



## When You Are Traveling

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

### ARIZONA

**Cochise Chapter** meets in Sierra Vista for lunch, 2nd Sat. Mar, May, Sept, Nov. Call 520/459-0399 for info.

**Green Valley Chapter** luncheon meeting noon first Wednesday except July, Aug, Sept. Phone Sec. William Wells (602) 648-2022.

**Palo Verde Chapter** meets in Mesa for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sat. monthly except Jul-Aug. Phone Darrel W. Fisher (602) 833-8076. Ladies welcome.

**Phoenix Chapter** meets every Tues. at Noon at Executive Park Hotel, 1000 N. Central Ave. For information call Robert G. Cable 973-9273.

**Saguaro Chapter** meets for breakfast on 3rd Sat. monthly except July & Aug. at 8:30 a.m., J.B.'s Restaurant, 10801 W. Grand Ave., Sun City. Call (602) 974-3615 for information.

**Tucson Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon 3rd Saturday monthly except July & August. Phone Kenneth G. Hales (602) 888-9199.

### CALIFORNIA

**Coachella Valley Chapter.** Meets 2nd Sat October thru May. When visiting the Palm Springs area join us for luncheon. Desert Island Golf and Country Club at 71-1111 Frank Sinatra Drive in Rancho Mirage. Phone 619/342-3151 for info.

**Redlands Chapter.** meeting 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m. at Applebee's Restaurant, 2046 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, California 92373.

**Riverside Chapter** meets monthly, 2nd Tues., 12 noon. Call (909) 783-0762 for info.

**Sacramento Chapter** meets 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Palomino Room, 3405 El Camino Ave. Visiting SARs welcome. Pres: Delwin Hanson (916)688-1122.

**San Diego Chapter.** Meet 3rd Sat., monthly, noon luncheon, Admiral Kidd club, Harbor Dr. Ph. Sec. 296-3595. (No meeting June, July & Dec.)

**San Francisco Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon, last Thursday monthly, third Thursday in November (none in July, August, December) at Fort Mason Officers Club, San Francisco, home of National Congress 1989.

**Thomas Jefferson Chapter.** Lunch on 4th Sat. (except Jun.-Aug., Dec.). Call 510/654-3363.

### CONNECTICUT

**General David Humphreys Branch #1,** New Haven, CT meets 6:00 p.m. second Monday monthly September through May at The Original New England Food & Beverage Restaurant, Beach Street, West Haven, CT off I-95. Call Secretary Lance Swarthout (203) 248-9767.

### FLORIDA

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**Caloosa Chapter.** Fort Myers. Luncheon meeting at noon 2nd Wed. monthly, except Jun, July, Aug. Phone Nevin E. Salot (813) 334-6840.

**Central Florida Chapter** meets noon luncheon 2nd Sat except Jun, Jul, Aug at Langford Hotel Winter Park. SARs/Ladies. 407-856-0893.

**Daytona-Ormond Chapter,** Luncheon meetings 3rd Thurs. Phone Jack Jewkes (904) 672-0480. Visiting SARs and Ladies most welcome.

**Flagler Chapter.** Lunch meetings 11 a.m. 2nd Sat. monthly. Call 904-445-2048 for time & place.

**Gainesville Chapter.** Lunch meeting 3rd Mon. monthly at Raddison Hotel. SW 13th Street. For info call 373-7300 or 332-6150. All welcome.

**Jacksonville Chapter** meets 3rd Thurs., except June, July & Aug., San Jose Country Club. Info. John Ware, 4812 Palmer Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210. Tel (904) 387-5759.

**Lakeland Chapter.** Lunch mtgs, 11:30 a.m. 3rd Sat. monthly except Jun, Jul, & Aug. Holiday Inn South. Info call 644-4011 or 533-3038. All welcome.

**Miami Chapter.** Luncheon meetings at noon 4th Friday monthly, except Jul. and Feb., at the Holiday Inn, 2051 Lejeune Road, Coral Gables. Special observances Washington's Birthday, 4th of July, Constitution Week and Veterans Day. Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. For reservations call Richard E. Friberg (305) 271-9336.

**Naples Chapter** meets at 11:30 a.m., the 1st Thursday of each month, except June, July, August & September at the Elks Lodge, Airport-Pulling Road and Westview Drive (opposite the airport). Phone Sec. W. Earl Marlin 775-7801.

**Ocala Chapter** Lunch meetings 11:30 AM Ocala Elks Lodge, 3rd Wednesday monthly. Visiting SARs welcome. Phone (904) 624-2650.

**Palm Beach Chapter** meets 3rd Tuesday except Jul., Aug., Sep. at the Sailfish Club, 1338 North Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL, at noon. For info call Raymond Shepley, (407) 833-2640.

**Pensacola Chapter** meets 11:15 a.m. 3rd Sat. hall's Rest., 920 E. Gregory. (904) 492-0921.

**St. Lucie River Chapter.** Luncheon mtgs. noon 2nd Sat. monthly, except Jun., Jul., Aug. Call (407) 878-0502 for more information.

**St. Petersburg Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 12 noon 2nd Sat. monthly except June, July & Aug. Special observance Washington's Birthday & Constitution Day. SAR's welcome. Phone 526-5758 or 360-4227.

**Saramana Chapter:** Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets Noon 2nd Friday, except July & August. Call (813) 966-6809.

**Suncoast Chapter** meets 3rd Sat. 12 noon except June, July & Aug. Call 868-8105 or 376-1745. Wives and friends welcome.

**Tampa Chapter.** Lunch meeting 3rd Sat. monthly. Call 813/249-8747 for time and place.

### GEORGIA

**Atlanta Chapter** meets noon, 2nd Thursday each month, 57th Fighter Group, 3829 Clairmont Rd. For info: J.W. Newton (404) 457-4260.

**Piedmont Chapter** meets at 8:15 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month, Hometown Grille, 29 S. Main Street, Alpharetta, GA. For info call Bill Winn, 770-475-2545.

### ILLINOIS

**CHICAGO Ft. Dearborn Ch** Luncheon Meetings at noon, Union League Club - 3rd Thursdays - Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov. (312) 337-0832.

**Gen. G.R. Clark Chapter,** Edwardsville. Luncheon Meeting Noon 3rd Wed. All Year. Rusty's Restaurant.

### LOUISIANA

**Galvez Chapter.** Luncheon at noon, 4th Tuesday monthly at the University Club, 401 Market St., Shreveport.

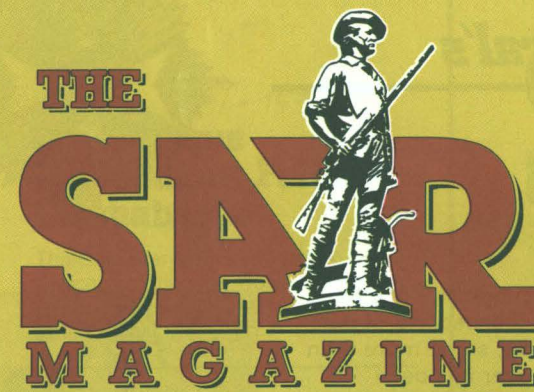
### MISSOURI

**M. Graham Clark Chapter,** Columbia, MO. Breakfast at 8 am, second Sunday monthly except Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec at the Lenoir Community Center, 1 Hourigan Drive. Phone 573/443-1392 for information.

**Independence Patriots Chapter,** Independence, meets 9 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month except July, Aug. Call Pres. Kenneth F. Crabtree (816) 353-3835.

**Ozark Mountain Chapter,** Springfield, meets 3rd Sat. monthly except Aug., Noon, Mrs. O'Mealey's, 1310 S. Glenstone. SARs, Wives, Guests. Call Pres. Glenn Gohr, (417) 833-2814.

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# Lexington & Concord: 1775/1997

The  
**President General's**  
**Message**

Distinguished Compatriots:

I am happy to report on Society progress since the Winter Issue of our magazine was published. All of our over 60 Committees have been active, some more than others. However, the emphasis this year has been placed on the Membership and related Committees. According to data as of March 31st, our numbers were well over 27,000. If every Compatriot had asked a friend to join our ranks, that figure would have been even higher. I want to thank all of you who gave that special effort and made it possible to attain our goal!

Jean and I have had a most gratifying time during my term as President General while visiting the many Districts, State Societies and Chapters throughout our great nation. Having my dear Jean with me on these wonderful trips has been the icing on the cake. The members of our Society are most gracious; we are certainly appreciative.

At the end of April a substantial number of Compatriots and their ladies joined Jean and me for the 15-day trip to Spain and England. Eleven were spent in Spain and four in England. The purpose in going to Spain was to thank King Carlos for what his country did for us during the Revolutionary War. Spain made our currency solvent during the First and Second Continental Congresses. We hope to make the King a member of our Society later this year and present him the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

In England the cities of Portsmouth and Plymouth were visited, because during the Revolution some 3,000 American seamen were held prisoner there. SAR plaques were dedicated at both sites recognizing what took place. This trip – and the one to Spain – will be reported in the Summer Issue of the magazine.

My year has been most enjoyable – and I want to express thanks for your support. I know that you will continue to work hard and support your new President General, who will be installed at the 107th Annual Congress in Baltimore. Continue to spread the three all-important SAR WHATS. What is SAR? What does it do? What are the requirements for membership? When the WHATS have been expressed, then the next step is to invite your acquaintances to become SARs.

Jean and I will never be able to thank all of you for your individual hospitality, courtesies and favors. My term has been truly memorable and will always be treasured.

Best Regards,

*Reon G. Hillegass, Jr.*

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P.G. NSSAR



When the President General (right) visited the Delaware Society in December, he presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Professor Raymond Wolters, a member of the History Department at the University of Delaware. He was honored for his extensive contributions to American black history and the civil rights movement, including the award-winning book "The Burden of Brown: Thirty Years of School Desegregation."



The PG and his wife Jean visited the Florida Society in early February. They were greeted by President Rollin L. Bauchspies, Jr. Compatriot Hillegass was the principal speaker, with his topic being "James Monroe, Fifth President of the United States."

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**New Plaque Remembers Fallen Compatriots**

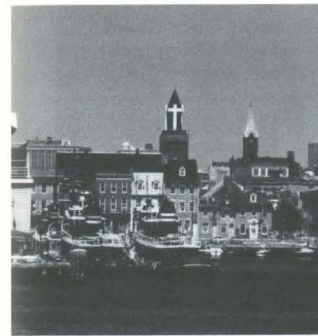
The Gold Star Memorial Plaque, dedicated during the Trustees Meeting, salutes SARs who were killed in United States wars.



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**Baltimore Beckons Annual Congress**

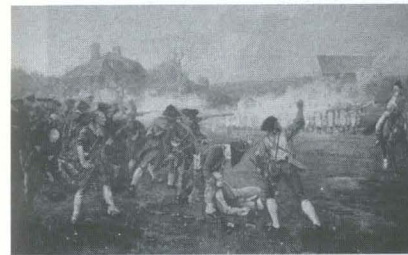
The Maryland Society has completed ambitious plans for the 107th such meeting set for this coming July.



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**April 18-19, 1775: Facts and Myths**

A look at what took place at Lexington and Concord and what is there today that one should visit.



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**Battle of Cowpens Commemorated By SARs**

President General Reon G. Hillegass and scores of other Compatriots were on hand for this annual celebration.



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**LEFT:** Participants in the plaque dedication ceremony included (from left): President General Reon G. Hillegass; FPG William C. Gist; Historian General Bruce B. Butler; and FPGs Carl F. Bessent and Benjamin H. Morris. **RIGHT:** Taking a prominent part in the



program were members of the National Society's Color Guard (from left): Edward E. Grover (KSSAR); Lester A. Foster, Jr. (MDSSAR); Lowell E. Nichols (INSSAR); David J. Gray, Guard Commander (MASSAR); and Larry D. Blackett (MISSAR).

## Plaque Dedicated Honoring SARs Killed In U.S. Wars

During a break in the March 8th meeting of the National Trustees at Headquarters in Louisville, a large **Gold Star Memorial Plaque** was dedicated saluting those 97 Compatriots who were killed while on military duty in our nation's wars since the SAR was organized in 1889. Each is identified later in this news story.

The bronze plaque is largely the result of efforts on the part of three prominent Compatriots; Former President General Carl F. Bessent; FPG William C. Gist, who while Historian General a few years ago furthered



Over a span of many years Former President General Carl F. Bessent compiled the names of the 97 Compatriots killed during United States wars.

the idea for such a memorial; and Bruce B. Butler, the current Historian General who steered the project to completion.

It was FPG Bessent who painstakingly researched varied sources to locate the 97 Compatriots. Working over a span of many years, he delved into such SAR publications as *The SAR Magazine*, the *1919 Year Book* and the *July 1945 Quarterly Bulletin*. As the list of names grew longer, it was published from time to time in the magazine

along with appeals for added input from the membership. Appeals were also made at Annual Congresses and Trustees Meetings. He feels that the compilation is now accurate.

### Varied Participants In Program

The dedication ceremony encompassed a variety of participants, including two Color Guards – one fielded by the National Society, the other by the Kentucky Society's Louisville-Thruston Chapter. Following the Invocation by Chaplain General Rev. George A. Burns and comments by President General Reon G. Hillegass, Historian General Butler and Western Reserve Chapter Compatriot John A. Horner, FPG Bessent related the background of his research.

Next came remarks by FPG Benjamin H. Morris. He read a letter dated April 9, 1996 from HG Butler to then PG Gist stating that the proposed plaque was being dedicated "in your honor as President General and in honor of our First Lady, Elizabeth." Shortly after the letter was delivered personally to the pair by Compatriot Morris, Mrs. Gist was called to eternal rest.



**LEFT:** At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony the Louisville-Thruston Chapter Color Guard fired a salute to the 97 Compatriots who were killed in U.S. wars. **RIGHT:** Also saluting those Compatriots by offering a rendition of "Taps" was John W. Wilbert, Jr. of the Louisiana Society's Gen. Philemon Thomas Chapter.



The entire plaque dedication program was crafted and implemented by Historian General Bruce B. Butler.

Following unveiling of the plaque by FPG Gist, a wreath was presented by PG Hillegass and LTC Philip A. Morehouse, a member of the Connecticut Society. He and his SAR brother, Alan, served during World War II. Alan was killed on D-Day,



when the invasion of Europe was launched by the Allies in 1944.

The solemn program concluded with a firing squad salute performed outside by the Louisville-Thruston Chapter Color Guard and the playing of "Taps" by John W. Wilbert, Jr., a seasoned bugler of almost 60 years and member of the Louisiana Society's Gen. Philemon Thomas Chapter.

Voluntary contributions from the following Compatriots made purchase of the plaque possible: Bruce B. Butler, D.D.S., (LASSAR); Arthur E. Chapman, Ph.D. (FLSSAR); Peter Arrott Dixon, (DCSSAR); McCarthy DeMere, M.D., J.D. (TNSSAR); Frederick D. Fulkerson IV (OKSSAR); Howard F. Horne, Jr., Ph.D. (DESSAR); John A. Horner, Jr., (OHSSAR); Robert C. Judice, M.D. (LAS-



John A. Horner, Jr., a member of the Ohio Society's Western Reserve Society, spoke on how the plaque progressed from an idea to reality. He emphasized that voluntary contributions from Compatriots funded the purchase.

SAR); Herrick H. Kesler (KSSAR); and Robert E.L. Shaw, Jr., (SCSSAR).

### They Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice

These 97 Compatriots are honored on the Gold Star Memorial Plaque, which is destined to be installed in a prominent position at National Headquarters on the first floor level.

**SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR** – Henry Moss Boutelle, WA; Philip Ashlet Crapo, NE; Walter M. Dickinson, MA; Charles V. Gridley, NY; James J. Van Horn, NY; John A. Logan, OH; Jules Garesche Ord, MD.

**WORLD WAR I** – Briggs Kilburn Adams, NJ; Lindon Wallace Bates, Jr., NY; Louis Hamilton Bayly, DC; Richard Earle Beall, ID; Burr Budd Boies, IA; Forrest Reeve Bryant, CA; Clarence Fiske Conner, MI; Howard Eugene Gormley, WI; Lyman W. V. Kennon, DC; Edward Charles Kimble, NY; Merritt Udell Lamb, MI; Edward Hinchman Locke, MI; Edgar Baldwin Lowerre, NY; George Gaylord MacNish, WI; Harrison Cummins McHenry, IN; Harry Hastings Melick, NE; Charles Dann Waterburg, IN; Harry Crowell Palmer, NY; Henry B. Palmer, NY;



Responsible for unveiling the plaque were Former President General William C. Gist (left) and LTC Philip A. Morehouse, a member of the Connecticut Society whose brother's name, Alan, is inscribed on the memorial. It happened that both were officers assigned to the First Infantry Division when that unit was in the invasion of North Africa in 1942. Later they participated in the 1943 invasion of Sicily; they were shipped to England in late 1943. The next spring saw their parents enrolling them as Life Members in the Sons of the American Revolution. Then came the invasion of Europe at Normandy, with Alan as a member of the First Division on D-Day; he was killed. Five days later Philip landed on Omaha Beach and learned of his brother's death.

William Wallace Punchard, Jr., NJ; Charles Ceric SeEVERS, IA; Frank J. Selbel, NY; Walter Martin Stillman, NE; George Ralph Sutherland, WI; Fred Scates Towle, MA.

**WORLD WAR II** – Richard Emmett Armstrong, CA; Lewis L. Anston, OH; Ross Beason, Jr., UT; John D. Benedict, PA; George D. Bennett, CT; Jesse Roswell Black, OH; Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., KY; Ralph Erskine Conrad, VA; Pierre Crabites, LA; Edward Reginald Crone, NY; Albert P. Dewey, IL; Robert S. Doty, FL; Howard James Edmands, MA; Charles Steven Fazel, VA; Claude M. Fisher, OH; John Francis Forhan, IL; Clark M. Garber, OH; Irving G. Gleason, MI; George Newton Greene, PA; Frederick Fretageot Gundrum, Jr., CA; Richard Glenn Hall, OH; Edwin R. Harper, PA; John David Haudenshield, PA; John Wayne Herbert III, TX; Fletcher L. Hill, Jr., NY; Welles Gardner Hodgeson, MN; Donald Monroe Hopkins, MD; James H. Japhet, TX; Arthur D. Jones, NJ; Oliver M. Jones, NJ; Albert B. Kern, OH; Henry Lee Kinnison, MO; George W. Laufer, CT; Starbuck

Hamilton Lips, CT; William Dutton Liversidge, MA; Robert Franklin Livingston, NY; William Kenneth Marsh, NY; Charles J. McCarty, PA; James W. McKay, PA; Alan Randolph Morehouse, CT; James Robeson Myers, GA; Charles Woodford Mylius, Jr., VA; Richard E. Nickerson, NY; William Bell North, Jr., NJ; William Henry Owen III, IA; Joseph B. Piava, NY; Griffith Rutherford Paul, SC; Charles E. Remy, IN; Herbert Chidsey Roberts II, VA; Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., NY; William Milling Royall, SC; F. Sheldon Sargent, VA; Malcolm A. Schweiker, Jr., PA; Truman Allen Shattuck, MI; Sanderson Sloane, NH; Seth Sprague, Jr., MA; Richard Sterling Stockton, NJ; John Robinson Upton, CT; Ray Van Cott, UT.

**KOREAN CONFLICT** – Albert Harvey Collins, OK.

**VIETNAM CONFLICT** – Dennis James Brault, NH; Howard Bruce Carpenter, OH; Robert Charles Dickinson, KY; Victor Ohanesian, NY; Lloyd M. Wilson, NY.



**LEFT:** Connecticut Society Compatriot Philip A. Morehouse related his brother's participation in World War II. **RIGHT:** Brother Alan was a 1st Lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve when the United States entered the conflict and was called to active duty in 1942. His distinguished career ended when he was killed during the 1944 invasion of Europe at Normandy.

# Annual Congress Events Begin July 4th

Barrett L. McKown, a member of the Maryland Society serving as Chairman of the 107th Annual Congress Planning Committee, has announced that all details for this important event have been nailed down – and that Maryland Compatriots and their ladies are eagerly looking forward to greeting attendees when activities are launched on the Fourth of July in Baltimore. The location will be the elegant Hyatt Regency on the Inner Harbor at 300 Light Street.

Many SARs have already submitted the Congress Pre-Registration Form that first appeared in the Winter Issue of our magazine. It is repeated on page 9 that follows, with June 2nd as the deadline for being received at National Headquarters in Louisville. The form for making hotel reservations is on page 10.

Reservations for three optional tours may still be made by sending in the form at the bottom of this page. As of early May these trips were filling up at a rapid clip.

Of special interest to those planning to drive campers or vehicles that are too tall to enter the Hyatt's parking garage is the fact that they can be accommodated at a street-level lot near the hotel. The rate is \$12 per day.

### Varied Special Events

On July 5th beginning at 3:15 p.m., members of the Kansas Society – two in Continental uniform – will offer a 23-



The optional Saturday tour to historic Annapolis will include a luncheon at the 200-year-old Annapolis Inn located in the heart of the city (left). On the right is the Maryland State House, where SARs and guests will view the Old Senate Chamber where General George Washington resigned as Commander-in-Chief in December 1783.



minute skit entitled "SHOWTIME: The Bill of Rights." This patriotic and historic presentation, written especially for school children in grades 5-8, has received kudos throughout Kansas for the past seven years. Copies of the script will be made available for use by any interested State Society.

The Ladies Luncheon, held in honor of the President General's lady, will be staged in the Constellation Room of the World Trade Center only one block from the hotel. The view of the Inner Harbor from this superior banquet facility on the 21st floor is absolutely breath taking. Entertainment will be provided by David and Ginger Hildebrand, whose beautiful music intertwines with stories that are

designed to take one back to the intimacy and romance of colonial times. Advance reservations are essential and may be made on the Pre-Registration Form.

