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**The
President General's
Message**

My Compatriots:

It is a great honor to have been elected President General of the National Society at the 109th Annual Congress held in San Diego, California. Having the Seal Ring of the Father of our Country, George Washington, placed on my finger by Former President General Russell D. Page was an experience I shall never forget.

I am happy to report SAR is alive and well. Our Society attracts about 2,000 new members each year. However, due to death and nonpayment of dues, we lose about the same number annually. National Society membership continues to total about 25,500. This is about the same total we have had in each of the last several years at the time of the Annual Congress. We have neither gained nor lost in total members. The area requiring the greatest amount of work is retention of members. If we are to grow as a Society this problem of membership retention must be solved. This is not to say we can neglect attracting new members. We should not and cannot!

SAR has many fine programs in place. Our Youth Programs, in particular, are important because they reinforce the ideals of our Society to the youth of our country. Plans are underway to include recognition of the C.A.R. Program in next year's Youth Awards Program. Color Guard contingents add a great deal of color and pride at our meetings. We encourage more Societies to adopt a Color Guard Program so that one day we will have many, many Color Guardsmen at our functions. Further, we plan a "seminar" for incoming State Society and Chapter Presidents at the Spring Trustees Meeting. We hope this will foster improved communications between State Societies and the National Society. Also, I urge you to support the George Washington Endowment



Mrs. Howard F. Horne held a family Bible during the installation ceremony that saw her husband sworn in as the new President General. Administering the oath of office was Chancellor General B. Rice Aston, who was elected for a second term.



A traditional highlight of each Annual Congress takes place when the outgoing President General – in this case, Russell D. Page – slips George Washington's Seal Ring onto a finger of the new PG – Howard F. Horne. This artifact is the Society's most valuable possession.

Fund. It is the sole source of funds for National Society unfunded and underfunded Committees. There are approximately 65 National Committees. They form the "working structure" of the National Society. Most of these Committees rely on the George Washington Fund for revenue to carry out their programs.

A challenging year lies ahead. I pledge your officers and I will work for the good of the Society throughout the next year. I welcome the opportunity to serve and consider it a privilege to do so. Thank you for the trust and honor you have bestowed upon me.

I look forward to visiting with many of you during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Howard F. Horne
President General

THE COVER PHOTO shows President General and Mrs. Howard F. Horne posing at National Headquarters. The painting behind depicts Mercy Otis Warren, often identified as "First Lady of the Revolution". Best known for the publication of her three-volume "History of the Rise, Progress and Termination of the Revolution", she was a confidant of John Adams.

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A first for an Annual Congress was a Revolutionary War encampment featuring a large number of State Society Color Guardsmen on the grounds of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Included was a recreated camp site and a display of interesting artifacts. As shown here participants assembled for a review by President General Russell D. Page, shown being escorted at the right by David J. Gray, Commander of the National Society Color Guard.



Congress Conducts Range of Business

When the gavel was lowered to close the 109th Annual Congress, the nearly 490 Compatriot and guest attendees – including 268 official delegates – looked back over several days of business and pleasure activities and concluded that a great deal had been accomplished. Highlights are reported in this news story and others throughout the magazine. Also featured are an up-to-date Directory of 1999-2000 National, State Society and Chapter Officers, as well as a listing of appointments to National Committees.

The Congress spanned from Saturday, July 3rd through Wednesday evening, July

7th. Virtually every program was held at the cavernous Hyatt Regency Hotel overlooking the breathtaking harbor at San Diego, California. Presiding was President General Russell D. Page.

New Officers Elected

One of the most important items of business was the selection of General Officers for the 1999-2000 year, as follows: President General, Howard F. Horne, Jr., Ph.D., DESSAR; Secretary General, Bruce B. Butler, D.D.S., LASSAR; Treasurer General, Larry D. McClanahan, TNSSAR; Registrar General, Lawrence L. Loker,

MOSSAR; Historian General, Richard E. Friberg, FLSSAR; Chancellor General, B. Rice Aston, TXSSAR; Surgeon General, John D. Jackson, Jr., M.D., LASSAR; Chaplain General, Rev. W. Ramsey Richardson, VASSAR; Genealogist General, Charles T. Galbraith, F.A.C.G., ESSAR; and Librarian General, Bruce A. Wilcox, VASSAR. The offices of Historian General and Librarian General were contested, thus requiring elections by secret ballot.

Upon being elected, PG Horne named these Compatriots to the Executive Committee: Robert E. Burt, KSSAR; Robert F. Galer, GASSAR; David J. Gray,



LEFT: To mark the Fourth of July, a bell was rung 13 times (for the original Colonies) as part of the encampment program. Performing the task was San Diego Chapter Compatriot Harold Morrell, while President General Russell D. Page addressed onlookers. To his left was Donald N. Moran, who serves as Vice Commander of the National Society Color Guard. **RIGHT:** Later that day the traditional Memorial Service was held in a local church. Remembered were SARs who had been called to eternal rest during the previous year. Over 450 Compatriots and guests attended the solemn program.



Presiding over the Congress was President General Russell D. Page.

MASSAR; Richard F. Locke, Jr., CASSAR and Former President General Russell D. Page, ILSSAR.

Expansion of Headquarters Approved

For some time National Society leaders have stressed the need for generating more space in Louisville to properly house the Headquarters Staff, Museum, Library and the Merchandise Department. Each of these activities have greatly expanded since the present building was acquired over 20 years ago (when the move was made from the Washington, DC area).



LEFT: Mrs. Charles Kemper, Honorary President General, brought hearty greetings from the Daughters of the American Revolution. **CENTER:** Senior National President of the Children of the American Revolution, Mrs. Douglas Haney, was pleased to accept a monetary

estate has been placed in the Society's Permanent Fund; \$85,000 of this sum was earmarked to repay the 1997 loan used to purchase the Fifth Street property.

Fiscal Year Changed

A key proposal was offered by the Executive Committee: To change the Society's Fiscal Year to encompass a calendar year – as contrasted to the current FY that runs from April 1 through the following March 31. A motion to this effect made by Treasurer General Larry D. McClanahan was seconded, discussed and approved. He stated that guidelines will be forthcoming relative to dues and reports.

Bylaws Changes Considered

Reporting on behalf of Bylaws Committee Chairman Edward Overton Cailleteau, Charles W Britton offered several Bylaws changes, all of which were approved:

- Amend Bylaw 5 to change the titles of two of the Vice-Presidents General: "Foreign District-Europe" to "European District"; and "Foreign District-Western Hemisphere" to "Western Hemisphere District."
- Amend Bylaw 18, Section 1 to remove the word "Comptroller."
- Amend Bylaw 18 to add an "Ethics Committee."



gift to her organization from the NSSAR. **RIGHT:** California Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, a former POW in Vietnam, urged attendees to contact their Senators in support of the Flag Amendment to the Constitution. He was warmly applauded.



Secretary General Howard F. Horne reported for the Executive Committee.

- Amend Bylaw 21, Section 2(b) to read as follows: **Permanent Funds** – A minimum of **fifty percent (50%)** of the principal of the Funds, shall be invested in obligations of the U.S. Government or agencies of the U.S. Government by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, or in mutual funds that are invested exclusively in obligations of the U.S. Government or agencies of the U.S. Government. Up to **fifty percent (50%)** 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



A proposal that had been approved by the National Trustees at their March 6th meeting to construct a new building across Fifth Street was brought before the delegates for ratification. It called for utilizing a site already owned by the Society. The proposal was approved, subject to the submission of final plans for an OK at the Fall 1999 Trustees Meeting.

The new facility will be designed to provide offices for the staff and more area for merchandise operations, thus facilitating expansion of the Museum and Library.

The delegates also approved an allocation toward implementing the project of slightly over \$300,000 that had been received earlier this year from the estate of Illinois Society Compatriot Robert S. Friend. An additional \$1 million from the



Larry D. McClanahan reported both as Treasurer General and Chairman of the Headquarters Committee. He discussed the proposal to expand facilities in Louisville by constructing a new building across Fifth Street.

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.

- Amend Bylaw 19 by adding a new Section 2 to read as follows: The fee for Family applications shall be \$35.00 for the first application and \$17.50 for each additional application provided that each additional application shall be on the same genealogical line or shall be connected by relationships not to exceed two linkages removed from the first applicant's line, proof of which shall be by primary documentation only. Family applications shall be submitted at the same time and on the same Transmittal Form.

Resolutions Adopted

Charles W. Britton, reporting on behalf



Georgia Society Compatriot Robert F. Galer (left) was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing his ardent efforts in organizing commemorations of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Georgia. Doing the honors were Paul M. Frantz (right), Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, and PG Page.

of Resolutions Committee Chairman H. Grady Collier, Jr., offered a variety of Resolutions for consideration. All were adopted, as follows:

- Support for the Washington Bicentennial Tribute Committee. Expresses support for this special committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution which pays tribute to George Washington.
- Support for efforts by the Connecticut Society to preserve sites of the American Revolution in that state, including



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campsites, Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's War Office, and the birthplace of Samuel Huntington.

- Retain Washington's Birthday Observance. Calls for the defeat of Senate Bill 429 that proposes to replace Washington's Birthday with Presidents Day to recognize the contributions of all Presidents and specifically mentioning George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

- United States Interests in Panama. Calls for a Congressional investigation into the potential threat to our nation's interests should operation of the Panama Canal



A popular place to visit was this sales area for NSSAR merchandise offered for purchase. Responsible for this operation was Merchandise Manager Michael Scroggins (rear, left).

reportedly be performed by a company incorporated in Hong Kong, which is now part of the People's Republic of China.

Other News of General Interest

The First Annual Youth Awards Luncheon was staged on Monday, July 5th, as reported in a special story elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. Honored were first place winners of the National Society's four contests for high school students: Eagle Scout Scholarship, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration and Outstanding JROTC Cadet.



North Carolina Society Compatriot Thomas N. Clark was pleased to be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chairman Paul M. Frantz (at lectern) and PG Page. He was thanked for furthering commemorations at the locale of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.



Empire State Society President Dennis F. Marr (left) received a Certificate of Appreciation from PG Page and Librarian General Larry Loker. Compatriot Marr was thanked for the part he played in obtaining a gift of \$15,000 from the Lawrence I. and Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund to purchase all needed New York State Federal census microfilm through 1920 for the Library in Louisville; he a member of the Fund's Board and Grants Committee.

Delegates voted that the National Society contribute \$5,000 toward construction of the proposed World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. This project is detailed elsewhere in this issue. Compatriots who served in the conflict were asked to stand and be recognized. A large number of delegates proudly did just that.

Treasurer General Larry D. McClanahan revealed that a Charitable Remainder Trust established by Mrs. Stannard Butler names the National Society as the beneficiary of \$100,000. She is the mother of Secretary General Bruce B. Butler.



Staff Genealogist Susan Acree and Past Genealogist General Richard F. Locke held an enlightening workshop designed to answer research questions.

In his report, Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Edward S. Gray emphasized that the SAR logo is copyrighted and may not be used without permission of both the Medals and Awards and the Executive Committees.

Robert F. Galer, Chairman of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee, stated that an updated *Graves Register* CD is in work. It will feature over 100,000 entries, including those that were included in the first CD.

Winners Of Youth Contests Saluted At Congress

The winners of all four National Society competitions designed for our nation's senior high school students were on hand to be honored and receive monetary and other prizes at the first Youth Awards Luncheon held on Monday, July 5th. The festive program followed the Opening Session of the 109th Annual Congress underway at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Diego, California.

Since the National Society has been cooperating with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington throughout this year, the Association announced earlier that they would award special gifts to those winners who selected the Patriot as the subject of their writings. These were presented by Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee.

Oration Contest

Capturing first place in the **Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest** was Erik W. Jorgensen, a student at Redlands (California) High School. He had competed in the run-off held on Sunday with 12 others that were fielded by various State Societies. His prize was \$3,000. Additionally, he was given a book by the Ladies' Association titled "The Maxims of George Washington" and a framed portrait of Washington.

Eagle Scout Scholarship

The winner of the **Arthur & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award** was Eagle Scout Clayton T. Gaddis of



This huge American Flag formed a unique backdrop for the Youth Awards Luncheon. Posing here were Compatriots participating in the event and the winners of each of the four National Society contests for high school students (from left): President General Russell D. Page; John C. 'Jack' Haughton, JROTC Chairman; Cadet 2nd Lt. Anthony B. Aguilar, JROTC winner; Robert E. Burt, Eagle Scout Co-Chairman; Clayton T. Gaddis, Scout winner; Courtney Powell, Essay winner; Gareth H. Bond, Essay Co-Chairman; Erik W. Jorgensen, Oration winner; John A. 'Jack' Horner, Oration Chairman; Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, who presented winners with gifts from the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association; and Herrick H. 'Kes' Kesler, who served as Master of Ceremonies.

Tulsa, Oklahoma. The theme he prepared as part of his application for the award discussed Washington's decision to design a Purple Heart for presentation to deserving soldiers. The first recipient of this honor was an ancestor of Gaddis! The National Society presented him with a scholarship check for \$5,000, while he received "Maxims" from the Association.

Essay Contest

Courtney Powell, originally sponsored by the Rockbridge Volunteers Chapter of the Virginia Society, walked off with first place out of 51 finalists in the **George**

S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. She was offered a prize of \$4,500, including \$2,500 donated by CACI Inc. of Arlington, Virginia. The Ladies' Association awarded her a framed portrait of George Washington, a copy of "Maxims" and an all-expense paid overnight visit to Mount Vernon. CSI Screen Printing Inc. of Fairfax, Virginia underwrote 50% of the cost for providing each national finalist a unique T-shirt featuring a picture of Mount Vernon and bearing the inscription "I was a finalist in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Knight Essay Contest." Miss Powell's essay was titled "George Washington: A Statesman in the Midst of Turmoil."

