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# The President General's Message

## Distinguished Compatriots:

As we approach the year 2000, I would like to share some ideas and goals with you. The working unit of our Society is the chapter. Our chapters hold programs that are intended to implement our patriotic, educational and history mission. We need better communication between our chapters, state societies, national officers and our headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Our national officers and the staff in Louisville exist to serve you – the members, chapter and state officers – and not the other way around. The telephone and FAX numbers and E-mail addresses of our national officers are printed in the Directory of 1997-1998 Officers herein. Please call us with your ideas to improve our Society and our services to you, the member.

One of my goals this coming year is to foster the development of a fourth youth program – the JROTC as a national program. We need to create a permanent JROTC Committee that will determine the criteria for the contestants, such as military bearing, scholarship and leadership. The outstanding cadet or midshipman will be selected at the chapter, state and national level. This new national competition would create a new excitement about the JROTC among the parents of the cadets, the high school student body, the JROTC faculty and our members.

Why should we support this expanded JROTC program? We are all aware of single parent and even no parent homes in this country. Reliable statistics show that the graduation rates of students in the JROTC program are 5 to 20% higher than the average for the same high school. WHY IS THIS TRUE? It is because JROTC introduces role models, teaches personal responsibility, self-discipline, physical fitness, American History – not revisionist history – presents career opportunities, and yes, produces self esteem.

I think one reason our Eagle Scout Program is so successful is that it is coordinated with the existing Eagle Scout program of The Boy Scouts of America. Our ROTC program has the full support of the Department of Defense. Our JROTC Competition will reach out to the nearly 2,800 JROTC Units with a roster of more than 400,000 students.

The Texas Society actively supports the JROTC through their ROTC Committee. The San Fernando Valley Chapter (CA) works with 23 Army, Navy, and Air Force Units. The Jacksonville Chapter (FL) works with 20 Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force Units. Accordingly, I have asked Lee Swart, the Chairman of the Americanism Committee, to develop the rules and criteria for this new national competition in time so that we can honor our first national winner at the 1998 Orlando, FL. Congress.

We will expand our SAR WEB PAGE to reach out and touch people of all ages. An expanded and enhanced WEB PAGE will show that SAR appreciates the contributions to the making of this great country by men and



women of all ethnic backgrounds. The Internet is on the cutting edge as we enter the millennium. Untold millions surf the Internet and we need to present our American History and SAR youth contests on the WEB so that we can capture the imagination of these inquiring minds. I congratulate the ITC for the work they have done and will be doing so SAR can reach these millions of "surfers" in a cost-effective manner.

Patricia and I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me and your new team of national officers. We are here to serve you and together we can and shall serve our Creator and this great country. God Bless America.

Fraternally,

*Carl K. Hoffmann*  
Carl K. Hoffmann



THE COVER ILLUSTRATION features President General Hoffmann (back, center); Mrs. Pat Hoffmann, a DAR (front, center) and members of the immediate family. Front, from left: Meredith Ann McNamee, granddaughter; Sandy Hoffmann McNamee, daughter; Debby Hoffmann Love, daughter; and Erin Alexandra Love, granddaughter. Back, from left: William Randolph Hoffmann, son; Austin James McNamee, grandson; Timothy McNamee, son-in-law; Barry Love, son-in-law; Ryan Calhoun Love, grandson; and David Fletcher Hoffmann, son. The sons are members of the SAR, daughters the DAR. The grandsons were recently enrolled in the SAR Youth Membership Program.



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## SAR Annual Congress Held In Baltimore

Over 500 Compatriots and guests attended several days of events ranging from business sessions to recognizing winners of three contests for youths.

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The purpose of this special trip by Compatriots and guests was to visit historic sites associated with our Revolutionary War.

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The year 1777 saw a small force of Patriots prevent the enemy from reaching a strategic supply depot in Vermont.

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Prior to the Sunday Memorial Service, a commemorative program was held at the site of the Washington Monument. **LEFT:** Presenting a wreath were President General Reon G. Hillegass



(right) and Barrett L. McKown, Chairman of the NSSAR Congress Planning Committee. Captured in the other photos are members of the NSSAR Color Guard made up of 15 State Society units.



## 107th Annual Congress Productive

The 107th Annual Congress, staged in Baltimore July 5-9 by the Maryland Society, attracted well over 500 Compatriots and guests. Attendees enthusiastically agreed that the detailed planning for the event under the direction of Barrett L. McKown paid off handsomely in a wide array of successful business and social programs. A member of the Maryland Society,

he wore two hats: Chairman of the Host Society Planning Committee and Chairman of the National Society Congress Planning Committee. Kudos go to him and the large number of SARs and ladies he worked with!

Elected President General was Florida Society Compatriot Carl K. Hoffmann, J.D., having just completed a term as

Secretary General. He is the first one ever to hold the top position who has a strong background of service in the Children of the American Revolution as a youth.

Other selections of the Nominating Committee were also elected with the exception of two posts. As is reported elsewhere in this issue of the magazine, Thomas J. Bond, Jr. was called to eternal



**LEFT:** The Tuesday night banquet featured presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sgt. Dean Brightbill (center), of the Baltimore City Police Department. Flanking him was his commanding officer, Taras L. Hnatyshyn (left) and the Chairman of the NSSAR Law Enforcement Committee, Phillip B. Carr. **RIGHT:** Then



on Wednesday evening, Carl K. Hoffman was sworn in as the new President General. Conducting the ceremony was Chancellor General Duane T. Sargisson, while Mrs. Pat Hoffmann held a family bible. In his remarks, Compatriot Hoffmann revealed his plans to initiate a program recognizing members of the JROTC.



Winners of our Society's three competitions among young people were saluted during Congress programs. **LEFT:** Selected as the top Eagle Scout was David R. Turlington of Greensboro, North Carolina. He was presented his scholarship check by Former President General Arthur M. King. Observing was Jackson L. Grady, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee. **CENTER:** Coming out on top of the Essay



Contest was John Rackson of Maryland. He received his award from George S. Knight, whose generous contribution a while back funds the program. Next to him was Contest Chairman Charles S. Wingate. **RIGHT:** The Rumbaugh Oration Contest was won by (from left): Joshua M. Koenig (1st Place), Florida; David Roscoe (2nd), Maryland; and Joshua Trent (3rd), Tennessee.



What better locale than Baltimore to give a Membership Certificate to a descendant of Francis Scott Key – who during the siege of Fort McHenry in 1814 penned the poem that became our National Anthem. Shown here during the Congress, George Edward Key (center) was welcomed into our ranks by President General Reon G. Hillegass (right) and James L. Emerson, President of the California Society, where Key is now a member.

rest in May; he was the candidate for Secretary General. Treasurer General Russell D. Page was nominated for that post from the floor and was elected unanimously. McCarthy DeMere, M.D., J.D., had been selected by the Committee as the nominee for Chancellor General. He was challenged by Past Chancellor General Duane T. Sargisson, LL.D., thus mandat-



Included in those bringing greetings during the Opening Session of the Congress were (from left): Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General of the DAR; James Thorington II, General President, Sons of the Revolution; and Mrs. Herbert M. Floyd, N.S.C.A.R. Senior National President. Mrs. Kemper stressed the need for the SAR and DAR to work together in promoting patriotism.

ing a secret ballot. When the votes were tallied, Compatriot Sargisson was declared the winner.

During the concluding Congress Business Session, the newly elected President General revealed his selections for appointment to the Executive Committee: Jack K. Carmichael, Jr., INSSAR; William N. Floyd, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., TXSSAR; Former President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr., VASSAR; Robert F. Jackson, CASSAR; and Bert E. Sells, OHSSAR.

### Actions Of Special Note

Of special interest to all SARs are certain actions taken by the Congress which are reported in detail elsewhere:

- A dues increase of \$3.00 was voted to take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1998-99.

- A motion was approved that clarifies the use of data in old SAR, DAR and C.A.R. applications in preparing applications today. See Congress Minutes for details.

### Executive Director Resigns

When the new Executive Committee met on Thursday following the Congress, Executive Director Robert A. Lentz submitted his resignation for personal reasons. It was accepted. A committee to search for a replacement was created under the chairmanship of William N. Floyd, Jr., M.D.



**LEFT:** Former President General Arthur M. King (left) was presented the first ever "Good Scout Award" from the Boy Scouts of America. Representing the BSA Council was Gen. Larry D. Welch, retired Air Force Chief of Staff. An Eagle Scout for over 50 years, Compatriot King was instrumental in launching the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program in the 1980s. **CENTER:** Receiving a special award was Donald J. Pennell (left), who organized the SAR trip to Spain and England as reported on page 12 of this issue of the magazine; doing the honors was PG Hillegass. **RIGHT:** During the Ladies Luncheon, Mrs. Hillegass was offered a gift on behalf of the Society by Mrs. Barrett L. McKown, whose husband chairs the NSSAR Congress Planning Committee.



A highlight of the concluding banquet of each Congress is installation of the new President General. This impressive ceremony includes placing George Washington's Seal Ring on the finger of the incoming top official, in this instance Carl K. Hoffmann (right). This was performed by outgoing PG Reon G. Hillegass. The ring is our Society's most valuable possession; it is kept in a bank vault in Louisville.

Also reported in this issue are the composition of National Committees and an updated complete Directory of the General Officers and key State Society and Chapter Officers – plus accounts of every major Congress activity from business sessions and the Memorial Service to the final run-off of the Historical Oration Contest and installation of the General Officers.



# Dozens Of Awards Presented At Congress

Recognition Night, a tradition at Annual Congresses for many years, is always looked forward to by attendees from across the SAR spectrum. This is when State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots are recognized for an array of accomplishments over the past year. Here are those saluted in Baltimore this past July.

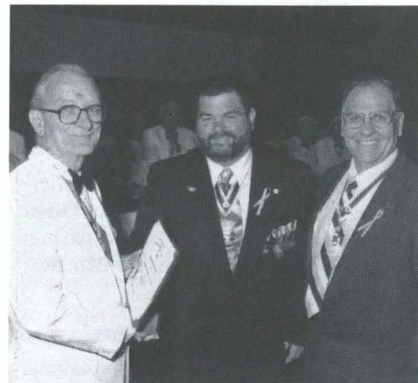
**The President General's Cup** (To the Chapter which presents evidence of the most complete program of activities): Western Reserve Society, OHSSAR.

**The Carl F. Bessent Award** (To the editor of the most outstanding Chapter newsletter). Single Sheet Publication: Blaine C. Willhoite, Sr. Chapter, TXSSAR; Honorable Mention: St. Petersburg Chapter, FLSSAR. Multiple Sheet Publication: Western Reserve Society, OHSSAR; Honorable Mention: Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR.

**The Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award** (To the State Society of 500 or more members with the best news publication with more than 10 pages): California Society; Honorable Mention: Georgia Society.

**The Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award**, (To the State Society of 500 or more members with the best news publication with less than 10 pages: Illinois Society; Honorable Mention: Louisiana Society.

**The Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award** (To the State C.A.R. Society and the local C.A.R. Society which have been judged to have the best newsletter by the guidelines set by the N.S.C.A.R.): Massachusetts Society; Gamecock Society, S.C.C.A.R.



The Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award was won by the California Society for one of the best news publications. Accepting it from President General Reon G. Hillegass were the Compatriots responsible for this project: Garrett (left) and Robert Jackson.

**The Jennings H. Flathers Award** (To the State Society of 500 or fewer members with the best news publication): Massachusetts Society; Honorable Mention: North Carolina Society.

**The Allene Wilson Groves Award** (To the State Society which presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles): Kansas Society.

**The Edwin B. Graham Plaque** (To State Society sponsoring the first place winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest): Florida Society.

**The George E. Tarbox, Jr. Award** (To the State Society, exclusive of the Host Society, having the largest percentage of eligible delegates at the Annual Congress): Kansas Society.



Walking off with the Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award was Richard E. Carey, Editor of the *Illinois Patriot*. Accepting from President General Reon G. Hillegass, he has served in this post for many years.



Numerous awards were taken by the Texas Society. President B. Rice Aston accepted from President General Hillegass.

**The Texas Award** (To the State Society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with fewer than 100 members): Vermont Society.

**The Colorado Award** (To the State Society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with greater than 100 members): New Mexico Society.

**The Ohio Award** (To the State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members under 30 years of age): Idaho Society.

**The Len Young Smith Award** (To the State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members under 40 years of age): Texas Society.



President Robert S. Siemmons accepted both the Allene Wilson Groves Award and the George E. Tarbox Award on behalf of the Kansas Society from PG Hillegass.

**The Walter G. Sterling Award** (To the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the C.A.R.): Texas Society.

**The Robert L. Sonfield Award** (To the State Society with the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year): Georgia Society.

**The Houston Chapter Award** (To the State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members transferred from the C.A.R.): Vermont Society.

**The SAR Magazine Award** (To the State Society which has been most cooper-

ative in supplying usable magazine material): Maryland Society.

**The Harold L. Putnam Award** (To the State Society or Chapter Chairman responsible for the winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest): Florida Society.

**The Senator Robert A. Taft Award** (To the State Society enrolling the largest number of new members): Texas Society.



The Robert L. Sonfield Award was won by the Georgia Society, with President James E. Clark accepting from PG Hillegass.

**The William Y. Pryor Award** (To the State Society with the largest number of registered delegates and guests at the Annual Congress, considering the distance factor): California Society.

**The Syracuse Award** (To the State Society with the most new Chapters): Arizona and North Carolina Societies.

**The Arthur J. Tremble Award - 1776 Trophy** (To the State Society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members): Texas Society.

**The Eugene C. McGuire Award** (To the State Society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SARs and DARs): Texas Society.

**The Kentucky Cup** (To the Membership Chairman of that State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members): Colorado Society.

**The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award and Streamers** (To the State Societies which have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year - that is, number of NSSAR Flag Certificate



Arizona Society President Paul E. Brownell (next to PG Hillegass) and North Carolina Society President Thomas N. Clark were pleased to receive the Syracuse Award. The Societies tied for most new Chapters.

presentations made): Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico and Ohio Societies.

**The Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award** (To the Compatriot, who by his research and writings, has made a distinguished contribution to the preservation

## Six Compatriots Receive Minuteman Medal

Six Compatriots were given special attention during Recognition Night at the 107th Annual Congress when they were presented the prestigious Minuteman Medal. Each was saluted in a colorful ceremony for service of an exceptional character to the National Society. They were selected earlier this year by the Minuteman Committee chaired by Former President General Benjamin H. Morris, as based on nominations submitted by State Societies.

The award was first presented at the Annual Congress in 1952. Since then 278 Compatriots have been so honored, including the six this year. The medal is given only at the Congress during an impressive program that also features recognition of past recipients in attendance.

Here are those honored (the positions listed were held as of the Congress):

**Larry L. Blackett, MISSAR.** Past Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District. National Trustee, MISSAR (1993-97). Chairman, National Headquarters Committee. Chairman, Book Estate Committee.

**David Judson Gray, MASSAR.** Past Vice-President General for the New England District. Past National Trustee, MASSAR. Chairman, Color Guard Committee (1990-97); Instituted the President General's Color Guard Trophy to encourage participation of State and Chapter Color Guards in official functions. Member of an array of other Committees, including Historic Sites and Celebrations, Information Technology, Insurance and Essay. Instrumental in rechartering



These Compatriots received the coveted Minuteman Award: (seated) Larry D. McClanahan, David J. Gray, Russell D. Page; (standing) Richard G. Sauner, Lawrence L. Loker, Larry D. Blackett. Not more than six Compatriots may be so honored in one year.

the Seth Pomeroy Chapter, MASSAR. Vice-Chairman of the Massachusetts Society Host Planning Committee for the Annual Congress set for Boston in 2000.

**Lawrence L. Loker, MOSSAR.** Librarian General. Past Vice-President General for the South Central District. Past National Trustee, MOSSAR. Chairman, Patriotic Education and Action Committee. Past Chairman, Corporate Fund Raising Committee. Past Secretary-Treasurer, Council of State Presidents. Past Coordinator, Vice-Presidents General. Has served on a variety of Committees, ranging from Magazine Advisory and Congress Planning to Genealogy and Library. Chartered/sponsored the Martin Warren Chapter and Spirit of '76 Chapter, MOSSAR.

**Larry D. McClanahan, TNSSAR.** Past Vice-President General for the Southern District. Past National Trustee, TNSSAR. Chairman, Building Growth Committee. Has served on these Committees: Americanism (Past Chairman), Executive, Congress Planning, Membership and History. Chairman of the Tennessee Society Host Planning Committee for the Annual Congress set for Nashville in 2002. Founding President of the Sumner Chapter, TNSSAR; organized the Valentine Sevier Chapter and the James Madison Chapter.

**Russell D. Page, ILSSAR.** Treasurer General. Past Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District. Past National Trustee, ILSSAR. Coordinator, Finance/Investment Board. Secretary, Finance Committee. Member of the following Committees: Magazine Advisory, Executive, George Washington Endowment Funds, Building Growth and Friends of the NSSAR Library; has been a member of other Committees, including Nominating.

**Richard G. Sauner, VASSAR.** Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District. Coordinator, Vice-Presidents General. Past National Trustee, VASSAR. Editor, *1997/98 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Membership Directory*, which is slated to be published later this year. Member of these Committees: George Washington Endowment Funds, Task Force to Preserve United States History and Long Range Planning. Has been active on other Committees in the past, including Oration Contest and Americanism.

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of the history of the American Revolutionary Era and its Patriots): Thomas E. Van Hynning, MSSAR, author of the feature article about General Bernardo Galvez that appeared in the Fall 1996 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*.