Included in the Pre-Registration Fee is a Wednesday afternoon tour of Baltimore City. You will see the area's best-known sights and hear stories and anecdotes about a variety of famous personalities, including Babe Ruth, Edgar Allan Poe, Wallis Warfield Simpson and Eubie Blake. Stops will be made at a variety of sites to permit visits: **The Flag House and 1812 Museum**, built in 1793 and the home of Mary Pickersgill who made the 30 x 42-foot Flag that flew at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1814 inspiring Francis Scott Key to write his poem "The

Star-Spangled Banner"; **Mount Clare Mansion**, a National Historic Landmark built in 1760 and at one time the manor house of Charles Carroll the Barrister; and **Fort McHenry**, birthplace of our National Anthem, where you will walk through the star-shaped fort and stand upon ramparts overlooking the Baltimore Harbor.

Delightful entertainment during the Wednesday concluding banquet will be provided by The Heritage Singers as conducted by Gordon L. Gustin, Chairman of the National Society Music Committee and a member of the Maryland Society. Composed of 14 members, the group will offer American selections from the Colonial Period, Sea Shantys, Stephen Foster songs, Spirituals and Rodgers and Hammerstein pieces from "Carousel" and "South Pacific."

### Congress Events

Virtually all Congress events will take place at the Hyatt. The National Headquarters Office, under the supervision of Executive Director Robert A. Lentz, will be open every day at 8 am in the Douglass Room beginning Friday, July 4 and will close at varying times. SAR Merchandise may be purchased in the Pratt/Calvert Room beginning at 8 am Friday under the guidance of Merchandise Manager Michael T. Scroggins.

Starting at 3 pm Friday the Ladies Hospitality Room will welcome women attendees in the Camden/Lombard Room and will continue to do so everyday except Sunday.

Subject to last-minute modifications, here is the schedule of Congress events:

#### Friday, July 4

**Noon to 5 pm** – Registration and Certification in the Constellation Foyer.

**6:30 pm to 11 pm** – Optional Inner Harbor Tour, with Crab Feast

**9 pm to 10 pm** – Baltimore City Fireworks Display (may be seen from the Hyatt)

#### Saturday, July 5

**8 am to 5 pm** – Registration and Certification

**9 am to 5 pm** – Optional Tour to Annapolis, with Luncheon at Maryland Inn

**3:15 pm to 4 pm** – Presentation: "Showtime: The Bill of Rights"

**6 pm to 8 pm** – Maryland Society Host Reception

#### Sunday, July 6

**7 am to 9 am** – Vice-Presidents General Breakfast

**8 am to 5 pm** – Registration and Certification

**9:30 am to 11 am** – Meeting of the 1996-97 National Trustees

**1 pm** – Buses begin loading for trip to the Memorial Service

**1:30 pm** – Wreath laying ceremony at Washington Monument, followed by

## Historic Church To Host Memorial Service

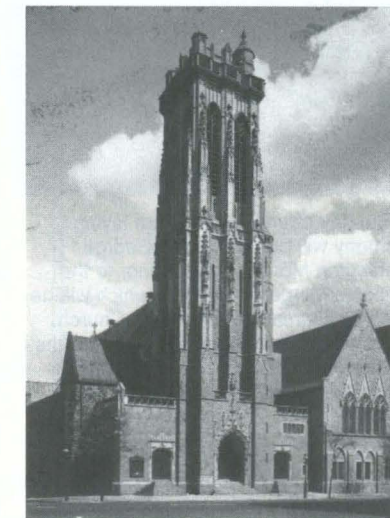
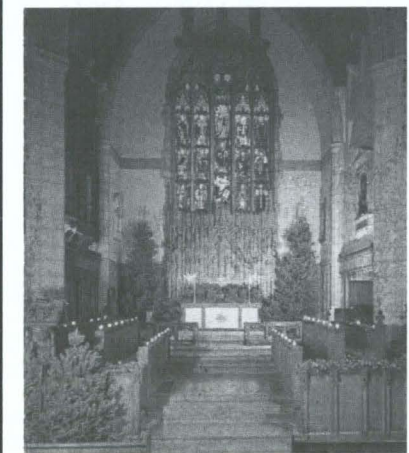
By Former President General Carl F. Bessent, Church Member

In the 1840s a massive influx of immigrants influenced the geography of Baltimore. Mount Vernon Place – located north from the harbor area – became the prestigious cultural center for the affluent families. It was a formal square centered by the Washington Monument and surrounded by elegant commodious dwellings. Many of these people desired a place to worship near their homes. A site was purchased at the corner of Cathedral and Read Streets and construction began. Emmanuel Episcopal Church was completed and consecrated on October 15, 1854.

Many of the first Emmanuel Church communicants were nationally known: Louis McLain, Secretary of Treasury in President Andrew Jackson's Cabinet, and President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; John H.B. Latrobe, Lawyer for the B&O Railroad and inventor of the popular "Latrobe Parlor Stove"; Benjamin Latrobe, Chief Engineer of the B&O Railroad, who routed and constructed the railroad over the Allegheny Mountains; Thomas Winans, railway engineer who supervised the construction of the famed Russian railway from St. Petersburg to Moscow; Isaac Trimble who served in the Confederate States Army.

There are many interesting entries in the Church Register books. One is a baptism: October 19, 1896 – Warfield, Bessie Wallis, born June 1, 1896. Later Bessie became internationally known as the Duchess of Windsor. Another is a marriage: October 19, 1929 – George Catlett Marshall (U.S. Army Chief of Staff, World War II) to Katherine Tupper Brown, with General John J. Pershing as Best Man.

Walking on Cathedral Street toward Emmanuel Church, the focus is on the high gray granite and limestone tower as typically seen in Northern France and Flanders. The eyes soon see ornate carvings embellishing the center door of the church structure, the carvings depicting the familiar Christmas story. The figures are the skilled workmanship of John Kirchmayer, the renowned carver of Oberammergau, Bavaria.



Upon entering the Narthex, one sees two murals picturing the birth of Jesus and the crucifixion of the Lord.

The peaceful Nave with its eight gothic arches and columns will accommodate a congregation of 600 people. The pews are of Flemish oak, the cork flooring is in small squares and the chandeliers offer a soft amber light. The ecclesiastical feeling is enhanced by the beautiful Tiffany stained glass windows on each side of the Nave.

The Church Chancel is the center attraction with the Hanging Rood representing the Crucifixion. The Tennessee marble Altar Table was designed by Harry Vaughn, Architect of the Washington National Cathedral. The beautiful large stained glass East Window of the church was made by C.E. Kempe Company of London and depicts the evolution of the Christian Church. A limestone Reredos below the window depicts the personalities of the Old and New Testaments and was carved by John Kirchmayer.

The Emmanuel pulpit is of quartered oak, and the figures on the sides representing the great preachers from Moses to John Wesley were carved by John Kirchmayer.

To the south of the Chancel is an octagonal Bapistry entered through a gothic archway. The focal point is the sculptured marble kneeling angel holding the baptismal bowl. It is the work of the famous sculpture, Daniel Chester French. The three widows are by John LaFarge.

The Chapel of Peace, north of the Chancel, is entered through a gothic archway and was given by the great granddaughter of Fielding Lewis and Nellie Custis. The carved Altar is of Tennessee marble. The zenith of art is the solid oak triptych showing Jesus at the supper at Emmaus. The yellow stained glass windows executed by the Kempe Company show the three dogmas associated with Jesus: the Incarnation, the Atonement, and the Resurrection.

### RESERVATIONS OFFERED FOR SPECIAL TOURS DURING THE 107TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

FRIDAY, JULY 4 – 6:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

#### INNER HARBOR CRUISE, CRAB FEAST, FIREWORKS

Board the Lady Baltimore across the street from the Hyatt Hotel for a four-hour cruise, passing Fort McHenry, and sailing down the Patapsco River as far as the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge. Enjoy a Maryland-Style Hard Crabs Buffet and an open bar of beer, wine and soda. Return in time to see the spectacular Fireworks Display from the boat upon entering the Inner Harbor.

SATURDAY, JULY 5 – 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

#### TOUR OF ANNAPOLIS AND LUNCHEON AT FAMOUS INN

Travel by air-conditioned bus from the hotel for a visit to Maryland's 300-year-old capital city. A walking tour will include the State House, the oldest State Capitol in continuous use, to view where George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief. Other points of interest will include the U.S. Naval Academy. Luncheon will be at the historic 220-year-old Maryland Inn.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 – 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

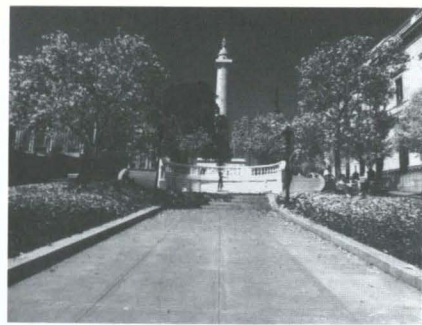
#### TOUR TO DAR HEADQUARTERS AND LUNCHEON

DAR President General Mrs. Charles K. Kemper has invited Congress participants to visit DAR Headquarters, Constitution Hall and the Library in Washington, DC. Travel will be by air-conditioned bus from the hotel. Docents will conduct a complete tour of facilities, while a luncheon will be served in the upstairs Banquet Hall. Time will be available for research in the Library and Microfilm Room.

### THIS FORM MAY ACCOMPANY CONGRESS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM, IF RECEIVED BY JUNE 2, 1997

DAY	TOUR	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT	NAME _____
Fri.	Baltimore Inner Harbor	\$60.00			ADDRESS _____
Sat.	Annapolis, Incl. Luncheon	\$50.00			CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
Thurs.	DAR Headqtrs., Luncheon	\$35.00			
TOTAL					

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On Sunday afternoon a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the George Washington Monument just prior to the traditional Memorial Service, which will be in nearby Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Buses will provide transportation from the Hyatt Regency to this site. (Photo by Roger Miller; courtesy Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.)

parade to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, site of the Memorial Service  
**2 pm to 3 pm** – Memorial Service  
**8 pm** – Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest Finals

**Monday, July 7**

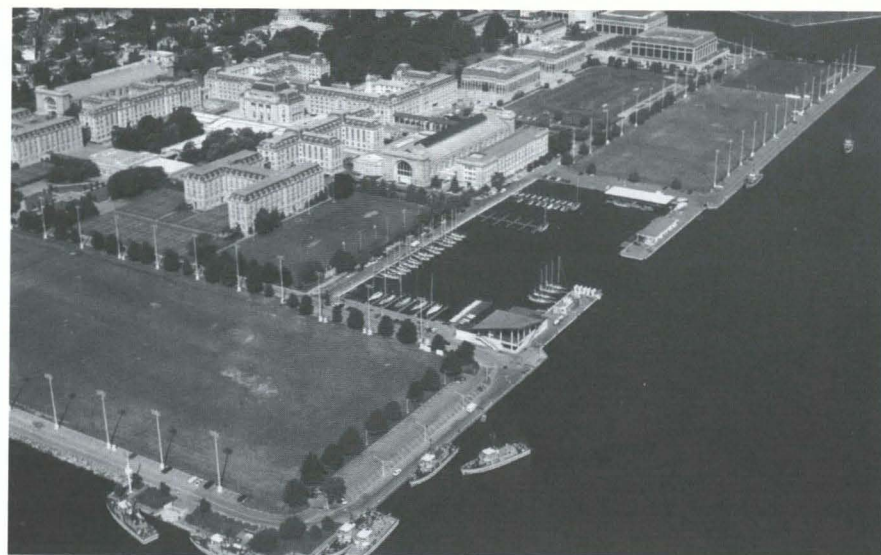
**7 am to 8:45 am** – Council of State Presidents Breakfast  
**8 am to 5 pm** – Registration and Certification  
**8:15 am to 9 am** – Band concert  
**9 am to 11:30 am** – Opening General Session  
**12:15 pm to 2 pm** – Luncheon: Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Program  
**2 pm to 4 pm** – General Session  
**8 pm to 10 pm** – Recognition Night, with awards to new Minutemen, State Societies, Chapters, Compatriots and winner of the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest.

**Tuesday, July 8**

**9 am to Noon** – Final Registration and Certification  
**9 am to 11:30 am** – General Session  
**9 am to 10 am** – Ladies Program: "Baltimore Album Quilts"  
**11:45 am to 3 pm** – Optional Ladies Luncheon at World Trade Center



Congress attendees will find a rewarding experience when visiting the B&O Railroad Museum, a 43,000-square-foot round-house built in 1884. Featured is an extensive collection of trains and artifacts. (Photo by Roger Miller; courtesy Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.)



A highlight of the Saturday trip to Annapolis will be a tour of the United States Naval Academy, which was begun back in 1845. The massive complex is situated on 338 acres of land adjacent to the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. During the academic season, some 4,000 Midshipman are enrolled.

**Noon to 3 pm** – Balloting, if necessary  
**2 pm** – Council of State Presidents Meeting; Specialized Workshops; Committee Meetings  
**6 pm to 7 pm** – Reception (cash bar)  
**7 pm** – Banquet: Presentation of Law Enforcement Commendation Medal; Guest Speaker

**Wednesday, July 9**

**9 am to 11 am** – Final General Session  
**9 am to 10 am** – Ladies Program: "The Herb Lady"  
**9:30 am to 11:30 am** – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
**11 am to 11:30 am** – Meeting of the 1997-98 National Trustees  
**12:45 pm to 4:30 pm** – Tour of Baltimore (included in Registration Fee)  
**6 pm to 7 pm** – Reception (cash bar)

**7 pm** – Banquet; Entertainment; Installation of General Officers; Presentation of George Washington's Seal Ring to the newly installed President General; Principal Address by the new PG

**Thursday, July 10**

**8 am to 3:30 pm** – Optional Tour to DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC, with Luncheon  
 The preferred dress for certain Annual Congress activities is as follows:  
**Recognition Night Program** – Minutemen Award Candidates and Participants: White dinner jacket, black tie.  
**Tuesday Banquet** – Black or white dinner jacket or Continental uniform.  
**Wednesday Banquet** – White tie and tails preferred; black or white dinner jacket.



The Heritage Singers will provide entertainment during the Wednesday Banquet. Conducting their musical presentation will be Maryland Compatriot Gordon L. Gustin, who is well-known as a choral conductor, arts administrator, music educator and church musician. He has performed as a dramatic tenor soloist with the Kings College Madrigal of Cambridge University, England; The Bamberg Symphony (Germany); and other European and American opera and oratorio societies. He holds advanced degrees in music.

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – Please Print**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_ payable to "Treasurer General, NSSAR" for the following:

My Registration Fee at \$185 \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Registration(s) at \$185 each

(Registration Fee after June 2nd will be \$215)

\_\_\_\_ Reservations for the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday at \$26.00 each

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Please hold \_\_\_\_ Reservations for the Maryland Society Reception on Saturday evening

Please hold \_\_\_\_ Reservations for the Wednesday "Tour of Baltimore City"

A special diet is required for \_\_\_\_ persons in my party, as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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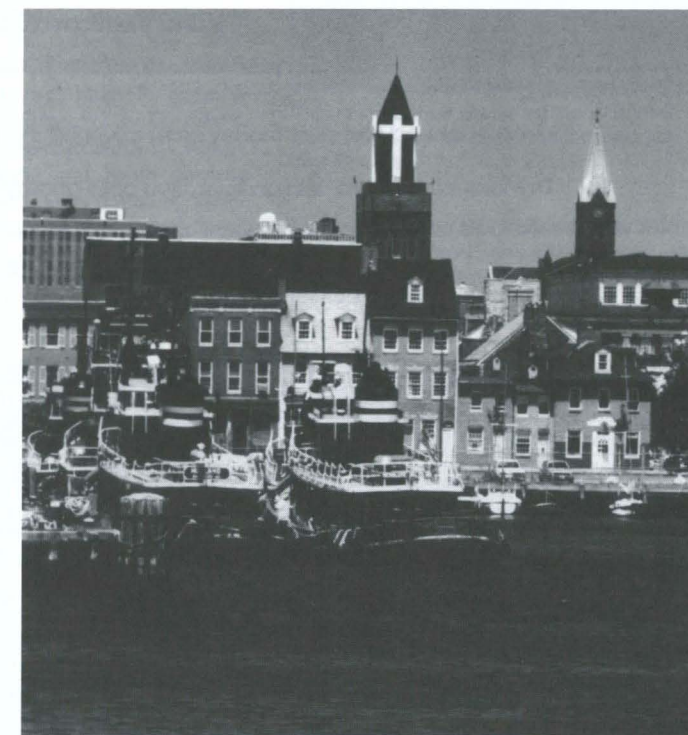
During the Congress, I/we plan to stay at \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS FOR ANNUAL CONGRESS CLOSE ON JUNE 2ND!**

As this issue of the magazine was going to press, a large number of Compatriots from across the SAR spectrum had already submitted their Pre-Registrations for the 107th Annual Congress, which is scheduled for Baltimore, Maryland July 5-9. They're smart – for by signing up before June 2nd, a savings of \$30 is realized. Just fill in the form at the top; note that reservations for the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday may also be made at this time. And the Congress Planning Committee would appreciate your indicating the number of Wednesday Tour reservations you'd like; it will help in lining up buses.

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

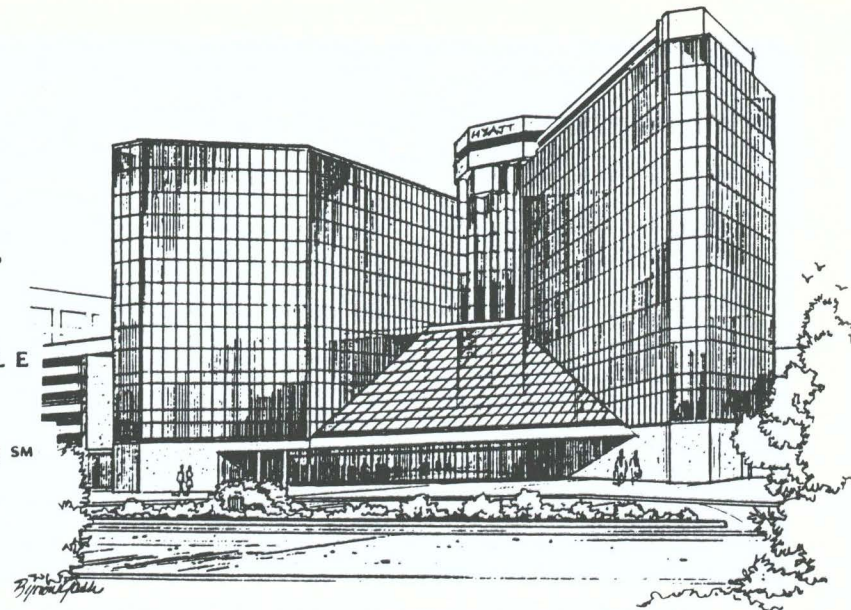
See the accompanying news story for details about the key Congress events.



Unique as a surviving colonial workingman's community, Fells Point in Baltimore is also one of the few remaining downtown waterfront residential communities on the East Coast. (Photo by Roger Miller. Courtesy Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, 100 Light Street.)



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## Grave Registry Forms Now On Microfilm

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

Grave Registry Forms are now on microfilm. In July of 1996 a team from the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, filmed the completed forms that were stored in the National Society's Graves Register. Those received prior to mid-1993 were included.

The eight rolls of microfilmed records are now available in our Library at Headquarters in Louisville, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and through LDS Family History Centers throughout the world.

They are found in the Louisville Library with a Catalog Number of F255.B721996 under "Sons of the American Revolution" as the author and "Revolutionary War Graves Register Forms" as the title or subject. The Genealogical Society has assigned catalog

numbers to the eight rolls; they should be listed by mid-year in the Family History Library Catalog (available on CD-ROM at Family History Centers). In the meantime, the rolls may be ordered through Centers in the following numbers:

1. 2032073 Abbey thru Butler
2. 2032074 Butler thru Dunn
3. 2032075 Dunn thru Harrison
4. 2032076 Harrison thru Lynn
5. 2032077 Laurens thru Maccoun
6. 2032132 McPherson thru Ross
7. 2032133 Ross thru Towne
8. 2032134 Taber thru Zumwalt

As can be seen, the forms were filmed in alphabetical sequence by Patriot surname, Abbey through Zumwalt. But when rolls are ordered, it may be observed that some variations exist in alphabetical sequences. For instance, there may be sev-

eral un-merged alphabetical sequences in forms beginning with an "L", and also the "T's. So if one is seeking a form for an ancestor named "Lovelace", both rolls 4 and 5 should be ordered to thoroughly scrutinize all forms with the surname beginning with an "L". It should also be noted that Grave Registry Forms received since mid-1993 have not yet been microfilmed.

Perhaps the main purpose of this Grave Registration Microfilm Project was to make the Grave Registry Forms more accessible. But the preservation of these records is equally important. Many experts, including the Revolutionary War Graves Committee, believe that microfilm is one of the better ways to preserve these important graves records for future generations.

## Two Patriot Memorials Dedicated

Jesup, Georgia and Liberty, Missouri were recent sites for the dedication of memorials honoring Revolutionary War Patriots.

In early November some 150 people gathered on the lawn of the Wayne County Courthouse in Jesup for the unveiling of a monument in memory of 23 Patriots who spent at least a portion of their lives in the county. The ceremony was the culmination

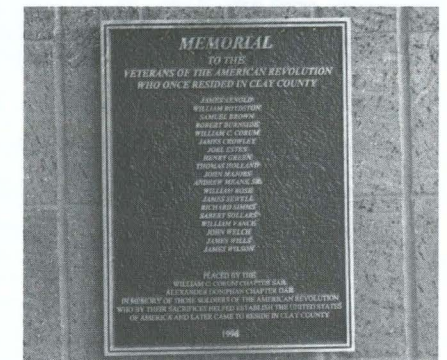
was Robert F. Galer, a member of the Georgia Society serving as Chairman of the NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee.