Outstanding JROTC Cadet

Initially sponsored by the Texas Society's San Antonio Chapter and a member of the Army JROTC Unit at Robert E. Lee High School, Cadet 2nd Lt. Anthony B. Aguilar was recognized at the luncheon as the **Outstanding JROTC Cadet** for 1999. In addition to a prize of \$1,000, he was awarded a "Maxims" volume. Prior to the Congress, the lad had been nominated to attend both the U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy.

Committee Chairmen Saluted

During the Awards Luncheon, Compatriots heading Committees responsible for the contests were recognized and thanked for their efforts: **Oration**, Chairman John C. 'Jack' Horner, OHSSAR; **Eagle Scout**, Co-Chairmen Robert E. Burt, KSSAR and Jackson L. Grady, TNSSAR; **Essay**, Co-Chairmen Gareth H. Bond, VASSAR and Charles S. Wingate, FLSSAR; and **JROTC**, Chairman John C. 'Jack' Haughton, TXSSAR.

Future issues of the magazine will carry added news about the contests as well as copies of the winning themes.



These 13 young men and women competed in the Oration Contest run-off at the Congress in San Diego. Guiding the event was Contest Committee Chairman John A. 'Jack' Horner (standing, fourth from left). Next to him were (from left): Scott S. Eckert, MN, 3rd Place Winner for a prize of \$1,000 and a bronze medallion; Erik W. Jorgensen, CA, 1st Place with a prize of \$3,000 and a gold medallion; Anthonelli White, Jr., KY, 2nd Place for a prize of \$2,000 and a silver medallion; Clayton T. Callen, IN; Samuel B. Laing III, NC; Jeffrey C. Wuenschel, Jr., OH; and Kirkland D. Patton, FL. Seated, from left: Lynette D. Green, DC; Melody L. Mathews, VA, Lauren A. Craft, AL; Julie M. Quackenbush, KS; Christine H. Baugh, MD; and Cameron W. Siewert, TX. The topics of their orations ranged from George Washington and Ben Franklin to the sweep of the Revolutionary War. For several years the medallions have been contributed by Former President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill.

Scores Of Societies, Chapters, SARs Capture Awards At Annual Congress

Attendees at SAR Annual Congresses have traditionally gathered on Recognition Night to witness the distribution of a variety of coveted awards. That event during the 109th Congress staged at San Diego in early July was no exception as scores of State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots were recognized for accomplishments over the previous year. These ranged from those men who won the prestigious Minuteman Medal – as reported elsewhere in a separate news story – to the Societies that were saluted for membership gains.

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 newsletter): Single sheet, *The Long Rifleman, Louisville-Thruston Chapter, KYSSAR*; Honorable Mention, *Western Reserve Circular, Western Reserve Society, OHSSAR.* Multiple Sheet: *Liberty Tree and Valley Compatriot, Sons of Liberty Chapter, CASSAR*; Honorable Mention, *The Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR.*

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, \$250 cash award*; Honorable Mention, *Florida Society, \$100.*

The Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award (to the State Society of 500 or more members with the best news publication with fewer than 10 pages): *Massachusetts Society, \$250 cash award*; Honorable Mention, *New Jersey Society, \$100.*

The Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award (to the State C.A.R. Society and local C.A.R. Society which have been judged to have the best newsletter by the guidelines set up by the N.S.C.A.R.): *Florida Society, Three Forks of the Trinity Society, TX, and Washington Elm Society, NJ.*

The Jennings H. Flathers Award (to the State Society of 500 or fewer members with the best news publication): *Mississippi Society, \$250 cash award*; Honorable Mention, *Massachusetts Society, \$100.*

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

The Edwin B. Grahame Plaque (to the State Society sponsoring the first place winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest): *California Society.*



Walking off with the Stewart Boone McCarty Award was Roland G. Downing (left) of the Delaware Society for his efforts as Co-Chairman of the Task Force to Preserve United States History. Doing the honors was the President General.

The George E. Tarbox, Jr. Award (to the State Society, exclusive of the host State Society, having the highest percentage of eligible delegates at the Annual Congress): *Washington Society.*

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

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

The Ohio Award (to the State Society which enrolled the highest percentage of new members under 30 years of age): *Minnesota Society.*

The Len Young Smith Award (to the State Society which enrolled the highest number of new members under 40 years of age): *Minnesota Society.*

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

The Robert L. Sonfield Award (to the State Society with the largest numerical



Edgar E. Grover (in uniform) was named the Outstanding Color Guardsman for 1998-99 and was presented the Gold Color Guard Medal. A member of the Missouri Society, he was also given a Certificate by President General Russell D. Page.

increase of members at the end of the membership year): *Georgia Society.*

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

The SAR Magazine Award (to the State Society which was the most cooperative in supplying usable magazine material): *California Society.*

The Harold L. Putnam Award (to the State Society or Chapter Chairman



North Carolina Compatriot Thomas N. Clark (left) won a Florence Kendall Award for recruiting 29 new members. Recognizing him was President General Page.

responsible for the winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest): *California Society.*

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

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

The Syracuse Award (to the State Society with the most new Chapters): *Texas Society.*

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

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

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

The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award & Steamers (to the State Societies which have fulfilled the qualifica-



Accepting a variety of awards on behalf of the Utah Society was Eric D. Richhart (right) from PG Page.

tions during the previous year; that is, the number of NSSAR Flag Certificate presentations made): *California, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, 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 of the history of the American Revolutionary Era and its Patriots): *FPG Clovis H. Brakebill; TXSSAR; Robert E. Burt, KSSAR.*

Six Compatriots Receive Minuteman Medal Honors

The coveted Minuteman Award was initially offered at the Annual Congress in 1952, with Former President General Benjamin H. Powell receiving the first one. Since then, 284 Compatriots have been so honored, including those six recognized at the 109th Annual Congress in San Diego this past July.

This year's recipients were saluted in a colorful ceremony for noteworthy service of an exceptional character to the National Society. They were selected by the Minuteman Committee chaired by Former President General Clovis H. Brakebill, as based on nominations submitted by State Societies. Each was escorted by a previous winner of his choice.

Here are those honored (the positions listed were held as of or previous to the Congress).

Charles W. Britton – Oklahoma Society. National Trustee or Alternate Trustee, OKSSAR, for 14 years. Chairman of the Insurance Committee for four years. General Chairman of the Annual Congress held at Oklahoma City in 1981. Has been a member of varied Committees, with special emphasis on Bylaws.

Peter A. Dixon – District of Columbia Society. Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District. Past Vice-President General for the North Central District (two



These Compatriots were presented the prestigious Minuteman Medal by President General Russell D. Page (standing, center). Seated: D. Gene Patterson and Robert F. Galer. Standing, from left: Lester A. Foster, Peter A. Dixon, Stanley A. Evans and Charles W. Britton. The medal is suspended from a blue ribbon.

terms). Past National Trustee, DCSSAR (three terms). Chairman/Member of the History Committee (three years). Member of several other Committees, including Museum, Merchandise, Long Range Planning and Knight Essay.

Stanley A. Evans – Florida Society. Past Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District. Past National Trustee,

FLSSAR. Past Chairman of the Patriots Index Committee. Has given a total of 20 service years to other Committees. Organized three new FLSSAR Chapters and has obtained 136 new Compatriots.

Lester A. Foster – Maryland Society. Past Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District. Past National Trustee, MDSSAR. Played an important role on the staff of the President General while on official SAR trips to Poland in 1994 and 1995 and to Germany in 1998. Has been a member of varied Committees for 31 service years, in some instances as Chairman.

Robert F. Galer – Georgia Society. Past Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District. Past National Trustee, GASSAR. Chairman of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee for six years. Has been a member of several other Committees for 21 service years. Was instrumental in getting more than 75,000 burial sites of Revolutionary War Patriots onto CD ROM. Established three new GASSAR Chapters.

D. Gene Patterson – Pennsylvania Society. Past Chaplain General. Past National Trustee, PASSAR. Has been a member of several Committees for 21 service years; included here has been the Executive Committee and a chairmanship. He has enrolled 107 new Compatriots.

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The William M. Melone Award (to the State Society which has the largest number of new and approved supplemental applications): *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, Nevada, Utah Societies*.

The USS Stark Memorial Award (to the Chapters and State Society with the best record of service to veterans during the past year): 10-49 members, *M. Graham Clark Chapter, MOSSAR*; 50-99, *Piedmont*



Two Compatriots shared the Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award: FPG Clovis H. Brakebill (left), TXSSAR, and Robert E. Burt (right), KSSAR. Making the presentation was PG Page.

Chapter, GASSAR; 100-199, *Miami Chapter, FLSSAR*; 200 & above, *Atlanta Chapter, GASSAR*. State: *Georgia Society*.

Officers' Streamer Award (to State Societies whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Trustees Meetings and the last Annual Congress): *Alabama, District of Columbia, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia Societies*.

The Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award (to the State Society sponsoring the winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship competition): *Oklahoma Society*.

The Historic Celebrations Award (to the Chapter or State Society that best commemorates George Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Constitution Day or Week, Veterans Day, or a local regional celebration): *Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR*.

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

The Matthew Sellers III Award (to the Vice-President General who makes the best percentage over quota, based on last year's membership results): *VPG Fredrick O. Jeffries, Intermountain District*.

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): *Kansas Society; Harry S Truman Chapter, MOSSAR*.

Gold Color Guard Medal (to the Outstanding Color Guardsman of the year 1998-1999): *Edgar E. Grover, Kansas Society*.

President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Awards: Chapters: 10-49 members, *Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR*; 50-99, *Blue Ridge Chapter, NCSSAR*; 100-199,



Historian General Richard E. Friberg (left) captured the General William C. Westmoreland Award; doing the honors was PG Page. A member of the Florida Society, he has long been involved in volunteer services to veterans.

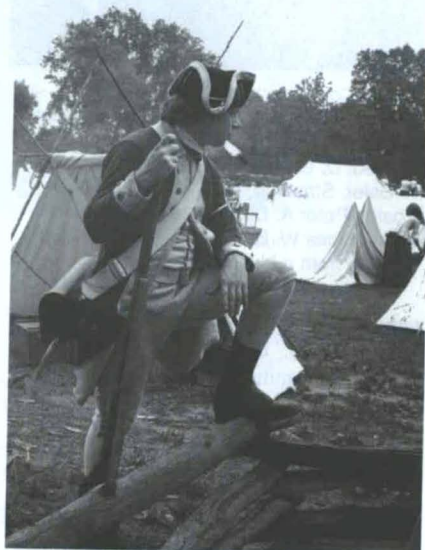
No Winner; 200 and up, *Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR*. State Societies: 10-199, 200-499, 500-199 members, *No Winners*; 1,000 and up, *Ohio Society*.

General William C. Westmoreland Award (to the Outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer for service to veterans; must be submitted to the NSSAR Veterans Committees by State Societies): *Richard E. Friberg, FLSSAR*.

Thomas J. Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award (to the Compatriot who enters the best photograph depicting the spirit of patriotism): *Stuart B. Shuster, Michigan Society*, \$1,000 cash award.

Howard F. Horne, Jr. Award (to the State Society with the largest percentage of George Washington Fellows when compared to the State Society's membership): *Mississippi Society*, \$500 cash award.

Florence Kendall Award (to the top three Compatriots who recruited the largest number of new members: 1st Place, *David Van Wormer (30)*; 2nd, *Thomas N. Clark (29)*; 3rd, *Eric D. Richhart (21)*).



This photo submitted by Michigan Society Compatriot Stuart B. Shuster was selected the winner of the Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr. Memorial Photographic Award. Since he could not attend the San Diego Congress, he received his \$1,000 prize via mail. Judging entries were Winston C. Williams, Editor of *The SAR Magazine*; Larry D. McClanahan, Historian General at the time; and Paul M. Frantz, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. Compatriot Shuster had this to say: "My entered photograph was taken in Greenfield, Michigan during a Colonial Muster weekend. I tried hard to capture subjects without anything in the background to give away the fact that pictures of 19th century times were taken in the 20th!"

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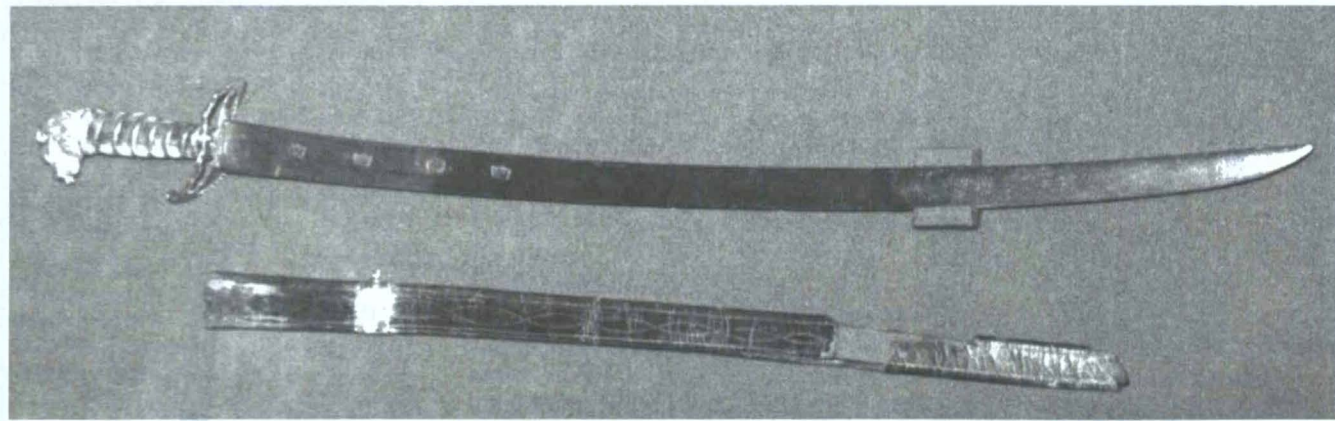
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This historic sword given to Chaplain John Gano by General George Washington was proudly displayed at the George Washington Birthday Celebration staged in February in Kansas City by several

area chapters of the Kansas and Missouri Societies. The artifact normally may be viewed at the John Gano Chapel on the grounds of William Jewell College, which is situated in Liberty, Missouri.

