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The President General's Message

Dear Compatriots:

In this issue, we celebrate the life of Arthur Mansfield King, President General (1980-1981), and we also report on his funeral services. In the modern history of our Society, no one has furthered our mission more or contributed more than Arthur King. I think of him as the "father of the modern SAR." I was honored to have a role in the solemn and dignified services conducted by the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Illinois Society. Please read the article to learn how this remarkable Compatriot positioned and enabled the National Society for its critical mission of outreach education.

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) has recently received gifts totaling about \$500,000, giving our "six million dollar capital campaign" a significant boost. In a very important article, Chancellor General David Appleby describes how we obtained these gifts and how easy and straight-forward it is for Compatriots to advance our goals of patriotic education by lifetime giving or arranging for future giving through a CRT or bequest.

The Center is also the benefactor of a matching challenge grant by an anonymous donor of \$18,000. Donations to the CAAH by Compatriots given prior to the end of February 2006 will be matched dollar for dollar from this challenge grant. To qualify gifts must be in cash or new pledges. New gifts in the memory of Arthur King, Perry Davis, Dexter Nettles or other beloved Compatriots also qualify for the matching grant.

The Fall Trustees meeting was successful and notable in several important ways. The 2006 budget was approved containing provisions for adding an Education Director to our headquarters staff. Among the duties of this new position will be developing our new education website into an interactive tool for students and teachers. Please visit the new site at www.rsar.org <<http://www.rsar.org>> to see the progress made by Ralph Nelson's Web Education Committee.

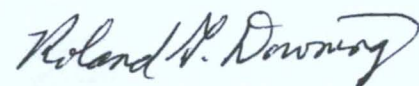
I am happy to report that the Task Force to Develop Outreach Support, chaired by Treasurer General Bruce Wilcox, is making great progress in organizing for our "contact every member" campaign in every state and chapter. The goal is to provide critical information, through personal contact, to all members so they can understand why Compatriots should be proud of their membership because of

what the SAR does today – not just proud of their membership because of what their ancestor did. There is the potential here for each chapter to double the number of participating members.

I am also excited about the prospects of reinstating thousands of "drops" as a result of the new contest among the states and chapters. Many drops just need the same information being provided by the "every member Campaign" and some meaningful attention for them to become active members again. States and chapters of all sizes have a chance to win and be recognized at Congress. In this competition capturing another chapter's drops counts for your chapter.

As I visit states and chapters and attend patriotic celebrations I am continually reminded of your selfless contributions to our causes. Our main goal at National is to encourage and support you. Keep up the good work and make your ancestors proud.

Yours in patriotic service,



Roland G. Downing
President General



Playing a prominent part in the funeral service for Arthur M. King were (from left): J. Gordon Bitner, President of the Illinois Society's Joseph Bartholomew Chapter; President General Roland G. Downing; and M. Joseph Hill, Past President of the Illinois Society.

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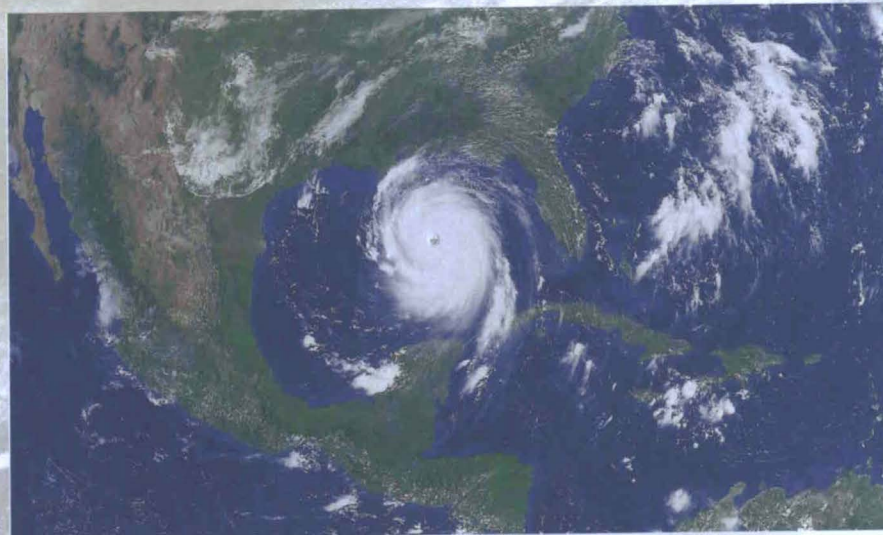
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Hurricane Katrina wreaked devastation in a number of southern states which boast a large population of members of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriots across the nation sprang into action to join relief efforts throughout the area. (This and the cover photo courtesy of NASA.)