**The Arthur M. and Berdena King SAR-DAR Membership Comparison Awards** (1) To the State Society whose total membership as of April 1, when compared with the total DAR membership in the state, produced the highest percentage: Hawaii Society; Runner-up: Delaware Society. (2) To the State Society which has the largest percentage increase to the ratio of SAR to DAR membership during the 12 months preceding April 1: Hawaii Society; Runner-up: Delaware Society.

**The William M. Malone Award** (To the State Society which has the largest



Both of the King Awards were captured by the Hawaii and Delaware Societies. Accepting them from PG Hillegass were Hawaii President John M. Williams and Delaware President William B. Neal.



The Historic Celebrations Award was won by the Gen. David Humphreys Branch of the Connecticut Society. Accepting from PG Hillegass was Albert A. Armington.

number of new and approved supplemental memberships): Texas Society.

**The Richard H. Thompson, Jr., Award** (To the State Society, which at year's end, has the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues): Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Nevada and Vermont Societies.

**The USS Stark Memorial Award** (To the Chapters and State Society with the best record of service to veterans during the past year.) Chapters: 10-49 members, Springfield, ILSSAR; 50-99, Piedmont, GASSAR; 100-199, Miami, FLSSAR; 200 and up, Atlanta, GASSAR. Society, Georgia.

**Officer's Streamer Award** (To State Societies whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Trustees Meetings and the last Annual Congress: Alabama, California, Delaware,



**LEFT:** Howard F. Horne, Jr. (right), former Chairman of the Task Force to Preserve United States History, received the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award from PG Hillegass; he was elected Treasurer General at the Congress. **RIGHT:** For recruiting 29 new SARs - more than anyone else - Indiana Society Compatriot Charles F. Bragg was presented the Florence Kendall Award; runners-up signed up 25 and 22 new members, respectively.

Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin Societies.

**The Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award** (To the State Society sponsoring the winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition): North Carolina Society.

**The Historic Celebrations Award** (To the Chapter or State Society that best com-

memorates George Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Constitution Day or Week, Veterans Day, or a local or regional/Celebration): Gen. David Humphreys Branch, CTSSAR.

**The DAR/SAR Membership Award** (To the DAR State Society recruiting the most SAR members): California Society.

**Matthew B. Sellers III Award** (To the Vice-President General who makes the best percentage over quota, based on last year's membership results): William R. Ward, VPG, Intermountain District.

**The Liberty Bell Americanism Award** (Presented to the Chapter using the same criteria as for the Allene Wilson Groves Award): Little River Chapter, ALSSAR.

**President General's Color Guard Trophy & Streamers** (To the Color Guard of the State Society or Chapter that earns the most points during the year based on established criteria): Missouri Society; Clarence A. Cook Chapter, INSSAR.

**President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Awards:** Chapters: 0-49 members, Alamance Battleground, NCSSAR; 50-99, Palo Verde, AZSSAR; Pineywoods, TXSSAR; State Societies: 200-499, Arizona; 500-999, Georgia; +1,000, Texas.

**Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award** (To the Compatriot who has best furthered the Preservation of United States History and its traditional teachings in our schools): Howard F. Horne, Jr., DESSAR.



**General William C. Westmoreland Award** (To the outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer for service to Veterans): Robert Charles Hayward, MISSAR.

**Florence Kendall Award** (To the Compatriot who recruited the largest number of new members): 1st Place: Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR (29); 2nd, Robert B. Vance, GASSAR (25); 3rd, Charles T. Galbraith, ESSAR (22).



The original statue guarded the square in Mansfield, Ohio for almost 100 years.

**Funds Sought  
To Duplicate  
Damaged Statue**

In 1881 the Richland County Soldiers' Monument was unveiled in the square at Mansfield, Ohio as a memorial to the men who lost their lives in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War and the Civil War. Given by businessman M.D. Harter, the sculpture was of granite surmounted by the statue of a soldier at parade rest. In the mid-1970s the soldier was damaged in an attempt to move it to permit the widening of an avenue.

The original was cast in an alloy of zinc, tin, lead and antimony. When moved, it fragmented into about 75 pieces, most of which are now in the possession of McLaughlin Camp #12, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp Commander is Bradley A. Tilton, also a member of the SAR Constitution Chapter. He is serving as Project Coordinator overseeing a complex procedure to duplicate the statue in bronze.

A fund raising program is underway to obtain \$35,000 needed for the project. Chapter members, the SAR Ohio Society and DARs have contributed to the cause. Other Compatriots wishing to make a tax-deductible donation are asked to send checks to Bradley A. Tilton, P.O. Box 7224, Mansfield, OH 44905; they should be payable to "Soldiers' Monument Fund."

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**Ross Arnold Replaces FPG Brakebill  
As Board Chairman Of SAR Foundation**

When the Board of Trustees of the Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic and Educational Foundation met in Baltimore at the time of the 107th Annual Congress in July, Ross Arnold was elected Chairman. Replacing Former President General Clovis H. Brakebill who had resigned, he was a Trustee.

Other officers elected were Phillip C. Carr as Secretary and Frank Gibson as Treasurer. Both had already held these positions.



Ross Arnold, a member of the Georgia Society, was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the SAR Patriotic and Educational Foundation during the Board's meeting at the time of the 107th Annual Congress. He is shown reporting to the delegates. It was he who drew up the original incorporation papers and steered them through to approval by the Internal Revenue Service.

FPG Stewart Boone McCarty rotated off the Board in accordance with Foundation Bylaws, while FPG Paul H. Walker announced his resignation. Other Compatriots continuing as Trustees include FPG William C. Gist, FPG Robert B. Vance and Warren Yarbrough.

New to the Board is Immediate FPG Reon G. Hillegass. He was elected under the Foundation's Bylaws and confirmed by unanimous vote of the National Society Trustees on July 5 during the Congress.

Rounding out the meeting were discussions of future plans. These will be reported at the regular Fall Meeting of the

National Trustees in Louisville this coming September and in the Fall Issue of *The SAR Magazine*.

The Foundation's objective is to raise, administer and disburse funds for the major benefit of the NSSAR. Such funds are to be used primarily for capital improvements, but will also be employed to finance an array of programs important in carrying out the patriotic and educational goals of the Society. The Foundation is prepared to accept a range of contributions that include cash, real and personal property, charitable remainder trusts and property through planned giving.



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# Council Of State Presidents Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Jack K. Carmichael, Jr., Founding Chairman

As the Council of State Presidents meets during the Baltimore Congress and marks its 25th anniversary, it may well recognize those Societies whose Presidents signed a "Statement of Principles" in 1972 at the initial meeting: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington State.

It was on Monday morning, June 12, 1972, that the 19 State Presidents gathered for breakfast at the Indianapolis Congress. As President of the Host Society, I had invited all of my peers in advance. In addition to meeting and getting acquainted, the ulterior motive was to find a way whereby we might learn from each other's successful programs and, subsequently, to initiate them in our own, respective Societies. At the conclusion of the breakfast, all attending Presidents affixed their signatures to the previously prepared "Statement," thereby establishing the "State Presidents' Caucus."

## Several Meetings At Congresses

The following two years were not necessarily productive ones, since the Caucus was feeling its way, with no formal organization nor agenda. The practice then was to have three meetings - Sunday and Monday mornings, and Tuesday afternoon - at each Congress. Each session was marked by spirited discussion about ways to formalize the group, as well as about issues before the Congress that would bear on the State Presidents' responsibilities. Discussions about "successes" in Societies

did not seem to be as critical as it had been intended, originally.

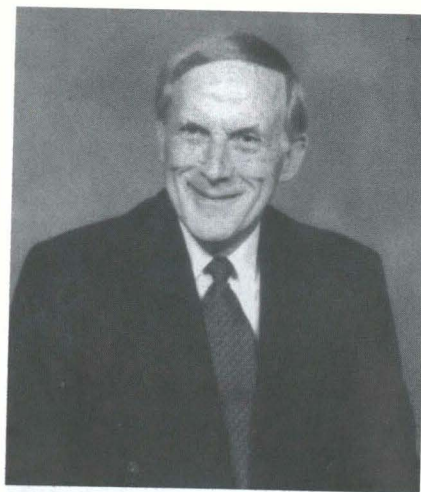
There are many pleasant memories of the "activists" in the enlarged group which met in Palm Beach (1973) and Baltimore (1974): Matt Sellers (FL), Warren Burdette (MD), Les Hunsberger (PA), Frank Long (KY), Vince Van Inwegen (NJ), and Bob Newby (GA). They kept those early meetings lively and thought-provoking, even though they (and others) could not agree on how to organize their efforts. A key question, Caucus membership, had been decided at Palm Beach, however, with each Society entitled to three members: President, Immediate Past President, and Vice President (or whatever term was used in a Society for the "president-to-be" in that Society). Membership eligibility was determined as of the date of the Congress.

## Nominating Committee Pushed

It was at Boston, in 1975, where the Caucus came together for the first time in overwhelming support of an issue. That was when the Congress was scheduled to act on the "Indiana Resolution" which proposed amending the National Bylaws to establish a National Nominating Committee for the first time in overwhelming support of an issue. Copies of the proposal had been mailed to all Caucus members before the Congress convened, and that provided members with advance information that generated early support. Even though the Resolution was discussed, the Caucus took no formal action to support it.

From the beginning, the Caucus had received strong support and encouragement from several Former Presidents

Unveiled at the 107th Annual Congress in Baltimore is this newly struck miniature medal that may be awarded to members of the Council of State Presidents - or its predecessor, the State President's Caucus. The gold version is for any past or present officer of the Council: Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The silver version is for a Compatriot who attended three Council meetings at three separate Annual Congresses. He need not have attended as President-elect (or Vice President), President, and/or Past President. Each medal is available from the Merchandise Department at National Headquarters for \$15, plus shipping. The gold medal is Catalog No. 0302, the silver No. 0303. The Merchandise Manager has a list of those eligible for the gold medal. Those who think they qualify for the silver, but are not sure, may contact Edward S. Gray, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of State Presidents, 111 Pierce Street, Jefferson, MO 65101-4233 - or e-mail to [ed652gray@sockets.net](mailto:ed652gray@sockets.net)



Serving as Secretary of the Indiana Society's Continental Chapter since 1967, Compatriot Carmichael has long been active at all levels of our Society. He was Founding Chairman of the Council of State Presidents (originally the Caucus) in 1972 and Secretary from 1978 through 1988. Top positions he has held include Registrar General, Vice-President General for the Central District, President and Trustee of the Indiana Society and Trustee of the France Society. National Committee assignments range from Chairman of the Handbook and Young Members Committees to membership on the DAR, Long Range Planning, Resolutions and Revolutionary War Graves. He holds the Gold Good Citizenship, Minuteman and Patriot Medals.

General: Len Young Smith (IL), Ryall S. Morgan (AL), Walter R. Martin (RI), James B. Gardiner (NY), and Dr. M. Graham Clark (MO). Their outspoken support for the Indiana Resolution (except for Clark, who was to preside as President General) helped to sway some delegates who tended to follow the lead of one FPG or another. The Indiana Resolution was left as the last item of business, but the extensive deliberations only strengthened the will of supporters who remained - and missed lunch! On a division of the house, it appeared that the resolution had been defeated. However, before PG Clark announced the result, the leader of the opposition demanded a rollcall vote. That tally revealed that the resolution had been adopted, with 8 votes more than the required two-thirds. (The actual vote was 172 in favor, with 74 opposed.) This meant that for the first time, State Presidents and National Trustees would have some input in the nominating process. Previously, it had been carried on informally, beginning with a closed meeting of invited FPGs and their selected associates on Saturday night, following which their preferred nominees were announced at an all-Society Caucus on Sunday night.

## Caucus Becomes Council

At the Philadelphia Congress (1976), a "constitution" for the Caucus was introduced and adopted, but it turned out to

be unwieldy and unpopular. The situation was remedied at Milwaukee (1977) when, with support from Bylaws Committee Chairman Dick Thompson, the Bylaws were amended to give the Caucus an elevated status. It was to be known, henceforth, as the "Council of State Presidents," with added permanence as the newest Standing Committee of The National Society.



Jack K. Carmichael, Jr. (second from right) was presented the first gold version of the new Council medal at the 107th Annual Congress. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Council Secretary/Treasurer Edward S. Gray, Past President (and Acting) Chairman H. Grady Collier, Jr. and Immediate Past Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence L. Loker. Compatriot Carmichael was the Founding Chairman.

Since it was superfluous for the Council to have a "constitution," a committee was appointed at Louisville (1978) to draw up rules of procedure for consideration in 1979. Thus it was, at the San Diego Congress, that the Council voted to revoke its constitution and to adopt the "Rules of Procedure," which had been written and distributed in the months before the Monday morning session. This has been the instrument used for operating the Council ever since, although it has been altered with several amendments adopted a few years ago.

Neither the Caucus, nor the Council, ever took any action detrimental to the Society, contradicting the fears expressed by a few non-Caucus members at Boston. On the contrary, the Council has fulfilled the hopes and dreams of 19 State Presidents in 1972. They took the first step in initiating a mechanism whereby present and future State Presidents might meet annually for an exchange of ideas, while benefiting from input by Immediate Past Presidents. The idea became so popular that about 1979, separate meetings were being held for other state officers during Annual Congresses.

A lack of adequate time for meetings was a prime concern through the years. Perhaps that can be addressed and corrected, if needed, in future years. If not, the Council will continue to provide the primary vehicle for sharing information and initiating programs that have been tested in State Societies. The National Society has everything to gain, and nothing to lose, under those circumstances.

## 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](mailto:PMFRANTZ@aol.com). The deadline for the Fall 1997 Issue, which will be published in November, is September 1.

### September 17 - Dagsboro, DE:

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

### September 19 - Saratoga National Historical Park, NY:

1:00pm. Freeman's Farm, wreath laying. Sponsored by CTSSAR and ESSAR; **September 20:** 10:00am. Ceremony at Neilson House.

### October 5 - Point Pleasant, WV:

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

### October 7 - Kings Mountain National Military Park, SC:

3:00pm. Overmountain Men Victory Celebration. Wreath laying sponsored by Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR.

### October 18 - Washington, DC:

11:30am. Yorktown Victory Celebration, Channel Inn. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

### October 19 - Yorktown, VA:

11:00pm. 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.

### January 17 - Cowpens National Battlefield, SC:

3:00pm. 217th Anniversary Celebration. Wreath laying sponsored by Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR.

### February 14 - Philadelphia, PA:

11:00am. Independence Hall. Celebration of Washington's Birthday. 11:30am. Washington Square. Wreath laying sponsored by Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR.

### February 22 - Mt. Vernon, VA:

11:00am. Washington Family Tomb. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### March 2 - Burlington, NC:

2:00pm. 217th Anniversary Battle of Clapp's Mill. Ceremony and wreath laying sponsored by NCSSAR.

### March 15 - Guilford Courthouse National Battlefield, NC:

1:00pm. Annual Memorial Service. Wreath laying. Sponsored by SAR.

### March 16 - Montpelier, VA:

11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Madison's Birthday. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### April 13 - Monticello, VA:

10:00am. Celebration of Jefferson's Birthday. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### April 13 - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC:

11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Jefferson's Birthday. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

### April 19 - Concord, MA:

8:00am. Wreath laying at Col. Butrick's grave. 9:00am. Parade and Ceremonies at The Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard participates.

### April 19 - Dover, DE (Sheraton Inn):

9:00am. Commemoration of Battle of Lexington and Concord. Sponsored by DESSAR.

### May 23 - Vincennes, IN:

11:00am. Old French Cemetery, George Rogers Clark Memorial. SAR Marker dedication. Sponsored by these State Societies: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

# SAR Delegation Travels To Spain, England For Dedication of Plaques

By Donald J. Pennell, SAR Ambassador & Past Historian General

Delegates from the National Society visited Spain and England during the period of April 29 to May 15, 1997. A total of 38 Compatriots and wives were involved with the Spanish tour and 34 in England. They came from seven different states, as well as Spain, England and Turkey. The trip was headed by President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr.; it had been researched and organized by SAR Ambassador Donald J. Pennell.

The primary objective of this trip was to bring attention to events that have received little or no publicity in our histories, and to provide more recognition for the Sons of the American Revolution. The visit to Spain was to thank them for their tremendous support during the American Revolutionary War. England was visited to mark the two prison sites that housed captured American sailors during the Revolutionary War.

## Spanish Involvement In The Revolution

Spain was the first foreign country to provide financial aid as well as arms and military supplies to the American cause. Their first contribution was on June 27, 1776 – before the Declaration of Independence was signed: four million reales de vellon. These badly needed funds enabled us to purchase war materials from our own citizens as well as other countries. During the next two years, Spanish King Carlos III was to be responsible for gifts and loans of seven million reales as well as six million reales raised by the citizens of their island of Cuba. In addition, the Spanish Governor of Louisiana, General Bernardo de Galvez, provided considerable additional aid to our armies consisting of both money and military stores, including the outfitting of George Rogers Clark on his expedition up the Mississippi. As Spain was a “neutral” country during the first years of our Revolution, all of these contributions had to be made surreptitiously, some of them funneled through France.

Finally on June 21, 1779 Spain declared war on England – allowing General Galvez to lead his army from Louisiana to British West Florida to capture Mobile and Pensacola. These battles and victories caused England to divert part of its war effort from our Colonies to British West Florida, thus helping to alleviate some of the pressure on the American armies.

While this valuable Spanish assistance was provided to us during the Revolution, the Cathedral of Malaga was being built during the 1750-75 period; it was almost completed except for its second bell tower. However, the church decided to “temporarily” forgo its building program and give

the cost of it (400,000 reales) to the United States for our Revolution. The second bell tower has never been built.

