know where his colleagues are when voting begins. That greatly satisfied my desire to have a finger on the pulse of exactly what was happening. The same is true here in Washington, and serving on the whip team has been a real privilege. It gives

me greater opportunity to have input into the process and know when legislation is coming to

How did you get into the SAR? Are members of your family in the SAR, DAR or CAR?

When I was young, one of the few symbols of accomplishment hanging on the wall was my grandfather's membership certificate for the SAR. I remember looking at that as a child and thinking that it was really neat to be a descendant of one who had fought in the Revolution. I am the only one of five children who has any significant interest in genealogy. I vowed that one day, when I had a little time, I would pursue membership, but none of that would have happened without the good assistance of Paul Hays. It was the prodding of George Thurmond of Georgia and a conversation I had on the floor of the House with Paul Hays probably three years ago. George is a great friend and a wonderful fellow. One of the things that probably attracted me to my grandfather's certificate was Thomas Edmonds, who fought in the Revolution. I have a son who will be a member as soon as I can get him to a meeting to be sworn in. The Piedmont Chapter, where George Thurmond lives, is a great chapter of the SAR.

Preserving American Revolution historic sites is part of preserving our cultural heritage as is teaching the voung about our founding. How can the Congress be persuaded to do more to preserve these important places?

It has been a great frustration to see the number of members of Congress who appear to have no desire to act positively to preserve American heritage. I, and some of my fellow members, are concerned that we give attention to why we are the greatest nation of history. We are the longest-surviving democracy in the

world's history because of our constitution. The knowledge of our history must be imparted to future generations through our educational system. I desire to make sure that the states are active in teaching American heritage in the schools. It ought to be a priority of our Congress to assure that the curriculum contains American heritage and the role is played in making certain that the nation survives.

SAR supports many youth programs which seek to urge young Americans to make public service a part of their lives. As a public servant, what advice would you give to young people regarding opportunities and training for their adult lives?

One of the privileges I have is addressing many school groups. We have a very active chapter of SAR in my area, the Piedmont Chapter, and I am always impressed with the interest of the young people, regardless of age, in the heritage dress and presentation made by the members of the SAR chapter. The reason, I think, is because they are starving, craving for what they are not getting in the usual curriculum. I will oftentimes ask young people whether they have any interest in politics and in a group a hundred or so, a dozen will raise their hands. I ask them what is the most important thing in their lives, and they will inevitably raise something that has to do with politics. This is my way of introducing them to the knowledge that public service—the political process—is pivotal to the important things in their lives and encourage them to be involved in their community. I also tell them that every day, read something with which you disagree. I tell them that they need to do more than just read and listen to things with which they agree. Secondly, don't become cynical, but it is important to be skeptical. It is so important today in our current media milieu which puts out so much as absolute fact that, with cursory research, proves

What can we do as members to educate, promote and grow our organization so that we may be more effective?

I have actually thought about that and talked with my son about it. I think that there is a general sense out there that the SAR is just for those "old folks." This is why the visiting of schools and bringing of American history and heritage to life is so important. It is a constant battle of communication with other civic organizations. Many civic organizations appear to me not to go into the schools at all. Some folks don't know that the SAR exists. One of my missions is to work on my generation in my family.

Congressman, as a physician, you know better than most how important medical care and good medical care system can be. Is there an innovative solution to the existing medical insurance gap for many Americans?

I firmly believe that we have gone a long way down the wrong road in health care. The

intervention of both government and insurance companies has become more prescriptive to physicians and patients and that has decreased access and increased costs. When this problem becomes big enough, the solution will come into focus. That is two-fold: first, everyone must have insurance, and you do that by making certain that it makes financial sense for every person to have insurance. We do that through the tax code, tax equity, tax deductions, and tax credits. And you allow individuals to pool their insurance dollars to get the buying power of many, as opposed to purchase of individual insurance. Secondly, make sure that individuals own their health insurance so that the system will be responsive to their needs. Insurance becomes completely portable, and the patient can then vote with his feet in ways they cannot now. Those two things will fundamentally change how health care is delivered and to whom it is responsive. The system needs to be responsive to patients, not to bureaucrats and not to politicians. Our current system cannot survive because of the demographics of our soci-

Congressman Price, thank you and do you wish to make any final statement?

I want to commend you for the work you are doing. It was a wonderful moment to become a member of SAR. It was a childhood dream that I knew ought to come to pass, but without the help of all of you, and so many others, it wouldn't have happened—I would have put it back on that pile of things to do, and it would have remained there.



Distinguished Patriot Award goes to Mrs. Lynne V. Cheney

Lynne V. Cheney, wife of Vice President Richard Cheney, was presented the Distinguished Patriot Award July 30 at the Vice President's home located at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. The certificate's inscription "In recognition of your steadfast dedication to programs designed to preserve the accurate teaching of United States History to our nation's schoolchildren," signed by President General David N. Appleby, was presented by past PGs Bruce A. Wilcox and Stewart Boone McCarty Jr.; VPGeneral of the Mid-Atlantic District Gareth H. Bond; and former Registrar General Timothy R. Bennett.

Mrs. Cheney's hospitality included a brief visit and discussion of the importance of teaching American History accurately, and refreshments. McCarty presented a 1995 issue of the SAR Magazine, which included an article about the teaching of history in schools and a photograph of the committee members, who included Mrs. Cheney. Wilcox discussed the capital campaign for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and invited her to become an honorary board

By DCSSAR Compatriots Timothy R. Bennett and Gareth H. Bond, VPG

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Youth Exchange Program

Reciprocal Exchange between France and the United States

By Lindsey C. Brock, VPG, South Atlantic District

The Sons of the American Revolution has initiated an exchange program involving the children and grandchildren of SAR members in France and the United States. The exchange includes young men and women ages 12 to 20. This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people from

both countries to experience a different culture and develop new relationships with other SAR members, sharing our mutual heritage of freedom.

The exchange program will be on a reciprocal basis. The youth that participate in this program will be paired based on common interests and age. The time period for those participating from

the U.S. could occur during the summer months of June and July, when most schools are on break. In France, the exchange could occur from the end of June to the beginning of September, when schools in that country are on summer break. It is recommended that the duration of the visit to both countries be approximately two to three weeks. However, these time periods and duration of visits can be changed based upon individual preferences.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in this exchange program and do not possess a French or U. S. passport, please file for the passport immediately. For youth under 18, both parents' consent and proof of parental rela-

tionship are required. Each participant in the exchange program must also show proof of medical insurance and have the appropriate immunizations for visiting France or the U.S.

All responsibility for travel arrangements, costs and liability of these exchanges rests solely with each candidate. The SAR will not be responsible for any expenses whatsoev-

er. The role of the SAR is to merely collect each candidate's application and then identify and match participants based on common interests.

Both French and U.S. candidates are encouraged to submit their respective applications as soon as possible. April 1, 2009 is the deadline for the exchange program for 2009. The application

and other data relating to this program are posted on the following Web site: http://www.sar.org/youth/youthex-change.html

For more detailed information on the exchange program, please contact Lindsey Cook Brock at: lindsey.brock@comcast.net or (904) 251-9226 in the U.S. or you may contact Pierre de Vasson at: devasson@msu.edu or (604) 561-9333 in Canada. You may also contact John P. Miller at: miller.paris@gmail.com or 33 (0) 9 52 56 72 73 in Paris, France



The SAR and The American Legion By Capt. Robert L. "Bob" Bowen. board members. fested during

By Capt. Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Senior Advisor Partners in Patriotism Committee

For the third year in a row and fourth time in six years, The SAR was invited to speak to the national convention of The American Legion. The effort began in 2003 with President General Ray Musgrave in St. Louis. In 2006, PG Nathan White attended in Salt Lake City. PG Bruce Wilcox spoke last year in Reno. On Aug. 27, the day after Sen. John McCain appeared in person to promote his candidacy for president and within minutes of Sen. Barack Obama's pre-recorded message, Treasurer General Chuck Bragg received a standing ovation from the 3,000 gathered delegates.

"The American Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution are fighting a war for the hearts and minds of our next generation. As we continue to do all we can through our outreach programs to promote patriotism and Americanism we need to elect school

board members, city and town officials, county and state representatives, and national leaders who will lead us in the paths that our Republic demands," Bragg said. "We need to remember the sacrifices of those veterans

who served and died to protect our freedoms and liberties, as President Lincoln said, 'for which they gave their last full measure of devotion."

Bragg, a Legionnaire himself, closed his speech with a quote from George Washington, who said, "I am sure there never was a people who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine imposition in their affairs than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency, which so often mani-



our Revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God who is alone able to protect them."

Following his appearance,
Bragg presented the outgoing
National

Commander of The American Legion, Marty Conaster of Illinois, with a beautiful framed Distinguished Patriot Award.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, wartime veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-forprofit community-service organization that has nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 posts worldwide.

> Photos by Jim Carroll, The American Legion



Wreaths Across America program endorsed by Congress

By Marston Watson, Task Force for Wreaths Across America

Sixteen years ago Morrill Worcester and his wife, Karen, turned to their for-profit wreath company as a way to donate and place thousands of wreaths at the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery during the December holidays. The Worcester Wreath Company donated more than 90,000 wreaths during that period.

Letters from supporters across the country on how to get involved prompted Morrill (who was presented the Gold Good Citizenship Medal in 2006) and Karen to establish a Wreaths Across America nonprofit (501(c) 3) organization in 2007. Individuals and groups wanted to know how they, too, could bring the Arlington Wreath Project experience to their local communities. Their mission to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices made by our veterans captured the hearts and minds of many communities across the country.

Nearly 300 groups hosted Wreaths Across America ceremonies in December 2007, overseeing the placement of 32,553

wreaths on the headstones of those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. The California Society was one of those groups and adopted a resolution in support of the Wreaths Across America program at its annual meeting last April. It presented a similar resolution at the 2008 NSSAR Congress in Sacramento, which was adopted unanimously.

President General David N. Appleby quickly established the NSSAR Task Force for Wreaths Across America, with the society's mission of getting members of the "oldest veterans group" involved in this important project of placing a wreath at every patriot American headstone on Dec. 13, 2008 (noon EST).

How can NSSAR state societies and chapters take part in this important project? The task force has been charged with assisting state societies in identifying at least one chapter that is willing to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at each of the 286 state and national cemeteries on Dec. 13.

PG Appleby will issue a "one-minute" proclamation that would be read by a chapter or state SAR representative at each cemetery site. In addition, individuals and groups will have the opportunity to make voluntary contributions to sponsor wreaths for this patriotic endeavor.

Members of the NSSAR Task Force for Wreaths Across America include compatriots Ronald Newton (Maine); vice chairmen James Alexander (Alabama), Carroll Collins (Maryland), Stanley Evans (Tennessee), Richard Fetzer (Ohio), Peter Goebel (New York), advers Johnson (Virginia); past PG Larry McClanghan (Tennessee), and Travis Spears

Robert Grover (Missouri), Andrew Johnson (Virginia); past PG Larry McClanahan (Tennessee); and Travis Spears (California).

Each of these members will be assigned to work with state society presidents to implement the NSSAR goal of representing the society at every veterans location that is involved with Wreaths Across America.



Morrill Worcester



Paris Peace Treaty of 1783

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surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781 brought an end to organized hostilities, leaving only sporadic fighting with renegade units in remote areas of our new nation.

It is said that the road to war is like a smooth and broad avenue while the path to peace is fraught with many perils. Word of our victory at Yorktown reached Paris by way of a French frigate, which made a rapid trip across the Atlantic, well before the news reached London. On the night of Nov. 19 Benjamin Franklin received word of the victory from French Foreign Minister Vergennes. It was not until

f Congress carried two items that were not negotiable: Acknowledgement by the British of our independence and the continuation of our existing treaty with France. All other matters were left to the discretion of the commissioners. On the surface it appeared that the commissioners had been dealt a strong hand, but there were undercurrents back home. Arthur Lee fought against the appointment of Franklin and even after it was made continued his slanderous attacks on Franklin's character.

It was Lee's position that Franklin was

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Nov. 26 that Lord North learned of the defeat, whereof he proclaimed, "My God! All is over." Congruent the Br

The British parliament was outraged and North resigned his post after serving in it for some 12 years.

Franklin had been serving our cause and living in France since 1777 and with the British surrender at Yorktown expressed to the Continental Congress his desire to retire. Congress did not accept his request but instead appointed him to a commission to negoti-

ate the peace. He wrote to John Adams saying that he held no ambition toward drafting this peace document but he would be honored to serve with Adams to the best of his ability.

Congress named three additional members to the commission, including Thomas Jefferson, Henry Laurens and John Jay. Jefferson remained in America

and never joined the group. Laurens was, at the time, a prisoner of the British in the Tower of London and was of no help. After a lapse of several months Jay, who was in Spain, joined Franklin and Adams in France and was a helpful member of the commission. At the time of his appointment, Adams was in Holland negotiating with the Dutch for additional financial support.