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By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Special Contributing Editor

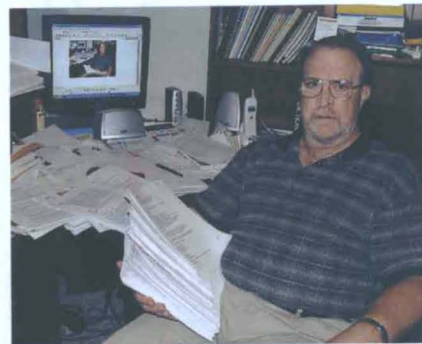
When Roland G. Downing took the oath of office as President General of our Society and unveiled his vision of SAR community outreach, he had no way of knowing that in less than two months the SAR and the entire nation would be involved in an outreach program, the likes of which had never been imagined.

At 6:10 on the morning of August 29, 2005, the world changed forever for people living in a 90,000-square-mile area of the southern United States. That's the precise time Katrina made landfall near Buras-Triumph, Louisiana, as a Category 4 hurricane carrying winds of 145 miles per hour.

Continuing its northeasterly path, Katrina slammed into the Louisiana-Mississippi border with winds of 125 mph. She was downgraded to a tropical depression somewhere near Clarksville, Tennessee on August 31. And, at 11pm that day, federal weather officials said Katrina had been completely absorbed by a frontal boundary in southeastern Canada.

In her wake, officials called for the immediate evacuation of the entire City of New Orleans. Some left. Some did not. What the wind didn't take down in that grand city was practically inundated by floodwaters when levees broke on several canals designed to prevent flooding in the city and adjoining parishes.

Elsewhere, homes and businesses were lost or damaged in Chalmette, Lacombe, Mandeville, Abita Springs, and Slidell, Louisiana; east to the Mississippi Gulf Coast cities and towns of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Lakeshore, Diamondhead, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Moss Point, Pascagoula, and the City of Mobile and smaller towns along Mobile Bay in Alabama and the off-shore Dauphin Island. And, while many



Compatriot Bob Bowen is shown with the four-inch-thick stack of emails he received while gathering information for the accompanying news report.

people did die, the death toll did not reach one official's dire predication of "tens of thousands". At the time this report was written, the death toll stood at 1153 : 932 in Louisiana and 221 in Mississippi, mostly along the Gulf Coast.

Donations For Relief Begin

In the midst of this tragedy, members of the Sons of the American Revolution sprang into action. President General Downing led the charge by initiating a request to the National Society Executive Committee for two \$500 donations for each, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. The money was approved and designated for Katrina relief. The PG also encouraged others in the SAR to make contributions to a relief organization. His message concluded: "Our heartfelt sympathy goes to everyone in the stricken region, but in particular, to any Compatriot who is suffering from the storm's fury. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

The response to the PG's message was almost instantaneous. The Virginia Society's seven-member Executive Committee responded with a group donation, as did Alabama, Arizona, North Carolina, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and numerous other State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots.

Michael Freeland, a Compatriot in Philadelphia, offered to take a displaced family into his home and to use his frequent flyer miles to secure the airline tickets to get them there. Dick Fowler, a 76-year-old and admittedly "slightly overweight" member of Florida's St. Lucie Chapter, quickly contacted the Red Cross and offered his services as a trained Red Cross shelter operator.

Allen Bush and his son, Douglas, both members of Arkansas' Chichasawbe Chapter, actively promoted Katrina relief through their First United Methodist Church in Blytheville. The church helped evacuees coming through the city heading



President George W. Bush, a member of the Texas Society, appointed his father and Texas Compatriot George H.W. Bush (right) and President Bill Clinton to head a fund raising drive for victims of Katrina. (White House photo.)