## English Involvement In The Conflict

The tour in England was to commemorate those Americans who were jailed in two of their prisons during the Revolution. The British Navy captured numerous U.S. vessels during the war and took many of our sailors prisoners and impressed some into the British Navy. Between 1777 and 1783 1,500 Americans were incarcerated in the prisons in Plymouth and Gosport, England, known as the Forton and Mill goals, respectively. The prisoners ranged in age from ten to past sixty. Some were taken while serving on U.S. ships-of-war, others aboard privateers and cargo ships.

Originally, as England did not recognize the U.S. as a country but as being in rebellion, they sought to hang captives, but public and foreign opinion caused them to reconsider and jail them as detainees. After the war, the survivors were released. How many died in the prisons is unknown, nor is it known where they are buried. The prison in Plymouth is completely gone and the SAR plaque is placed on a nearby column at the entrance to a park. Gosport has but a partial wall of the Gosport prison so the SAR plaque was placed on it.

These prisons were brought to our attention by a book written by Professor Sheldon S. Cohen of Loyola University in Chicago, entitled “Yankee Sailors in British Goals: Prisoners of War at Forton and Mill, 1777-1783.” A copy of it is in the SAR Library.

## Events In Spain

The first objective was to present Juan



A solemn event in Spain was the laying of a wreath at the Monastery of El Escorial, which contains the remains of most former kings and queens. Participating in the ceremony in front of the crypt of King Carlos III (1716-1788) were (from left): the Mayor of El Escorial; Spanish National Parks President Joaquin Del Pozo; a member of the King's Royal Guards; Ambassador Donald J. Pennell; a second Guardsman; and President General Reon G. Hillegass.



The Malaga Provincial Capital was the site of a reception and press conference staged by (from left): Ambassador Donald J. Pennell; President General Reon G. Hillegass; Province President Luiz A. Vasquez; and Rafael Gonzales, translator.

Carlos I, King of Spain and direct descendant of Carlos III, with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal. However, as he had planned a trip to the U.S. during the period when we were in Spain, he requested that the presentation take place on his next visit to the U.S. Arrangements are underway to do just that.



This view of the Cathedral of Malaga shows the unfinished bell tower.

The first event in Spain was to commemorate the remains of King Carlos III, who authorized and provided the millions of reales during the Revolution. His remains are in the El Escorial Monastery located outside of Madrid; here are housed the remains of most every king and queen since 1565. The very formal commemoration was accompanied by the King's Guards – who were in their dress uniforms and plumed hats – with their commanding officer, the King's Chief Protocol officer, the President of the Spanish National Park Service and the Mayor of the City of El Escorial. President General Hillegass gave a eulogy and a wreath was laid by the PG and SAR Ambassador Pennell. Appropriate SAR medals and certificates were presented.

The next series of events took place on May 9th, starting with a welcoming to the City of Malaga by the Town Council at the hotel. This was followed by a reception in the offices of the President of the Province of Malaga where the delegation was for



When the SAR plaque was unveiled at the birthplace of Galvez, these dignitaries were on hand (from left): Color Guardsman Ray Zimmerman; President General Reon G. Hillegass; Malaga Province Hotel Assn. President Miguel Sanchez; Macharaviaya Mayor Eugenio Claros; Ambassador Donald J. Pennell; and Color Guardsmen Courtney Crutcher and Barrett L. McKown. Note the painting of Galvez at top.

mally welcomed; acknowledging speeches were made by Compatriots Hillegass and Pennell. The Provincial President gave the entire delegation several individual gifts. A lengthy press and TV session then took place.

This was followed by a walking tour of the Inner City and a reception by the Town Council at Finca la Concepcion, their beautiful botanical gardens. We then had a horse-drawn carriage tour of the parks and seaport. In the afternoon the delegation was formally received at the Salon of Mirrors in the Municipal Palace by the Mayor and her staff. President General Hillegass gave a responding address, presented the Mayor with a medal and received a silver plated replica of the Municipal Palace. Individual gifts to the delegates were again distributed. As in all the events, the three SAR Color Guards were present and received considerable attention.

## Plaque Dedicated In Malaga

In the early evening the dedication and



Proudly leading a big parade to the reception given by the Mayor of Malaga at the Municipal Palace were the three members of the SAR Color Guard (from left): Ray Zimmerman, Courtney Crutcher and Barrett L. McKown.

unveiling of the SAR plaque on the Cathedral of Malaga took place, with a huge number of people present. Included were the Dean of the Cathedral, the President of the Province and his staff, the Mayor of Malaga, the Mayor's staff, the Malaga police in their dress uniforms and plumed golden helmets, the Provincial band, the entire SAR delegation, press and TV cameras, and dozens of citizens, professors from the Malaga University, etc.

After a welcoming speech by the Dean, PG Hillegass addressed the crowd. He thanked the Cathedral for their sacrifices during our Revolution and presented the Dean with a medal. SAR Ambassador Pennell then presented the Dean with a letter and gift from Adam Cardinal Maida of the Archdiocese of Detroit, the plaque was unveiled, the band played the U.S. and Spanish anthems and the Dean gave individual gifts to the delegation. The plaque was in both Spanish and English languages. An evening dinner was sponsored by the Tourist Bureau of Costa del Sol.

The following day the delegation went to the Village of Macharaviaya, the birthplace of General Galvez, to unveil an SAR plaque in his honor. This plaque was also in Spanish and English. As General Galvez's birth home no longer exists, the plaque was placed on the local church which also houses a museum in his honor.

The village has a population of 101 and is located atop a mountain up a very narrow winding road. Again, well over 100 people were in attendance; they came from adjacent villages. Every office holder that was at the Malaga Cathedral was present except for the Mayor of Malaga. The President of the Province had the band bussed up together with the others and members of the Spanish Army. The Mayor of Macharaviaya gave a welcoming speech and PG Hillegass addressed the crowd,

telling of Gen. Galvez's assistance to the U.S., and presented a medal to the Mayor and certificates to others. After the unveiling, the band played both national anthems, while Ambassador Pennell presented an SAR flag to the Galvez Museum and a medal to a U.S. resident who provided great assistance in arranging for the presentations. The village then presented PG Hillegass with a painting of the village by



A variety of dignitaries were present when SAR Ambassador Donald J. Pennell (left) offered an SAR Flag for display at the Galvez Museum in Macharaviaya.

the world renowned local painter, Robert M. Harvey, who is noted in “Who's Who in American Painters.” The village also presented a very large plaque of the Galvez Coat of Arms. Gifts were then distributed to the delegation followed by a reception by the village. Next came a luncheon provided by the Province.

## Varied Events In England

The first SAR plaque was unveiled in Plymouth. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Plymouth welcomed the delegation. He was accompanied by the Mayor's Chaplain, who gave the invocation. Donald M. Stearns, President of the United Kingdom Society, was the Master of Ceremonies. Addresses were made by PG Hillegass and Professor Cohen, who offered background on the prisons. The plaque was unveiled with a bugler from the



Some of those SARs present when the plaque was unveiled at Plymouth were (from left): SAR Ambassador Donald J. Pennell; President General Reon G. Hillegass; Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee; and Donald Stearns, President of the United Kingdom Society.



Unveiling of the plaque at Gosport was an impressive ceremony. Among those participating were (from left): Commander J.A. Burch, who represented the Royal Navy; Capt. James F. Mader, USN, a member of the U.S. Embassy Staff; Donald Stearns, President of the United Kingdom Society; President General Reon G. Hillegass; Peter Edgar, Deputy Lord Mayor; Color Guardsman Barrett L. McKown; trumpeters from HM Royal Marines; and Rev. Jeremy Ames, Base Chaplain, *HMS Nelson*. Behind the group were Guardsmen Ray Zimmerman and Courtney Crutcher.

HM Royal Marines playing taps. The U.S. Ambassador was represented by Capt. James F. Mader of the U.S. Embassy. President Hillegass presented a medal to the Deputy Mayor. This was followed by a tour of Plymouth.

The next day, the second SAR plaque was unveiled in Gosport. President Stearns was again the Master of Ceremonies. The Deputy Mayor of Gosport gave the welcoming address, while PG Hillegass and Professor Cohen presented the history of this prison. The plaque was unveiled to the sound of two HM Royal Marines trumpeting. A reception/luncheon was given by the City and the PG was presented with a painting of the original prison in Gosport. There was also a cake cutting (welcoming the SAR) conducted by the former Mayor and PG Hillegass. Following the ceremonies, the delegates toured Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship, the *HMS Victory*, and Henry VIII's *Mary Rose*. In the evening a farewell banquet and awards dinner were conducted aboard the *HMS Warrior*, the first iron hulled warship. Medals were given to Secretary John Field of the U.K.



The Farewell Banquet aboard *HMS Warrior* at Portsmouth saw presentation of medals to SAR Ambassador Donald J. Pennell (left photo) and United Kingdom Society Secretary John Field (right) by President General Reon G. Hillegass. Each was warmly saluted for his part in organizing the overall tour program in England.

Society and SAR Ambassador Pennell; Certificates were given to several others.

The third day a reception was given by the city of Portsmouth at the WWII museum.

#### In Retrospect

Several addition items should be emphasized: The plaques were paid for by donations from the delegates and others. The Color Guard - Ray Zimmerman, Barry McKown and Courtney Crutcher - was an integral part of every ceremony and the main attraction for the press and TV. Compatriot Field deserves special recognition for his outstanding work in helping to arrange the U.K. events. SAR Ambassador Pennell is in contact with Compatriot Charles M. Carthew of Madrid in an effort to establish a Spain Society. The gifts to PG Hillegass are being placed in the SAR Museum; and copies of PG Hillegass' speeches are on file in Louisville.

The Delegation visited many stops in addition to the above and had interesting experiences in Barcelona, Madrid, Segovia, Seville, Granada and London.



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## National Archives Not Planning To Close Offices

Contrary to what SARs may have heard, the regional offices of the National Archives are **not** scheduled to be closed, according to a recent report made by John Carlin, Archivist of the United States.

"The regional archives remain a vital part of the National Archives and Records Administration," he declared. His remarks were especially aimed at some genealogists who wrote to him about their concern for the potential closing of these local facilities.

"NARA is in the midst of making many immediate and long-term changes in the way in which it operates," he stated. "Those changes may have led to some confusion about the status of the regionals."

He pointed out that as a part of recent reorganization, regional archives and Federal records have been consolidated into regional centers. "This will improve our efficiency and coordination so that NARA's limited resources can be allocated better to ensure essential evidence is identified, preserved, and accessible to more people, including genealogists."

He stressed that for the NARA to operate more cost-effectively, space costs must be reduced. "One of the long-term strategies we are investigating is the possible consolidation or relocation of *some* of our regional archives in a smaller number of appropriate archival facilities operated by NARA. In addition to space costs, we will be looking at user needs in each region to determine how we can best tailor our services to meet those needs. Should consolidation of our archival records become necessary, we will ensure that our microfilm collections heavily used by genealogists remain accessible in the locations where the records are now. We plan to do that by developing partnerships with other institutions and expanding electronic access, but if there is no suitable alternative that meets user needs, NARA will continue to administer those collections.

"I am committed to our mission of ready access to essential evidence for genealogists and all researchers. We have to achieve that mission in the most cost-effective and efficient ways possible, but we also are dedicated to providing you, regardless of your location, with the best in customer service. I believe we can do both."

## New Monetary Award To Recognize Photo Best Portraying Patriotism

During the Opening General Session of the 107th Annual Congress in Baltimore, Mrs. Wilma M. Bond announced establishment of a new award in memory of her husband who died in May (see the In Memoriam below).

Created and funded in perpetuity by her and approved by the Executive Committee, the award is titled "The Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr. Memorial Photographic Award." To be presented each year during Recognition Night at the Annual Congress, it is designed to recognize and reward the Compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as most representative of patriotism. Judging the entries will be the Editor of *The SAR Magazine*, Historian General and the Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee.

The \$20,000 contribution given to the National Society by Mrs. Bond will be invested so as to yield at least \$1,000 annually - with up to \$1,000 of that to be presented to the winner. Should earnings be less than that, the award will be in increments of \$100; i.e. \$900.

Photographs are to be 5x7-inch in size, unmatted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one per



A familiar attendee at Congresses and Trustees Meetings, Mrs. Wilma M. Bond announced establishing the new photographic award in Baltimore. This is being done in memory of her husband, who had been active at all levels of our Society for many years.

Compatriot will be accepted. Entries must be received no later than February 15 by the NSSAR Executive Director, with judging to take place at the time of the Spring Trustees Meeting. All entries become the property of the National Society and will not be returned.

## Form Helps Support SAR Expense Records

Since the National Society is a 501(c)(3) organization, certain expenses incurred by Compatriots in carrying out their official duties may be deductible on their income taxes.

SARs are reminded that when these expenses exceed \$250 in any calendar year, it is necessary to obtain a document from the National Society acknowledging that they have unreimbursed expenses incurred for SAR purposes. To facilitate this, a form is available from National Headquarters certifying that a particular named Compatriot performed various duties in his capacity as, for example, a Chapter, State Society or National Officer, Committee Chair-man or Committee Member. Performing these duties may have necessitated travel to Louisville, Kentucky for Trustees Meetings or to the NSSAR Annual Congress as a Delegate. Also encompassed is attendance at various State Society and Chapter events, such as annual meetings.

It is each individual's responsibility to substantiate the amount of unreimbursed expenses reported by keeping expense records.

The form from Headquarters should be obtained and placed with your expense records and the copy of your tax return on or before April 15.

## In Memoriam: Tom Bond

**Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr.**  
**Registrar General 1994-1996**  
**Secretary General Nominee 1997**



Thomas J. Bond, Jr., Past Registrar General and Secretary General candidate to be elected at the 107th SAR Annual Congress, was called to eternal rest on May 29, 1997 after distinguished service to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Bond joined the District of Columbia Society in 1980, later serving as its President and National Trustee. He also served on many National Committees, and in 1993 was awarded the Minuteman Award for his eminent service.

Compatriot Bond was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from Tennessee Technological University in biology, and received his M.S. in Education from Vanderbilt University.

Thomas Bond began a long career with the Federal Government in 1960. He was first with the Department of the Army and four years later transferred to the Interior Department, first with wildlife projects, followed by assignments on water concerns. Later he was given duties in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and finished his career as Acting Director of the Office of American Indian Trust. Tom was awarded the coveted Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding work.

Active in many historical and patriotic societies, he served as Governor General of the Continental Society of the Sons of Indian Wars. Tom served as a docent in the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. He was active in his Methodist Church.

Compatriot Bond is survived by his wife of 38 years, Wilma; a son, Compatriot Thomas J. Bond, III; a daughter, Julia Bond Martin; and four grandchildren.

A poem was found by Tom's son in his workshop following his death. Let it be a reassuring message to his family and many friends:

When I come to the end of the road,  
 and the sun has set for me,  
 I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
 Why cry for a soul that's free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,  
 And not with your head bowed low.  
 Remember the love that we once shared;  
 Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take  
 And each must go alone.  
 It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
 A step on the road to home.

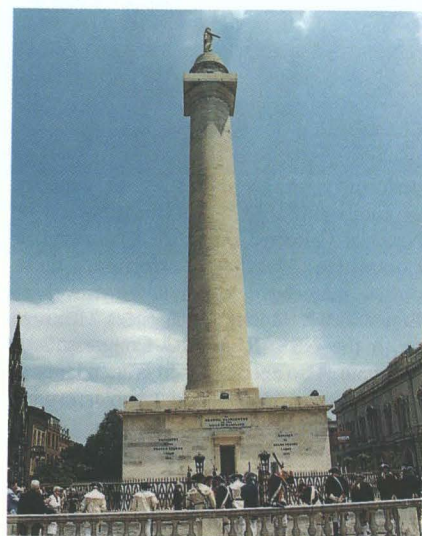
When you are lonely or sick of heart,  
 Go to the friends we know,  
 And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
 Miss me, but let me go.

(Text prepared by Former President General Carl F. Bessent)



## Congress Features Memorial Service That Salutes Deceased Compatriots

The traditional Memorial Service held in conjunction with each Annual Congress was staged this year following a wreath laying ceremony at the famed Washington



A wreath laying ceremony prior to the Memorial Service was staged at the Washington Monument. Units of the NSSAR Color Guard from various State Societies participated, including those that fired musket salutes.

Monument in Baltimore. Both events took place on the afternoon of Sunday, July 6th and were witnessed by over 500 Compatriots and guests.

The historic Emmanuel Episcopal Church was the setting for the Memorial Service, which is designed to honor those Compatriots who were called to eternal rest during the previous year. Participating in various aspects of the program were President General Reon G. Hillegass;



Those who viewed the program at the Washington Monument formed a parade to the Memorial Service in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The edifice was completed and consecrated on October 18, 1854 and has seen many noted people as members.

Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann; FPGs George H. Brandau, William C. Gist, Paul H. Walker and Carl F. Bessent; Chaplain General Rev. Fr. George A. Burns; and Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, a member of the Chaplains Committee.

The NSSAR Color Guard, accompanied by the York Kiltie Band, performed admirably during both of the afternoon's commemorations.

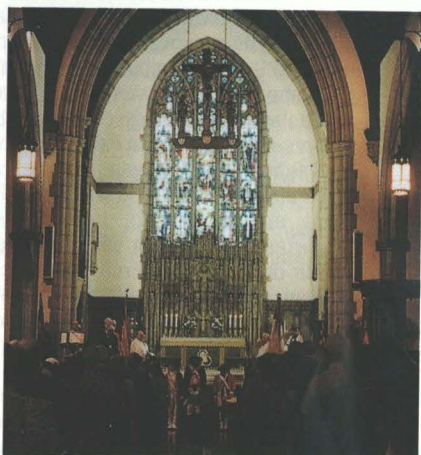


Leading the Color Guard procession into Emmanuel Episcopal Church was Massachusetts Society Compatriot David J. Gray, Commander of the unit.



