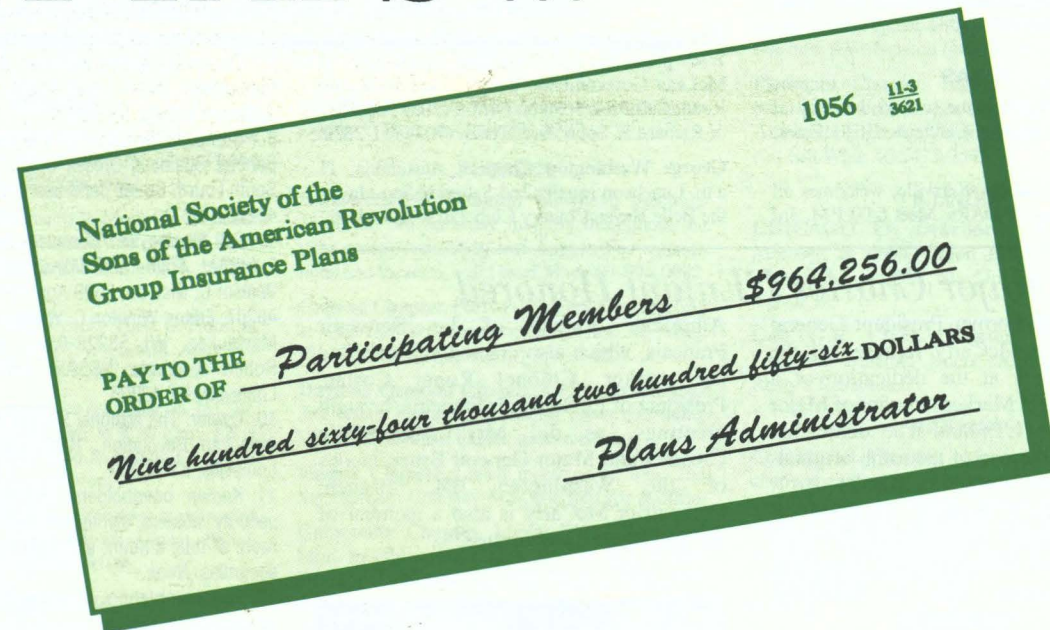


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The President General's Message

Dear Compatriots and Friends:

1995 was a year of wonderful travel experiences for Elizabeth and me, first in my role as Secretary General, and as of June, as President General. To all of you Compatriots and your ladies who have welcomed us into your Chapters and Societies with such warmth and thoughtfulness, we are deeply grateful.

Since the last issue of *The SAR Magazine*, our journeys have included:

- Beautiful, historic Sturbridge, Massachusetts.
- Participation in the joyous, memorable first Gala of the new First New York Continental Chapter at the Yale Club in Manhattan.
- The wonderfully planned California meeting at the fabulous Mission Inn in Riverside.
- The friendly, welcoming Colorado Society in the Mile High City.
- The Arizona Society in warm and wonderful Phoenix.
- The fascinating Santa Fe and Albuquerque meetings in the properly named Land of Enchantment.
- The lovely traditional Potowmack Debutante Ball in Washington, DC.
- The gracious, fun Patriots' Ball in Maryland.
- And the festive, lively Annual Delaware Constitution Dinner in Wilmington.

What generosity and hospitality you have bestowed on us! Thank you. We know that 1996 promises more exciting and rewarding trips!

Now as we are approaching the end of the NSSAR fiscal year on March 31, 1996, the National Membership Retention and Reinstatement Committee reminds Chapters and State Societies that this is the period where concentration should be placed first on building the list of possible drops for this fiscal year. Next, we must follow up with personal contact to ensure that each Compatriot is encouraged to retain his membership in our important Society. Annually paying our dues reinforces our gratitude to our Patriot Ancestors who created this Nation.

The funds generated by the Christmas Card Program, which were more than double the expected amount, will help spread the word about SAR. The Christmas Card revenues are directly funding our advertising and public relations program. And, if you donated to this important program, you can take personal pride when you see our advertisements in *The DAR Magazine*, *The Genealogist Helper*, *The American History Magazine* and others. You made it happen. Thank you! In the future, with possible changes in the card design and quality, this program can be more fruitful in helping us carry out important underfunded projects.

In addition to our interest in creating more funds through the Christmas Card Program, we are busy generating financial support with both the George Washington Fund and the new Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic and Educational Foundation. FPG Robert B. Vance, Chairman of this important Foundation, and its members have worked tirelessly to bring this Foundation to fruition. Special thanks to Ross Arnold, an SAR attorney from Atlanta, who as a key member of this Foundation, has provided legal expertise from the inception.

The George Washington Fund, which is essentially the "United Appeal Fund" of the SAR, needs your help in funding the actions of National Committees as well as special projects. The \$17 National dues cover all the expenses of conducting NSSAR business, our National Headquarters Building and the Staff, as well as a yearly subscription to *The SAR Magazine*. This, however, leaves very little money to carry out needed National programs. By becoming a George Washington Fellow or Patriot, you join a group of Compatriots who realize that our programs are important enough to warrant their financial support. This Spring, the George Washington Board is initiating a recruitment campaign. Particularly at the 106th Congress in San Antonio in June, the Board will actively solicit a larger number of George Washington Fellows and Patriots.



Part of the success SAR has enjoyed through the years, and is currently enjoying, is due to the labors of ladies who support our goals and share our commitment. We are indebted to NSDAR President General Kemper for running a full color photo of the two of us in the November 1995 issue of *The DAR Magazine*, emphasizing the friendship between SAR and DAR. Furthermore, we appreciate the cooperative effort between SAR and DAR to staff genealogical workshops throughout the nation.

As President General, I would publicly like to thank my wife, Elizabeth, for her complete devotion to the task of being First Lady of NSSAR 1995-96. To date, she has only missed accompanying me on one trip. This is a remarkable record. Her cheerful nature is a blessing to all she meets.

Compatriots, the National Society continues to progress and prosper. As we enter the 21st century, the third in which SAR has participated, our historical, patriotic and educational programs will increasingly enrich American life.

Sincerely,

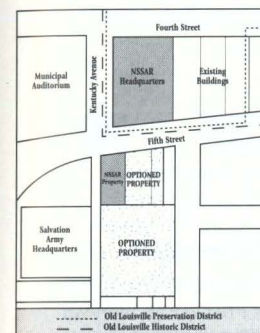
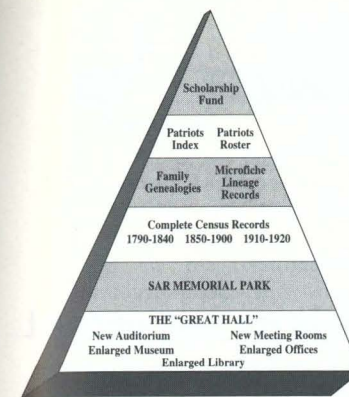
William C. Gist, Jr.
William C. Gist, Jr.
President General



When the PG and his wife visited the Washington Society in September to mark its Centennial, they toured the Space Needle in Seattle.



The fabled Brooklyn Bridge was included in a tour of the New York City area when PG and Mrs. Gist attended the gala Inaugural Dinner of the 1st New York Continental Chapter in late October.



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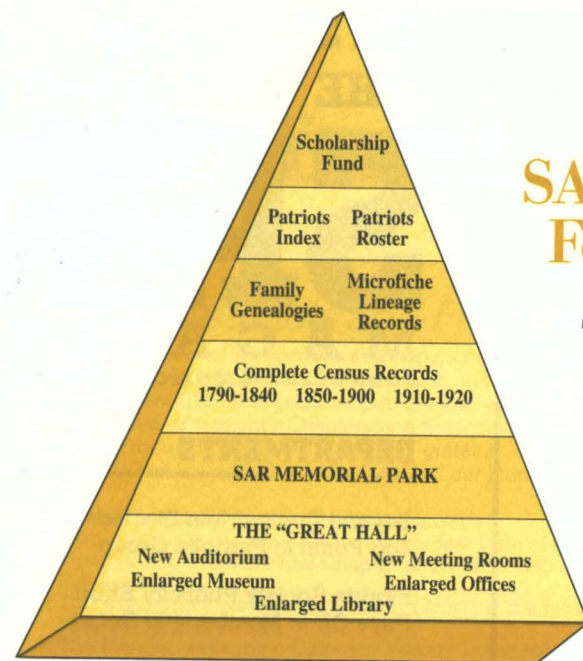
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SAR Patriotic And Educational Foundation Approved By IRS

This recent development is an important step in fulfilling the "New Dimensions For The SAR" program emblazoned on the pyramid of proposed projects!

The Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic and Educational Foundation, Inc. has been approved by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a charitable, tax-exempt organization, according to an announcement by Former President General Robert B. Vance. He is serving as Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Details of the determination are contained within a reproduction of the official IRS letter accompanying this news story.

Establishment of the Foundation was overwhelmingly approved by the National Trustees of our Society during their March 4, 1995 meeting in Louisville. This action was followed by incorporation of the new entity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Next came the application to the IRS seeking tax-exempt status.

National Society Major Benefactor

"Funds raised, administered and disbursed by the Foundation will be for the major benefit of the National Society," emphasizes FPG Vance. "The funds will be used primarily for capital improvements and will also be employed to finance an array of programs important in carrying out the patriotic and educational objectives of our great Society - such as a Scholarship Trust Fund, Patriots Roster and other projects described in this overall article. We are now prepared to accept a wide array of contributions that include cash, real and personal property, charitable remainder trusts, property through planned giving and varied other possibilities."

At the appropriate time when Foundation assets are of sufficient amounts, a professional fund raiser will be consulted.

Multi-Million-Dollar Program

The Foundation is the outgrowth of the dynamic, multi-million-dollar proposal developed under Compatriot Vance's leadership during his 1993-94 term of office as President General. It was based on our Society's needs as he envisioned them in light of many years of service at the national level that saw him in the posts of Secretary General, Treasurer General and Vice-President General - as well as the Chairman and/or a member of several key Committees.

He first unveiled the proposal at the September 25th, 1993 Meeting of the National Trustees. It was enthusiastically received by attendees. The program had already been voted upon and unanimously endorsed by the Executive Committee and the Vice-Presidents General when they met on September 24th. Prepared by PG Vance, it was the culmination of a great deal of input from prominent Compatriots also familiar with the needs for future growth of the National Society.

In an article in *The SAR Magazine* that was published following these meetings, PG Vance pointed out that holdings of the Museum and Library had grown substantially since the move of Headquarters was made to Louisville from the Washington, DC area in 1979. "Compared to what we possess today," he said at the time, "the books and artifacts that came over then were relatively miniscule in volume. We are now beginning to bulge at the seams and badly need more space. And this does not take into consideration the fact that our staff is four times larger than it was in Washington."

The situation has certainly not improved.

Wide Range Of Components

As the proposal continued to evolve, its details were reported as the cover story in the Winter 1994 Issue of the magazine entitled "New Dimensions For The SAR!" A pyramid design was created to depict its major components. The story also highlighted estimated costs - a total of some \$13 million. The pyramid has since become a symbol that identifies the proposal's projects. By scanning its reproduction accompanying this story, Compatriots will readily see what the future holds for the National Society as funds become available through the new Foundation, as briefly described here.



SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

At any one time up to four sons or grand sons would receive college-level financial assistance over a period of four years from the earnings of an endowment trust fund. **Estimated cost: \$1,000,000.**



PATRIOTS INDEX

Over 145,000 Membership Applications are contained in bound volumes at the Society's National Headquarters, with each containing a wealth of valuable genealogical research data. Plans call for publishing this information relative to each Patriot Ancestor that members have traced to, without duplication. **Estimated cost: \$79,000.**



PATRIOTS ROSTER

There is no single repository of the names and records of all the men and women who with unflinching loyalty served the cause of American Independence - not even in the National Archives in Washington, DC. This would be a monumental project necessitating extensive research on the part of State Societies and a paid employee at National Headquarters. The ultimate objective could be to publish a book featuring research findings. A great deal of the cost would be entailed in the purchase of an assortment of the records of Patriots. **Estimated cost: \$95,000.**



FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Over the years the Library has been building a collection of family genealogies for use in research by our members and by men seeking to join our ranks. Those to be acquired total a few thousand, ranging from bound books to those utilizing a computer. **Estimated cost: \$44,000.**



MICROFICHE LINEAGE RECORDS

All of our original Membership Applications are bound in book form and stored in a humidity- and temperature-controlled vault at National Headquarters. A program is needed to transfer application data to microfiche for standby storage and for use by the staff. **Estimated cost: \$180,000.**

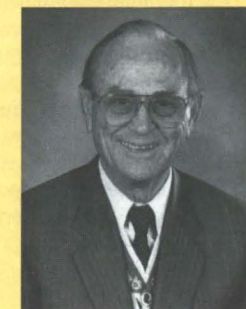


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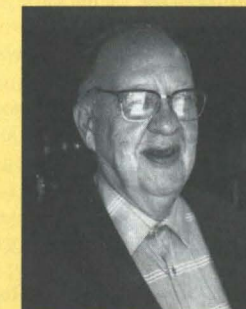
Census records are a vital genealogical research tool. Since our Library is rapidly becoming a major research facility, plans call for completing our census records for 1790-1840. Those from 1850-1900 are far from complete, but contain information that most researchers are seeking; they, too, are needed. It is also important that those for 1910-1920 be acquired. A large amount of the total cost involves obtaining Soundex records. **Estimated cost: \$462,000.**

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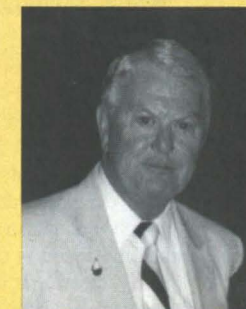
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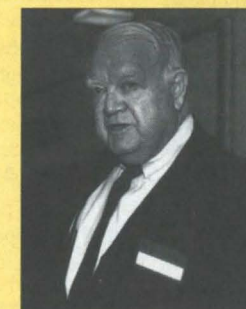
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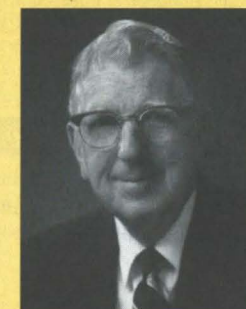
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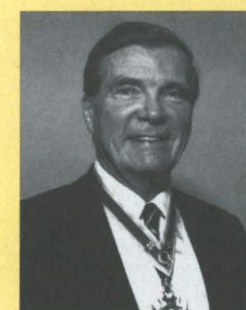
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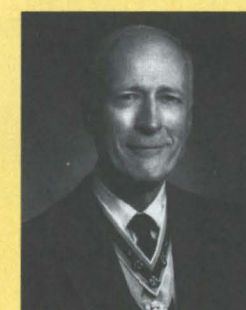
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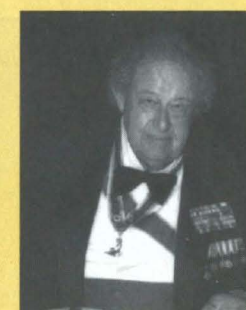
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Compatriot Yarbrough: VPG Western District, President Yarbrough Enterprises (real estate development, oil and gas exploration, banking), HISSAR.



SAR MEMORIAL PARK

Ever since the National Society moved Headquarters to Louisville in 1979, its presence in the community has grown steadily and beneficially. Plans call for making that presence even more significant – and at the same time honor our Revolutionary War Heritage – through the construction of a Memorial Park. Envisioned is the purchase of suitable property, clearing it of any existing structures and creating an area with a statue of George Washington at one end and a monument dedicated to the U.S. Constitution at the other. The park would also boast handsome landscaping and paved walkways. **Estimated cost: \$1,100,000.**



THE "GREAT HALL"

Since our Society transferred to Louisville, membership has grown, the

Museum has greatly expanded, the Library's collections have exploded and the staff has quadrupled. To relieve these pressures – and at the same time plan for future requirements – the construction of a "Great Hall" is envisioned. It would be used for a multiplicity of purposes, including added Museum and Library space, meeting areas, an auditorium to seat 1,500 people and a service area with such amenities as a caterer's room, rest rooms and cloak room. Included is the possibility of acquiring additional property. **Estimated cost: \$10,000,000.**

Role Of The Magazine

The proposal calls for the inclusion of two pages in each issue of The SAR Magazine devoted to Committee activities, with funds being allocated for that purpose. In this way all Compatriots will be fully informed about this important aspect of our Society. Highlighted will be the purposes of Committees and accounts of their accomplishments.

Attaining The Vision

Former president General Vance stresses that the proposal is the embarcation point for

an exciting future for the Sons of the American Revolution.

The remarks he made to the National Trustees when the program was first unveiled still hold true today:

"To ensure that we will continue to be a viable organization, we must move now to begin providing for what will be needed in the years ahead. I am calling upon all Compatriots to participate in a way that is most meaningful to each individual. This can range from contributions of artifacts to the Museum or census records for the Library to monetary donations for the general funding of our proposal or a special project – such as construction of the Memorial Park, the acquisition of land upon which to build added facilities, or the equipping of the auditorium. And, of course, everyone will be suitably recognized for their generosity!"

IRS Letter Declares Foundation To Be Tax-Exempt

(Note: Below is a typeset reproduction of the original letter)

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
31 HOPKINS PLAZA
BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Date: November 29, 1995

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
PATRIOTIC AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.
C/O ROBERT B. VANCE
5136 POWERS FERRY ROAD
P.O. BOX 420948
ATLANTA, GA 30342

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Employer Identification Number: 58-2169935
Case Number: 525311053
Contact Person: Marc Kennedy
Contact Telephone Number: (410)962-9423

Accounting Period Ending: June 30
Foundation Status Classification: 509(a)(1)
Advance Ruling Period Begins: March 23, 1995
Advance Ruling Period Ends: June 30, 1999
Addendum Applies: Yes

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If you are required to file a return you must file it by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. We charge a penalty of \$10 a day when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty we charge cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. We may also charge this penalty if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

District Director

Gifts To Foundation May Take Varied Forms

By H. Ross Arnold, Member Foundation Board of Trustees

The tax laws encourage you to make gifts to charitable organizations, such as the SAR Patriotic and Educational Foundation, during your lifetime as well as under your will. Through a gift of appreciated assets, you realize savings on capital gains taxes and may even gain current income. There are several means of achieving these goals, and there is tremendous flexibility available in planning.

While unrestricted gifts and bequests will be most helpful to the Foundation because they enable the Foundation and the Society to meet changing needs, many SARs will be pleased to discover that they can contribute to the future of the Society while providing fully for loved ones. This article discusses simple giving and how you may make gifts without diminishing your cash flow or financial security.

We invite you to discuss with us the specifics of your situation and which giving opportunities will best meet your current and long-term goals. You should also consult your attorney or other tax advisor as to which of these options is best for you.