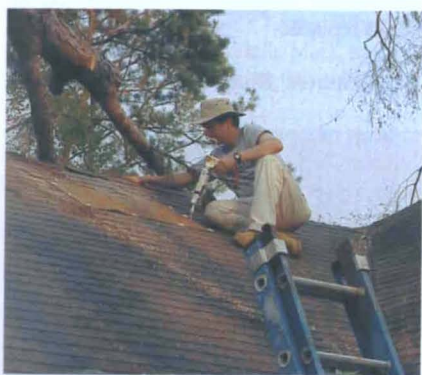
(LEFT): North Carolina Compatriot Mark Miller, M.D. (left), and Keith Davis, M.D., perform emergency surgery to repair tendons in the wrist of a man evacuated from New Orleans to Baton Rouge (Photo courtesy Papa Quinones, M.D.). (RIGHT): Dr. Miller is shown providing medical care to a child in Iraq last year.



north via Interstate 55. Allen Bush reported that the church paid motel bills, provided food and paid for gasoline to help get them to their destination. The church also volunteered as a Refugee Center and Douglas and his mom, Ann Bush, took Red Cross training to learn how to manage the center.

Compatriot President Bush Acts

Another Compatriot Bush, President George W. Bush, visited the storm area on



Louisiana Society National Trustee Tom Jacks repaired the roof of his home in Abita Springs, north of Lake Pontchartrain.

four occasions during the first 17 days of the catastrophe. Shortly after Katrina hit, he appointed his father, former President and Compatriot George H.W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton to head a fund raising drive, as he did following the Tsunami last year. When President Bush addressed the nation on September 15 from Lafayette Square in the French Quarter, he was able to report that already, the two former Presidents had received pledges of more than 100 million dollars.

"In the life of this nation," President Bush said, "we have often been reminded that nature is an awesome force, and that all life is fragile. We are the heirs of men and women who lived through those first terrible winters at Jamestown and Plymouth...who rebuilt Chicago after a great fire, and San Francisco after a great earthquake...who reclaimed the prairie from the dust bowl of the 1930s. Every time, the people of this land have come back from fire, flood, and

storm to build anew – and to build better than what we had before. Americans have never left our destiny to the whims of nature – and we will not start now."

President Bush challenged "existing organizations – churches, Scout troops, or labor union locals – to get in touch with their counterparts in Mississippi, Louisiana, or Alabama, and learn what they can do to help. In this great national enterprise, important work can be done by everyone, and everyone should find their role and do their part."

And, as the President spoke, members of the SAR were already on the job. Compatriots throughout Georgia were quick to lend a hand. Compatriot Mark Anthony volunteered to assist a group establishing a 300-bed evacuation center and aided in the relocation and resettlement of 70 families in Rome, Georgia. Compatriot John Tomme, Sr., and his wife, worked with his Presbyterian Church and helped victims of the storm who reached McDonough, GA. And, there were many others who pitched in to help.

CACI Establishes Fund

NSSAR Executive Committee member Jack London, Chairman, President and CEO of CACI, established a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund for CACI employees and their families. CACI is an information technology company with employees throughout the world, some 70 of whom



(LEFT) When Hurricane Katrina hit, Arkansas Compatriot Jim Vandenberg joined a group of volunteers in Little Rock and drove south to central Mississippi to help citizens in several small towns remove downed trees in their communities. (RIGHT) Last year he was in Iraq designing forts along the Iraqi-Saudi border and doing goodwill work on the side.

were working in the Katrina impact area. Several lost their homes, but no lives were lost.

Eric and Stephen Husson, members of Nevada's Signers Chapter, were thrust into action when their volunteer organizations became involved within days of the storm. Eric, a full-time firefighter in Clark County is also a volunteer member of Nevada's FEMA Task Force 1. He and his team conducted its first life-saving mission eight days after the storm hit. Stephen is a Harley-Davidson mechanic and a volunteer firefighter in Livingston Parish, Louisiana. He and fellow firefighters were pressed into service unloading supplies of water and food and distributing them to evacuees who fled to Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge doubled its size overnight and was soon the largest city in Louisiana. And, it was there that the General Philemon Thomas Chapter demonstrated the true meaning of being a Compatriot... "fellow countryman".

George Reech, Vice-President General for the Southern District, is a member of that Chapter. His primary goal was to survey his District to determine how members of the SAR were affected in the storm area. Largely though his efforts, the Presidents of



Compatriot Steve Husson, a volunteer firefighter in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, was pressed into service unloading supplies of water and food and distributing them to evacuees who fled to Baton Rouge.

the Louisiana and Mississippi Societies, Ed Gros and Rusty Terrell, were located following the storm. They reported property





Compatriot Eric Husson of Nevada was among the first FEMA workers to arrive in New Orleans to help with the evacuation of those stranded in the floods.



damage in New Orleans, Picayune and Crossroads, Mississippi, but they were safe.