As he has done numerous times in the past, Former President General Carl F. Bessent paid tribute to the over 500 Compatriots who have been called to eternal rest in the previous year.

As he has in many such services, FPG Bessent recalled some of those Compatriots who had made outstanding contributions to the Society: Former President General Warren G. Hayes, Jr., who was elected in 1983 and led over 100 SARs to Europe to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Treaty of Paris; Thomas J. Bond, Jr., who had been active at all levels of our Society and was to have been elected at this Congress as Secretary General; Hon. John C. Mowbray, a Past Chancellor General who retired as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court; Dr. Robert L. Kurth, M.D., Past Surgeon General; and Past Chaplain General Rev. Samuel J. Holt. He then named those who had served as Vice-Presidents General and/or National Trustees. Several departed members had reached advanced ages: Caleb Winslow, MDSSAR, 107 years; Royal H. Brown, NJSSAR, 104; Earle S. Montgomery, CTSSAR, 103; Grayson Bowers, MDSSAR, 99; and Gen. Richard Mayo, MASSAR, 95.



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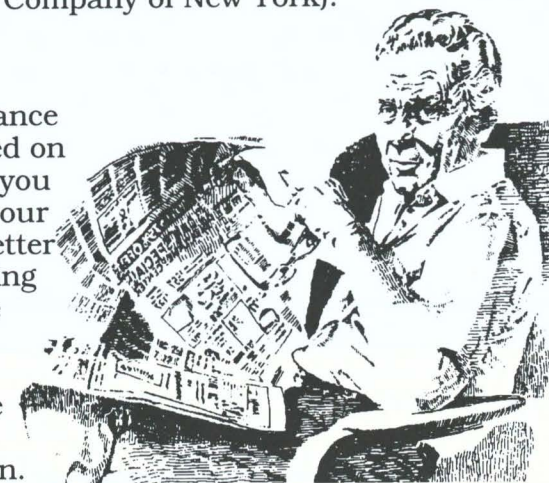
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This is Alonzo Chappel's painting of the Battle of Bennington. General John Stark, commander of the New Hampshire army, is on horseback in the right center directing his men. The loss of hundreds of Hessians in the American victory at Bennington, in present-day southern Vermont, was another disaster that fell to British General John Burgoyne on his way to Saratoga.

## The Battle of Bennington

In mid-August 1777 a small force of Patriots under the command of General John Stark prevented the British from reaching the American supply depot at Bennington, Vermont, as recounted by Compatriot Philip Migliore. The conflict was instrumental in the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

In late July 1777, the area which comprises Washington and Rensselaer Counties in New York and Bennington County, Vermont became the focus of events which when unfolded would change the course of the Revolution. It was then that the 7,000-man British Northern Army, commanded by Lt. General John Burgoyne, arrived at Fort Edward, New York en route from Canada to capture Albany.

Burgoyne had begun his campaign lacking enough horses and carriages to mount several hundred German dragoons, transport the army's baggage and haul 138 cannons. As the British reached Fort Edward, 40 miles north of the objective, their supply lines became dangerously extended – so it took the British five weeks to bring forward one month's provisions. By the end of July, Burgoyne became increasingly aware he must either take Albany quickly or risk disaster.

Burgoyne's political advisor, Governor Philip Skene, became aware of a large, well-supplied rebel depot located 30 miles east of Ft. Edward at Robinson's farm in the village of Bennington, Vermont. Skene assured Burgoyne the residents there were four to one in favor of the king.

On July 27th Major General Baron von Riedesel, commander of the German wing of Burgoyne's army, submitted a detailed plan to send a large, fast-moving foraging expedition to seize the precious supplies.

General von Riedesel selected Captain Frederick Baum, described as a short, blond, plump yet able officer, to command the expedition. His Corps would consist of 424 Germans, 100 Tories, 100 Canadian Indian scouts, Canadian Volunteers, 50 British Marksmen, and two three-pound cannons.

Governor Skene would accompany Baum as would Colonel John Peters, one time delegate to the First Continental Congress. Peter's mission was to fill the ranks of his Loyalist Corps. In the event Baum required reinforcements a 642-man Corps de Reserve, commanded by Lt. Colonel Heinrich Christopher "Butcher" Breyman and equipped with two six-pound cannons, would be ready to march.

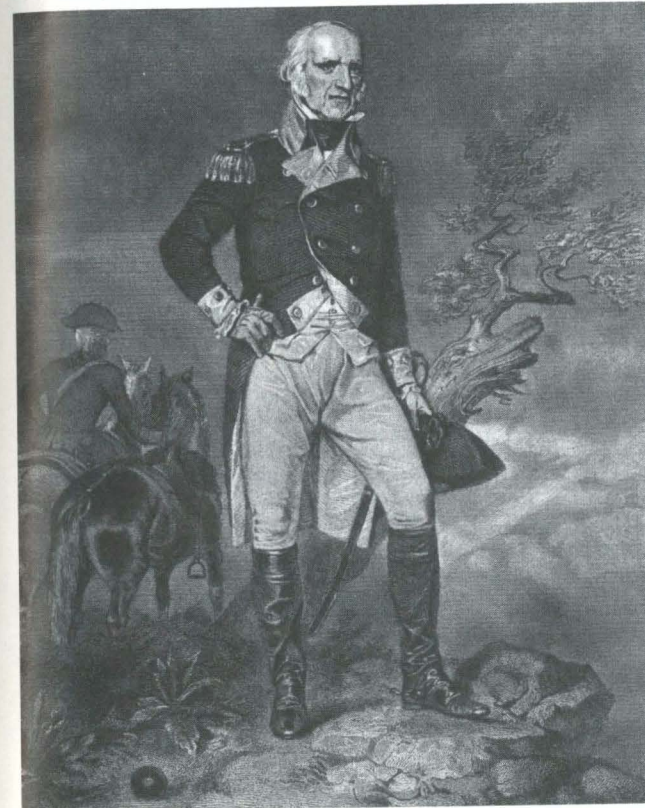
### MONDAY, AUGUST 11th A violent storm at night, high winds

Baum's Corp set out from Clarke's Mills, New York and forded the Batten Kill River. As Baum's Mohawk scouts quickly poured over every road in the districts

ahead, they alarmed the entire populace. Many civilians were so frightened by the sudden presence of these Indians that many abandoned their homes and fled.

By August 13 refugees were arriving at Bennington with stories of marauding Indians. A Council of War quickly met at the Catamount Tavern. Alarms were sent to nearby communities and a party of 216 scouts led by Lt. Colonel Gregg was sent to "make discoveries". The only sizable rebel force present at Bennington was the 1,300 men of General John Stark's New Hampshire Brigade which had recently arrived.

Baum's Corps made their way through Coila and Centerville and arrived at Cambridge, New York. Along the way his troops stopped at the Edie farm, Pullman's Tavern, the Entley farm, the Small's house and Dr. Brown's home.



Alonzo Chappel's painting of General John Stark. Stark had left Washington's army after the Battle of Trenton, feeling that Congress had not recognized his merit. He had agreed to command the force at Bennington only because it was an army raised solely by the State of New Hampshire and was not connected with the Continentals.

As his soldiers entered Cambridge, their presence was announced by John Weir. That afternoon George Duncan, David Starrow and Samuel, John and Matthew Bell with other members of the Cambridge militia fought a one-sided skirmish with Baum's troops.

That evening Baum's troops camped on the outskirts of Cambridge. At the Checkerhouse Tavern Baum received local Loyalists and Tories. Hugh Moore, a prominent local rebel, was arrested. Moore had walked into Baum's camp and attempted to kill Governor Philip Skene. At Bennington Isaac Clarke and Eleazar Eggerston reported to General Stark that behind the Indians was a sizable force of Tory Militia. They were making their way to the large, well-stocked St. Croix Mill, which was located on the Continental Road (Rt. 67) about eight miles from Bennington.

### REBEL DEPOT THE TARGET

At midnight John Weir reported to Stark that through his wife's Tory relatives he had learned the invaders' objective was to raid the rebel depot at Bennington. Early that morning Dr. Younglove provided Stark with intelligence of the exact size and position of Baum's forces. At dawn Stark's Brigade marched to intercept.

Baum's Corps encountered Lt. Colonel Gregg's scouts about a mile west of the St. Croix Mill. Baum gave chase. To delay his pursuer Gregg ordered the planks of the wooden bridge at the mill torn up. Gregg's scouts then retreated back along the Continental Road through the tiny Hoosick Valley toward Bennington. Stark met Gregg's retreating scouts near the Walloomsac bridge. Baum's Corps was reported to be only 30 minutes behind.

In a field close to the present location where the Continental Road crosses the border into Vermont, Baum's men met Stark's New Hampshire Brigade, which was lined up and ready for battle.

Though evenly matched numerically, in the event of battle the military advantage must be given to Baum's professional troops. Surprisingly, instead of launching a frontal assault Baum fired his cannons, hoping to scatter the rebels. Stark's troops held their position and rebel marksmen sniped at Baum's line. As dark approached each side fell back and made camp, with Baum about a mile back to a Walloomsac bridge position and Stark to North's farm.

The little armies sat about two miles apart; they were separated by a 740-foot hill which prevented direct observation. At midnight Baum sent an express to Burgoyne informing the general of the situation.

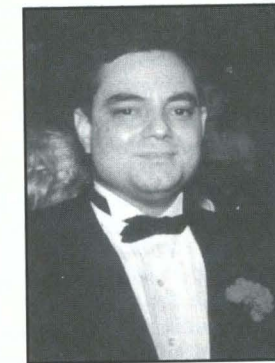
### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th Rain until noon, then sunny and hot

Governor Philip Skene went to the St. Croix Mill to escort Breyman's relief force which was expected early in the afternoon.

Stark hoped to convince Baum the rebels were not ready to attack. To do this, he detached 300 men to march around the base of a nearby hill. This column could be only partially observed by Baum and appeared as a continuous line of troops.

Stark planned coordinated assaults against Baum's positions. Against the Tory and Hessian Redoubts Stark dispatched separate detachments to circle in a wide area through the woods. Against the Walloomsac bridge position Stark would lead the balance of his forces in a frontal assault.

Compatriot Migliore is serving as Registrar of the Empire State Society's



New York Chapter. He has researched the Battle of Bennington since 1989 and has visited the area many times. He had two ancestors who participated in the conflict; one was a member of the Berkshire Boys, while the other was Loyalist Johann Blass, a member of Col. John Peter's Corps. Blass was captured, then paroled. Both lived to die peacefully in bed. Compatriot Migliore's wife is affiliated with the DAR New York Chapter.

As afternoon arrived the weather began to clear. Stark wanted to speak to his officers and men before sending them against Baum. He climbed up a large boulder and addressed his men: "The Hessians were bought for seven pounds ten pence - are you worth more!" He railed. "If so then prove it! There are the British, and they will be ours tonight or Molly Stark sleeps a widow".

Reverend Thomas, known as Allen the Fighting Parson, then led his 300 Berkshire Boys in prayer to the God of Armies "To teach their finger to fight".

At three o'clock Stark received word the forces he had sent out were now in positions near the Hessian and Tory Redoubts. Stark slowly led his little army forward across flat open ground toward the enemy position at the Wallomsac bridge.

Accompanied by Colonel Seth Warner of Vermont's Green Mountain Boys, Stark rode ahead of his column to reconnoiter. This brought the two rebel officers within the range of Baum's cannon. After several very near misses, Stark and Warner raced back. "Those rascals know I'm an officer, see how they salute me with a big gun!" Stark mused.

In position in front of the Tory Redoubt Rev. Allen sought to convince the defenders to surrender. The Fighting Parson stood on a tree stump within Tory rifle range and inveighed the defenders to "conjure yourselves to come out from the enemies of your country and save effusions of blood".

"It's Reverend Allen! Let's pop him!" said John Graves, a Loyalist member of Allen's flock. Graves and several companions fired a volley of shots, but the bullets whizzed pass the parson, hitting the trees around him. The Fighting Parson then said to his brother, "You load and I'll fire".

Dr. Wasmus, a surgeon at the Hessian Redoubt, recorded: "The enemy is marching in force against our right wing. A patrol sent out from us was driven off by the enemy and a violent volley of fire erupted against (this) entrenchment".

#### MOHAWK INDIANS SUDDENLY RUN

The Mohawk scouts stationed near the Hessian Redoubt were keenly aware of the rebels approaching

## Walloomsac Battle Chapter Helps Care For Site

As Compatriot Migliore emphasizes in the accompanying feature article, the Battle of Bennington was actually fought along the Wallomsac River in New York State.

To memorialize this historic conflict, the Wallomsac Battle Chapter was founded in 1995 by Compatriots of the Empire State Society. Since then the Chapter has taken on a number of ambitious projects. The following report is based on information supplied by John H. Sheaff, Chapter President.

A portion of the battlefield is now Bennington Battlefield State Park operated by the State of New York. Since the Chapter staged a ceremony at the site as part of their chartering program, members have been deeply involved in the park's activities.

In 1996 the Chapter constructed raised flower beds in the area of the Visitors Center and helped in clearing of the park

boundary and the installation of boundary markers. At the time two 1929 historic site markers for the battlefield were found in an old barn; members restored and reinstalled them at the park entrance.

The Chapter also helped organize a work project at the battlefield by Boy and Girl Scouts from three counties. Under the direction of Compatriots, they cleared and marked long-unused walking trails.

The Chapter's goal is to establish a Friends of the Battlefield group, recognized by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which is responsible for running the park. This organization would provide ongoing support of the park.

Another Chapter project has been to clean and repaint all of the historical markers in southern Washington County. Before this task was undertaken, backing was gained from the New York State Department of Transportation.



General John Burgoyne was in command of the 7,000-man British Northern Army. His actions at Bennington were a disaster.

through the woods. Then suddenly the Indians, accompanied by their commanders Le Loupe de La Corne and British Army Captain Alexander Campbell of the Sixty Second Regiment, broke and ran. In their flight into the woods the Mohawks fought a quick, but heated skirmish with Vermont Rangers.

Captain Stafford's Rangers were now in position behind the Tory Redoubt He was hit in the foot just as he was about to lead a dash up the steep, 300-foot acclivity of the western face of the Tory Redoubt. Luckily the Tory defenders who fired down the acclivity had to aim their muskets at a clumsy angle.



This 1929 marker was restored and reinstalled by the Wallomsac Battle Chapter. Proudly showing it off is Chapter President John H. Sheaff.

## Replica Of Stark Flag Given To New Hampshire's Governor

A replica of the flag carried by Major General John Stark's forces at the Battle of Bennington was presented on Flag Day this year to the Governor of New Hampshire by the New Hampshire Society and the DAR Gail Forand Molly Stark Chapter. A fragment of the original banner is on display at the Bennington Historical Society.

Information about this flag that follows was submitted by New Hampshire Society President Richard C. Wright. It was abstracted from "Standards and Colors of the American Revolution" by Edward W. Richardson and published by University of Pennsylvania Press and the Pennsylvania SAR and Its Color Guard, 1982.

The fragment was donated in the 1920s by a Stark descendant. It consists of a 17x19-inch blue silk canton with remnants of green silk along its right hand edge. The canton has 13 white, five-pointed stars, painted and arranged in a rough approximation of the crosses of the British Union. Apparently, the flag had a green silk field and measured, overall, at least 34 (hoist) by 38 (fly) inches.

The descendant once wrote: "My mother...repeatedly told me that from time to



The New Hampshire State House on June 14 - Flag Day - of this year was the setting for presentation to Governor Jeanne Shaheen (left) of the replica of the flag carried by Major General John Stark's forces in the Battle of Bennington Doing the honors were New Hampshire Society President Richard C. Wright and a representative of the DAR Gail Forand Molly Stark Chapter.

time small pieces were cut from the flag and given to different descendants of General Stark. "This was common practice with those early flags. One of the pieces was in the collection of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution; in 1976 it was donated to the Bennington Museum.



The New Hampshire Society Color Guard and members of the 1st New Market Militia also participated in the Stark Flag Presentation on Flag Day (from left): Kent Michael (Militia); Compatriots Howard Leonard, Louis Huggins and Donald Sumner; and Ken Anderson (Militia).

In 1877 Stark's granddaughter said that he told his children that the flag had been in the thick of the Battle of Bennington. This indicates that it was either Stark's personal command standard or the standard of one of his units, possibly the New Hampshire Militia Brigade he commanded.

In pain and struggling, Stafford noticed in the distance a British officer, probably Captain Campbell, escaping with the Mohawks. "They run, they run!", Stafford yelled. His company then charged up the steep rise to the Tory Redoubt. The first member of Stafford's company to reach the top was Daniel Webster's father, Captain Ebenezer Webster.

Pressed from two sides, the defenders of the Tory Redoubt fired one volley then broke and ran. Tory Colonel Pfister was wounded by a rebel neighbor. As Colonel John Peters received a bayonet thrust to his chest, he heard his attacker scream, "Peters, I've got you now filthy Tory!" An obstruction deflected the blow. Unharmed the colonel was able to kill the assailant Captain Jeremiah Post, who Peters knew well as they were cousins.