In mid-October the Missouri Society's William C. Corum Chapter joined with the DAR Alexander Doniphan Chapter in dedicating a plaque honoring 19 Revolutionary War veterans who came to Clay County. The ceremony took place in front of the James S. Rooney Justice Center, where the plaque had been installed on the west center column. Chairing the event was Judge R. Kenneth Elliott, Chapter Organizing President, while Chapter Regent Roberta C. Moore gave the Invocation and made opening remarks. The Colors were posted by members of the Kansas Society and Missouri Society Color Guards. Offering the dedication address was Chad C. Means, President of the Clay County Archives & Historical



Posing before the monument in Jesup were Dr. T. Fisher Craft (left), President of the Georgia Society, and David B. Dukes, President of the Altamaha Chapter and Society Regional Vice President.

of three years of devoted effort by David B. Dukes, President of the Altamaha Chapter, who conceived the idea and brought it to fruition. Also participating in the program were Georgia Society President Dr. T. Fisher Craft, the Georgia Society Color Guard, local government officials and descendants of some of the Patriots. Offering pertinent remarks



This is the plaque placed by the William C. Corum Chapter honoring 19 Revolutionary War Patriots.



Playing a prominent part in the ceremony at Liberty were members of the Kansas Society and Missouri Society Color Guards.



This engraving depicts Concord's North Bridge on April 19, 1775 at about 9:30 a.m. American Minute Men (left) on the west bank of the Concord River return musket fire against the British Regulars (right) on the other side of the bridge – which Emerson immortalized as the “shot heard round the world.” After withdrawing across the bridge and exchanging brief, but fateful, volley, the Red Coats retreated to Boston. This scene was drawn by a Connecticut militiaman, Ralph Earle, about two weeks after the battle and then engraved by Amos Doolittle of New Haven. (Courtesy The Connecticut Historical Society. Photo by Robert J. Bitondi.)

# LEXINGTON & CONCORD: 1775/1997

*Every April the anniversary of the historic Patriot/British confrontation that ignited the Revolution is commemorated. This summer the National Park Service will unveil new interpretive facilities there. Compatriot Joseph L. Andrews, Jr., M.D., discusses common myths vs. real truths surrounding those fateful days – and highlights sites to visit today.*

Almost every American school child, as well as his parents and grandparents, know all there is to know about the start of the American Revolution at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Right? We all learned history from Longfellow and Emerson. Right? Probably we even had to recite Longfellow's “Paul Revere's Ride” and Emerson's “Concord Hymn.” So it was, and ever will be – without change. Right?

Well – wrong – on all three counts. A new awareness and new perspectives about these seminal conflicts of the American Revolution transform Longfellow's version of Paul Revere's warning ride into a colorful, but factually inaccurate myth. They place Emerson's version of “the shot” into one fierce controversy now raging between these two historic, but contentious Middlesex towns, Lexington and Concord.

Recent historic insights have added both new depth and breadth to understanding the origins, narrative details and historic importance and help explode popular myths about the events of April 19, 1775.

Important changes in the actual battle sites will make the Lexington and Concord experience more meaningful and instructive for future visitors. The 110th SAR Annual Congress (in the New Millennium), to be held in Boston in 2000, will give all Compatriots the opportunity to visit in person these sites where our nation was born 225 years ago. (Please, keep this story as your Guide!)

## WAS LONGFELLOW ACCURATE?

**First myth:** what about the facts in Longfellow's melodic tale? His spirit still soars, but we now know there are many factual inaccuracies in this poem, especially, a) the two lanterns hung from the steeple of the Old North Church in Boston – “one if by land, two if by sea,” – were not to signal Paul Revere (“I on the opposite shore shall be”), but since Revere was still in Boston at the time, they were hung to signal other Patriots waiting across the



**LEFT:** This oil by Henry Sandham (1886) depicts the confrontation between the Minutemen and British troops on Lexington Common, April 19, 1775 at about 5 a.m. The painting is in the collection of the Lexington Historical Society hanging in Cary Memorial Town Hall



in Lexington. **RIGHT:** This photo by the author of this article shows Lexington Green as it appears today. Every year a re-enactment of the engagement is held here; SARs regularly participate, including members of the Massachusetts Society Color Guard.

Charles River in Charlestown that the British troops would leave Boston by boat, not by land; and b) “It was two by the village clock, when he came to the bridge in Concord town,” wrote Longfellow. Actually Paul Revere never reached Concord that night. He was captured (then released) by British troops in Lincoln, west of Lexington. His fellow riders William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott escaped. It was actually Prescott who reached Concord to warn the Minute Men there.

**Myth two:** where was the “shot heard round the world” actually fired? Lexington proudly (and loudly) now claims the distinction, since a newly discovered manuscript (the “Lexington Alarm Letter”) “supports the claim that the skirmish at Lexington Green (at about 5 a.m., April 19, 1775) was indeed the principle event that launched the American War for Independence, not the shots fired later that day (at about 9:30 a.m.) at the Old North Bridge in Concord,” asserts Thomas Leavitt, Director of the Museum of Our National Heritage (in Lexington!). Emerson's poem is “a myth,” claims Leavitt, since he says it was the Lexington Alarm Letter, written by J. Palmer, which describes the (first) Lexington skirmish that was spread by riders that same day throughout Massachusetts, within several days to New York and by May to South Carolina. (The actual Alarm Letter is now on display in the Heritage Museum in Lexington).

However, Concord historians stress that: a) Emerson's original poem was written for the Battle Monument Dedication in Concord in 1837; and, b) the first forcible resistance to the might of the British Empire by Americans occurred in Concord. Most Lexington soldiers' depositions state that a British officer fired the first shot there, while

the Lexington Minute Men were following British orders “to disperse.” Eight Lexington men were killed, no British.

Intensive rivalries persist between these small New England villages, only seven miles apart. When I first moved to Concord two years ago, I appeared before a Concord Citizen's Committee trying to decide where to site a new Visitors Information Center, since the present (1968) Concord Visitors Center is shack-sized. I mentioned to the Concord group that Lexington has an adequately sized, functional information center. Immediately a Concord woman stared at me contemptuously and barked, “But that's Lexington!”

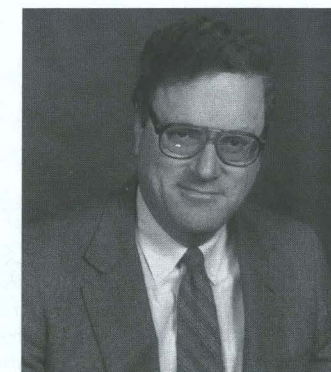
Several weeks later at the Buckman Tavern book store in Lexington, I mentioned to a guide in a crenelated Revolutionary-era cap that the book store was good but that it sold no books about Concord. She stared at me and in sternest tones berated me, “But that's Concord!”

So as not to get hit by a flying musket ball fired between the two competing towns, I am taking the diplomatic way out and will discuss “The Shot(s!) Heard Round the World,” since both volleys counted. Really they did.

## HISTORIC SHRINE TO VISIT

A third realization that adds import to these particular historical sites is that to the over one million Americans (as well as tourists from abroad) who visit these sites each year, Lexington and Concord symbolize an unchanging “sense of place, a shrine for pilgrims,” comparable to London, Paris, Mecca or Lourdes, according to local author John Mitchell. For citizens in the these 1990s, in a world otherwise characterized by change, of restless mobility, of

Currently serving as Surgeon of the Massachusetts Society, Compatriot Andrews is a physician, medical school professor, author, history buff and environmental activist who resides in Concord. He practices internal medicine there and teaches at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston; he has published over 80 medical/scientific papers as well as numerous articles on history, travel and social issues for the *Boston Globe* and other newspapers and magazines. Dr. Andrews is a member of the Concord Historical Commission and a Licensed Concord Guide. Last summer he served as physician for an archaeological dig at the 2,400-year-old fortress/city of Yodfat in northern Israel; he also visited, writes and speaks about Israel's successful “Peace Village,” Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam. His Revolutionary War ancestor was Haym Salomon, the noted financier who negotiated loans to the Continental Congress. Two other Patriot ancestors were involved in combat, Col. Isaac Franks and Maj. Benjamin Nones, both of Philadelphia. It should be noted that parts of this article are excerpted from his forthcoming book entitled “Concord Uncovered”, a history of this famed city.



strip malls, tract-housing and MTV, Lexington and Concord still symbolize meaningful – and stable – historic shrines for them to visit.

A fourth change in interpreting the modern significance of the first clashes of the Revolution, and puncturing myths, according to NPS Ranger Clinton Jackson, is due to provocative new historical interpretations, replacing stale older assumptions. Why is the Civil War of more interest to most Americans than the Revolution? asks Jackson. Many Americans assume the Revolution had comparatively little drama, that the outcome was a foregone conclusion. No, say many historians today: poorly equipped, barely trained, minimally supplied farmers and tradesman had the audacity to challenge highly trained, tightly disciplined, well-supplied seasoned soldiers from the mightiest empire on earth – and the initial odds were certainly not on the side of the Colonists. The fact that only about 1/3 of Americans were Patriots, 1/3 remained loyal to the King and 1/3 were neutral, split families in two and added to the drama, as in the Civil War.

The American Rebels consisted exclusively of white, Protestant males of British descent, says another myth. Accordingly, many of today's citizens, most of diverse backgrounds, believe they have no reason to identify with the American Patriots. Not true, say contemporary historians. It has become clearer that participants in the American cause included women, African-Americans, Catholic Americans, Jewish Americans, Native Americans and Patriots from French, Irish, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Swedish and many other national and ethnic origins. (Future articles in *The SAR Magazine* will highlight contributions by Patriots from many diverse origins, according to Editor Winston C.

Williams.) Thus, what is "P.C. for some, is historically "I.C." (incorrect) for most others today.

#### OUTCOME OF WAR FAR-REACHING

A fifth myth, that carries no truth today, is that the long term results for America from the Revolution were not as interesting or as important as from other wars. Again, no go. Both Colonists, who originally considered themselves as "British Americans," and those from other national, ethnic and religious background, risked their lives in the fight to guarantee full human rights. Later upon victory, embodied in the Constitution and Bill of Rights, to their descendants. It was a difficult, uphill battle, but the cataclysmic results spread as a model throughout the world, and live on today in America and abroad.

#### WHAT'S NEW TO SEE?

A sixth myth is that we have nothing new to learn or to see about the Revolution today. I hope to showcase here the many exciting new developments that will help us share and understand more clearly the great importance of the American Revolution. You will learn about the new Minute Man National Historical Park Visitors Center (with a dramatic new mural shown on the cover of this issue of our magazine) and the new Battle Road Interpretive Trail for walkers and bikers that will open in the summer of 1997. Many recent informative books that further clarify the events of the Revolution will be listed. The forthcoming Steven Spielberg film on "Paul Revere's Ride" – based on David H. Fischer's book – and the SAR Congress in Boston 2000 will both add excitement for us all to better understand Revolutionary events that occurred 225 years ago.

## Sites To Visit In Those Areas Where The 1775 Events Occurred

Historic sites relative to the dynamic events that took place April 18-19, 1775 have for the most part been well preserved and are a must to see when visiting the area. A complete tour would begin in Boston and extend through Cambridge, Lexington, Lincoln and Concord. It is suggested that you use a combination of the accompanying map of Minute Man National Historical Park and Surroundings – and the descriptive narrative that follows. Specific locations are shown in bold type.

#### BOSTON

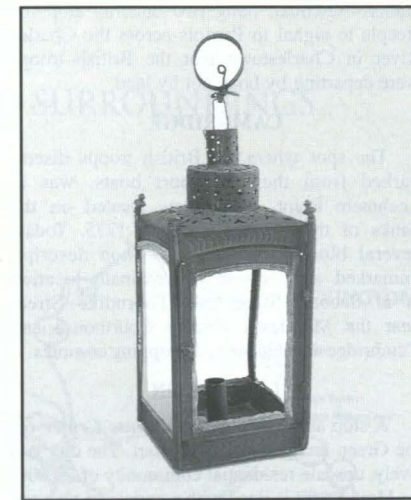
Although modern skyscrapers tower along the spine of Boston, the city still retains intact many landmarks from its early past history: the settlement by English settlers in the 1600s, such as Boston Common and Paul Revere's House; its Colonial growth in the 1700s, such as sites accessible by foot on the *Freedom Trail*, including the Old North Church (1723) and Faneuil Hall (1742), the "Cradle of Liberty"; and many buildings from the post-Revolutionary 1800s.

Three sites in particular are intimately connected with the events of April, 1775 and will serve as a relevant preface to your subsequent visits to Lexington and Concord.

**Boston Common** consists of 44 acres of open green space in the middle of Boston, that

initially served as pasture land for Boston's (then called Shawmut) first white settler, William Blackstone in 1622. In 1630, Puritan settlers moved from Charlestown to seek the waters of an "Excellent Spring" in Boston. The "Common Land" was used for "feeding of cattell," as well as a "traying field for militia." During the occupation of Boston in the 1770s, British troops camped there. On the evening of April 18, 1775, about 700 British soldiers assembled on the Common and, led by Lt. Col. Francis Smith and Major John Pitcairn, then embarked from a spot near today's Public Gardens at Charles Street and Boylston Street, then at the water's edge. They were ferried by boat across the Back Bay of the Charles River to Lechmere Point in Cambridge to begin their 24 hours of marching westward to Concord and then eastward in rapid retreat from Concord back to Boston.

**Paul Revere's House** in Boston's oldest neighborhood, the North End, was built around 1680 as the house of a wealthy merchant. Today it is the oldest building still standing in Boston. Paul Revere (1735-1818) moved into the house in 1770, sired 16 children by his first wife, Sarah, and eight more by his second wife, Rachel. A well-respected silversmith and coppersmith, Revere was active in many patriotic groups in Boston and became an express rider in 1770, carrying patriots' messages to many other



Since 1853, this lantern has been identified as one of those hung as a signal in the belfry of Old North Church on the night of April 18, 1775. It is on exhibit at the Concord Museum. (Courtesy of the Concord Museum, Concord, Massachusetts.)

towns. His 1775 gallop to Lexington was memorialized forever by Longfellow's poem.

**The Old North Church**, just blocks from Revere's house, is Boston's oldest church. Officially named "Christ Church of Boston," it was built in 1723 and still functions as a church. On April 18, 1775, Revere's friend, sexton

## AN HOUR-BY-HOUR CHRONICLE OF TWO FATEFUL APRIL DAYS

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1775

- 10:00 p.m. – **Boston:** British troops are awakened and on General Thomas Gage's orders told they must march to Concord to search for and destroy hidden American weapons and supplies.
- 10:30 p.m. – **Boston:** Dr. Joseph Warren alerts William Dawes, Jr. and Paul Revere about the British troop movement.
  - Dawes is dispatched on horse by land over the Boston Neck to Lexington.
  - Revere has two lamps hung in the steeple of the Old North Church to notify Patriots in Charlestown that the British will travel by sea.
  - British troops assemble on Boston Common, then embark by boats across the Back Bay of the Charles River to Cambridge.
- 11:00 p.m. – **Charlestown:** Revere arrives after being rowed across the Charles River. He leaves by horse and gallops towards Lexington.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1775

- Midnight – **Lexington:** Revere arrives at the Hancock-Clarke House.
- 12:30 a.m. – **Lexington:** Dawes arrives at the Hancock-Clarke House.
  - The Belfry Bell on the Lexington Green is rung and about 130 Minute Men under Capt. John Parker assemble on the Green.
  - Dr. Samuel Prescott joins Revere and Dawes as they ride westward.

- 1:00 a.m. – **Lincoln:** British officers capture Revere; Dawes escapes to Lexington.
  - Prescott jumps over a stone wall and escapes.
- 2:00 a.m. – **Concord:** Prescott arrives; The Town House bell is rung. Three companies of Concord Minutemen gather at Wright's Tavern.
  - **Cambridge:** British troops finally begin their march from Cambridge to Lexington.
- 2:30 a.m. – **Lincoln:** Revere released by British, returns to Lexington to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams to leave. They depart.
- 4:30 a.m. – **Lexington:** Scout reports the British Regulars are near. The drum is beat and 77 Minutemen line up in a double row on Lexington Green.
- 5:00 a.m. – **Lexington:** Major John Pitcairn's Redcoats face Captain John Parker's Minutemen. A single shot rings out! Then a volley from the British platoon. Eight Americans are killed and ten wounded. The first American blood has been shed.
- 5:30 a.m. – **Lexington:** British regulars march towards Concord.
- 7:00 a.m. – **Concord:** British troops arrive in Concord Center. Minutemen withdraw.
- 7:30 a.m. – **Concord:** Lt. Colonel Francis Smith orders three British companies to guard the North Bridge, four companies to march to Colonel James Barrett's farm to search for cannon, and one company to hold the South Bridge and destroy munitions.

- 8:00 a.m. – **Concord:** The Minutemen withdraw to Punkatasset Hill, as the Redcoats arrive at the North Bridge, and two companies cross over to the west bank of the Concord River.
- 8:30 a.m. – **Concord:** British Grenadiers set fire to the Town House in Concord Center.
- 9:00 a.m. – **Concord:** The Minutemen see the smoke and march toward the North Bridge.
  - Joseph Hosmer of Concord asks, "Will you let them burn the town down?"
  - The British retreat over the bridge to the east bank.
- 9:30 a.m. – **Concord:** The Redcoats open fire across the North Bridge and kill two Minutemen, Captain Isaac Davis and Abner Hosmer, both from Acton.
  - Major John Buttrick of Concord shouts, "Fire, fellow soldiers, for God's sake, fire!"
  - The Minutemen advance and fire.
  - Two Redcoats are killed, and several others are wounded.
  - The British turn and flee towards Concord Center.
- 10:00 a.m. – **Concord:** The British troops reassemble in Concord Center at Wright's Tavern to rest and eat.
- 12:00 noon – **Concord:** British troops leave Concord to march eastward towards Boston.
- 12:30 p.m. – **Concord:** At Meriam's Corner over 1,000 militia from neighboring towns fire on and pursue the retreating Redcoats.

- 1:30 p.m. – **Lincoln:** The Americans firing from behind cover of walls and trees kill many British soldiers at the "Bloody Angle."
- 2:00 p.m. – **Lexington:** Captain John Parker's Minutemen get their revenge by firing from a hill at the retreating Redcoats.
- 3:00 p.m. – **Lexington:** General Hugh Percy, having marched from Boston, relieves Colonel Smith's exhausted Redcoats and fires cannons to slow the advancing Americans. Percy's and Smith's Regulars rest at Munroe Tavern.
- 5:30 p.m. – **Arlington:** Fierce fighting between the retreating Redcoats and the pursuing Minutemen. Many killed.
- 7:00 p.m. – **Charlestown Neck:** Exhausted British troops, having marched over 40 miles in 21 hours with no sleep and little food or water and been under constant hostile fire for over 8 hours, stagger into Charlestown and collapse on the ground.
- 10:00 p.m. – **Boston:** Wounded British troops are ferried to Boston.
- Past Midnight: Other troops return to Boston.

The Revolutionary War has begun! During the action, 73 British soldiers were killed, 174 wounded, 26 missing; 49 Americans were killed, 41 wounded, 9 missing. It would require eight more years of fierce battles to conclude with the American victory at Yorktown in 1781 and the Treaty of Paris in 1783.



Robert Newman, hung two lanterns atop the steeple to signal to Patriots across the Charles River in Charlestown that the British troops were departing by boat, not by land.

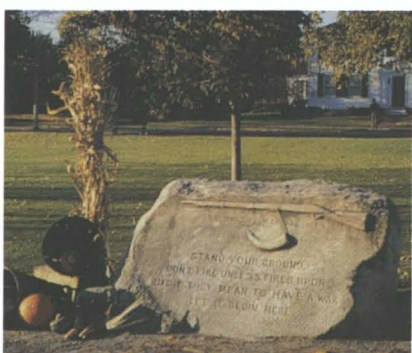
### CAMBRIDGE

The spot where the British troops disembarked from their transport boats, was at Lechmere Point, which was located on the banks of the Charles River in 1775. Today, several blocks inland, it is a non-descript, unmarked site, whose approximate location is at Second Street and Thorndike Street near the Middlesex County Courthouse and Cambridge Galleria, a shopping complex.

### LEXINGTON

A stop at the *Lexington Visitors Center* off the Green is a good place to start. The city is a lively, upscale residential community of 29,000. Its Main Street is lined with a variety of new red brick shops (too modern for the tastes of many nearby Concordians).

However, Lexingtonians retain great pride in their unique Revolutionary history. Many gracious houses and several taverns, important in



This boulder in Lexington marks the position of the 77-man company of Minutemen at the site of the clash of arms in 1775. (Courtesy Lexington Historical Society.)

the events of 1775, still stand. Residents often arise early each Patriots' Day (near April 19) to watch ceremonies on the Lexington Battle Green. Here modern Minute Men and Red Coats face each other and musket "shots" are fired, reenacting the historic encounter of their forebearers.

**Lexington Battle Green.** In 1712 citizens of Cambridge Commons (later Lexington) purchased 1 1/2 acres of land next to the Meeting House (church) for town common land, which was later enlarged by one acre.

In 1775 it was a scrubby cow pasture. The *Belfry Bell* summoned about 130 men from Capt. John Parker's Lexington Minute Men to the Green at around 12:30 AM on April 19. Today a *Boulder* with a curved musket and powder horn marks the spot where Sgt. William Munroe's men mustered and formed a line. At about 1:30 AM Capt. Parker dismissed his men, and many retreated to *Buckman Tavern* for some liquid refreshment.

At about 4:30 AM, when a scout reported to Capt. Parker that columns of marching Red Coats were almost in Lexington, drummer boy William Diamond beat his drum. About 77 Lexington Minute Men reassembled to form two rows on the northwest side of the Green. They faced about 300 British Regulars, an advance column, led by Major Pitcairn, who approached



A long roll of this drum by 16-year-old William Diamond assembled the Minutemen on Lexington Common on the morning of April 19, 1775. The pistols were captured from British Major John Pitcairn later that same day. (Courtesy Lexington Historical Society.)