The guidance provided to the commissioners from the

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Treasurer General & Treasurer of SAR Foundation, 2007
Chancellor General, legal advisor to SAR Foundation, 2006
Genealogist General, 2004, 2005
Vice President General, 2002, 2003
National Trustee, 2001-2003

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Washington Fellow; CAAH & Library contributor
Dual society member: Texas, Tennessee, California, Kentucky, Mexico, Germany, & Virginia Societies
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Charter President & National Trustee
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Speaker & Chairman, TXSSAR Gen'l Seminar, 2002
Genealogy Editor, The Texas Compatriot, 1999, 2000
Writer of The Genealogical Corner, 2000, 2001
Author, TXSSAR Chapter Genealogists' Handbook
Founder of two chapters
President, San Antonio chapter; chapter genealogist
Chairman, 2007 TXXAR Convention Genealogy Seminar

AWARDS

Minuteman Award / War Service Medal Patriot Medal Silver Distinguished Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal (state, national, & chapter) Sam Adams Bronze Congress Medal Liberty Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Silver Good Citizenship Medal Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (two awards) TXSSAR Society Silver State Service Medal (two) TXSSAR Society Bronze Chapter Service Medal Silver State President's Medal Color Guard Silver and Bronze Medals Outstanding Citizenship Award VASSAR Medallion CASSAR Bronze Von Steuben Medal

PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL

Married to Robin M. Butler, four children, three grandchildren

Retired U.S. Navy Commander (35 years of military reserve service; Navy Commendation Medal-two Awards) Juris Doctor, Vanderbilt Univ. School of Law, with honors; B.A., Univ. of Mississippi (Regional Scholar) Board-certified civil trial lawyer (state & federal)

Retired U.S. Administrative Law Judge (served as judge at city, county, state and federal levels)

Author of four genealogy books, one of which won the "Best Family History Book," Dallas Genealogical Society

Author of one law book; co-author of a second law book

Author of three travel books

Frequent speaker on genealogical & historical topics; author of numerous articles in genealogical society journals Former professor of law; adjunct professor of political science, constitutional law & criminal justice Biography is in Who's Who in American Law; Who's Who in the South & Southwest; Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys Judge Ed Butler (210-698-8964); e-mail judge58@aol.com. Letters of endorsement requested.



beholden to France and that he was dishonest and incapable. While Lee was overt in his protestations about Franklin there were many others who viewed Franklin with skepticism. Even John Adams, who held no love for Britain, had reservations about our continuing relations with France. Adams held that nations had no friends, only interests, and that the French would pursue those interests to our detriment. John Jav held a similar view, believing that Vergennes would delay negotiations in order to further our dependence John Adams upon France.

Franklin was being assailed from all initial parry was made to Oswald. corners for his steadfast appreciation of What better way to mend relations the support given us by the French and deflected these attacks, saying our relationship with France provided us with the leverage to be respected throughout Europe. To undo the trust we held with France and forgo its support, he said, would give Britain the opportunity to seize and destroy us, because no nation would come to the aid of a country so callous as to turn its back on a friend.

These diversions and hindrances to progress took place in the waning months of 1781 and through the early months of 1782. In April, Richard Oswald arrived in France as the representative of the new ministry in Britain. Lord Rockingham was the new prime minister; Charles Fox was foreign minister; and Lord Shelburne was the secretary of state for home and colonial affairs. Oswald seemed to be a wise choice. Henry Laurens had written from his cell in the Tower of London that Oswald was a man of candor and integrity. Vergennes wrote that he was a wise man without ideas of intrigue. Indeed, Oswald was of such wealth that service to his country was all that he desired.

Franklin was not persuaded early on that all was as it seemed, particularly when Oswald suggested that they meet privately, with Vergennes being pointedly excluded. He felt that this was an attempt to effect a split between France and America. Franklin's wariness proved prescient when Oswald proclaimed that France and America would suffer should anyone mistakenly think that the British tiring of the war in America also represented a tiring of their defense of British interests in the face of French assaults.

As Franklin gathered his thoughts and prepared for peace negotiations, he our strong supporter in our cause, had pondered the pent-up resentment that was held by his countrymen for the property, homes, towns and lives taken by the British in our struggle. What would be a fair recompense? His thoughts turned to Canada, and so the







Benjamin Franklin

between the two countries than for the British to offer Canada to America? Oswald was impressed with this opening salvo by Franklin and agreed to take the proposal back to Shelburne. The amicable attitude of Oswald dispelled all of the early reservations Franklin had about the man on the other side of the negotiating table.

Oswald returned in early May with word that Shelburne had read Franklin's proposal with interest but was somewhat surprised that reparations were even being considered. Oswald felt any discussion of Canada should be left to a later time in the negotiations to avoid unnecessarily snarling the early efforts. Franklin was troubled by this and became even more troubled with the arrival of a second envoy from Shelburne. This envoy was Thomas Grenville, son of George Grenville, an old adversary of Franklin. The British continued to be concerned with the close relationship between America and France as represented by the Franklin/Vergennes ties. Although Grenville attempted to see Vergennes and Franklin separately, Franklin was able to control events to prevent a wedge from being driven between America and its French ally.

Thus Grenville was rebuffed at every turn in the effort to weaken the American position by splitting us from our French allies. The bottom line for Great Britain was a decrease of British strength and an increase in French strength in America. Franklin recorded in his diary, upon the departure of Grenville, that "he gained nothing of the point he came to push."

In the background of the negotiations between us and the British lay a tangled web of relationships. France, an alliance with Spain because it supported Spain's desire to capture Gibraltar, which was controlled by the British. However, Catherine the Great harbored designs on Crimea, which was of interest to the French. The

French felt ill at ease in an intervention there without the support of the British. And how, pray tell, could they enlist the British when they were supporting us against the very same? Vergennes advised Franklin and his fellow negotiators that France would step aside and let America negotiate its treaty free of French involvement. The only reservation was that the settlement of affairs between Great Britain and France must occur on the same

In July 1782 Franklin provided Oswald with two lists: one covering matters that were necessary to signing of a peace treaty, and the second containing matters that were deemed advisable. First on the "necessary" list was recognition of our independence without reservation. Second was the withdrawal of all British troops from American soil. Third was the determination of boundaries between American and the British colonies of Canada. The last item was the recognition of American rights to fish on the banks of Newfoundland. These items were non-negotiable and Franklin so informed the British. The items on the "advisable" list were then presented to Oswald. They included reparations for the destruction by the British of American properties; Franklin suggested the sum of 500,000 to 600,000 pounds. Oswald was surprised at the request and balked at the idea of presenting it to Shelburne. Second, it was suggested that the British should make a public acknowledgement of its having erred in distressing us so. Third, a trade compact that would ensure American ships be accorded the same privileges as British ships in British ports and that British ships would be accorded the same privileges in American ports. And finally, the British would cede Canada to America. A greater shock could not be imagined as Oswald recognized the hardened position of the Americans. He carried the message back to Shelburne, who had now become prime minister due to the untimely death from influenza of Lord

Rockingham (John Jay, who had only recently arrived in Paris from Spain, was sickened by influenza also).

Shelburne reacted to the American proposals with alacrity advising that a treaty could be quickly achieved if the Americans would drop the items in the "advisable" list. Jay, upon recovering from his illness, interjected that things were moving "too swiftly" and pondered "what might the British be up to." He, likewise, was not trusting of the French. Without Franklin's knowledge Jay sent an envoy to Shelburne insisting on a new commission, which was granted. Franklin became aware of Jay's activities but, suffering from gout and kidney stones which made traveling exceedingly difficult for him, let Jay muck about as he did not feel things could get too much out of hand. By the end of October John Adams had arrived from Holland and now all the players except Henry Laurens were in place (Laurens arrived in late November after being held in prison in England after his capture at sea in September 1780). Adams was distrustful of the French and of Franklin as well. He felt Franklin was malicious while holding that Jay was honest. To his credit, Adams was up front with Franklin about his misgivings. Franklin accepted the proposal of Adams and Jay that negotiations with the British be concluded without the French. This, of course, was exactly as had been proposed between Vergennes and Franklin earlier. By the end of November we and the British had reached an accord on the terms of Franklin's "necessary" list and a guarantee of American rights on the Mississippi River (a somewhat moot provision considering that Spain controlled sections of the river). In exchange America agreed to recognize debts owed to British merchants from before the war and to recommend to the states fair treatment be extended to Loyalists. On the evening of Nov. 30, 1782 Franklin wrote Vergennes that America and the British would sign a preliminary treaty the following day. In was a "preliminary" treaty and not the final document because it was signed by the participants as negotiators and not as ministers. Oswald signed for the British and the four Americans signed in alphabetical order, which pleased Adams very much. The British proceeded slowly throughout the winter and early summer of 1783 in ratifying the treaty terms. Finally on the morning of Sept. 3, 1783 the treaty was signed in Paris at the Hotel de York.

At last from the Battles of Great Bridge on Dec. 9, 1775 through the surrender by Cornwallis at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781 peace was now ours.

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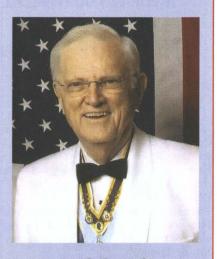
Jim Bayne is the past president of the Virginia Society and has published more than 100 articles about people and events of the Revolution. He was twice president of the Culpepper Minute Men Chapter, VASSAR.

Bayne served as National Trustee for Virginia from 2002-08; initiated the formation of three new chapters of VASSAR- the Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter, the Col. William Grayson Chapter and the Col. James Wood Chapter and is a first-line signer for 20 compatriots. He is recipient of the Patriot Medal; state and chapter Meritorious Medal (with Oak Leaf clusters); Liberty Medal; Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals; Virginia Society Medal; War Service Medal; state and chapter Bronze Color Guard Medal; and the chapter Service Medal.

Bayne is a member of American Legion Post No. 330 honor guard with a medal for service at 1,000 burial ceremonies. He is also a member of American Institute of Architects, Order of Founders and Patriots of

America, Society of the War of 1812, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Jamestown Society, Illinois Prairie Pioneers, First Families of America, Golden Legion of ΠΚΦ, Scottish-American Military Society, and the Helasron Three Society. He is a fellow in the Antiquaries Society of Scotland and the Academy of Single Malt Scotch Whiskys as well as a member of many professional associations.

Barnett Ellis



Candidate for Secretary General, 2009-2010

National Society

National Trustee (2005-06); Vice President General, South Central District (2007-08); Americanism Committee, Vice Chairman (2008); SAR Foundation, Vice President (2007-08); Capital Campaign Committee, Vice Chairman (2008); Strategic Planning (2007-08); George Washington Foundation, Vice Chairman (2008); GWEF Board (2005-08); Task Force for Non Dues Revenue, chairman (2006-07); Executive Committee (2005-06); Nominating Committee (2003-05); Internal Audit Committee, vice chairman (2003-04); Merchandise Committee (2006-08); Membership Committee (2003-present): Council of State Presidents (2003-04); firstline sponsor on 204 applications.

Kansas Society

President (2003-05); Vice President (2001-03); Delaware Crossing Chapter, president (2001-02)

Awards

Minuteman (2008); Patriot Medal; Distinguished Service Medal; Liberty Medal, Silver; Color Guard Medal, Bronze & Silver Personal

He and his wife, Virginia, have three sons who are SAR members.

Please mail letters of endorsement before Dec. 31, 2008, to: PPG Bruce Wilcox, chairman, NSSAR Nomination Committee, 1103 Belle Vista Drive, Alexandria VA 22307-2104

SAR in Paris

The 225th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, Sept. 1-6, 2008

By Judge Ed Butler, NSSAR Secretary

Delegates began arriving at the SAR Congress hotel, Concorde La Fayette, on Aug. 31. The Hotel Concorde La Fayette is conveniently located close to the Champs-Elysées, between the La Défense business district and the Triangle d'Or shopping area. From our 14th floor room we had a commanding view of both the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triumph.

Before we arrived in Paris there were two SAR ceremonies at the Collevville Cemetery in Normandy, near Utah Beach. On Aug. 23, Secretary General Ed Butler, and his wife, Robin, led a group of 118 tour members of Grand Circle Travel in paying tribute to the more than 9,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen buried there. The cemetery carillon played the U.S. national anthem, followed by taps. A cemetery representative said a few words about the ultimate sacrifice made by the men buried here, followed by a moment of silence. We then paid tribute to all those who had served in the military. Each couple took a bouquet of flowers and placed it on a grave.

The following week, former VPGs Rod Hildreath and Lee Swart produced a second SAR ceremony at the cemetery, placing a wreath on the statue facing the cemetery. Accompanying them were SAR members James Gilpen and wife, and Judge Michael Brownfield and wife. Also with them was SAR member Count Jean d'Aigneaux, founder and manager of the 82nd Airborne Museum in Saint Marie Iglese. Rod, Lee and Ed at different times visited the museum. Robin, Rod and Lee visited the cathedral, which includes a stained glass window of a paratrooper, donated by the 82nd and the 101st Airborne units.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

Upon arrival at the hotel, we registered, unpacked and rested before the reception for the U.S. Ambassador to France, Craig R. Stapleton, at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliee. "L'Interalliee", as the Parisians call it for short, is a social and dining club established in 1917 when World War I was raging. It is located in a 17th-century palace at 33 rue du Faubourg, Saint-Honore, close to the American



The SAR delegation, including the SAR Color Guard, participates in a wreath-laying ceremony at a statue of Benjamin Franklin in Paris.



President General David Appleby and DAR President General Linda Calvin at the eternal flame to France's unknown soldier at the Arc de Triumphe. Also present, from left, was European Society VPG Comte Jacques de Trentinian and French Society DAR President Hilie de Noailles, duc d'Ayen.

and British embassies. It was established for the officers of the Triple Entente (France, Russia and UK, where the U.S. was soon to replace Russia). This spacious mansion was used in 1812 as the home of Duke Decres, Napoleon's Navy minister. At the reception, President General David Appleby presented the ambassador



President General David N. Appleby presented the SAR International Medal to Craig R. Stapleton, U.S. Ambassador to France.

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with the SAR Distinguished International Medal.

were PG Appleby and wife, Raylene; Secretary General Ed Butler and wife, Robin; Treasurer General Chuck Bragg; Registrar General David Sympson and wife, Evelyn; Historian General Steve Leishman and wife, Janet; Chaplain General David Hockensmith and wife, Stephanie; VPGs Gerald McCoy; Count Jacques De Trentian and wife, Marie



The combined American SAR and DAR contingent with their French SAR and DAR hosts on the steps of the World War I Memorial at Bois Belleau and Cote 204 Memorial.