Bequests By Will Or Codicil

It is important for you to have a will. Often people are surprised to learn what

would happen to their property if they died without a will. (In the District of Columbia, for example, a spouse would inherit one-third of the estate, while children would inherit two-thirds; if there are no surviving children, a spouse would inherit one-half and parents, or siblings, if parents are deceased, would inherit one-half of the estate. This is not uncommon.)

You may make a tax-free bequest to the Foundation in your will, either as a stated dollar amount, as a percentage of your estate, or by giving a specific asset. Not only does a bequest to the Foundation serve as a memorial, it also enables the National Society to continue programs while meeting its ever-changing needs. Any of the options described in this article for lifetime gifts, including the charitable remainder trust and the charitable lead trust, also may be used for bequests under your will. Such bequests may reduce the estate tax due on your estate, yet may allow your loved ones to continue to receive an income stream from the donated assets or to receive the assets back after the Foundation has received an income stream for a period of years.

Special Gifts And Named Funds

With a Special Gift to the Foundation, either during your lifetime or in your will, you may create an endowment fund, named in your honor or in the manner you design-



VALLEY FORGE Society of the Descendants

Descendants of officers and men on command at Valley Forge during the Winter Encampment of Washington's Army, 1777-1778, may be eligible for membership in the Society, which convenes each year at Valley Forge.

Junior membership is available for descendants who are under the age of eighteen years.

Inquiries are cordially invited. Application forms and requisite information are supplied through the Office of Deputy Commissary General of Musters, as follows:

Deputy Commissary General
Post Office Box 915
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0915

nate, to be used by the Foundation for National Society purposes.

Gifts Of Income

You may have assets that you wish to keep in the family or pass to loved ones in younger generations. If you transfer such assets to a charitable lead trust, the Foundation will receive the income from your property for the term you specify. At the end of that term, that property will pass to the people you designate without having to go through probate. The amount of the charitable contribution deduction is the present value of the Foundation's income interest in the trust.

Gifts Of Stock

If you have stocks that have appreciated but pay little or no dividends, you can get increased income from your investment, get a charitable contribution deduction and avoid the capital gains tax you would have to pay if you sold the stock. This may be accomplished by making an irrevocable gift of the stock to a charitable remainder trust.

If you give stock or other appreciated assets to a charitable remainder trust, the trust may sell the assets without paying capital gains tax. You can receive income for your life, and ensure the same for a loved one, if you would like, as a percentage of the value of the stock when the trust is created; such a gift is called an "annuity trust." You may also ensure that the amount of income can grow as the assets appreciate by choosing a "unitrust." With a unitrust, you specify the percentage of the annual value of the assets you put in trust to be paid as income. On your death, or on the later death of a loved one, the assets in the trust pass to the SAR Foundation. With both the unitrust and the annuity trust, the amount of your charitable contribution deduction is the actuarial value of the Foundation's remainder interest in the trust.

Gifts Of Life Insurance

You can make a gift of life insurance to the SAR Foundation in several ways; most straightforward, you can take out a new policy naming the Foundation as the beneficiary and owner of the policy. You may then deduct the full amount of premium payments each year as a charitable contribution. If you have a life insurance policy already in force, and you feel your loved ones are sufficiently provided for through other means, you can donate the policy to the Foundation, naming the Foundation as irrevocable beneficiary. You can then deduct the cash surrender value of the policy immediately, and, as with a new policy, future premiums are deductible each year as you pay them. If you make a gift of a policy that is fully paid up, you may deduct the policy's replacement value.

Gifts Of Real Estate

You can give real estate, including your primary residence, a vacation home or a farm,

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Numerous SARs Elected Officers At NCPO Annual Meeting In April

When the Sixth Annual Congress of The National Congress of Patriotic Organizations was held last April, representatives of a wide range of hereditary and patriotic groups were on hand - ranging from the Continental Society of the Indian Wars and the National Order of the Blue and Gray to the National Society of Washington Family Descendants and the Sons of the Revolution. Presiding was President Wilson King Barnes, Jr.

The gathering was staged in the Officers Club on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. A portion of the program was devoted to the laying of a commemorative wreath at the crypt of Patriot John Paul Jones located in the Academy Chapel. The ceremony marked the 89th anniversary of his interment on April 24, 1906 and the 217th anniversary of his capture of HMS Drake on April 24, 1778.

Serving as the keynote speaker for the event was Admiral Robert L.J. Long, USN (Ret.). Entitled "The Readiness Task Force" of the military today and the political world, his address covered where we are today, where we are headed and ramifications of the actions of Congress, the Administration and the Military. Following his graduation from the Academy in 1943, he went on to lead a distinguished career that included command of a variety of ships.

Elected President for the 1995-1997 term of office was Hamilton L. Robinson, a Past President of the SAR Maryland Society's Gen. William Smallwood Chapter. Other Compatriots who represented various organizations and were elected to NCPO positions were: Capt. R. Duane Tackitt, First Vice President; Fredrick O. Jeffries, Second Vice



Participating in the wreath laying ceremony at the crypt of John Paul Jones were (from left): President Wilson King Barnes, Jr., Third Vice President Mrs. Florence P. Leon, President Emeritus James R. Westlake and Chaplain Ray R. Potter, Jr. Compatriot Westlake is a Former President General of the SAR.

President; Lee E. Kielman, Treasurer; Ernest C. Calhoun, Recorder; Raymond N. Zimmerman, Registrar; Barrett L. McKown, Historian/Archivist; and Lester A. Foster, Chaplain.

The NCPO met in its inaugural session in April, 1990 at the Daughters of the American Revolution Headquarters, Washington, DC. Its purpose is to "provide a more unified front in seeking the preservation and enhancement of our American heritage and traditions at the national level." Subsequent to the meeting President Robinson announced that the gathering in 1996 will be on April 6 at the historic Navy Yard in Washington, DC.

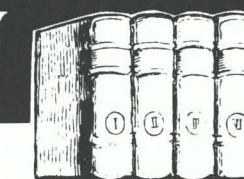


NCPO outgoing President Wilson King Barnes, Jr. (right) was congratulated for his outstanding term of office by incoming President Hamilton L. Robinson. Compatriot Barnes is a Past President of the SAR Maryland Society.



Annual Congress attendees posed at the entrance of the Chapel on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy.

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How To Expand Headquarters Facilities Under Study

By Larry D. McClanahan, Chairman Building Growth Committee

During the 1993-94 term of office, then President General Robert B. Vance introduced a program of action entitled "New Dimensions for the SAR" as described in the Fall 1993 and Winter 1994 Issues of *The SAR Magazine*.

The program is symbolized by a pyramid on whose face is delineated such components as a new auditorium and meeting rooms and larger space for our Museum, Library and staff offices. This pyramid is reproduced on page 4 of this issue of the magazine coincidental to a news story about approval by the Internal Revenue Service of the SAR Patriotic and Educational Foundation. All of these components are in need of even more attention at this time.

Some Historical Perspective

It is well to take a look at how the National Society's Headquarters in Louisville arrived to where it is now.

Purchase of the present building from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Kentucky was completed on December 12, 1978; a dedication ceremony was held on February 3, 1979. Cost of the original facility was \$404,000, with funds coming from the sale of the former Headquarters on 2412 Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C. for \$800,000 on February 12, 1977. The balance of the funds from the sale were deposited in the Permanent Fund, which now contains \$1,082,310, including accrued interest and contributions.

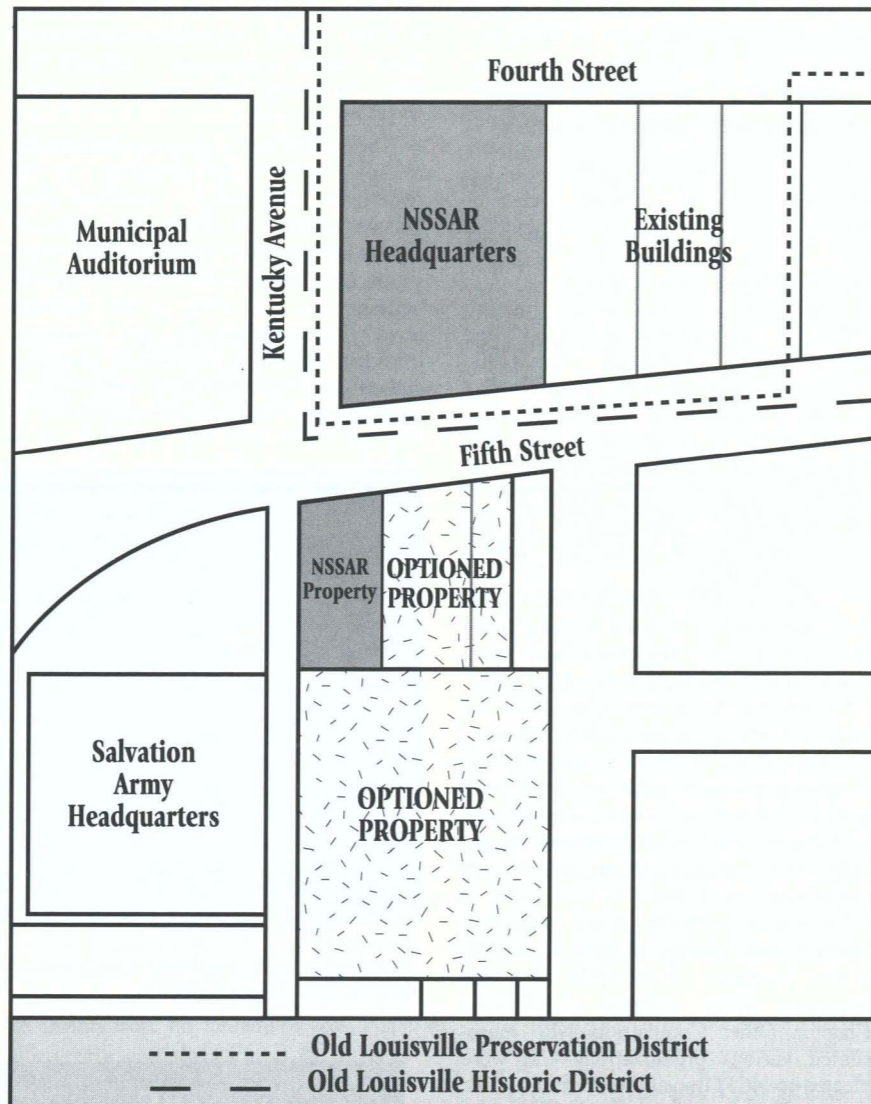
A National Headquarters Commission was approved by the Trustees on May 30, 1978 at the 88th Annual Congress in Louisville to find and acquire a new Headquarters. The Commission was composed of one member from each of the 13 SAR Districts.

Two former Presidents General, Arthur M. King and Carl F. Bessent, were actively involved in the actual search. During trips to a number of locations over many consecutive weekends, four sites were identified. Besides the Kentucky Grand Lodge, locations included the Alcoa Building in downtown Atlanta; the large Emory Estate on the outskirts of Cincinnati; and a mansion property at University Circle in the Western Reserve Section of Cleveland, Ohio.

A 1,400-square-foot addition to the original 14,000-square-foot building was completed in 1984, with a dedication ceremony at the 95th Annual Congress in June, 1985. Funding for the addition came from a gift from Former President General and Mrs. Arthur M. King.

Varied Facilities Within Building

Within the Headquarters Building are two main levels and a full basement. On the first floor level is the main foyer, the President General's office, Executive Conference Room, staff offices and a stor-



This illustration depicts our present Headquarters in relation to the vacant parcels of real estate the Society is intent on purchasing. It is also interesting to note that our building is within two historic districts – offering us guaranteed protection from unwanted encroachment in the future.

age vault for the permanent records. All rooms contain Museum pieces.

The second floor is dedicated to the Library, which now contains over 47,733 titles, microfiches, microfilm, and periodicals. Research tables are located in the foyer and in the alcoves on either side.

On the basement level are located the Trustees meeting room, several small meeting rooms, and the merchandising offices and storage space. During Trustees sessions, Committee meetings are held in all spaces except the main foyer and staff offices on the first floor, the foyer on the second floor, and the merchandising areas on the basement level.

Functionally the Headquarters Building, as now configured, is limited for long-term needs. Lack of Museum space prevents the display of many donated items. Library

space for expansion is not available, limiting the use of these facilities. Merchandising space cannot be expanded as needed. And the Trustees meeting room can barely contain attendees.

Other improvements for the mechanical systems and the accessibility to the building are needed. And, while parking is adequate for the normal operations, large groups cannot be served and Trustees meetings require that overflows park on the grass and on the streets.

Other Properties Eyed

The Fall 1995 Issue of *The SAR Magazine* featured a story about the execution of options to purchase parcels of vacant real estate across Fifth Street from Headquarters. Completion of the acquisition of these properties will allow the

Society to protect the Headquarters facilities while developing a logical plan for long-range needs and in keeping with the "New Dimensions For The SAR" Program.

During the time before the Annual Congress in San Antonio this June, the Building Growth Committee will be developing the plan for Headquarters by defining the long-range functional needs of the individual components; configuring the needs into building alternatives including the potential at other locations; and preparing recommendations for the implementation of the plan.

Funding will be a part of the recommendations presented to the Society at the Congress. Since the article in the Fall 1995 Issue, the SAR Foundation has received all necessary approvals and is now functioning. The Building Growth Committee will be making future requests through the Executive Committee to the Society, including possible requests for grants from the Foundation.

Switzerland Society President Visits HQ

During the middle of last December, Switzerland Society President Richard C. Owens made a trip to the United States and visited National Headquarters in Louisville. He was pleased to receive a personally escorted tour of our Society's extensive facilities by none other than President General William C. Gist.

In addition, he was the guest at "Springfield", the palatial home maintained by the PG and his wife in Louisville. The original part of the residence was built in the late 1700s; it became the boyhood home of President Zachary Taylor. Compatriots Gist and Owens were surprised to find that they had attended the same preparatory school, The McCallie School. President Owens has reorganized the Switzerland Society, which now has over 20 members, all under 50 years of age.



President General William C. Gist (right) conducted a tour of Headquarters for visiting Switzerland Society President Richard C. Owens.



This group of Western Reserve Society WWII veterans was ordered front and center at the luncheon that climaxed the unit's WWII commemoration activities.

Western Reserve Society Salutes Vets

After a year-long series of more than a dozen special activities in 1995 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Ohio Society's Western Reserve Society climaxed the program by honoring its own World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans at a Veterans Day Luncheon in November. Many of them had ordered the SAR War Service Medal and received them at the event. Other medals were mailed or delivered to shut-ins.

Responding to a mail survey, 109 Compatriots confirmed they had served in the Armed Forces: 70 in WWII, 11 in Korea and 30 in Vietnam. Eight had other uniform service, while 19 reported defense-related assignments. Current Western Reserve membership tops 400; not every one of them responded to the survey.

Serving as luncheon speaker was Eugene Guyton, a WWII Tuskegee Airman; he recounted the honorable service of that unit comprised of African-Americans.

Three other guests, also Tuskegee airmen, offered comments.

The Chapter's effort encompassed a wide variety of events. These included a talk by Dr. John Fakon with photos on "WWI Patrols of the (submarine) Cod"; an illustrated address by William J. Tomko, a combat photographer with General Patton's Army; a talk entitled "Ultra and Magic: Breaking the Japanese Code" by Dr. Oliver C. Schroeder, a U.S. Navy retired Captain; and sponsorship of three sets of WWII posters that traveled to various sites.

As a "postlude", at the following month's general membership meeting other veterans received their War Service Medals – including Compatriot Hugh Arey, who served in the Army, Navy and Air Force!

Editor's Note: Information for this news story was furnished by Warren W. Gerber, a member of the Western Reserve Society who has professionally submitted a number of manuscripts in the past.

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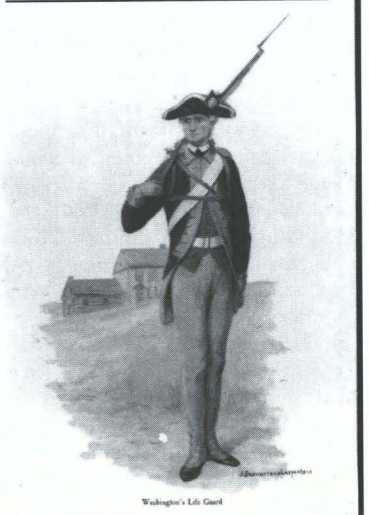
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BROAD PROGRAM AIMED AT MARKING, REGISTERING ALL PATRIOT GRAVES

Graves Data Wanted For New 'Register'

By Robert F. Galer, Chairman, Revolutionary War Graves Committee

There has been a phenomenal response to the graves registration article in the Spring 1995 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*. The article mentioned the publication of the 1993 *NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Register* with 54,000 grave locations of Patriot Ancestors, and recounted the efforts of the NSSAR Grave Registration Committee to identify many thousands of more graves for future publication.

Replies came in the form of dozens of new Grave Registry Forms (a facsimile was printed with the article) and previously published local lists that were made known to the Committee by SARs, DARs and other readers who responded.

Members from VASSAR, PASSAR and OHSSAR volunteered county lists of patriotic grave sites, loaning them to the Committee after editing them to avoid duplication with the 1993 volume. A Committee member in South Carolina, dissatisfied with the number of graves from that state that were known to SAR, initiated a systematic contact with leaders of patriotic and genealogical societies in order to

identify and locate many more. One Chapter Graves Chairman began a project to retroactively review all members' applications on file to see that Grave Registry Forms were submitted for each of them, both primary and supplementary papers.

The article in the Spring Issue seemed to activate other members to renew unfinished searches for their ancestor's grave location. One reader adopted all the cemeteries in a nearby county and began to canvass them for unidentified patriot graves. Another member and spouse deliberately took an hours walk through the old cemetery in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where many Mayflower descendants are buried, and jotted down all the Revolutionary War Patriots graves that were identified as such on the tombstones. Later, comparing their findings with the 1993 *NSSAR Graves Register*, they found that 19 of the graves therein were unknown and unreported to our National Society. Does this experience not indicate that many more sites in Massachusetts and other states are waiting to be identified to SAR?

It has been estimated by some that approximately 100,000 more grave sites exist somewhere that are unknown to us. Of course, some will never be found. But isn't it right that we do our utmost to find and report as many as possible before they, too, are lost through lack of effort, neglect or the ravages of change and development? And what agency is better suited than SAR for such a task? Finding and preserving historical sites is organic to our Charter. And think of the positive, ancillary effect on the research of future SAR applicants for membership to have many more identified grave locations to help them prove their ancestry.

Members, Chapters and State Societies are ideally situated to adopt a graves project in their jurisdiction: seek our graves, find and send previously published lists and encourage use of the Grave Registry Form for individual burial information. Send to the Committee Chairman: Robert F. Galer, 7236 Lullwater Rd, Columbus, GA 31904 or to the National Society. In so doing we can perform a vital patriotic service for ourselves, our country and future generations.