THE JOHN GANO SWORD

A fascinating account of the links to this invaluable artifact from Marquis de Lafayette, General George Washington, Chaplain John Gano and the William Jewell College now located in Liberty, Missouri.

The American Revolution was one of the most significant events in the history of our Republic. Much has been chronicled about the people involved, the many and varied battles and a wide range of other facets. In this account, however, you will be introduced to a close, but little-known associate of George Washington: Chaplain John Gano.

John Gano is referred to as the "Fighting Chaplain" in America's War for Freedom. He is cited in *The United States Army Chaplaincy: From Its European Antecedents to 1791*, which was edited by Parker C. Thomson: "John Gano was a fighting chaplain with a keen eye toward example and morale." Further he is described as a "...seasoned combat chaplain who took his place in the line of battle.

"Chaplain John Gano, under orders from General Washington, announced on April 19 1783 that the war was over, and the United States of America was free and independent. Gano then led the assembled officers and enlisted men - veterans from the battles of '75 on - in a prayer of thanksgiving for victory and peace. It was

HOW THIS ARTICLE EVOLVED

This enlightening article was prepared by Joseph A. Preston, Immediate Past President of the Missouri Society. It is based on an address delivered last year at the Society's Annual Conference by Professor Mel Henderson, Planned Giving Officer of William Jewell College. Thanks go to both of them for bringing such an interesting commentary to all Compatriots during this George Washington Bicentennial Year. SARs are cordially invited to visit the John Gano Chapel on the college's campus to view the painting of Washington being baptized.

eight years exactly from when the shots were fired on Lexington Green and at Concord: April 19 1775!"

GRANDFATHER ARRIVED IN 1686

John Gano was the grandson of Francois Gerneaux who escaped the island of Guernsey in 1686, boxed in a hogsbin in his own vessel, because a price had been set on his head by assassins who had killed nearly all his associates. Upon reaching the Colonies, he joined the Huguenot colony in New Rochelle, New York, where he died at the age of 103.

On reaching the Colonies he changed his name from Francois Gerneaux to Francis Gano, saying: "They have confiscated my estate, and taken all my property, so they can have my name, too." That fiery and determined spirit was evident in his grandson, John Gano, the "Fighting Chaplain."

Born in Hopewell, New Jersey on July 27 1727, Gano grew up cherishing freedom and peace so well championed by his grandfather. Entering the Christian ministry, he was the pastor (founding pastor?) of the First Baptist Church in New York City when British transports arrived in the harbor. Leaving the church, he sheltered his family at Horseneck, accepted a regimental chaplaincy in the Continental Army, and set out to defend his country. By an Act of Congress, he was made Brigade Chaplain (2 NY, 2 NJ and one New England regiments). Stationed at Fort Montgomery, he positioned himself at the front with his musket.

FAMILY MEMBER INVOLVED IN ANDRE INCIDENT

Among the stories of the exploits of the Gano family, one bears upon the capture of Major Andre, the British spy. Nancy Gano, a comely lass of 16, had a lover named Williams in the Continental Army. In the autumn of 1780 the lovers were holding a tête-à-tête in a secluded spot, when Nancy spotted a straggling detachment of American soldiers. Williams joined the group,

steered them away from the village and to Tarrytown, with the result that Andre fell into their hands. Andre was attempting to rejoin his ship, to carry out his plans to betray General Washington and give West Point to Benedict Arnold. Yes, Nancy Gano married Williams after the War, and lived to age 92.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SEEKS BAPTISM

In the Religion Section of *TIME* (Sept. 5, 1932), on the bicentenary of the birthday of George Washington, the writer linked Gano and Washington: "General Washington one day went to Rev. John Gano and exclaimed: 'I have been investigating the Scripture and I believe immersion to be baptism taught in the Word of God, and I demand it at your hands. I do not wish any parade made or the army called out, but simple a quiet demonstration of the ordinance'. In the presence of 42 witnesses, Washington was immersed in the Potomac; but he did not give 'personal testimony' which would have made him a member of the Baptist Church."

RENDERS PAINTING OF BAPTISM

In 1908 Rev. E.T. Sanford of Manhattan's North Church commissioned a painting of Washington and Chaplain Gano waist-deep in the Potomac. The painting was taken to the Baptist Church at Asbury Park, New Jersey, where it hung until 1926. It was then presented by Chaplain Gano's great-granddaughter to William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Missouri for the dedication of a John Gano Memorial Chapel.

The painting of Washington and Chaplain Gano was given to William Jewell College by Mrs. Elizabeth Price Johnson, also a financier of the Chapel, on the occasion of the edifice's dedication. It is built of a solid rock formation of blue limestone. Its beautiful stained glass windows bear the College motto, "Deo Ficus Labora," "Trust in God and work."

JOHN GANO SWORD OFFERED TO COLLEGE

A surprising and unusual event occurred in January 1996 when Jewell's President, W. Christian Sizemore, received a telephone call from Margaret Gano Redpath, a direct descendant of the "Fighting Chaplain" living in the San Diego area. She reported to him that she was the family custodian of a sword that General George Washington had given to the Chaplain after Washington's baptism in the Potomac!

In responding to her query relative to whether the college would be interested in receiving the sword, President Sizemore gave an enthusiastic affirmative answer. It happened that a member of the school's Advancement Office was to be in California on a business trip, so a visit to the Redpath's home was set up. She showed him the sword and accompanying documents which had been passed down through the family over the years.

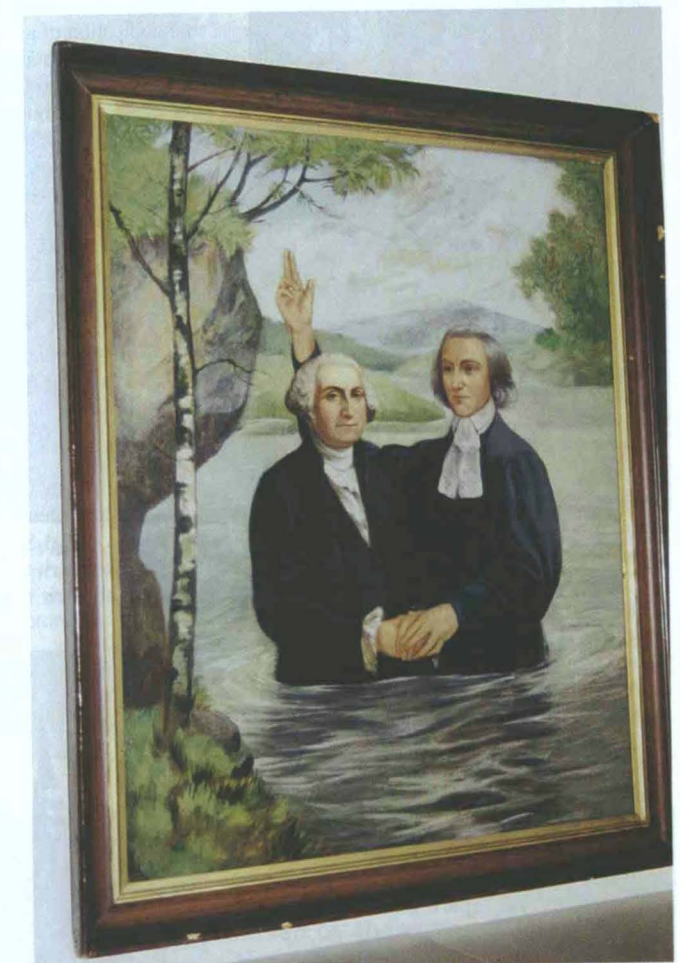
The Redpaths had become acquainted with the college through the *TIME* article referred to earlier. It had been given to them by a son-in-law who was on duty as an attorney at the Army Chaplaincy School at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. Knowing that his mother-in-law was keenly interested in the family's history, he researched the volumes mentioned at the beginning of this article and passed along the results.

SWORD ORIGINALLY A GIFT FROM LAFAYETTE

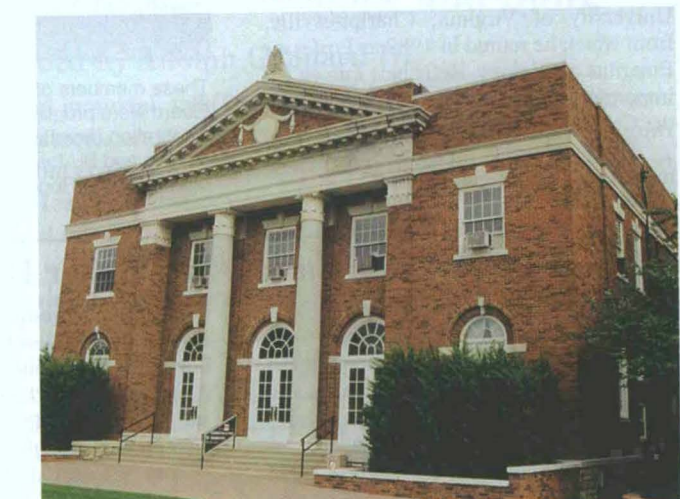
The Gano sword was given to Washington by the Marquis de Lafayette, who was a Major General in the new Continental Army at age 20. He adopted the General as his surrogate parent. In an irony of history, Lafayette arrived in Philadelphia on July 27 1777,

Gano's 50th birthday.

On September 5 1996 Margaret Redpath, accompanied by her husband Robert, presented the John Gano sword to William Jewell College at its Fall Convocation.



This remarkable painting is on display in the John Gano Chapel on the campus of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. Commissioned in 1908 by Rev. E.T. Sanford of Manhattan's North Church, it depicts General George Washington being baptized by Chaplain John Gano while standing waist-deep in the Potomac River.



Sometime in the future, a steeple will be added to the John Gano Chapel, thanks to funds currently being raised through a broad-based campaign aimed in part at alumni and friends of William Jewell College. Also included in the chapel's restoration program will be air conditioning and a state-of-the-art Quimby pipe organ.



Participating in the Thomas Jefferson Chapter's salute to FPG Howard L. Hamilton (seated) were President Donald Shelton (left) and Treasurer Robert Simpson.

Chapter Fetes FPG Hamilton

Because of health problems, Former President General Howard Laverne Hamilton is not seen at SAR functions as often as he used to be. So it was a real treat for members of his Thomas Jefferson Chapter of Charlottesville, Virginia to have him attend their April meeting – to the extent that they spent the better part of the evening in recognizing his services at all levels of the SAR.

Prior to his being elected PG back in 1982, he had been President of his Chapter and the Virginia Society and had also spent two terms as Registrar General. As PG he traveled widely with his wife and two beautiful daughters, including trips to visit Societies as far apart as France and Hawaii.

Professionally, Compatriot Hamilton is a distinguished educator in the field of zoology. He was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy Degree by Johns Hopkins University in 1941, then served during the war as an Army officer in Medical Administration. After the war, he taught at Iowa State University at Ames and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, from which he retired in 1982 as Professor Emeritus of Biology. He is best known for important research in the development of the Chick.

All Compatriots join with his Chapter members in their salute to him!

How Compatriots Can Help Further DAR School

On behalf of the Georgia Society, Alternate National Trustee T. Fisher Craft is urging Compatriots to help support the Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina through the AT&T Learning Points Program. The institution provides educational opportunities for underprivileged young children. Located in the northwest corner of the state, it serves an average of 400 students on a typical school day.

Compatriot Craft reports that this program provides Tamassee with valuable

Plaque Recognizes Cahokia Patriots Who Aided Gen. George Rogers Clark

The 300-year-old village of Cahokia, Illinois, was the Fourth of July site for the dedication of a third bronze plaque commemorating important military events in the career of General George Rogers Clark – all projects of various State Societies making up the Old Northwest Territory. The first was at Kaskaskia, Illinois in 1996, with the second at Vincennes, Indiana last year.

Initiated by the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois Society, the project was designed to honor the men and women of Cahokia who aided Clark in defeating the British from 1778 to 1780. It was supported by the Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan Societies and the National Society's George Washington Fund. Co-sponsoring the plaque was the Cahokia Association of the Tricentennial.

The program, which was part of the village's tricentennial celebration, started off with a bang! Some 20 reenactors fired a cannon to mark the beginning and fired a volley with their muskets at the close. In



These members of the Illinois Society Color Guard were prominent participants in the celebration (from left): Harry Windland, Troy Huddle and M. Joseph Hill. All are members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter.



Cahokia Mayor Mike King examined the marker after unveiling it with the assistance of Bob Blanchard (center) and Earl Reynolds, both members of the ILSSAR Lewis & Clark Chapter.

between were speeches, singing of the National Anthem and "God Bless America" and dedication of the 36-by-24-inch marker (located on a triangle-shaped town commons called The Wedge, an historic site in front of Holy Family Log Church, the oldest church building in the Mississippi Valley still in use today).