Other active members of the Chapter include The Reverend Canon R. Brien Koehler, SSC, Rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. His congregation sponsored the admission of pregnant evacuees in Baton Rouge's Woman Hospital and opened the doors of the church to several families as well as federal agents in town to help administer the overall evacuation process. Darrell Ourso is a Councilman for Baton Rouge's Ninth District. He busied himself helping draft emergency legislation needed to extend a greater helping hand to the city's new arrivals.

T-Shirt Sales Help Red Cross

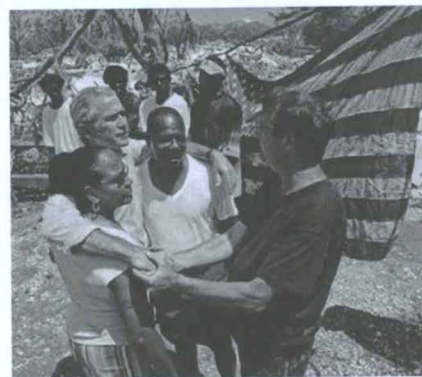
And, then there was Jonathan Kendrick, VPG Reech's grandson. Jonathon joined the SAR at age 18, the youngest member of the Society in Louisiana at the time. After graduating from Tulane, he went to work with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in New York City. In the wake of Katrina, Jonathan and Ross Zietz, a colleague in the firm's Chicago office and another Louisiana native, decided to help. Ross designed a T-Shirt that the company "Threadless.com" agreed to provide at no cost. The T-Shirt sold for \$10. The original goal was to reach \$50,000 for a donation to the American Red Cross. That goal was met in two days. Threadless.com continued to provide shirts and on September 21, a check for \$100,300.00 for Katrina relief was presented to the American Red Cross office in Chicago!

Compatriot David Whitefield, a member of Missouri's Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, and his wife, Rosalie, rushed to Baton Rouge and spent three weeks there as Red Cross volunteers at the River Center. Initially, there were 6,400 evacuees from New Orleans at the center. When Dave and Rosalie returned home, there were about 1,200 evacuees at the center, the rest having found other places to go. Another "Show Me" state Compatriot, Melvin McNeal, Jr., of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, was deployed to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as a National Disaster Medical Assistance Team respiratory therapist.

When the Canadian Broadcasting Company came south to provide radio and television coverage for its audience back

home in Canada, its team contacted Lynn Breaux, a former SAR Ambassador to France, and asked if he could put them up. "Sure, come on down" was his reply. Lynn is a member of the Attakapas Chapter in Lafayette.

Last year, Dr. Mark Miller, a member of the General Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in Fayetteville, NC, was in Iraq, providing volunteer medical assistance to innocent victims of that war. After Katrina hit, he gathered together his volunteer team of six physicians and flew to Baton Rouge to provide emergency medical assistance. The Joe



President George W. Bush, a member of the Texas Society, comforted victims of Katrina on Mississippi's Gulf Coast. (White House photo.)

Gibbs Racing Team provided the aircraft to get them there. The United States Coast Guard and Navy provided transportation in the storm area. Most of their work was done at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center of the campus of LSU. When the doctors returned home, they brought with them 18 members of four families who had been displaced by the storm.

Arkansas Compatriot Volunteers

Jim Vandenberg also was in Iraq last year, working side-by-side with Marines of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Al Anbar Province. During his tour, Lieutenant Vandenberg (a reserve Navy civil engineer officer recently promoted to Lieutenant Commander) designed 32 border forts along the Syrian, Jordanian, and Saudi borders. Vandenberg is a State Parks Architect

with the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism. He also is a member of the Naval Mobile Construction (Seabee) Battalion 28 based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, and a member of the Count Pulaski Chapter in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The first weekend after Katrina hit, Compatriot Vandenberg joined a group of volunteers in Little Rock and drove to central Mississippi to assist those affected by the storm in that part of the state. In the towns of Laurel, McComb and Tylertown, the team removed huge oak trees that had fallen on top of homes and other structures.