Claire; SAR Foundation President Jack London and wife, Jennifer.

That evening we were invited into the homes of the French SAR members. Robin and I and three other couples were hosted by Phillipe Choppin de Janvry, and wife, Marie-Laurie. We had a wonderful evening in their 18thcentury home, after which they drove us back to the hotel. Robin and I were hosted by this same couple five years before when attending the SAR 2003 Congress in Paris.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

The 119 SAR and DAR members came mostly from the U.S. There was one DAR member each from Spain and Mexico, one couple from England, and a couple who divided their time between the U.S. and Paris. Our first stop for the day was at Les Invalides, built by Louis XIV in the 1670s to house the wounded and poor soldiers from his wars. Previously, many of these soldiers had to beg for bread in the streets. Many modern-day veterans are still living there.

Upon our arrival in the courtyard, we were greeted by a French Republican Guard Band, French color guard, and an armed French Honor Guard. Larry McKinley (past VASSAR President) gave an opening prayer. Count Jacques De Trentian, VPG



From left, Raylene Appleby, SAR President General David Appleby and DAR President General Linda Calvin.

Europe, served as master of ceremonies. The SAR six-man color guard was led by Treasurer General Chuck Bragg. Other members of the color guard were Historian General Steve Leishman, MOSSAR President Russ Devenny, VPG Gerald McCoy, former VPG Roger Barnhart; and Gerry Hounchell of OHSSAR. The French band played some stirring martial music. To honor the dead of both nations, the band played taps, then performed the national anthems of both the U.S. and France. The President General, DAR President General Linda Gist Calvin, VPG DeTrentian and the French DAR President reviewed the military units and the SAR color guard.



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J. David Sympson

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Vice-Chairman Museum Board (4) SOCIETY AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal War Service Medal Silver Good Citizenship Medal Liberty Medal with 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medal Silver and Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal Gold and Silver Council of State Presidents Medal

COMMITTEES

Congress Planning Committee (6); Council of State Presidents (6); Color Guard (9); Historic Celebration (2); History (5); Louisville Liaison (6); Long Range/ Strategic Planning Committee (8); Nominating Committee (2); Membership (6); Merchandise (4); Museum Board Secretary & Docent (11)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Designed & Created the Samuel Adams Medal. Developed the Congress Planning Guide Disk. Instrumental in developing the NSSAR Life Cycle Analysis & Cross Reference Maintenance Guide. Organized the History Huddle. NSSAR Magazine Articles (7); National Congress attended (11); National Trustee Meetings (26). George Washingto Fellow; Contributor to CAAH. Supplemental applications (23); New member first line signer (46).

PERSONAL

Wife: Evelyn L. Sympson Son: Daniel (SAR); Daughter: Laura (DAR) U of K, Bachelors of Science in Commerce Business: Sympson Investment, LLC Military Service: Vietnam, Captain, Company Commander 1966-1967 Religion: Presbyterian

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SAR general officers participating

Inside the museum portion of the huge building, we were presented a power point presentation on Les Invalides, which encompasses 1.6 million square meters. Afterward, we walked to the adjoining Saint-Louis Church of the Invalides, known as the Cathedral of the Armies, and there viewed Napoleon's Tomb. The tomb is made of red porphyry (burgundy in color) on a base of green granite. It is surrounded by a circular gallery, featuring 13 bas-reliefs representing the principal military actions of Napoleon's reign. These statues were carved by the grandfather of SAR member Martin Boyer, who was a participant in the Congress.

Next, we paid homage to LaFayette by visiting his rather plain tomb in Picpus Cemetery. He was buried next to this wife. The Picpus Cemetery is the burial ground for descendants of the victims of the French Revolution. Of note is the fact that an American flag has flown over his grave since he was buried. It remained there during the German occupation of Paris. PG Appleby placed a wreath of flowers on the grave, as the American flag was lowered and then returned to the height of the flag pole. Afterward, we visited the adjoining chapel dedicated to the 1,400 nobles killed by the guillotine. Lafayette had brought back some dirt from Bunker Hill, Mass., with instructions that it be spread on his grave. Lanny Patton, president of the PASSAR, spread some dirt from Pennsylvania on Lafayette's grave.

The last stop for the afternoon was the Chateau de Vincennes. This castle is dedicated to the preservation of army and navy archives. In the middle ages there was a royal residence here. King (later Saint-) Louis (1326-1370) would administer justice under a large oak tree. The castle, which dates back to 1360, contains a dungeon, which served as prince's jail under Louis XIV. Of particular interest to our group was the "Pavillon de Roi," which contained the beautiful flags of disbanded regi-

After a short rest we were off to the Jacquemart-Andre Museum, where we were served champagne and appetizers. This was an enormous and beautiful 19th-century palace. Its spacious 17 rooms were constructed along the lines of the Pitti Palace in Florence, Italy.

It was built by Queen Marie de Medici after the death of her husband, Henry IV, and modeled after the palace in which she had been born. It became the Medici Palace, and she filled it with sumptuous art works by Rubens. Rembrandt, Botticelli, Van Dyck, France Hals and other notable painters and sculptors. The wide marble stair-

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case is the most notable feature of the palace.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

This was a strenuous day. The buses left the hotel at 8 a.m. and did not return until after 1 a.m. the following morning. Our day started at the Palace of Luxembourg. This spacious mansion was the site of Bonaparte's planned coup d'etat of 1799. Under Napoleon, the palace hosted the Senate before becoming the House of Peers under Louis XVIII. It has served as the seat of the Senate of the French Republic since 1879.

We had a conference with two lectures. The first was entitled "Enlightenment's Impacts on France and the USA," delivered in English by Jeanne Rossignol. The lecturer concluded that the U.S. was left far more religious than France by the Enlightenment. The second lecture was entitled "The

Diplomatic Situation in Europe Before and After the American Revolutionary War," delivered in French by Professor Lucien Bely and translated into English. This included a detailed summary of the events leading up to the war in both France and Spain, and concluded that a deal had been struck to support the colonists before the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, although not formalized until much later. At 12:30 we moved into the Senate Dining Room where we had another meal of appetizers.

While one group laid a wreath on the tomb of Admiral DeGrasse, two bus loads went to the Naval Museum, founded in 1827. The highlight was Napoleon's Imperial Barge, trimmed in gold leaf. The museum has an extensive collection of ship models, paintings, cannons and other objects relating to seafaring down through the ages. I was fascinated by the wooden bust of Emperor Charlemagne that had been on the prow of a wooden gun ship.

Adjoining the Naval Museum was a small park featuring a seated statute of Benjamin Franklin. Following our visit to the museum, the PG laid a wreath at



Five of the six-man SAR Color Guard in front of a large bust of Napoleon at the French National Naval Museum. From left, Russ DeVenney, Gerry Hounchell, Roger Barnhart, Gerald McCoy and Chuck Bragg. Steve Leishman is not shown.

the foot of the statute, while our color guard rendered a salute.

Our final stop for the afternoon was impressive, indeed. French police stopped traffic on the Champs Elyees and part of the traffic on Charles De Gaulle Circle surrounding the Arc de Triumphe. Three bus loads of SAR and DAR members from the U.S., plus many of our French brothers and sisters, including past VPG for Europe, Jean de Tinguy du Pouet, marched behind our SAR color guard and a few French color guardsmen. The French Republican Guard band played martial music for our parade. We marched up under the Arc De Triumph and stood on either side of the Eternal Flame of the Unknown Soldier. The presidents general of both the SAR and the DAR placed a wreath on the bronze plaque to the Unknown Soldier and the eternal flame was rekindled. The band played national anthems of both the U.S. and France. It was a stirring ceremony. Just as five years ago, the hair on the back of my neck stood up. Each of us was asked to sign the book of remembrance.



Chateau of Vincennes

That evening we enjoyed a police escort to visit the Palace of Versailles royal apartments.

This palace is one of the largest in the world, containing more than 700 rooms. In 1682 it became the official residence of Louis XIV, the "Sun King." When we were here in 2003, the famous Hall of Mirrors was closed for renovations. Our mouths were open with wonder at the beauty of the Hall of Mirrors, and hundreds of photos were taken.

It was on Sept. 3, 1783, 225 years ago, that the final step in the path to peace and independence for America occurred in Versailles. The great European war powers—France, Spain and Great Britain—finally, at Versailles, site for 2,289 American soldiers. The signed the Treaties of Paris in which the British Crown recognized the independence of its former subjects. Thus, the conflict that commenced on April 19, 1775, with the battles of Lexington and Concord, which was marked with battles from Saratoga to Brandywine, house, and from Valley Forge to Yorktown, was over.

Paris and Versailles are rich, not only as the sites where these agreements were negotiated and ratified, but also as places that have played an important part of the history of America, and marking the friendship between France and the U.S. It was at the Palais de Versailles that King Louis XVI greeted the American delegation of Silas Deane, Benjamin Franklin, and Arthur Lee in March 1778.

We reboarded the buses and traveled a short distance to Grand Trianon Palace, where all enjoyed a black tie gala dinner. From every room of this palace one has a view into the beautiful gardens, filled with colorful flowers. All the decor, paintings and carvings on the paneling are inspired by this flo- Paris to our hotel. Again, we arrived ral motif. It was here on June 4, 1920, that the peace treaty ending World War I was signed.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

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The friendship of France and the U.S. was displayed with the formation of the La Fayette Escadrille, manned by American pilots during World War I and the Americans who drove ambulances and served as ambulance attendants during that conflict. Some 267 airmen served in the unit, which was credited with destroying 199 German aircraft. The impressive monument to these brave airmen was constructed in 1928. We visited the crypt below where 28 American and two French aviators are buried. The President General laid a wreath on the monument while the color guard saluted.

It was a two-hour drive back through Paris to our lunch venue at Fossov, near Chateau Thierry. There followed another wreath laving at WWI Bois Belleau Memorial, burial enormous monument was built in 1929.

Our next stop was at Reims Cathedral. On the side of the church was an effigy carved in stone of a dozen or more people on the road to Hell. At the end of the line, several sinfrom Kings Mountain to Guilford Court ners were being boiled alive. In the line were a bishop and a king! That evening we enjoyed a tour through the subterranean champagne cellars of the Taittinger Champagne Company in Reims. The facility was built on the foundations and cellars of a 12th-century abbey. The handsome young descendant of the founder explained how their champagne has been made since the Crusades. Unlike other champagnes, theirs is made from the chardonnay grape. During WWII, their caves on two levels were used as a military hospital.

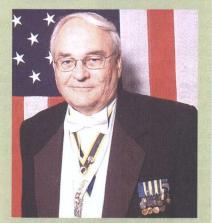
> We drove an hour further east to the town of Epernay, where the Taittinger family home, Chateau de la Marquetterie, is located. There we had a dinner of champagne and appetizers. It was a two-hour drive back through after 1 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

That morning there were meetings of the NSDAR, NSSAR, and the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary in the Chapelle de la Compassion across the street from our The District of Columbia Society proudly sponsors

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National SAR service

Registrar General, 2005-08; Presented Distinguished Patriot Award to Mrs. Lynne V. Cheney, wife of U.S. Vice President Richard Cheney; Chairman, 2001 Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill; past chairman of Task Force to create an independent induction process; past chairman of Congress and Government Relations Committee; past chairman of Veterans Committee; past chairman of CAR Committee; chairman, 1988 Congress; Vice President General, Mid-Atlantic District (1983-84): National Trustee: member, Budget, Congress Planning, Participation Forum, and Patriot and Heritage committees; Attended 27 National Congresses, including last 17 (consecutive); attended approx. 50 Trustees/Leadership meetings; Minuteman. District of Columbia SAR Service

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BS, Finance, The American University, D.C. Personal

He and his wife, Mary Jane Wisniewski Bennett, reside in Falls Church, Va.

We respectfully ask for your support (individual, chapter and state) by letter of endorsement to the chairman of the NSSAR Nominating Committee: PG Bruce A. Wilcox, 1103 Belle Vista Drive, Alexandria VA 22307-2014 by Dec. 31, 2008.

hotel, followed by time for shopping, fashion shows, and sightseeing.

Late that afternoon we travel to the 13th century Saint-Denis Abbey, paying tribute to King Louis XVI. There we were permitted to tour the crypt, where 42 French kings and 32 queens have been laid to rest, together with 63 princes and princesses. The tombs included Carloman and Pepin, ancestors of Charlemagne, and Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. PG Appleby laid a wreath on the grave of Louis XVI. We then participated in a religious service at the abbey. Afterward, many of us stopped to listen to and feel the vibrations of the wonderful organ. The original church on this site was consecrated by Charlemagne in 775.

That evening we enjoyed our farewell black-tie banquet at the Paris City Hall. Our banquet in the L'Hotel De Ville² was held in the festival hall. Throughout dinner we all kept looking at the larger-than-life sculptures that were designed to appear to be holding up the high ceiling. Ten large crystal chandeliers illuminated the beautifully appointed room with the help of ceiling to floor mirrors. Many of us thought the festival hall was more beautiful than the Hall of Mirrors.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

Today, many of our friends returned to the U.S. Several of us remained in Paris while others participated in a one-day tour to Normandy. Robin and I spent the day shopping, and had dinner at a nearby brasserie with Col. Joe M. Ware and wife, Nita. That same day PG Appleby and his wife, Raylene, with Rod Hildreath and Lee Swart, visited the river barge home of Martin Boyer on the Seine, near the Louvre. They were greeted with champagne, which they drank on the deck while watching river traffic.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

The following day the Wares accompanied Robin and me for a tour of Napoleon's Chateau Malmaison, favorite home of Empress Josephine. There we saw the original oil painting of Napoleon astride his rearing horse.³

It was a wonderful trip. Our hats are off to Jacque de Trentian and the France Society.