Among the guest speakers were Illinois Society National Trustee M. Joseph Hill; Don Evans, Chairman of the ILSSAR Historic Sites Committee; and Circuit Court Judge Jerome Lopot, a member of an old Cahokia family. The judge paid tribute to the 55 Patriots buried behind the church. He said that Clark recruited and trained them on The Wedge, where they departed on their mission to Vincennes to defeat the British. It was also there that Clark met with about 300 hostile Native Americans and convinced them to pledge not to interfere with the efforts of his force against the British. A reenactment of Clark's meeting was part of the celebration.



Revolutionary War reenactors fired a volley marking the end of the ceremony at Cahokia on July 4th.

Over 20 New "GW Fellows" Inducted At Annual Congress

The 109th Annual Congress in San Diego proved to be a good one for the George Washington Endowment Funds, with a total of 21 new "George Washington Fellows" receiving their gold pins at a special breakfast gathering. They were congratulated by scores of current Fellows also in attendance.

According to W. Buchanan Meek, Chairman of the GWEF Board Fund Raising Committee, "the new group was composed of many prominent and successful men and women promoting the success and well-being of the NSSAR by giving or pledging \$1,000 or more to a fund that cannot be spent but will provide interest income for the needs of our Society." These needs, he explained, consist of financial support for unfunded or underfunded activities.

The breakfast featured addresses by President General Russell D. Page and Former President General George H. Brandau. Compatriot Brandau traced the funding program from its beginnings some 12 years ago. It was he who launched it during the term of President General Charles F. Printz.

The new Fellows were: Robert A. Borgardus, GA; Dorris Brant, KS; Trudy Burt, KS; Ann Butler, LA; T. Fisher Craft, GA; Sam Davis, SC; John B. Fitzgerald, TX; Charles Grissett, KY; Larry Guzy, GA; David Harpole, VA; Rev. Richard Hefner,



Twenty-one new "George Washington Fellows" received their gold pins during the Congress breakfast. Welcoming them were James A. Shelby (seated, left), Chairman, George Washington Endowment Funds Board, and W. Buchanan Meek (seated, right), Chairman, GWEFB Fund Raising Committee.

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RESTORATION AT MOUNT VERNON: *Vision and Accomplishment*

1999, the George Washington Bicentennial Year, has seen the culmination of work – and dreams – on several important projects at the Patriot's Mansion in Virginia, as reported by Compatriot Richard L. Steadham.

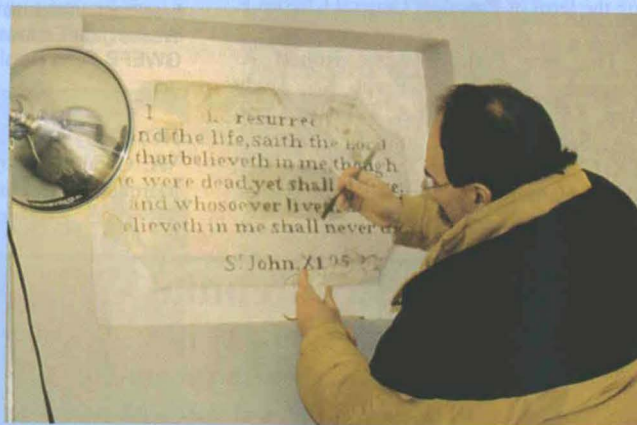
Webster's defines restoration as "a putting or bringing back into a former, normal, or unimpaired state or condition." The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association has been about the business of doing just that to our first, and greatest, president's home and grounds for almost a century and a half now. Several recent projects have been



The north colonnade, which connects the Servants' Hall with the Mount Vernon Mansion, saw the replacement of shingles and sub-structure repairs.

This article about the renovation of Washington's Mount Vernon is an interesting follow-up to the feature story about the history of this historic property that appeared in the Spring 1999 Issue of The SAR Magazine. Our thanks are especially extended to Dennis J. Pogue, Director of Restoration for the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, for the data he offered the author as well as the accompanying illustrations.

completed in time for this year's bicentennial celebration of Washington's death. On June 4th, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk – then take a behind-the-scenes tour – with King Laughlin, Manager of Publications and Special Projects; and Dennis Pogue, Director of Restoration at Mount Vernon. Here is what I learned.



Paint was removed from the surface of the tablet set into the rear wall of the vestibule (1831) containing the sarcophagi of George and Martha Washington at the New Tomb. This was done in preparation for conserving and restoring the tablet and lettering. The inscription reads: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."



The newly repaired and resingled cypress roof of the Servants' Hall was eventually painted.

THE SERVANTS' HALL

One of the last of the original structures at the estate to be restored and opened to the public is the Servants' Hall. It is one of the two buildings attached to the Mansion by way of graceful colonnades flanking each side of the house, the other being the kitchen structure on the south side. It was used from 1775 to 1799 by servants accompanying the many important visitors to the estate.

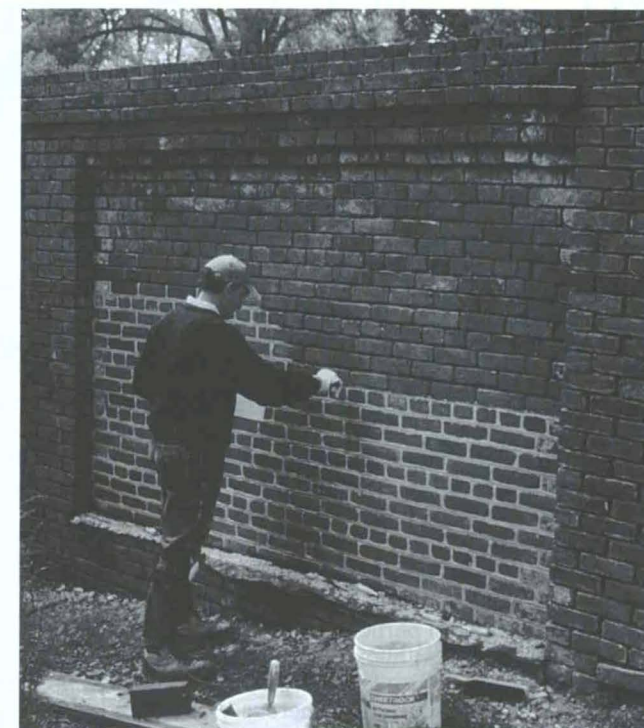
For many years in this century, the structure was used by the Resident Director of Mount Vernon, which meant that many modern interior additions had to be removed in order to bring it back to the look of its first usage. "We took everything off down to the original studs," says Pogue. "This was done in order for a complete archaeological assessment of the structure to take place prior to restoration, and to learn such basic things as the original color of paint on wood surfaces." After removing the wall coverings down to the studs, the original location of the "ladder stair" to the second floor was found and rebuilt, replacing an earlier staircase that had been installed, but was not authentic to the building. A new covering of white-washed plaster now finishes the interior walls; where original plaster could be saved in corners and crevices, it was.

New tile flooring resembling the original now covers the main level and a new cypress-shingle roof adorns the top. "The originals were cypress," says Pogue, "we had cedar there until the recent reroofing, when we were able to put cypress back. The cypress we used is from salvaged logs, that are of such good quality that they should survive for up to 60 years." The main floor, furnished simply as it would have been in Washington's time, now provides an orientation space for visitors prior to entering the Mansion.

THE LARGE DINING ROOM

The beautiful cove ceiling in the large dining room of the Mansion recently underwent restoration, as did the majestic Palladian window on the north side of the room. Delicate ornamentation on the ceiling's plaster surface was replaced with new material replicating the original. A return to the dark green color of the original paint applied to the plaster and woodwork has been accomplished. Of historic note, it was in this room in 1789, that Washington was informed that he had been elected as the new nation's first president.

The Palladian window, which was part of the expansion of the house by Washington in the mid-1770s, was in need of repair due to leaking. Recalking of joints, replacing deteriorated wood, and reglazing where needed has now



The brick perimeter wall of the New Tomb has been extensively repointed.

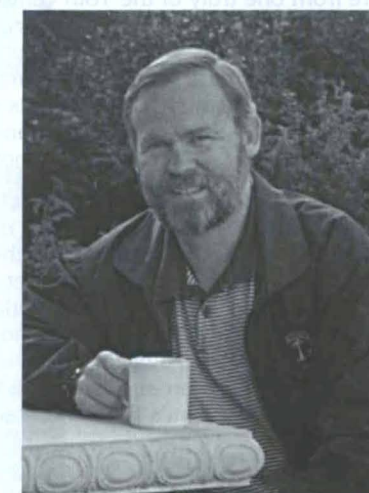
been finished on this important element in the largest room of the Mansion.

THE OLD AND NEW TOMBS

At the time of my visit to Mount Vernon, I found the last remaining item yet to be completely restored was a stone plaque in the front vestibule of the new tomb which houses the sarcophagi of General Washington and his wife, Martha. The inscription on the plaque is taken from John 11:25-26 and reads "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." The plaque is being carefully resurfaced and the lettering – which is chisel-cut into the stone – is undergoing enhancement and repainting. It will have been finished by the time you read this article.

The old tomb in which the Washingtons were first buried has been carefully restored in preparation for a dramatic

Compatriot Richard L. Steadham is Editor of *The Surveyor*, the quarterly newsletter of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society. He is the Founding Treasurer of the Timen Stiddem Society and Editor of its award-winning quarterly newsletter; the society is a family association for the descendants of this Swedish immigrant to America in the 17th century and the progenitor of several Stedham/Stidham Patriots who fought during the Revolution. He is listed in the 26th and 27th editions of *Who's Who in the East*; he will be a biographee in the 54th edition of *Who's Who in America*, published in 2000. Professionally, Compatriot Steadham is employed as the Art Director of *Governing Magazine* in Washington, D.C., a non-partisan, Congressional Quarterly publication covering state and local government nationwide.





Archaeological excavations carried out beneath the floor of the Servants' Hall revealed a brick foundation for an earlier building, a wash house, which was razed in 1775 to make way for the existing structure.

reenactment of the President's funeral, which will take place on December 18th. It is estimated that approximately 300 reenactors will participate, representing those known to have been in attendance at Washington's funeral including: military units, clergy, Freemasons, and friends of the president, which were numerous. A riderless horse will be in the solemn procession, too, as it was recorded to have been. "Our goal is to recreate the funeral as authentically as possible," says Laughlin, "yet keeping in mind our limitations due to the fact of having to also accommodate our 20th-century visitors who will, of course, be allowed to witness the event on that day."

The major part of the restoration effort on the new tomb where the Washingtons were moved in 1831 has involved cleaning and repointing mortar to the bricks on the exterior of the structure and securing the stone capping on top of the front facade, which has, over the years, deteriorated and become a potential danger to visitors below. "The vault for the new tomb was uncovered to reduce moisture problems many years ago," says Pogue. "What we did recently was make repairs and take steps to improve drainage there." Incidentally, the back chamber of the new tomb holds the remains of 25 other members of Washington's family.

HVAC FOR THE MANSION, MUSEUM, AND GREENHOUSE

The Carrier Corporation has donated equipment and expertise for the installation of a new climate control system in the Mansion and other buildings there. Although at first controversial due to its alteration of the character of the structure from one truly of the 18th century to one now of the 20th, "the effects are almost imperceptible to the visitor," says Laughlin "as all vents and ducts were carefully placed in closets and other areas where the casual observer would not notice." Mount Vernon is open to the public every day of the year, and summers can be unmercifully hot and humid, and winters cold and snow-covered.

To keep the site and noise of the chiller machinery far from the eyes and ears of visitors, the system is hidden by a screen of trees some 200 yards away from the Mansion. Heavily insulated pipes, buried about three feet underground, carry chilled water to a large vault buried behind the Servants' Hall where condensers there send cold air through ducts into the Mansion's basement. It is then distributed throughout the Mansion and other buildings, such as the nearby museum, Servant's Hall, and greenhouse.

THE MOUNT VERNON MUSEUM

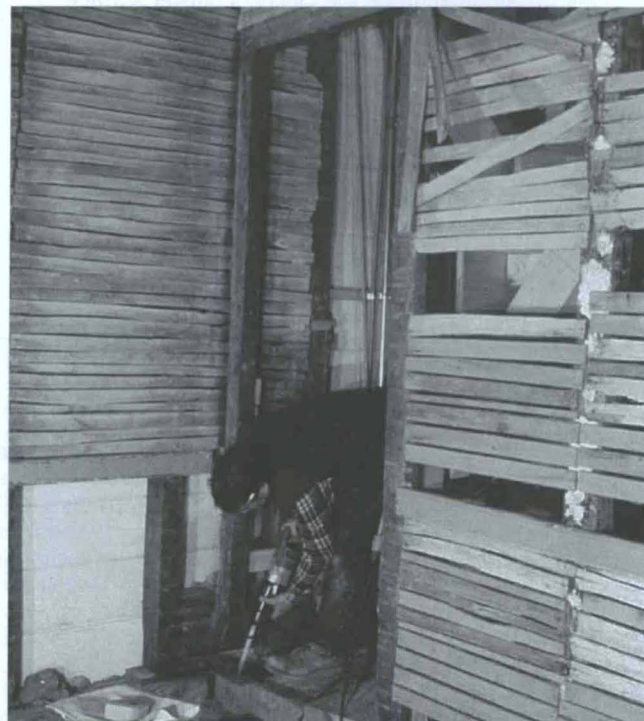
The gallery space of the museum has undergone

complete renovation in order to prepare for the on-site exhibitions that are housed in the facility during this bicentennial year. The estate's own collection of artifacts has been enhanced by the addition of loans from other institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Fairfax County, Virginia, has lent its most valuable document to this exhibition, Washington's original Last Will and Testament. Other interesting items exhibited include Martha Washington's jewelry, letters and books of Washington, and the prized bust of George Washington by French sculptor Jean Antoine Houdon, which has been called the most accurate likeness of the man ever created.