SARs Help Restore Vandalized Cemetery

Several years ago a vandalizing bulldozer demolished all of the gravestones, including those of numerous Patriots, in the Craven-Vansant Burying Ground located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. What Philadelphia-Continental Chapter Compatriots did to rectify the situation is reported here as based on information supplied by Richard W. Walton, a Chapter member.

Right after the demolition, Paul Bailey of the Craven Hall Historical Society collected and carried 400 stone fragments to the Craven Hall building. Next came sorting through them by him and a number of Compatriots in an attempt to identify which graves they had marked. After photographing evidence that they developed, checks were made with records at the David Library of the American Revolution at Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and files of the Veterans Administration at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Eventually nine veterans of 13 on the local list were validated.

The VA then supplied nine official markers engraved with the full name of each Patriot, his rank and unit, and the years in which he lived. The 235-pound

marble stones were placed in arcs on the site of the originals.

On May 7, 1994 the Burying Ground was rededicated - thanks to SARs!



The Philadelphia-Continental Chapter Color Guard was proud to take part in the rededication ceremony at the Craven-Vansant Burying Ground. Participating were (from left): Fred Coffman, Russell Greenspan, James Musslewhite, Alex Atkinson, David Cole, James Anders and Walter Catching.

Societies Together Mark Grave

Compatriot Garner J. Cline, a member of the Virginia Society who died in 1990, never had an opportunity to place an SAR Patriot Marker on the grave site of his ancestor in a rural New Jersey cemetery. How this was finally accomplished last year is recounted here as reported by Paul M. Frantz, also a Virginia Society Compatriot who serves as Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee.

Compatriot Lee W. Swift Jr., VASSAR, kept his promise to Cline to mark the site after Cline's death. The ancestor, Captain David Page, was a company commander in the New Jersey Militia of Cumberland County. This unit fought in the Battle of Brandywine and other engagements that halted the British Army's approach to Philadelphia in 1775.

The dedication ceremony, conducted by the Reverend Norman H. Thomas, President of the Col. Richard Somers Chapter, NJS-SAR, was held at the Dividing Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Downe Township of Cumberland County. One descendant of Capt. Page, Alice Page Alcorn, participated in the event in which Dr. Jonathan Moore, NJSSAR, placed a wreath on the grave after the SAR Patriot Marker had been fixed by Compatriot Swift.

The research to locate Capt. Page's grave site for Compatriot Cline before his death was accomplished by Compatriot Swift and his wife, Peggy, a member of the Virginia DAR. The Swift's, who reside in Orlean, VA, traveled to New Jersey several times to research and plan the ceremony



Participating in the marker dedication ceremony were (from left): Arthur Eaton, a member of the Col. Richard Somers Chapter, NJSSAR; Rev. Norman H. Thomas, Chapter President; Lee W. Swift, Jr., VASSAR; and Roland Larrabee, also a Chapter member.

with the NJSSAR Chapter at Northfield. **This is an excellent example of how members of different State Societies cooperate to mark Patriot graves!**

Couple Locate Vermont Graves

Searching for and documenting the grave sites of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Vermont has become a 20-year project for Compatriot and Mrs. William Branthoover (he is a Past Ohio Society President).

Interest in the program began in 1975 while researching material in the Town of Montgomery published in 1976. Nine grave sites were located in Montgomery; from that beginning the project expanded in neighboring towns until all of Franklin County was completed in 1979, resulting in 292 Patriots interred there. Another result from this invaluable research was the publication of a 182-page volume entitled *Revolutionary War Vets of Franklin County, Vermont*.

The continuing search for grave sites has

continued over the years. The Branthoovers have now visited and recorded 541 Revolutionary graves in the Counties of Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans and a few cemeteries in other counties.

Pertinent data is recorded from grave stones of possible Revolutionary soldiers and this data is then researched in various New England volumes found at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier. When a possible soldier's data is proved, that information is then recorded and filed with the National Society in Louisville, Kentucky. Another copy is filed with the Vermont Historical Society and the compilers retain a copy. The Branthoovers are happy to share this information with any interested persons.



Over the years the Branthoovers have searched for hundreds of Patriot grave sites in Vermont. Pertinent data appearing on markers are carefully recorded.

Historic New Jersey Cemetery Rededicated

Last August saw rededication of the historic Rahway Cemetery in Rahway, New Jersey where over 150 Patriots are interred. More than 100 people were in attendance, including Abraham Clark Chapter Compatriots Russell K. Dutcher, Jr. and Russell K. Dutcher III.

Playing a prominent part in the program was the Honor Guard of Pulaski's Legion.

Special tribute was paid to the memory of Abraham Clark, New Jersey Signer of the Declaration of Independence; Sgt. Major James Logue, 4th Maryland Regiment, Continental Line; Pvt/Cpl/Teamster Barnett Dutcher, 2nd New York Regiment, Continental Line; and 1st Lieutenant Nathaniel Jenkins III, 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Continental Line.



Participating in the cemetery rededication program was the Honor Guard of Pulaski's Legion.

Florida Society Publicity Program Pays Off With Membership Growth

By Edward N. "Bud" Casey, Society Publicity Chairman

A few years ago, a member of the Florida Society had a vision for the future. Compatriot Earl Marlin of the Naples (FL) Chapter was Publicity Chairman. Frankly, there was very little SAR publicity of any kind and the title of Society Publicity Chairman was a job in name only.

Many SAR members retired and moved to Florida, Marlin reasoned, and had no thought of continuing their membership. And many of those who did want to remain in the Society, did not know whom to talk with or how to go about it. Also, retired men living in Florida now had more time on their hands. So, between golf games and days at the beach, they began to work on genealogy. Many would find a patriot ancestor.

But since retirees are older people, Florida and a few other mostly southern states have a special problem. No matter how many new members the State Society registered, the older members kept dying off and the membership seemed to remain static year after year.

So, Compatriot Marlin decided, there must be a way to get the Sons of the American Revolution into the eyes of the public to increase membership. The way he did it was very simple. He donated 200 shares of his own Potomac Electric stock to the Florida Society. And he stipulated that the yearly dividends from that stock were to be used to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes to the Chapters which received the most publicity during the year.

Each Chapter was asked to submit their newspaper articles, pictures, videos, etc. to the FLSSAR Publicity Committee. Points were assigned to each item based on such criteria as: Number of words; Is there a

header? Is SAR mentioned in the header?; Size of pictures and are they black and white or in color?; etc.

Publicity in the Florida Society began to increase immediately. Chapters began sending articles to the newspapers they never had thought of sending in before. The presentation of medals and certificates increased and were scheduled to be awarded routinely, and often one at a time, with an eye on more Chapter publicity. More Compatriots purchased colonial uniforms and others began to wear them more often. Several parade units were formed. The Miami Chapter marches every year in the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade. Recently, the Jacksonville Chapter made an appearance on CNN.

Chapter and FLSSAR publicity have increased tremendously, and with the increase, our state membership is beginning to grow slowly. In the last few issues of *The SAR Magazine*, the Florida Society has been second in number of new members. And as our publicity continues to increase, what we have to say is, "Look out, Texas!"

Compatriot Earl Marlin, who incidentally is a member of Mensa, continues to work on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution and currently is Secretary of the Naples Chapter. The Florida Society owes a debt of gratitude to him. And it goes beyond 200 shares of Potomac Electric stock.

Editor's Note - *Compatriot Casey is offering more information about this program to interested Compatriots. His address is: 637 NW Biscayne Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983.*



As reported in the accompanying story, Lewis and Clark Chapter President James G. Yapple presented the Chapter's plaque to Larisa Pennington, Lincoln High School Student Body President. The following June she became Queen of the Portland Rose Festival!

Chapter Supporting Student Competition

Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon has a remarkable - and enviable - record of participation by its students in the annual competition held in Washington, DC entitled "We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution." Strongly supporting this effort has been the local Lewis and Clark Chapter.

In a report to our magazine by Past Oregon Society President Keith L. Miller, he emphasizes that the school has competed numerous times in the program, winning the national competition in 1990 and 1992; taking second place in 1994; and being national finalists in 1989, 1992 and 1993. They also took fourth place nationally in 1989 in the High School Mock Trial competition. Three local attorneys - Hal C. Hart, Charles H. Sparks and Christopher R. Hardman - teach this class, which is limited to 30 students, each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 pm. They have been awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by the Chapter for their volunteer efforts and outstanding accomplishments.

In recognition of Constitution Day in 1994, reports Compatriot Miller, the Chapter awarded a custom plaque to the school "in recognition of its outstanding and unmatched long national record of constitutional scholarship achievements." The presentation was made by President James G. Yapple at a general assembly the following December to Student Body President Larisa Pennington; in turn she presented it to the Principal for placement in the trophy case.

The competition is directed by the Center for Civic Education and is funded by the United States Department of Education by act of Congress. Compatriot Miller states that it operates in a fashion similar to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. These Constitutional Scholars (of which Miss Pennington is one) compete at the state level for state championships; state winners compete against one another in Washington for national honors.

Connecticut Forts Commemorated

Last Memorial Day Compatriots of the Connecticut Society's General David Humphreys Branch assembled at the United States Coast Guard Station in New Haven prior to participating in commemorative ceremonies at the sites of where Fort Nathan Hale and Black Rock Fort had been located.

Joining them were representatives of a variety of hereditary, patriotic and military groups, including the 2nd Company Governor's Foot Guard, Connecticut Society Color Guard, Color Guards of the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Naval Reserve, DAR, Colonial Wars, 27th Connecticut Civil War Regiment, and War of 1812.

Black Rock Fort originated during the Revolutionary War. It was captured by the British on July 5, 1779. Fort Nathan Hale was built in 1809, coming into service during the War of 1812. It was rebuilt beginning in 1863 to serve as a Civil War fortification. By the time the renovations were completed, the conflict had ended and the fort was abandoned in 1871.

The program encompassed a stop at the Five Flag Court at Fort Nathan Hale, where flags have been donated and maintained by the Branch, the Townsend Family and some of the participating organizations. The site's history was recounted, followed by a reading of those killed, wounded and captured in the battle there. Everyone then marched to a solemn drum beat to the point of land originally known as Black Rock Fort for the raising of a Betsy Ross Flag and volleys of cannon fire from the Schooner *Quinnipiac* returned by cannon manned by the 2nd Company Foot Guard ashore. Next came lowering of the flag to half-staff and Taps.



An unidentified young lad was having a great time during the Memorial Day ceremonies. Observing him was Richard Swartwout, Commander of the Connecticut Society Color Guard. (Photo courtesy Peter Casolino, *New Haven Register*.)



Proudly participating in the Memorial Day ceremonies was the Connecticut Society Color Guard.



Raising the United States Flag at the site of Fort Nathan Hale was Albert Remington, President of the General David Humphreys Branch. Prominent in the foreground is a statue of Patriot Hale.



Eagle Scout Edward Egers (right) received his NSSAR Certificate at the Court of Honor from Compatriot Guy S. Athearn.

Eagle Scout Honored

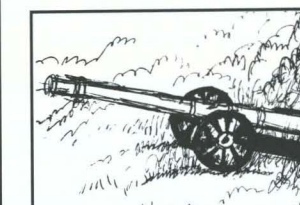
This has to be a first!

Sixty-nine-year-old Edward Egers of Ft. Pierce, Florida has been awarded the NSSAR Eagle Scout Certificate in recognition of his completing all of the requirements for that rank back in 1945. Before he could receive his badge, he entered the Armed Forces.

While attending a meeting last year of his grandson's BSA Troop in Ft. Pierce, he learned that a badge could still be presented to him. A check with the National Council revealed that the emblem was there waiting to be claimed.

When a story in the *Ft. Pierce Tribune* reported that Mr. Egers was to be awarded his badge at a Troop Court of Honor, Compatriot Guy S. Athearn asked him if he would like to receive the SAR Certificate; he serves as Florida Society Eagle Scout Chairman. The answer was affirmative, with the presentation then being made at the Court of Honor.

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Two Programs For Youths Important To Our Society's Growth

By James R. Westlake, Chairman Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has as its purpose and goal the overall increase in the number of active members. Obviously, the Committee cannot do the State Society and Chapter work it takes to obtain and retain members. What it can do, and what it has done, is to develop tools that work as gleaned from the best thinking that successful committee members can contribute.

Most committee members are engaged in some form of membership activity within their State Societies. Therefore, the first work product for the Committee three years ago was to develop a "Membership and Membership Retention Guidelines" Manual. This manual was completed as the composite of many working and contributing to its content. It has evolved through several editions with appendices added and has been widely distributed at cost. All who have the manual have been encouraged to duplicate it for Chapters and as new officers are elected so a procedure can be available.

This year the work product for the Committee has been to develop a "Workshop" outline which can be used at

VPG District meetings, State Society Annual Meetings or Chapter level meetings to train men to work in membership activities. This Workshop outline has been distributed to all VPG's and State Society officers. It should be duplicated and used as another tool to develop new and to retain present members.

Youth Life Membership Program

At the 105th Congress, another membership growth program was adopted for implementation, "The Youth Life Membership". Under this program, fathers, grandfathers, and other close relatives can enroll a youth from birth to age 17 as a Life Member of the National Society beginning at age 18. A set of bylaws and rules have been adopted to implement this Youth program as follows:

REQUIRED FEES

The regular application fee for admission to the National Society, of \$35.00 is paid. This fee is to accompany the application just as any other new member application.



Compatriot Westlake served as President General during the 1989-90 term.

In addition, a life member premium of \$500.00 (as of the time of adoption of the Plan by the Delegates to the 105th Congress) must be paid with the application to the National Society.

APPLICATION FORM

In order to be included in the Youth Life Membership Plan, an Application Form must be submitted containing the regular genealogical proofs of eligibility for membership in the Society.

THE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PREMIUM

The life member premium (\$500.00 as of the time the Plan was adopted) will be placed under the control of the Investment Committee which has responsibility for investing these Funds, just as they have responsibility for investing other Funds of the Society. Youth Life Membership Funds shall be maintained in the Life Member Account and earnings on these funds will be credited until the Youth Life Member attains age 18.

At age 18 the individual's National Society dues shall be paid from the earnings generated from the Fund, provided the Youth Member becomes an Active Member of a State Society pursuant to the Rules of the National Society's Life Membership Program.

WHAT HAPPENS SHOULD DEATH OCCUR

In the event a Youth Member dies before attaining age 18, the Youth Membership Premium is forfeited. The premium and subsequent earnings will be carried in the Life Membership Fund by the National Society as it is for any deceased Life Member.

If a Youth Member dies after attaining age 18, the Rules of the Regular Life Membership Program apply.

YOUTH MEMBER REQUIRED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A STATE SOCIETY

At age 18 a Youth Member is required to become an Active member of a State Society. If the individual does not do so, the Life Membership cannot be activated. If at some later date the individual does become an Active Member, the Life Member rules in effect shall be applicable. The Youth Life Program may be used in states in which the State Life Member Program, if any, does not conflict with the Rules of the NSSAR Life Member Program.

ISSUANCE OF STATE AND NATIONAL NUMBERS

A National and State number will be issued only when the Youth Life Member becomes eligible as an Active Member of a State Society at age 18. A letter of acceptance following approval of a completed Youth Member Application will serve as evidence of Youth Life Membership. A certificate specially designed for the purpose may be authorized by the Trustees.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

No Active membership privileges are extended to the Youth Member until he becomes an Active Life Member of the

Society at age 18. This includes the fact that the Youth Member will be ineligible to wear any SAR insignia except that which may be designed especially for the Youth Life Membership Plan. A Youth Member is not eligible to receive *The SAR Magazine* until becoming an active member at age 18.

SPONSORS

An applicant for Youth Life membership must be sponsored by at least one member in good standing. If the application is approved by a State Society, an officer of that Society is to send the application together with the application fee and the Youth Life premium to the Registrar General. The Registrar General will examine the claims of the applicant for eligibility. No applicant can be admitted to membership until the Registrar General approves. In matters of genealogy, the current practices applying to all applications are in effect.

DISAPPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION

A full refund shall be made to the State Society whenever an application for Youth Membership is disapproved.

REPEAL OF THE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

In the event the Youth Life Membership Program is discontinued, the payment of National Society dues of enrolled Youth Life Members shall continue until all enrolled members are deceased. Thereupon, all funds remaining shall become a part of the Life Member Fund. An application form for the Youth Life Membership Program can be obtained from NSSAR Headquarters by writing or calling at 502/589-1776.

Youth Registration Program

There remains in effect another program entitled the "Youth Registration Program". This program differs from the Youth Life Membership Program described above in the following respects:

The Youth is only registered by name and address for further solicitation. No genealogy proofs are submitted and until

such proofs are established at age 18, the Youth registered is not guaranteed membership. The registration is to be from ages 0-17.

A pin and certificate have been approved for Youth Registration. However, it is to be made clear that this does not evidence membership in SAR but is only registration for future solicitation. The present fee for registration is \$10 paid at the time the information for registration is submitted to Headquarters.

Headquarters staff advises the appropriate State Society of Youth who have attained age 18 under this program, who must then be solicited for full membership by filing the appropriate application with fees in effect and with genealogical proofs that may be required.

Society Membership Climbing

There has been a small net increase in membership recorded in 1994 (243) and in 1995 (277). The goal for 1996 has been set again for a 1,500 net increase. Each State Society has been given a goal to achieve – which was published in *The SAR Magazine*, Summer 1995 edition, page 20.

We cannot gain national credibility and clout unless we grow. Those organizations which have millions of members such as the American Legion or the AARP are listened to when an issue is commented on. The Patriotic Societies, such as SAR, DAR and others, will have their voices listened to only when membership is perceived to be growing and active.

The tools provided, which are further described in the articles that follow, are only effective when utilized. No one can do the work at the State or Chapter level except those officers who are willing to commit to make membership in all of its aspects the major goal each year. Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement are the key ideas!

Remember as Keepers of the Flame of our American Heritage and History, WE CANNOT GLOW IF WE DON'T GROW!

Joint SAR/DAR Workshops Planned

By John Newell, Chairman Lineage Research Workshops Committee

During his first day at the office after installation as President General, Dr. William C. Gist, Jr. took immediate steps to enhance membership recruitment through a LINEAGE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS program.

First, he changed the name of the Military Base Genealogical Training Committee to LINEAGE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE. This action is intended to eliminate an imaginary road-

block that seemed to limit the program to military bases. Also it is intended to encourage expansion of the program into local communities. But most important, it synchronizes the name with the NSDAR Committee with which it will so closely work.