FOOTNOTES

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1 ON JUNE 6, 1944, ONCE MORE THE AMERICANS CAME TO THE RESCUE OF NAZI OCCUPIED FRANCE, WITH THE INVASION AT NORMANDY. IT TOOK A YEAR OF FIGHTING TO BEAT THE GERMANS AND DRIVE THEM OUT OF FRANCE. REMINDERS OF THIS CENTURIES OLD FRIENDSHIP ARE ALL OVER FRANCE, MARKED BY MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS AND AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERIES. ON THIS ANNIVERSARY IT IS FITTING TO COMMONATE IN PARIS, THE SACRIFICES UDDERTAKEN TOGETHER, AND THE PERENNIAL FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS RESULTED.

2 L'HOTEL DE VILLE IS THE NAME OF THE PARIS CITY HALL. 3 "NAPOLEON CROSSING THE ALPS".



Maryland Society Secretary Chris Christou, his son, Guy, left, and MDSSAR W3R Robert Reyers, far right, attended the unveiling of a new painting of the Paris Peace Treaty by David R. Wagner, to the right of the painting, which is Wagner's version of the unfinished treaty signing painting by Benjamin West. The painting includes, from left, John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Laurens, William Temple Franklin and British Commissioner Sir David Hartley. It was Hartley who would not sit for the original West painting.

State Societies, Chapters Commemorate the Treaty of Paris

BY ROBERT L. "BOB" BOWEN, CHAIRMAN, 225TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

When the Paris Peace Treaty was signed on Sept. 3, 1783, there was one piece of unfinished business left on the drawing board...or easel, as was this case. That was a painting of the signing by Benjamin West, often referred to as the "Father of American Painting." It was West who gave us the original painting of the Treaty of Paris. But, the British commissioner, David Hartley, refused to sit for the painting and it was never completed.

Fast forward 225 years and we now have a completed painting of the event, thanks to David R. Wagner, a brilliant Connecticut painter of historical events. Wagner unveiled his painting at the Carroll Museum in Baltimore on Sept. 3, 2008. Three members of the Maryland Society, SAR, were there. MDSSAR Secretary and former President Chris Christou was there, along with his son, Guy, a member of the CAR, and Maryland's W3R Committee Chairman Robert Reyes.

The Virginian Society commemorated the signing of the peace treaty at its semi-annual meeting in Staunton with a luncheon speech by Mark Teuting, a graduate of William & Mary University who teaches Advanced Placement U.S. History at Harrisonburg High School. Teuting titled his presentation: "The American Mind: Initiative Leads to Stunning Success at the Treaty of Paris."

VASSAR's Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary in September at Kenmore, the home Fielding and Betty Lewis built in 1775. During the program, Lewis' contributions to the war effort were discussed, along with his untimely death two months after the American Victory at Yorktown but two years before the Treaty of Paris—the official end of the war. Lewis, George Washington's brother-in-law, would have loved to see the official end of the war to which he contributed so much.

The Philadelphia-Continental Chapter took part in the rededication of a plaque honoring the Compte de Rochambeau and his French soldiers who did so much to help the Americans gain their independence from Britain during the final stages of the Revolutionary War. The plaque is located in the Philadelphia City Hall courtyard.

Several state societies and chapters were successful in approaching local and state government officials about issuing proclamations and resolutions commemorating the official end of the American Revolution.

I want to publicly thank Bill Allerton, chairman of the Congressional and Government Relations Committee for offering a draft proclamation that was used



The Philadelphia-Continental Chapter took part in the rededication of a plaque honoring the French for their help in gaining our independence. The ceremony took place in the city hall courtyard, 225 years after the Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept. 3, 1783. From left are, Win Carroll, Jim Willis, Dick Randolph, Phil Anders, LTC Herb Anderson and Ralph Nelson.

Bobby Towns, president of the

proclamation commemorating

the 225th anniversary of the

Treaty of Paris from heidi

Clarke Consolidated

Davidson, mayor of Athens-

Georgia Society, accepts a

as a template in many parts of the country. This NSSAR initiative followed his successful effort to get a Congressional Resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. House Resolution 1063 was passed unanimously on April 30. He also got the Louisiana legislature to issue a proclamation.

The effort of the South Atlantic District, under the leadership of VPG Lindsey Brock, was especially noteworthy. South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford issued a proclamation, as did Mayor Knox H. White of Greenville, S.C. In North Carolina, Charlotte Mayor Patrick

Charlotte Mayor Patrick Government in Georgia.

L. McCory stepped forward and issued a proclamation.

GASSAR President Bobby Towns those received a proclamation from Mayor Heidi Davidson of the Athens-Clarke

Consolidated Government.

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In Florida, Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton issued a proclamation, as did the Manatee County Commission, Sarasota County Commission, Sarasota City Council, Palmetto City Council, and Lee County Commission. Florida's Jacksonville, Saramana and Caloosa chapters were responsible for those proclamations.

The mayor of West Hollywood, Calif., Compatriot Jeffrey Prang, issued a proclamation as did Bedford, Ind., Mayor Shawna M. Girgis. And, what could be more fitting than for the Mayor of Independence, Mo., Don B. Reimal, to issue a proclamation calling attention to the treaty that brought to an end the war to gain our national independence.

eorgia. I suspect other chapters were successful in obtaining proclamations from their local government officials, but

those listed here are the only ones reported to the author by the deadline.

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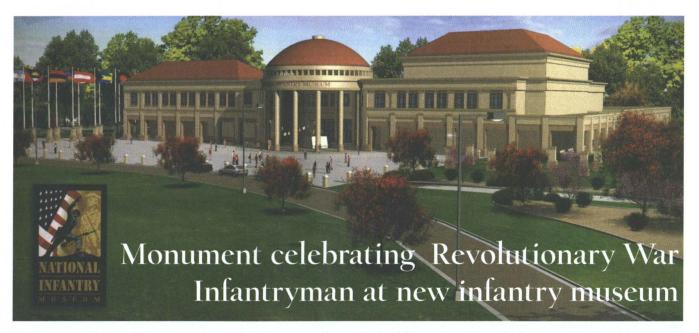
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BY COMPATRIOT ROBERT F. GALER, COWETA FALLS (COLUMBUS, GA.)

On March 13, 2009, a memorial monument to the Revolutionary War infantryman, America's First Soldier, will be presented by the SAR to Maj. Gen. Jerry White, chief of the private, nonprofit foundation that is building the \$104-million museum to America's infantry soldier. The museum is under construction on 200 acres where Columbus, Ga., merges with the U.S. Army post of Fort Benning. Half of the land is provided by the Army and half by Columbus citizens.

The 10-foot tall monument, paid for by members of the Coweta Falls SAR chapter and its supporters, will assume a permanent spot on the museum grounds.

"Sixteen outdoor monuments at the old Infantry museum at Fort Benning will be moved to the new museum," said William M. Hay, president of the Columbus chapter. "And two new ones are being constructed by veterans asso- THE WALK OF FLAGS ciations. They rightfully honor America's infantry heroes. We are able to say that ours will be the only monument at the new museum to honor the Revolutionary War soldier, America's first veteran. Our chapter is honored to be invited by museum officials to fill that gap."

DEDICATION WILL BE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MUSEUM OPENING

The official opening of the museum will be March 20, culminating two weeks of planned events, including the SAR monument dedication at 1 p.m., March 13, at the mid-point of the opening festivities.

It will replace the overcrowded existing Infantry Museum. The

185,000-square-foot main building will have interactive exhibits especially geared to young visitors, an IMAX theater with a five-story screen, and a 1,000-foot Walk of Flags. It will have a 7-acre parade ground, complete with a 2,500-seat stadium where families will come to watch loved ones graduate from infantry and basic training.

Gen. George Patton's headquarters and sleeping quarters at Fort Benning are included in a reconstructed World War II company street with orderly room, mess hall, barracks and chapel A quarter-mile Walk of Honor, winding through Georgia hardwoods and pine trees, will provide locations for existing and future memorials to infantry units, interspersed with historical scenes of infantry actions. Admission will be free, although nomi nal fees will be charged for some interactive exhibits. It will be handicapped-

WILL OCCUPY A PROMINENT SITE ON

"The SAR monument would normally join other memorials on the Walk of Honor," said Larry French, chief landscape architect, "but without the Revolutionary soldier, we would not be here." With that in mind, the board provided a prominent location between the parking lot and other attractionsat an intersection where the walk branches to the stadium and to the WWII company street exhibit.

The monument will be at the center of a 24 square feet of 2-foot square gray granite blocks with 1-foot square granite accents, and a 2-foot wide border of "memory" bricks lining the 24-foot wide Walk of Flags. Benches and lighting at each corner will complete the

site, which may well be seen by an estimated 300,000 visitors annually.

A PROJECT OF THE COWETA FALLS CHAPTER OF GASSAR

When first approached with the idea of building a monument, the board of the Coweta Falls Chapter realized it had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it was uniquely qualified to address, given the SAR goal to perpetuate the memory of the patriots who fought for, or supported, American independence.

The 10-foot monument will be made of native Georgia gray granite and domestic black granite, with 5-foot high Continental soldier etched on the front and a militia soldier on the back. The inscription on the gray granite tablet reads: "Dedicated to the Revolutionary War Infantryman, America's First Soldier, who by his patriotism, courage and sacrifice achieved independence from colonial rule for the United States of America; The American Revolution, 1775-1783." A credit line to the Coweta Falls chapter is centered on the pedestal.

RAISING NECESSARY FUNDS FOCUSED ON CHAPTER MEMBERS

The chapter believed it could raise two-thirds of the \$17,000 necessary to construct and install the monument among its 196 members. For the rest, the chapter looked to the Georgia Society Endowment Trust Fund, the George Washington Fund, and the 12 other SAR societies in the 13 original colonies. Within a few months, all goals were achieved. More than 50 chapter members contributed amounts from \$25 to \$1,000, the NSSAR and GASSAR Endowments responded, as did North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maryland.

SAR honors American Legion's Spanogle

Robert W. Spanogle, retiring national adjutant of The American Legion, was presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal during the Legion's National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis on

Spanogle was honored for his 27 years as national adjutant, the longestserving national adjutant in the Legion's 89-year history. Spanogle devoted more than 38 years to America's veterans following Army service during the Vietnam War and 36



Compatriot Bob Bowen presents Robert W. Spanogle the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal

years as an American Legion employee. Spanogle also served on the President's Commission on Veterans and Military Health Care, the Board of Governors of the Children's Miracle Network, the USO World Board of Governors, as an aide to the secretary of the Army for Indiana (South), and as a member of the board of Indianapolis' Crossroads Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The Medal was presented to Spanogle by Partners in Patriotism Senior Advisor Bob Bowen on behalf of President General David N. Appleby. Spanogle became a member of the SAR earlier this year based on his direct lineage to John Spanogle, his fourth-great grandfather, who was a corporal in the Chester County (Penn.) Militia during the Revolutionary War.

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.

Jan. 17 — Cowpens National Battlefield, S.C.: 10:30a.m., anniversary celebration. Wreathlaying sponsored by Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR.

Feb. 14 — Washington Ga.: 10 a.m., anniversary Battle of Kettle Creek; 2 p.m., historic home tour, film, battlefield tour and wreathlaying. Sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter and GASSAR.

March 14 — Guilford Courthouse National Battlefield (near Greensboro, N.C.): 11 a.m., annual wreath laying. Sponsored by Nathanael Greene Chapter NCSSAR.

April 20 — Concord, Mass.: 8 a.m., Battle of Concord; 9 a.m., Wreath Laying at Col. Buttrick's grave; 9 a.m., parade and ceremonies at The Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard Participants; Noon, reception and luncheon at Colonial Inn MASSAR Participants.

April 11 — Halifax Day, Halifax N.C. Celebration of "Halifax Resolves," first colony to recommend independence from England. 2 p.m., SAR grave marking and wreath laying. Sponsored by Halifax Resolves Chapter.

May 9 — Martin Station (near Middlesboro, Ky., at Cumberland Gap National Historic Park): Celebration of Martin Station sponsored by Virginia Wilderness Road State Park, and Ewing Va. VASSAR

June 13 — Ramsour's Mill (near Lincolnton, N.C.) Wreath laying sponsored by Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSSAR at 10 a.m., Color Guard participation.

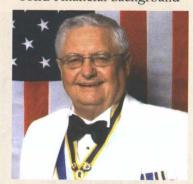
July 25 — Fort Laurens (near Bolivar Ohio): 11 a.m., annual memorial service, Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the Revolutionary War, wreath laying. Sponsored by

Sept. 19 — Saratoga National Historic Park, N.Y.: 2 p.m. DAR Monument. Annual celebration: wreath laying. Sponsored by Saratoga Battle Chapter. ESSSAR

Oct. 2-4 — Point Pleasant, W.Va. (Battle Monument State Park): 2 p.m. Annual Commemorative Service for Virginia Militiamen. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Point Pleasant Chapter. WVSSAR

Oct 19 — Yorktown, Va.: Yorktown Victory Day Celebration: 10 a.m., wreath laying at the tomb of Thomas Nelson. Jr., Sponsored by VASSAR. 11 a.m., parade.

The California Society **Unanimously Endorses** Larry J. Magerkurth for Treasurer General Solid Financial Background



Larry J. Magerkurth is highly qualified to serve as Treasurer General and lead our society into the future. His distinguished financial experience with the SAR includes: chairman of the Audit Committee with a broad understanding of the monthly SAR finances, voting member of the Foundation Board, and the newly appointed Inspector General serving as advisor to the President General and President of the Foundation Board. His extensive financial leadership as president of a major worldwide corporation with financial responsibility of more than \$500 million, and his master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California, make him uniquely qualified to serve as Treasurer General.