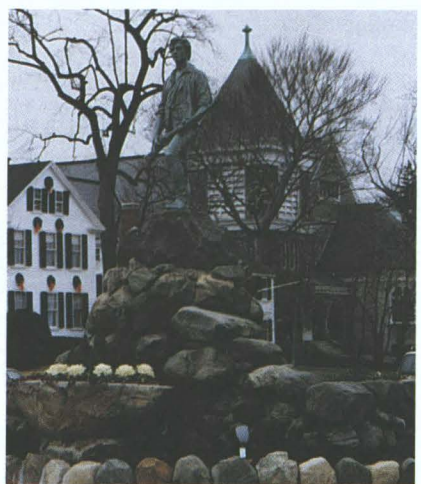
from the southeast from Cambridge and Arlington. Capt. Parker first ordered his men to "Let the troops pass by." But as the Regulars came closer, some of his men (in later depositions) quoted him as saying, "Stand your ground! Don't fire unless fired upon! But if they want to have a war, let it begin here!"

The fast approaching British Regulars shouted their battle cry, "Huzza! Huzza! Huzza!"

Major Pitcairn, riding in front of his men, yelled at Parker's men, "Lay down your arms, you damn rebels and disperse!" Realizing they were vastly outnumbered, Parker's American militia men started to retreat.

A shot rang out! Other volleys followed from the muskets of the British Regulars, who then lowered their bayonets and charged into the American ranks. Eight Americans were killed and ten more were wounded. The rest fled through a thick cloud of musket smoke.

Who fired the first shot at Lexington? Over 50 surviving members of Parker's militia testified later that the first gunfire did *not* come from *their ranks*. (Fischer) Many front line British Regulars later swore under oath that it did *not* come from *their muskets*. Did British Major



This famous statue in Lexington depicts Capt. Jonas Parker at the Battle of Lexington. It is located in the triangularly shaped Lexington Common. (Author photo.)

Pitcairn or Lt. Sutherland, both on horseback, discharge their pistols first? Did a mysterious Lexington spectator fire from Buckman Tavern, as several witnesses later swore? Did both fire simultaneously?

Were the first shots fired deliberately or discharged by accident? Unfortunately, we will never know with complete certainty who fired the first shot. But we do know that the subsequent fusillade and bayoneting spree by the out-of-control British Regulars was deadly for the Lexington men, causing 18 American casualties. Two militia men were killed – Jonas Parker and Robert Munroe – on the line where they had mustered.

John Parker, Captain Parker's cousin, according to orator Edward Everett (1799), "had been often heard to say that 'be the consequences what they might, and let others do what they pleased, but he would never run from the



Built in 1695, this old Lexington hostelry – the Munroe Tavern – served as British Headquarters and hospital on April 19, 1775. It was operated by Sgt. William Munroe, a member of the Minuteman Company that first opposed the Redcoats. It is maintained by the Lexington Historical Society. (Courtesy the Society.)

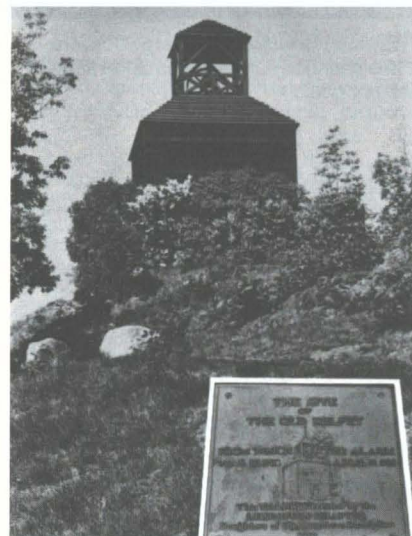
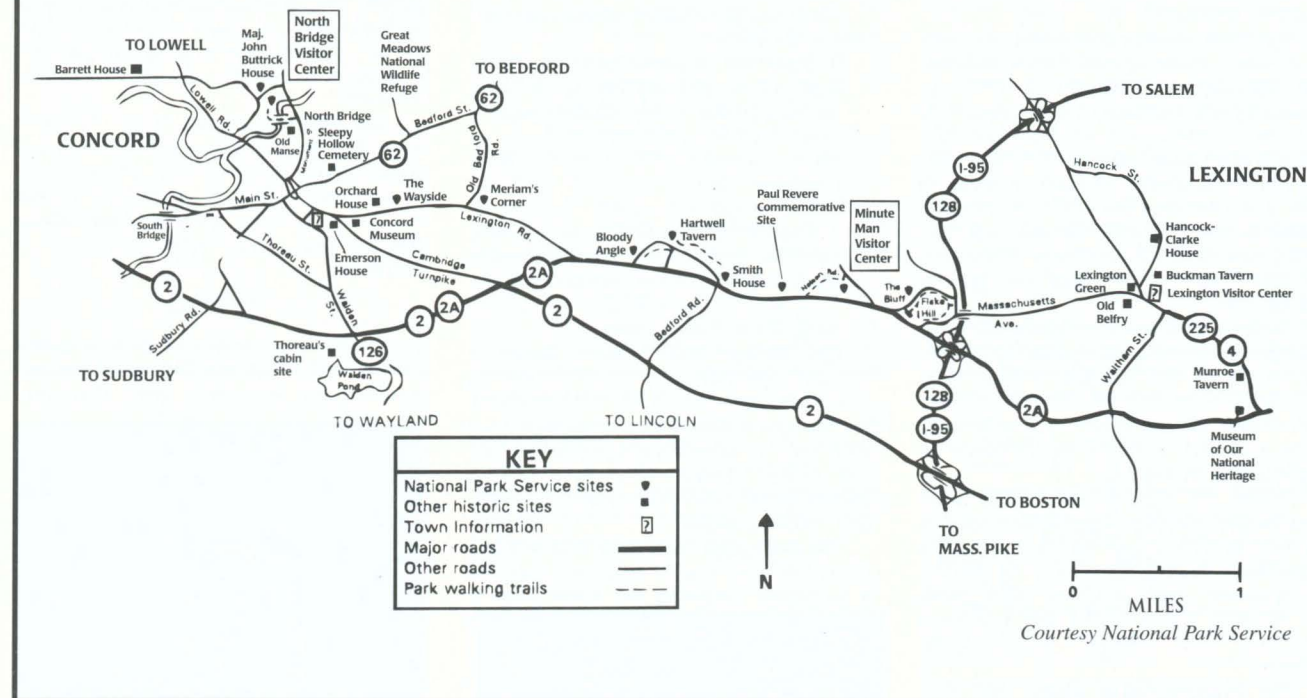
enemy.' He was as good as his word – better. Having loaded his musket, he placed his hat containing the ammunition on the ground in readiness for a second charge. At the second fire he was wounded and sunk upon his knees; and in this condition discharged his gun. While loading it again on his knees and striving in the ago-



The Buckman Tavern, located just off Lexington Common, housed numerous Minutemen on the night of April 18, 1775. They had gone there about 1 am after their commander, Capt. Jonas Parker, unable to confirm Revere's earlier warning, had dismissed them subject to quick recall.

nies of death to redeem his pledge, he was transfixed by a bayonet and thus died on the spot where he first stood and fell." (Lexington Handbook, LHS)

## MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND SURROUNDINGS



The Belfry stood in Lexington during the Revolution adjacent to the Church on the Common (no longer existing). When the bell in this tower sounded the alarm early on April 19, 1775, it summoned Minutemen from as far as three miles away. The original was destroyed by a gale on 1900; this replica was built on a nearby rise. (Courtesy Lexington Historical Society.)

The rest were killed, trying to disperse. Jonathan Harrington was mortally wounded only yards from his house across from the Green, as his horrified wife and son watched. Bleeding profusely from a chest wound, he pulled himself along his front path, and then died on his own doorstep.

While most of the Americans were dispersing, only a few American militia men, like Jonas

Parker and John Munroe, managed to discharge their muskets at the charging Regulars. British soldiers testified later that only one Regular was actually wounded (in the leg) in the Lexington clash, a Private Thomas Johnson, who, ironically, two months later was mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill (Fischer).

A visitor to the *Lexington Battle Green* today will see many reminders of the 1775 conflict. *The Statue of the Lexington Minuteman* stands guard by the entrance to the triangular Green and faces south, the direction of the British approach. Atop a rugged pile of granite boulders, the eight-foot six-inch greenish bronze man stands tall, a tribute to Captain Parker: "The famous continental soldier is represented in a stern and expectant attitude, bare-headed and in short sleeves prepared to meet his fate in the cause of liberty. The old musket is clasped firmly in both hands...the whole figure representing strength and high purpose." (Boston Globe, 1900, Statue Dedication). The statue was crafted by H. H. Kitson, a Boston sculptor in 1900 for the total cost of about \$11,000.

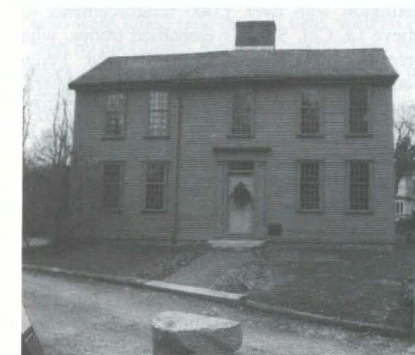
The contrast with the other Minute Man statue (in Concord of course!) by Daniel Chester French (1875) is striking. French's (generic) Minute Man carries his musket in his right hand, but his left hand rests on a plow handle, symbolizing clearly that he is a citizen farmer-soldier, not a professional. Of interest is the fact that French's Concord Minute Man is generally better known, since it was used most frequently for patriotic marketing – from World War II War Bonds to U.S. postage stamps to our SAR logo. (Maybe it's because *he* wears a hat!).

Also on the Lexington Common, a.k.a. Battle Green is a *Boulder* with a plaque (DAR, 1910) marking the site of the *Old Belfry*, which was originally built in 1761 atop nearby Belfry Hill and then moved down to the Common in 1768 to "hang ye Bell for Town's Use Forever."

It stood next to the Meeting House on the Common. The current reproduction of the *Old Belfry* was rebuilt in 1910 and stands again atop Belfry Hill, off Massachusetts Avenue and Clarke Street.

The granite obelisk *Revolutionary Monument* on the west side of the Common was erected in 1799 in memory of the Lexington men who fought and died here in 1775. In 1835 the remains of the slain Lexington Minute Men were transferred from a common grave at the *Old Burying Ground* and deposited in a tomb to the rear of the Monument.

The inscription by the Rev. Jonas Clarke lists the names of the slain men and asserts the Monument is "Sacred to Liberty & The Rights of Mankind!!! The Freedom of Independence of



The Hancock-Clarke House in Lexington was a parsonage in which the Rev. Jonas Clarke and his family lived in 1775. Here, late on the night of April 18, 1775, John Hancock, Samuel Adams and other Patriots were sleeping when Paul Revere arrived to alarm them that the British were coming. (Author photo.)

America Sealed and Defended with the Blood of her Sons...The First Victims To The Sword of British Tyranny & Oppression...They rose as One Man to Revenge Their Brethren's Blood, And...Defend Their Native Rights. They Nobly Dar'D to Be Free!!!"

The Battle Monument has witnessed much more history: beside it French General Lafayette was welcomed to Lexington in 1824; the Centennial was celebrated (with Concord) in 1875; WW I soldiers were bid farewell in 1917 and welcomed home again in 1919; townspeople pledged themselves to fight for liberty in WW II in 1942; and in the 1975 Bicentennial thousands rededicated the Common and reaffirmed their belief in democracy. Ceremonies are held beside the Monument each April on Patriots' Day.

**Buckman Tavern** was the rendezvous of the Lexington Minutemen, who quaffed flip between the moment they were dismissed by Capt. Parker at about 12:30 a.m. April 19, 1775 and when they responded to Diamond's drum roll by remustering on the Common at about 4:30 a.m., just prior to the appearance of the Regulars.

Visitors will enter the restored Tap Room with its great fireplace. Long muskets hang on the walls and antique jugs, flip mugs, bottles and loggerheads (heating irons) adorn the shelves. A costumed guide will also show guests the Kitchen, Ladies' Parlor and Landlord's Bedroom - all furnished with authentic antiques.

**The Hancock-Clarke House**, one block from the Common on 36 Hancock Street, was built about 1678. It was the long time home for the families of ministers Rev. John Hancock (for 54 years) and Rev. Jonas Clarke (50 years). Early on the morning of April 19, 1775 the arrival of first Paul Revere and then William Dawes roused Samuel Adams and John Hancock, the minister's grandson and a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, who were staying there as participants of the Provincial Congress in Concord. Forewarned of the imminent approach of the British, the two Patriots were transported by coach to Woburn, then to Billerica, four miles away, where they joined Hancock's betrothed, Dorothy Quincy, for a repast of "cold salt pork and potatoes."

**Munroe Tavern** at 1332 Massachusetts Avenue, a mile east of the Battle Green, is also open to the public in season. Built in 1695, it was bought by Sgt. William Munroe in 1770. On the afternoon of April 19, 1775 Lord Earl Percy's force marched westward from Boston to Lexington with over 1,000 reinforcements to relieve Lt. Col. Smith's embattled troops, who were fleeing eastward from Concord. Percy made the old hostelry his headquarters. Wounded Regulars were tended to, and exhausted Red Coats rested and refreshed themselves at the Tavern's expense. The British wantonly shot and killed John Raymond, a crippled man whom Sgt. Munroe had left in charge of his tavern. (The bullet hole remains in the bar room ceiling). Beside the Tap Room, visitors can see relics of George Washington's visit to the Tavern in 1789, as well as authentic period furniture, such as a four-poster bed and spinning wheels.

**The Museum of Our National Heritage**, on Route 2A and Marrett Road, has changing exhibits about American history and culture and an ongoing exhibit, "Let It Begin Here - Lexington and the Revolution," exploring causes and consequences of the conflict.

**Minute Man National Historical Park** encompasses historic structures and landscape in Lexington, Lincoln and Concord along the

Battle Road. Mindful of the approaching Bicentennial, President Eisenhower signed the law creating the Park in 1959 and it was dedicated in 1976. Currently over one million people visit each year.

**There are three major sections administered by the Park:**

A. Land and structures along the Battle Road in Lexington and Lincoln, including the Minute Man Visitors Center (formerly called Battle Road Visitors Center) and the newly opened (1997) Battle Road Interpretive Trail;

B. The Wayside in Concord;

C. North Bridge Unit in Concord, including the North Bridge, 1836 Battle Monument and Minute Man Statue, managed cooperatively with the Town of Concord, and the North Bridge Visitors Center.

**The Minute Man Visitors Center** in Lexington will reopen in mid-1997 following considerable renovation. Here will be informative displays, an historic film presentation and a bookstore. The large mural depicting the "running skirmish" along the Battle Road, which is featured on the cover of this issue of our magazine, will be displayed.

**The Battle Road Interpretive Trail** will open in July 1997, extending 5.5 miles from Fiske Hill in Lexington, paralleling the Battle Road in Lincoln and continue to *Meriam's Corner* in



This is how the Battle Road appeared in the mid-1800s. Here the Redcoats marched westward to Concord and later eastward to Lexington and Boston while pursued by the Patriots. (Courtesy Concord Free Public Library; photo by Alfred Hosmer.)

Concord (see map). It is designed to enable visitors to leave their car and heavily trafficked Route 2A and instead walk or bike ride along the Trail to enjoy the historical sites and beautiful colonial and Revolutionary landscape of farms, fields, meadows, stone walls, wetlands (traversed on boardwalks), forests, and even a separate Vernal Pool Trail. The goal is to enable hikers and bikers to understand - and enjoy - features of the countryside as it evolved over many eras, from geological features of the Ice Age, to archaeological findings of Native Americans, to vistas of farms (now unused lands will be leased to active farmers) to structures present in 1775.

According to Lawrence D. Gall, former Park Superintendent, the stated objective of managing the land as a "living cultural landscape" is to help visitors understand "changes brought on by human use and to interpret land use patterns to place the events of April 19, 1775 in their historical context by giving park visitors a better understanding of a society whose members felt compelled to resist British authority." (French)

## LINCOLN

**Paul Revere Capture Site** is marked by a plaque. Here at about 1 a.m., April 19, 1775, British officers captured and unhorsed Paul Revere, who walked back to Lexington, while William Dawes escaped to Lexington and Dr. Samuel Prescott, whose horse jumped over a stone wall, galloped to Concord to sound the alarm.

**The Hartwell Tavern (1754)** has been restored to the state it was in when the British troops marched proudly by on their way to Concord and ran by under fire on their way back. The restored **William Smith House** was the home of the Captain of the Lincoln Minutemen.

## CONCORD

A visitor to Concord on a pilgrimage to trace America's Revolutionary roots might best start



This view shows Main Street in Concord. It has changed very little from the 1830s. (Author photo.)

at the **North Bridge**. This arched wooden span over the gently flowing Concord River was the site of the second interchange of gunshots between King George III's British Redcoats and the farmer-soldiers of the American Minutemen. However, the Concord conflict represents the first American "forcible resistance" to British imperial troops. The April 19 bloody fire fight between the two sides seems incongruous now in this tranquil green setting of field, forest, meadow, and stream.

When Dr. Samuel Prescott galloped into **Concord Center** at 2 a.m. on April 19 to announce that the British Regulars had left Boston and indeed were marching towards Lexington and Concord, presumably to search for, seize and destroy hidden arms caches in Concord, the Town House bell was rung in alarm. Three companies of Concord Minute Men left their houses to gather at **Wright Tavern**, near the Milldam and the Town Square. They talked with their minister, Rev. William Emerson (grandfather of Ralph Waldo Emerson), and agreed to send several "posts" (scouts) to gallop down the Boston Road towards Lexington to reconnoiter and get more detailed information about the advancing British forces. One "post," Reuben Brown, a harness and saddle maker, reached the Lexington Green just as the Regulars were arriving and as the firing began. He turned his horse and galloped back to Concord, without learning the details of the encounter. When questioned by major John Buttrick as to whether the Regulars were firing ball (not just powder), he replied, "I do not know, but think it probably."

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The Minute Men at Wright's Tavern agreed that they should defend themselves, but not fire first. They marched eastward and about a mile from town first spotted the frightening sight of a long column of Red Coats advancing rapidly with muskets and bayonets "glistening" in the rising sun. They withdrew to a hill above the Meeting House. Rev. Emerson urged on this troops: "Let us stand our ground. If we die, let us die heroes."

As the larger British forces continued their advance, the Concordians agreed they should retreat. Col. Barrett led them across the North Bridge to regroup on Punkatasset Hill, about a mile northwest of Concord Center.

After scouting the town through a spy glass from the Old Hill Burying Ground, Lt. Col. Smith and Major Pitcairn sent their troops in several directions: one company secured the **South Bridge** over the Sudbury River to the east. Four companies marched west to **Col. Barrett's farm and mill**, where Tory spies had previously reported the Minute Men had hidden their supplies. Since Paul Revere's April 7 warning ride to Concord, most of the military supplies had been already moved from Col. Barrett's farm to neighboring towns. Just before the Regulars reached Col. Barrett's farm, his sons plowed the fields and hid the remaining weapons under soil of the fresh furrows. The search party entered Col. Barrett's house, and finding nothing suspicious, went to the attic, "where the ammunition was actually hidden, under feathers for Mrs. Barret's feather bed. She thrust her hands into the feathers, and, giving them a flip, filled the air with down. The soldiers were so busy brushing the feathers from their fine uniforms that they searched no further." (Fenn)

Meanwhile Col. Smith and Major Pitcairn led contingents of the grenadiers into now almost deserted Concord Center, where they systematically (without warrants) searched suspicious houses for weapons, finding none. They searched the house of Lt. Joseph Hosmer, a cabinet maker and leader of the more rebellious younger Concord men, who often argued against their most cautious elders. "They did not, however, discover the supply of ammunition, because it was hidden beneath Hosmer's aged mother, as she lay in her feather bed. The family silver was tied to a rope and lowered into the well." (Fenn)

The British searchers did uncover three buried cannons, which they discovered by extracting the secret location from Whig tavern keeper Ephraim Jones - by Major Pitcairn holding a pistol to his head and threatening to use it. They also found a cache of lead musket balls, which they threw into the Mill Pond. (Angry Concordians fished them out the next day.)

In a symbolic act to punish the defiant colonists, the soldiers chopped down the Concord liberty pole and burned it.

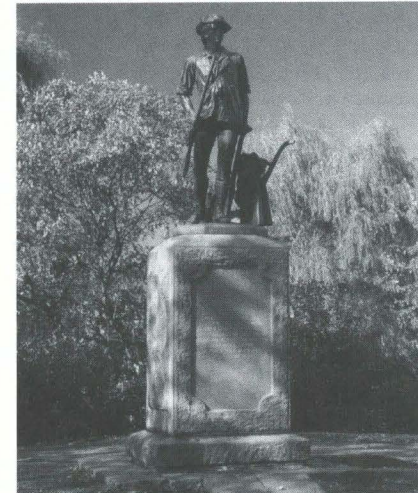
They set fire to some wooden gun carriages. The flames spread to the Town House and set its roof ablaze. Townspeople pleaded with the Regulars to help them douse the flames. Then Colonists and occupiers momentarily forged a practical alliance, and together formed a bucket brigade which saved the building. However, smoke from the burning gun carriages billowed high above the village, was to supply a (misinterpreted) message for the soldiers facing each other a half mile away at the North Bridge.

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Punkatasset Hill and advanced to the muster field directly above the North Bridge. The British soldiers retreated down the hill and crossed the North Bridge to the east bank of the Concord River. Next, the Americans formed a long line facing the bridge. Then they saw the smoke clouds, actually rising from the burning gun carriages, causing Lt. Joseph Hosmer to challenge his superior Col. Barrett by asking, "Will you let them burn the town down?"