President General Gist had previously contacted NSDAR President General Kemper to develop a closer working relationship to intensify membership recruiting

Common Errors In Applications

By SAR Genealogist Staffers Susan Collins and Jessie Hagan

The majority of SAR application papers, both Original and Supplemental, appropriately documented, sources cited, and signatures in place are approved without further question. Several of the common problems encountered in the process of approval of application papers by the Genealogy Office at NSSAR are easily corrected. In outlining these simple problems, it is hoped that many of these might be recognized and corrected at the local or state level, thus saving time that might be spent on other applications.

Using DAR Papers

By far the most common problem encountered is the use of non-record copy DAR papers. The Green Brochure entitled "Preparation of Application Papers" clearly states that **only** copies of SAR papers requested from the Registrar General NSDAR, 1776 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 are acceptable for consideration. A true record copy can be identified by two or three items. Since July 1994, at the request of the Genealogy Staff at NSSAR, the DAR has been stamping their papers "RECORD COPY". This stamp is usually located near the National Number on the top of the front page of the application. In the left margin of the paper is usually a date stamp of the date that the paper was sent from NSDAR.

The lineage page of the paper will usually have check marks next to each item which has been verified by the DAR. These check marks are the main reason that the Genealogy Committee has insisted that only record copies will be accepted. When an application is approved by NSDAR, verification marks are placed next to each item verified on only one copy of the application. The second copy is marked only with a check next to the Patriot Ancestor and his service. This second copy is then sent back to the local DAR chapter or State for their records. These State and Chapter copies are not acceptable as documentation for SAR. In many cases, additions or corrections have been made on the first paper which will not appear on the State or Chapter copy.

Problems With Patriot Children

Another problem associated with the use of DAR papers has to do with the list of children of the Patriot Ancestor. If an SAR applicant is using this list of children for his lineage, his bloodline ancestor must have been verified by the DAR. If there is only one check mark next to the name that the DAR paper's applicant descends from, then the other children have not been verified. DAR papers are only acceptable as

proof for the SAR, for those items which we can ascertain as having been verified by the DAR. If no check marks appear on the paper, we can only accept the direct bloodline and service. The names of children, wives or places which are not checked can not be accepted as fact by the SAR.

The use of older DAR and SAR applications which did not contain full dates and places will require further documentation to supply those dates and places. In the case of an old SAR paper, this ruling may be relaxed. The applicant will be asked to supply these dates and places. If the information cannot be provided, an outline of the search for the documentation should be provided. In the case where an older SAR or DAR paper has been submitted which lacks these dates and places, but these dates and places appear



Under the chairmanship of Compatriot Thomas L. Riley (center at end of table), the Genealogy Committee meets regularly at National Headquarters. To his left is Staff Genealogist Susan Collins. Not shown here is Jessie L. Hagan, Assistant Staff Genealogist, one of the authors of this article.

on the applicant's new application, the applicant will be asked to provide the documentation from which this information was obtained.

Another easily corrected problem is making sure that all of the necessary signatures are on the application before it reaches the National Headquarters. Again, if it is necessary to write a letter requesting a signature, it takes time away from the processing of other applications.

Use The Correct Form

All applications sent to National Headquarters should be on the correct

form. Applications printed prior to 1986 which required notarization were discontinued as of March 31, 1995. All applications should be on the original form printed on Gilbert Bond with the letter "N" embossed at the bottom of the page. Photocopies of applications are not accepted.

As noted in the Green Brochure, family histories which are submitted as proof of lineage must be properly annotated. Each family history will be judged on its own merit. Generally, if a family history gives personal details about a family with full dates and places, telling where they lived and the type of occupation in which they were involved, one would assume that the author spent time studying the sources that led to these conclusions. If a family history lists only the names of the parents with just a year given for the birth or death, and a list of children with no personal information, more documentation will probably be required. Family histories can not be accepted as proof of service. Service must be considered record of the day, and the Revolutionary War Ancestor must be mentioned by full name.

Be Sure War Service Is Correct

Another problem as outlined in the Green Brochure occurs when two or more persons with the same name are living in the same area. In such cases the applicant must prove conclusively that the service applies to the person for whom it is being claimed. This problem occurs frequently when, for example, John Doe SR. was born in 1710 and his son John Doe Jr. was born in 1740. Only one John Doe appears on the service records for that area. We must assume that it was the 35-year-old man who served as opposed to the 65-year-old man. The normally accepted age for ser-

vice was 16 to 60 years of age. While there are exceptions to every rule, we must have **conclusive** proof when this is the case. This also applies when in the case of an uncle and nephew, or any time when there are two men present with the same name.

The average life span in 1776 was 62 to 64 years of age. If at any time an application is received with military service for a Patriot Ancestor who falls outside the ages of 16 to 60, that application will be reviewed very carefully. A search will be made to see if there were any other persons with that name who might have provided that service.

The Staff in the Genealogy Office suggests that each applicant should be given copies of both the Blue and Green Brochures, with directions to read both carefully before starting the application. This also applies to members who are submitting supplemental applications. Each State or Chapter officer involved in the processing of applications should keep a

Bringing SARs Back To Active Status

By Herrick H. Kesler, Chairman Task Force on Retention and Reinstatement

"You're needed, my Compatriot! Re-Up Today!"

Former SAR members who have laid out for a while are hearing the clarion call to come back to active status, and they're coming — a welcome sight and evidence of the positive drawing power of SAR and what it stands for. Credit it to pride in ancestry or maybe to the full realization that within this organization lies the spirit of patriotism with which we all seek to identify. Some of us may take a more active role than others, but all of us feel the desire to do what we can to make this country as great as she can be, while remembering and marveling at the personal risks taken by our own ancestors to do that very thing. Some were "regulars" who maintained a steady course on the long haul while others "dropped out" temporarily until another call was sounded.

Some of us need reminding of why we joined SAR in the first place and for that inner spirit of our ancestors to be rekindled — with similar results: **Re-enlistment then; Reinstatement now.**

This avenue of growth is by far the easiest way to build our organization, as opposed to meeting someone who says, "I know I qualify but I haven't done any research yet," or, "I've done research on the family for years but there's just one stone wall that stands in the way. Once I get over that hurdle I'll be ready to apply."

Start With Records

State Societies now have the records that show the list of Compatriots that were dropped this year, as well as last year, and the year before that. A careful review will

supply of the latest revision of both brochures and should study them carefully.

How Applications Are Reviewed

If any applicant feels that he has been asked to provide information which falls outside of the policies as set forth by the Genealogy Committee, that applicant may request that his application be reviewed at the next Trustees Meeting by members of the Genealogy Committee. If time permits, the applicant can request a review of the application, with both the Genealogist General and the Staff member who processed the application. If still unresolved, the applicant can request a review before the full Genealogy Committee. The major task of the Genealogy Staff is to ensure the accuracy of applications as outlined in policies set by the Genealogy Committee. Unresolved problems relating to acceptability of any documentation should be addressed to the Genealogy Committee or the Genealogist General.



Compatriot Kesler is a Past President of the Kansas Society. He has served the National Society in a wide assortment of ways.

reveal many, many possible names that can be doubled back on — by telephone — to see just what the circumstances are now. A simple phone call can uncover a situation that can be astounding.

For instance, a Compatriot related this recently: In checking with a U.S. Senator's local office to set up an appearance at an SAR function, the Senator's local manager, who handles the bookings, stated in the course of the conversation that he is a member of SAR and has been for years. He explained that his wife pays his dues automatically. The knowledgeable Compatriot later looked at the Chapter's and the State's membership lists, and found that the man had been dropped years before but obviously didn't realize it. A prompt call-back resulted in an immediate reinstatement. (It turned out that the family had moved and the Chapter and State lost contact.)

So, here we have a double lesson: Be sure all parties are aware of new addresses and make a phone call to each one dropped to see what can be done. One State Society has reported that, since telephone costs outside the local area can be substantial, they plan to seek the funds by special means and carry on regular follow-up calls made via the help of a "tickler" file.

The following comes from one of the larger State Societies which has a Retention Chairman who has been very effective and recommends that every State and Chapter appoint one. One of his techniques is to send a letter reminding him of what he's lost: That non-paid members will not be receiving *The SAR Magazine*, nor the State's publication and that they won't be eligible to participate in future activities of the local Chapter or to hold office and that they have been reported to the national office. (Perhaps rather intimidating so this must be applied carefully.)

Some Societies report that they charge a fee for reinstatements — anywhere from three to fifteen dollars. (Here again, good judgement must prevail.)

Are Your Activities Relevant

Task Force members speak of the complaint they hear from dropped members who feel that the activities of the Society are not relevant to them in today's society, considering the limited time that they have to devote to any one organization. This can especially apply to younger Compatriots who feel left out. Others are saying that, after attending a meeting or two, the principles of the Society that they originally joined are not being observed. They become disillusioned and drop out.

This can be solved, and these members can be retained!

A Compatriot may want to express an idea or a critique or may want to share his special talents but has never felt the time was right and/or was never asked. He moves on to other pursuits or simply bides his time until something appeals to his interests.

As we make a personal call to him, we can assume this is his state of mind, and we can express our concern in not seeing his name on the membership list this year and ask him why...then listen. Share his answer with other Compatriots and come up with a proposed solution with which he can identify. Call him again. He can be won back into the society!

We heartily recommend and urge each State Society and each Chapter to come up with a Chairman of Membership Retention and Reinstatement, who in turn brings together his telephone committee, divides up the list of non-paid members and makes repeated contacts until all possibilities for reinstatement are exhausted. And, or course, membership retention is a year round job and must be worked on just as diligently.

San Antonio, Texas Ready To Host SARs, Guests At Annual Congress

Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has graciously accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the Tuesday evening formal banquet during the



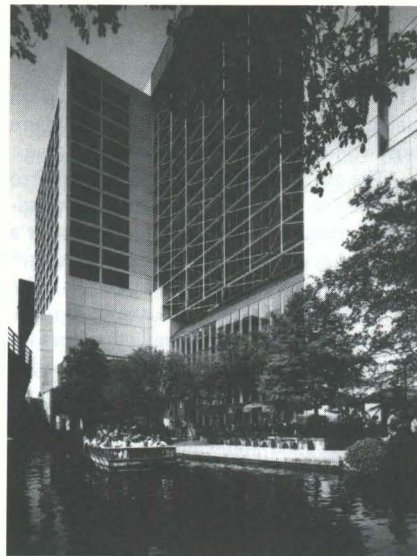
The Japanese Tea Garden in Breckenridge Park is a must to see – and will be by those taking the optional tour on June 8, as described in the form at the bottom of this page. It is noted for spectacular floral displays, arched bridges and a waterfall. (Courtesy San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)

106th Annual Congress set for June 8-12 in San Antonio, Texas. According to President General William C. Gist, who asked Mrs. Kemper to participate in that night's festivities, the occasion will mark another key step in the effort to develop even closer working relations between our organizations.

Plans for the meeting are virtually completed under the leadership of Billy E. Hightower, who chairs the Texas Society Congress Host Committee. He and his many committee members have been hard at work on this important event for well over a year. Overseeing and helping to guide all program arrangements is Barrett L. McKown, a member of the Maryland Society who chairs the National Society Congress Planning Committee.

The elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown San Antonio – not far from the famed Alamo – will serve as Congress Headquarters, with most activities taking place there. Advance reservations may be made by using the form that appears after this article. Note that the cut-off date for the special room rate is May 22.

Congress pre-registrations may be made with the form on the opposite page. Attendees doing this prior to May 24 will save \$20 each. Note that reservations for the optional Tuesday Ladies Program may also be taken care of at this time. The ladies will be treated to a River Boat Taxi journey from



The Hyatt Regency Hotel is situated on the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio across from the Alamo. It is but a short distance from such sites as the La Villita Spanish Village, King William Historic District, San Antonio Museum of Art and the Rivercenter Mall.

the hotel to the historic French Ursuline Convent and Courtyard – also called the Southwest Craft Center. Following a tour there, they will be bused to the prestigious Oak Hills Country Club for a fabulous luncheon.

The Spring issue of the magazine will feature the full Congress schedule.

RESERVATIONS OFFERED FOR SPECIAL TOURS DURING THE 106TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

Saturday, June 8 – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO HIGHLIGHTS

Via comfortable buses under the direction of professional guides, attendees will be whisked about this unique city that combines Old World charm with the spirit of the Wild West. The First stop will be the McNay Art Museum which boasts an impressive collection of paintings and sculpture and the largest representation of European and American graphic art in the Southwest. Other stops will include the famed Japanese Tea Gardens and Lone Star Brewery's Buckhorn Saloon and Hall of Horns (including a complimentary 'cold one'.)

Thursday, June 13 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TOUR OF TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Travel by bus with guide through the rolling hills of beautiful Hill Country to the home of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson. Upon arrival at LBJ National Park, a park ranger will host a shuttle bus ride to where LBJ was born, the Texas White House during the presidency years and to view where he is buried near the Pedernales River. Next is a trip to the quaint City of Fredericksburg for lunch on your own and shopping. Birthplace of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, it is also the home of a fascinating museum of the Pacific War you will visit. The return trip will be via historic Luckenbach.

THIS FORM MAY ACCOMPANY CONGRESS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM, IF RECEIVED BY MAY 24, 1995

DAY	TOUR	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
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Thurs.	Texas Hill Country	\$27.00		

TOTAL

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Enclosed is my check or money order for \$_____ payable to the "Treasurer General, NSSAR" for the following:

- My registration at \$155.00 Guest(s) registration at \$155.00 each
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 Reservations for Wednesday "San Antonio Heritage Tour" (cost in fee)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Society Affiliation _____ Phone _____

SAR Title or Rank _____

Guest Name _____ Guest Address _____

(Wife's first) _____

Other: _____

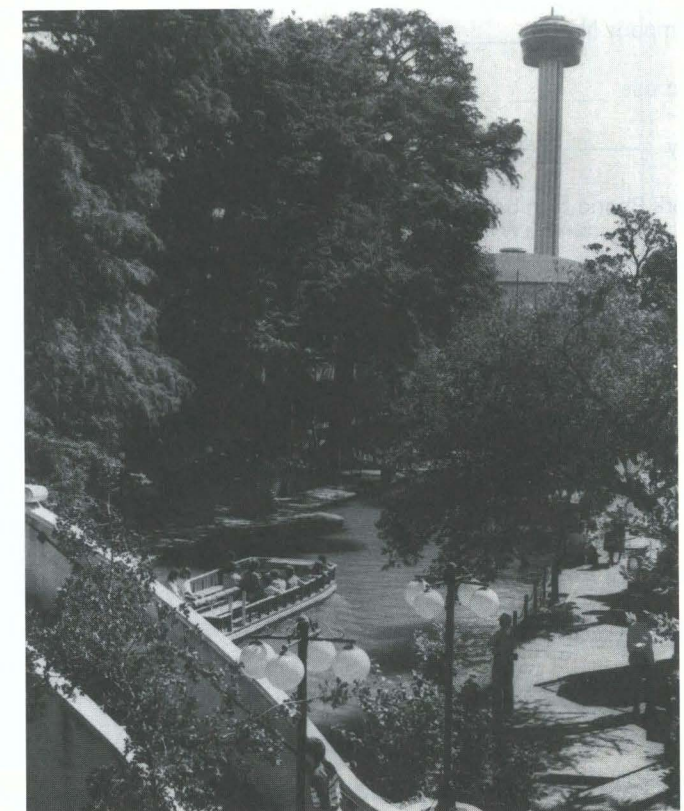
During the Congress, I/we plan to stay at _____

106TH ANNUAL CONGRESS PRE-REGISTRATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

For well over a year the Texas Society has been formulating plans for the 106th Annual congress, which is scheduled to be held in San Antonio this coming June 8-12. Nail down your Congress plans now by sending in advance registrations of just \$155 for SARs and guests (will be \$175 after pre-registrations close on May 24). Just mail in the form above; attendance for the Ladies' Tour and Luncheon Program may also be made at this time. The Congress Planning Committee would appreciate an indication of the number of Wednesday Tour reservations you'd like to help determine bus requirements.

The Pre-Registration Fee encompasses entry to a variety of events: Saturday Evening Reception, Sunday Memorial Service, Monday Luncheon, Tuesday and Wednesday Banquets and Wednesday Afternoon Tour.

See the accompanying news story for some of the details of what is included in this most important meeting. The upcoming Spring issue will feature even more of what SARs and guests may look forward to. In the meantime, get pre-registration behind you!



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GUARANTEE:

Reservations not guaranteed by an Advanced Deposit or Major Credit Card will be cancelled at 4:00 PM on day of arrival. Reservations arriving on a Friday or Saturday must be guaranteed. It is highly recommended that all Reservations be guaranteed as follows:

ADVANCED DEPOSIT - Please enclose one night's room rate and tax (15%) as the deposit. Deposits are refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of arrival date.

GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD - Please fill in American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB, Discover Card number, name of cardholder and expiration date in the space provided:

Cardholder's name: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (Month/Year)

Reservations not guaranteed will be released at 4:00 PM. In the event you are unable to cancel this reservation within 48 hours of the arrival date, a charge equal to one night's room rate will be assessed on the credit card above, or the advance deposit forfeited.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Name(s) _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone Number (_____) _____

Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Accommodation:

Number of Rooms	Single	Double	Triple	Quad

Special Requests _____
(Type of Accommodation is based on availability)

Method of Arrival: Fly _____ Drive _____

I will arrive on: _____ I will depart on: _____
Date/Time Date/Time

GOLD PASSPORT #: _____

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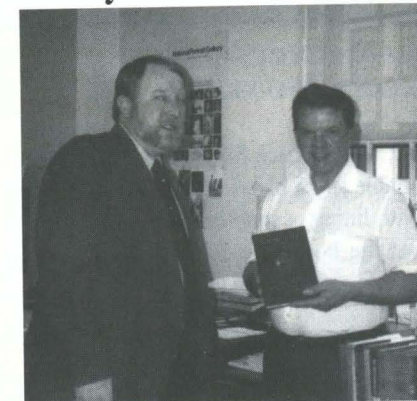
Microfilmed Missouri Society Records In Libraries

The Missouri Society has taken steps to insure that the important records of the Society remain in reputable repositories.

Past National Trustee Edward S. Gray has been coordinating reproduction of essential records on microfilm. These records include copies of Applications for Membership in the Missouri Society. Each set contains nine rolls of microfilm. Information Services of Holts Summit, Missouri microfilmed the original documents, which have been provided to the Western Manuscripts Library of the Missouri State Historical Society in Columbia. These microfilmed records have also been donated to several libraries and genealogical societies throughout the State of Missouri. At the Spring 1994 National Trustees meeting, then National Trustee William Gordon Buckner presented a set to the NSSAR Library.

Since that time, MOSSAR members have presented sets of these microfilmed records to the Springfield/Greene County Library in Springfield; the St. Louis Genealogical Society in St. Louis; and the Genealogical Branch of the Kansas City Public Library in Kansas City.

Last year Compatriot Gray presented a set of the microfilmed records to the New England Historical Genealogical Society in Boston. Acquisitions Librarian, George F.