Many of the escaping Loyalists attempted to ford the Wallomsac River which ran north-south about 100 yards west of the Tory Redoubt. Due to the heavy rains, the river was swollen and the current ran fast. many of the fleeing Tories were carried into easy range of rebel marksmen who now occupied the high Tory Redoubt. With a chorus of loud screams, yells and cheers many Tories were picked off or shot in the back as they tried to scamper to safety up the river's high western bank.

#### RESISTANCE AT BRIDGE COLLAPSES

General Stark led the assault on the Wallomsac bridge defense. The Canadians, manning forward positions at the bridge, broke and ran. "The cannon was now quiet because the sergeant artificer who commanded and most of his men had been shot". Resistance at the bridge collapsed when Lt. Colonel Baum was shot through the abdomen.

The action was heaviest at the Hessian Redoubt. Just before five o'clock the Germans abandoned their positions and ran into the woods. "The enemy came rushing over our entrenchments...one took my watch

and offered me a drink from his wooden flask; almost all the rebels were drunk", Dr. Wasmus recorded.

The Tory prisoners were quickly collected and then marched under heavy guard to Bennington. Among these prisoners was Matthew Thornton, a nephew of the Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Rebel surgeons loaded the Colonels Baum and Pfister into the back of an ox cart and sent them down the road toward Bennington.

The battle over, many rebels left the field - some to hunt down fleeing enemy troops and some to march the prisoners to Bennington. Others were so elated by their grand triumph that they went home.

Due to an effect known as an acoustic shadow, sounds of the battle had not penetrated the few short miles west to the St. Croix Mill. All was quiet there for those who guarded the bridge and for Governor Skene who waited patiently for the arrival of the relief forces.

Breyman's Corps arrived shortly after five o'clock. After dressing columns, Governor Skene began to lead them east along the Continental Road, toward Baum's now - overrun positions.

After traveling only 60 yards, Skene rode close enough to ask some men, "Are you for King George?". Their reply was a volley which shot Skene's horse out from under him. Breyman's troops rushed the group who had fired on Skene. Rebel rifle fire began from the road and several small buildings ahead. Breyman cleared this area with grape shot from his two six-pound cannons.

Upon first hearing reports of fighting near St. Croix Mill, Vermont Colonel John Herrick rode from the Wallomsac bridge toward the Mill. "Boys, follow me", he yelled to groups and knots of rebels he passed along the way. Instead of the small, rear-guard defenders Herrick anticipated, he saw the musicians of the advancing Corps. Immediately, Herrick wheeled his horse and reported to General Stark, "There's a thousand British coming up the road!"

## WARNER: "STAND AND FIGHT"

Stark ordered a retreat. Colonel Warner, on his own initiative countermanded Stark and gave the order: "Stand and fight". In doing so Warner almost certainly avoided an all-out rout.

Camped near Bennington was a detachment of 65 men from Warner's Green Mountain Boys. They had not been brought forward against Baum. "Tell them we are coming" was the reply from Major Stafford to Warner's urgent plea for immediate help. "For God's sake hurry, my men are beginning to fall back" read a second dispatch. Major Stafford replied, "That will make more room for us, tell them we're coming." "Fight on boys, reinforcements are coming!" was passed by Major Isaac Stratton of Williamstown on down the battle line.

Even with the help of Warner's Green Mountain Boys, Stark's troops continued to lose ground. They had been pushed back almost three miles, from the St. Croix Mill and then near the Walloomsac bridge.

From the thick woods to the right of Stark's position, a column of 300 officers and men of the New York Militia emerged enroute to Bennington in reply to the alarm of August 14. Their unexpected and timely arrival is probably one of the greatest strokes of luck in American history. Commanded by Colonel John Williams, the Yorkers quickly entered the battle and Breymann's advance came to a halt.

The arrival of the Yorkers forced Breymann to order a slow withdrawal. By eight in the evening Lt. Col. Breymann, wounded in the leg and running short of ammunition, completed a rear guard action that permitted two-thirds of his command to escape across the bridge at St. Croix Mill before he set it ablaze.

Colonel Johnson hoped to pursue, but General Stark would not chance having his men shoot each other in the dark. Later Stark would remark of that day August 16, 1777: "If there had been an Alexander or Charles of Sweden, they could not have fought more gallantly. Had the day but lasted another hour we would have had the whole lot of them".

The rebels counted 260 enemy dead and wounded and some 700 captured; of Baum's dragoons, only nine got back to base. The material losses were also severe: hundreds of muskets and jäger rifles, four ammunition wagons, 250 swords, and four cannon. The Patriots claimed to have suffered only 30 killed and 40 wounded out of forces that totaled almost 2,000. Colonel John Peters reported that 269 Loyalists and Tories were lost at Bennington.

## WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE BATTLE

Lt. Colonel Frederick Baum was carried to a nearby farm where he died a short time after the first Battle of Bennington. Soldiers of Baum's Expedition were reported wandering through the woods for weeks after the battle. Local children are told stories of Hessian ghosts wandering through the woods looking for Burgoyne's camp.

Lt. Colonel Heinrich Christopher Breymann was shot to death six weeks later at the Battle of Bemis Heights. Some reports claim he was killed by his own troops.

On October 16 General Burgoyne signed a surrender with General Horatio Gates at Saratoga, New York.

Today the Hessian Redoubt area is maintained by the New York State Parks Department. The Tory Redoubt is part of a private farm. The St. Croix Mill and bridge are long since gone. Markers guide the visitors to trace Baum's march.

In the past 100 years a strong argument has been made to suggest that the Battle of Bennington should be renamed Walloomsac, where the fighting actually occurred.

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## France Society Compatriots Visit Louisiana

By John Francois, Attakapas Chapter, Louisiana Society

A delegation of excited French SAR members arrived in Louisiana on April 7th led by Comte Renaud de Laforcade, Vice-President General, Europe/Secretary General, France Society. He and 15 Compatriots and their families arrived in New Orleans to begin a whirlwind week of tours and receptions in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette.

This visit, a reciprocal twinning trip, had been in the works for over a year - ever since a group of Louisiana Society members descended on Paris in December, 1995 for the initial twinning. Following their visit, Comte Jean de Tinguy du Pouët, Trustee of the France Society, and his wife, Comtesse Veronique, and their three children came to visit and lay the groundwork in April of '96 for the big April '97 trip.



Among the numerous dignitaries involved in the twinning program were Dr. Al Habeeb (at lectern), President of the Louisiana Society, and Comte Renaud de Laforcade, Secretary General of the France Society.

While here, they were hosted by the SAR Chapters in each of the above three cities. Count de Tinguy then returned to Paris to begin the detailed preparations for the '97 trip.

The French delegation, totaling 34 - among which were four Counts and Countesses, two Viscounts and one Viscountess - were met at New Orleans International Airport by a welcoming committee of LASSAR members. The French were bussed to their hotel to refresh themselves for a wine and jazz reception that night at the French Quarter residence of Compatriot Dr. John and Mrs. Jackson.

## Made Honorary Citizens

During their sojourn in New Orleans, they were presented honorary citizenship certificates with the French Consul-General, Nichole Lenoir, in attendance; taken on a tour of the city; given a recep-

tion aboard the paddle steamer *Mississippi Queen*; paid homage at the statue of Jeanne d'Arc; and given a dinner reception at the home of Compatriot Malcolm and Mrs. Schulz in the Garden District.

On the way to Baton Rouge, the French delegation visited the Hermitage House, an old plantation home owned by Compatriot



On hand when a visit was made to the Hermitage House were (from left): Historian General Bruce B. Butler, a member of the Louisiana Society; the Countess Lafayette; and Dr. Robert C. Judice, who owns the historic home.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Judice. In Baton Rouge, a buffet reception took place at Magnolia Mound plantation, with a special candlelight tour of the mansion. The next day they toured the city and the old State Capitol, now a museum. In the afternoon they were accorded a special reception by the Louisiana Senate in chambers.

Friday afternoon, the French SAR bus rolled into Lafayette. A City-Parish reception awaited them at City Hall. Comte Gilbert de Pusy La Fayette and his mother, La Comtesse La Fayette, conducted a wreath-laying ceremony before the statue of their famous ancestor, le Marquis de La Fayette.

## Elegant Twinning Ceremony

The purpose and highlight of the trip, a black tie twinning ceremony, took place that evening at the swank Petroleum Club of Lafayette before 134 SAR members and their guests. Louisiana Society President, Dr. Al Habeeb, and Comte Renaud de Laforcade exchanged plaques. Many fine speeches were made that evening, both in English and in French, to the delight of our French Compatriots.

At the twinning, a gift was given to each French family: a large, specially designed medallion mounted in a matted frame with a color print of "The Angel of Louisiana" mounted above it. The print was from an original oil painting done

especially for the occasion by Mrs. Linda Schafer, wife of Compatriot Art Schafer. The LASSAR planned to present at the Annual Congress in Baltimore a duplicate of this twinning gift to hang in the National Headquarters.

The remainder of the Lafayette visit was filled with tours to the surrounding area, including Avery Island, New Iberia and the Acadian Memorial Museum at St. Martinville. In Mermentau, a dinner reception was hosted by Phil Desormeaux, owner of a lifesized replica of a French chateau. On Sunday morning, the group attended St. John's Cathedral, complete with a Knights of Columbus Color Guard and High Mass sung in French.

## Off To Texas

On their last day in Louisiana, the French were accompanied to Houston International Airport by Compatriot Lynn Breaux, the LASSAR twinning coordinator, and one of his assistants. A stop was made at City Hall in Lake Charles. They were greeted by a delegation of the SAR Oliver Pollock Chapter, the Mayor and the Harbor Master of the Port of Lake Charles, as well as by various news media reporters. A quick stop was also made in Beaumont, Texas, where members of the Texas Society's Paul Revere Chapter gave an informal reception in the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Memorial.



Comte Gilbert de Pusy La Fayette was proud to pose at the statue of his famous ancestor located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The warm, indelible reception received at the hands of the LASSAR spawned immediate plans by the France Society to have the LASSAR visit their homes (read chateaux) in 1998. The emphasis of that visit will be the children. Youth exchanges have already taken place and more are in the works.

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District of "Post Office West Point". We think he is buried in West Point, Miss. We need all the info you can find. Willing to pay a Fee if necessary. Frank M. Parr, 1529 "E" Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

VIRGINIA. FAUQUIER COUNTY. In 1810 JAMES PARR was listed in the Census of Fauquier County. Family tradition says he died in 1832 and is buried in Warrenton, Virginia. His son WILLIAM married RACHEL LAKIN and had a son named HENRY. We need all the info you can find. Willing to pay a Fee if necessary. Frank M. Parr, 1529 "E" Street, Anchorage Alaska 99501.

PRUDEN Seek proof Rev. veteran Joseph b. 1760 Morristown NJ m. Providence Gauden/Godden. To Joseph Jr., b. 1797, Ft. Redstone, Wash Cty PA. m. Sarah Sally Tuttle. To David b. 1823 Trumbull Cty OH to Olive Marie b. 1857 Trumb. Bob Parvin 6366 Indian Point, Painesville OH 44077.

MERRIAM: Seeking parents of my GGGG Grandmother, Lucy Merriam, b. New Cheshire CN, circa 1757, m. Caleb Barnes Jr., b. New Haven, NH, CN, 10.23.1791 - Middletown, Middlesex, CN. Dr. Robert Naud, 435 East 57 Street, NY, NY, 10022.

# State Society and Chapter EVENTS



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

## DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

### Arizona Society



On hand for the Annual Massing of the Colors sponsored by the Military Order of World Wars in April at Sun City were these Arizona Compatriots who formed a Color Guard (from left): Robert Baxter (Saguaro Chapter), Ralph Jackson (Palo Verde Chapter), Darrell Fisher (Palo Verde Chapter) and Richard Hudnall (Saguaro).

Compatriot and Mrs. Richard C. Dean were proud recently to award a \$2,000 C.A.R. Scholarship to Stephen J. Watt, Past President of the C.A.R. Arizona Society. Over the years, the lad has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in a wide range of activities, including at his school, church, Boy Scout units and community organizations. According to Compatriot Dean, he will be eligible for SAR membership in the local Palo Verde Chapter.

### Arkansas Society



Eagle Scout Douglas C. Donham II of North Little Rock was awarded the coveted Bronze Eagle Trophy during a recent Society meeting; he was chosen from entrants submitted by ten Chapters. Making the presentation was Eagle Scout Chairman James N. Vandenberg.



The Veterans memorial in Graceland Cemetery at Pine Bluff was the April setting for a program that honored the men of the submarine, *USS Snook*, lost in April 1945 with 84 men on board. Participating in the solemn ceremony were these members of the Bayou Bartholomew Chapter (from left): Lynn Gaines, Jr., Bill Doak and Glenn Railsback. Joining them were representatives of the Simon Bradford Chapter, United Daughters of 1812. During World War II, 52 United States subs were lost, 37 with all hands on board. Sub veterans fly their flag on or near the date the boat was lost in remembrance of the shipmates "still on patrol". As a memorial, each state was assigned one of those lost vessels. Arkansas' lost sub is the *Snook*, with April 8th designated as her Flag Day.



To observe Flag Day, the Bayou Bartholomew Chapter presented United States and Arkansas Flags to Gandy Elementary School at White Hall. Participating in the program were (back, from left): Lynn Gaines, Jr.; Rudy Gandy (the school is named for his mother, Ida, who was a teacher there); Delbert Bond, Principal; and William W. Doak, Jr. In the foreground were Kristen Conner, Gandy's grand niece, and Elizabeth Crosssett, Doak's grand niece. Behind the group is a photo of Mrs. Ida Mae Gandy.

### California Society

When the Thomas Jefferson Chapter met in late April at Berkeley, attendees witnessed two key features. One was presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Ed Lewandowski in recognition of his heroism while rescuing six people trapped in their cars when a local highway flooded. The second was an address by Alameda Mayor Ralph J. Apezato, a retired Marine Corps officer. He discussed what is happening in view of the closure of the Naval Air Station there. In a few years the city will gain title to the facility; plans call for converting the base to complement Alameda.



In March the Orange County Chapter captured first place in the Classic Auto Division of the Laguna Beach Patriots' Day Parade. Participating were these Compatriots (from left): Walter Davis (with Betsy Ross Flag), Al Bayse (who drove his 1936 Ford Convertible), President Jim Shadwick (who rode along in the car) and Vice President Jim Blauer (with SAR Flag). The trophy they won was presented at the Chapter's March meeting.

"Revolutionary War Spies and Traitors" was the title of a talk given by Riverside Chapter Compatriot Charles R. Lampman to attendees at the April meeting of the Redlands Chapter. A retired United States Navy Commander, he pointed out that Benedict Arnold's actions resulted in the only criminal law being added to the United States Constitution regarding treason.



The Riverside Chapter now has an Internet Web Page, which was recently launched by President Bill Vining (foreground) and Registrar Dave Leonard. It may be contacted at <http://home.earthlink.net/~patriot1/>

### Colorado Society



When the Society held its Annual Meeting in late February at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Luis Rovira (right) was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Doing the honors was John C. Mott. John D. Peebles was offered the Patriot Medal.

### Connecticut Society

Following the installation of the newly elected officers of the Captain Matthew Mead Branch during their Annual Meeting, Compatriot William Harrington spoke on military tactics and stratagems during the early phases of the Revolutionary War. The setting was the Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

Groton, the home of the submarine, now boasts a unique Wall of Honor Memorial that salutes the 3,617 men who were lost while on submarine patrol during World War II - thanks to Compatriot Robert Moore and a committee he chaired. In a span of but three years, the committee raised \$290,000 to bring the project to a successful conclusion. Second Vice President of the Nathan Hale Chapter, he was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his commendable work.

The Memorial consists of 52 stones representing the 52 submarines that were lost. Ten black granite panels imported from Italy bear the names of the men who paid the supreme sacrifice.



Highlighting a recent meeting of the Nathan Hale Chapter was awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal to Compatriot Robert Moore (right) in recognition of his efforts in bringing the Wall of Honor to fruition. Doing the honors were Secretary Howard Dodd (left) and President Ralph W. Lathrop.

### District of Columbia Society

Past President Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. has been honored twice since the first of the year. In January the District of Columbia Society Children of the American Revolution named him a Special Senior Leader in recognition of his many years of service, leadership and devotion to that organization. Then in March he received the DAR Medal of Honor; among other contributions to the group, he served for 33 years as Chairman of the Men's Dinner Committee at the DAR National Congress.



A highlight of the Annual SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Washington Birthday Celebration held in February was awarding of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to David A. Campaigne (center), N.S.C.A.R. National President. Making the presentation were Former President General Stewart Boone McCarty (left), also a Past President of the DC Society, and President Andrew M. Johnson.

At the Society's December dinner meeting, Compatriot Dr. David R. Curfman, a member of the committee that prepares the National Christmas Tree Pageant, presented a slide show talk on the history of the tree lighting ceremonies and favorite Christmas Carols of the U.S. Presidents. Washington's favorite was "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"; John Adams liked "Joy to the World"; and Thomas Jefferson "Come Hither, Ye Faithful." President Clinton told Compatriot Curfman that his favorite was "O Holy Night."

### Florida Society



At a recent gathering of the Pinellas Genealogical Association at the Clearwater Beach Hotel, the Clearwater Chapter fielded a booth to promote membership. Manning the table were President Grant Wallin (right) and Past President Bob Tanner. They passed out an array of informational material about the SAR, in turn contacting a number of eligible prospects.



An expenditure of several hundred dollars by the Clearwater Chapter has provided a formal American Flag display and framed copies of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution for the recently opened Palm Harbor University High School. Observing the documents at a presentation program were President Grant R. Wallin (left) and Assistant Principal Dr. Ralph Cline.

