

Good Citizenship Candidates Wanted

The Good Citizenship Committee urges all chapters to recognize and promote good citizenship in their communities and to enter the Good Citizen of the Year 2009 competition. To enter please reference the VASSAR Handbook Vol 3 pp 34-36 and provide the required information for your candidate to the committee by Dec. 31, 2009.

Electronic entries may be sent to Walt Neville at inouno3@juno.com or a hard copy may be mailed to:

Good Citizenship Committee
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Department of Veterans Affairs Publishes New Guidelines for Requesting Veterans Headstones

Here-to-for the federal government distributed headstones and markers for Revolutionary War veterans based upon requests (supported by proof of military service) from SAR Chapters and State Societies. Effective July 2009, the government provides headstones and markers for veteran's graves ONLY when requested by family members, cemeteries and landowners, NOT the SAR. However, families, cemetery representatives and landowners may issue a letter authorizing the SAR to act in their behalf. Chapters may submit requests for stones and markers if a letter of authorization is included. Proof of military service must accompany requests.



Overmountain Men Chapter President Bobby D. McConnell, presented a Flag Certificate to Darrell Gillespie. The ceremony was held at Mr. Gillespie's flag pole near his home in the Twin Springs area. The award was presented in recognition of exemplary patriotism for his display of the Flag of the United States of America



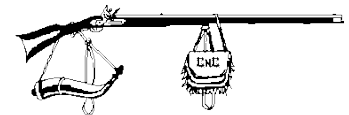
President General Ed Butler signs the contract to get the work started on the SAR's new Headquarters Building and Center for Advancing America's Heritage on West Main St. in Louisville. Among the notables present were Former Presidents General Bruce Wilcox, Larry McClanahan and Roland Downing.

Dues Deferred for Compatriots who are 60-year members

If someone in your Chapter has been a member of the SAR for sixty years, National will defer his annual dues. Emeritus Member status was recently conferred upon Dr. Levi Old, Jr., of the Norfolk Chapter and John Redd Smith of the Col. George Waller Chapter. Notify the VASSAR Secretary if a member of your Chapter qualifies.



Wayne Rouse, President of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter presents the VASSAR wreath at the gravesite of Col. Frederick Hambright at the old Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Grover, NC. Hambright led the Lincoln County, North Carolina troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain. The ceremony was held October 6. Forty wreaths were presented.



Former President General Larry McClanahan, a dual member of VASSAR's Culpeper Minute Men Chapter dedicated a plaque to his patriot ancestor, Rev. William McClanahan, in Greenville, SC, on October 7. Rev. McClanahan was a member of the original Culpeper Minute Men. Assistant VASSAR Treasurer Wayne Rouse attended and presented the VASSAR wreath.