In early 1995 Missouri Society Compatriot Edward S. Gray (left) presented to the New England Historical Genealogical Society a copy of the MOSSAR *Centennial History and Registry 1889-1989*. Receiving the volume was George F. Sanborn, the organization's Acquisitions Librarian. Also presented were nine microfilm rolls of Membership Applications.

Sanborn, Jr., stated that "NEHGS is interested in obtaining as many records of this type as possible. SAR and those type of organizations are unique in that many of their members have a vested interest in maintaining good genealogical records. This donation not only maintains the

records, but encourages others to use them to find their patriotic lineages."

Each of these donations was accompanied by a copy of the MOSSAR *Centennial History and Registry 1889-1989* which was compiled by Compatriot James A. Shelby. This volume can be used as an index for most of the records on the microfilm.

The first phase of this project was completed when another set of microfilm was donated to the Missouri State Archives. The second phase will involve reviewing the remaining historical records of MOSSAR to determine which need to be preserved and which need to be added to the microfilm collection. MOSSAR will then donate those rolls of microfilm to the same libraries and genealogical societies.

SAR Dies At Age 111

We are saddened to report that Nebraska Society Compatriot Luther Goding was called to eternal rest in December at the age of 111. He is survived by a large number of relatives, including 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Born in 1884 on his family's homestead in rural Adams County, Nebraska, he became the first rural mail carrier there at the age of 20. His career largely involved working at the South Omaha Post office.

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Plano, Texas Youth Wins Essay Contest

When members of the National Society's George and Stella Knight Essay Contest Committee completed their deliberations, last year's top winner was Catherine Clayton, a student at Armstrong Middle School, Plano, Texas. As shown in an accompanying photo, she was awarded her prize of \$500 during a subsequent meeting of the local Plano Chapter.

The second place winner was Laura Lane of Bartonville, Illinois; she was awarded \$250. Coming in third for a prize of \$100 was Patrick Small of San Antonio, Texas.

Altogether, some 4,000 essays were submitted to the Committee, which at the time was chaired by Tennessee Compatriot McCarthy DeMere, M.D. He asked university students to read the entries and select the best 50 for final judging. When it happened that five tied for first place, Winston C. Williams, Editor, *The SAR Magazine*, was given the pleasant task of naming the three winners.

Miss Clayton, then only 14 years of age, won out over both high school and college students. According to Chapter Past President H. Lamar Davis, who served as Contest Chairman, there were 84 entrants from six middle schools. He points out that her essay was inspired by her American



When the Plano Chapter met in mid-1995, Essay Contest winner Catherine Clayton was presented a check for \$500 by Past President H. Lamar Davis. Observing was Judge Nathan White, Jr., President. Compatriot Davis was Contest Chairman.

History class. She chose as her theme the plight of a soldier at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War. In fact, she becomes the mythical soldier, Peter Sanderson, writing a letter to a sister - as recounted in the reprint of her entry. Always enjoying writing, she composed her essay as a class assignment.

While college is still several years away, Miss Clayton plans to attend either Austin College or Texas A&M University. She would like to be a pediatrician someday because she enjoys children. The \$500 prize she received has been tucked away for future schooling.

A LETTER FROM VALLEY FORGE

Dearest Maryanna,

By this time you know that I've gone, and you probably know where I've gone as well. I'm with the Continental Army at Valley Forge. Please don't tell Father. You know what a staunch Loyalist he is. I'm sorry that I had to put you in the middle, but I needed a buffer. Father would have my head on a pole before he would have let me go to war.

It is incredibly cold here. I'm used to South Carolina winters. Compared to this, even our coldest winter is balmy. The men here are in wretched condition. There isn't enough food, clothing, blankets, anything. I'm the only man I know of with a good pair of boots and warm clothes. I even have extra gloves. Bless you for insisting on making them for me.

Men are leaving the army by the dozens. This morning I awoke to find that three of the four men in my tent were gone. I, however, will not leave. So don't ask.

The work here is harder than any I have ever done before. The German drillmaster, Baron VonStueben, is the toughest task maker I've ever met. Every morning at the crack of dawn, he drills us on something. He inspires fear, and hard work. There is not a man here that doesn't come running when VonStueben shouts, "TEN-HUT! Ein, stie, dry!" I think he's counting in German.

I've only met General Washington once. He is a quiet man. He smiled when I told him about you. I nearly fell over from shock. This imposing, intimidating, seemingly grim fellow never smiles because he has wooden teeth! I liked him immediately. Washington radiates

confidence, but I'm not sure he's as confident as we've been led to believe. The other day, he read a document called *The Crisis* by Thomas Paine. It was excellent writing, very inspirational. Paine writes as well as Patrick Henry speaks. The next day, twenty more men were gone. They just weren't listening.

Since I arrived here, I have heard talk of many great men. I had never heard of many of them thanks to Father. People the likes of which I had never known. I can't remember all of them, but I do remember Benjamin Franklin, the envoy to France, John Paul Jones, a naval man, Nathan Hale, a recently captured American spy, and many, many others.

I've already made a friend here. His name is Alexander Hamilton. He's George Washington's aide. He's a rather stiff fellow, but very likable all the same. He told me of a man who signed the Declaration of Independence in extremely large writing. When asked why he quipped that he wanted King George to be able to read it without his glasses. His name was John Hancock. Alexander tells a very good story, but doesn't do well in front of groups.

Well Maryanna, it has become very, very late, and I must get some sleep. VonStueben is probably already plotting tomorrow's training. I love you all, even Father.

Your dearest brother,

Peter Sanderson

Patriots Index Progressing Rapidly; Help Sought From SARs With Computers

By FLSSAR Compatriot Douglas Little, Patriots Index Project Coordinator

In the Winter 1994 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*, then President General Robert B. Vance expanded on his dynamic program for the SAR that he had previously unveiled. The cover of that Issue carried a pyramid outlining "NEW Dimensions For The SAR" which had been approved by the Trustees. Included in his New Dimensions was the publication of a *Patriots Index* which would include genealogical information from Membership Applications.

The same issue included an article about Compatriot Russell D. Page, a member of the Executive Committee, presenting the Society with a check for \$20,000 which had been given by Mrs. Ruth L. Long in memory of her deceased husband, Compatriot Harold O. Long. She requested that her gift be used to prepare the *Patriots Index*.

With funding in place, work started on the detailed planning necessary for publication of the Index, which is the responsibility of the Patriots Index Committee under the chairmanship of Florida Society Past President Stanley A. Evans, Sr. The results of this planning were that it would be structured as a Linked Lineage Data Base (LLDB). The concept of such a base is that each Patriot Ancestor is linked to his/her descendants through to the applicant (and any children/grandchildren included on his application) in standard genealogical format. Using a standard format eliminates duplication of names. A LLDB will also permit keeping the data base current by adding data from new Applications as they are approved.

Concept Tested In Florida

To test the concept, volunteers from the Florida Society entered all the genealogical

data from Applications contained in the Florida Society's archives into a LLDB. This project has been immensely helpful in proving the concept of the LLDB as a suitable recording format, as well as defining the parameters needed for the entire NSSAR Patriots Index Project. The data entered by the Florida project will be incorporated into the *NSSAR Patriots Index* as will data from other similar State Society projects.

The wealth of data included in a LLDB made the decision as to the form in which it is to be published very important. The Patriot Index Committee contacted Mrs. Long and received her permission to use electronic media (CD-ROMs) so that as much data as is available can be included.

Once the publication format had been established, it was necessary to select which source documents in the NSSAR Archives would be used and plan for the actual conversion of them to a form that could be recorded on a CD-ROM. It was determined that the most practical approach would be to use the Ancestral Cards recorded on microfilm which contain information from approximately 190,000 Member Applications and Supplemental Applications.

Want To Participate?

If you would like to participate in this important NSSAR project, please send your name and address (include your e-mail address if you have one), telephone number and Chapter Name and State Society to:

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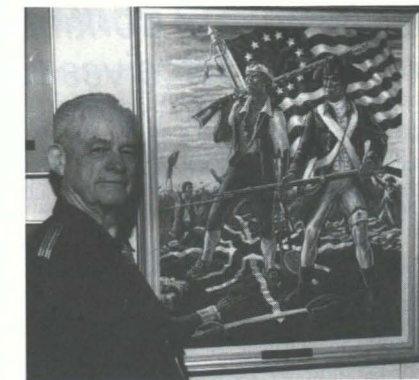
Oregon Compatriot Attains 100th Birthday!

Charles L. Hayward, a member of the Oregon Society's Lewis and Clark Chapter and World War I kite balloon pilot, was feted at a 100th birthday party held on Veteran's Day, November 11 (he insists that it is Armistice Day).

With over 275 people in attendance, Mrs. Keith L. Miller was Mistress of Ceremonies for the event; her husband is a Past Society President now serving as National Trustee. Two local TV stations covered other previous parties for Compatriot Hayward, who was featured in an article that appeared in the Winter 1994 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*. These occasions were hosted by his apartment neighbors and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which he became a member of in 1913 while attending Columbia University.



During the birthday party for Compatriot Charles L. Hayward (seated), he was presented a Centenarian Liberty Bell by Society National Trustee Leith L. Miller.



A painting depicting the 1781 victory at Yorktown was one of over 200 rendered by Compatriot Samuel P. Ingram on exhibit in Sun City.

SAR Fields Exhibit In Arizona Museum

"Americans Call to Freedom" was the title of an extensive exhibit of over 200 paintings, 85 story panels and 125 artifacts at the Sun Cities (Arizona) Art Museum for a three-month period beginning in early September - all created by Samuel P. Ingram, a member of the local Saguardo Chapter.

The paintings depict development of the political and religious philosophies which provided the basis for the formation of our country. In addition, they portray important events from the country's formation through present day. In conjunction with the exhibit, Compatriot Ingram's 200 page, full-color book, *America's Call to Freedom From An Artist's Viewpoint*, was on sale, with profits contributed to the Art Museum.

According to him, the exhibit was prompted by a growing concern about the deterioration of patriotism in our nation and the lack of teaching or the disregard for our nation's magnificent history. The project was in work for nine years.

A retired naval officer, he began painting at age 14. While studying art, he won several scholarships including one in Mexico which allowed him to study under Diego Rivera, Jose Orozco and Carlos Merdia. His works have been shown in art museums across the United States.



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1st New York Continental Chapter Receives Its Charter From PG Gist

President General and Mrs. William C. Gist were the guests of honor at the gala Inaugural Dinner of the 1st New York Continental Chapter staged at the Yale Club of New York in late October.

Chartered by the Empire State Society early last year, the Chapter was named to honor the 1st New York Continental Regiment of the Line whose troops were raised in New York City in 1775.

The evening's festivities began with an elegant reception where the Gist's were greeted individually by 130 guests representing nearly all of the city's major hereditary societies. Later in the palatial dining room, 1st Deputy Mayor Peter J. Powers read a letter of congratulations to the Chapter from Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. Since the Mayor could not attend, the PG and Charles Galbraith, Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District and President of the Chapter, presented the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to the Mayor via Mr. Powers.

As the dinner program was about to commence, the Color Guard of the United States Military Academy presented the Colors. The services of this unit had been obtained by Capt. Paul Millard, a Charter Member of the Chapter and an instructor at the institution. Following recitation of the



Accepting the Gold Good Citizenship Medal on behalf of New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, was 1st Deputy Mayor Peter J. Powers (center). Making the presentation were President General William C. Gist (left) and Chapter President Charles Galbraith.

Pledge of Allegiance and offering of the Invocation by The Most Reverend Herbert M. Groce, Jr., SSC, STD, Charter Members were introduced and came forward to receive a Certificate of Appreciation. PG Gist then presented the Charter to President Galbraith.

Following a sumptuous dinner, Empire State Society National Trustee Ronald E. Newton was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, while Mrs. Diane Peck Galbraith, Regent of the DAR New York Chapter, received the Meritorious Service Medal for her outstanding efforts in building mutually supportive relations between the SAR and DAR. The formal part of the festivities concluded with remarks by President General Gist.

Among the many dignitaries on hand were Empire State Society President Walter Cookenham and Former President General James B. Gardiner II, a Chapter Charter Member.



Among the distinguished guests at the Chapter's Inaugural Dinner were Mrs. William C. Gist (left), wife of the President General, and Mrs. Diane Galbraith, wife of the Chapter President and Regent of the DAR New York City Chapter.

SAR HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This new listing has been compiled by Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the National Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. Plans call for updating it in future issues of the magazine. SARs are encouraged to submit information about future events to him at 4933 Buckhorn Rd., Hunting Hills, Roanoke, VA 24014. You are invited to attend each one!

March 4 - Pensacola, FL:
Ft. George, 3:00p.m.
Dedication of SAR plaque.
Sponsored by FLSSAR.

April 13 - Washington, DC:
Jefferson Memorial, 11:00 a.m.
Jefferson Birthday event.
SAR participants.

April 13 - Charlottesville, VA:
10:00 a.m. Jefferson Birthday
event at Monticello tomb.
SAR participants.

April 13 - Richmond, VA:
12:00 p.m. Jefferson Birthday event
in Rotunda, State Capitol.
SAR participants.

April 28 - Richmond, VA:
12:00 p.m. James Monroe Birthday
event in Rotunda, State Capitol.
SAR participants.

May 19 - Valley Forge, PA:
2:00 p.m. Commemorative Service,
Washington Memorial Chapel.
SAR participants.

June 23 - Baltimore, MD:
Old St. Paul's Cemetery, 9:00 a.m.
Annual Patriot's Wreath-laying.
Sponsored by VASSAR.

July 4 - Mt. Vernon, VA:
11:00 a.m. Wreath-laying at tombs
of George and Martha Washington.
Sponsored by VASSAR.

July 4 - Charlottesville, VA:
11:00 a.m. Independence Day
Celebration and Naturalization
Ceremony, Monticello and Ashlawn.
SAR participants.

**October 7 - Kings Mountain
Military Park, S.C.:**
3:00 p.m. Over-Mountain Men
Victory Celebration. SAR partic-
ipants (SAR ceremony can be 5th
or 6th).

October 13 - Point Pleasant, WV:
2:00 p.m. Annual commemorative
service. Sponsored by WV/VASSAR.

October 19 - Yorktown, VA:
11:00 a.m. National Annual
Celebration of Victory at Yorktown.
SAR participants.

November 10 - Annapolis, MD:
1:00 p.m., Massing of the Colors,
Chapel, US Naval Academy.
Sponsored by MOWW; SAR
participants.

Changes Made In George Washington Funds Program

Former President General Nolan W. Carson has been appointed Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Funds Board, according to an announcement by President General William C. Gist. He replaces FPG James R. Calhoun, who resigned the post for personal reasons.

"On behalf of the National Society," declared PG Gist, "I want to thank Compatriot Calhoun for the highly commendable job he has performed as Chairman. Under his leadership, this program has grown dramatically."

Compatriot Carson was PG during the 1987-88 term of office. He currently is also serving as Chairman of the Investment Committee, which monitors and controls investments in the Permanent Fund.

Coincidental to this move, the Board has announced changes in this important fund

raising operation; they are reflected in the recently revised Contribution Form used in making gifts, as reproduced here. Full-size, official copies are available from the Compatriot(s) in your State Society responsible for coordinating this program at the local level. The old form will not be accepted after April 1, 1995.

The mix of eligible Endowment and Operating Funds listed on the form now contains the SAR Magazine Fund, S.B. McCarty History Fund and the Newsletters Awards Fund. Eliminated are the Jennings Flathers Fund and the Graham Smallwood Fund; these are now part of the Newsletters Awards Fund.

Tax-deductible contributions over the years from Compatriots, Chapters, State Societies and SAR friends have helped finance a wide array of Committee and

other programs. The GWEF Board serves as an "umbrella" for all of the various Special Purpose Funds. Two Committees report to the Chairman: National Fund Raising, chaired by Bert E. Sells, is responsible for planning overall fund raising activities; and Budget and Distribution, headed by Chairman Howard F. Horne, Jr., is responsible for reviewing requests for funding and recommending the allocation of available funds to the Board Chairman, President General and the Executive Committee.

Compatriot Sells reports that a special fund raising drive is being planned at the 106th Annual Congress which convenes in June in San Antonio. "If you cannot attend", he emphasizes, "please contact your Chapter or State Society GWEF Chairman for the new Contribution Form - so that you can participate in this drive."

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National Society Library Continues To Expand Varied Research Holdings

by William M. Bailey, Chairman Library Committee

The article on the SAR Library in the Fall, 1995 Issue of *The SAR Magazine* brought everyone current on its status. We plan to update this status three or four times each year with information on important acquisitions and/or improvements in the Library.

The U.S. Census Microfilm Project to acquire all census microfilm thru 1920 is gathering momentum. Since the project started in July, 1995 we have purchased or have on order almost 300 rolls of film. This still leaves us with approximately 8,600 rolls to purchase to complete the goal. Several State Societies have set up programs to purchase their film and we expect results from these programs in the near future. Detailed information has been sent to all Society Presidents about this project; this is updated periodically.

The Miami Chapter, Florida Society, is closing their library and has donated their collection of 900 books to the SAR Library. These books are being shipped, prepaid, to Louisville and will be assimilated as soon as possible. This is a very generous gift.

The Library has received one set of books and will order another that will be very helpful to researchers. Already received is a four-volume set entitled "Index to Names in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volumes 51 thru 148". The Library subscribes to this journal. The set to be ordered is a four-volume one entitled "American Places Dictionary". These volumes list some 45,000 place names covering every incorporated political entity in the country. The Library will also be ordering some 30 new books covering early vital records for New England towns in the states of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts.

There are a large number of periodicals being issued by local historical and genealogical societies across the country. These periodicals normally contain much genealogical information and would be an asset to the SAR Library. Many members subscribe to these journals and would like to donate them. If you wish to contribute such journals, contact the SAR Library for information on how to do this.

Chapter Helps Relate World War II To Students

Scores of students attending Williams County schools know a great deal more about World War II, thanks to the unique WWII Education Project organized and executed by the Ohio Society's Northwest Territory Chapter.

Under the guidance of Compatriot David L. Lupien, the program focused on grades 7-12 over a period of several weeks during the 1994-95 term. Its objective was to share the war's history with young people, share the part that local veterans played

in this phase of history, and show how what happened over 50 years ago is relevant today.