Members of Alabama's General Galvez Chapter began working to assist victims of the storm as soon as the winds subsided. And, they didn't limit their helping hand to Alabama. They distributed food, drinking water and cleaning supplies to Mobile, and Bayou la Batre in Alabama and Pascagoula, Hurley, Vanclave, Ocean Springs, Wiggins, Gulfport and Long Beach in Mississippi.

The Sons of Liberty Chapter in California is well known for its respect for history and maintenance of records related to the Revolutionary War. Its members have approved a project to adopt a local library in Mississippi, Alabama or Louisiana and assist them in getting their collection of books replaced.

Members' Homes Suffer Damage

Most of those in the storm's path heeded official warnings or just used good old common sense and fled the predicted impact area. Ann Butler, wife of former President General Bruce Butler, sought refuge with Compatriot Scott and Pricilla (Ann's daughter) Fraser, in Beaumont Texas. Her home in the Upper Garden District of New Orleans suffered some water damage from the flooding. Tom Jacks, LASSAR National Trustee, fled his home near the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain and went to northern Louisiana. His home in Abita Springs lost a few trees and had a hole punched in his roof by one of the downed pines.

Mid-Atlantic District VPG Steve Leishman's son, Neal, a member of the SAR in Delaware, lived in Metairie,



The Rev. Canon R. Brien Koehler, SCC, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge and member of the local General Philemon Thomas Chapter, played an important role in assisting victims of the storm and gathering information about fellow Compatriots in the area.



Lynn Breaux (third from right), a member of the Louisiana Society, provided lodging for members of a Canadian Broadcasting Radio and Television crew that came south to report on the storm for their audience in Canada.

Louisiana when the storm hit. His mom and grandparents lived in Jefferson Parish. All evacuated their homes before the storm. But, the grandfather suffered a stroke two days after the storm and was hospitalized. The houses received some water damage. Personal property was damaged as well.

Treasurer General Bruce Wilcox's son's in-laws, both in Slidell, escaped injury but their homes suffered severe damage. Like his father, Mark Wilcox is a member of Virginia's George Mason Chapter. When the all-clear sounded in Slidell, Mark and his wife rushed to the city to see what they

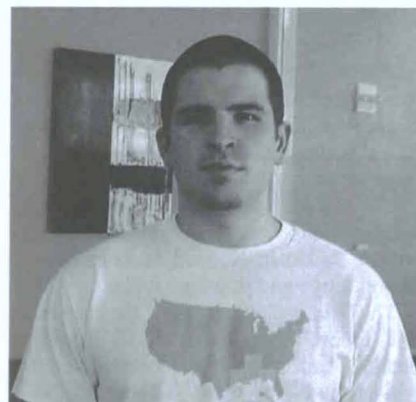
Louisiana and Mississippi. Members have serious questions confronting them. Should they rebuild or should they relocate to a safer climate? Many have pledged to remain.

Other Reactions To The Storms

By Executive Order, President General Downing told the National Trustees that any Compatriot who lost his original SAR Membership Certificate in Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, can apply to the Executive Director for a replacement copy at no cost.

James Thweatt, TNSSAR Trustee and Dr. Ray Clapsadle, TNSSAR President, announced that Tennessee will pay the 2006 dues of up to ten members of the Southern District in need of assistance following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The National Society is developing a similar program that will involve a collection of funds from members who wish to contribute to assist members of the SAR.

It is known that three members of the George Washington Chapter in New Orleans, Judge John Grout, Bill Alerton and Jacques Fortier, lost their homes because of the flooding. The regular meeting places for



Louisiana Compatriot Jonathan Kendrick's Katrina T-Shirt idea resulted in a donation of \$100,300 to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

could do to help. The single-level home of Mark's father-in-law had seven feet of water. FEMA will decide if they can build again.

Former Surgeon General Robert Judice's home in New Orleans suffered minor damage as did his historic plantation, the French L'Hermitage, on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Mark Rutledge, President of the Wheat Chapter in Picayune, Mississippi, lost his home in New Orleans near the southern coast of Lake Pontchartrain. But, a home he purchased recently in Covington, LA, near the north shore of the Lake Ponchartrain, is in fine shape. It will be a while before the SAR recuperates in storm areas in



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the George Washington Chapter and the Gulf Coast Chapter in Biloxi were destroyed during the hurricane. Officials of those two Chapters were still trying to determine the whereabouts of all of their members and groping with the question of where to meet when material for this report was being compiled. And, they were juggling these questions with the full realization that the hurricane season still had a couple of months to go.