OTHER PROJECTS

Other projects finished in time for this year's celebration include restoration of the Bowling Green, the broad expanse of lawn in front of the mansion, surrounded by trees and other vegetation, some planted by Washington himself; restoration of the Fruit Garden and Nursery which portrays Washington's ongoing experimentation with new and exotic fruits and vegetables; the new Pioneer Farmer site, which includes a replica of the 16-sided barn, designed by Washington, and provides daily reenactors the chance to show visitors how life in Washington's times were lived.

The Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens has truly become a living history lesson for millions of Americans who visit the property each year. "Restoration of Mount Vernon will never really be complete," says Laughlin, "for there will always be the ongoing maintenance of the estate which never ends." How fortunate we Americans are to have the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, with the foresight and courage to keep one of the nation's leading monuments to our first President - his beloved Mount Vernon - thriving and healthy on the threshold of the 21st century!



All modern plaster and other additions were carefully removed as part of the investigation of the building. The frame of a door was revealed, with remnants of its 18th century paint, indicating that the stair case had originally descended to a different room on the first floor. The stair was replaced and the doorway location changed in the 1870s.

State Society and Chapter EVENTS



DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

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

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

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

Alabama Society



The Tennessee Valley Chapter's Annual George Washington Dinner in February featured a performance by Society Secretary David W. Milam as Le Marquis de LaFayette. He based his program upon research for an address he delivered at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of F & A M of Alabama, which he served as Grand Historian for 1997-98. It is interesting to note that he received the Distinguished Service Award last year from the Alabama Historical Commission in the recording, preservation and maintenance of Revolutionary War Patriot graves.

This year the winner of \$1,000 from the (Compatriot) Richard Cameron Dean and Elizabeth Carrington Dean Scholarship to the University of Arizona is David T. Bethune, a member of the Children of the American Revolution with a distinguished record of service at the Chapter and State

Society levels. The lad has been active in a wide variety of community-related programs, including Habitat for Humanity and helping with drives to obtain food and clothing for low income families. His plans call for pursuing computer electronics courses at the university.

Arkansas Society



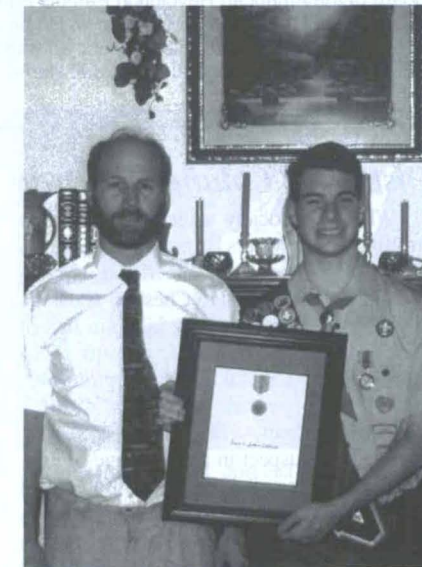
On May 31st Bayou Bartholomew Chapter members Bill Doak (left), a veteran of World War II and Korea, and Lynn Gaines, Jr., also a veteran of Korea, helped the USD of 1812 Simon Bradford Chapter repair an 1812 market on the grave site of John P. Clegg, a veteran of the War of 1812; it is located in the Bellwood Annex Cemetery at Pine Bluff. The day before they celebrated Memorial Day with other patriotic and veteran groups in the city's Graceland Cemetery.

Arizona Society



Coincidental with a March meeting of the Saguaro Chapter, President Richard Covault (left) presented a special certificate of recognition to Steve Morrow, Assistant Fire Chief of the Sun City Fire Department. The event highlighted fire safety and live saving procedures.

California Society



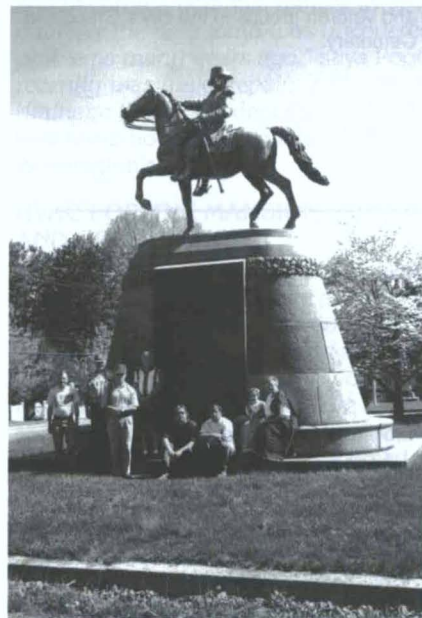
Monterey Bay Chapter Compatriot Bruce J. Collins (left) was mighty proud of his Boy Scout son, Dustin, when he was awarded the coveted Metal of Merit from the BSA National Court of Honor. The lad was saluted for his actions in June 1998 when a bolt of lightning struck the family home and set it on fire. Dustin got his sister and left the house, told her to call 911 for help and then re-entered the structure to wake his father who was sleeping on the second floor, thus undoubtedly saving his life. Bruce had worked all night and slept through the disaster.



Since being chartered in November 1988, Boy Scout Troop 1776 – sponsored by the **Riverside Chapter** – has grown steadily. Beginning with six young lads and four adults, the unit now boasts 26 boys, nine Assistant Scoutmasters and a troop committee of 11 parents. They hold weekly meetings at a local school and had their first Court of Honor in April.

His experiences on duty with the Navy during and shortly after World War II was the subject of an address by **Sacramento Chapter** Compatriot Ted Robinson at the April meeting of the **Thomas Jefferson Chapter**. Most of his experiences were gained while serving as the skipper of an LST (Landing Ship Tank). He was assigned this duty at the age of only 24. While rescuing an Army unit off Okinawa, he reported, he learned that the Japanese were bayoneting the American wounded as well as their own wounded soldiers. At this point, he stated that he had a very low opinion of the Japanese forces.

Connecticut Society



The May meeting of the **General Israel Putnam Branch**, a picnic, was designed to facilitate visits to a variety of historic sites. Included on the tour was Patriot Putnam's Monument/Tomb in Brooklyn, as shown here. Also visited was the Wolf Den site in Pomfret where in 1742 he slew the last wolf in Connecticut by climbing down into the wolf's lair, musket in hand, with rope around one of his legs.



Highlighting the Annual Meeting in late March of the **Captain Matthew Mead Branch** was the awarding of Past President Pins and framed Certificates of Appreciation to eight living Past Presidents of the Branch (from left): Warren J. Dennison (1976-78), Harry R. Schanck (96-97), Carl H. Stone (94-96), John W. Berger (97-99), Luke E. Fichthorn, Jr. (92-94), William E. Fince, Jr. (47-48), David A. Maxwell (75-76), and John L. DeForest (90-92, not shown). Installed as the new President was Charles W. Riegle.

Delaware Society



The Terrace at Greenhill was the Wilmington locale for the Society's Summer Awards Dinner, with Past President William B. Neal receiving the Patriot Metal. The guest speaker was Pennsylvania Society Compatriot Winchell S. Carroll (second from right), a member of the Board of the American Revolution Patriots Fund and the Pali Battlefield Preservation Fund. He discussed restoration projects in which he is involved related to Washington Square in Philadelphia and Paoli Battlefield. Shown with him were (from left): President William H. Stevens, Secretary General Howard F. Horne, Jr. and Past President Ralph D. Nelson, Jr.

District of Columbia Society

When the Society staged its December meeting at Ft. Myers, a highlight was presentation of the Heroism Medal posthumously to Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, both of whom were killed in July of last year by a gunman while on duty at the United States Capitol in Washington, DC. Accepting the awards were their widows. Another officer, Douglas McMillan, engaged the suspect in an exchange of gunfire; he was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at the Society's Annual Meeting, which is reported below.

The Society's Annual Meeting, which

always encompasses the presentation of awards and installation of newly elected officers, was held in April at Fort Leslie J. McNair in Washington, DC. Among the honored guests were President General and Mrs. Russell D. Page. Included among the award winners were: Lt. Steven M. VonBriese of the DC Fire Department, the Fire Safety Commendation Medal; Col. Andrew M. Johnson, Patriot Medal; J. Dewey O'Brien and Rev. Dr. Frank M. Spindler, Silver Good Citizenship Medal; and Mrs. Sunni Bond Winkler, Daughters of Liberty Medal.



These 12 beautiful young ladies, each a member of a C.A.R. Society, were presented as debutantes during the 21st Potowmack Ball sponsored by the Society last November in Washington, DC. Each had a male escort, many of them also in the C.A.R. Posing with the group were Past President Timothy Bennett and Debutante Coordinator Sunni Bond Winkler, who serves as the Society's Executive Director.

Florida Society

The March meeting of the **Central Florida Chapter** witnessed presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Malcolm Thomson of the Kissimmee Police Department and Chief Jerry Demming of the Orlando Police Department. Officer Thompson has been recognized nationally as the "Nation's Top Cop." Receiving the Fire Safety Commendation Metal was Lt. Wayne Vaughn of the Ocoee Fire Department.

Paul L. Weaver III, a Consulting Associate for Historical Properties, Inc. was guest speaker at the March meeting of the **Jacksonville Chapter**. Discussing historic preservation, he drew from his experiences while preparing the state's guidelines for preservation design standards. For the past two decades, he has been responsible for documenting, describing, evaluating and interpreting historical properties throughout the Southeast.

Georgia Society

Piedmont Chapter Compatriots Larry Guzy and George Thurmond participated in the Georgia Heritage Day program at Webb Bridge Middle School during May by presenting "The Fourth of July in May." The program was developed to communicate the importance of the July 4th holiday to 8th grade classes during the time when school is in session. Dressed in their Revolutionary War uniforms, they met with four different classes totalling 80 students and offered a program focusing on the Revolutionary War in Georgia.

Illinois Society

The Renaissance Hotel in Springfield was the setting for the May two-day Annual Meeting of the Society, with President M. Joseph Hill presiding. Among the guests were President General and Mrs. Russell D. Page, Great Lakes District Vice-President General and Mrs. Charles Hopkins, Wisconsin Society Secretary C.E. Thorp and Wisconsin Society Past President Winston C. Williams, currently Editor of *The SAR Magazine*. The event began with a Friday evening formal banquet at which the PG was principal speaker. A Saturday morning business session was followed by a delightful luncheon. Installed as President was A. Bingham Seibold, a Past President of the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter**. Duane R. Neet was named the Society's "Man of the Year", while Timothy D.



Society President M. Joe Hill (left) and Awards Chairman Richard Carey (right) were pleased to present the Patriot Medal to Harry K. Windland (next to Compatriot Hill) and Timothy Spade.

Spade and Harry K. Windland were presented the coveted Patriot Medal; Edmund W. Bliler was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.



President M. Joe Hill (left) heartily congratulated Duane R. Neet for being selected as the Society's "Man of the Year."

Indiana Society



T. Rex Legler II, O.D., Chairman of the Society's Eagle Scout Program, was pleased to salute Eagle Scout Adam G. Griffith for his being selected to receive the Bronze Eagle Trophy during a recent meeting. He is wearing a replica of the uniform his Patriot ancestor, Captain Andrew Mann of the Pennsylvania Line, wore during the Revolutionary War.

Kansas Society



Secretary General Howard F. Horne was the honored guest and principal speaker at the Society's recent Annual Conference.



A highlight of the Society's Annual Conference was awarding of the Colonial Soldier-of-the-Year Plaque to Edgar E. Grover (left) by Kes Kesler, Adjutant and Coordinator of the Society's Color Guard.

Kentucky Society



The Christian Academy in Louisville was the setting for a major program based on the Revolutionary War offered to the entire eighth grade class by members of the **Louisville-Thurston Chapter** Color Guard (from left): Patrick Steward, Hayden Fuller, Bill Mamby, Dave Sympton and Dan Klinck. The group described their uniforms and equipment, played drum calls and martial music, and described the Battle of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River (where Compatriot Klinck's ancestor fought). A short time later 76 letters were received from the students expressing enthusiasm for the program.

During a recent meeting of the **Louisville-Thurston Chapter**, President Dave Sympton was pleased to award the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Robert Ennis of the

Jefferson County Police Department. He was honored for this work on two capitol murder cases involving use of his expertise in polygraph investigation to identify the primary suspect in each.

Louisiana Society



Registrar General Bruce B. Butler (right), a resident of New Orleans, recently presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Ivan Foley, retired New Orleans Archdiocesan Cemeteries Assistant Director — and the Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Foley. The couple was recognized for their work in compiling the locations of over 200 Patriots who served under General Galvez during the Revolutionary War and are interred in St. Louis Cemeteries No. 1 and No. 2. Both facilities are situated just off the French Quarter.

Members of the **General Philemon Thomas Chapter** joined with Louisiana's Old State Capitol Center for Political and Governmental History on March 17 to mark the 300th anniversary of Iberville's landing on that date at "Le Red Stick", the site on the Mississippi of present day



During the commemorative program that marked the 300th anniversary of Iberville's landing at what is now Baton Rouge, Chapter President Henry Grace gave this replica of the Royal Flag of France to the Old State Capitol Center for Political and Governmental History.

Baton Rouge. Included in the celebration was a Chapter meeting at the Old State Capitol, which has stood for nearly 150 years on a bluff overlooking the mighty river. Guest speakers traced Iberville's explorations in Louisiana, particularly the Baton Rouge and Bayou Manchac areas. On display were original maps from the early to late 1700s.