The Colonials were angered and prepared for action. Capt. Isaac Davis of Acton, drawing his sword, stated, "I haven't a man who is afraid to go." Col. Barrett ordered his men to place shot in their muskets, also insisting that his men not fire first, but only return fire if the Regulars fired first. Thus, as historian David H. Fischer observes, the strategies of the American officers at the Lexington Green at 5 a.m. and those at the North Bridge at 9:30 a.m. actually "were remarkably similar, to challenge the British force, but not to fire the first shot."

The provincial farmer-soldiers then marched down the hill to the bridge to the life strains of "The White Cockade." The Acton men, led by Capt. Isaac Davis, were placed up front, because they had muskets with bayonets, while Concord soldiers who followed did not.



This Minuteman Statue stands proudly in Minute Man National Historical Park, Concord. Created by Daniel Chester French, it depicts a farmer-soldier leaving his plow to answer the call to arms. It was erected in 1875.

The actual Concord Fight is graphically described by historian Robert Gross:

As the Americans advanced, the three British companies bravely crowded the east end of the bridge. Some Redcoats tried briefly to pull up the planks. When the Americans grew near, the British fired a few warning shots, then a direct volley. "Their balls," said Amos Barret, "whistled well." Isaac Davis and his company's young fifer, Abner Hosmer, fell dead. Major Buttrick leaped into the air shouting, "Fire, fellow soldiers, for God's sake, fire!" The cry of "Fire! Fire!" flew through the ranks from front to rear. The resulting discharge wounded nearly a dozen of the enemy (including four British officers). Two Regulars were killed immediately, and another died later after being whacked on the skull with an axe by a young American farmer. (The British later claimed he - and others - had been scalped. However,

these supposed atrocities had not actually taken place.)

The provincials pressed on to cross the bridge; the British jammed together at the end, panicked and ran, unpursued to the town. The Concord Fight - "the shot heard round the world" - had actually taken a total of two to three minutes. (Gross)

After crossing the bridge and regrouping behind a stone wall, the Americans had an opportunity to fire at Col. Smith's troops, as they returned from the Barrett farm, but they held their fire. The British marched back to Concord Center and gathered in Wright's Tavern, to eat, drink and to tend their wounded. After a total of four to five hours in Concord, at noon they began their retreat back to Boston, the "Running Skirmish," which began at Meriam's Corner in Concord. The British Regulars fought American "snipers" from 27 nearby towns, and faced the threat of total annihilation, until they were mercifully relieved by Lord Percy's 1000 reinforcements from Boston when they reached Lexington.

**North Bridge** today. Visitors to the scene of the Concord Fight will arrive at the Minute Man National Historical Park, North Bridge site, by foot, car or bus. They will walk down a tree shaded, stone wall lined path on the east bank towards the Concord River.

**The Concord Battle Monument**, a 25-foot granite obelisk erected in 1836, appears first. Its inscription commemorates "the first forcible resistance to British aggression," showing that early Concordians were eager to differentiate the (alleged) historical distinction between the Concord Fight, where the Americans were *advancing* toward the British as they fired their muskets, versus the Lexington fight, where most of Captain Parker's Minute Men were *"dispersing"* on the orders of the British, who were shooting and bayonetting the Americans. Resistance versus retreat. (Agreement with this premise will vary with your town or origin.)

At the dedication of the Battle Monument on July 4, 1837, Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn" was sung. Ironically, Emerson's words are engraved elsewhere - at the base of the Minute Man Statue across the river. Another irony is that this early monument was constructed at the site where the "invading army" - the British - stood, while, as its inscription says, "On the *opposite* bank stood the American militia." Inappropriately, "the monument stood on the *wrong* bank of the river." (French)

**Graves of British Soldiers**. On your left is a plaque commemorating the two British soldiers who were killed (and buried) here, with an epitaph by poet James Russell Lowell: "They came three thousand miles and died/to keep the past upon its throne."

**Old North Bridge**. Ahead of you is the graceful wooden replica of the original North Bridge, spanning the Concord River. Its center is arched and its sturdy railings invite you to lean there at leisure, watch the slowly flowing water below and enjoy the pastoral views beyond. The original bridge was removed in 1793 and the site was empty until a Centennial bridge was constructed in 1875. The current bridge was built in 1956. Narrow your eyelids and you are back in 1775.

**Concord Minute Man Statue**. As you cross over the bridge to the west bank of the Concord River you come upon the forceful bronze sculpture of the Minute Man, his left hand holding his plow and his right hand grasping his musket. The statue is the first major work sculpted by Concord's Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), who went on to create the imposing Lincoln



The North Bridge is the site every year of a re-enactment of the famed battle that took place there between the Patriots and British. (Courtesy Minute Man National Historical Park.)

Memorial statue in Washington, DC. The Minuteman statue was unveiled in 1875 at the Centennial celebration of the battle at the bridge at which 4,000 people cheered, including President Ulysses S. Grant and his cabinet. The inscription at the base is by Concord poet Ralph Waldo Emerson in 1837, his "Concord Hymn" extolling the "shot heard round the world" — which Emerson — much to the continued denials and consternation of another Middlesex town 7 miles to the east — intended unequivocally to specify had been fired from a musket at *Concord's North Bridge*.

A curving path up a gentle slope with a lovely vista of the river valley below leads to the *North Bridge Visitor Center* of the Minute Man National Historical Park. Here there is a diorama of the battle, items of historic interest, and a book shop. Those who don't relish the hilly walk, can drive there via Libery Street from Monument Street.

After visiting the North Bridge, tourists should stop at the nearby *Old Manse* (meaning Minister's House in Scottish). This was reconstructed in 1770 by Rev. William Emerson, Ralph Waldo Emerson's grandfather. Rev. Emerson viewed the battle of the North Bridge from the windows of his house. Since the house remained in the Emerson-Ripley family for almost 170 years, many of the furnishings are original, dating from the 1700s. The old Manse is also famous as the house to which Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) took his bride to live



Patriot and Redcoat re-enactors are shown in front of the Old Manse in Concord. It was the home of the Rev. William Emerson, Ralph Waldo Emerson's grandfather. (Author photo.)

*Thomas Duncan House* (1656, no. 47), the *Peter Bulkeley-Reuban Brown House* (1667, no. 72). This historic stretch of road with some of America's oldest houses is often called "The American Mile."

The *Concord Museum*, 200 Lexington Road, displays artifacts and furnishings of Concord history from early Indian encampments to the settlers in 1636 to Revolutionary times (including Paul Revere's lantern and revolutionary muskets and powderhorns), to the Concord literary lights of the mid 1800s, Emerson, Thoreau, Alcott, and Hawthorne. "Why Concord?" — a six gallery exhibition, film and interpretive program will open here in April, 1997.

The *Wayside*, 455 Lexington Road, 1717, is open to the public and is part of the Minute Man NHP. It was originally the home of Samuel Whitney, muster master of the Concord militia during the Revolution. Later it was the home of reformer Bronson Alcott and his daughter, Louisa May, and still later to authors Nathaniel Hawthorne and then writer Harriett Lothrop (pen name Margaret Sidney).



The Wayside in Concord was at various times the home of Bronson and Louisa May Alcott and Nathaniel Hawthorne. (Author photo.)

*Meriam's Corner* was the start of the "running skirmish" of the British retreat from Concord to Boston. The *Meriam House* (1655, No. 663 Lexington Road) is one of the oldest houses in Concord.



Taken about 1850, this rare photo shows the Meriam House in Concord, the site of the start of the British retreat eastward along Battle Road to Boston. (Courtesy Concord Free Public Library.)

#### PATRIOTS' DAY

For interested visitors from around the nation and the world, I would be remiss if I did

not mention *Patriots' Day*, which is celebrated annually in Massachusetts on the Monday preceding April 19th.

In *Lexington*, thousands of spectators arise early in the dim dawn light and surround the Battle Green to watch a reenactment of the encounter between Capt. Parker's Lexington Minute Men and Col. Smith's and Major Pitcairn's British Regular. Red Coats fire (replica) muskets. There are loud retorts and clouds of smoke. Minute Men fall to the ground — seemingly for eternity. Hours later they have apparently been resurrected to march behind bands in the Lexington Patriot's Day Parade.

In *Concord*, there is a colorful Patriots' Day Parade, featuring Minutemen companies from many nearby towns and Redcoat companies in historic dress, with drums beating and fifes playing. There is a battle reenactment at the North Bridge. On the actual Patriots' Day (April 19th), there is a 6:00 a.m. dawn salute. The First Parish Church bell tolls, announcing the arrival of a horseman portraying Dr. Samuel Prescott, who has just ridden all the way from Boston to sound the alarm that the Regulars are fast approaching. There is a call to arms and a 21-gun salute near the North Bridge by the Concord Independent Battery (from their two horse-drawn cannons) and the Concord Minutemen.

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Duane T. Sargisson, former Chancellor General and a prominent member of the Massachusetts Society, is serving as Chairman of the Host Planning Committee. He has helped organize the Paul Revere Society to recognize those Compatriots who participate in underwriting the Council's expenses for the event, including the traditional Saturday evening reception. Tax-deductible contributions (\$225 for membership) may be sent to the Massachusetts Society, SAR c/o Compatriot Sargisson at 311 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608. Members will receive a Paul Revere "hanging lantern" lapel pin and be invited to the planning receptions in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

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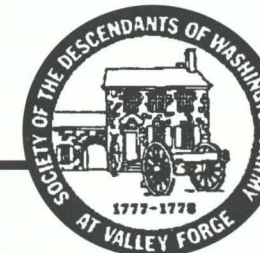
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## Expanding Number Of Internet Sites Simplifying Genealogical Research

By Jessie Hagan, Staff Genealogist – Supplementals

If you think you have hit the wall in your search for your lost ancestors, there may be hope yet. From programs to organize your family data, document your sources, and print professional quality charts and group sheets, the computer has made the life of the genealogist a technical wonder. Now with genealogy spreading like wildfire on the Internet, finding those elusive ancestors may be just a few key-strokes away.

### Using Various Listserves

One of the most valuable tools for genealogy on the net is the "listserv." A listserv is a group of people working on one subject or topic. With the net, these people no longer have to be in physical contact, but are connected via their computer, modem and phone line. Listserves exist for almost every hobby or occupation. Many listserves or groups are appearing for family names, ethnic groups or regional associations. Messages or information in a listserv is exchanged via E-mail. A person subscribes to his group (i.e.: KYROOTS, a group for anyone who has ancestors who passed through Kentucky; MCFROOTS, a group for anyone who had Maryland Catholic ancestors who migrated to the frontier lands just after the Revolution; or the SINGLETON family group, a group for anyone researching the family name Singleton. The list could go on forever.) And when a message is sent to the group, the message is broadcast to every member of the group. Now when a person finds an interesting fact on his Singleton ancestor, the message can easily and immediately be broadcast to almost 100 other persons doing active research on the Singleton line. For information on how to subscribe to the SAR Listserv, please see the article on page 23 of the Winter 1997 issue of *The SAR Magazine*.

### Search Engines Valuable

Another valuable tool on the net is the "search engine," which will allow you to type in a word or combination of words and will return a listing of every homepage which has information on that word or combination of words. Several of the most popular search engines are: ALTA VISTA at <http://altavista.digital.com/>; WEB CRAWLER at <http://webcrawler.com/>; or YAHOO at <http://www.yahoo.com/>. Keying in "genealogy" on ALTA VISTA will return over 100,000 "hits" or homepages that have the word genealogy on them. Keying in "Sons of the American Revolution" will return 100 hits. After finding the item of interest on the list of hits, click on that choice and your browser

will take you directly to that page.

There are a few genealogy buffs who have taken the work out of searching for genealogy links. One of the best, Cyndi Howell, maintains a list of some of the best genealogy sites on the net. Her page at <http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm> has over 14,800 links to other genealogy sites. From her page, you can link to practically any genealogical source. Another popular list of genealogy sites is maintained by Lori Hoffman at <http://www.sei-data.com/~lhoffman/gen.html>. Her site is much like Cyndi's, allowing access to thousands of genealogy sites.

One of my favorite and most useful sites is **The GENDEX Database** at <http://www.gendex.com:1001/>. This is a database of over 2,100,000 individuals and 108,000 surnames containing links to homepages containing a wealth of genealogical information.

Another of my favorite sites is the **ROOTSWEB** at <http://searches.rootsworld.com/cgi-bin/Gene/rssearch.pl>. This online database allows a researcher to submit a list of up to 100 surnames with the first and last known dates and places. When another family researcher finds a matching name in the database, they can click on the name to automatically connect to your E-mail address to ask for or offer additional information on that surname.

### The U.S. Genweb Project

By far, the most useful and ambitious project on the web, is **THE U.S. GENWEB PROJECT** at <http://www.usgenweb.com>. This project was first organized as a way to provide an easy entry point to access records for each county in Kentucky. The project blossomed and soon the **U.S. GENWEB PROJECT** was born. This project, broken down on a state by state basis, asks for volunteers to adopt a county or counties. Volunteers are provided with a standard set of layouts and requirements for hosting a county home page. In many cases you can find marriage or census records online on these county homepages. These county pages also provide a place to leave queries, knowing that many other people with an interest in that county will also be viewing that page. One of the most valuable items available on these county pages is the "lookup page." On a lookup page, persons who have access to records for that county, offer to do lookups via E-mail. Through the **U.S. GENWEB** page, you can reach each of the State pages and through the State pages, you can reach each of the County pages.

For those of you with a computer, modem, phone line, and the interest to find it, the world is truly at your fingertips.

## HEADQUARTERS STAFF NOTES

**CONGRESS STAFFING** – Congress places a burden on the staff because the daily work at Headquarters continues while half the staff is off-site at the Congress. Please bear with us.

For your information, here is the split staff:

**Headquarters** – Kathy Seay, Debbie Smalley and Ann Carrell, General Office; Mike Christian, Robin Christian and Charles Arterburn, Library. The Merchandise Department will be closed but orders will be taken over the phone and shipped out after Congress.

**Congress** – Kathy Lentz, Lorin O'Hara, Joyce Adams, Susan Acree and Robert Lentz, General Office; Mike Scroggins and Kim Robinson, Merchandise.

**NEW MEMBER PAMPHLET** – Every new member should have one. Authored by Compatriot Charles B. Schwelzer of Illinois, the pamphlet has lots of good essential information that helps make better members.

The pamphlet may be ordered through Merchandise in lots of 100 for \$7. The order number is 0914.

Thanks for another good job, Charles. (He is also the author of "SAR WHATS.")

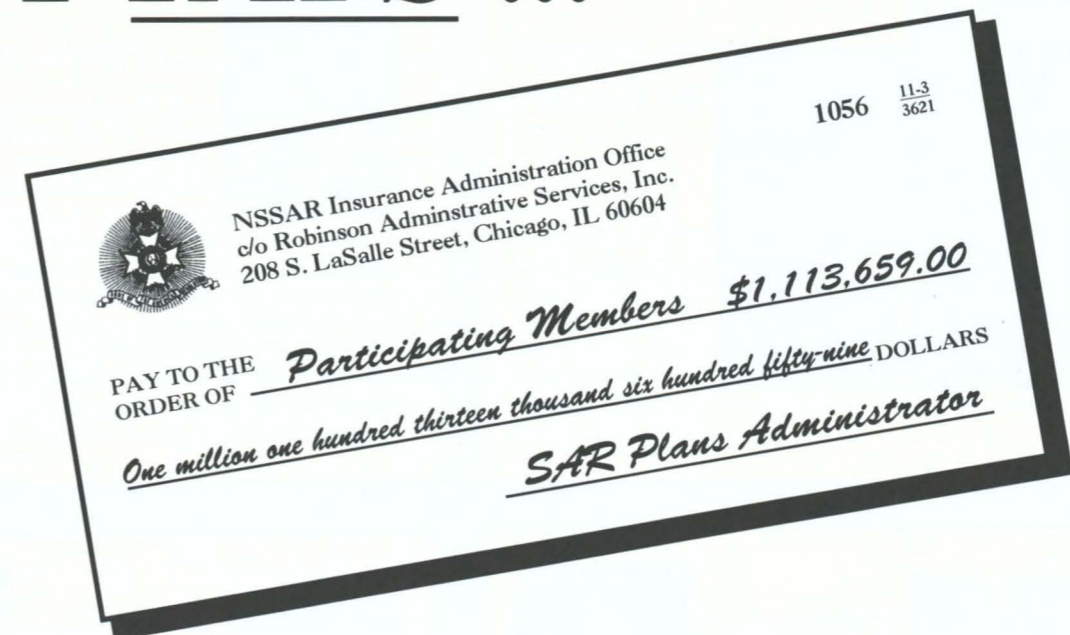
**NONA COMES BACK** – We always get some help in the Registrar's Office in the Spring when the annual reports arrive from chapters. It has been some eight years since Nona Preher retired from that office, but she has been coming back to assist Joyce Adams every year.

Nona and her husband, Louis, travel a lot in their retirement, but we get the feeling that her "vacation" from retirement is returning to work at SAR.

**THANKS, LARRY** – The Merchandise Department has a new counter/door, thanks to Larry Blackett, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee. Not only did he design and fabricate the door, but he installed it. Furthermore, the price was right. We are talking "freebie."

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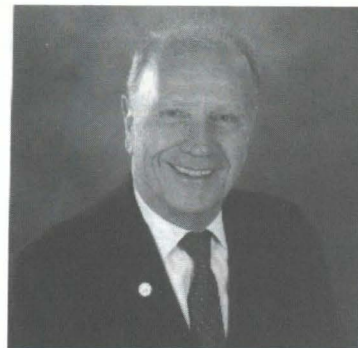
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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE NATIONAL OFFICER SELECTIONS FOR 1997-98



**PRESIDENT GENERAL – Carl K. Hoffmann, J.D.**

Compatriot Hoffmann has served our Society with distinction at all levels for many years, currently holding the post of Secretary General. He was previously Chancellor General 1994-96 (and held that position in 1970-72). A former member of the Children of the American Revolution, he joined the SAR Illinois Society in 1950 while a Senior at Northwestern University. Upon graduation from Northwestern, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Korea 1951-54. He later received his J.D. Degree from Yale Law School and began law practice in Miami, Florida. He was admitted to the Florida, Virginia and District of Columbia Bars and the Federal Courts of Florida and Western District of Texas. He helped found the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter, served as President of both the Miami Chapter and Florida Society and was Vice-President General for the Foreign District-Europe. He holds the Patriot and Minuteman Medals.

**SECRETARY GENERAL – Thomas J. Bond**



Compatriot Bond has served as Registrar General (two terms), Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District, and President and National Trustee of the District of Columbia Society. His National Committee assignments have included Congress Planning (Chairman), Executive, Medals and Awards and Nominating. He holds varied medals, including Minuteman and Patriot.

**TREASURER GENERAL – Howard F. Horne, Ph.D.**



Compatriot Horne is completing a term as Registrar General. His experience encompasses the positions of Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District and President and National Trustee of the Delaware Society. He has served on a variety of National Committees, including Executive and George Washington Endowment Funds. He holds the Minuteman, Patriot and other Medals.

**REGISTRAR GENERAL – Bruce B. Butler, D.D.S.**



Compatriot Butler is completing a second term as Historian General. He has also served as Vice-President General for the Southern District and President and National Trustee of the Louisiana Society. He was Chairman of the Host Society Planning Committee for the 104th Annual Congress in New Orleans. He holds several Medals, including Minuteman and Patriot.

**HISTORIAN GENERAL – Larry D. McClanahan**



Compatriot McClanahan is Past Vice-President General for the Southern District, Past President and National Trustee of the Tennessee Society and Founding President of the Sumner Chapter, TNSSAR. He chairs the Building Growth Committee, has served as Chairman of the Americanism Committee and has been a member of several others. He holds the Patriot, Silver Good Citizenship and Meritorious Service Medals.

**CHANCELLOR GENERAL – McCarthy DeMere, M.D., J.D.**



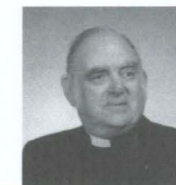
Compatriot DeMere is completing a first term in this post. He has served as Historian General, Surgeon General and President and National Trustee of the Tennessee Society. He has been on a variety of Committees, including as Chairman of the Essay Committee. He holds the Minuteman and Patriot Medals, as well as the DAR Medal of Honor. Compatriot DeMere has LL.B. and J.D. Degrees.

**SURGEON GENERAL – Thomas W. Sale, Jr., M.D.**



Compatriot Sale is a Life Member of the SAR and has served as President and National Trustee of the Virginia Society, as well as President of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, VASSAR. In 1992-93 he was Chairman of the Council of State Presidents and has been a member of the Medical Advisory Committee since 1992. He holds the Patriot and Virginia Society Medals.

**CHAPLAIN GENERAL – The Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, B.A., B.D.**



Compatriot Tuttle has the distinction of having served as President and National Trustee of both the District of Columbia and Alabama Societies. He has been Chairman of the Council of State Presidents and a member of the Chaplains of the American Revolution and Historic Sites and Celebrations Committees. He holds the Patriot, Meritorious Service and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.

**GENEALOGIST GENERAL – Col. Robert L. Locke**



Compatriot Locke is completing a second term in this post. He is a Past Vice-President General for the Western District and Past National Trustee of the California Society. He has been on several Committees, including Genealogy (11 years) and Revolutionary War Graves. He holds the Minuteman, Patriot, Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship, Meritorious Service and War Service Medals.

**LIBRARIAN GENERAL – Lawrence L. Loker**



Compatriot Loker is completing a first term in this position. He has served as Vice-President General for the South Central District, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of State Presidents for four Congresses, and has been President and National Trustee of the Missouri Society. His activities include membership on the Executive, Library, Congress Planning and other Committees. He holds the Patriot and Meritorious Service Medals.