(LEFT) Southern District Vice-President General George Reech of Baton Rouge briefed National Trustees when they met in late September on the state of SAR affairs in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the states most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. (RIGHT) President General Roland G. Downing presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal for his work on gathering information about the effects of the storms on Compatriots in the area as well as those who volunteered to assist the victims.



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Serving as Chairman of the Host Society Congress Planning Committee is Nathan E. White, Jr., a Past President of the Texas Society now holding the post of National Society Secretary General. He has been active for a number of years at the local, state and national levels of the SAR. Working closely with him are Co-Chairman James G. Robertson, Jr.; Mrs. Wanda J. White, who is coordinating the ladies' activities; a corps of Texas Compatriots assigned to specific responsibilities; and Maryland Compatriot Barrett L. McKown, who has been Chairman of the National Society Congress Planning Committee for many years.

Special Activities Offered

In addition to the traditional business sessions and other programs, the Planning Committee has lined up a series of



The InterContinental Dallas Hotel is about 30 minutes from the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport (DFW). The cab fare is \$45, or shuttles are available for \$17 per person each way. For those who plan to drive to the Congress, the hotel is just a couple of miles north of I-635 on the Dallas North Tollway.

interesting entertainment events:

- Friday evening – Optional attendance at an authentic rodeo in Mesquite.
- Saturday evening – Host Society Reception, a Western-style BBQ, held at Storybook Land Western Town. Wearing Western-style dress, attendees may also wander the old streets and buildings. Bus transportation from hotel included.
- Tuesday noon – Optional Ladies Luncheon held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center on Lake Grapevine, in a replica of San Antonio's River Walk area located at the Center's hugh atrium.
- Wednesday afternoon – A variety of optional tours, ranging from visiting the site of President Kennedy's assassination to both large and boutique tours.

The Winter 2006 Issue of the magazine will report more details about Congress details. And a form will be featured for registering Compatriots and guests alike – as well as making reservations for the optional programs.



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Licensed CPA 1965
Licensed Attorney 1972
Citizen of the Year, Plano, Texas 1982
District Governor - Rotary 1979-1980

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BLUE STAR SALUTE MAY 21, 2005



The cover story in the Fall 2004 Issue of our Magazine announced a joint program with The American Legion to honor members of local Guard and Reserve units and Active Duty servicemen and women on Armed Services Day – May 21, 2005. This effort was spearheaded by the National Society Partners in Patriotism Committee chaired by

Virginia Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen. Projects ranged from parades and formal ceremonies to church services and the issuance of official governmental proclamations. Altogether, 19 State Societies and 71 Chapters participated in cooperation with Legion Posts or by conducting programs on their own. Some of them are reported here.

Thirty-Four Chapters Participate At American Village In Alabama

By Compatriot James H. Maples, Alabama Society President

Approximately 4,000 veterans, family members and guests witnessed the Alabama Blue Star Salute ceremony that was held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the American Village near Montevallo, Alabama. The American Village, the Alabama Department of The American Legion, and the SAR Alabama Society sponsored the event. Thirty-eight other organizations participated in the day's activities.

Prior to the main event of the day, a Revolutionary War Monument was dedicated. This monument is located near the Colonial Chapel and lists many of the famous individuals that fought in the war as well as the major engagements of the war. ALSSAR member and American Village Trustee Johnny Curry gave the dedicatory remarks and seven members of the SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. The fife and drum corps from Homewood High School of Birmingham, Alabama accompanied the Color Guard. Wreaths were then laid on the Donn Porter Congressional Medal of Honor Korean War 9th Ranger Monument and the Vietnam Memorial Wall to recognize Alabama military personnel who gave their lives in those wars. Marion Military Institute's White Knight Precision Drill Team then led the audience from the dedication ceremony to the Constitution Green for the main event of the day.

For the main event, ALSSAR member and American Village Director Tom Walker served as Master of Ceremonies, while Chaplain Reverend Walter Reeder gave the Invocation and Alabama State Treasurer Mrs. Kay Ivey led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Colors were presented by the consolidated SAR Color Guard consisting of 21 Compatriots from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Alabama American Legion Commander Bryon White and ALSSAR President Jim



These two Alabama Compatriots played prominent parts in the Blue Star Salute held at the American Village. R. Glenn Nivens (left) was one of the prime organizers of the event, while Society President Jim Maples (right) worked behind the scenes in the planning stages but on the day of the program extended greetings to participants and observers.