Maine Society



In April, Robert Farnum (shown confined to a wheelchair) was excited to receive his SAR Membership Certificate from Past Society Presidents Rev. Gary K. Price (left) and Dee C. Brown, Jr. The pair traveled to Lewiston for the ceremony on behalf of the current President, Harry W. Kingsley, Jr.

Maryland Society



Andrews Air Force Base was the site selected by the **John Hanson Chapter** for its Law Enforcement Dinner held in mid-November. The awardees were (seated, from left): Officer Christopher Perry, Maryland Park Police; Capt. Michael Miller, Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office; and Police Officer First Class James Butscher, Prince Georges County Police Department. Active in the ceremony were (standing, from left): President Douglas B. Stuart; Chaplain Earl Ivey, Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office (he gave the Invocation); Lt. Raymond Foxwell, Maryland Park Police; LTC Ronald Francingues, Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office; William Wakefield, Society Vice President; and Peter A. Dixon, Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District.

"George Washington — The Mystique Unveiled! The Great American Lesson for Us All" was the title of an address given before the Society's Annual Washington Birthday Luncheon by Past President Wilson King Barnes. "The mystique about George Washington," he emphasized, "can be lifted when we realize that his great

accomplishment and glory are due to his great talents, constantly guided and guarded by religion. For in Washington was set our great example and great American lesson to love, serve, and thereby establish a personal relationship with God for the betterment of others and our nation."

Nevada Society



During the ROTC Awards Day at the University of Nevada-Reno, the Society presented the ROTC Medal to Cadet Joseph A. Dodd (center). Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Col. Joe Rooney, representing the Nevada Adjutant General; Past President Carl Kauffman; J B Coats, Past Vice-President General for the Western District and a Nevada Compatriot; and LTC John H. McGhee, Professor of Military Science.

The Society staged its Annual Meeting in combination with the Nevada Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of

America. Afterward attendees joined with the Nevada DAR for their gala banquet.

Missouri Society



The **Ozark Mountain Chapter** hosted the organizing ceremony for the C.A.R. William Freeman Society in mid-February at Springfield. Leaders from the Chapter posed behind some of the youngsters (from left): William Bishop, Gary Bishop and Gerald McCoy, Organizing President.

The **Ozark Mountain Chapter** gathered in April at the Springfield National Cemetery to dedicate a memorial to Revolutionary War Patriots in general and William Freeman in particular. The memorial was unveiled near the cemetery's front entrance. It recounts the service of those who saw duty in the Continental Army or as members of various militia. Freeman is the only Patriot interred there. Also participating in the ceremony were DAR's and C.A.R.'s.

New Jersey Society



The Rev. John H. Case, Society President, recently presented the "Outstanding Citizenship Award" to State Trooper Mach Jackson, Troop E. The officer was saluted for rescuing two women from a burning automobile that was rear-ended by a bus bound for Atlantic City. He pried open the auto's door with his bare hands.

The March meeting of the **Jockey Hollow Chapter** featured an address about the role of New Jersey Loyalists during the Revolutionary War by Todd Braisted, Commander of the 4th Battalion, New Jersey Volunteers, an organization formed in 1977 to memorialize the men and women who remained loyal to the British crown throughout the seven-year conflict. The group takes its name from the largest military unit of Loyalists in the 13 colonies which numbered more than 3,000 troops. He explained that Loyalists "were furnished clothes and arms, trained in the same manner as British soldiers, which

North Carolina Society



The **Alamance Battleground Chapter**, with the help of the DAR Battle of Alamance Chapter, presented the Alamance County Historical Museum with a tree planting as a memorial to General George Washington. President David R. Koontz (left foreground) offered opening remarks, while Dr. William M. Vinson (right foreground), Director of the Museum, accepted the tree. Also participating in the program were members of the Chapter's Color Guard.



Members of the **Alamance Battleground Chapter** Color Guard were proud to play a part at the 3rd Annual Patriot's Day in Burlington (from left): Emery Gilliam, Edwin Sharpe, Herbert Duff and Richard Moore. The occasion was commemoration of Alamance County's Sesquicentennial.

relied on stiff discipline enforced by flogging, and they fought in every battle of the war. For this, enlistees were paid six pence a day from which the cost of their food was deducted." In May the Chapter was treated to a talk by Arthur S. Lefkowitz, a noted historian. He discussed the Continental Army's "calamitous" three-week retreat through New Jersey during the Revolutionary War's winter campaign of 1776. He was this as the "low point" of the war, but noted that the Patriots rallied within three weeks to whip the British.

Ohio Society

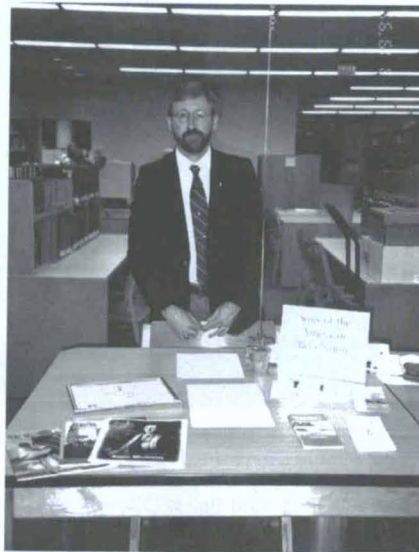
When the Society staged its 110th Anniversary State Conference during late April at Toledo, Secretary General Howard F. Horne, Jr. was on hand as the honored guest and delivered an eloquent address at the formal banquet. Receiving the new Distinguished Service Medal was Society Past President Robert French, while Chaplain Rev. Paul Boyer was presented the Patriot Medal.



During the Society's State Conference, outgoing President Don Moyer (right) offered the gavel of office to incoming President John Williams.

Patrick Henry, the great orator of the Revolutionary War, made an appearance at the recent Youth Recognition Program sponsored by the **Samuel Huntington Chapter** and held at Rider's 1812 Inn in Painesville. Over 40 people, many in Revolutionary Period uniforms and costumes, assembled to honor high school youths who were winners of contests fielded by the Chapter, which serves Lake and Geauga Counties. In a fiery display of oratory power, Patrick Henry Jolly, a descendant of the Patriot, denounced King George III as a tyrant and condemned efforts of peace as being in vain. He spoke about the proceedings of the Virginia Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, before Henry delivered his most famous speech choosing liberty or death over slavery to English tyranny. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation

awards to the youngsters who captured top honors in the Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Oration Contests.



Recruiting new members of our Society during a recent gathering of the Hamilton County Historical Society was **Cincinnati Chapter** Compatriot John Simmons. Especially note copies of *The SAR Magazine* on display! The occasion was the Society's Family History Night and Genealogy Fair.

The **Western Reserve Society** marked Washington's birthday with a February luncheon in Cleveland. A highlight of the event was awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Rocco M. Pollurro, Chief of Police of the City of Cleveland. His distinguished career with the force spans 32 years.

Oklahoma Society



Eagle Scout Clayton T. Gaddis of Tulsa was honored at the Society's 94th Annual Congress in April in Oklahoma City by being presented the Bronze Eagle Trophy. He was also given a \$500 scholarship check from the "Anthony F. Keating Scholarship." Doing the awarding was John F. Haws, Jr., State Eagle Chairman.

Oregon Society

Featured at the April meeting of the **Republic Chapter** in Portland was a talk by Compatriot Forrest Blodgett on the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia - turmoil that has devastated the region and caused economic dislocation elsewhere. He described underlying causes (crony capitalism to bad loans to bank failure), the institutional connections that transmitted the disturbances to other parts of the world



Eagle Scout Brian Hahs (second from left) asked these Lewis & Clarke Chapter Compatriots to post the Colors at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor (from left): Keith Miller, James Yaple and President Ralph Brooks.

Pennsylvania Society



The Color Guard of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** was proud to participate in the May 31 Memorial Service held at the Liberty Bell Pavilion sponsored by the DAR Pennsylvania Society. Posing with Mayor Edward C. Rendell (second from left) were: Bill Yearsley, Howard Foster, Dick Randolph and Rev. David Hockensmith.



Mikveh Israel Cemetery, a part of Independence National Historical Park, was the setting for placement of a Betsy Ross Flag at the grave site of Haym Salomon by F. Russell Greenspan, Past President of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter**. This was one of the 27 such ceremonies he conducted this year to honor Jews interred there who participated in the Revolutionary War. Patriot Salomon was active in helping to finance the conflict.

Featured at a recent meeting of the **General Arthur St. Clair Chapter** was presentation of the Heroism Medal and Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to worthy recipients. The former was given to Glenn Massung and Fred Botti for their valor in rescuing a man from drowning in a local lake. Receiving the latter was Donald Hess, Chief of Police of Allegheny Township.

South Carolina Society



Cadet LTC Sherry Dove (shown kind of suspended in mid-air during training at Fort Bragg) was the recipient of the JROTC Medal from the **Daniel Morgan Chapter**. The award was presented by Compatriot LTC (Ret) Samuel S. Wood, Jr. during a May ceremony at Chester High School. This fall she will enter the Citadel in Charleston.

The featured speaker for the April meeting of the **Colonel Robert Anderson Chapter** was Brig. Gen. George D Fields, USA (Ret), a retired Army Chaplain and former President of Spartansburg Methodist College. He is currently Director of the Military Heritage Preservation Project, which has as its objective the researching of history from the creation of the Spartan Regiment in 1775 to the County Governments in 1787.

Texas Society

The **Hill Country Chapter**, which is based in Kerrville, has had an active ongoing program aimed at participating in the nation wide effort to mark the George Washington Bicentennial. The celebration was launched with a President's Day Dinner featuring Revolutionary Era music, the Fife and Drum of Granaderos de Galvez of San Antonio and presentation of "All Cloudless Glory", a two-volume

biography of Washington, to the Director of the local library. During March and April, the Chapter – along with DARs and Boy Scouts as partners – presented sets of appropriately graded books about Washington to the 16 public schools and 2 libraries in Kerr County. On Flag Day, June 14, a United States Flag and a Washington Headquarter's Flag were offered to the Kerr County Commissioner's Court to be flown over the court house throughout the year.

The **Plano Chapter** made patriotism come alive for the 4th graders attending the Lovejoy Elementary School when Compatriots Bob Swepton, Mike Radcliff and Don Rector, all in uniform, presented United States and Texas Flags to the facility. Included in the ceremony were the singing of "America the Beautiful" by the students as the banners were raised and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the conclusion. Other Compatriots present were Bill Bush and Jim Elmore.



Participating in the presentation of various books about George Washington to the City of Comfort Public Library were (from left): **Hill Country Chapter** Compatriot Joseph Butler, Greg Shrader, Editor/Publisher of the *Kerrville Daily Times*; Beth Borland, Library Director, and Chapter Compatriot William Nelson.

Virginia Society



Five years after the closing of the only Chapter in southern Virginia, the **General William Campbell Chapter** was re-activated in March in a new location, Abington. After several months of intense recruiting by then Society President Paul M. Frantz, the unit's 18 members were presented the original Charter at their first meeting. Participating in the program were (from left): Secretary James W. Addington; Treasurer Henry G. Penley and President Fred T. Thrasher, shown accepting the gavel of office from Compatriot Frantz.

West Virginia Society



The guest speaker for the Spring Meeting of the **General Adam Stephen Chapter** in Martinsburg was Don Wood (right), President of the Berkeley County Historical Society and the Belle Boyd House. Following his address about George Washington Heritage Trail, he was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Charles F. Printz. Transversing the three counties of the state's eastern panhandle, the Trail boasts a variety of historically significant homes and buildings.

Wisconsin Society

The Milwaukee suburb of Brookfield was the mid-May site for the Society's Annual Meeting and Awards Program. Special honored guests included Registrar General and Mrs. Bruce B. Butler; Great Lakes District Vice-President General and Mrs. Charles M. Hopkins; Illinois Society President A. Bingham Seibold; and Illinois Society Immediate Past President and Mrs.



President over the Annual Meeting was President Bruce Walters, who was completing his second one-year term. He turned the gavel of office to David Dean, who was installed along with other newly elected officers by Registrar General Bruce B. Butler.

M. Joe Hill. Compatriots receiving awards were: Past President Winston C. Williams, Distinguished Service Medal; 1st Vice President and Treasurer David Dean, Silver Good Citizenship Medal; Robert Granger, Editor of the *Badger Patriot*, Silver G.C. Medal; Past President Charles J. Larson, Meritorious Service Medal; and Harold Klubertanz, Commander of the



Registrar General Bruce B. Butler (right) was pleased to help distribute awards, in this case the Meritorious Service Medal to Past President Charles J. Larson (center). Assisting was Winston C. Williams, a member of the Awards Committee.

Society's Color Guard, Meritorious Service Medal. Also offered the Silver G.C. Medal were Mrs. Sarah Hogoboom, retiring DAR State Regent, and Seth Jaeck, retiring C.A.R. State President.



Special guests included two prominent members of the C.A.R. Wisconsin Society: Kimm Karr, State President, and Seth Jaeck, Immediate Past State President.

Wyoming Society

The 92nd Annual Convention Luncheon and Meeting of the Society was held in mid-June, with President Harold "Chip" Gardner presiding. The guest speaker for

the occasion was Compatriot Fredrick O. Jeffries, who has been long active at all levels of our Society. He chose as his topic "Life of George Washington."



These officers were installed during the Society's Annual Meeting (from left): Past President Darryl T. Manring; Alternate National Trustee Frederick O. Jeffries; President Harold B. Gardner, Jr.; National Trustee Charles E. Luxmore; and Secretary Darrell Jackson.



Presenting the Bronze Eagle Trophy to Eagle Scout Branden Wagner was President Harold B. Gardner (left) and State Eagle Scout Chairman Darrell Jackson.