## France Society



The Cercle National des Armees (French Officers Club) in Paris was the setting for the February meeting of the Foreign District-Europe, with Vice-President General Carlos J. Ricketson (second from left) presiding; he is a member of the Virginia Society. Other dignitaries in attendance included (from left): Denis Capron de Caprona, a member of the Switzerland Society; Richard C. Owens, President of the Switzerland Society; Jean de Tinguy de Pouet, National Trustee of the France Society; and Comte Renaud de LaForcade, Secretary of the France Society, who was elected Vice-President General. Also attending were United Kingdom Society President Donald M. Stearns and Secretary LTC John M. Field. The day before this gathering the France Society staged its Annual Meeting at the Automobile Club of France.

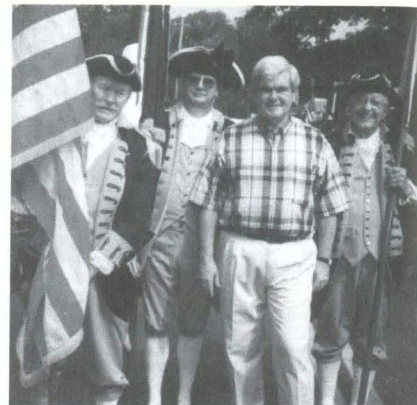
## Georgia Society



During the Society's Annual Meeting, the **Piedmont Chapter** received the 1996-97 Americanism Award for being "Chapter of the Year." Receiving the honor from Society President T. Fisher Craft (left) on behalf of the Chapter was Past President Edgar B. Sterrett.



The 74th Annual Meeting of the **Atlanta Chapter** honored five members who had attained 50 years or more as SARs, with their pins and certificates being presented by President Bill McCullough (left). They were (from his left): Col. Melvin Brown (60 years), Col. John Frost (60), Hon. Marion Lagerquist (56), Hon. David Long (57) and Hon. Robert Tracy (51).

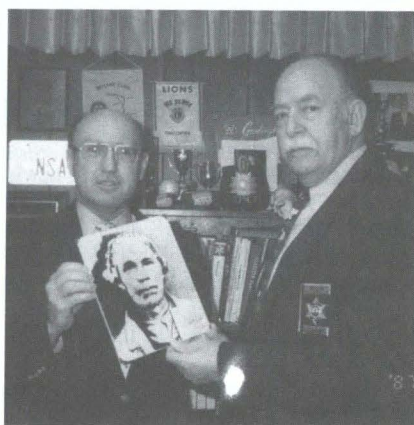


Newt Gingrich (foreground), Speaker of the House of Representatives, while visiting his Congressional District participated in the Old Soldiers Parade in Alpharetta along with members of the Society's Color Guard (from left): Bob Landram (**Atlanta Chapter**), Herman Tovey (**Coweta Falls Chapter**) and Kit Brasleton (**Lyman Hall Chapter**).

## Illinois Society

The Society's 107th Annual Conference was successfully staged in Springfield during early May in historic Representatives Hall of the Old State Capitol, with President Edmund W. Bliler presiding. The two-day event also included a gala banquet featuring an address by Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann; he chose as his topic "Triumphs and Tragedy", the story of the life of Marquis de LaFayette. Elected President was M. Joseph Hill, a holder of the Patriot Medal and an active SAR for many years.

A preview of historical information that was to appear in an issue of *The SAR*



Harry Windland (right), President of the **George Rogers Clark Chapter**, recently presented a photo of Patriot Lt. William Biggs to St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl Justus. Biggs fought with General Clark in his Kaskaskia and Cincennes campaigns and served as the first sheriff of the county 1790-99. The artifact was placed in the photo gallery of other past sheriffs located in the lobby of the County Jail.

*Magazine* was given to Compatriots attending the March meeting of the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter** by Dr. Sheldon S. Cohen, Professor of History at Loyola University in Chicago. The title of his presentation was "Yankee Sailors in British Goals: Prisoners of War at Forton and Mill, 1777-1783." He worked closely with the National Society in planning the trip for SARs and guests earlier this year to England to dedicate SAR markers at the two "goal" sites.



The Annual Meeting of the **Kishwaukee Chapter**, held in Rockford during March, featured presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Boone County Sheriff Duane E. Bliler (left) by President Mark Hayes. His distinguished career began in 1971, when he became a part time deputy sheriff. In 1978 he was elected Sheriff of Boone County, following by his being re-elected four times since then.

## Iowa Society



Compatriot Rev. Ted Sieck was pleased to present the JROTC Medal to Cadet Captain David Webb during the 2nd Annual Air Force Junior Awards Banquet and Military Ball staged at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. The event took place in April.

## Kansas Society



Over 265 SARs, DARs and guests attended the 11th Annual Celebration of George Washington's Birthday held on February 22nd in Kansas City, making this the largest patriotic event in the area. The keynote address was delivered by William M. Conrad (right), President of People to People, International; he was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by Past President Kes Kesler. Mr. Conrad's topic was entitled "The Road to Peace", alluding to both Generals Washington and Eisenhower. The program was sponsored by Chapters in both Kansas and Missouri.



Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann (right) was guest of honor at the Society's 106th Annual Conference held in mid-March at Topeka. Following his address about the Marquis de LaFayette, he was given a special remembrance by President Edgar E. Grover.

## Kentucky Society

During the February meeting of the **Capt. John Scott Chapter** at Georgetown College, Dale Stowe was presented the Chapter's Annual Scott County Educator of the Year Award. He is a teacher and basketball coach at Georgetown Middle School.



Two Air force JROTC Cadets from Scott County High School were winners of the Knight Essay Contest and Rumbaugh Oration Contest staged by the **Capt. John Scott Chapter**. Participating in an April ceremony during a State Society meeting at Georgetown were these men (from left): Society National Trustee Rollie Graves; Cadet Graham Smith, essay winner; Cadet Curtis Gregory, oration winner; and President Jack Horner.

## Louisiana Society

With the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria as the site for the Society's Annual Meeting in March, President Norbert Johnson turned over the gavel of office to Dr. Albert F.W. Habeeb. Every Chapter in the state was represented. Among the highlights was awarding of the Bronze Eagle Trophy and a gift of \$200 to Eagle Scout Brian Ellender, Jr., who was originally entered into the competition by the **Attakapas Chapter**.

## Maryland Society



Following his address at a recent meeting of the **Thomas Stone Chapter**, Dwight Storke was given a copy of "History of Charles County, Maryland" by President George Dyson. Mr. Storke offered an enlightening look at colonial times in America. A former National Park Service employee, his varied assignments included serving as Superintendent of the George Washington Birthplace at Westmoreland, Virginia.

## Massachusetts Society



Capt. David J. Gray, USNR, a Past Society President, was pleased to present the ROTC Medal to Midshipman James Callu during the NROTC Awards Ceremony held at Boston University in April.

## Missouri Society



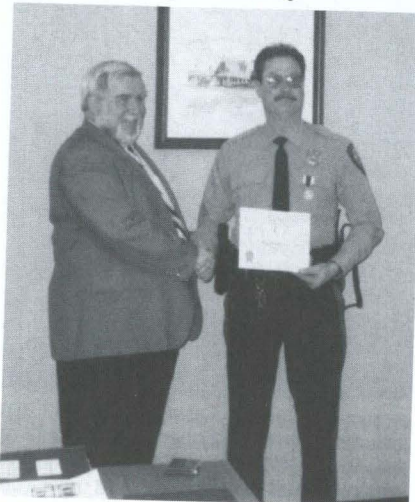
Just before Christmas members of the **Harry S Truman Chapter** Color Guard visited more than 50 patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kansas City. Among those Compatriots participating were James L. Scott (left) and William W. Hartman. They are shown with Ray Hollis, a patient. Also on hand were President Geoffrey D. Decker and VP Herbert F. Simon, a former hospital employee.

## Nevada Society



The **Northern Chapter** recently offered monetary gifts to two worthy programs for veterans at Reno, both of which are affiliated with the Veterans Administration Medical Center: the Veterans Telephone Assistance Program and the Military Heritage Museum. JB Coats (left), Registrar, made the presentations to Gary Whitfield, Director of the Center; Margaret Calhoun, Heritage Museum; and Priscilla Davis, Director of Volunteer Services.

## New Jersey Society



In recognition of his rescue of a victim from a burning apartment, Officer James Ogle of the Lakewood Police Department was awarded the Heroism Medal by the **Ocean County Chapter**. Making the presentation was the Rev. John H. Case, Society Vice President.

## Empire State Society (NY)



James F. Morrison (right), a prominent member of the **Stone Arabia Chapter**, was recently honored at a meeting in Johnston upon being presented the Meritorious Service Medal. He was deservedly recognized for promoting interest in the study of history in the Johnston area. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Lewis G. Decker, Fulton County Historian; Edward Lawton, Chapter President; and Stephen A. Arter, Society President. An authority on the Revolutionary War in the Mohawk Valley, Compatriot Morrison has been a contributor of articles for *The SAR Magazine*; he serves as Commander of the reactivated Tryon County Militia and Secretary of the Chapter.

## North Carolina Society



The Society marked the 216th anniversary of the Battle of Clapp's Mill at Burlington in early March. Participating in the program were President Thomas "Nat" Clark (left) and Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the National Society's Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, who was also the principal speaker.



**Alamance Battleground Chapter** Compatriot Richard J. Moore was recently offered the 1997 Community Service Award by the DAR Battle of Alamance Chapter. Doing the honors were DAR Ann C. Moore (left) and Chapter Regent Catherine Page.

## Ohio Society



Two highlights of the Society's Annual Conference are shown here. **LEFT:** the Patriot Medal was presented to Terry Whetstone of the **George Rogers Clark Chapter** (right) by retiring President Martin Whetstone, Terry's father. **RIGHT:** Receiving the coveted Hub Scott Award was National Trustee Bert E. Sells (left). Doing the honors was newly elected President Robert French.



The **Western Reserve Society** broke previous records this year by recognizing 681 students from 92 schools in the Cleveland area with presentation of the Eighth Grade Good Citizenship Award. Recipients are nominated by their peers based on the attributes of dependability, leadership, patriotism and clean speech and habits. Each received a framing quality engrossed certificate plus letters of congratulation from the Governor, Mayor, Chapter President and the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court. The project is under the guidance of Carroll J. Gee.

"You Can Make A Difference" was the

theme of the **Ewings Chapter** Awards Dinner in late May. Among those honored were Donald Shaffer of Racine, who was presented the Heroism Medal for rescuing a man from his burning home. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was offered to Judge Frederick Crow, Court of Common Pleas, Pomeroy, for his work on a case involving a convict charged with killing several others convicts during the Lucasville Prison Riot of 1994. The Mayor of Oak Hill Village, Robert Jones, was presented the Flag Certificate for the community's flying of hundreds of American Flags at the time of Memorial Day.



At a recent meeting of the **Bill of Rights Chapter** in Maumee, these three were given special recognition for their efforts (from left) ; Lt. Mike Roemmele, Captain of the Toledo Fire Department Honor Guard Unit, the Flag Certificate for display of the Flag at patriotic events and competitions and at funerals for deceased fireman; Sara Blakely, a student at Maumee High School, for her winning entry in the Knight Essay Contest; and Deputy Chief Keith Moosman of the Perrysburg Fire Department, the Fire Safety Commendation Medal for the department's Fire Prevention Safety House, an educational tool on wheels to teach elementary pupils the elements of home fire safety at their school locations.

## Oklahoma Society



Compatriot James E. Goddard, Jr. was proud to award the ROTC Medal to Cadet Jacey B. Stone during the Tri-Service Awards Day Ceremony for Detachment 675 in April at the University of Oklahoma. She is enrolled in the aerospace studies program.

## Oregon Society

With the Society's Annual Meeting held at Salem in February, the keynote speaker was Brig. Gen. Norman A. Hoffman of the Oregon National Guard. He recounted the history of the Guard from the early days at Fort Vancouver to current actions in Bosnia. Elected President was Latty Mylnechuk. Highlights of the event included awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy Sheriff Robert Grist for his service in coordinating rescue and reclamation work during the floods in southern Oregon. Receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was Ed Mazza of the Veterans Administration for coordinating a recent stand-down for veterans from southern Oregon and northern California. Topping the awards was presentation of the Patriot Medal to Past President James Yaple.

The March meeting of the **Lewis & Clark Chapter** featured a slide-illustrated address about the U.S. Constitution offered by James A. Williams, who for many years served as Chairman of the NSSAR Museum Board and was largely responsible for building the Museum into today's well-recognized stature.

## Pennsylvania Society

During the Annual Washington's Birthday Celebration sponsored by the **Centre County Chapter**, the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was awarded to District Justice Carmine W. Prestia, Jr., a resident of State College. The keynote speaker was Dr. William Pancak of Penn State; his topic was "Washington and Lincoln Were Great Presidents."

"The New Revised History" was the subject of a talk by Society President

James R. Etters, PhD, given to attendees at the February meeting of the **Valley Forge Chapter**. A Chapter member, he reviewed some of the questionable proposals of the National Standards and encouraged everyone to become involved in their public school curricula. He also acknowledged the work of Compatriot Mahlon H. Hellerich, PhD, in the study and exposing of current revisionist history proposals.



During May the National Genealogical Society held its Annual Convention at Valley Forge. Manning an NSSAR information table were (from left): Fred Coffman, Registrar of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter**; Jim Musslewhite, Pennsylvania Society VP; and Herb Armstrong, Past President of the Chapter. Hundreds of attendees stopped by.

In February members of the **Tiadaghton Chapter**, while meeting in Clarkstown, were treated to a talk about the Liberty Bell delivered by Past President Richard L. Mix. He traced the bell's origin in England to America where on July 8, 1776 it was chosen to proclaim the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"Washington As A Military Strategist" was the topic of a talk by Maj. Gen. Gerald T. Sager at a meeting of the **Harris Ferry Chapter** in February. He is a former Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.

Members of the **General Arthur St. Clair Chapter**, meeting in Greensburg during March, celebrated their 50th anniversary. The guest speaker for the occasion was Society President James R. Etters. His topic was "Spies in the Revolution."

### Rhode Island Society

The Society was pleased to host the Semi-Annual Meeting of the New England District Council at the Squantum Club in East Providence in mid-March, with each State Society making up the unit represented (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Jersey). Presiding was Vice-President General Harry G. Orcutt of Massachusetts. Rhode Island Compatriot Norris G. Abbott III was nominated the new VPG; he was to be installed

during the 107th Annual Congress in Baltimore.



Dignitaries attending the New England District Council meeting included (from left): Secretary Ronald E. Newton, MESSAR; outgoing Vice-President General Harry G. Orcutt, MASSAR; incoming VPG Norris G. Abbott III, RISSAR; and Treasurer Richard C. Wright, NHSSAR.

### Texas Society

The January meeting of the **Paul Carrington Chapter**, meeting at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston, had as its featured speaker Brig. Gen. Tom White, Executive to Gen. Colin Powell in the Pentagon during Desert Storm and currently President of Enron Operating Corporation.

When members of the **Patrick Henry Chapter** gathered for their January meeting in Austin, Bob Starck conducted an open discussion centering around the current controversy concerning respect for the Flag. Discussed were the Flag as a patriotic icon, the consequences of court decisions since 1960, the pros and cons



In early March a program was held to dedicate the re-landscaping of the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Since two Patriots are interred there, the local **Patrick Henry Chapter** fielded its Color Guard to participate; in the foreground were two members: Donald Morgan and Patrick Lockett. Each Memorial Day the Chapter takes part in the commemoration.

of a Constitutional Amendment to protect the Flag and what SARs can do to restore respect.

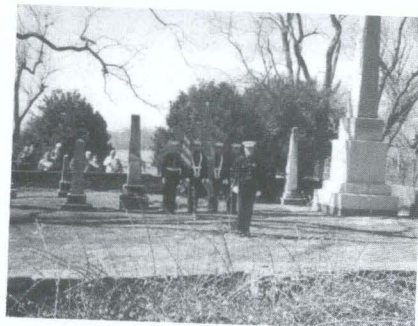
During the December meeting of the **Mesquite Chapter** at the Main Branch of the Mesquite Public Library, attendees were treated to a program about Revolutionary War musical instruments offered by Compatriot Bill Hooper.



"SAR in the 21st Century" was the subject of an address by Society President B. Rice Aston (left) before the April meeting of the **Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter** in Fort Worth, with over 40 Compatriots and guests present. He was presented a special award of appreciation by President Don Pray.

### Virginia Society

In mid-March 14 Compatriots from the **Culpeper Minute Men, Fort Harrison and Thomas Jefferson Chapters** participated in a colorful



A Marine Corps Color Guard performed at the ceremony.



The Marine Corps Band played a concert in the cemetery on the grounds of Montpelier.

ceremony at Montpelier, the home of James Madison at Montpelier Station. The program commemorated the Patriot's 246th birthday and the 10th anniversary of the public opening of the handsome residence. Several wreaths were placed at Madison's tomb, including those representing the Society and the **Thomas Jefferson Chapter**. Also highlighting the event were a concert by the Marine Corps Band from Quantico and a private reception in Montpelier.

United States Senator and Compatriot Charles Robb was the guest speaker at a May joint meeting of the **George Mason, George Washington and Fairfax Resolves Chapters** at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

The military and governmental contributions by President George Washington, including his selection of the site and appearance of the U.S. Capitol, were discussed by the Hon. Clarence J. Brown at the March meeting of the **George Washington Chapter**. He is President of the United States Capitol Historical Society.

When the **Fort Harrison, Thomas Jefferson and Culpeper Minute Men Chapters** gathered for their traditional joint annual luncheon at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass were honored guests. He was the principal speaker.