National Service:

☆ Inspector General (present) ☆ Independent Audit Committee (chairman 2004-present) ☆ Executive Committee (2004-05 and present) & German Society President, & Mexico Society President & VPG-Western District (2007-08) ☆ Trustee (2004-05) & CASSAR and chapter president ☆ CAAH Foundation Board of Directors (2004-08) ☆ GWEF Fellow ☆ CAAH contributor & Council of State Presidents (2) yrs) & Committees: Nominating (2005-06) ☆ Color Guard (1998-present) ☆ 118th Congress Host Society Chairman ☆ Vice Chairman National Congress Planning (2007-08) ☆ Museum (6 yrs) ☆ Combined Federal Campaign & SAR life member who has attended 10 Congresses and 12 Leadership meetings & Sponsor of 11 new members. A Served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and & a Captain in the SAR's Commander-in-Chief Guards.

SAR Awards:

Minuteman Award; Patriot Medal; Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation; Meritorious Service; two National Distinguished Service Certificates; Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship; Bronze and Silver National Color Guard; Gold, Silver and Bronze CASSAR von stueben Color Guard; Franco-American Alliance Color Guard; Massing of the Colors medals. We respectfully ask your support (individual, chapter and state) and endorsement. Send to chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bruce Wilcox, 1103 Belle Vista Dr. Alexander, VA 22307



COMPATRIOTS: COME | SHARE THE VISION!



Delaware Compatriot's gift moves The Center for Advancing America's Heritage forward

The trustees of the William C.
Drinkard Charitable Foundation
have selected The Center for
Advancing America's Heritage of the
National Society of the Sons of the
American Revolution to receive a
donation of \$1 million. This impressive support will be used for the construction, development, staffing, and
operation of the William C. Drinkard
Jr. Education Gallery. This gallery
will be the cornerstone of the
Center's new location on Louisville's
"Museum Row" cultural corridor on
West Main Street.

The Drinkard Foundation trustees are impressed with the Center's mission of promoting educational initiatives that will foster and invigorate a historical and patriotic appreciation for the founding of our country. The Center will create an engaging environment through programming and exhibits, enabling visitors of all ages to make the journey to reclaim and strengthen our history's rightful place ing activation in trustees winced advantages. Advart larges bere of Cook and activation in the Center's mission of promoting educational initiation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and strengthen our history's rightful place in graduation and strengthen our history's rightful place in graduation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and Strengthen our history's rightful place in graduational initiation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and Strengthen our history's rightful place in graduation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and Strengthen our history's rightful place in graduation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and Strengthen our history's rightful place in graduation and patriotic appreciation ber of Patrio Virgin American and Strengthen and Strengthen

in the education of our youth and in the minds of our citizens.

Dr. Drinkard died earlier this year and directed in his will that his entire estate be distributed to charitable organizations. His will establishes the William C. Drinkard Charitable Foundation, whose trustees are charged with this responsibility.

The trustees examined this amazing man's life for clues to guide their selection of charitable causes within the scope of his will.

In light of Dr. Drinkard's support of the Center, and his youth mentoring activities, the trustees were convinced to select The Center for Advancing America's Heritage for its largest gift.

Compatriot Drinkard was a member of the Delaware Society. His Patriot Ancestor was John Drinkard of Virginia, who aided the cause of American independence by donating food and supplies to the Continental Army.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Drinkard was a prominent scientist for E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company. He retired in 1985 after a career of chemical research and management, reaching the level of associate director of the Central Research Department. Dr. Drinkard earned a worldwide reputation for his invention of a catalytic process to convert butadiene to adiponitrile, the key to low-cost nylon manufacturing. In 1997, DuPont awarded him the coveted Lavoisier Medal for Technical Achievement for his work in the field of organometallic chemistry and catalysis, crowned by the above dis-

Dr. Drinkard held more than 20 U.S. patents and was the author of several papers relating to his field. The American Chemical Society honored him with the ACS Award in industrial chemistry in 1998. In 1990 he received the Charles J. Pedersen

Excellence Award. **HIS LIFE**

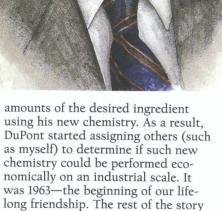
DuPont Fellows Technical

William Charles Drinkard Jr. was born on May 11, 1929, in Montgomery, Ala. Even as a youth he was fascinated with chemistry and was corrected several times for trying to mix things together that would go "boom." These early "experiments" foretold of the chemical genius that he was to become later in life.

At Huntington College, where he was president of the chemistry club, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. He received his advanced chemistry training at Auburn University and the University of Illinois, where he earned master's and doctorate degrees, respectively. Dr. Drinkard began his professional career as a young chemistry professor at UCLA for four years prior to joining DuPont in 1960.

There is an interesting story of how DuPont paired the right man, Drinkard, with the right research problem. Some big thinkers in DuPont research had dreamed up a much cheaper route to a key ingredient used to make nylon. But it was just a pipe dream because no known chemistry existed that would make real-world molecules react that way. However, the idea was so economically attractive that they decided to risk research funds regardless of the obstacles. DuPont asked a consulting chemistry professor for the name of the best coordination chemist in the world so the company could attempt to hire him. The surprising answer was that DuPont already had him, an employee named Bill Drinkard.

Dr. Drinkard was tasked to do what no chemist had ever done before in order to achieve these results. Using his knowledge in the relatively unexplored area of organometallic homogeneous catalysis, it wasn't long before he had made detectable



industrial enterprise.

Despite his success Bill Drinkard led a simple life. He never married but always owned a beloved dog. To say he enjoyed living alone, did not define him as a loner. Bill Drinkard was active in civic and charitable causes and had a reputation of being social, kind and considerate.

Ultimately, he would become a mentor to young people who needed help finding their way and in several cases

is the history of a highly successful

became a father substitute.

In his late 50s his health began to fail, leading to his early retirement.

Drinkard suffered from a series of

detached retinas that left him almost

blind, and unable to drive. Nevertheless, he insisted on living independently, and his many friends readily provided transportation for groceries, medical care, and other necessities. Despite poor health, he continued to keep abreast of chemical and political literature and maintained professional contact with his coworkers until his death in January 2008.

In the 1990s, I asked Bill Drinkard to consider joining the SAR. He became interested in his family genealogy, and soon proved his lineage. Unfortunately, he was too ill to participate in Delaware Society activities, but was supportive of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He was keenly aware of the need to teach patriotism to the nation's youth.

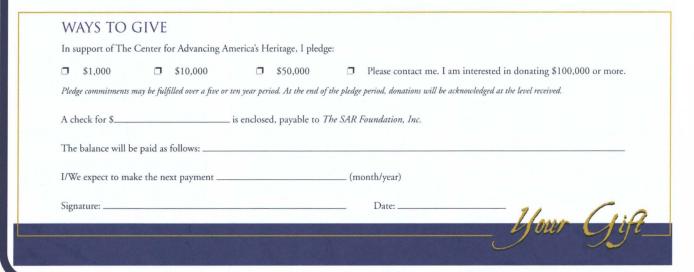
He was an avid collector. I'm told that as a youth he built quite a collection of comic books. At

his death, his townhouse was full of old records that he lovingly cataloged. Drinkard even had several workable old crank players and cylinders with the huge horns. He also collected Roman coins. Due to his failing eyesight, reading was a chore for him. Nevertheless he tackled important non-fiction tomes with glee. He loved to discuss weighty issues and always seemed to come up with a different thought-provoking point of view. Needless to say he was an astute conservative investor.

Bill Drinkard was a dear friend and brightened my life as well as that of many others.

Roland G. Downing, PhD President General 2005-06

(With the editorial assistance of Director of Education Colleen Wilson)



Subject: Third Quarter 2008, Report of the State Recognition Challenge for the CAAH Campaign

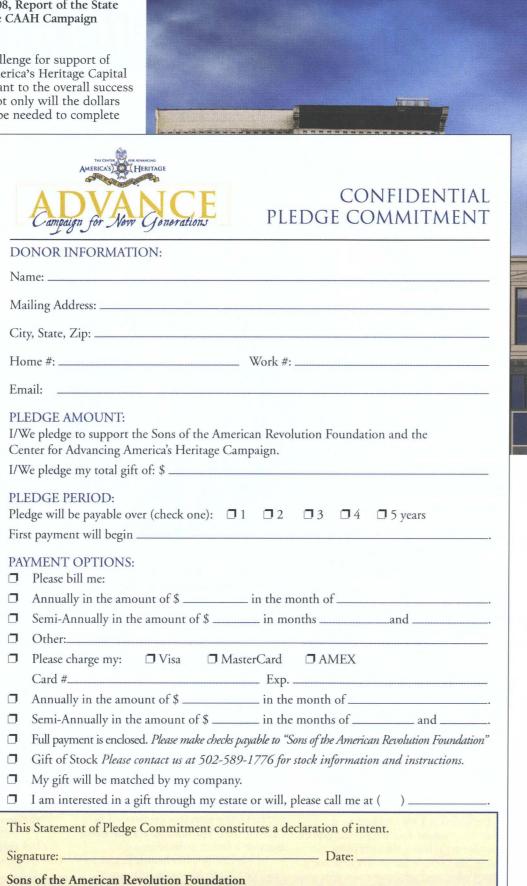
Dear Compatriots,

The State Recognition Challenge for support of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign is critically important to the overall success of our fund-raising efforts. Not only will the dollars raised from our membership be needed to complete

this project, but a strong show of support will send out a clear message that we are determined to achieve our goal. We will be asking for leadership gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations and the government sector and need to be able to show that we are doing our part as well. Our challenge is to achieve an average donation of \$250 per society member by the end of our five-year campaign in December 2013, with at least 20 percent of our members participating.

We have already raised \$3,118,975 in cash and achieved a 12 percent level of participation. Admittedly, this has been helped to a large degree with the recent gift from the William C. Drinkard Ir. estate, but we know that the majority of the funds raised will come from a relatively few members. Gifts of all amounts are needed, and smaller gifts are just as important to us in building our percentages as are the larger gifts. Please encourage your society members to participate by making a gift or pledge to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and together. we will reach our goal.

Please join in the challenge and let your fellow compatriots know that now is the time to complete the Center. We have waited long enough. We continue to refine our concepts for the Center and we have an outstanding location, recently named one of the 10 most exciting streets in the



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State Society	<pre># society members</pre>	# of member donors	% members donating	Avg. p/member
Delaware	273	76	28%	\$3,998
District of Columbia	238	87	37%	\$1,016
Maryland	666	182	27%	\$78
New Mexico	89	18	20%	\$284
Utah	37	11	30%	\$58
Vermont	60	21	35%	\$491

Number of members is based on 2007 annual reports
Total donated equals "Individual Member Donations" plus "State/Chapter Donations"
Societies that have qualified (greater than 20% goal) are listed above.

Country! We need to move ahead with raising money for the Center. All of us can do our part.

Enclosed is the third quarter 2008 update showing the standings by state society. The numbers used for comparison in column one are the number of society members reported on the 2007 annual reports. To date, four societies have achieved the goal of 20 percent of their members donating at an average of \$250. It is our hope that all of our societies will qualify. Societies achieving this goal will be listed with their year of qualification on a special plaque prominently displayed in the Center. After the initial goal is achieved, each 5 percent increase in the percentage of members donating will be further recognized on the plaque.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of service to you or provide additional information. We can make our dream of the Center a reality. Please help make it happen.

With best regards,

George E. Thurmond and Lindsey C. Brock, Co-Chairs

State Recognition Challenge

ADVANCE Campaign for New Generations

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Leadership Meeting March 5-7, 2009 National Headquarters and The Brown Hotel, Louisville

119th Annual Congress
July 4-8, 2009
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Fall Leadership Meeting Sept. 24-26, 2009 National Headquarters, Louisville Dear Compatriots.

Two hundred twenty-seven years ago on Dec. 16, Thomas Paine penned his famous and stirring appeal, "These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the thanks of man and woman." Ten days later George Washington led the remnants of the Continental Army in a surprise attack on the Hessians at Trenton that saved the Revolution.

Urgent—Today all SAR members have a choice: You can shrink from this appeal and watch as the momentum built up over the last nine years fades away; or you can join in with several thousand other compatriots in giving the absolutely time-critical support needed NOW to convince the Louisville community of charitable donors and other outside donors to join with us in creating a center of Americanism education. It's that simple! NOW IS THE TIME!

How much? The SAR Foundation is asking for five-year pledges from each and every member. Success will be achieved when the average donation is \$250 for the entire membership. Of course every gift will be greatly appreciated and recognized, but pledging is very important, because it

allows most of us to participate without great strain and guarantees an income flow during development and construction. We are asking for \$1 per week from everyone for five years.

Here's how. Mail in the form you received in the October mailing from the Foundation or call headquarters, (502) 589-1776, and speak to the Development Department about information and materials.

Important details—It's important that you give directly rather than through your state or chapter so that you may receive proper credit. The Capital Campaign Committee has developed a comprehensive set of recognition levels for individuals, states and chapters for display in the Center. Your individual contributions are also counted in with the totals from your state and chapter.

Roland G. Downing, President General 2005-06 Member, SAR Foundation Capital Campaign Committee

P.S. I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and may God bless our nation during these stressful times.

Saltwater Tea

By GINGER MACFARLAN

Gray mist swirled on the docks, preventing a view of much else. The only noise was the sound of water lapping quietly. Then the mist fell back like a ghostly curtain, and all along the gray-brown line of the docks, there were ships. They stood in the water like tall, stern, immovable captains. The air was filled with a pungent, exotic scent, mixed with the tang of saltwater. The smell spread for miles. In the water of the harbor floated sodden leaves. The dark plants were everywhere, moving with the gentle motion of the water, carpeting its surface. Seaweed? No-tea!