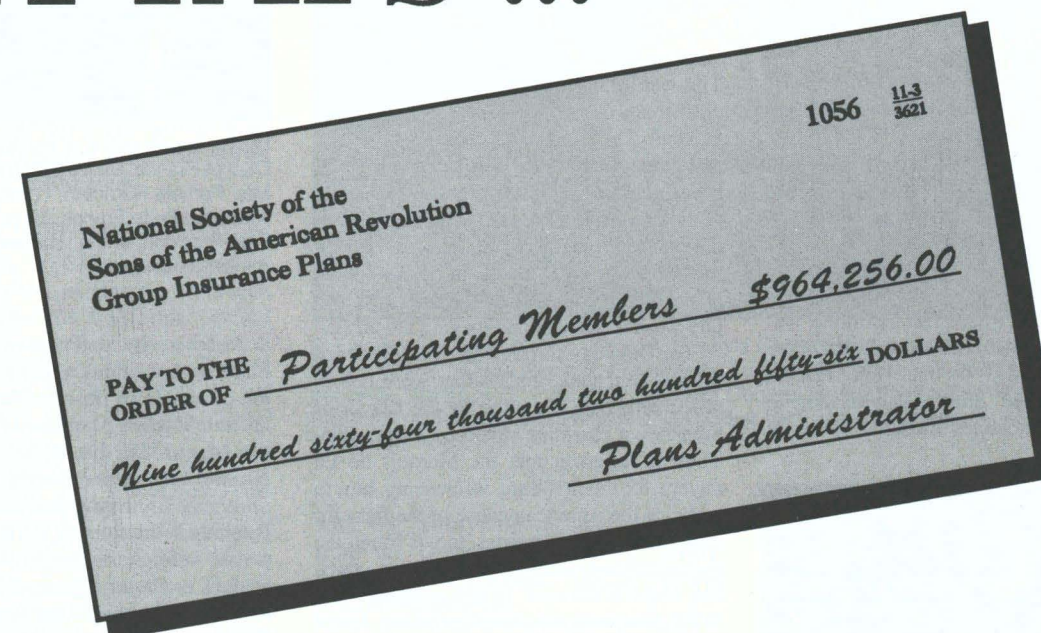
Encompassed were talks by 20 diverse veterans, WWII posters and a broad array of period artifacts. As Compatriot Lupien explains, "we had no 'generation gap' as the youngsters were very interested in the programs their schools provide. In their evaluations many stated how before, WWII was simply printed words in their history text. Now when they study the war, they have the personal stories of survivors who were involved to help them place context to their studies."

He goes on to report that speakers shared the realities of war, sacrifices made, the task at hand they had to accomplish. "They related experiences ranging from bombing missions over the Ploesti oil fields and the invasion of Okinawa to the Normandy landing, the Battle of the Bulge and jungle warfare." And importantly, women vets were also involved to explain their unique roles that included nursing, cryptography, communications and training men. For example, Eleanor Newcomer and Tynni Hummel related their experiences as members of the Navy WAVES. Eleanor was a communications officer at the Bremerton Naval Yard in Seattle, while Tynni trained men to fly by instruments only on the Link pilot trainer in Texas.



Important to the WWII Education Project were displays of varied artifacts relative to the conflict. These were of special interest to participating students.

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Unique "Twinning" Event In Paris Held By Louisiana, France Societies

By John Francois, Vice President Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR

This past December a contingent of Louisiana Society Compatriots and family members descended upon Paris, the City of Lights, to make an official "twinning" with the France Society — despite the news that transportation strikes were paralyzing the area. Strike-related traffic congestion was to be a continuing obstacle as the group traveled about in a rented van. All the SARs are members of the Attakapas Chapter.

The twinning took place on December 12 at an official reception and dinner hosted by the France Society. The elegant site was the Automobile Club de France, which overlooks the square where the guillotine was busy during the French Revolution. The event was attended by the Hon. Pamela Harriman, United States Ambassador to France. Other notables included Helie de



Dignitaries participating in the official twinning ceremony were (from left): France Society President Helie de Noailles, Vice-President General Renaud de Laforcade and Louisiana Society President Donald T. Rigler.

Noailles, Duc d'Ayen, and President of the France Society; Gilbert de Pusy, Comte de La Fayette, and his charming mother; Comte Rene de Chambreau; Comte Jean de Tinguy de Pouet and SAR twinning coordinator; Comte Renaud de Laforcade, Vice-President General for the Foreign District-Europe and Master of Ceremonies; the Marquis de Breteuil; French Senator Jacques Habert, who represents the foreign French; and Michel Tauriac, noted journalist for *Paris-Match* and President of *France-Louisiane*.

In the course of the lavish dinner twinning plaques were exchanged by President Noailles and Donald T. Rigler, President of the Louisiana Society.

Large bronze medallions bearing the profile of the Marquis de La Fayette, and struck specifically for the occasion by the French mint, were given as gifts. Speeches followed, the gist of which was that the twinning was too long in coming, but that now it was a fact.

Visit With Compatriot de Rochambeau

On Wednesday, the Louisiana visitors enjoyed lunch in the country with the Comte de Rochambeau in one of the rustic, renovated stables of the Château de Dompierre. This was followed by a private tour of another chateau down the road, the Château de Breteuil. The Marquis himself was the host and guide. One of the best preserved of the French châteaux, his ancestral home is one of the few country estates not put to the torch during the French Revolution. It seems that the Marquis' ancestor at the time was a recent orphan, made so by the guillotine, and pity was taken by the rampaging arsonists.

On Thursday, through the good offices of *France-Louisiane*, the visitors were hosted at a champagne reception by the Mayor of Suresnes, a charming suburb of Paris where Thomas Jefferson met the Marquis de La Fayette for the first time, influencing him to embrace the American cause of the fight for independence. In Suresnes, too, is found the only American cemetery in France which has both WWI and WWII soldiers. The WWI dead were not casualties of war, but of the 'flu epidemic of 1918, which killed thousands in Europe as well as in America. Nearby, at Mont-Valérien, is the *Mémorial de la France Combattante*, a monument to the French who died during WWII. It has a special crypt to commemorate the heroes of the Resistance. The crypt was ordered constructed by General de Gaulle in 1960 upon his return to power. A private tour of the monument was conducted by the curator, and the official Book of Dignitaries was signed.

Ceremony at Lafayette's Grave

On Friday, "closure" of the twinning was



A highlight of the visit to Picpus Cemetery was the laying of a wreath at the grave of Lafayette. Note the U.S. Flag which flies all year. Some of those participating in the ceremony are shown here. On the left, from left to right: the Cemetery Curator; Gilbert de Pusy, Comte de La Fayette; Comtesse de La Fayette; Attakapas Chapter VP John Francois; DAR Jo Wallis; and Louisiana Society President Donald T. Rigler. On the right, from left: Chapter President Bill Wallis; Society Alternate National Trustee Howard Crawford; Chapter Compatriot Lynn Breaux, who served as Twinning Coordinator; and Claude Teboul (foreground), *France-Louisiane* Secretary General.



During the reception at the Automobile Club of France, Bill Wallis chatted with Mrs. Pamela Harriman, United States Ambassador to France. He is the Immediate Past President of the Louisiana Society's Attakapas Chapter.

done by a visit to Picpus Cemetery (near Place de la Nation) to lay a wreath on the tomb of Marie Joseph Paul Roch Yves Gilbert Mottier, Marquis de La Fayette. It was here in 1917 that the famous words, "*La Fayette, nous sommes ici!*" ("*La Fayette, we are here!*"), words attributed to General Pershing, were uttered. La Fayette lies next to his wife, Adrienne de Noailles, in the ancient monastery. Every 4th of July U.S. officials, members of the French Cincinnati Society, and SARs gather to pay tribute to the Marquis. An American flag flies permanently over his tomb. It is interesting to note that this was the only place in Paris where the flag flew during the entire period of the German occupation.

On Saturday, the last, full day of the visit, a special, private tour of the ornate and historic Hotel de Ville de Paris (City Hall) was arranged, followed by a champagne reception in the Salon Jean-Paul Laurens.

The delegation will long remember their visit. They are now looking forward to hosting the French at a reciprocal twinning program during 1996.

State Societies Mark Their Centennial

On January 1, 1895 there were already 24 State Societies in the National Society. In 1995 three of them celebrated their Centennial Anniversaries.

The Utah Society was organized on January 29, 1895; its Centennial Observance was reported in the Fall 1995 Issue of our magazine. Two other Societies, Hawaii and Washington, were organized on the same day: June 17, the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. All three have proven to be vital in the promotion of American patriotism in their respective areas.

The Hawaii Society

In the Spring of 1895 gentlemen residing in the Republic of Hawaii, Sandwich Islands, contacted the California Society and obtained information on the procedure for organizing a Society, which resulted in completion on June 17. There were 18 Charter Members. Compatriot Peter C. Jones, National #850, a member of the Massachusetts Society residing in Hawaii, was selected as the Organizing President.

A year book has been published annually since 1896. The first volume states, "The Hawaiian Society enjoys the distinction of being the first society of the kind in a foreign land. It is one of the proofs that Hawaii forms the advanced post of American civilization in the Pacific Ocean."

At the 7th SAR Annual Congress at Richmond, Virginia in April, 1896, the Hawaiian Society was represented by three delegates. In the 1950s the name was changed to the Hawaii Society. Its Centennial History gives a complete review of the Society's interesting heritage. In 1900 the Society had 72 members; today that number stands at 67.

The highlight of the Centennial Anniversary was the visit of President General and Mrs. Stewart Boone McCarty. A joint luncheon meeting was held on February 18 at the Hale Koa Hotel hosted by the DAR, with DAR President General Mrs. Donald S. Blair also present. Both PGs spoke, paying tribute to their Societies. Photographs of this event appeared in the Spring 1995 Issue.

The Washington Society

On June 6, 1891 the Oregon Society was organized with many members living in the State of Washington. It was soon unofficially recognized as the Oregon-Washington Society. A local Chapter was organized in Spokane, Washington, on February 1, 1894, and a second Chapter in Seattle on September 25, 1894. The organization of these Chapters gave the impetus to form a State Society.

The Washington Society was organized on June 17, 1895 with Colonel Simon S. Scott as Organizing President. The Charter Member listing closed on September 7



Dignitaries attending the Washington Society's Centennial Celebration included (from left): Past National Trustee Glenn S. Oliver; Past Surgeon General and current National Trustee Vance E. Senter, M.D.; Past Vice-President General for the Pacific District Kenneth H. Slaker; President General William C. Gist; Past VPG Joseph W. McLark; and President Edward M. Anderson.

with 59. Thirty-one members demitted from the Oregon Society. Two "REAL SONS" joined the ranks: William Pike and John N. Wallingford.



Washington Society President Edward M. Anderson (right) was the proud recipient of the Patriot Medal during the Centennial Celebration. Doing the honors was President General William C. Gist.

The emphasis on patriotic programming was soon set. In 1896 the new Society offered first and second prizes of \$25 and \$10 to the pupils in each high school and college in the state for the best composition on "The Principles and Lessons of the American Revolution." The Society also presented each high school in the state with a framed copy of Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. Through the years many patriotic events are observed in conjunction with the DAR. Today there are 195 Compatriots on the rolls.

A September 9th banquet in Seattle capped the Society's Centennial Observance. The guest of honor was President General William C. Gist, the first PG to visit the state since Nolan W. Carson in 1988. Compatriot Gist stressed the desirability of having a closer relationship with the DAR at all levels. In addition, he pointed out the desirability of coordinating the formation of new Chapters with upcoming state conventions. he was



Receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal at the Centennial Celebration of the Washington Society was Past National Trustee Glenn S. Oliver (foreground). At the lectern offering congratulations was President General William C. Gist.

appointed to the honorary rank of Washington General by Compatriot Jim Wood, which he noted "outranked the office of Kentucky Colonel!" The special gathering could not be held in June near the anniversary date because it conflicted with the 105th Annual Congress in Louisville, Kentucky.

State Society and Chapter EVENTS



DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

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

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Individual Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical feature articles they would like to write. Each will be given careful consideration.

Arizona Society

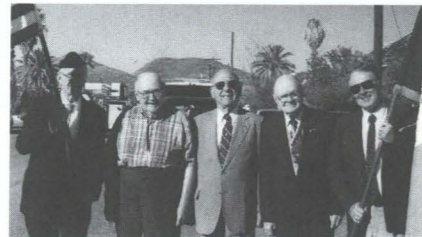
The Arizona Club in Scottsdale was the site of the Society's Fall Meeting held in honor of President General William C. Gist's mid-November visit; he was accompanied by Mrs. Gist. Activities included a Friday evening banquet, Saturday morning business sessions and an awards luncheon; the PG spoke at each.



Society President George R. Reece (right) presented a book to PG and Mrs. Gist entitled "America's Call to Freedom" by Compatriot Sam Ingram. It contains Ingram's paintings and other of his art that was on display at a local museum.



NSSAR Museum Board Chairman William H. Roddis (left) trekked from his home in Wisconsin to Arizona to be guest speaker at the **Phoenix Chapter's** December 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner. He was awarded the Society's Centennial Medal by Bernard Schmidt (center) and George A. Peck, Jr. Chairman Roddis offered a slide presentation about the Museum.



These **Tucson Chapter** Compatriots enthusiastically turned out to participate in the city's Veterans Day Parade on November 11 (from left): William B. Foster, Dr. Marcus D. McDivitt, Jack Stacy, Jr., Charles Stiles and Albert I. Niemeyer.



Arkansas Society



During the Christmas Dinner of the **Bayou Bartholomew Chapter**, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines was awarded the Martha Washington Medal recognizing her many years of service to the Chapter. Doing the honors was Elmer Lybrand (right), while Compatriot Lynn Gaines looked on approvingly.



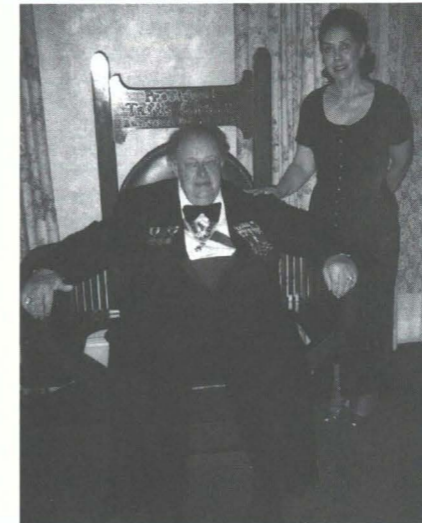
A highlight of the **Bayou Bartholomew Chapter's** Christmas Dinner was presentation of the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Pine Bluff Fire Chief Ray Jacks (right); proudly observing was his wife. Doing the honors was Society President Duane E. Vandenberg.



Melissa Jones, Arizona Society C.A.R. State President, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the **Saguaro Chapter**. Upon the conclusion of her talk about the C.A.R., she was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Paul E. Brownell.

California Society

When members of the Society gathered in early November for a Board of Managers meeting at the Riverside Mission Inn, President General William C. Gist was on hand to attend a variety of activities and offer an address at the formal banquet. Serving as host was the **Riverside Chapter**, whose Compatriots and their wives greeted guests, handled the registration table and hosted socials; President Dave Leonard was presented a special Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in planning the gala event. Also in attendance were Society President Ronald D. Risley and virtually all other state officers.



Guests of honor at the Society's November Board of Managers meeting were Vice-President General for the Western District and Mrs. Warren M. Yarbrough. He is shown seated in a chair at the meeting site, the Mission Inn, that was used during a visit by President Howard Taft. Compatriot Yarbrough declared that he wanted to take the chair home!

Compatriots traveled as much as 800 miles to attend the chartering of the **North Coast Chapter** in Eureka last July. Included here was Society Executive Secretary Carl H. Lamb, who drove from his home in San Diego to Ventura to hitch a ride with Society President Ronald D. Risley and Frank Budroe of the **General George Patton Chapter**. Compatriot Risley presented the Charter signed on the back by all members on hand for the Society's Annual Meeting; he also installed newly elected officers and presented a variety of medals.

When the **Thomas Jefferson Chapter** marked its 75th anniversary in September at Oakland, the guest speaker, Professor Robert Middlekauff of the University of California-Berkeley, aptly discussed the life of Patriot Jefferson. He also touched on the upheaval on his campus over the issue of cutting back on racial preferences for certain minority groups in admission. He declared that he fully supported the return to a merit system for admitting students and that our universities have been weakened by admitting mediocre young people over more gifted ones.

Carol Ann Bender, selected as the Society's Outstanding American History Teacher for 1995, was the guest speaker at the October meeting of the **South Coast Chapter**. Selected to attend the Freedoms Foundation Workshop in Valley Forge last July, she described this event and showed slides of historical sites around Philadelphia.

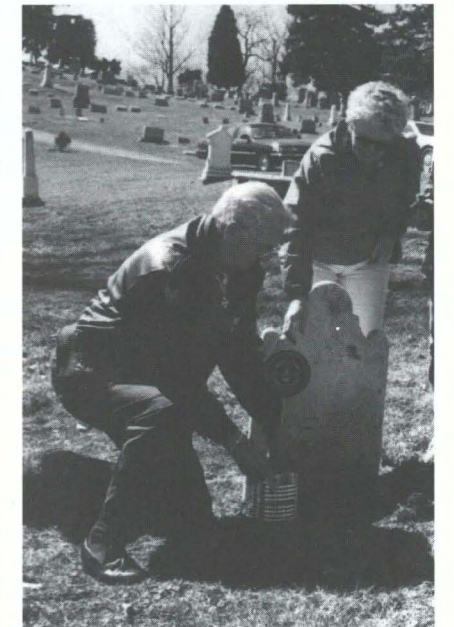


Coachella Chapter President Gale T. Cornwell helped man the SAR booth at the General Patton Memorial Museum for the 8th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11. His uniform sparked many opportunities for being in photos taken by visitors. A number of applicants for our Society were received.

The featured speaker at the **General George Patton Chapter's** October meeting was Society President Ronald D. Risley dressed in a Revolutionary War uniform. He chose as his topic "Patriot General Henry Knox", a member of General George Washington's staff.

A slide presentation about the ghost town of Bodie was the subject of a talk by Don and Nancy Yowell at the September meeting of

the **Redlands Chapter**. Accomplished photographers, they discussed what was once the fifth-largest mining town in the state with 10,000 residents. Between 1859 and 1992, more than 1.25 million ounces of gold and silver were extracted there. Tours are offered through the old Standard Mine building still standing. Only 5 percent of the original structures remain.



Last year **San Fernando Valley Chapter** Past President Donald H. McLaughlin and his wife placed an SAR Patriot Marker on the grave site of his Revolutionary War ancestor, Daniel Moore, in the Hollidaysburg (Pennsylvania) Presbyterian Cemetery. Observing the ceremony were numerous local SARs and DARs, as well as some of Moore's descendants.