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# "Patriot Index" To Be On Compact Disc

By Florida Society Compatriot William D. Little, Patriot Index Project Coordinator

At the Trustees Meeting held this last March at National Headquarters, the Patriot Index Committee announced that the 108th Annual Congress - June 6-10, 1998 in Orlando - would be the target for publishing "The Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Index." It will be published in CD (compact disc) format.

Currently the Patriot Index Project is on schedule and near enough completion that setting such a target may be done with confidence. The current thought is that the price per copy will be in the \$60 range with a pre-publication offer next spring of \$50. When published, it will be available through SAR Merchandise as well as the normal outlets for genealogical CDs such as Heritage Books and Deserete Publishing.

**WHAT'S THE ORIGIN OF THE PATRIOT INDEX PROJECT?** While this project has been talked about for many years, the modern day origin was the proposal by Former President General Robert B. Vance, Sr. in the Winter 1994 issue of *The SAR Magazine*. In that issue FPG Vance stated that "Over 141,000 (now 148,000) Membership Applications are contained in bound volumes at our Society's National Headquarters in Louisville. Beginning with the first one in 1889..., each contains 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." His article goes on to define the elements that would be included in such an Index. As specifications were written for the Patriot Index Data Base, his original ideas were closely adhered to.

**WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE CD?** The CD will contain information from three sources: (1) The Ancestral Cards on file at National Headquarters; (2) Member Applications/Supplementals from State Archives; (3) New Applications and Supplementals as they are approved by National Headquarters.

(1) Ancestral Cards are used by National Headquarters to locate approved applications based on a Patriot Ancestor's name. These cards, which go back to SAR Application #1, contain varying amounts of information. In the early days of the Society they contained only the Patriot Ancestor's name, who made the application and his National and State Numbers. Those currently being added to the file contain, in addition, the Patriot Ancestor's date and location of birth and death, his/her spouse's name and the child which starts the descendancy to the applicant as well as that person's spouse.

The data on the cards are being keyed into a data base by over 50 volunteers using a special program developed for the Project. This keying phase should be completed by Fall, 1997. After the information is keyed, the names are merged to eliminate as many duplicates as possible - in

will be from copies of Applications/Supplementals made as soon as they are approved by National Headquarters. The creation of copies for this purpose was approved in March by the Executive Committee. The keying of lineages, from these applications will be handled through



While giving his report on the Patriot Index during the March Meeting of the National Trustees, he displayed a prototype of the Index CD that his Committee is developing. It will be an invaluable genealogical research tool.

many cases there is not enough information to permit merging. Each Patriot Ancestor's record, keyed from Ancestral Cards, will contain the name of the person making the application together with his National and State Numbers. Typically a Patriot Ancestor will start a lineage "tree" that includes from one to three generations.

(2) Genealogical information from Member Applications/Supplementals in State Archives. The Ancestral Card portion of the Project includes only the Patriot Ancestor and, in most cases, his spouse and "Line Through" child/spouse. This second source of information, known among Committee Members as the LLDB (Linked Lineage Data Base), contains the entire line of descent from the Patriot Ancestor to the applicant and, in many cases his children/grandchildren. This genealogical data are being keyed on a state-by-state basis. The Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Pennsylvania Societies are currently working on this portion of the Project with other states in the "talking" stage. The lineage trees from this source will contain up to 14 generations.

(3) The third, future, source of data

the Patriot Index Committee rather than the individual states.

**HOW WAS THE INFORMATION ON THE ANCESTRAL CARDS TRANSFERRED TO A COMPUTER DATA BASE?** The concept was quite simple although implementation was more difficult. The first step was to convert the microfilm of the Ancestral Cards through National Number about 140,000 to graphic images that were stored on five CD-ROMS. The second step was to have a program written that would display a graphic image of an Ancestral Card at the top of a computer screen with provision to key in the data below this image. Once this program was written the Committee recruited volunteers to do the actual keying. A second program was written which converts this raw data into a genealogical data base. This second program was created by Jack Chandler of Utah as his contribution to the Project. Other specialized programs for this Project were written by Ann Turner of California. *We give them our grateful thanks.*

Once the data was in a genealogical data base, the merging operation com-

menced. We must mention Maryellen Boyd, wife of Compatriot Don Boyd of Ocala, Florida, who has done most of this very difficult task. Without her effort we could never have contemplated having the CD ready for the 1998 Congress in Orlando.

**HOW IS THE INFORMATION ON THE MEMBER APPLICATIONS TRANSFERRED TO A COMPUTER DATA BASE?** The material from the individual State Archive copies of the applications is being keyed directly into the genealogical data base. For easy hookup, data from all sources will be used to create a single Index of names on the Patriot Index CD.

### WILL MY NAME BE INCLUDED?

Your name as an applicant will appear in the Notes section of the Ancestral Card portion of the Project - it will not appear in the consolidated Index. All sections of the data will have anyone with an actual or imputed birth date after 1910 eliminated from lineage trees so that there is no intrusion of privacy of members.

### DO I NEED SPECIAL SOFTWARE TO READ THE SAR CD?

Retrieval software (technically called a Viewer) will be furnished on the CD. This program will be installed on your hard drive while the actual data will read from the CD. The Viewer the Patriot Index CD will use is to be selected by the time of the Fall Trustees Meeting. This software will require an IBM-style computer equipped with Window 3.x or Windows 95 and have a CD-ROM drive. No MAC version is planned at this time.

**I DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER. HOW DO I ACCESS THIS INFORMATION?** Your Chapter might consider buying a CD to have available at your local library. Or perhaps members of your Chapter who buy a copy would share their computer with other Compatriots for their research.

**CAN I REFER TO THIS CD AS PROOF IN AN APPLICATION?** This CD will be an Index to records on file at the Society's National Headquarters and may not be used as proof of either service or lineage when making an application for membership in SAR.

**WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO ORDER THIS CD?** As soon as a firm production date is set we will offer all Compatriots an opportunity to order the CD through SAR Merchandise in Louisville at the pre-publication price. We will also have the CD's available for sale at the 1998 Annual Congress in Orlando. We anticipate that the CD manufacturer/distributor will make the same type of offer in various national genealogical magazines at about the same time.



Presenting the Colors during the commemoration of the Battle of Great Cane Brake was the Color Guard of the local Marine Corps Reserve. Standing at the left of the official site marker was Tom Weidner, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

## Battle Of Great Cane Brake Marked

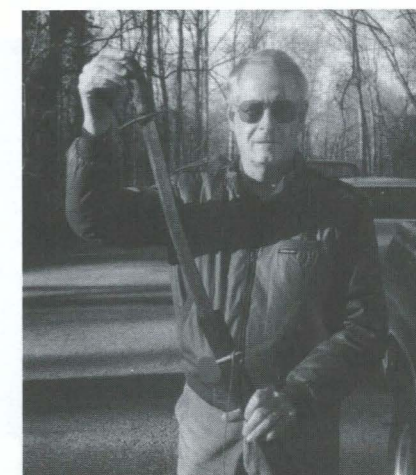
The Battle of the Great Cane Brake, the only Revolutionary War conflict that occurred in the South Carolina County of Greenville, was commemorated with a flourish on December 22 by the Colonel Robert Anderson Chapter. The event marked the 221st anniversary of the battle which took place on December 21, 1775 not far from Cowpens.

According to Chapter President Tom Weidner, a group of "unrepentant King's Men" were hiding along the lower Reedy River when the commander of the local Patriot militia decided to call for volunteers to launch an attack on them. Some 1,300 troops responded, marching 25 miles by dark of night. They struck the Tories at daybreak.

"The first shot roused (Tory leader) Patrick Cunningham, who sprang from his blankets and looked around," reports Compatriot Weidner. "Seeing hundreds of Whigs, he yelled for every man to save himself. Without taking time to pull on his breeches, he sprang astride a bareback horse and galloped off into the land of the Cherokees." The Patriots killed six Loyalists and captured 130, seizing the arms, ammunition and supplies the enemy left behind.

The overall program featured a Color Guard furnished by the local Marine Corps Reserve and a Proclamation read by C. Wade Cleveland, Chairman of the

Greenville County Council, announcing that the day was officially recognized as "The Battle of the Great Cane Brake Day." Narrating a review of the engagement was President Weidner. In attendance were South Carolina Society President Dr. William H. Darnell and Mrs. Elizabeth Esposito, State DAR Regent.



A prominent attendee at the commemoration was David Harrison, shown holding an American Cavalry Saber his ancestor found at the battle site a few days after the event. The site is on property owned by the Harrison Family since prior to the Revolutionary War.

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## Marker Dedicated In North Carolina Recognizing 1781 Loyalist Defeat

By Larry G. Aaron, Chaplain Virginia Society

On February 24, 1781 a piece of red cloth sewn to the hats of 300 plus loyalist militia precipitated a macabre matchup with American forces under cavalry leader LightHorse Harry Lee. Known as Pyle's Defeat or Pyle's Hacking Match, this brief battle left nearly a hundred Loyalist dead and the rest wounded. And it left British General Cornwallis without needed loyalist support as he limped toward Yorktown during the final months of the American Revolution.

To recognize Pyle's Defeat, the Mayor of Burlington, North Carolina declared March 2, 1997 Patriot's Day and a \$4,000 seven-foot-high marker was unveiled at the site. A cannon salute opened the ceremony at 3 P.M. with participation by the Fife and Drum Corps from the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, the Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSAR Color Guard, the Guilford Militia Honor Guard, and the Alamance County 18th Century Guild.



Prominent among the participants at the dedication of Pyle's Defeat Monument were (from left): Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee; Thomas N. Clark, President, North Carolina Society; Robert Day, President Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR; Hollis Cahoon, President Nathanael Greene Chapter, NCSSAR; and LTC William Lindley, President, Dan River Chapter, VASSAR. The woods behind them contain the bodies of Loyalist soldiers who were killed there in the battle.

Burlington Councilman Dr. Samuel C. Powell presided over the program and introduced Lt. Col. William Lindley, who initiated the Pyle's Defeat project while President of the Dan River Chapter, VASSAR.

Two state legislators addressed the audience, as did Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the National Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee: "These memorials are of great value in illustrating to our children...that the Revolutionary War was close to home, bringing them in their imaginations to be not just a reading spectator, but an actor in the American Revolution

that turned the world upside down and is continuing to do so."

### Aim Was To Reinforce Cornwallis

Pyle's Defeat followed Cornwallis's retreat from the Dan River in his futile attempt to destroy General Nathanael Greene's southern army. Loyalist Colonel John Pyle, a local medical doctor, rallied over 300 men and headed toward Hillsborough, North Carolina to reinforce Cornwallis.

While attempting to locate roving British cavalry of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, the American forces under LightHorse Harry Lee encountered Pyle's mounted militia along a roadway about sundown. Pyle's men thought the American cavalry were Tarleton's British troops since both groups wore similar uniforms.

As the two columns of soldiers filed past one another, Lee pretended to be Tarleton, congratulating Pyle's men on their loyalty and fine appearance. But, right before Lee could reveal his true

identity to Pyle and demand a surrender, the hastily planned deception unraveled.

Captain Joseph Graham, in the rear of the American column, had not received word of the ruse and thought Pyle's men were Americans. Suddenly, he noticed the red identification patch on their hats. Graham exclaimed to Captain Eggleston nearby, "That company is Tories - what is the reason they have their arms?" Whereupon, Capt. Eggleston asked one of them "To whom do you belong?" The gentlemen said his last words "I am a friend to his Majesty." Eggleston brought a sword down on the man's head and in an instant the action



Taking part in the ceremony was the Fife and Drum Corps of Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro, North Carolina.

echoed up the column like falling dominos

Within 15 minutes every Loyalist was shot, bayoneted, or sabered. Those who tried to escape were cut off by American militia hidden among the trees. Later, Catawba Indians assigned to Lee's troops moved through the woods finishing off wounded men with spear thrusts. Blood-soaked bodies covered the roadway and forest floor, rendering the battleground a grizzly scene. But Lee had no alternative. It was kill or be killed.

The Americans lost one horse - and Colonel Pyle. Though wounded, he submerged himself, except his nose, in a near-pond until nightfall.

### Deception Caused Confusion

The deception persisted throughout the battle with confused Loyalists shouting to Americans "You are killing your own men." Afterwards, Loyalist Colonel Michael Holt, owner of a plantation nearby, and recipient of a severe head wound, cried out to Lt. Col. Lee "Well, God bless your soul Mr. Tarleton, you have this day killed a parcel of as good subjects as ever his majesty had." Lee shouted back "You damned rascal, if you call me Tarleton, I will take off your head. Let me undeceive you. We are Americans and not the British."

The conflict might not have happened at all, but Pyle dilly-dallied along, allowing his men to visit friends and toast King George with everyone they met on the way to Hillsborough. Tarleton later wrote of these loyalists: "inspired by whiskey and the novelty of their situation, they feared nobody, suspected no danger...until it was too late."

At the dedication ceremony, Dr. George Troxler, Professor of History at North Carolina's Elon College, heralded Lee's action. Troxler noted that Pyle's additional forces "would have made a significant difference at Guilford Courthouse," where the British were severely mauled on March 15, 1781. Burlington's Mayor Joseph Barbour offered candid insight into Pyle's Defeat and the days following: "After Guilford County, Cornwallis went off to Yorktown. He'd seen enough of this part of the country."

## Ring Bells On Fourth Of July!

Former Presidents, famous actors, renowned newscasters and patriotic Americans from all walks of life will join in tolling the *Bells of Freedom* on the Fourth of July - and all Compatriots are encouraged to participate in this annual program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

This effort, labeled "Let Freedom Ring", began in 1955 and has grown in scope ever since. Last year the number of ringing occasions topped 5,000. This included hundreds of bell towers across the country and all the ships at sea in both the United States Navy and Merchant Marine. Two score State Governors issued official proclamations authorizing the Ceremony, and more than 4,000 radio stations broadcast it with introductory messages read by Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford and Ed Rendell, the Mayor of Philadelphia.

Famous landmarks participants included the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, Old North Church in Boston, The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Valley Forge National Park.

The National Bell Ringing Ceremony was originally established by both Houses of Congress in 1963. It calls for honoring the original 13 colonies represented by the Signers of the Declaration of Independence with a nationwide simultaneous tolling of bells 13 times at 2:00 pm EDT.



The bell ringing ceremony is always initiated by tapping of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on the Fourth of July at 2:00 pm EDT. Tappers are descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

To receive a four-color brochure on the event and information on how to participate or recruit bell ringers, call 1/800-330-1776. All ringers and recruiters receive an official National Bell Ringing Roll of Honor Certificate.

## Genealogical Inquiries

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

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Seeking information on **Elisha Yale** of Wallingford, Conn. Listed in DAR as LT. Conn. unit unknown. Married Rebecca North. Born 8/29/1742. Died 4/1/1825. **William D. Robertson**, 2130 Hoffman Lane, Napa, CA 94558.

**ABBOTT**: Seeking parents of my GG Grandparents Joseph Abbott b. abo 1774 and Chloe Jane Blackman m. abo 1798. Census 1800 has them in Berne, Albany Co. N.Y. with two small children, Abraham and Sarah. Have original will. Names thirteen children. Family history indicates formerly from Maine. **B.W. Abbott-3410 Trout St., Brunswick, GA 31520.**

**COLBURN** - Seeking ances. and desc. of James Smith Colburn, d. Charleston, SC, 1859. Also Gen James Colburn of Boston, MA,

father of James Smith, *Contact Gene Colburn, 1022 Maple St., Amory, MS 38821.*

**COVALT/COVAULT** - Attempting supplementals on Abraham Covalt, Cap. Pa. (1743-1791). I am descended from his son Timothy Covalt (1766-1845), grandson Abraham G. (1790-1875), gr-grandson William W. (1815-1893). I covet the assistance of fellow descendants. **Nancy Covault Longworth DAR 767434, 703 N. Fenton Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219.**

**ANDREWS - BALL - CECIL** - Attempting supplementals on James BALL, Sgt MD (1751-1834) m. Rachel Hinton; Charles ANDREWS Sr Pvt MD (1730-1810) m. Elizabeth - ; and Joshua CECIL; Pvt MD (1733-1814) m. Mary - . Charles Andrews' son Jonathon m. Verlinda Cecil, d/o Joshua Cecil; Jonathon and Verlinda's dau. Teresa "Terry" Andrews m. James Ball's son, James Hinton Ball. I covet the assistance of fellow descendants. **Nancy Longworth DAR 767434, 703 N. Fenton Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219.**

Seek ancestors of **George Gwinnel C. Ray** b. Sunderland/Arlington VT 8 Nov 1793. Poss. brother Abel b. 1788 VT. Early family in Mass.? Marr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Billington, Montgomery County NY. Later to Lake County OH. **Robert Parvin, 6366 Indian Point Road, Painesville, OH 44077.**

Searching for descendants of King Robert The Bruce. Bruce's sept names Carlisle, Carruthers, Crosby, Randolph and Stenhouse. Contact David Evans, R.I. Covenor Family of Bruce Society in America. **8 Sherbrooke Road, Barrington, R.I. 02906.**

## Committee Begins Facilities Study

The Building Growth Committee met in late February in Louisville and began the Master Plan Study for future facilities development for the National Society, according to a report by Committee Chairman Larry D. McClanahan, Jr. of the Tennessee Society.

He states that Louisville architect, Norman Berry of J. Norman Berry and Associates, will assist the Committee in completing the initial phase of the study; the final phase and overall presentation of the results will be completed by Berry.

"Funding of the \$16,000 study will be through an \$8,000 grant from the W.L. Lyons Brown Foundation of Louisville obtained through the help of Former President General Benjamin H. Morris," Compatriot McClanahan emphasizes. "Remaining costs will be covered by in-kind services by Committee members."

Maximum utilization of the existing Headquarters building is the focus of the initial study phase. The Committee anticipates that a remodeling of the basement level will be completed during the coming year to provide more space for Trustees Meetings. Rearrangement of interior walls will be proposed to those attending the 107th Annual Congress this July.



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## National Trustees Meet March 8th, Act On Wide Variety of Business

The March 8, 1997 Meeting of the National Trustees was held at National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. The Minutes presented here are edited and condensed, with those marked (+) reported elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. Full Minutes are available from Executive Director Robert A. Lentz.

The meeting was called to order by President General Reon G. Hillegass at 9:30 am. A Remembrance to FPG Warren G. Hayes, who died on December 26, 1996, and the Invocation given by Chaplain General Rev. George Burns were followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann.

The Minutes of the Fall 1996 Meeting of the Trustees were approved as distributed.



Presiding over the meeting was President General Reon G. Hillegass.

PG Hillegass acknowledged all gifts to the National Society; these ranged from cash donations to the George Washington Endowment Funds to contributions to the Museum and Library.

Greetings were received from Former Presidents General present. Pertinent verbal remarks follow.

FPG Printz, Chairman of the Minuteman Award Committee, announced the names of those chosen to receive the Minuteman Award at the 107th Annual Congress: Larry L. Blackett (MISSAR), David J. Gray (MASSAR), Lawrence L. Loker (MOSSAR), Larry D. McClanahan (TNSSAR), Russell D. Page (ILSSAR) and Richard G. Sauner (VASSAR).

FPG James R. Westlake, Chairman of the Membership Committee, announced that membership as of March 1, 1997 was 26,776 and that an "SAR New Member Information" brochure is available through Merchandise (Catalog No. 0914 at \$7 per 100). He also stated that the "Membership and Membership Retention Guidelines" is available through Merchandise for \$10; they may be freely duplicated.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 am to the Museum for dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Plaque (+).

The meeting reconvened at 1 pm.

FPG William C. Gist, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the Committee's selections of nominees for General Offices: President General, Carl K. Hoffmann, JD; Secretary General, Thomas J. Bond; Treasurer General, Howard F. Horne, PhD; Chancellor General, McCarthy DeMere, MD, JD; Registrar General, Bruce B. Butler, DDS; Historian General, Larry D. McClanahan; Surgeon General, Thomas W. Sale, Jr., MD; Chaplain General, Rev. Henry Tuttle; Genealogist General, Richard F. Locke, Jr.; and Librarian General, Lawrence L. Loker.

SG Hoffmann reported on several matters considered during meetings of the Executive Committee: (1) Approved applications for King Carlos of Spain to be an Honorary Member of the SAR and Gold Good Citizenship Medal Recipient; (2) Asked the Legal Advisory Committee to investigate the feasibility of forming a subsidiary corporation that could seek a grant from the Combined Federal Campaign; (3) Voted favorably for a \$3 dues increase; (4) Approved a Life Membership Bylaw change to permit using an actuarial amortization schedule instead of the current plan formula; (5) Ratified the trip to Netherlands/Switzerland as an official SAR function; likewise, the Spain/England trip; and the appointment of Donald J. Pennell as SAR Ambassador; (6) Approved loaning of the Apollo 16 moon flight flag to the Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia; (7) Approved Gold Good Citizenship Medal Recipients as recommended by the Medals and Awards Committee: Cornelius J. Kraissal (NJ), Paul Simon (IL) and Edward O. Weisser (PA), FPGs Clovis H. Brakebill and James R. Westlake advised that King Carlos qualifies as a member of the SAR by descent and does not have to be admitted as an Honorary Member. On motion made and scoded, it was voted correction be made and that membership dues be waived.



William H. Roddis, Chairman of the Museum Board, presented a valuable Windsor chair that had been given by J.J. Hart, President of the Idaho Society's Old Fort Boise Chapter. Compatriot Hart's Patriotic ancestor is John Hart, New Jersey Signer of the Declaration of Independence.



Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann reported on actions of the Executive Committee.

The reports of virtually all General Officers and Committee Chairmen were submitted prior to the meeting and distributed to attendees. Pertinent remarks follow.