The Boston Tea Party is one of the most famous and widely known events of the Revolutionary War. Many people from the 13 colonies were frustrated by the taxes levied on them by England. The taxes were minimal; however, the colonies were taxed despite the fact they weren't represented in Parliament. Though the taxes were low, the price of tea was high. Angered by the taxation without representation, colonists refused to buy tea.

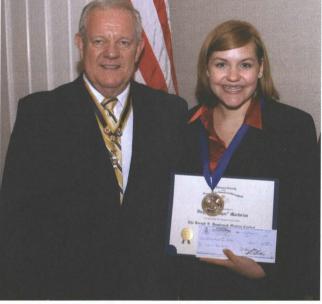
The East India Company was on the verge of bankruptcy after the tea strike dragged on. In a desperate attempt to save it, England lowered the taxes to 3 pence a pound. Some colonists bought

Additional youth essays will appear in upcoming issues of SAR Magazine.

the cheaper tea, but the clamoring for tax removal did not cease. Six years later, England passed the Tea Act. This allowed the East India Company to sell tea directly to the colonists without paying the usual

taxes imposed on the colonial merchants. The company would be able to sell tea for a lower price than the colonial merchants and run them out of business.

The Patriots were furious at this attempt to disguise the taxes under cover of lower prices. So on the night of Dec, 16, 1773, 150 Sons of Liberty, led by Samuel Adams, boarded three ships and threw the cargo of tea into Boston



Virginia "Ginger" Macfarlan of Arkansas was the winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, held during the Congress in Sacramento. She was presented a check by Contest Chairman Larry McKinley. In April, Macfarlan also won second place in the the American Legion National Oration Contest.

Harbor. England demanded payment for the tea. The colonists refused.

All of Boston paid dearly for the Tea Party. Retribution was swift and deadly. England, irate, ruthlessly limited the self-government in Boston, allowed soldiers to be quartered in the citizen's houses and, worst of all, closed Boston Harbor. Ships were Boston's link to the outside world. Ships brought in supplies. With no harbor, there could be no new supplies. No goods for shop-

keepers to sell...no clothing for the cold winter...and no food. Boston was catapulted into an economic famine. For refusing to be a puppet, all of Boston was going to starve. Businesses would close, since no one would have money to buy goods. Mother England had dealt punishment to her rebellious child.

The only thing England didn't expect was a second mutiny. But that is exactly what happened. All of the 13 colonies were outraged. Instead of bowing and cowering before England, they rebelled. From all over America, food was shipped to Boston. Rice from the south, fish from the coastlines, even monetary gifts were sent. The Tea Party sparked revolution in the hearts of the 13 colonies. The colonies could see what their destiny would be under England—total subservience under tyranny and despotism. England's punishment on Boston already displayed this. The colonies banded together with fierce loyalty. They were determined to be England's children no

We think of the Revolutionary War beginning at Lexington and Concord with the famed "shot heard round the world," but in many ways, the fight for American independence began with the Boston Tea Party. America realized that England wanted it in bondage, whether economic bondage or bondage to England's laws. It took brave men like Samuel Adams to let out the first battle cry by dumping tea into Boston Harbor. It was a bold move, but Adams and all the courageous Sons of Liberty knew that suffering through any punishment England gave would be prefer-

able to living their lives in mute obedience.

Even more importantly, the Boston Tea Party prompted the colonies to think of themselves as one united nation. Up until this time, they were 13 independent colonies. They were not "Americans." Those from the prison colonies of Georgia saw themselves as Georgians. The refined, wealthy landowners of Virginia were proud to call themselves Virginians. The peaceful Quakers of Pennsylvania saw themselves as Pennsylvanians. Each individual colony was a matter of pride to its own citizens, and no citizen wanted to be associated with another colony.

England never intended for the colonies to lift their heads, stand to their feet and demand to be seen as a force to be reckoned with. The Boston Tea Party and its repercussions did what nothing else could. It united the 13 colonies that were astronomically different into an entity with a single vision: freedom.

England only meant to intimidate Boston into submission. Instead, they got a rebellion. The Boston Tea Party was a catalyst that set the Revolutionary War into motion. Without it, America might never have come into existence. The desire for liberty bound the colonies during the Revolutionary War. It bound us through the American Revolution. It bound us through the War between the States and two world wars. It bound us through Vietnam and through 9/11. It still bind us today. Because of the foundation set down by the Boston Tea Party, we continue to be 50 United States of America.

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TEXAN JACK KAMRATH HONORED

In August, past President General Bruce Wilcox presented the Distinguished Patriot Award to Jack Kamrath, president of the American Heritage Education Foundation, Inc. The presentation took place at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston. Texas. Although

FALL 2008



Kamrath is not a member of the NSSAR, his foundation has been instrumental in the production of teaching CDs for the promotion of good citizenship.

News stories about state and chapter events shown on page 2). Please note the deadlines below. appearing here and elsewhere in the magazine Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical are prepared from materials submitted through feature articles they would like to write. Each will be a variety of means, including press releases and newsletgiven careful consideration. ters (which should be directed to the Editor at the address

Deadlines: Winter (February) Dec. 15; Spring (May) March 15; Summer (August) June 15; Fall (November) Sept. 15.



Taking part in the wreath-laying ceremony at Jordan Milam's grave were, from left, J. Troy Massey, Lt. Clint Nichols, Lacy Vanderpool, Nicholas Carter, Kenford Carter, Kevin Lindberg, Norman Rowe, Jane Jones, Josiah Moore and Marlene Rowe. The patriot Jordan Milam lived to be more than 100 years old.

ARKANSAS SOCIETY

The Jordan Milam Chapter held its annual awards day in September at the Milam Cemetery, east of Harrison, Ark. Awards included a 25-year membership certificate to state President I. Trov Massey, a Daughter of Liberty Medal to Marlene Rowe and an outstanding history certificate to a student at Harrison High School.

Heroism medals were presented to John Morgan and Josh Godbehere for saving a mother and baby from drowning. Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Outstanding Citizen medals were also presented.

After the medals presentation, the color guard led the group to the grave of Jordan Milam, where J. Troy Massey placed an SAR wreath, and Jane Jones placed a DAR wreath. Judge Rodger Logan led the group in prayer. The color guard consisted of Norman Rowe, Kevin Lindberg, Kenford Carter, Nicholas Carter and Josiah Moore.

Thirty guests joined the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members in attendance.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

In September, the Connecticut Society (pictured below) participated

Society presented 13 **ROTC** Medals to cadets in both North and South Dakota in

2008.

Medal to

Cadet Austin I.

Wilcox at the

Douglas High

Banquet held

May 8 at Box

The Dakota

Elder, S.D.





GEORGIA SOCIETY

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter donated 12 books to the children's department of the Brunswick Public Library. These books are novels set during the Revolutionary War period. Similar gifts are planned for other local libraries in the future. Chapter Vice President Jimmy Boatright presented the books to Richard Johnson and Debbie McKeon, coordinators of the children's program.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY

The Illinois State Fair opened its 156th season on Aug. 7 in Springfield, Ill. The popular Twilight Parade thrilled the thousands of onlookers that lined the parade route leading into the fairgrounds. The ILSSAR Color Guard participated as a marching unit with a fine display of historic flags, muskets and supporting music from drum and flute. This year marked the 23rd year of the Twilight Parade and the second year of ILSSAR's participation. Our color guard was led by Megan Osborne, granddaughter of Esther and Karl Reed. The ILSSAR banner was carried by Wendy Herder, (wife of Franz) and Lori Osborne (daughter of Esther and Karl Reed). Musketeers were Bob Murphy and Bob Dennison. Flag bearers were Jack Firse, 50 star U.S. flag; Richard Moldenhauer, Bunker Hill flag; Franz Herder, NSSAR Flag; Warren White, Betsy Ross flag; Karl Reed, Bennington flag; and Michael J. McMeins, Helm (George Rogers Clark) flag. Dave Ashbrook (in period clothing), ILSSAR President J. Gordon Bidner and John Dyrud also marched with the unit.

Iowa in our unit this year. Merissa Lewiston, playing drums and Kara Helterbran, playing flute, both added another dimension to our guard with their music. This was the second SAR event for Merissa this year. Merissa marched with the IASSAR Color Guard at the Cato Mead plaque dedication in Montrose, Iowa, on Memorial Day. Both girls were in period clothing and attend Central Lee High School, Donnellson, Iowa. The ILSSAR Color Guard is thankful for their participation. As with all good things, there were "invisible" contributors that aided in the success of this year's event. Esther Reed and Lori Osborne provided transportation and refreshments, Joseph Smith provided his collection of historic flags and Bob Collins has taken the task of displaying hundreds of photographs on the ILSSAR Web site for all to enjoy. The pictures may be viewed at the ILSSAR Web site at http://www.sar.org/illsar/; click on photos and navigate to the event. Transportation from Keokuk, Iowa, was provided by Merissa's mother, Christal Lewiston. Merissa's friend Will Coeur also helped with the photography. Finally, Mary Sue Chattfield, director of the Montrose Riverfront, Inc., helped in coordinating Merissa's attendance in the ILSSAR event and provided numerous articles in major Iowa newspapers publicizing IASSAR and ILSSAR events, including the Illinois parade.

The ILSSAR Color Guard also had

the pleasure of including guests from

At the end of the day we were tired and hot from the march, but thankful for the turnout and the pleasant 85degree weather. We agreed that the



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in the 227th anniversary commemora-

Groton Heights (Sept. 6, 1781) at Fort

Groton. Pictured are members of the

Compatriot Jonathan Lincoln. This was

Dakota Society President James R.

Clement presented a Bronze SAR ROTC

the color guard's 12th year participat-

tion ceremonies for the Battle of

Griswold Battlefield State Park in

color guard with park supervisor.

DAKOTA SOCIETY



Various scenes of the ILSSAR Color Guard in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade.



event well served our SAR mission and vowed to meet again next year.

BICENTENNIAL CHAPTER

The American Bicentennial Chapter met (above) on Sept. 21 with the Aaron Miner CAR chapter and the Eli Skinner DAR Chapter to rededicate a Revolutionary War ancestor gravestone. The gravestone of patriot Eli Skinner was tilting and in danger of falling. The three groups combined their resources to have the stone reset so it could stand for another 150 years.

Eli Skinner was born in 1760 in Connecticut. He first enlisted in Massachusetts in 1775 at the age of 14, serving as a fifer. He re-enlisted in 1776. He moved with his family to Elk in 1851. Elk Grove is just northwest of Chicago in Cook County, Ill. He is buried in the same cemetery as Aaron Miner, another Revolutionary War patriot. These two men are the only

known patriots buried in Cook County. Attending the ceremony were 1st Vice President Burton Showers (Minuteman recipient) and CAR Senior President Holly Petersen of the Aaron Miner Chapter. Also in attendance were Mary Helfrich, 1st vice regent of Eli Skinner DAR and SAR members Paul Douglas and Al Berry.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK CHAPTER

On Oct. 11, the George Rogers Clark Chapter (below) commemorated the Revolutionary War service of John Nix of South Carolina with a color guard processional led by Donald E. Campbell and Ronnie Hicks. The ceremony took place in the Nix-Judy Cemetery in Glen Carbon, Ill., which is Grove Township in 1848, where he died named in honor of Nix, who fought in the battles of Orangebury (S.C) and Eutaw Springs (S.C.). He moved to Madison County, Ill., in 1812 and died there in 1822.





INDIANA SOCIETY

INSSAR Color Guard compatriots participated in the veterans salute at the Steve Jeffris annual Caboose Festival on Sept. 20. Participating INSSAR Color Guard compatriots of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter were Steve Oberlin and Stuart Hart as musket escort, with Dennis Lowry and Earl Salisbury managing the flag ceremony. All veterans present were gathered in one spot, with two veterans selected to participate in the flag ceremony. Approximately 500 people witnessed the ceremony.



INSSAR Clarence A. Cook Chapter compatriot Steve Oberlin (State INSSAR VP) discusses the musket at a Cub Scout meeting in September 2008, as compatriots Stuart Hart and Wade Harshman stand ready to discuss the uniforms and flags. Following a question-and-answer session, a musket-firing demonstration was given outside. Afterward, we were informed that the Cub Scouts have never before been more attentive and quiet during a program.

Northern Command Chapter

During the Jay County Historical Festival, Sat. Oct. 4, Jim Shoptaw, Jack Carmichael, Mark and Janet Kreps, Andrew Kreps, A.J. Kreps, Conor Ring and Jean Stamm, The Northern Command of the INSSAR was on stage from 4:30-5:05 p.m. and presented general SAR information, special commemoration of those who served at the Battle of Fort Sackville, Lochry's Defeat, and LeBalme's Massacre; and



Stories of our ancestors of the Revolutionary War were presented.

SPEEDWAY CHAPTER

Compatriot Jim Arnold explained his colonial script and coin collection to American Legion veterans. This followed the annual Speedway, Ind., Festival Parade in which the INSSAR Color Guard participated as the lead color guard. The festivities were held at the Speedway American Legion Post. The INSSAR Color Guard was invited to the parade by the American Legion and parade planners to provide demonstrations during the festival. Marching in the parade carrying the banner (above) are Allison Key and Fran Hicks, daughters of INSSAR Color Guard member compatriot Stuart Hart. Marching compatriots were Stuart Hart, Jim Arnold, Steve Oberlin, and Dennis Lowry and Earl Salisbury.

LOUISIANA SOCIETY

Compatriot Lewis Dale Whipple, a Berlin Airlift veteran and vice president of the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association, was personally invited by Helmut Trotnow, director of the Allied Museum in Berlin, to participate in the 60th anniversary celebration of the



Caption: The grave of Revolutionary War patriot Ionathan Patch was the 11th grave found and dedicated by Rev. Robert Cole, the SAR and members of VFW Post 5744.