Colorado Society



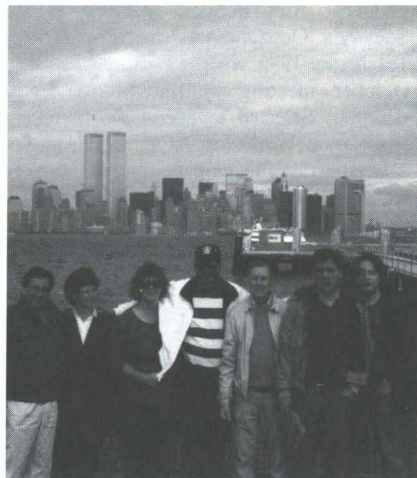
Denver was the locale for the Society's early November meeting that saw the visitation of President General William C. Gist (third from right) and his wife. Included in the schedule of activities were a luncheon at the Holiday Inn Southeast and a dinner hosted by the **Pikes Peak Chapter**. Posing here with the PG were (from left): President John D. Peebles; Secretary Frank D. Pryor, Jr.; Robert C. Bohannon, Jr., Vice-President General for the Rocky Mountain District; National Trustee Barlow M. Westcott; Alternate Trustee William C. Aitken; and Col. Lester R. Mellott, Jr., President of the Chapter.



Upon completion of his address at the Constitution Dinner held by the **Pikes Peak Chapter**, LTC Harry Borowski, USAF (Ret) was thanked by President Lester R. Mellott; the gathering was staged at the Officers Club of the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. A retired Professor of History from the Academy, he spoke on the Constitution.

In early December, the **Pikes Peak Chapter** staged its Annual Bill of Rights Dinner at the Pikes Peak Country Club. The guest speaker was Brig. Gen. David W. Winn, USAF (Ret). He shared his experiences as a POW during the Vietnam conflict.

Connecticut Society



In October members of the **General Israel Putnam Branch**, led by President Ross S. Dent, held their Fall Meeting at historic Fraunces Tavern in New York City to honor LTC Thomas Knowlton and Capt. Nathan Hale. The Connecticut pair heroically gave their lives for the Patriot cause in the area. This photo was taken on Liberty Island, one among several sites they visited (including Federal Hall, Trinity Church, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Statue of Liberty).



The Centennial of the **Nathan Hale Chapter** was marked in November with a luncheon at Fishermans Restaurant at Groton Long Point, with over 70 in attendance. In addition to the distribution of a Chapter history, the program included a talk by David J. Gray, Vice-President General for the New England District (left). Welcoming him were Society President John A. Ricketts (center) and President Donald T. Buck.

Delaware Society

With President General William C. Gist as the guest of honor and principal speaker, the Society staged a highly successful Annual Delaware Ratification Day Celebration in Wilmington this past December. Some of the honored guests are shown in accompanying photos. The site was a local country club. The following Sunday morning, some of the guests were treated to the famed brunch at the Hotel DuPont.



President General and Mrs. William C. Gist (right) were welcomed to the Society's Ratification Day festivities by Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District Howard F. Horne and his wife (he is a Past Society President and resident of Wilmington).



Among the dignitaries attending the Ratification Day Celebration were (from left): President General William C. Gist; Dr. Howard F. Horne, VPG for the Mid-Atlantic District; Registrar General Thomas J. Bond; Past VPG Edward Gray; Past Society President Ralph Nelson; and Society President Roland Downing. Not present when this photo was taken was Larry Blackett, VPG for the Great Lakes District.

District of Columbia Society

The Grand Ballroom of the Almas Temple in Washington, DC was the site of the Society's 18th Potowmack Ball honoring young ladies of the Children of the Revolution as they are presented as debutantes. Chairman of the late-November gala was Ronald L. Schaeffer, National Trustee.

NSSAR officers and spouses attending the Ball included President General and Mrs. William C. Gist, Secretary General and Mrs. Reon Hillegass, Registrar General and Mrs. Thomas J. Bond, and Former President General Stewart Boone McCarty. Other dignitaries included General President of the Sons of the Revolution James Thorington II and Mrs. Thorington; Mrs. Paul M. Niebell, former Senior National President of the C.A.R.; Mrs. Eldred Yochim, Honorary President General of the DAR, and many others representing various SAR, DAR and C.A.R. units as well as other genealogical/hereditary orders.



Among the dignitaries attending the Ball were President General and Mrs. William C. Gist (left) and Mr. and Mrs. James Thorington II (he is General President of the Sons of the Revolution).

In November the Society purchased a "corporate table" at the Annual Great American Auction sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area, an annual fund raising event. Compatriots and guests in attendance included Registrar General and Mrs. Thomas J. Bond (he is a Past Society President), Past President and Mrs. James I. Pace, Past President and Mrs. Peter A. Dixon, Past President Ronald Schaeffer, Andrew Johnson and James Cummings. The purchase also included having an advertisement in the official program.



President General and Mrs. William C. Gist (foreground) were guests of honor as young ladies were introduced at the Society's Ball in November. Many of the escorts are also members of the C.A.R.

Florida Society



At the conclusion of his address before a November meeting of the **Lakeland Chapter**, Society President Ralph N. Cramer (left) was presented the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Certificate by Vice President Robert W. Chandler. He chose as his topic "George Washington's Second Front", which pertained to the significance of various battles and personalities on the western frontier.



CWO Jim R. Armitage, USA (Ret), President of the Major John DeVane Chapter, recently presented a World War II Anniversary Certificate to CPO Armando Cruz, USN (Ret), Commander of the U.S.S. Tampa Post No. 5 of the American Legion. The unit has been active over the past several years in honoring WWII veterans as part of the anniversary celebration.



Members of the **Jacksonville Chapter's** Sons of Liberty Ceremonial Group turned out in force to participate in the city's Veterans Day Parade in November. The contingent served as flag bearers, armed flag escorts and drivers of a decorated Model T Ford and convertible. They received continuing applause from onlookers all along the parade route plus TV coverage.

Georgia Society



Since all of these Compatriots of the **Piedmont Chapter** served in the Armed Forces at one time or another, each was honored recently by being presented the War Service Certificate. Assisting in the program was Robert F. Galer (forefront in dark jacket), Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District.



Highlighting the Christmas Dinner of the **Coweta Falls Chapter** was presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Judge Elijah M. Whisnant (center). Doing the pinning were President James L. Holman (left) and Board Member Woodrow H. Myers. As keynote speaker, the judge offered an account of the trial of the British soldiers that participated in the Boston Massacre.

Hawaii Society

During the World War II Commemoration Ceremonies at the National Memorial of the Pacific in early September, Past President Ray E. Woodstock presented a large floral wreath on behalf of the Society. As this was being done, the Master of Ceremonies related that the Society had recently marked its 100th anniversary. In attendance were President and Mrs. Bill Clinton.

As part of the same continuing Ceremonies, the Society participated in the Veterans Day Parade held in Waikiki. Past President Warren M. Yarbrough and Secretary John M. Williams rode in a military vehicle which boasted the Society's banner. Compatriot Ray E. Woodstock walked in the parade with fellow WWII Army Air Corps veterans.

Illinois Society

James A. Williams, who served for many years as Chairman of the NSSAR Museum in Louisville, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter** in downtown Chicago. He chose as the topic of his slide-illustrated talk "The Story of the Constitution."

"My Survival of the Attack on Pearl Harbor and Meeting the Enemy After 40 Years" was the title of a talk by Compatriot Jack Westerman during an October meeting of the Kishwaukee Chapter. He was stationed on the USS Marilyn at the time of the attack. He explained how he set up a meeting with a Japanese squadron leader who participated in the attack more than 40 years earlier.

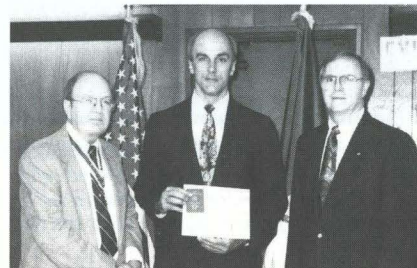


John McNeil (left), President of the **General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter**, and Secretary Lyle White recently visited the grave site of their Chapter's namesake in Clarksville. They were there to verify that vandals had removed a SAR marker, with the plan to replace it with a new one. The patriot served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Blackhawk War.

Indiana Society

Hosted by the Society and the **Clarence A. Cook Chapter**, the Central District Annual Meeting was held at Indianapolis in late October. Presiding was Vice-President General Lowell C. Reed. The program encompassed a formal Friday evening banquet highlighted by an address by Treasurer General Russell D. Page, followed by a Saturday morning business meeting and an entertaining luncheon. The District consists of the Societies in Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

The Continental Chapter, which serves the Muncie area, marked Veterans Day with a program highlighted by a talk by Chapter Compatriot Albert T. Morris. A World War II veteran who served in Europe with the 1st Division, he was the Chapter's Organizing President. Later he was Society President and Vice-President General for the Central District. Nearly 20 other members were recognized for military service.



Tom Osborn (center), Principal of Driver Middle School in Winchester, was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his being named 1994-95 Middle School Principal of the Year for Indiana. Doing the honors were Society President Dr. Neal C. Pitts (left) and James Mock.

Kentucky Society

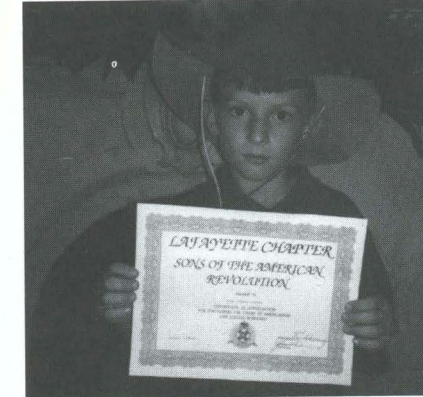
At the end of September the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park near Prestonsburg was the setting for dedication of a mile-long hiking trail and monument in memory of Compatriot Stephen Ray Preston Brackett, District Forester and Supervisor of the Eastern District of the Kentucky Division of Forestry covering six counties. The program was sponsored by the **Big Sandy Chapter**, which he was serving as President when he was called to eternal life in 1993, the DAR John Graham Chapter, various government officials, relatives and friends. Speakers for the event summarized his career, which began when he became a Junior Forest Ranger. Among the many participants in the unveiling of a special plaque was Ray Brackett, a Past Society President. His exemplary accomplishments included teaching fire control classes at Eastern Kentucky University and other institutions, the supervision of fire trail construction, and assisting in the placement of 21 monuments that recognized Revolutionary War Patriots and other ancestors throughout the years.



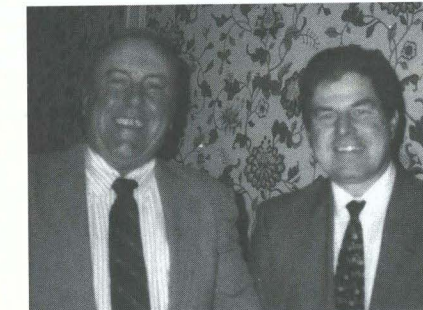
Shown here are some of those who participated in the dedication ceremony at the site of the Compatriot Stephen Brackett monument. Included were members of the **Big Sandy Chapter**, Society officers, relatives and friends.



In October the **Big Sandy Chapter** marked the grave site of Patriot Benjamin S. Hamilton, who served as a Revolutionary War spy. Among the participants at the family farm in Morgan County were (from left): Mrs. Stephen R. Preston Brackett (whose late husband was a Chapter President), Angela Frances Brackett, Mrs. Ray Brackett, Past Society President Ray Brackett and Chapter member; and John D. Preston, Chapter Chancellor who is serving as a Kentucky State Senator.



Seven-year-old Sean Fisher, the grandson of Lafayette Chapter Compatriot Richard H. Fisher, was the guest speaker at a 1995 Chapter meeting. Entitled "The Story of Stephen Albert Fisher", he recounted his Patriot ancestor's service in the Revolutionary War — delivering his message in the person of the Patriot. He concluded by reporting that "my 6th great-grandson attends Capitol Day School in Frankfort, Kentucky."



During the November meeting of the **John Scott Chapter** at Spindletop Hall, Awards Chairman Billy Singer presented the SAR Annual Educator of the Year Award for Scott County to Superintendent of Schools Dallas Blankenship. One of the dignitaries on hand was Rev. James W. Diamond, Society President.

Maine Society



The Society has been busy marking the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots. Placing an official SAR emblem near the stone recognizing Private Samuel Phelps in Stockridge Cemetery at Byron were National Trustee Dee C. Brown, Jr. and Dr. Robert L. Martin.

Maryland Society

President General and Mrs. William C. Gist made their official visit to the Society by their attendance at the Patriot's Ball held at the Turf Valley Country Club on December 1st. They witnessed the presentation of ten lovely debutantes. Other dignitaries on hand included Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District and Mrs. Howard F. Horne, Secretary General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass, Registrar General and Mrs. Thomas J. Bond and NSDAR Honorary President General Mrs. Eldred Yochim. At the conclusion of his remarks, the PG was presented a medal and certificate commemorating the Revolutionary War Maryland 400 and a painting of Mordecai Gist, a collateral ancestor.



One of the highlights of the Patriot's Ball program was presentation of a medal and certificate to President General William C. Gist (right) commemorating the Maryland 400. Making the presentation was Society President Jack Burk.



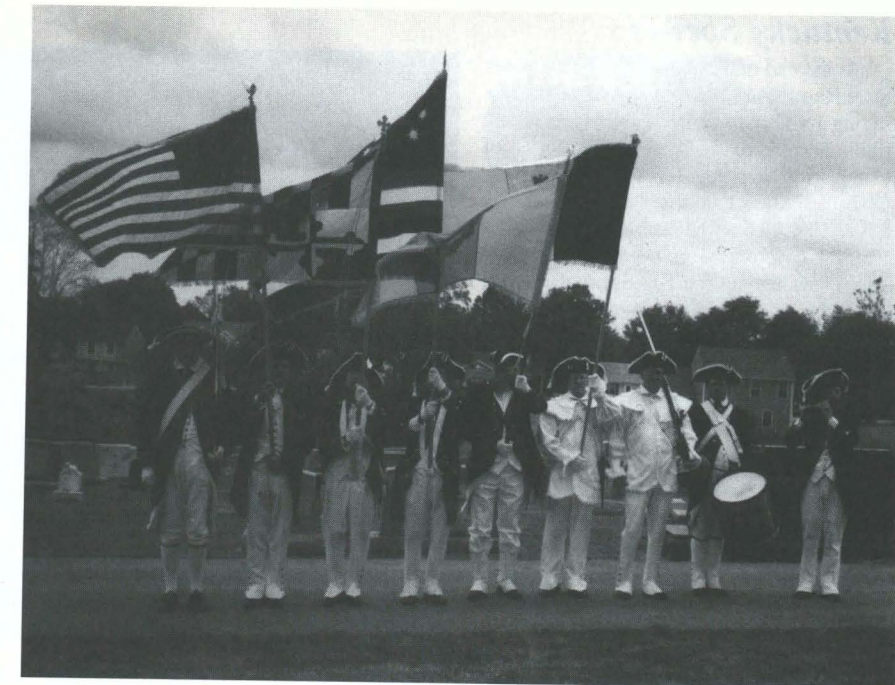
Guests of honor at the Ball were President General William C. Gist and Mrs. Eldred Yochim, NSDAR Honorary President General.

On December 3rd the **John Paul Jones Chapter** held its Law Enforcement and Firefighter's Recognition Program at the United States Naval Academy Officers Club and a traditional commemorative service at the crypt of John Paul Jones in the Academy's Chapel (see accompanying photo). During the luncheon at the Club, three awards were presented: Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Annapolis Police Department Officer 1/C Jeffrey E. Hartlove and Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jerry Palazola; and the Firefighter Medal to Annapolis Fire Department Lt. James W. Thomas. Presiding was President Ronald E. Holland.



For many years the **John Paul Jones Chapter** has conducted a Wreath Laying Ceremony and Commemoration marking when the Grand Union Flag was raised by John Paul Jones on the ship *Alfred*. As in the past, the December 3rd program was held at the Patriot's crypt within the United States Naval Academy Chapel, this time on the 220th anniversary of the event. Placing the wreath were (from left): LTCDR William Devine, CHC, USN, who represented the Academy's Superintendent; President Ronald E. Holland; and Vice President Thomas L. Reichelderfer.

The September dinner meeting of the **General William Smallwood Chapter** featured a talk by Compatriot Herbert L. Baer, Sr. about the importance of the fife in the military; he is an experienced musician who performs with the Society's Color Guard. He pointed out that the fife is an instrument mainly used as a communications device. Its use began in the 13th century and was last seen in the Civil War as a signalling or communications tool. The instrument soon became a replacement for the bagpipe in these respects. The drum could be employed to mark cadence in marching, but the fife provided music and lifted the spirits of the troops, he reported.



On the occasion of the marking of the grave site of Patriot David Andrew Kephart during September in Taneytown, members of the Society's Color Guard presented the Colors, provided a musket salute and performed drum and fife music. Compatriot Herbert L. Baer, Sr., a retired United States Air Force Major, served as flautist. The commemorative ceremony was conducted by the Joppa Trail Chapter of the Maryland Society Daughters of American Colonists.

Massachusetts Society



"The Oaks", home of the DAR in Worcester, was the unique site for the Annual Meeting of the **Col. William Henshaw Chapter**. Among those attending were (from left); guest speaker Stephen T. Seames, a member of the Maine Society who is Director of the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum in Worcester; President Rufus Frost; Vice President Cecil Daggett; and Treasurer Crawford Lincoln. The gathering also included a reception, luncheon and musical performance.

Michigan Society



Receiving the prestigious Gold Good Citizenship Medal at the December meeting of the **Detroit Metro Chapter** was C. David Mead, Ph.D., a retired English Professor from Michigan State University. Making the presentation was Past Society President and Past Historian General Donald J. Pennell (left). Dr. Mead was saluted for his work in breaking the Japanese Army Code in 1943 while a Corporal in the Signal Intelligence Service at Arlington Hall, Virginia. After keeping silent for 50 years about how he accomplished this monumental feat, he published an account last year in an obscure journal entitled "Crypologia."

During a meeting of the Michigan Association of Polygraph Examiners at Higgins Lake, the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Lynn P. Marcy by Compatriot Earl W.K. James on behalf of the Society's Law Enforcement Committee. Mr. Marcy was recognized for his volunteer work in raising the standards of polygraph examiners throughout the country.



In October the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was awarded to Trooper Pete Rahm at the Michigan State Police Post in Bridgman by Earl W.K. James, Chairman of the Society's Law Enforcement Committee. Winner of the Trooper of the Year Award, he has been decorated for apprehending two armed robbers and for arresting the perpetrators of a series of burglaries. Additionally, he has been active in coaching young people's sports.

Missouri Society

Mike Field, Executive Director of the Southwest Missouri Indian Center in Springfield, was featured speaker at the September meeting of the **Ozark Mountain Chapter**. He shared the evolution of the American Indians from the early expansion years of the United States through today. He brought into perspective the vast diversities of dress, language and customs compared to the stereotypes portrayed in early movies.