Texas Teacher Wins Revolution Course

Each year the Texas Society sponsors a competition to select an 8th grade history teacher that will receive an expense-paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. For a week at this remarkable facility the winner studies the American Revolution first hand.

According to information forwarded by Society President-elect Richard Arnold of Dallas, the process to select the winner starts off at the Chapter level where the President is responsible for contacting local schools. Information is issued inviting teachers to enter the competition by preparing an essay on the subject of why they should be chosen to attend the Freedoms Foundation program. Each winning essay is then sent to the responsible committee at the state level for consideration. The person chosen to make the trip is then notified – and asked to attend



Mrs. Lina Hearne, 8th grade history teacher at Westwood Junior High in Dallas, was the winner of the Society's essay competition this year.

the Society's State Conference to be recognized and receive a certificate. He/she is also feted at a local school board meeting.

This year's winner was Mrs. Linda Hearne of Westwood Junior High in Dallas. In recapping her time at Valley Forge, she wrote, in part: "The week I spent at the Freedoms Foundation studying the American Revolution in the Middle Colonies was one of the most exciting and inspiring workshops that I have ever attended... We went to many different places, including the site where Washington crossed the Delaware, the Hessian Barracks in Trenton, New Jersey, Princeton University, Brandywine battlefield and our day in Philadelphia where we visited Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Christ Church, the Liberty Bell, the Betsy Ross House and Ben Franklin's grave."

Funding for the trip is provided by the State Col. Joe Hill Patriot's Fund. The allocation to cover costs is sent to the American Legion, which assumes responsibility for all arrangements.

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Delaware Crossing Chapter Plants A Bit Of Mount Vernon In Kansas

By Herrick H. "Kes" Kesler, Chapter President

Being the No. 1 Patriot of the Sons of the American Revolution, George Washington's legacy as "Father of Our Country" was given all-out attention and effort as the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society planned and executed the most comprehensive and ambitious project in its 39-year history.

Searching for just the right project, the Chapter's attention fell on a propitious opportunity when a Compatriot's wife saw a magazine ad placed by American Forests, a conservation organization in Jacksonville, FL, for historic trees, and of a 224-year-old-tulip poplar, planted by George Washington on the grounds of Mount Vernon in 1785.

At a cost of \$35 plus postage, one of these 3-foot saplings seemed to be well within the capability of the Chapter's treasury. A leader of the Bicentennial Committee was quickly appointed so that plans could be developed around the tree idea.

Almost instantaneous with the presentation of the idea to the membership, one Compatriot asked, "Why just one tree?"

Another came up with, "How about 13 trees - one for each colony?"

Still a third, "They should be marked and in a first-class manner."

Spontaneity of enthusiasm, impossible to measure but awesome, spread like wildfire over the membership as one

after the other volunteered to buy a tree, two trees, a marker. Prospective sites started to be named and listed. Planning momentum carried itself at a dizzying pace. In fact, the Secretary cautioned that the meeting should slow up enough for accurate note-taking.

Funding Quickly Raised

Nothing like this had ever before been experienced in the Chapter.

When the planning activity subsided, there were almost enough pledges, checks and cash for the purchase of 13 trees and 13 markers.

The level of enthusiasm for the project that the membership had reached carried over to the following month's meeting when attendance rose from 23 to 37!



Each tree site is identified by a 20-inch granite marker, which is inscribed as follows: GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL, 1799 - TULIP POPLAR - 1999, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

There was no stopping the project now or turning back. The trees were ordered; engraved granite markers were purchased; 13 planting sites were selected; and dates for the ceremonies arranged.

Fully cognizant that opportunities like this rarely come along, the committee carefully included C.A.R.'s, Boy Scouts and local dignitaries in the 13 ceremonies, each on a day in April - a perfect time for the new trees, which were planted soon after they arrived to insure their good health and growth. Each had a nicely developed root structure in a 4" pot. A plastic sleeve protected them during the first few weeks after planting, then were removed.

Ceremonies Featured Speaker

In each ceremony, a dignitary was booked to speak, ending with the acceptance of the tree and receiving from an SAR a framed certificate verifying the tree's authenticity.

Dignitaries included mayors, a police chief at his new station, directors of the park district, a minister of a large church,



One of the tree planting ceremonies took place at Antioch Park, with these members of the Chapter Color Guard participating (from front back): Kes Kesler, Paul May, Roger James, Barney Ellis and Bob Grover.

a school principal, the Executive Director of a retirement village, Director of the Agriculture Hall of Fame, Superintendent of a city arboretum and others.

A Chapter Color Guard in full dress launched each of the 13 ceremonies with fitting patriotic protocol.

During mid-April, around the date of the battles at Lexington and Concord, a Compatriot started the ceremonies with a memorized recitation of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", closing with a description of the leadership qualities of George Washington and how, under his command, the nondescript groups of rag-tag farmers became a well-trained Continental Army and how this tree is a living memorial to the legacy of the "Father of Our Country".

Some of the speakers had researched Washington and spoke eloquently of the precedents he had set for the office of the President and how fortunate we are to have had a leader of his stature and foresight at that critical period in our history.

Excellent Media Coverage

Although the media were not represented at every ceremony, several reporters



The Agricultural Hall of Fame at Bonner Springs was a site chosen for one of the trees. Numerous school children gathered there to witness the ceremony, which starred the Chapter's Color Guard.

and photographers turned out and, of course, each tree ceremony was well recorded by Compatriot photographers, both official and unofficial.

By the end of April, the many tree plantings triggered a major newspaper story of some 32 column - inches titled "SAR and DAR Uphold Historic Tradition", and on subsequent pages, "Spirit of '76 Is Guiding Principle", "Saplings Descended from Mount Vernon Tree" and "SAR/DAR: Heritage Celebrated". A full-color picture of two uniformed Compatriots planting a tree found its way to the front page of the paper. A Kansas City Star reporter had interviewed several members of both SAR and DAR over a period of two or three weeks to build the story.

An unexpected spillover benefit of the project was the inclusion of allied groups who wanted to become tree planters: a Boy Scout troop, the parents of the Eagle Scout



Over 200 students attended the tree dedication ceremony held indoors at Nail Hills Elementary School because of inclement weather.

whom the Delaware Crossing Chapter had honored at its breakfast meeting, and the local Society of the C.A.R. All three groups purchased and planted trees, while the Chapter generously and appropriately furnished the markers at a cost of more than \$100 each.

Rarely has a project brought into the Chapter so much energy, attention and willingness to help and on such a broad scale. One Compatriot voluntarily took it on himself to photograph every event to supplement the other more official pictures to be sure that nothing was left unrecorded or overlooked.

Almost 40 Compatriots became involved in some way, whether it was arranging for a speaker, digging a hole, taking pictures, framing the certificates, serving in the Color Guard, each gave of himself when and where needed.

For years to come, Compatriots of the Delaware Chapter will look back on 1999 as the year that a personal contribution was made towards the success of the SAR Bicentennial Celebration of George Washington's legacy to our country.

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September 18 Saratoga National Historical Park, NY:

Celebration of Constitution Day 1:00pm. DAR Monument. Annual celebration, wreath laying. Sponsored by Saratoga Battle Chapter, ESSAR.

October 4 - Point Pleasant, WV: 2:00pm. Annual Commemorative Service for Virginia Militiamen. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR.

October 7 - Kings Mountain National Military Park, SC:

Battle of Kings Mountain 3:00pm - Overmountain Men Victory Celebration. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR.

October 15 - Annapolis, MD: 4:00pm. French Monument on campus, St. John's College. Wreath laying honoring French at Yorktown. Sponsored by SR. SAR participants.

October 19 - Yorktown, VA: Yorktown Victory Day Celebration; 10:00am. Wreath laying, tomb of Thomas Nelson, Jr., sponsored by VASSAR 11:00am. Parade, exhibits, demonstrations. SAR participants.

October 19 - Valley Forge, PA: Valley Forge Commemoration 12:15 - Washington Chapel. Luncheon. 2:00pm. Yorktown Day Memorial Service. Sponsored by SAR and DAR.

October 19 - Alexandria, VA: 2:00pm. Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Tomb of the Rev War Unknown; Wreath laying. Sponsored by George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.

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 - Annapolis, MD: John Paul Jones Memorial. Wreath laying at his crypt in the Chapel of the US Naval Academy; sponsored by MDSSAR.

December 11 - Gunston Hall (near Alexandria, VA): 12:00noon. Wreath laying commemorating George Mason's birthday. Sponsored by George Mason Chapter, VASSAR.

December 19 - Valley Forge National Park, PA: 6:00pm - Annual "Walk In" commemorates Washington's Army entry into Valley Forge. SAR participants.

December 19 - Great Cane Break Battlefield (near Simpsonville, SC): 2:00pm. Celebration of 1st Battle of Revolution in South. Sponsored by SCSSAR and DAR.

December 25 - Washington Crossing, PA and NJ: Commemoration of Washington's Army crossing the Delaware 12:00 noon - annual event; SAR participants.

January 15 - Cowpens National Battlefield, SC: Battle of Cowpens 11:00am. Morgan Statue, Spartanburg. Wreath laying sponsored by Battlefield officials. 2:00pm - 218th Anniversary Celebration. Wreath laying sponsored by the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR.

February 12 - Kettle Creek Battleground, (near Washington, GA): Kettle Creek Battle Site: Anniversary observance. 3:00pm. Wreath laying, Battlefield Monument. Sponsored by GASSAR.

February 19 - Philadelphia, PA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday wreath laying sponsored by the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR. 11:00am. Independence Hall 11:30am. Washington Square

February 21 - Mt. Vernon, VA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday. 11:00am. wreath laying at Washington family tomb; Sponsored by SR; SAR participants.

February 21 - Burbank, CA (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills): Wreath laying; musket firing; 50+ Color Guards. Sponsored by Sons of Liberty Chapter, CASSAR.

March 2 - Burlington, NC: Battle of Clapp's Mill, Alamance Battleground. 2:00pm. Alamance Patriot's Day. Ceremony and wreath laying. Sponsored by Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR.

March 16 - Montpelier, VA: Madison's Birthday 11:00am. National Commemorative Service; wreath laying; VASSAR participants.

March 18 - Guilford Courthouse National Battlefield (near Greensboro), NC: Battle of Guilford Courthouse 11:00am. Annual Memorial service. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Nathanael Greene Chapter, NCSSAR.

April 13 - Monticello, VA: Jefferson's Birthday. 10:00am. Celebration; wreath laying; VASSAR participants.

April 13 - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC: Jefferson's Birthday 11:00am. National Commemorative Service; Wreath laying. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

April 17 - Concord, MA: Battle of Concord; MASSAR Color Guard participates 8:00am. Wreath laying at Col. Buttrick's grave 9:00am. Parade and Ceremonies at the Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard participants.

April 28 - Richmond (Hollywood Cemetery) VA: Monroe's Birthday 11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Monroe's birthday. Wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

May 16 - Alamance, NC: Alamance Battleground State Park, NC (near Burlington, NC) 6:00pm. 228th Anniversary Battle of Alamance. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR

May 30 - Allentown, PA: 10:30am. Annual Lehigh County Declaration of Independence Celebration. Zion Reformed United Church of Christ.

May 31 - Austin, TX: Memorial Day Service 10:00am. State Cemetery. Sponsored by Patrick Henry Chapter, TXSSAR.

May 31 - Westwood, MA: Memorial Day 9:30am. Parade and wreath laying. MASSAR Color Guard participants.



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First Air Force Academy Cadet Receives National Society Award

The National Society recently took a big step toward restoring what had been an important program some 20 years ago: Recognizing outstanding young men and women attending the four United States Service Academies - thanks to a generous gift from Wisconsin Society Compatriot and Mrs. C.E. 'Pete' Thorp.

Up until the mid-70s presenting awards to cadets and midshipmen was performed annually, but for some reason was discontinued. Then last year the Thorps visited the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs so that she might honor a worthy cadet on behalf of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. While there, Compatriot Thorp - now Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District - inquired as to what was required to permanently underwrite an award in the name of our National Society should there be one not funded at the time.



Cadet Kenneth T. Kline was the first recipient of the eagle trophy from the NSSAR. Making the presentation was Wisconsin Society Compatriot C.E. 'Pete' Thorp.

escorted tour of the facility's impressive museum; and a drive through the area surrounding the Academy, which is noted for massive stone and sand formations. A dramatic highlight was a fly-by involving four Thunderbird aircraft.

Awards For Other Academies

The Medals and Awards Committee is seeking similar contributions from SARs and Society friends to implement programs at the other Service Academies (monetary requirements vary). Anyone interested in obtaining details should contact the Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee: D. Lee Swart, 230 County Road 66, Fort Payne, AL 35987.

About The Academy

Youngest of the four Service Academies, the Air Force Academy was established in 1954 upon the signing of a bill by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The first class of 207 graduated in August 1958. To date well over 30,000 cadets have graduated, thus fulfilling the mission of inspiring and developing outstanding young men and women to become Air Force officers with knowledge, character, discipline; motivated to lead the world's greatest aerospace force in service to our nation.

Compatriot C.E. 'Thorp' was pleased to meet with the Academy's Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz. An Academy graduate, he is a command pilot with 3,300 hours in eight aircraft.

He found out that, indeed, one existed and that an outlay of \$6,500 was needed to provide an eagle trophy each year to the Outstanding Cadet in Foreign Studies. It is traditional that the eagle be presented to each of scores of winners.