Berlin Airlift. The ceremonies were June 26-July 4 in the cities of Berlin, Wiesbaden and Frankfurt, Germany. The event concluded with the dedication of the new U.S. Embassy in Berlin on July 4.

The Berlin Airlift was a joint Allied effort in the late 1940s to keep food, medicine, coal and other vital materials supplied to Berlin when the former Soviet Union cut off all access

to the city. Whipple was a member of the 317th Troop Carrier Wing in Japan when the blockage started. He was ordered to Europe from Japan to participate in the airlift.

He is a longtime member of the Galvez Chapter, which is located in Shreveport, La.

MAINE SOCIETY

When the NSSAR takes part in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 13, it will be a familiar activity to the Maine Society, which participated in 2007 by placing seven wreaths in the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Mount

Members of the color guard that participated (with their current positions indicated) were: state Secretary Adam Bartow, state Treasurer Vincent "Court" Dwyer, state President W. Dayton Salisbury and immediate past president and color guard Commander Charlie McGillicuddy.

Three flags were used and McGillicuddy, who was then state president, conducted the ceremony, which was attended by two veterans.

At the society's September meeting, Wilford E. Barr was presented his 50year membership pin and Edmund

> Branch and Robert C. Bartlett were presented the Bronze Color Guard Award.

Compatriot Rev. Robert Cole has been active in researching, identifying and marking the graves of Revolutionary War patriots. He has a Web site showing some of the burial sites he has found and honored. Currently the Maine Society is transferring his written records onto DVDs to be shared on our Web site. Ronald Rivard, a member of Cole's church, has assisted him in his work.

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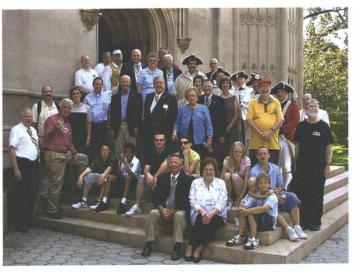
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MARYLAND SOCIETY

The MDSSAR (above) participated in the elaborate closing events of Maryland 400 Battle Week in New York and photos of the wonderful event are now posted at our Web site. Our Empire State hosts, especially Eric Kramer, Wesley Oler and Kim Maier of the Old Stone House, made our trip so pleasant.

The MDSSAR and guests were able to tour the Old Stone House and have catered lunch there. This house is the site of the Battle of Long Island, where the Maryland 400 stood their ground against overwhelming forces. Many died defending this piece of ground to allow their comrades to escape across the river.

The group also participated in the Green-Wood Cemetery memorial and visited the Maryland 400 Monument in Prospect Park, which was erected in 1895.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY

A June ceremony was held at the Lanesborough Center Cemetery to honor and recognize the service of Revolutionary War Patriot Pvt. Joseph Barnes Jr. MASSAR was represented by Dan Ellis Dudley, state vice president, who was in colonial uniform. The New Mexico Society of the SAR (NMSSAR) was represented by John Adam Farris, state treasurer, and his wife, Jo Margaret. John Farris is a direct descendant of Joseph Barnes Jr. on his mother's side.

Paul Boudreau, Lanesborough town administrator, spoke at the ceremony.

The Daughters of the American Revolution was represented by Louise Palmer, the regent of the Peace Party Chapter in Pittsfield.

Roseanne Frieri attended, representing three local veterans organizations.

Joseph Barnes Jr. was born on Long Island, N.Y. on May 2, 1751 and died March 24, 1819 in
Lanesborough. He was married to Sybil Buck and they had six children. John Farris is descended from their son Pitkin. Joseph Jr. was constable of Lanesborough in 1781 and was

a selectman in 1791-92. During the Revolutionary War he served

four times in the Berkshire Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia from August 1775 until August 1777.

John Farris and genealogist Sue Denault have tried unsuccessfully to locate the gravesite of patriot Capt. Joseph Barnes Sr., who was born Dec. 17, 1726 in East Hampton, Long Island, N.Y. and died Feb. 13, 1813, also in Lanesborough. Joseph Sr. was married to Hannah Stowe and they had 10 children.



MISSAR Honor Guard marching at the Fourth of July Parade held in Genessee County, Mich.

MICHIGAN SOCIETY

The summer was kind of quiet for the Michigan society. The MISSAR Color Guard marched in the Fourth of July Parade held at Crossroads Village in Genesee County, Mich. Compatriot Gerald Burkland conducted a grave dedication service in New York state



Cadet First Lt. Shawn Polite of Wayne (Mich.) Memorial High School, with his mother and grandmother, was honored as JROTC Cadet of the Year by VPG E. Lou Hoos.



Gerald Burkland, chairman of the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee, honors his patriot ancestor, Nathan Barlow during the grave dedication service that was conducted in Patriot Barlow's honor.

for one of his patriot ancestors whose grave he located in an abandoned cemetery. The MISSAR Board of Managers held a meeting on Aug. 16, 2008 in Saginaw, Mich. Oaks Chapter held a picnic for its members, while the River Raisin Chapter held its annual outing at a local cemetery.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY



FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE

The New Hampshire societies SAR and CAR celebrated Flag Day June 14, on the Statehouse Lawn. From left: CAR members Erin Jackson, president of the John Stark Society; Julia Kerr, second state CAR vice president; Shannon Joyce, state CAR president; and Benjamin H. Hampton Jr., past president of NHSSAR and state senior CAR president, presided over the ceremony.



Special guests met before the opening ceremony of Military Appreciation Night at Manchester Wolves arena football game June 6. From left, NHSSAR Secretary Patrick Arnold, NHSSAR President Donald P. Hayes Jr., Compatriot Richard Wright portraying Gen. John Stark, New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch and Compatriot Bob Tarbell.

NEW YORK (EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY)

John Krueger, director of the Kent Delord House Museum, addressed the members of the Valcour Battle Chapter during its George Washington's Birthday luncheon. His topic was "Dr. Jonathan Potts and the American Revolution in Upstate New York."

Also, Compatriot Stanley A. Ranson, the chapter's vice president and former president of the Huntington-Long Island Chapter, was presented his 40-year membership pin.

Bronx Chapter

The SAR Air Force JROTC Award

was presented to Dewitt Clinton High School Cadet Mauricio Fuentes at his school's annual



awards ceremony in May. In attendance were Cadet Fuentes's family and friends.

OHIO SOCIETY

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CINCINNATI CHAPTER

On June 21, Compatriot Paul Wilke gave an inspiring presentation at the DAR Flag Day Luncheon titled "Flags of Our Country." The Retirement of Colors was by the chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard.

The chapter was surprised with an award before the start of the Montgomery Fourth of July Parade. The chapter led the parade, followed by the Town Crier. There were three CAR members in the parade—Johnna Simmons, and Monica and Anastasia Prell.

On July 12, the chapter took part in Montgomery's Bastille Day Celebration and on Aug. 4 the color guard took

part in Purple Heart Day (below) in Cincinnati's Fountain Square.



WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY

Melody Sawyer Richardson and James C.Rees shared WRSSAR's George Washington's Birthday Celebration with us.

The guest speaker for our George Washington's birthday celebration was James C. Rees. Rees was introduced to us by our Martha Washington Medal recipient, Melody Sawyer Richardson. The gathering of 204 guests listened intently as Rees explained the background of the restoration of Mount Vernon. Rees has been the executive director of Historic Mount Vernon, the nation's most popular historic home since 1994. Under his leadership, Mount Vernon has completed a \$116 million capital campaign, constructed a new orientation and education center, restored and reopened Geore Washington's historic gristmill and distillery, and created a new exhibition area dedicated to Washington as a pioneer farmer.

Richardson was awarded the Martha Washington Medal for her untiring work and devotion to the restoration of Mount Vernon. She is the 11th Vice Regent for Ohio, and a member of the executive committee of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, which owns George Washington's home.

The WRSSAR was honored that these two distinguished public servants graciously agreed to come to

Cleveland and shared their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about Mount Vernon and the study of American history.

On Veteran's Day, Cadet Christian Webb of Shaw High School offered his thoughts on the holiday at the chapter's meeting. Officers from all three local high schools were present. The Delaware Society
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War Service Medal (Vietnam) Patriot Medal

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The Washington Crossing Chapter (PASSAR) was well represented at the Memorial Day ceremony at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Dignitaries included Compatriots Doug Obeirrit and Ed Greenawald. Flags were placed on 23 graves of the unknown soldiers from the Battle of Trenton in 1776. Retired Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig was the keynote speaker. Pictured from left: John Kent, Doug Obeirrit, Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig (retired), Harry Hinkel and Ed Greenawald.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

Wayne Harold Sandt, right, president of the Valley Forge Chapter, was recently honored with the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Award, which was presented at the annual meeting by PASSAR President James L. Garthwaite, and Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Paul C. Metzger.

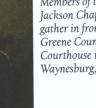
Compatriot Sandt's son, Todd Harold Sandt, of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter, won the same award, representing the state of Alabama.

It is unusual for a father and son to win the same award the same year as the NSSAR approves only two applications per state annually.



Members of the Fort Jackson Chapter of SAR gather in front of the Greene County Courthouse in Waynesburg, Penn.







RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY

Rhode Island Chapter Sons of the American Revolution will be honoring CW3 Shawn Raymond Benjamin with its first Rhode Island Memorial Patriot membership at its Dec. 5 holiday meeting, celebrating his life and contributions to America's freedom. Also receiving their new memberships will be his brothers, Scott and Stephen.

Warrant Officer Shawn R. Benjamin, born April 8, 1975, a soldier of the 1st Aviation Brigade at Ft. Rucker, Ala., was fatally injured during a Level 3 Combative training while on duty at Fort Benning, Ga. He died Feb. 18,

Benjamin joined the service in September 1993.

His deployments encompass Afghanistan from July-December 2002, and Iraq from Sept. 2003-April 2004.

His awards consist of Air Medal (two awards), Army Commendation Medals (four awards), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Expert Infantrymen Badge, Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and German Parachutist Badge.

Benjamin's fellow service members at Fort Rucker shared their thoughts to the press and to his family. Maj. Natalee Birdsell, company commander, said, "Shawn was a humble aviator who always wanted to learn, wanted to be better and even if he was the best at something, he wanted to be an even better best. Before he was an aviator, he was an infantry soldier, a ranger,

all times. He knew what the ground

every way possible."

Lee Muckleroy, Benjamin's unit commander, remembered at the press conference, "I think Shawn had the most beautiful smile, 'the classic Shawn Benjamin smile,' and his outstanding attributes as an aviator, soldier, officer, and an exceptional mentor, leader, father to his daughters, husband to Jennifer, and friend to all of us. Shawn was one of the brightest lights I've seen in my Army career. There was not a better friend to anyone than Shawn Benjamin. He personally trained or helped train 1,250 aircrew members."

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we did as aviators supported them in

Shawn is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Nora and Mia; his parents, Raymond and Bonnie; and his brothers.



Rhode Island State Society Secretary John W. Adams presents to past State Society President Robert H. Midwood a certificate to commemorate his 40 years of membership in the State



RISSCAR Senior State President William M. Weave and Barbara Weaver, RIDAR State Regent and Senior Society President, Colonel Samuel Ward Society, NSCAR, affix the 2008 Activities Award Ribbon to the Rhode Island Society's SAR Flag. The ribbon was awarded by the NSSAR to the state society which has documented its work with the Children of the American Revolution over the past year.

and he carried these skills with him at TENNESSEE SOCIETY

Fire Safety Commendation Medals were presented at the September meeting of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter in Cleveland, Tenn. Recipients are Deputy Chief Steve Haun of the Cleveland Fire Department, Commander Stever Keasler of the Bradley County Fire and Rescue, and James Stone of the Chattanooga Fire Department.

Haun has been with the Cleveland Fire Department since 1981 and is a proactive leader in public safety to the community and state. He has many varied accomplishments in his career, while being promoted to lieutenant in 1995, to captain in 2007 and to deputy chief of the department in January.

Keasler is one of the top-producing volunteers in the department, and has been in the volunteer force for more than 30 years. As commander at the Chatata Valley Station, he is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He has shown continous dedication, integrity and valor through many incidents. He is truly a great asset to Bradley County and is one of the county's finest citizens.

Stone has been with the Chattanooga Fire Department for 22 years, following a family tradition. His father is a retired captain with 36 years with this fire department, his greatuncle served 26 years there, and a younger brother is also serving there. Stone started his career as an emergency medical technician (EMT). Among his many accomplishments, one stands out. On his way to a meeting while serving with the Tennessee Air National Guard he witnessed a headon collision, with one of the drivers severely injured. Stone took charge and with his EMT training was able to stop the bleeding and save the man's life. Stone is now the captain at Station No. 20.

It might be noted that this award was a complete surprise to Stone. He is also a member, and the treasurer of the chapter. It was all arranged through his wife, Rebecca. When his name was called out, she also entered the room with six members of his family. His expression was priceless.

Col. Benjamin Cleveland CHAPTER

The chapter presented the Heroism Medal to Angela Sherlin and Bradley County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Marlow.

They each received a Heroism Medal from the chapter for saving the life of Sherlin's father when the car that he was working under fell on him. Sherlin found superhuman strength

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FLORIDA SOCIETY

President, Senior Vice President; Regional Vice President; Chairman of numerous state committees; Initiated placement of the State of Florida Historical Marker; Initiated the use of FSCAR. members as Aides for FLSSAR Annual Meeting; author of historical articles published in Florida Patriot Magazine.