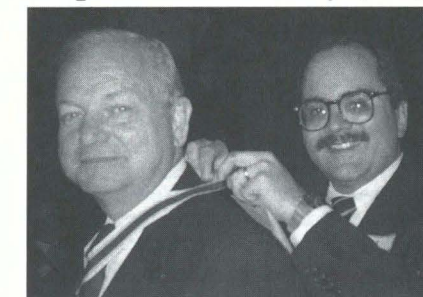
Highlighting the **William C. Corum Chapter's** Annual SAR-DAR Luncheon in November at Liberty was presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal by the Society to Compatriot Isaac N. Skelton IV (right), who serves as Representative for the 4th District of Missouri; his Revolutionary War ancestor is Patriot Corum. Doing the honors were Col. James A. Shelby (left), Past Vice-President General for the South Central District, and Judge R. Kenneth Elliott, Organizing President of the Chapter and a cousin of Representative Skelton.

New Hampshire Society



Dressed in colorful Revolutionary War uniforms, these Compatriots participated in the celebration of Farm Days at the Musterfield Farm in North Sutton. Much of their time was devoted to recruiting new SARs, an annual event that has resulted in adding several members to our ranks.

Empire State Society (NY)



The historic 7th Regiment Armory on New York City's fashionable Park Avenue was the delightful setting for the 105th Annual Dinner held by the **New York Chapter** in October. Prominent in the festivities were incoming President Robert J. Stackpole (right) and John A. Stoltzfus, his successor. The Chapter has the distinction of being the state's oldest and largest, actually predating the Empire State Society.

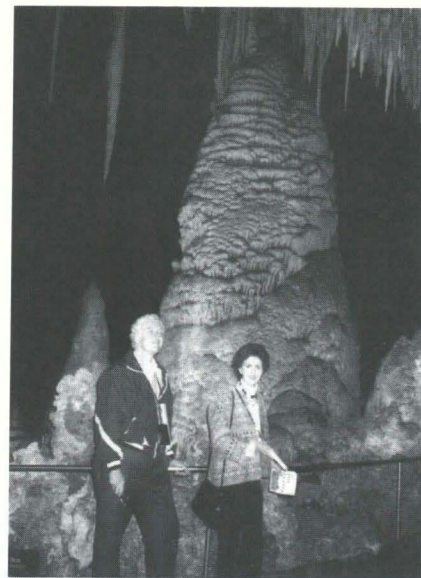


Special Agent Paul E. Hawkins (right) of the Rochester FBI Office proudly displayed the Law Enforcement Commendation Award given to him by **Rochester Chapter** President Stephen A. Arter. He was recognized for 23 years of service with the FBI which was highlighted by his cracking the famous \$7-million Brinks robbery. This resulted in the conviction of the perpetrators and subsequent recovery of part of the missing money. The October ceremony took place at the Chapter's Annual Law Enforcement Luncheon in the historic Spring House.

New Mexico Society



Prominent Compatriots attending the Society's Veterans Day Dinner in November at Albuquerque included (from left); Alternate National Trustee Walter Baker, Former President General James R. Calhoun, President General William C. Gist, Past Vice-President General for the Rocky Mountain District George N. Sells and President Ralph Stevenson.



During their visit to the Society, President General and Mrs. William C. Gist were treated to a visit deep within Carlsbad Caverns, a popular tourist site in New Mexico.



Another highlight of the Gist's trip to Mexico was a visit to the Atomic Museum in Albuquerque. They are shown standing next to "The Fat Man", the type of nuclear weapon dropped on the City of Nagasaki in 1945.

North Carolina Society



The November meeting of the **Alamance Battleground Chapter** featured a talk by Curtis Davis, a veteran of World War II and the holder of three Purple Heart Medals and the Bronze Star. He recounted his experiences while a POW of the Japanese for 44 months.

At their October meeting members of the DAR Battle of Alamance Chapter invited their SAR husbands – all members of the Alamance Battleground Chapter – to be guests and relate their World War II experiences. Seven attended and told about what they had done in various theatres of the conflict.

Ohio Society



The **Cincinnati Chapter** staged an interesting Constitution Day Luncheon in mid-September that including awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Nicholas A. Seta (right), Administrator of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Making the presentation was Compatriot Robert French. The gathering was held at Ohio's oldest inn, the Golden Lamb in Lebanon.

The traditional Constitution Week Celebration held by the **Western Reserve Society** in Cleveland during September included a meeting which featured a speech by Edward A. Mearns, professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University. His topic was "The U.S. Constitution in 1995."



"Political Correctness" was the subject chosen for a talk by J. Dennis Doherty at the **Cincinnati Chapter's** Thanksgiving Day Dinner in November. He serves as Production Editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Oklahoma Society



At the October meeting of the **Tulsa Chapter** President Bill Richards (left) presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to Katie and Anna Eller, organizers of a project to equip the children's play area of the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. The youngsters initiated a benefit project called "Lemon-Aid" in 1994 that raised \$7,000 for the charity. The 1995 effort involved some 400 to 500 boys and girls manning over 200 lemonade stands about the city during Labor Day weekend. The result: sales of \$13,000 – and another \$7,000 in outside contributions. Also participating in the award ceremony was Oklahoma Society Past President Fred Fulkerson.

Oregon Society



The **William Cannon Chapter** Minute Men Color Guard was a colorful crowd-pleaser at Vancouver, Washington's Veterans Day Parade in November. The group provided authentic battleground effects along the route with their flintlock rifles. Members are shown here on the grounds of the historic Vancouver Barracks (Old Fort Vancouver) just before the parade got underway (from left): Bill Young, President Malcolm Boyd, Arlen Clark and Duane Geisler.

The October meeting of the **Republic Chapter** in Salem saw presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Bob Stai of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The gathering also included a program by Compatriot Forrest Blodgett on the origins and meaning of Halloween. Among the interesting facts he offered was that the ideas of witches descend from "Wicken," persons who tended the sick with herbs, potions, rituals and midwifery.

Pennsylvania Society

The Hon. Todd A. Hoover, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, was guest speaker at the 55th Annual Meeting in December of the **Harris Ferry Chapter** at Harrisburg. His subject was "Law and Order."

The **Valley Forge Chapter** held its Annual Meeting and observance of Veterans Day in November near Quakertown, with over 40 members and guests present. Receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal were Michael P. Meilinger, Principal of Dieruff High School in Allentown, and Frank Loretta, Jr., Executive Director of the Bethlehem Housing Authority.

Over 60 Compatriots and guests attended the November meeting of the **Tiadaghton Chapter** held at the restaurant in the Pennsylvania College of Technology. David Richards, a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg National Battlefield Park, offered a slide presentation about some of those from the area who participated in the conflict.



In October **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** President Aloysius Hogan (left) presented the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to First District Congressman Thomas Foglietta, recognizing his many years of effort to obtain federal funding for the restoration of Independence National Historical Park. The award was made at a reception for the Congressman given by the Washington Square Association at which he announced a federal grant of \$2.6 million, about half the cost of restoring Washington Square prior to its becoming a part of the National Park Service. The area is the largest Revolutionary War burial ground, with 2,500 to 5,000 Patriots there in mass, unmarked graves.

In mid-September the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy (VC-67)* departed from Philadelphia after completion of a major overhaul at the Naval Yard there. Crew members had taken part in a number of SAR activities, including having her captains as guest speakers at varied **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** programs.



Win Carroll (right), Aide to the President of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter**, was invited to come aboard the *Kennedy* to mark her departure and have a helicopter ride, as described in the accompanying story. With him was Pipe Major Dennis Hangey of the Pipes and Drums of the Delaware Valley.

An Honor Guard from the ship raised and lowered flags daily for nearly two years at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in Washington Square. A few people who had worked closely with the vessel were invited to leave with her and then be flown back by helicopter.



Valley Forge Chapter Compatriots William Babb and William Dean attended the 50th anniversary tour of the Antique Auto Club and the Veterans Antique Car Club, jointly sponsored by them, driving this sporty 1931 Pierce-Arrow Roadster. Here they are at the Memorial Arch in Valley Forge Park. They spent a fair amount of time "selling" the SAR to other participants (the car bears an SAR insignia on the front).

Tennessee Society

The August meeting of the **Memphis Chapter** had as guest speaker Mrs. Katie Dixon, Curator of Historic Properties, Memphis Museum System. She offered a slide presentation about the Mallory Neely House.

Lynn Fox of the Over Mountain Association spoke to attendees at the Constitution Week Dinner sponsored by the **Stephen Holston Chapter** in September. Among the honored guests was Society President James C. Hofstetter.

The **Sumner County Chapter** joined with the DAR Jethro Sumner Chapter to host the commemorative ceremony of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week at the Trousdale Place in Gallatin. One highlight was the ringing of bells there, one of them from the cupola of the old Sumner County Courthouse first used in 1837. The bell was removed in 1939 and is now housed in the Sumner County Museum.

Texas Society

Compatriot Raymond F. Frost, a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel, was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the **San Antonio Chapter** in recognition of his having served the military for 36 years, most of that time in the Army Corps of Military Police. At the age of 87, he is the oldest living Military Police Officer. He enlisted in the New York National Guard in 1924 and retired in 1960.

Great Lakes District Meets In Michigan

The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan was the palatial setting for the Great Lakes District Annual Meeting over an early November weekend, with Vice-President General Larry L. Blackett presiding. National Society officers on hand for the affair were Secretary General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr., Treasurer General Russell D. Page and Registrar General Thomas J. Bond.

A number of other Compatriots prominent on the national scene attending included Dr. Howard F. Horne, Chairman of the Distribution Committee of the George

Washington Endowment Funds Board and Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District; William H. Roddis, Chairman of the Museum Board; William M. Bailey, Chairman of the Library Committee; Larry L. Loker, Chairman of the Patriotic Education and Action Committee; and Winston C. Williams, Editor of *The SAR Magazine*. VPG Blackett also reported as Chairman of the National Headquarters Committee.

All three State Societies making up the District – Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan – were represented by their President and

varied officers.

The affair began with a formal banquet on Friday evening. SG Hillegass served as the guest speaker, selecting as his topic George Washington's campaigns during the Revolutionary War. Saturday morning saw a business meeting followed by a delightful luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Professor Robert Selig of Grand Valley State University at Holland, Michigan. A noted authority on Baron Friedrich Willhelm von Steuben, he traced the Patriots' exploits in the Revolution.



Secretary General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr. brought greetings on behalf of the National Society during the business session.



Treasurer General Russell D. Page touched on the purchase of lots near Headquarters in Louisville to provide for future expansion.



Registrar General Thomas J. Bond discussed trends in our Society's membership numbers.

Chamberlin, Nixon, Sovereign (Savern), Coonrod, Cross, Eavenson, Davis, Hawkin, etal. After 1800: Whaley, Kinman, Carlisle, Landreth, Hoffman. *Barbara Arnold Stokel, 1295 Lakeside, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.*

PUGH – Searching for info on parents of James H. Pugh, born Nov. 19, 1854, Sneedsville, Hancock Co., TN. Son of George W. Pugh and Sarah Hill. (Possibly from NC or VA). Family moved to IN near Bloomington o/a 1856. *B.A. Pugh, 9311 E. Helen St., Tucson, AZ 85715.*

POPE: Seeking ances. and desc. of Lt. Col. Nathaniel Pope (c1600-60) of Popes Creek, VA, to update history. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

BARR: Seeking info on James Barr, Johnston James Barr, Robert Barr and William Barr who were living in Montgomery Co., KY in 1800. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

LAUGHTON: Seeking info on John Laughton of Scotland, reputed to be captain of iron-clad "Isabella." *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

GRIFFIN: Seeking info on John Griffin of Fishkill, NY, reputed to be colonel in 1777. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

YOUNG: Seeking info on children of Capt. Henry Young, served in 5th Virginia infantry in 1776. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

TROWBRIDGE, BILLY: Served in the CONNECTICUT LINE b. Nov. 1748 d. June 1798 at Oxford, NY any information on him and/or "THE CONNECTICUT LINE." *William D. Robertson, 2130 Hoffman Ln. #145046, Napa, CA 94558.*

Charlemagne, Wm. The Conqueror, Henry II Plantagenet and Crusaders. Genealogies from DuBois, Delamater (leMaistre), Billew/Billiou, Van Meter/Meteren, (allied families such as Jones, Hedges, Shepherd, Lessige, Williams, Elting, Burns), Hite, Prall, Stillwell, Larzalere, Van Ness (Everets), Bussing, le Conte (le Compte & de Graef). *For information send SASE (two stamps) and your line to Matthew Hilt Murphy, NSSAR, P.O. Box 453, Claverack, NY 12513-0453.*

Genealogical Inquiries

This service of assisting in genealogical research is offered to everyone. Your message will reach over 26,000 members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Payment must be made in advance at the rate of \$2.00 per line, with copy either typed or hand-lettered. Total cost may be calculated on the basis of 40 characters in each line, including your name and address.

Mail copy and payment to The SAR Magazine, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Make checks payable to "Treasurer General, SAR."

Searching for descendants of **Jonathan³ Dean** (1695-1750), Taunton, MA and his son Isaac⁴ (1744-1819), Grafton, NH and his son Isaac⁵ (1764-1853), Grafton, NH. All in line from John¹ Deane. *Robert L. Dean, 724 Monmouth Way, Winter Park, FL 32792-4529.*

Jacob McCarty b. 1827 KY d. 1875 Gibson Co., Indiana; M. Nancy E. Wilson 1850 Gibson Co., IN; Children John N., William, Joseph, Mary Belle b. Gib Co., IN; Brothers Andrew d. 1881, James d. 1857, John d. 1871, William b. 1842, KY all dy Gib Co, IN. Need parents and KY and VA counties. *Ray Stone, 921 Westview Ave., Nashville, TN 37205.*

EGLEE – seek info on parents of Charles Edward Eglee b. circa Sept. 1834 Flushing NY area d. July 28, 1889. Buried Flushing Cemetery. Wed to Elvira A. Maintain in NY City June 15, 1857. *Donald R. Eglee, P.O. Box 854, Eastham, MA 02642.*

ARNOLD, Jeremiah, Joseph and Josiah – Revolutionary war soldiers, all SAR/DAR. Seeking family information prior to 1800 tracing them from Indiana to Kentucky, to Pennsylvania and Hampshire County, VA. (now W.VA) and ultimately back to Chester County, PA and Burlington, NJ. Progenitor was Richard Arnold, arrived from England 1680. Associated names prior to 1800: Risley, McKim, Keith, Daughtery, Pugh, Parke,

NSSAR Staffer Awarded Medal

Ann E. Carrell, the National Society's Staff Associate at our Louisville Headquarters, has been awarded the Martha Washington Medal by the California Society's Coachella Valley Chapter. She was recognized for the part she played in helping the Chapter to form last year.

It all started when Gale Thomas Cornwell of Indio, California called Headquarters asking for assistance in his search for family data so that he and his sons could join the SAR (such requests are not at all uncommon). Ann enthusiastically fielded the query, first by doing some research in our Library. This led to her guiding Mr. Cornwell to the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown, New York. The door thus opened for him not only to locate some cousins, but also the data he needed about his Patriot ancestor – and even added information that made him eligible for joining The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

The result of all this was his establishing the Coachella Valley Chapter – with him, his sons and several other men he encouraged to become SARs as Charter Members. Compatriot Cornwell subsequently furnished the Library with an extensive collection of Cornwell family history and manuscripts. He currently serves as Chapter President.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trustees Meeting
Louisville, KY, Mar. 1-2,
1996 – National Headquarters

106th Annual Congress
San Antonio, TX, June 8-12,
1996 – Hyatt Regency Hotel
on the Riverwalk

Trustees Meeting
Louisville, KY, October 4-5,
1996 – National Headquarters

107th Annual Congress
Baltimore, MD, July 5-9, 1997
Hyatt Regency Hotel

108th Annual Congress
Orlando, FL, June 6-10, 1998
Hilton at Disney World Village

109th Annual Congress
San Diego, CA, July 3-7, 1999
Hyatt Regency Hotel

110th Annual Congress
Boston, MA, June 23-30, 2000
Westin Hotel at Copley Place

111th Annual Congress
Louisville, KY, 2001

112th Annual Congress
Nashville, TN, 2002



A Warm and Very Special Invitation to All Compatriots, Regardless of Affiliation, Is Extended by These State Societies and Chapters:

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MISSOURI

Ozark Mountain Chapter, Springfield, meets 3rd Sat. monthly except Aug., Noon, Mrs. O'Mealey's, 1310 S. Glenstone. SARs, Wives, Guests. Call Pres. J. Charles Mason (417) 881-2409.

Harry S. Truman Chapter, Independence, meets 9 a.m. 2nd Sat each mo. except July, Aug. Call Pres. Harley C. Davis 816-228-4041.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Society Annual Meeting February. **Lincoln and Omaha Chapters** meet 2nd Tues., monthly. Tel: Lincoln (402) 466-9144; Omaha (402) 451-2146.

NEW MEXICO

Las Cruces Chapter luncheon meeting normally Good Samaritan Village third Saturday of each month except July, Aug. and Dec. For details call Joe Miller, Sec., 505-522-3905.

NEVADA

Southern Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, is holding a Breakfast Meeting at 9 a.m. every 2nd Sat. monthly at Denny's Rest., Rancho Rd. & Sahara Ave.

OHIO

Western Reserve Society, noon luncheon, 2nd Wed., Koran Mosque, Sept. through June, except Oct. evening. For info call Burton Printz: (216) 932-2819.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia-Continental Chapter. Meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July and August. Tel: SAR Hdqrs. (610) 688-3886, George Mohr, Secretary, 217 Gulph Creek Rd., Radnor, PA 19087.

TEXAS

Dallas Chapter meets 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 3630 Forest Lane, Dallas.

Hill Country Chapter, Kerrville, welcomes all SARs, their ladies & DARs. Meet 6:00 P.M. 3rd Mon. at Sunday House Restaurant (except in June-August, December. For reservations call 210/367-5904.

Patrick Henry Chapter, Austin meets 3rd Saturday 11 AM, Furr's Cafeteria in North Cross Mall except February and September meets at Austin Women's Club with DARs.

VIRGINIA

Fairfax Resolves Chapter, McLean, meets at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Thursday, Sept.-Apr. at McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road. Call Pres. John N. Dickie (703) 920-9517 or Richard E. Spurr, Sec./Treas. (703) 751-2829.

George Washington Chapter, Alexandria, 11 a.m. Luncheon usually 2nd Saturday Sep-May at the Belle Haven Country Club. (703) 960-6468.



A PATRIOTIC C.A.R. – Proudly saluting the Flag as it passed by during a Flag Day ceremony in Torrington, Connecticut was 5-year-old Ian Bucklee, a member of the local C.A.R. Society. The son of Compatriot Kenneth A. Buckbee of the Governor Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch (Chapter), he is shown wearing the pin that identifies him as enrolled in the National Society's Youth Registration Program. (Photo courtesy of Sherry Peters of The Hartford Courant.)