### Washington Society

Following the May meeting of the **Seattle Chapter**, members were given a tour of the U.S. Coast Guard facility in Seattle. They visited the Coast Guard Museum, Vessel Traffic Service and a Coast Guard cutter.

### Wisconsin Society

Spanning a weekend in April, the Annual Meetings of both the Society and the Great Lakes District were staged at the Marriott Hotel in the Milwaukee suburb of Brookfield. Among the dignitaries present were President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass; Vice-President General and Mrs. Richard Eager; Treasurer General Russell D. Page; Larry Blackett, Chairman of the NSSAR Headquarters Committee; Larry D. McClanahan, Chairman of the NSSAR Building Growth Committee; and William H. Roddis, Chairman of the NSSAR Museum Board.

The Friday evening banquet commemorating the Society's Annual Meeting featured an address by Compatriot Page. Elected and installed as President was Dr. Bruce Walters, who had been 1st VP.

Saturday morning witnessed the District meeting, with VPG Eager presiding. This was highlighted by a report by Compatriot

McClanahan about National Headquarters, followed by a luncheon at which the guest speaker was the Hon. Scott McCallum, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Wisconsin. His topic was what must be done to ensure that proper standards are developed to further the accurate teaching of United States History. A formal banquet that evening celebrated the President General's birthday; he spoke on the life of James Monroe.

On hand for all of the events were representatives from the three State Societies making up the District. Their delegations were headed by Wisconsin President Charles J. Larson, Illinois President-elect Joe Hill and Michigan Immediate Past President Charles Hopkins.



Following his address at the Society's Annual Meeting, Treasurer General Russell D. Page was presented a certificate naming him an Honorary Member of the Wisconsin Society. Making the presentation was incoming President Bruce Walters.

The April meeting of the **Eleazor Slauson Chapter** in Madison, to which the ladies were invited, featured a dramatic presentation by Chaplain Sonny Martin based on Patrick Henry's



Memorial Day saw members of the **James Morgan and General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Chapters**, which serve the Milwaukee area, honor two Patriots interred in local cemeteries. (LEFT) **Morgan Chapter** President Arthur Zimmerman (facing at right) told attendees about the life of the Chapter's namesake, while Society President Bruce Walters (facing at left) and others listened. (RIGHT) At the grave site of Patriot Nathan Hatch were (from left) Compatriots Zimmerman, Walters and Winston C. Williams (a Past Society President).



With a "Happy Birthday Reon" banner in the background, the President General and his wife were given a gift at the concluding banquet of the Great Lakes District meeting. Doing the honors was Wisconsin Compatriot William H. Roddis.



President General Reon G. Hillegass (left) was made an Honorary Citizen of the State of Wisconsin by Lt. Gov. Scott McCallum during the Great Lakes District meeting.

"Sunshine Patriots and Summer Soldiers." Nearly 20 Compatriots and guests enthusiastically enjoyed his talents and good sense of humor.













## Variety of Business Accomplished During The 107th Annual Congress

Two meetings of the National Trustees and the General Sessions of the 107th Annual Congress were held at the Hyatt Regency on the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. The Minutes presented here are condensed and edited, with items marked (\*) appearing elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. Full Minutes are available from the Executive Director.

### 1996-97 TRUSTEES MEETING, Sunday, July 6, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Spring Trustees Meeting were approved as written and published.

Reporting for the Executive Committee, Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann reported on actions taken on July 5: (1) Portable wireless microphone equipment is being purchased for use during Trustees Meetings; (2) Negotiations are being made to send a Compatriot to visit the France Society to investigate their archives and reach some accommodation on the retention of membership materials.

Florida Society Trustee Ralph N. Cramer presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, sons, grandsons, nephews, etc., are too often offended when told the approved applications of their family members are not good enough to support their applications for membership and further research and documentation is required, and

WHEREAS, applications from sons, grandsons, nephews, etc., relying on old SAR, DAR (except those DAR lines which have been closed), or CAR applications, are held up pending receipt of additional information not on the old applications, in fact, those applicants were not even required to provide it, and

WHEREAS, this action angers potential applicants, often causing them to lose interest and withdraw their applications, the SAR thereby being the loser,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all SAR, DAR (except those which are blocked) and CAR applications be grandfathered as acceptable and applications supported by them be approved and then by letter, tactful and courteous, request the applicant to provide the required information together with the supporting documentation, on the newly proposed and approved "Corrections



Resolutions Committee Chairman Robert von Pagenhardt presented a variety of Resolutions for consideration. One of particular interest that generated discussion was entitled "Education in America."

Form," such information to be used to complete and document the line thoroughly.

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to accept the Resolution.

On motion of FPG Clovis H. Brakebill and seconded, it was voted to approve the appointment of FPG Reon G. Hillegass, Jr. as a member of the Board of Trustees of the SAR Patriotic and Educational Foundation.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

### OPENING GENERAL SESSION - Monday, July 7, 1997

The Session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr. The Colors were presented by the SAR Combined Color Guard. The Invocation, given by Chaplain General Rev. George A. Burns, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann. The singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" was led by FPG Charles F. Printz accompanied by the Southern Maryland Concert Band.



Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, urged Compatriots to submit notices of significant commemorations that State Societies will be involved in. They will be reported in *The SAR Magazine*, as well as posted on the NSSAR Web Site (<http://www.sar.org>).

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the 106th Annual Congress as published.

Addresses of welcome were brought by the following: Raymond N. Zimmerman, President of the Maryland Society; Hon. John T. Willis, Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Maryland; Hon. Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor of the City of Baltimore; and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Musgrove, Regent, MDSDAR.

Greetings were received from: Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General, NSDAR; Mrs. Herbert M. Floyd, Senior National President, N.S.C.A.R.; Miss Marion Smith, National President, N.S.C.A.R.; Douglas E. Mills, Senior President, MD.S.C.A.R.; A. J. McCaffrey, President, MD.S.C.A.R.; James Thorington II, General President, Sons of the Revolution; Miss Kathryn D. Cook, Superintendent, Ft. McHenry National Monument; BG M. Hall Worthington, Star-Spangled Banner Flag House; and Mrs. George A. Hughes, Mt. Clare Mansion, NSCDA in Maryland.



Historian General Bruce B. Butler (left) was given a special certificate by PG Hillegass in recognition of his program to compile data about the military service of SARs. He reported that nearly 2,000 such records have been turned over to the Library at Headquarters for storage.

Presentations were made to the National Society. These ranged from books for the Library to contributions to various Funds.

The reports of the General Officers were submitted prior to the Congress and distributed to attendees. Pertinent remarks follow.

SG Hoffmann announced a tour to Germany in 1998 to recognize those who had served the cause of the Revolutionary War.

Registrar General Howard F. Horne stressed that State Society Annual Reports are due by April 1 of each year, and made an appeal that State Secretaries comply with that deadline.

Greetings were received from Former Presidents General attending the Congress.

The reports of Vice-Presidents General and Committee Chairmen were submitted prior to the Congress and distributed to attendees. Pertinent remarks follow.

Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, reported that the SAR will participate for the first time on a large scale in the Saratoga Battle Field celebration in September.

Jackson L. Grady, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee, introduced this year's top winner of the scholarship: David B. Turlington of North Carolina; the award was offered by FPG Arthur M. King. The youth was also presented a Life Membership in the National Eagle Scout Association by Compatriot Henry N. McCarl. A Duty to Country Award was presented to FPG King on behalf of Boy Scouts of America by Gen. Larry D. Welch, former Air Force Chief of Staff.

John Rackson, winner of the Knight Essay Contest, was presented his award (\*). The Congress was recessed until July 8.

### SECOND GENERAL SESSION - Tuesday, July 8, 1997

The Session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President General Reon G. Hillegass, Jr. The Invocation was given by CG Burns, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by SG Hoffmann.

The following proposals for Bylaws Amendments were presented by Charles W. Britton on behalf of Bylaws Committee Chairman Edward Overton Cailleateau:

**Proposal #1.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted to make the "housekeeping" Constitution and Bylaws changes as proposed, with the exception of the change in Article II, Part I of the Constitution, which was deleted.

**Proposal #2.** On motion made and seconded,

it was voted to amend Bylaw 18, Other Committees, Section 3(b) to read: "The Presidents of the 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 #3.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Bylaw 21, Fund Management, Sections (a) and (b) to read: "(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 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 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 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 donations to be added to principal may be invested temporarily in the same manner as Operating Funds."

**Proposal #5.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Bylaw 19, Fees and Dues, Section 7, by adding "Reinstatements received in accordance with the provisions hereof after October 31 shall be credited to the following year."

**Proposal #8.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted not to adopt the proposed change to Bylaw 5, Vice-Presidents General, by adding a new Section 3. Motion failed.

**Proposal #9.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Bylaw 21, Fund Management, Section (b) to read: "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, the National Society shall accept the total income 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 total deficiency has been met."

**Proposal #10.** On motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Bylaw 15, Professional Staff, Sections 2(b), (c) and adding a new subsection (e) to read: "(b) employ the necessary authorized staff for the Society and discharge same at his discretion after consultation with the President General. The payroll for the staff shall be included in the annual budget. The Executive Director shall make recommendations for the salaries of the staff to the President General and the Executive Committee. The Executive



When the Museum Board met at the time of the Congress, a handsome Minuteman statue was presented to the Museum by Arizona Society Trustee Frank C. O'Bannon (standing, left); the work is a gift from the noted sculptor, Arizona Compatriot James N. Muir. Observing were several Board members (from left): FPG Benjamin H. Morris, Harry L. Young, Jr., FPG Charles F. Printz, Chairman William H. Rodis, FPG William C. Gist and George S. Knight. Compatriot Knight passed away shortly after the Congress.

Committee shall approve all salaries; provided, however, that the individual salaries of staff shall not be published; (c) perform all administrative acts for the General Officers of the Society and such other functions, consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws, which may be delegated to him by the President General, the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, or by an Annual Congress; (e) produce for review by the President General all records which are requested by the President General."

FPG William C. Gist, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported selections of the Committee for General Officers for the year 1997-98: President General, Carl K. Hoffmann, FLSSAR; Secretary General, Thomas J. Bond, DCSSAR; Treasurer General, Howard F. Horne, Jr., DESSAR; Registrar General, Bruce B. Butler, LASSAR; Historian General, Larry D. McClanahan, TNSSAR; Chancellor General, McCarthy DeMere, TNSSAR; Surgeon General, Thomas W. Sale, VASSAR; Chaplain General, Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, ALSSAR; Genealogist General, Richard F. Locke, Jr., CASSAR; Librarian General, Lawrence L. Loker, MOSSAR.

Due to the death of Secretary General Nominee Bond in May, nominations were taken from the floor. FPG Gist nominated Russell D. Page for that position. A second name was placed in nomination for Chancellor General by Herrick H. Kesler, that of Duane T. Sargisson. On motion made and seconded, it was voted that all nominations be closed, that nominees not contested be elected by acclamation and the Secretary General be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot. Tellers were appointed and an election for Chancellor General was held that afternoon.

Budget Committee Chairman Edward S. Hoyt presented the revised budget for 1997-98 and the proposed budget for 1998-99. On motion made and seconded, it was voted to approve the 1997-98 revised budget of \$621,300. On motion made and seconded, it was voted to approve the 1998-99 proposed budget of \$690,200, based on the \$3 dues increase.

The Congress was recessed until July 9.

### THIRD GENERAL SESSION - Wednesday, July 9, 1997

The Session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The result of the ballot vote for Chancellor General was reported: Compatriot Sargisson was declared the winner.

Secretary General Hoffmann read the names of those who had been nominated for Vice-President General and State Society National Trustees and Alternate Trustees. It was voted to elect them by acclamation and the Secretary General by instructed to cast an unanimous ballot (**Those elected are reported elsewhere.**)

Resolutions Committee Chairman Robert von Pagenhardt presented Resolutions for consideration.

On motion by Treasurer General Russell D. Page and seconded, it was voted to approve the resolution to transfer the bank accounts from one administration to another.

Compatriot Sargisson clarified the issue pertaining to reinstatement fees after October 31, 1997. Reinstatement dues will be \$17 until January 1, 1998, at which time they will be \$20.

Edward S. Gray announced the results of those members of the Council of State Presidents elected to the Nominating Committee: Mark S. Schreiber, MDSSAR; Raymond N. Zimmerman, MDSSAR; Ronald L. Horton, SCSSAR; Stephen A. Arter, ESSAR; Alternates: R. Dale Gafford, NMSSAR, and M. Joseph Hill, ILSSAR.

There being no further business, the Congress was recessed.

### 1997-98 TRUSTEES MEETING - Wednesday, July 9, 1997

The newly elected President General and Mrs. Carl K. Hoffmann were presented to the Trustees. He complimented the Maryland Society Host Committee and Chairman Barrett L. McKown for their efforts in planning a most enjoyable Congress. She gave greetings.

It was announced that VPG Lester A. Foster will serve as Chairman of the newly elected Vice-Presidents General.

PG Hoffmann announced his appointments to the Executive Committee: FPG Reon G. Hillegass, Jr., VASSAR; John K. Carmichael, INSSAR; William N. Floyd, Jr., TXSSAR; Robert F. Jackson, CASSAR; and Bert E. Sells, OHSSAR.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

### FINAL SESSION - Wednesday, July 9, 1997

The Session was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Following the installation of officers and presentation of awards, the newly installed President General, Carl K. Hoffmann, concluded the Congress with appropriate remarks and declared the Congress adjourned.





## Maryland Lad Captures Knight Essay Contest Top Spot

Over 4,000 entries were received this past year in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest by Chapters and State Societies. When winners were declared by the 28 Societies participating in the competition, they were forwarded to the National Contest Committee for final judging.

Coming out on top was John Rackson, who was originally sponsored by the Maryland Society's Col. Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter; he was awarded \$2,000 during Recognition Night at the 107th Annual Congress in Baltimore. Second place went to Alyssa Dragnich sponsored by the Arkansas Society; she received \$1,000. The third spot was captured by Erin Heslep; sponsored by the Rockbridge Volunteers Chapter, VASSAR; she won \$500.

According to Col. Charles S. Wingate, Contest Chairman, almost 19,000 queries were fielded from students in every state,

United States territories and a number of foreign countries. Many of them reported learning about the competition from information posted on the Internet.

It is interesting to note that the contest was originally named in honor of Compatriot President Calvin Coolidge who won an SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst. The competition was re-established in 1988 by Tennessee Society Compatriot McCarthy DeMere. In 1995 it was renamed the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in recognition of their generous gift to the Society to support this worthy effort. The contest is designed to give high school students an opportunity to focus on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with one of the following important aspects of our nation's early heritage: (1) The American Revolution; (2) The Declaration of Independence; and (3) The Framing of the United States Constitution.

## NATHANAEL GREENE: FORGOTTEN GENERAL OF THE REVOLUTION

American General Nathanael Greene was one of the great military leaders of the American Revolution. He became famous for his campaigns in the Carolinas between 1780 and 1782, and his skill as a leader is considered to be second only to that of George Washington. Washington himself seemed to agree with this opinion, for he made it known that he wanted Greene to be his successor should anything happen to him in the war. Few people today, however, remember the essential role Greene played in winning the nation's independence. Greene's campaigns in the Carolinas were just the annoyance that the British needed to drive them north to Virginia and their ultimate doom at Yorktown.

Greene's background was unusual for a man so skilled in war. He was born in Potowomut, Rhode Island to a middle-class family that belonged to the notoriously anti-war Quaker religion. He would eventually be expelled by his church for his military interests, but his Quaker upbringing was reflected in his other beliefs throughout his life. His interest in war grew as the colonies found themselves increasingly in conflict with the British in the years before the war. In 1774, he organized the Kentish Guards, a militia which would provide many officers for the Continental Army. He became a major general in 1776, and commanded the army that occupied Boston.

Greene was a key strategist in the planning of Washington's campaigns in the North. He fought at Trenton, Brandywine, and Germantown, and was at Valley Forge with Washington. Bold, experienced, and blessed with a natural talent for the military, Greene became a great general while fighting in the North. These traits would be even more useful when Greene was assigned to fight the British in the South in 1780.



Recognition Night at the Annual Congress was the setting for recognizing this year's winner of the Essay Contest, John Rackson (left). He was congratulated by George S. Knight, while Contest Chairman Charles S. Wingate observed.

## George S. Knight Called To Rest

We are saddened to report that George S. Knight, after whom the Essay Contest is named, was called to eternal rest shortly after his return home from the 107th Annual Congress. A highlight of his attendance in Baltimore was congratulating this year's winner of the competition, as shown in the accompanying photo.

A few years ago Virginia Society Compatriot Knight contributed \$100,000 to guarantee funding of the contest in the future.

The account on this page is dedicated to his memory. He will be missed.

where Washington and the French forces would apply the final blows at Yorktown to end the war. In the meantime, Greene went south, where he pushed the British back into Charleston and Savannah.

At the height of his fame during the Revolution, Nathanael Greene was a household word in the colonies. Today, few people remember him or recognize his important role in the war. He is still considered, however, to be one of the greatest American leaders of the war, and his military skill may have very well made the difference between victory and defeat in the American Revolution.



NSSAR membership June 1, 1997: 25,559. Numbers below equal total new members since last issue of the magazine. Patriot ancestors identified by name and birthplace.