Budget Committee Chairman Edward S. Hoyt reviewed the 1996-97 budget and budget projections through the year 2001-02. He discussed how the 1996 Christmas Card Program failed to generate anticipated revenues, thus adversely affecting a variety of budget items. On motion made and seconded, it was voted that the 1997-98 budget of \$628,800 be recommended to the 107th Annual Congress for approval. Assuming a dues increase of \$3 plus \$25,000 income from the proposed 1997 Christmas Card Program, the drawdown from the Permanent Fund would revert to 50 per cent. On motion made and seconded, it was voted a \$3 National dues increase be recommended to the 107th Annual Congress for approval.

Bylaws Committee Chairman Edward Overton Cailleteau presented proposed Amendments to the Bylaws along with the Committee's recommendations. Those that were approved are reported here and will be presented for consideration at the 107th Annual Congress this coming July.

### Proposal

AMEND Bylaw No. 18, Section 3(b) to read as follows:

*"(b) The Presidents of four (4) State Societies, to be selected by the Council of State Presidents, in any manner determined by the Council, provided the four (4) chosen shall be residents of States other than those in which the Former Presidents General members resided during their respective terms of office."*

### Proposal

AMEND Bylaw No. 21, Sections 2(a) and 2(b) to read as follows:

*"Section 2 - Investment Policy  
(a) Operating Funds - General Operating Fund and Special Purpose Operating Funds shall be invested in interest bearing checking accounts or savings or similar accounts or certificates of deposit in Federally insured banking institutions (up to the Federally insured maximum), or obligations of the U.S. Government whose obligations are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, or in mutual funds that invest exclusively in obligations of the*

*U.S. Government or agencies of the U.S. Government.*

*(b) Permanent Funds - A minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the principal of the Permanent Fund and Special Purpose Endowment Funds, shall be invested in obligations of the U.S. Government or agencies of the U.S. Government whose obligations are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, or in mutual funds that are invested exclusively in obligations of the U.S. Government or agencies of the U.S. Government. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Permanent Fund may be invested in bonds and/or common stocks approved by the Investment Committee under the "prudent man" rule for investment policies. Investment income, income from other sources and dona-*



A variety of proposed Amendments to the Bylaws were introduced for consideration by Bylaws Chairman Edward Overton Cailleteau.

*tions to be added to principal may be invested temporarily in the same manner as Operating Funds."*

### Proposal

AMEND Bylaw 19, Section 7 to read as follows:

*"Section 7 - Any member, whose membership has been terminated for any cause, except terminations under the provision of Bylaw 17, Section 3, may be reinstated by any State Society, in which event such State Society shall immediately report such reinstatement to the National Society, and*



Chairman Edward S. Gray reported on behalf of the Medals and Awards Committee.



Andrew M. Johnson, Chairman of the U.S. Stamps Committee, presented to the Museum an album of United States postage stamps relating to the Revolutionary War.

*shall at the same time pay to the National Society the annual dues for such member for the then current year, and he shall thereupon be entered on the records of the Registrar General. Reinstatements received in accordance with the provisions hereof after October 31 shall be credited to the following year."*

### Proposal

AMEND Bylaw No. 5, by adding a new Section 3 to read as follows:

*"Section 3 - The President General may appoint a member who shall have the title of SAR Ambassador. He shall be the representa-*



Former President General James R. Westlake (left) presented to the Museum a framed \$10 Gold Certificate of 1922 bearing the likeness of Michael Hillegass, first United States Treasurer (1777-84). Patriot Michael is the ancestor of President General Reon G. Hillegass, who accepted the gift on behalf of the National Society.

*tive of the Society in communicating with foreign governments or similar entities. His duties shall be those duties delegated to him by the President General including, but not limited to, arranging tours to foreign countries."*

### Proposal

AMEND Bylaw 21, Section 3(b) by deleting the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*"(b) If, at the end of any fiscal year, there is not sufficient income from the invested capital of The Fund to meet the requirements of subsection (a) above, there will be withdrawn from the*

*principal of the Fund an amount needed to fund the requirements of subsection (a), limited to that year's available principal as shown in the Amortization Table for that year. If neither of these amounts is sufficient to meet the requirements of subsection (a) above, the National Society shall accept the total payments for said fiscal year as full payment of that year's National dues. In subsequent years any income earned in excess of that current year's dues shall be applied against the deficiency of the prior year, or years, until the deficiency has been met."*

### Proposals

The Committee introduced a wide variety of "Housekeeping" changes in the Bylaws which were approved by the Trustees.

Color Guard Committee Chairman David J. Gray reported that the winner of the State Society Award is the Missouri Society, while the INSSAR Clarence Cook Chapter captured the Chapter Award. The Tulsa Chapter submitted the best scrapbook.

Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Jackson L. Grady announced the 1997 Eagle Scout Scholarship winners: 1st place, David Brian Burlington (NC); and Runner-up, Justin Litchfield Lamb (MO).

After discussing the important historical events that are commemorated in September, Fredrick O. Jeffries, Jr., Chairman of the Promotions Projects Committee, introduced a special Declaration for consideration, as follows: "The NSSAR declares that September is 'AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH' to celebrate the contributions of the efforts of American citizens to win our independence, which ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783. September is also significant to all citizens of all ethnic and cultural heritage with the week of September 17th being Constitution Week to commemorate the work of our 'FOUNDING FATHERS' who gave us our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and the 'Great Experiment' which created our Republican form of Government." Upon motion made and seconded, the Declaration was adopted.

Public Relations Committee Chairman John Burk announced a new publication entitled "How to Run Public Relations at Chapter and Society Levels." It will be mailed to State Presidents and General Officers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Museum Chairman William H. Roddis (left) and President General Reon G. Hillegass acknowledged a valuable gift of 200 bronze medallions that depict highlights in our nation's first 200 years of history (1776-1976); they were originally struck by the Franklin Mint. The donor was Mrs. Elmer Jackson, whose late husband was an active member of the Maryland Society.







# Battle of Cowpens Commemorated By President General, Compatriots

By Paul M. Frantz, Chairman Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

For an event memorable for the numbing cold of the day, SAR participation in the 216th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens was notable as well for the number of State Societies (7), Color Guards (3), Chapters (19) and Compatriots (45) who braved the elements to be there. Leading the large SAR and DAR delegations was President General Reon G. Hillegass, while J. Farrell Saunders, Superintendent of Cowpens National Battlefield, served as Master of Ceremonies.



President General Reon G. Hillegass (left, foreground) delivered an address about the importance of the Battle of Cowpens. At his left was J. Farrell Saunders, Superintendent of Cowpens National Battlefield.

Held in the mid-afternoon of January 18th – with a sinking sun and a stiff breeze moving the 20-degree air – the SAR Memorial Service nonetheless was colorful and impressive with its mass of flags and Compatriots in colonial uniforms and ladies in colonial dresses. The ceremony was highlighted by the presentation of the National Society's Memorial Wreath at the U.S. Monument.



Musketry salutes were offered by the South Carolina 2nd Continentals at the Washington Light Infantry Monument.

The opening procession to the Monument was led by members of the Georgia Society Color Guard under the command of Benjamin F. Miller, along with an array of State Society and Chapter Flags carried by SARs and Daughters. Followed by a bracing walk through the battlefield, led by the fife and drum of the South Carolina 2nd Continental Line, to the Washington Light Infantry Monument, 21 wreaths were solemnly laid at the iron grill fence surrounding the Monument.



The presentation of wreaths at the Washington Light Infantry Monument was observed by President General Reon G. Hillegass and Cowpens National Battlefield Superintendent J. Farrell Saunders.

The President General was accompanied by Vice-Presidents General Stanley A. Evans (South Atlantic District), Richard G. Sauner (Mid-Atlantic District) and Carlos J. Ricketson (Foreign District-Europe) during the ceremonies. Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, coordinated the ceremonies.

### Varied Activities On Friday

The SAR procession and wreath presentations on the Saturday of the weekend of festivities, followed a schedule of varied activities initiated on Friday in nearby Spartanburg where the local SAR and DAR Chapters led a public program of speeches and wreath dedication at the Daniel Morgan statue in the center of the downtown business district. The SAR Daniel Morgan Chapter, led by Dr. Lynwood B. Jordan, Sr., conducted the ceremonies there. As at the Washington Light Infantry Monument later, the wreaths were dedicated to militias of the states and Continentals who fought there.

A Friday evening program, held in the Spartanburg Arts Center, featured the appearance of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, commanding officer of the British Legion, and Col. Daniel Morgan who led the American forces to their victory over the British units. The two re-enactors, Jay Callahan and Ranger Durham Hunt, respectively, enhanced the evening with their pre-battle bragging about the capabilities of their fighting forces.

### Camp Life Demonstrated

Throughout the weekend, a field encampment of military re-enactors, both individuals and organized units, occupied a part of the battlefield demonstrating the camp life of the period, and giving firing demonstrations of their various weapons. Represented in authentic, colorful uniforms of their organizations were the Hessne-Kassel Jager Korps, the French Broad Rifles and the South Carolina 2nd Continental Line.

Following the SAR Memorial Service on Saturday, Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr., President of Wofford College, Spartanburg, and Dr.



With colorful flags flying in the stiff breeze, the procession of participants formed for the march onto the battlefield. In the left foreground was Florida Society Compatriot Stanley A. Evans, Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District.

George Field, President of the Spartanburg Methodist College, engaged in a lecture and discussion as to why the tactics Morgan employed at Cowpens are important to modern military operations. As to the battle itself, Morgan, outnumbered by several hundred well-trained troops under the daring Tarleton and with a third of his force untested Virginia militia, devised a tactic whose principles are today taught in military schools around the world.



Presenting a wreath on behalf of the Georgia Society were President T. Fisher Craft (far side) and Robert F. Galer, who currently serves as Chairman of the National Society Revolutionary War Graves Committee.

Simply, it employed a defense in depth in which the front ranks (in this case the untrained militia) took a toll on the British attacking formation, then fell back successively in a mock retreat that baited Tarleton into a precipitous attack on the battle-hardened Continental Lines of Maryland and Delaware. Morgan's own cavalry, emerging from behind the rise on which his infantry had been entrenched on the military crest, enveloped the British cavalry from the rear and sides, then striking the British infantry in the same manner as it surged forward. The rout of the British was complete, with Tarleton fleeing south after a dramatic horse-to-horse sabre fight with William Washington who commanded the rebel cavalry.

## SAR HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This listing is compiled for every issue of the magazine by Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the National Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. It is continually updated, largely through information submitted by State Societies and Chapters. Please send such data to him at 4933 Buckhorn Rd., Hunting Hills, Roanoke, VA 24014 – or direct e-mail to PMFRANTZ@aol.com. The deadline for the Summer 1997 issue, which will be published in August, is June 1.

### May 23-25 – New Haven, CT:

6th Continental Line battle re-enactment, encampment, etc. Sponsored by CTSSAR Color Guard.

### June 28 – Charleston SC:

3:00pm. Parade and ceremony re: Battle of Sullivan's Island (1st Battle of Charleston). Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### June 29 – Glen Carbon, IL:

2:00pm. Ceremony at grave site of Rev. War Vet Biggs. Nix-Judy Cem. Sponsored by ILSSAR.

### June 29 – Baltimore, MD:

Old St. Paul's Cemetery 9:00am. Memorial ceremonies of US military veterans. Wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

### July 4 – NATIONWIDE:

2:00pm. EDST. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing, 13 tolls on all church bells, courthouses, city halls, carillons, national monuments, university towers, ships at sea. Sponsored by PASSAR.

### July 4 – Philadelphia, PA:

12:45 – Band concert, ceremonies. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing at Independence Square, Liberty Bell Pavilion, Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. Sponsored by PASSAR.

### July 4 – Connecticut-wide:

"Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing ceremonies. 2:00pm. Sponsored by CTSSAR.

### July 4 – Litchfield, CT:

9:30am. East Cemetery. Wreath laying at Wolcott/Talmadge Graves. SAR participants.

### July 4 – Delaware Independence Day Celebrations:

10:00am. Dagsboro Episcopal Church; 10:00am. Wilmington Old Swede's Church; 12:00. Dover Christ Episcopal Church. Sponsored by DESSAR.

### July 4 – Boston, MA, Navy Yard:

9:00am. Ceremonies at USS Constitution. MASSAR Color Guard, SAR participants.

### July 4 – Norwood, MA:

5:00pm. Independence Day Parade.

MASSAR Color Guard. SAR participants.

### July 4 – Mt. Vernon, VA:

12:00 noon. Wreath laying at Washington's tomb. SAR sponsored.

### July 4 – Charlottesville, VA:

11:00am. Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Celebration. Wreath laying at Jefferson and Monroe graves at Monticello and Ashlawn Mansions. VASSAR sponsors Ashlawn ceremony. SAR participants.

### July 26 – Orwell, VT:

(Ft. Mount Independence). All day. Living History encampment. SAR participants.

### September 17 – Dagsboro, DE:

7:00pm. Celebration of Constitution Day Dinner. Sponsored by DESSAR.

### October 7 – King's Mountain National Military Park, SC:

3:00pm. Overmountain Men Victory Celebration. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### October 5 – Point Pleasant, WV:

2:00pm. Annual Commemorative Service for Virginia Militiamen. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### October 19 – Yorktown, VA:

11:00am. Annual National Yorktown Victory Day Celebration. SAR participants.

### October 19 – Valley Forge, PA:

12:15pm. Washington Chapel Luncheon. 2:00pm. Yorktown Day Memorials Service. Sponsored by SAR and DAR.

### November 9 – Annapolis, MD:

1:00pm. Chapel, US Naval Academy Massing of the Colors. SAR participants.

### November 11 – Wilmington, DE:

11:00am. Delaware Memorial Bridge and Delaware Veterans' Cem. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### December 6 – Wilmington, DE:

7:00pm. US Constitution dinner. Sponsored by DESSAR.

### December 7 – Annapolis, MD:

Chapel, US Naval Academy. Crypt of John Paul Jones. Wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

### December 19 – Valley Forge National Park, PA:

6:00pm. Annual "Walk In" commemorates Washington's Army entry to Valley Forge. SAR participants.

### December 25 – Washington Crossing, PA and NJ:

12:00 noon. Annual commemoration of Washington's Army crossing the Delaware. SAR participants.

# State Society and Chapter EVENTS



## DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

Black-and-white, glossy photographs are preferred. However, color photos are acceptable if they are of good quality, especially in contrast. They will be returned upon request if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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

## Alabama Society



The highlight of a recent **Tennessee Valley Chapter** meeting was presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Mike Isso (second from left) of the Huntsville Police Department by President David Milam (left). Observing were fellow Officers Bryant and Reynolds.



At a recent gathering **Tennessee Valley Chapter** President David Milam (second from right) offered the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to J. L. Jordan of the Huntsville Fire Department as Mrs. Jordan and Chief Gareri looked on.

## California Society



As they have for many years members of the **Sons of Liberty Chapter** Color Guard participated in the General George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors along with an array of other patriotic, hereditary, veteran and civic organizations. The event was staged in mid-February before the 60-foot-tall monument of Washington within Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Burbank. Donald N. Moran (shown at lectern), a Past Chapter President, related the story of Patriot Deborah Sampson who served with the Fourth Regiment, Massachusetts Continental Line. He told how when she was discovered to be a woman, Washington ordered that she be honorably discharged. Master of Ceremonies for the program was President James C. McHargue, while California Society Chaplain Rev. Gary Alan Dickey was keynote speaker.

## Arkansas Society



Late last year the **General Lafayette Chapter** was involved in the donation of a new computer to the Washington County Historical Society; the purchase money was provided by the Exxon Community Involvement Fund. Participating in the presentation to WCHS President Ann Sugg were these Compatriots (from left): President Glenn A. Chesebro; Eugene Smith, a former Exxon employee who contacted the firm about the possibility of acquiring a computer; and Jerry D. Haptonstall.

The **Riverside Chapter** has been assembling a new Color Guard to perform at official SAR and other functions. When the time came for them to consider participating in the Annual General George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors in February at Burbank, the unit had to sit out because of a supply problem. It seems that Hollywood Producer Steven Spielberg is making a period costume movie about 18th century slave ships, and had drained stores of the Chapter's primary supplier of authentic materials and accoutrements. Word has it that tailoring of the uniforms is once again underway and the guard will soon be assembling for parade movements and formations.

The March dinner meeting of the **South Coast Chapter** featured an address by George E. Key of San Clemente, a direct descendant of Francis Scott Key, author of the poem entitled "The Star-Spangled Banner." He related the role his famed ancestor played in the War of 1812 at Fort McHenry.

## Connecticut Society



The historic Old State House in Hartford was the unique setting for the Second Annual Revolutionary War Exhibit sponsored by the **General Israel Putnam Branch** in honor of George Washington's Birthday. Also participating were members of a variety of such other groups as the Society of the Cincinnati and Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. **LEFT:** Standing in front of an 18th century camp were Society President and Mrs. John A. Ricketts; they were holding a Pennsylvania Longrifle. **RIGHT:** Compatriot Frank Castro posed with members of the Mabelle B. Avery Sixth Grade Chorus.



## Delaware Society

The Terrace-at-Greenhill in Wilmington was the site of the **Major Peter Jaquett Chapter's** celebration of George Washington's Birthday in February. Serving as guest speaker was John Barry Kelly who chose as his topic "Commodore John Barry and the Early American Navy." He is named after the famed Patriot and founder of our nation's Navy. Highlighting the program was the presentation of several important awards that form the cornerstone of the Chapter's promotion of good citizenship and patriotism: *Bronze Good Citizenship Medal* to four outstanding male students from area high schools: *American History Teacher of the Year Award* to Ms Anne Bartolozzi of Brandywine High school, who had motivated several of her honor students to enter the National Society's George and Stella Knight Essay Contest; and *Special Certificate* and \$100 check to Jennifer Wang for being the winner of the Knight Essay Contest held in local schools.



Winner of the Knight Essay Contest sponsored by the **Major Peter Jaquett Chapter** was Jennifer Wang, a student at Brandywine High School. Participating in presenting her with an award were Dr. Francis Castelli (left), Assistant Superintendent of the Brandywine School District, and Roy Richardson, Chairman of the Essay Committee.

## District of Columbia Society

Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor of History at George Mason University, addressed the Annual Yorktown Victory Celebration held in conjunction with the Society's October 19 luncheon at Ft. McNair Officers Club. His topic, "Vignettes from the Yorktown Campaign", highlighted one of the more unusual contributors to the Revolutionary War; i.e., James, a slave belonging to William Armistead of Kent County, Virginia. Armistead, who was Commissary of Military Supplies in the army commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette, operated in Richmond during the summer of 1781; he used James in his office. James soon became a spy for the American forces and successfully obtained valuable information about British intentions while becoming a familiar figure at Cornwallis' headquarters. In 1787 he became a free man and chose Lafayette as his surname.

## Florida Society



In mid-March these members of the **Ocala Chapter** participated in the dedication and groundbreaking ceremony for the Marion County Veterans Memorial Park (from left): Stanley A. Evans, Jr., Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District; 1st VP Fred H. Turner; and Steed Salls.

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**Major John Devane Chapter President** Jim R. Armitage (left) was honored to present the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sgt. L.K. James of the Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office during the Chapter's Veterans Day Luncheon. Guest speaker for the occasion was Cmdr. Phillip Waldron, USCG Reserve; he is commander of all Coast Guard Reservists on the West Coast of Florida.



When **Lakeland Chapter** Compatriot and Mrs. Gerald C. Cook (rear, center) marked their 50th Wedding Anniversary, they were joined by these family members, all of whom are affiliated with the SAR, DAR or C.A.R. **FRONT**, from left: C.A.R. Jennifer Ann Cease, DAR Susan Margaret Cook Cease and SAR Joshua Charles Cease; **REAR**, from left: C.A.R. Paige Madison Cook, SAR Richard John Cook, DAR Barbara Jane Cook and DAR Deborah Ann Cook Wells.

### Hawaii Society

Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at the Society's October meeting in Honolulu was Sgt. Jay Woodbury (USAF). As Chief of Criminal Investigation, he led the successful investigation of the biggest car theft ring in Hickam AFB history. The guest speaker for the event was Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Keith Kaneshiro. Shortly thereafter he became Superintendent of Public Safety, which includes the entire prison system.

### Illinois Society

Continuing a long-standing tradition of fielding top speakers at its luncheon meetings, the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter** had John W. McCarter, Jr. on hand for the January gathering. President and Chief Executive of The Field Museum in Chicago, he shared his vision for this outstanding museum as it approaches the millennium.

Joseph E. Kasperek, Executive Director of Radio Information Services for the Blind and Print Handicapped, addressed the February meeting of the **Lewis & Clark Chapter** in Belleville. He discussed how the radio station of the Lady of the Snows serves an estimated 12,000 persons in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area. The RIS is a United Fund agency founded in 1973 by the Lions Club and the Oblate Brothers.

Over 80 Cub Scouts and parents of Pack 30 at Edwardsville were very attentive recently as Harry Windland, Vice President of the **General George Rogers Clark Chapter**, assisted by Compatriot Bill Scroggins, discussed flag etiquette. A discussion of the Revolutionary War and an introduction to the SAR were followed by the various ways in which the American Flag is displayed. The Scouts were invited to relate the ways in which they have seen the Flag displayed, while Compatriot Windland expanded on their comments by explaining what was proper or improper about each. Much of the discussion centered on actions that are considered improper or disrespectful. The Pack showed interest in the right method of destroying a worn Flag and asked the Chapter to conduct such a ceremony later when weather would permit an outdoor assembly.



December 7 was the date selected for a meeting of the **General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter** at Bloomington designed to salute Compatriot Irving (Dave) Davenport (center), who is a Navy veteran of the fateful Japanese attack. A retired Navy Commander, he related his experiences while aboard the *USS Oklahoma* when she was bombed and then sank. Since he had Watch Duty at the time, he fortunately was not below deck when torpedos struck, killing hundreds of shipmates. Shown honoring him were President John McNeil (left) and Society President Edmund Blier.