Upon returning home, the couple decided to fund the Foreign Affairs Award and made a proposal to the Medals and Awards Committee to that effect; it was enthusiastically approved. On May 31 of this year the Thorps were on hand for the Academy's "Organizational Parade and Individual Awards Ceremony" in the Cadet Field House of Clune Arena and proudly offered the first eagle trophy ever given to a cadet by the National Society: Kenneth T. Kline, Class of 1999.

While visiting the Academy, the Thorps were warmly treated by staff members and cadets alike. Included in the festivities were a breakfast on Memorial Day (May 31st) with others who were to present awards; an



Compatriot C.E. Thorp learned that the falcon is the Academy's mascot.

Microfilm Data Now On Internet

Archivist of the United States John Carlin has announced the creation by the National Archives and Records Administration of a new microfilm publications database that genealogists, historians, and other researchers can access on their own home, office, or library computers.

Microfilm is one of NARA's most highly used resources and is especially important to genealogists. NARA maintains and provides access to microforms that NARA has accessioned from others and has made itself. Included are microfilmed census records, passenger lists, and pension files. These resources are available in NARA research rooms around the country, and many can be purchased and rented. Unfortunately, access to information about the existence and location of microfilm copies has been inaccurate and not easily accessible to either the public or NARA's staff.

Therefore, NARA has created a database that contains brief descriptions for the approximately 3,100 numbered microfilm publications that NARA has. From this database, researchers are able to search and display information by keyword in title, by publication number, by record group number, and/or by NARA facility location. If the microfilm is available for rent or purchase, ordering instructions are available.

The microform publication information is available to the public and staff on the web through the NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL) at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>.

"The idea of such a microfilm system evolved from meetings I had with genealogists in Denver in May of 1998," Mr. Carlin said. "I'm pleased that we've been able to turn that idea into reality and make the locator available for use. This should greatly facilitate genealogical and many other kinds of research."

For more information, please contact Gerald George at jerry.george@arch2.nara.gov or (301)713-7360, ext. 264.



When You Are Traveling

All Compatriots are invited to attend the functions listed below. Your State Society or Chapter may be included for four consecutive issues at \$6.00 per line (45 characters). Send copy and payment to The SAR Magazine, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203; checks payable to "Treasurer General, NSSAR."

ALABAMA

Tennessee Valley Chapter meets second Monday each month at Porter's Restaurant, Huntsville Marriott Hotel at 11:00 am. Compatriots, wives and friends are welcome. Also, an informal meeting is held on the Friday after the second Monday at Redstone Arsenal Club at 5:00 pm for SAR members not able to attend Monday's meeting. For information phone Sec. Charles Bunnell (256-881-4944).

ARIZONA

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

Palo Verde Chapter meets in Mesa for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sat. monthly except Jul-Aug. Phone Thomas Jacks (602) 857-3391. SARs, wives & friends welcomed.

Phoenix Chapter luncheon meeting every Tuesday noon. Phone Secy Bob Richmond for information. (602) 224-6009.

Prescott Chapter meets in Prescott for lunch the 3rd Saturday of the month. (520) 445-2101 or 778-3229 for information.

Saguaro Chapter meets in the Sun City area; January, March, May, September and November. 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.

ARKANSAS

General LaFayette Chapter. Luncheon meeting. 11:30 AM Second Saturday monthly, except June, July and August. Clarion Inn, Hwy 62 and 71 Bypass, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Compatriots, spouses and potential members always welcome.

CALIFORNIA

Coachella Valley Chapter. Meets 2nd Sat October thru May. When visiting Palm Springs area join us for lunch in the Dinah Shore Room at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage. For info phone (760)342-3151.

Kern Chapter #38 luncheon meeting at 11:45 on first Sat. of each month except July and August. Held at the Goodnite Inn. Sec. Eugene Ballow 805/324-0543, Bakersfield, CA.

Redlands Chapter. Meets 3rd Sat. each month, 8:30 a.m. at the University of Redlands, Hunseker 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: Charles Highbaugh (916) 728-1776.

ALABAMA

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 No. 1, New Haven, CT meets at 6:00 PM on the second Monday of September through June. For details, call Secretary, Marshall K. Robinson, at 203-271-2378.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Our Society invites Compatriots to visit the Society Office on Tues or Fri 10 AM-4PM, Ste. 607, 725 15th St. NW, Washington 20005. Phone 212-638-6444; FAX 202-638-6333. Exec. Sec. Sunni Bond 703-848-2663.

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 (941) 334-6840.

Central Florida - Disney Area. Luncheon meeting second Saturday monthly except June, July and August. Call Tom McElroy: 407/695-6274.

Flagler Chapter. Luncheon meetings 11 a.m. 3rd Tues. monthly. Call 904-445-2258 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.

Lakeland Chapter. Lunch mtgs, 11:30 a.m. 3rd Sat. monthly except Jun, Jul, & Aug. Holiday Inn South. Info call 941-858-8856 or 941-533-3038. All welcome.

Miami Chapter. Luncheon meetings at noon the 4th Friday monthly, except July, Aug., Feb., 3rd Friday Nov. & Dec. at the Country Club of Coral Gables, 997 N. Greenway Drive, Coral Gables. Special observances Washington's Birthday, 4th of July, Constitution Week and Veterans Day. Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. For reservations call John M. Thomson (305)443-5444 (E mail) <thomlaw1@aol.com>

Naples Chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month except June - September at the Club House of the Naples Heritage Golf & Country Club, 8150 Heritage Club Way (off David Blvd., west of County Road 951, via I-75, Exit 15) Phone Sec James Applegate, 793-6629.

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

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

St. Augustine Chapter. Lunch meeting, 12 N. 3rd Sat. Sept-May. Info & Res: (904) 285-8145/797-2415.

St. Petersburg Chapter. Luncheon meetings 12 noon 2nd Sat. monthly except June, July & Aug. Special observance Washington's Birthday & Constitution Day. SAR's welcome. Phone 526-5758 or 526-3356.

Saramana Chapter: Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets Noon 2nd Friday, except July & August. Call (941) 966-6809.

GEORGIA

Piedmont Chapter meets at 8:15 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month, Hometown Grille, 29 S. Main Street, Alpharetta, GA. For info call George Thurmond: 770/475-1463.

ILLINOIS

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

MISSOURI

Ozark Mountain Chapter, Springfield, Noon, the 3rd Sat. monthly (except AUG), Old Country Buffet, 1536 S. Glenstone. Wives & guests welcome. Call Pres. David Appleby 417-725-2727.

Harry S Truman Chapter meets for breakfast at 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month at the Sports Complex Holiday Inn at I-70 and Blue Ridge Cutoff. Call 816/229-4402 for information.

Independence Patriots Chapter, Independence, meets 9 a.m. 3rd Sat. each month except July & August. Call Pres. Kenneth F. Crabtree: 816-353-3835.

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

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Society Annual Meeting February. **Lincoln Chapter** meets the 1st Wed. each month (402) 786-3346. **Omaha Chapter** meets 2nd Tues. each month (402) 493-3134.

NEVADA

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

OHIO

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

Richard Montgomery Chapter, Dayton, OH, meets 1st Wed. eve. each month except July and

Aug. Dayton Masonic Temple (High Twelve Rm) 7:30 PM. Call Robert Keen (937)254-3449 for info.

OREGON

Lewis & Clark Chapter: Meet the first Saturday of each month except July & August at 11:00am. Beaverton Elks Lodge #1987, 3500 SW 104th Ave., Beaverton, OR. Phone 629-8784.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia-Continental Chapter. Meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July and August. Tel: SAR Hdqrs. (610) 688-3886, George Mohr, Secretary, 131 Freedom Blvd., West Brandywine, PA 19320-1550; Telephone: (610) 380-1690.

TEXAS

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

Houston's Paul Carrington Chapter. Meets frequently. Visitors are welcome. For info call Joe R. Davidson 713/623-6323.

VIRGINIA

Fairfax Resolves Chapter, McLean, meets at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Thursday, Sept.-Apr. at McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road. Call W. Pless Lunger, Pres. (703)821-1840 or Richard E. Spurr, Sec./Treas. (703) 751-2829.

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

Donations Sought For World War II Memorial

The National World War II Memorial, which will cost an estimated \$100 million when built between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument in Washington, DC, is moving rapidly from the drawing board stage to reality. It is designed to honor the contributions and achievements of the entire WWII generation - from those that served abroad to those who worked in the factories as the **arsenal of democracy**.

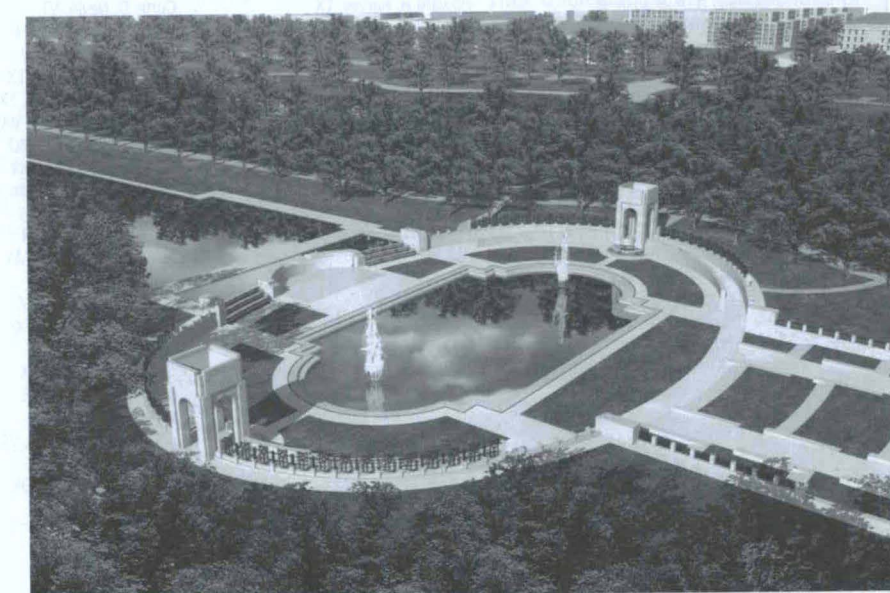
To be constructed on a 7.4-acre site, the project will be funded almost entirely through voluntary gifts. Leading the campaign are National Co-Chairmen Senator Bob Dole, a WWII Veteran seriously wounded on the battlefield and twice decorated with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, and Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President and CEO of FDX Corporation, the famed global transportation and logistics holding firm. A graduate of Yale, Mr. Smith is a former Marine Corps officer.

In 1993 President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 authorizing the American Battle Monuments commission (ABMC) to establish the WWII Memorial in Washington or its environs. Funding for the project will include a perpetual maintenance fund (10% of the construction cost) provided to the National Park Service, which will assume title and responsibility for control and maintenance of the memorial after it is

completed. ABMC hopes to break ground by Veterans Day 2000.

Information about the memorial, including how to donate, can be obtained by calling the toll free customer service center

at 1-800-639-4ww2 or visiting their web site at wwiimemorial.com. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: **World War II Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, DC 20090-6766.**



The World War II Memorial will honor the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the United States during WWII, the 406,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. It will be an inviting and welcoming place to celebrate the American spirit that brought victory of democracy over tyranny, light over darkness.

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Paul Revere's Landing Site Marked At Charlestown

On April 24 over 100 people assembled from all over New England at the Charlestown Navy Yard to dedicate a bronze marker provided by the Massachusetts Society at the exact site where Paul Revere began his famous ride on the night of April 18, 1775 toward Lexington and Concord.

The event was inspired with the discovery by Carl Zellner, BA, MUP, of the site where Revere landed after he was rowed over from Boston to Charlestown Battery. From here he made his way to the center of Charlestown to obtain his horse to launch the trip immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem. He is a noted historian in Charlestown.

The program was sponsored by the Massachusetts Society, National Park Service, the Friends of City Square Park and the Paul Revere Society. The latter organization consists of Compatriot members of the New England Council which is sponsoring various events at the 110th Annual Congress set for Boston during June, 2000 at the Westin Copley Place, including the Saturday evening reception at the hotel.

Presiding at the proceedings was Society President Arthur J.H. Lucas, while playing a prominent part in the ceremonies were the Color Guard of the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut Societies; the Massachusetts group included Former President General of the DAR, Mrs. Ann Fleck who portrays a drummer.



With the *USS Constitution* in the background, the Connecticut Society Color Guard marched smartly to the program's locale in Charlestown.

Other participants included: the skipper of the *USS Constitution*, Commander Christopher Melhuish (near whose ship's rigging the program took place); Former President General Paul H. Walker, who did justice in his presentation of the wreath in front of the marker; Chaplain Raymond Fleck, who offered both the Invocation and Benediction; and various local officials and dignitaries.

Patrick Leehey of the Paul Revere Memorial Association spoke on the significance of Revere's ride. Past Chancellor General Duane Sargisson then unveiled the marker and offered a eulogy to the Patriot.

Following the retiring of the Colors, attendees recessed to a local, well-known restaurant, Barret's on Boston Harbor, for a reception and luncheon. Featured was a slide presentation by Mr. Zellner about his discovery of the landing site. As Education Chairman of the Friends of City Square Park, he was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by President Lucas.

Editor's Note: This enlightening news story is based on detailed information supplied to

The SAR Magazine by Compatriot Duane T. Sargisson, who is currently serving as Chairman of the 110th Annual Congress which is scheduled for Boston in June, 2000. An attorney in Worcester, he has been President of the Massachusetts Society and Chancellor General.



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Presiding over the program was Massachusetts Society President Arthur J.H. Lucas (at lectern). Unveiled was a bronze marker dedicated to Paul Revere's ride, shown on the ground at the left. Note the *USS Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") in the background. Also shown is a display for the National Park Service's interpretive plaque to be installed there.

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