AWARDS

Patriot Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Award with three oak leaf clusters, State Color Guard Medal, Eagle Scout Award with silver palm leaf, Certificates of Appreciation from SAR, DAR and CAR

PERSONAL

Married to Billie S. Brock (DAR); Son, Lindsey Cook Brock, III (SAR); daughterin-law, Carol S. Brock; (DAR); Grandchildren, Connor & Caitlin (CAR); 34 years with CSX Railroad, sales and marketing; Short Line Rail, sales and abandonment, legal, transportation, and finance departments; Eastern Kentucky University graduate, B.S. in business administration with a minor in economics; College of Advanced Traffic - M.A.; served in the U.S. Air Force. Mail letters of endorsement to: PPG Bruce A. Wilcox, Chairman; 1103 Belle Vista Drive; Alexandria, VA; 22307-2014; Email: baw58@aol.com

The PASSAR officers for 2008-2009 include, from left: Third Vice

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(adrenalin rush) and picked up the car to get pressure off his neck until he was finally pulled out. When Marlow arrived, Mr. Sherlin wasn't showing any signs of life. Marlow performed CPR and kept him alive long enough for paramedics to arrive and take over.

Mr. Sherlin was present at the meeting to see his daughter receive her award. It was also noted that Marlow had recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.

ATHENS CHAPTER

At a recent meeting, former Henderson County Judge and past Athens Mayor Tommy Smith was awarded the chapter's annual SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. This award was authorized in 1895 and recognizes people whose achievements have been noteworthy in their community.



From left is SAR Athens Chapter Vice President Iim Robertson, Immediate Past President Charles Luna, and honoree Smith.

EARLY NC MILITARY LAND GRANTS IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The first warrants for land in payment for their service during the Revolution were issued to three officers, two non-commissioned officers and five enlisted men of the North Carolina Continental Line on October 14, 1783. The number of warrants issued to acquire a land grant in the North Carolina Military Reservation surrounding present day Nashville reached 3,300 by the end of 1785. Captain William Lytle who served in



From left are honoree McClain, SAR Athens Chapter Vice President Jim Robertson, and SAR Texas Society President Harry M. Fife, Jr.



The annual Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate was awarded to Chief Rodney Douglas McClain of the Tool Volunteer Fire Department. This Athens Chapter award is presented in recognition of accomplishments and outstanding contributions to protect life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fires.



From left, Fount Smothers, Robert Nash, Bill Ledbetter, Bill Patterson, Charles de Leusomme, and Dick Spencer. Ledbetter and Patterson are direct descendants of Captain William Lytle. TNSSAR owns and maintains the Lytle Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

the 1st North Carolina Regiment received the fourth warrant issued. His brother Archibald, received the first warrant.

On October 14, 2008, two descendants of Captain Lytle and four other members of the

TNSSAR met to lay a wreath at Captain Lytle's grave in the Lytle Cemetery near downtown Murfreesboro to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the award of his warrant. He converted his warrant into a grant for 3,840 acres of land in present day Rutherford County on September 15, 1787.

By 1797, one year after Tennessee became a state, over 3,300 grants for specific parcels of land, which ranged from 228 acres to 12,000 acres, had been issued in the North Carolina Military Reservation encompassing the northern half of Middle Tennessee. Submitted by Robert Nash

TEXAS SOCIETY

MAJOR K.M. VANZANDT CHAPTER

Compatriot James Alderman attended the Lone Star Squadron's annual awards banquet to present the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Justin Gifford for his outstanding performance as a Naval Sea Cadet. Gifford is a senior at Cedar Hill High School, where he is an honor stu-

VIRGINIA SOCIETY

WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER

On Flag Day, June 14, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation conducted an inaugural Flag Day naturalization ceremony. During the ceremony, 97 new American Citizens were sworn in. The Williamsburg Chapter was among the various groups that participated in the ceremony. Compatriots taking part included chapter President Fred Satterwhite, Jim Henry, Charles Fagan, Tom Morr, Collver Linn, Clayton Rowland, Roger Strange and Henry Kelley.

WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY

President General David Nels Appleby of Missouri served as parade marshal for the annual Battle Days parade at Point Pleasant, W.Va., on Oct. 4. The annual three-day observance of the first battle of the Revolutionary War drew representatives from 11 state societies. A joint SAR color guard, led by National Color Guard Commander Larry Perkins of Ohio and National Color Guard Adjutant Mike Tomme of Georgia acted as official escorts.

ABRAHAM DUFFIELD HONORED

Abraham Duffield was born on Sept. 26, 1763 in Fauquier County, Va., to Robert and Isabella Duffield (Robert later rendered patriotic service in Augusta County, Va.).

His family moved to New Found Creek (Bull Pasture River) in Augusta County, Va. shortly after his birth.

Duffield enlisted in the second battalion of the Augusta County cavalry militia under Capt. Peter Hull in 1779. He was listed on the muster roll as being only 16. Duffield's unit was sent to the frontier to fight Indians. The

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unit was recalled to Staunton, Va. in early June 1781. Word had been received that Lord Cornwallis was on the march and was headed toward Charlottesville, Va. British troops under command of Gen. Banastre Tarleton then attacked Charlottesville and captured some members of the Virginia Legislature. Thomas Jefferson escaped the British and fled to Staunton. Duffield's company was one of the units ordered to guard the passes between Charlottesville and Staunton to ward off Tarleton. When Tarleton and Cornwallis retreated toward Yorktown, Duffield's cavalry company joined with Gen. Lafayette and followed. Duffield was at Yorktown, Va. for Lord Cornwallis' surrender. He then returned home to Augusta County and settled in the Bull Pasture River area. He re-enlisted in the Greenbrier County, Va. cavalry militia commanded by Hull in March 1782 and was sent to protect Halton's fort in Monongalia County until he was mustered out in September 1782. 1794 found him on the militia muster roll commanded by Capt. Robert McCoy in Pendleton County.

He married Hannah Moore, a daughter of Moses Moore, on Feb. 13, 1799, in Warm Springs, Bath County, Va.



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Please send letters of endorsement (before 31 Dec 2008) to P.G. Bruce A. Wilcox, Chairman **NSSAR Nominating Committee** 1103 Belle Vista Drive Alexandria, VA 22307-2014



Members of the Duffield family and the West Virginia Society conduct a special ceremony at the grave of Abraham Duffield, who died in 1842 in what is now West Virginia.

Moses Moore was a soldier at the Point Pleasant battle during the Lord Dunsmore War in 1774 and later was with George Rogers Clark during the battles for St. Louis and Cahokia, Ill. in 1780.

Duffield moved his family in 1800 to the part of Kanawha County that is now Nicholas County. He lived there until December 1835, when he moved to Pocahontas County, W. Va.

Duffield died Nov. 13, 1842 in Pocahontas County and is buried in the Duffield Cemetery on Jericho Road.

Note of interest for all West Virginians: Abraham Duffield's son, John R. Duffield, owned a grist mill in Pocahontas County, W. Va. The mill was dismantled by the state in 1956 and moved to Babcock State Park, where it is now known as the Glade Springs Mill.

WISCONSIN SOCIETY

In conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Wisconsin Society was able to get the new bridge north out of Madison dedicated to the veterans of the Revolutionary War buried in Wisconsin.

Thus far, 41 have been marked and verified and another 20 are being checked and verified.

With the dedication, millions are expected to pick up brochures from the two rest areas bordering the bridge, and a campaign is under way to raise funds to list the names of the patriots.

Wisconsin Society President Russ Buhr; state Historian David Dean; and Rod T. Minter, president of the Capt. Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter, joined with DAR State Regent Julie Stuhlmacher for the signing with Gov. Jim Doyle.

American Revolution Center names Bruce Cole president and CEO

The American Revolution Center (ARC) has announced that Dr. Bruce Cole, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will join the organization as president and CEO effective in January 2009. Under Cole's leadership, ARC will become a national and international museum and education center in Valley Forge for the study of the American Revolution, and the enduring principles of democracy upon which our nation was founded.

The museum and education center will provide on-site and distance learning opportunities to bring the history of the American Revolution alive for people of all ages worldwide.

Cole has spent his notable career in the fields of education and public service. Appointed chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities by President George W. Bush, Cole was confirmed by the Senate in December 2001 and reconfirmed in 2005 for a second term. Cole is the longest serving chairman of the NEH. During his time at the agency, Cole launched We the People, a program to encourage the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture, and the Picturing America initiative, which brings great American art to schools and public libraries nationwide, to help our citizens trace America's national story.

Prior to leading the NEH, Cole was Distinguished Professor of Art History and Professor of Comparative Literature at Indiana University.

In memoriam

Bernard Oddo (April 11, 1921- May 4, 2008)

The Sons of the American Revolution in France were saddened by the death of beloved vice-president Bernard
Oddo, whose devotion, energy and character have contributed to the growth of our chapter over the past decade.
His experience and talent as a business leader benefited our society.

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Oddo, whose family had four generations of brokers in Marseilles, first made his mark in Paris under the wing of the brother of French artist Jean Cocteau. Having proven his worth, he was offered a choice of financial institutions to acquire and manage. He chose a small firm on the verge of failure and turned it into the well-known Oddo et Cie, the last independent stockbroker in France.

He had the satisfaction of seeing his son, Philippe, take over the company, and he loved to recount how during the early days especially, the support of his wife was precious. Oddo willingly shared the secret of his success. He was the only stockbroker to invite his employees to become shareholders, which allowed the bulk of the profits to remain in the company, anticipating equity regulations that arrived 15 years later.

He wrote a small book, Quelque Pages à Ouvrir (A Few Pages to Open), in which he wrote of the family that preceded him. His ancestors included, notably, Mériadec Ruffo de Bonneval, Cincinnatus of the American War of Independence, and later major general in the Navy, of whom he was proud and in whose memory he joined our society in 1987. Following the example of his ancestor within Ordre de Saint-Louis, he was admitted to the Legion of Honor.

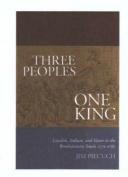
In 1999, after we lost the Secretary General, Oddo accepted this difficult function. He brought to it all the resources of his heart and his intelligence.

Books for your consideration

Three Peoples, One King: Loyalists, Indians, and Slaves in the Revolutionary South, 1775-1782 explores the contributions and conjoined fates of Loyalists, Indians and slaves who stood with the

British in the Deep South colonies during the American Revolution.

Challenging the traditional view that British efforts to regain control of the Southern colonies were undermined by a lack of local support, author Jim Piecuch demonstrates the bredth of loyal assistance provided by these three groups in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida



Piecuch attributed the ultimate failure of the Crown's southern campaign to the ruthless program of violent suppression of Loyalist forces carried out by the revolutionaries and to Britain's inability to capitalize fully on the support available. In the process of revisiting some cherished opinions respecting the Revolution, Piecuch provides a compelling alternative to long-held notions of heroism and villainy in America's war for independence.

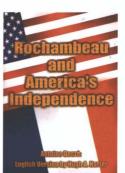
Piecuch systematically surveys the roles of these three groups across the southernmost colonies to illustrate the investments each had in allying with the British, their interconnected efforts on behalf of their king and the high price they paid for their loyalty during and after the war.

Three Peoples, One King is published by the University of South Carolina. The 472-page cloth-covered book retails for \$39.95 (ISBN 978-1-57003-737-5).

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Rochambeau and America's Independence by Antoine Decré is translated in English by Compatriot Hugh A. Harter, a member of the New Hampshire Society.

As expressed in other features in this issue, it was due to the powerful cooperation of France that



America was finally able to end Britain's domination and bring liberty to what was to become the greatest power in the world.

The alliance was so strong that on Oct. 19, 1781, the English general representing Lord Cornwallis mistakenly offered his general's sword—as a token of capitulation—to Gen. Rochambeau, who had gallantly worked hand in hand with George Washington in defeating the

British. Rochambeau indicated that the sword was to be presented to Washington, and not him.

The 127-page paperback is available from AuthorHouse (ISBN 1-4208-6825-X)

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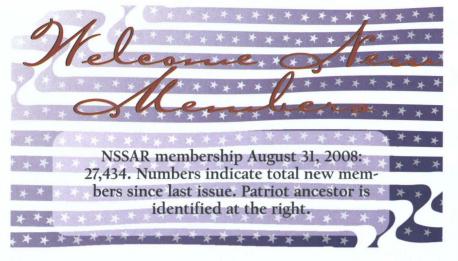
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- ☆ Saramana Chapter, Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets noon second Friday, except July & August. Call (941) 966-0493. Questions: Vic McMurray at vicmc4@verison.net
- ☆ Wilthlocoochee Chapter, lunch meetings II a.m. second Saturday monthly except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

CEORCIA

- ☆ Capt. John Collins Chapter, Marietta, meets at 6:15 p.m. on the third Tuesday, Spaghetti Warehouse, 2475 Delk Road, Marrietta. Call Bill Coffeen at (770) 419-2549.
- À 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., March, July, Sept.

and Nov. Information and registration: (847) 256-0233.

NERRASK

☆ 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.

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☆ Signers Chapter, Las Vegas, 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!

OIHC

☆ 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.

PENNSYLVANIA

☆ Erie Chapter, meeting, noon luncheons, third Saturday of Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.; Eagle Hotel Restaurant, Route 19, Waterford, Penn., information, contact Lance Barclay at (814) 864-1755

☆ Gen. Arthur St. Clair Chapter, noon luncheon program, third Saturday, Mountain View Inn, Greensburg (different location March, April), ladies welcome, contact SAReaglel@aol.com or (412) 897-3405. ☆ Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July and August. Gregory J. Shively, Secretary, 1006 Chelsea Rd.,

Absecon, N.J.; (609) 569-1226.

TENNESSE

☆ Kings Mountain Chapter, 6 p.m. dinner meeting, third Thursday except January, House of Ribs, 3100 Kingsport Hwy., Johnson City. 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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