### ALABAMA SOCIETY (13)

Charles Ollie Bell, 148006; James Bell Randall Claude Day, 148296; Joseph Watford, NC William Arthur Heustess, 147928; Robert Allen, SC Calvin Ellington James, Jr., 148005; Jeffery Robertson, VA Forrest Hood James, Jr., 148004; Jeffery Robertson, VA George Ponds Kobler, 147931; Andrew Baskin, SC Wiley Gattis Milam, 148003; John Milam, Jr., VA Royal Leigh Pegues, 148002; Claudius Pegues, Jr., SC Richard Allen Smallwood, Sr., 148297; George Crowder David Norris Smith, 147929; John Julian, VA Edmond Ray Van Orden, 148132; Peter Van Orden, NY Raymond O.D. Whitt, Jr., 147930; John Milam, Jr., VA Edson Allen Worden, 148131; Eliphalet Killam, CT

### ALASKA SOCIETY (2)

John Chris Barnett, 148133; Samuel Van Hook, NJ Carl Marshall Hild, 148211; Francis Krick, PA

### ARIZONA SOCIETY (9)

Earl Edwin Atwood, Jr., 148100; Daniel Angell, RI Maurice Palmer Avery, Jr., 148099; Noah Langdon, CT Herbert Edwin Davis, 148208; Jonathan Yerkes, PA Richard Henry Proper, 148135; William Power, PA Thron Riggs, 148081; Heman Adams, MA James Robert Snyder, 147909; Phillip Nellis, NY Ivan O. Toler, 148080; Walter Poole, VA James Wadsworth Trowbridge, 148079; George Greiner, PA Matthew Robert Turner, 148209; Rudolph Mock, Jr., VA

### ARKANSAS SOCIETY (5)

Channell W. Albright, 148355; Joseph Marquis, Jr., SC Wilfred Fred Abner Carle, 147892; John Bright, NC David Neale Miles III, 148210; Edward Williams, PA Lane Bradley Oliver, 148298; William Cathey, Sr., NC Winthrop Paul Rocketteller, 148134; Miles Avery, CT

### CALIFORNIA SOCIETY (40)

James Davidson Adam, 148212; William Floyd, NY Douglass Graem Adams, 148043; George Blackman, Sr., MA John David Beach, 148138; Gilbert Weed, CT Charles Lewis Beal, 148082; Jonathan Beale, Sr., ME Arthur Neil Binford, Jr., 148140; Peter Binford, VA Michael James Blanchet, 148045; Richard James Rapier, MD John William Bolch, Jr., 148356; (John) Casper Bolich, PA James Layman Brown, 148215; Christian Shockey, PA Frank Edward Chidester, 148290; Peter Bugh, GR Terry Dean Davison, 148102; Amos Woodin, Sr., NY Michael Scott Emmett, 148217; Adam Imbody, PA Albert Richard Eurs II, 147893; Jacobus Snedeker, NJ Frank Donald Ferretti, 148291; Isaac Brooks, NC Robert Maurice Gagnon, 148121; Joseph Langlois Traversy Victor Charles Gearhart, 148141; Sebastian Seybert Robert Karl Geiger, 148048; David Lockwood, NY William Antonino Gonzales, 148292; Donato Bello Glenn Leo George Humphrey, 147947; Daniel Humphrey, CT John Richardson Jones, 148293; Lemuel Rucker, VA Walstine Grafton Jones, 148216; Edward Mobberty, VA George Edward Key, 147964; John Ross Key, MD Otto Keenan Knorr, 148101; Absalom Case, MD John Wesley Lasher, 148219; Johann George Peiffer, PA Steven Walter Lech, 148218; Zachariah Nance, VA Larry John Magerkurth, 147965; Benjamin Clement, VA Michael James Malak, 147950; George Buchanan, PA Patrick Vincent Malak, 148213; George Buchanan, PA

Roger Gregg McCall, 148137; Samuel McCall, MD Brian Mason McCord, 147948; James Walworth, CT J. Laird Morgan, 148044; Jedediah Hill, CT Curtis Michael Porter, 147910; Simeon Walker, CT David Ray Pratt, 148220; David Pratt, MA Everett Wendell Ranck, 148139; Samuel Ranck, PA Hugh Larmon Richards, Jr., 148214; Christian Streit, NJ Herbert Eugene Robinson, 147911; Nathaniel Robinson, MA Matthew Thomas Shaw, 147949; Ignatius Flowers, MD Gregory Willard Simpson, 148047; Elliott Lee, SC Cameron Stark Lawrence Stewart, 148136; James Piper, IR Daniel Carl Thomas, 148046; Peter Knedler, PA Russell Ernest Thompson, 147963; Eleazer Carter, CT

### COLORADO SOCIETY (8)

James Louis Bahrenburg, 148299; Matthew McClurkin, IR Carey Neal Hicks, 148144; Thomas Shannon, Sr. Wayne Pollard Hufford, 148300; Thaddeus Pollard, MA Alan Dale Hutchinson, 148007; Joshua Reeves, NJ Brian LaVerne Kronvall, 148143; Rufus Thompson, MA John Holland Medearis, Jr., 148142; John Medearis, VA Richard Harvey Phillips, Jr., 148221; Thomas Bullard, NC Rodney Waldean Smith, 148222; John Lewis, VA

### CONNECTICUT SOCIETY (11)

Theodore Stuart Abeling, 148103; Samuel Elmore, CT Gerald Raymond Alena, Jr., 147967; Joel Rivers, EN Todd Joseph Alena, 147968; Joel Rivers, EN Frederic Thomson Barker, 148104; Joseph Eggleston, CT George James Cronk, 148223; Thomas S. Seymour, CT Martin Haines Irons, 147982; Daniel Denison, George Lowther IV, 147894; Bartholomew French, MA Calvin Hale McCall, 147969; Israel James, MA William Dewitt Romig, 147966; John Frederick Romig, Jr., PA Stephen Michael Russo, 148224; William Reifsnnyder, PA Robert Leslie Weaver, 148008; David Lyon, CT

### DELAWARE SOCIETY (11)

David Phillip Bailey, 148226; Henry Huls, Sr., EN Michael Adam Bailey, 148227; Henry Huls, Sr., PA Daniel Thomas Brown, 148054; Andrew Barratt, MD John Barrett Brown, Jr., 148053; Andrew Barratt, MD John Charles Brown, 148052; Andrew Barratt, MD John Barrett Brown, 147951; Andrew Barratt, MD Kenneth Phillips Brown, 148050; Andrew Barratt, MD Kenneth Paul Brown, 148051; Andrew Barratt, MD John Denny Compton, 148083; David Gwin, VA Jonathon Jeffrey Constantine, 148228; Jeremiah Sherrill, NY Ira Gilbert White, 148225; Pierre Querrie, CN

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY (2)

William Travis Ireland, 148049; James Bidlack, Sr., CT Thomas Wyatt Taylor, 148294; William Wyatt, Jr., VA

### FLORIDA SOCIETY (24)

Robert James Barnes, 148108; Jesse Law, VA Harold Raymond Denegar, 148085; George Denegar, NY Earl Neal Eaton, 148301; James Steel, IR David Allen Ellnor, 148086; Zoath Spooner, MA James Mott French, Jr., 148105; William Peters, CT Harry Orrin Hendry, 148302; Robert Hendry, ST Darrell Cannon Henson, 148055; John Middlebrook, NC Harry Francis Hollien, 148303; Levi Cooke, MA David Niel Jellison, 148145; Joseph Jellison, Sr., ME Carleton Wilson Jones, 148304; Thomas Wilks, Sr., VA

William Alfred Laney, Jr., 148305; James McMullen, Sr., ST Gerald Eldridge Meeks, 148106; Howell Lewis, VA Paul Steven Murauskas, 148084; Elisha Owen, VA Frank Steven Nadolny, 148306; David Daniels, CT David Lloyd Nagy, 148087; Francis Whitmire, GR James Dallas Owens, 148307; James Baskin, PA Winfrey Stuart Ramsey, Jr., 148107; Thomas C. Graves, VA Andrew Vance Showen, 148308; Selathiel Goff, GR James Eugene Swan, 148309; Elisha Comstock, CT John Henry Tanges, Jr., 148310; Robert McClure, VA Robin David Tyler, 148311; Benjamin Rexford, Sr., CT Charles Arthur Wilkeson, 148312; George Arnold, MD Donald Ryder Witter, Jr., 148313; Delano Pierce, CT Robert Lyle Zeh, 148314; William Quinby, NH

### GEORGIA SOCIETY (32)

John Lee Anderson III, 147895; Isaac Smith, VA Charles Kelly Barrow, 148229; Moses Barrow, NC James Marshall Beck, 148112; William Morris, Sr., VA Thomas Franklin Beck, 148111; William Morris, Sr., VA George Albert Gaines, Jr., 148315; Moses Mathews, Sr., VA Earl James Hanners, Jr., 148109; Jasper Edwards, CT Robert Olin Hanners, 148110; Jasper Edwards, CT Bill Stone Hargrove, 147935; James Daniel, VA David Leroy Hargrove, 147934; James Daniel, VA Fred Tinsley Hargrove, 147933; James Daniel, VA Henry Blount Hargrove, 147936; James Daniel, VA William Clifford Hargrove III, 147932; James Daniel, VA Donovan Deronda Jones, 148088; Etheldred Jones, NC Adam Shane Kissel, 148318; Joel Isbell, CT Gerald Duane Kissel, 148026; Joel Isbell, CT Andrew John Martin, 148030; Nimrod Taylor, VA David William Martin, 148029; Nimrod Taylor, VA Daniel Carl Martin, 148031; Nimrod Taylor, VA Jack McConnell Martin, 148130; Nimrod Taylor, VA Lawrence Walter Maurer, Jr., 148128; Henry Dierdorff, PA Stephen Joseph Maurer, 148129; Henry Dierdorff, PA Randolph Harris Moulton, 147896; James Innes, VA Claude Clayton Music, 148009; Richard Wells, Jr., PA Jason Landon Music, 148010; Richard Wells, Jr., PA Weldon Keith Palmour, Jr., 148230; William Reid, Jr., NC Joseph Marion Porter, 148231; Joseph Porter, VA David Louis Sinclair, 148146; Bartholomew Girtman, SC William Leon Slaughter, Jr., 148027; Andrew Nelson, PA Alfred Kyle Stansberry, 148028; Insee Anderson Thomas Edgar Sterrett, 147952; James Sterrett, Sr., PA William Charles Stiefel, Jr., 148316; Hardin Perkins, VA Christopher Michael Williamson, 148317; George Getman, Sr., NY

### IDAHO SOCIETY (4)

Jeffrey Lynn Bagley, 147983; William Boyd, NC Robert Clair Carter, 148148; Philip Brookhart, PA Joseph Val Keyser, 148232; George Keyser, NH Jeffrey Erving Thayer, 148147; Richard Thayer, MA

### ILLINOIS SOCIETY (12)

John Allison Darrow, 148233; Jedediah Darrow, CT Edwin Orville Decker, 148149; Jan (John) Decker, NY Edward Dale Donahoo, 148113; James Donahoo, MD Jerome Crowder Groniger, 148234; John Reichelderfer, PA John Oliver Hallock, Sr., 148235; Martin Bowers, PA Stanley Lewis, 148319; Alexander McPherson, PA Samuel Arthur Phelps III, 147970; George Hardy, MD Thomas Maskell Phelps, 148236; George Hardy, MD Eugene Lyman Simpson, 147939; Phillip Summers, GR Richard Anthony Strawn, 147914; Jacob Strawn, PA Tracy Gregg Talley, 147984; Thomas Hayth, VA Andrew Robert Zaruba, 147913; John Whiteside, VA

### INDIANA SOCIETY (8)

Jeffrey Daniel Bragg, 148152; Martin Wenger, SW John William Bragg, 148151; Martin Wenger, SW Richard Curtis Bragg, 148150; Martin Wenger, SW Robert Wilson Brown, 148320; Greenberry Wilson, NC Gary Alan Erwin, 148153; Nicholas Rhodes Daniel Fredric Lynch, 147971; Abda DeWolf, CT Raymond Richard McDonnell, 148119; James Morrison, Sr., MA John Alan Williams, Jr., 148237; Joseph Hatfield, VA

### IOWA SOCIETY (4)

Jackie Lynn Gano, 147937; Jacob Gano, DE Jeffrey Stephen Gano, 147938; Jacob Gano, DE Bradley Dean Lorensen, 147912; William Burnet, MA Bruce Anthony Norris, 148295; David Norris, NH

### KANSAS SOCIETY (4)

Patrick Daniel Bolen, 147897; Abraham Mosier, PA Ben Noland Boydston, 148321; William Boydston, MD



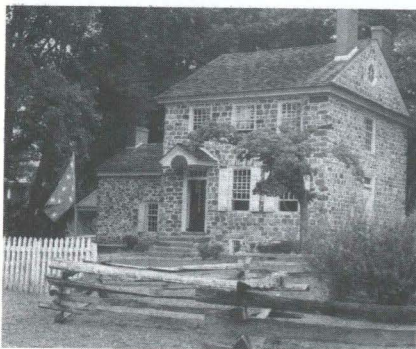


## Valley Forge Tour Guide Available

A new five-county Revolutionary War Driving Tour is now available from the Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau, 600 West Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 (Phone 800/441-3549).

Beginning with the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777, the tour traces the Continental Army's movements through the Paoli Massacre, the Battle of Germantown, Whitemarsh Encampment and Battle of Old Gulph Road to Valley Forge. It has been developed to commemorate the 220th anniversary of those events.

The three-day driving tour brochure includes an historic summary of events, along with directions to 11 sites in Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Berks Counties and Philadelphia. Two other new



A must to see while visiting Valley Forge National Historical Park is this building where General George Washington maintained his headquarters during the Winter of 1777-78. The Park features a multitude of sites to visit, including the parade ground where General Frederick Von Steuben turned the Patriots into a disciplined fighting force. Also to be seen are the headquarters of other officers ranging from that of Lafayette to Knox's.

publications are also available from the Bureau: a *Guide to Dining and Nightlife*, listing many historic taverns in the area; and a *Valley Forge Area Brochure and Map*, listing more than 150 attractions, including shopping, parks, gardens and museums.

The focal point of interest is the 3,600-acre Valley Forge National Historical Park, site of the famed 1777-78 winter encampment of General George Washington and his Continental Army. To gain the full impact of the events that took place, stop at the Visitors Center at the junction of Rt. 23 and N. Gulph Rd. It is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm and features exhibits, artifacts and a 15-minute film. A self-guided or scheduled tour takes visitors to many historic sites, including Washington's Headquarters, the Memorial Arch, soldier huts and earthen fortifications.



## When You Are Traveling

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### 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 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 in the Sun City area; February, May, September and December. Call (602) 977-3596 or (602) 933-3738 for information.

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

### CALIFORNIA

**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.

### 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

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

except June, July and August. For reservations and location, call Jerry Tillman 561/362-7230.

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

**Charlotte Chapter.** Meets at Victoria Estates 2400 Rampart Blvd., Punta Gorda. (941) 743-5579. Lunch 12 noon 2nd Thurs. Sept-May. SARs/Ladies.

**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,** 12:00 Noon, 3rd Monday meets every, Month, Holiday Inn West. Info call (352) 373-7300 or (352) 377-4164.

**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.

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**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.

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### 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 Chapter,** 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 Saturday monthly except

Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec at the Lenoir Community Center, 1 Hourigan Drive. Phone 573/443-1392 for information.

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### 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.

## SARs Help Celebrate Where Flag Observance Began

On Sunday, June 8 several Compatriots of the Wisconsin and Illinois Societies gathered in the tiny Village of Waubeka, Wisconsin to commemorate where the event that led to the establishment of Flag Day (officially designated as June 14) took place. The community has fielded a parade and patriotic activities to mark the date since 1946.

It all began back on June 14, 1885 when Bernard Cigrand - a 19-year-old teacher at the one-room Stony Hill School in Waubeka - challenged his students



Here are views of the original Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin where Bernard Cigrand had his students write essays about the United States Flag.



to write essays about the history and significance of the United States Flag. A 10-inch, 38-star banner placed in a bottle on his desk served as their inspiration.

His observance commemorated Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the Flag of the United States on June 14, 1777. Cigrand's project launched long years of fervent efforts to bring about national recognition of what he referred to as "Flag-Birth-Day." His dedication to this goal - and that of many others - paid off when he was 50 years old: President Wilson signed a Proclamation in 1916 calling for a nationwide celebration of Flag Day. While the day was marked in various communities for years after Wilson's Proclamation, it was not until 1949 that

President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

This year's celebration in Waubeka included a patriotic program at Stony Hill school and tours of the National Flag Foundation Museum and Americanism Center located in a former school. The parade drew 110 units from a wide variety of organizations, ranging from veterans groups and the Boy Scouts to fire departments from surrounding communities. The SAR provided a Color Guard preceded by C.A.R.s carrying a banner. By special invitation, this was the first time that SARs had ever participated. The Wisconsin delegation was headed by State President Bruce Walters.



During the parade, members of the C.A.R. carried an identifying banner in front of the Color Guard consisting of Compatriots from the Illinois and Wisconsin Societies (from left): Al Carlson and John Dyrud (ILSSAR) and Dave Dean and Richard Eager (WISSAR). The C.A.R.s belong to Compatriot Carlson.

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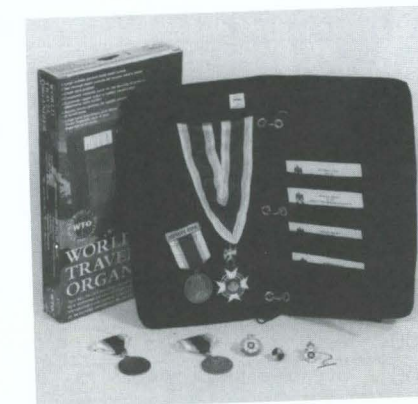
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