### Iowa Society



Highlighting the October meeting of the Society's Annual Fall Banquet in Little Amana was presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship medal to Compatriot Robert H. Helmick (left), Past President of the International Olympic Committee and current member of the Board of Directors. Doing the honors was Dr. Warren W. Nixon, Vice-President General for the North Central District.

### Kentucky Society

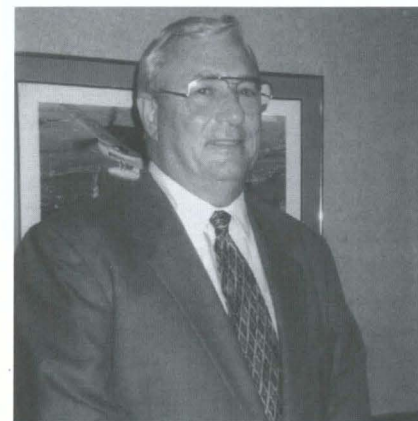


While on a recent trip to Paris, France Former President General William C. Gist visited the grave site of Marquis de Lafayette in Picpus Cemetery. Note the United States Flag that flies there throughout the year. An SAR Patriot Marker may also be seen.

Georgetown Fire Chief Orville Cook was presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal by **Capt. John Scott Chapter** at their February dinner meeting at Georgetown College. He was recognized for "his diligent work in the protection of life and property in our city."

### Louisiana Society

The **Galvez Chapter** hosted a banquet at the Petroleum Club of Schreveport on December 6, with Tom Williams serving as Master of Ceremonies. The dinner speaker was President Jackson Beauregard Davis, who recalled his experiences on December 7, 1941. He related how his unit later was instrumental in breaking the code that the Japanese were using and how this helped to win several Naval battles.



Col. M. Neal Jones, USAF (Ret) was offered the Silver Good Citizenship Medal during the **George Washington Chapter's** Constitution Day Dinner in New Orleans; doing the honors was President William H. Forman, Jr. The officer's remarks concerned patriotism based on his experiences as a POW and during his life. While on Vietnam War duty, his plane was shot down over Hanoi in mid-1996. He was later captured, beaten and paraded through the city's streets before a jeering mob. He was released from captivity in 1973.

### Maine Society



While serving as Vice-President General for the New England District last October, Harry G. Orcutt (right) was pleased to present the Patriot Medal to Society Secretary Harry W. Kingsley, Jr. (center), who is credited with "being the glue" that has held the Society together for the past 12 years. Joining in the ceremony at Alford was President Rev. Gary K. Price.



Col. Alfred E. Demers, Jr. (left), Commissioner of the Maine Department of Public Safety and Chief of the Maine State Police, recently presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Det. Scott R. Nichols of the MSP Tactical Team (center), and Richard Golden, Leader of the Team. The awards had been presented earlier by President Gary K. Price at a Society meeting.

### Maryland Society



To mark the attendance of President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass at the Society's Patriots' Ball in December, President William C. Austin, Jr. (left) presented a gift to the PG during the gala event. Observing was National Trustee John F. Burk, Jr.

### Massachusetts Society



During a December re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party to mark the 223rd anniversary of the historic tax protest, Compatriot Harry G. Orcutt of Stoneham (second from left) and others were active participants. He is Vice-President General for the New England District. They threw make-believe tea leaves from the deck of a sailing ship into Boston Harbor.

### Minnesota Society



Eagle Scout Denis Greenfield was awarded the Bronze Eagle Trophy by President Timothy Harris during the Society's Annual George Washington Day observance and dinner in Minneapolis. The program was held jointly with the Minnesota SR and DAR.

## Mississippi Society

The guest speaker for the December meeting of the **Natchez Chapter** was Society President Douglas A. Harper. He chose as his subject "The First and Last Naval Battles of the Revolution."

The featured speaker at the November meeting of the **Patrick Boggan Chapter** at Meridian was Maj. Gen. Ralph O. Doughty, USAR (Ret). He was commander of the Task Force which planned and executed the Army Reserve Ceremonies at Utah Beach, France in June 1994, the 50th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Invasion.

## New Mexico Society



In November Former President General James R. Calhoun (right) was proud to present a new Charter to the re-activated **Santa Fe Chapter**. Accepting the document was President Harry M. Ussery, who upon being inducted into the SAR in early 1995 was charged by the FPG to bring the Chapter to life. Compatriot Calhoun also served as featured speaker at the meeting, which was held to commemorate Veterans Day.

## Empire State Society (NY)



In celebration of Washington's Birthday, the **Rochester Chapter** held a joint meeting with the DAR Irondequoit Chapter in February, with former Congressman Barber B. Conable (right) speaking on "George Washington: The Early Years." President Stephen A. Arter (left) presented him with a large SAR Liberty Bell.



Gremlins were at work when the Winter 1997 Issue of our magazine was in production – for the wrong photo inadvertently appeared on page 40 within Empire State Society news. The following caption was correctly in place to identify Compatriots in the photo above that never made it into print: These **New York Chapter** Compatriots were sworn in by Society President Stephen A. Arter (front, center) as members of the Board of Managers: (front, from left) Professor Sidney J. Landmann, Robert A. Bell, U.S. District Judge Charles L. Brieant, Jr., President Robert J. Stackpole, Past President Edward J. Gynn and NY City Landmarks Preservation Commissioner Rev. Thomas F. Pike; (back, from left) Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr., Philip Migliori, Col. David Ramsay, Thomas D. Lovely and Ambassador Edward R. Finch, Jr.

## North Carolina Society



In November the **Alamance Battleground Chapter** honored Patriots Simon Dixon and William Marshall in grave marking and wreath laying ceremonies at Cane Creek Church in Alamance County. Shown here are Color Guard members (from left) P.K. Burluson, Herbert Duff, Charles Page and Richard Moore.

## Ohio Society



At the 100th Anniversary Dinner staged by the **Benjamin Franklin Chapter**, the Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Dr. Nino M. Camardess (center). He was recognized for outstanding service to the nation through the Americanism Foundation, which he founded. Doing the honors were Secretary John R. Williams (left) and 2nd VP David Michael. The recipient spoke on "The Future of Freedom: Each Person Counts."

At the regular November meeting of the **Bill of Rights Chapter** in Bowling Green, 18 Compatriots were saluted for their military service. Eleven of them, whose service during armed conflict made them eligible, were awarded the War Service Medal. As part of the celebration, 17 completed the Personal Military Service Record developed by the National Society and forwarded them to Historian General Bruce B. Butler; they will be placed on permanent file with hundreds of others at National Headquarters. The guest speaker for the event was Col. Don Schafer, USAF, who is serving as Commander of ROTC Detachment 620 at Bowling Green University.



These Compatriots were among those who were awarded the War Service medal at the November meeting of the **Bill of Rights Chapter** (from left): Oran Correll (Korea); Donald Adams (Korea); John Park (WWII); Burl Smith (WWII); Col. Don Schafer (guest speaker); and Donald Moyer (Korea).

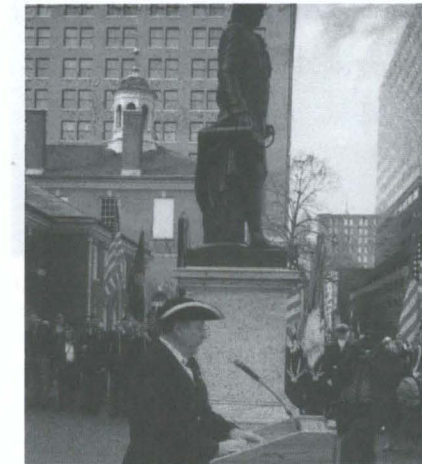
The Cleveland Skating Club in the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights was the February setting for the Annual Combined Washington's Birthday Celebration sponsored by the **Western Reserve Society**. Other participating organizations ranged from the American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution to Founders and Patriots of America and the National Sojourners. Retired Chief Federal District Judge Thomas D. Lambros was the principal speaker.

## Oregon Society

The Society's Annual Meeting got underway on the morning of February 22 in Salem, with President Earl McPherson presiding. A luncheon featured as guest speaker Brig. Gen. Norman A. Hoffman, Assistant Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard. He related the background of the Guard and other legitimate militia in the state.

## Pennsylvania Society

The **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** went all out to stage a highly successful program commemorating the 266th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. A colorful series of events began at 11:00 am on February 22nd before the statue of Washington on the Chestnut Street side of Independence Hall. Following remarks by President F. Russell Greenspan, a ceremony featured the laying of a wreath. Also participating was the Chapter's Color Guard. Next came a similar program at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in famed Washington Square, with remarks being offered by Past President James E. Musslewhite. The overall commemoration completed with a reception and luncheon at a local restaurant; the large contingent of attendees included over 100 Compatriots and their guests. The principal address was delivered by General George A. Joulwan, USA, currently Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, Europe.



Offering remarks at the statue of George Washington near Independence Hall was **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** President F. Russell Greenspan.



Dignitaries taking part in the program marking Washington's Birthday included (from left): Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell; General George A. Joulwan, USA, Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, Europe; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey R. Higginbotham, USMC, Commanding Officer, Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia; and Col. Eugene Klynoot, PAANG, Deputy Adjutant General - Army.



The **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** Color Guard played a prominent role in the Washington Birthday Commemoration.

"Washington As a Military Strategist" was the topic of an address by Maj. Gen. Gerald T. Sajer at the Annual George Washington Dinner co-sponsored by the **Harris Ferry Chapter** and the DAR Harrisburg Chapter. The setting on February 23rd was the Harrisburg Country Club. Gen. Sajer is the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.

When members of the **Conococheague Chapter** met in February at Chambersburg, they were treated to an interesting presentation entitled "Revolutionary War Finances." It was offered by President James Becker. The Chapter's Bill of Rights Day Meeting in November witnessed a slide presentation on Patriot homesteads and burial plots in Horse Valley.

## South Carolina Society



When President General Reon G. Hillegass (right) attended the Annual Meeting of the Society at Charleston, he chatted with Librarian General Lawrence L. Loker (left) and Society President William H. Darnell.

## Tennessee Society



Thomas J. Bond, Past Registrar General, was guest speaker at the George Washington Birthday Meeting of the **John Sevier Chapter**. The gathering was held at the Mountain City Club in Chattanooga.

The January meeting of the **Panhandle Plains Chapter** in Amarillo featured a talk by Dr. William E. Green, Curator of History at the Panhandle Museum in Canyon, the largest historical museum in the state. He related the fascinating story behind the famed XIV Ranch, at one time as big as Connecticut! The 3-million-acre ranch was the result of a swap between the State of Texas and a company which in turn would construct a new Capitol in Austin. Why such a deal? Simple, the state did not have the money for the proposed building, but owned land in the Panhandle referred to then as part of the Great American Desert (in other words, virtually worthless). The story from there on is laden with intrigue.

## Utah Society



At a recent Society banquet in Salt Lake City Thomas T. Kubic (right), Special Agent in Charge, was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Past President Bert Carter, Banquet Chairman Ben. L. Allen and President Frank Wilcox.

## Texas Society



The Color Guard of the **Patrick Henry Chapter** marched smartly in the Veterans Day Parade held in Austin in November, concluding the trek at the State Capitol where a wreath was laid honoring the unknown soldiers who died in all wars. President LTC William N. Todd followed the group in an open auto driven by Past President Bryan Snyder III.

## Virginia Society



Yorktown Observance Day 1781, held every year on October 19 – the day when the British surrendered to the Patriots in 1781 – is one of the largest commemorations in which the Society participates. Dignitaries on hand for the event at the Monument to Alliance and Victory included these Compatriots (from left): Thomas Page Nelson, Jr., who presented the Society's official wreath; President Lorraine D. Lisle; N.S.C.A.R. National President David A. Campaigne; and **Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter** President Robert S. Coleman.



The December meeting of the **San Antonio Chapter** witnessed awarding of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Mrs. Barbara Harrell, NSDAR Vice President General, in recognition of her extensive community and DAR activities. Doing the honors was President Dr. Louis E. Haley (right), while her husband observed.



The Annual George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria featured members of the **George Washington Chapter**.

## West Virginia Society



During the January meeting of the **General Adam Stephen Chapter** in Martinsburg, President Charles F. Printz (second from left) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Douglas C. Smith (left), Shepherd College Coordinator of the West Virginia Extension Center, and SAR Membership Certificates to Robert Frankenberry (right) and son Ryan. Mr. Smith was guest speaker; he discussed the problems and ills which have befallen the educational system.

## Wisconsin Society

Numerous SAR luminaries from about the state gathered at Madison in early February for a meeting of the **Eleazor Slauson Chapter**, with President Roger Boeker presiding. Bringing greetings from the Society was President Charles F. Larson. The guest speaker was Ms. Corinne Heath, a noted educator, dancer and choreographer; she spoke on dance in Colonial America.

The **Nathaniel Ames Chapter** gathered at Evansville in January for dinner and to be treated to an interesting talk by Jennifer Ehle entitled "Cordelia Harvey, First Lady of Wisconsin At the Time of the Civil War." The ladies were special guests.



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**Green Valley Chapter** luncheon meeting noon first Wednesday except July, Aug, Sept. Phone Sec. William Wells (602) 648-2022.

**Palo Verde Chapter** meets in Mesa for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sat. monthly except Jun-Aug. Phone Jerry J. Minnis (602) 831-1083.

**Phoenix Chapter** meets every Tuesday at Noon. For information call Robert G. Cable: 973-9273.

**Saguaro Chapter** meets for breakfast on 3rd Sat. monthly except July & Aug. at 8:30 a.m., J.B.'s Restaurant, 10801 W. Grand Ave., Sun City. Call (602) 974-3615 for information.

**Tucson Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon 3rd Saturday monthly except July & August. Phone Kenneth G. Hales (602) 888-9199.

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**Coachella Valley Chapter.** Meets 2nd Sat October thru May. When visiting the Palm Springs area join us for luncheon. Desert Island Golf and Country Club at 71-1111 Frank Sinatra Drive in Rancho Mirage. Phone 619/342-3151 for info.

**Redlands Chapter.** meets 3rd Sat. each month, 8:30 a.m. at the University of Redlands, Hunsaker Center, in the Irvine Commons, Room A&B. Address is 1259 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, CA 92374.

**Riverside Chapter** meets monthly, 2nd Tues., 12 noon. Call (909) 783-0762 for info.

**Sacramento Chapter** meets 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Palomino Room, 3405 El Camino Ave. Visiting SARs welcome. Pres: Delwin Hanson (916) 688-1122.

**San Diego Chapter.** Meet 3rd Sat., monthly, noon luncheon, Admiral Kidd club, Harbor Dr. Ph. Sec. 296-3595. (No meeting June, July & Dec.)

**San Francisco Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon, last Thursday monthly, third Thursday in November (none in July, August, December) at Fort Mason Officers Club, San Francisco, home of National Congress 1989.

**Thomas Jefferson Chapter.** Lunch on 4th Sat. (except Jun.-Aug., Dec.). Call 510/654-3363.

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**General David Humphreys Branch #1,** New Haven, CT meets 6:00 p.m. second Monday monthly September through May at The Original New England Food & Beverage Restaurant, Beach Street, West Haven, CT off I-95. Call Secretary Lance Swarouth (203) 248-9767.

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**Boca-Deerfield Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11:30 am 3rd Saturday monthly throughout the year

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**Daytona-Ormond Chapter,** Luncheon meetings 3rd Thurs. Phone Jack Jewkes (904) 672-0480. Visiting SARs and Ladies most welcome.

**Flagler Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11 a.m. 3rd Tues. monthly. Call 904-445-2048 for location.

**Gainesville Chapter.** Lunch meeting 3rd Mon. monthly at Raddison Hotel, SW 13th Street. For info call 373-7300 or 332-6150. All welcome.

**Jacksonville Chapter** meets 3rd Thurs., except June, July & Aug., San Jose Country Club. Info. John Ware, 4812 Palmer Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210. Tel (904) 387-5759.

**Lakeland Chapter.** Lunch mtgs, 11:30 a.m. 3rd Sat. monthly except Jun, Jul, & Aug. Holiday Inn South. Info call 858-8856 or 533-3038. All welcome.

**Miami Chapter.** Luncheon meetings at noon 4th Friday monthly, except Jul. and Feb., at the Holiday Inn, 2051 Lejeune Road, Coral Gables. Special observances Washington's Birthday, 4th of July, Constitution Week and Veterans Day. Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. For reservations call Richard E. Friberg (305) 271-9336.

**Naples Chapter** meets at 11:30 a.m., the 1st Thursday of each month, except June, July, August & September at the Elks Lodge, Airport-Pulling Road and Westview Drive (opposite the airport). Phone Sec. W. Earl Marlin 775-7801.

**Palm Beach Chapter** meets 3rd Tuesday except Jul., Aug., Sep. at the Sailfish Club, 1338 North Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL, at noon. For info call Raymond Shepley, (561) 833-2640.

**Pensacola Chapter** meets 11:15 a.m. 3rd Sat. hall's Rest., 920 E. Gregory. (904) 492-0921.

**St. Lucie River Chapter.** Luncheon mtgs. noon 2nd Sat. monthly, except Jun., Jul., Aug. Call (407) 878-0502 for more information.

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**Atlanta Chapter** meets noon, 2nd Thursday each month, 57th Fighter Group, 3829 Clairmont Rd. For info: J.W. Newton (404) 457-4260.

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### LOUISIANA

**Galvez Chapter.** Luncheon at noon, 4th Tuesday monthly at the University Club, 401 Market St., Shreveport.

### MISSOURI

**M. Graham Clark Chapter,** Columbia, MO. Breakfast at 8 am, second Saturday monthly except Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec at the Lenoir Community Center, 1 Hourigan Drive. Phone 573/443-1392 for information.

**Independence Patriots Chapter,** Independence, meets 9 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month except July, Aug. Call Pres. Kenneth F. Crabtree (816) 353-3835.

**Ozark Mountain Chapter,** Springfield, meets 3rd Sat. monthly except Aug., Noon, Mrs. O'Mealey's, 1310 S. Glenstone. SARs, Wives, Guests. Call Pres. Glenn Gohr, (417) 833-2814.

**Harry S. Truman Chapter,** Independence, meets 9 a.m. 2nd Sat each mo. except July, Aug. Call Pres. Geoffrey Decker at (816) 229-4402.

**Spirit of '76,** Harrisonville. Breakfast mtg. at Golden Corral at 8:00, 4th Sat. ea. mo. except July and Aug. Pres. Phillip Kelley (816) 430-5605. Wives & friends welcome.

### NEBRASKA

**Nebraska Society** Annual Meeting February. **Lincoln and Omaha Chapters** meet 1st Wed., monthly. Tel: Lincoln (402) 483-2059; Omaha (402) 493-2132.

### NEW MEXICO

**Las Cruces Chapter** luncheon meeting normally Good Samaritan Village third Saturday of each month except July, Aug. and Dec. For details call Col. John A. Smith, Sec., (505) 522-3218.

### 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

**George Rogers Clark Chapter,** Springfield, OH, meets 3rd Wed. eve: Feb, Apr, June, Sept, Nov; and July picnic. Springfield Inn, 6:30 pm. Call Terry Whetstone (937) 324-5841 for info.

**Western Reserve Society,** noon luncheon, 2nd Wed., Cleveland Playhouse Club, 8501 Carnegie Ave., Sept through June, except Oct. evening. For info call Burton Printz, (216) 932-2819.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**Philadelphia-Continental Chapter.** Meetings,

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**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, Luby's Cafeteria, 2233 West North Loop except February and September meets at Austin Women's Club with DARs.

**Houston's Paul Carrington Chapter**. Meets frequently. Visitors are welcome. For info call Robert Smith, 713/469-2003 or write 10711 Laneview, Houston, TX 77070.

**Plano Chapter** meets 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at Steak Kountry, 2600 Avenue K, Plano.

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**Fairfax Resolves Chapter**, McLean, meets at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Thursday, Sept.-Apr. at McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road. Call Capt. Dennis J. Hickey IV, Pres. (703) 451-3072 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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**107th Annual Congress**  
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**Trustees Meeting**  
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**108th Annual Congress**  
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Hilton-Disney World Hotel

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

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Boston, MA, June 24-28, 2000  
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**111th Annual Congress**  
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**112th Annual Congress**  
Nashville, TN, June 29-July 3, 2002  
Stouffer Renaissance Hotel



John L. Early (third from right) was offered a hearty welcome into the SAR by these dignitaries attending the Saramana Chapter's Washington Birthday Celebration (from left): Florida State Representative Mark Flanagan, Society Regional VP Donald Robbins, President Frank Holdaski, Charles Early and Registrar Alvin Abbott. As part of his induction, he was awarded the World War I War Service Medal; he is one of 31 identified veterans of the "Great War" living in the area.

**Two Join Our Ranks At Age 100!**

What could well be a first in the history of our Society occurred recently when two 100-year-young men were inducted into our ranks!

Joining the Little River Chapter of the Alabama Society on his 100th birthday was Charlie Eber Sizemore. A World War I veteran and now a resident of Rainsville, he first married at age 59 and is the father of two daughters and grandfather of one granddaughter and two grandsons.

The Florida Society's Saramana Chapter, serving Sarasota, was pleased to welcome the Hon. John L. Early, who

attained 100 years in December. This took place during the Chapter's Annual Washington Birthday Celebration this past February. Born in Staunton, Virginia, Compatriot Early came to Sarasota in 1924, having practiced law in West Virginia. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1934 and served three terms. He became the first municipal court judge of Sarasota in 1941 and was Mayor of that city in the early 1950s. During World War II, he was service officer for the American Legion and handled claims for veterans and families.



When Charlie Eber Sizemore (second from left) was welcomed into the Little River Chapter, a number of his fellow SARs participated in the ceremony (from left): Rod Hildreth, President Jack Wood, Willard Israel, Immediate Past Alabama Society President Lee Swart, Richard Land, Bill Land and Dr. John B. Isbell III.

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