Among the guest speakers was James N. Randall, Executive Director of NSSAR. He brought greetings from President General Henry N. McCarl.



Compatriots from several State Societies marched smartly when presenting the Colors during the Blue Star Salute program.

Maples extended greetings to the attendees from their respective organizations. At the conclusion of his remarks President Maples introduced NSSAR Executive Director Jim Randall, who brought greetings from the NSSAR on behalf of President General Henry N. McCarl.

One of the main organizers of the events, ALSSAR member R. Glenn Nivens, recognized the participating organizations and thanked them for their contributions. Major General Mark Bowen, Adjutant General for the State of Alabama, introduced the keynote speaker, Alabama Governor Bob Riley. After Governor Riley's remarks, Director Tom Walker led the audience in a responsive reading which thanked the men and women whose service is marked by the Blue and Gold Stars.

Solemn Ceremony For The Fallen

Following the responsive reading, a Ceremony for the Fallen was held to recog-

nize forty-two Alabamians who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country on or after September 11, 2001. Each individual's name was read after which a bell was tolled. The family members of those fallen were then recognized. "God



Blue Star Salute attendees were thrilled to view a fly over by an Alabama National Guard KC-137 refueling aircraft as seen from Washington Hall at the American Village.

Bless America" was led by the 151st Army Band, a Veterans Salute was given by Christopher Long, Historical Interpreter, American Village, and Washington's Prayer was given by John Beavers, State Chaplain, American Legion. The ceremony concluded with "Taps" played by the 151st Army Band.

Units from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard displayed an array of military equipment that included small firearms, communications equipment, field artillery pieces, HUMMVs and trucks with many different payloads, CH-47 and Blackhawk helicopters, and a fly over by a KC-137 refueling aircraft.

The Blue Star Salute concluded with the Marine Corps reenacting the flag raising at Iwo Jima as the Heritage Pipes and Drum Band played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Approximately 50 to 60 SARs from five states took part in the Salute.

Thirty-Four Chapters Participate

Bragging rights go to the Georgia Society for having the greatest number of Chapters participating in the National Blue Star Salute program with 14 Chapters taking part. Alabama was next with 11 (all but three of its Chapters) and Texas had nine Chapters.

For a variety of reasons, it was impossible to stay strictly with our Armed Forces Day, May 21 date. Some American Legion Posts had already made plans to combine the Blue Star Salute program with their traditional Memorial Day program, so some SAR Chapters followed suit in their joint effort. When we became aware of this, we bent over backwards in many cases to make sure that participating Chapters were recognized, regardless of the date on which they were forced to conduct their program.

How Some Compatriots Took Part In The Salute Program

Publicity concerning plans to salute the military on May 21, 2005 by the Sons of the American Revolution and The American Legion was launched a year ago in *The SAR Magazine* and other means of communication to our membership all across the country. Responsible for spearheading this noteworthy effort – and following through until its fruition – was Virginia Society Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, who at the time was Chairman of the Partners in Patriotism Committee. As part of this program, he encouraged State Societies and Chapters to submit news stories about what they had done on its behalf. A selection is included at the right and on the following page.



The Alabama Society and State Legionnaires promoted the Blue Star Salute at the State Capitol on Patriots Day (from left): R. Glenn Nivens, US Infantry (Ret), the Society's Event Coordinator; Eddie Bowling, Youth Member of the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter; Bruce Taylor, Society Sergeant-at-Arms; Rev. Walter Reeder, Society Chaplain; Willis Frazier, Jr., Vice-Commander, Alabama American Legion; State Legion Commander Byron White; and Jimmy Maness, Vice-Commander.



Baton Rouge, Louisiana Councilman Darrell Ourso (center), a member of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, was instrumental in the City Council issuing a Blue Star Salute Proclamation. Ourso and Mayor-President Melvin "Kip" Holden (left) presented the document to Henry Grace, Secretary of the Louisiana Society and Past President of the Chapter.

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He points out that the process for receiving grant money to support such projects begins with filling out the standard one-page Wal-Mart Grant Application that may be obtained at a local store or Sam's Club outlet. Each store has an employee designated to distribute and process these applications.

To help further a successful quest for funding, Compatriot Hoffmann recommends that a covering letter be drafted to accompany the application expressing our Society's mission and with information about the project for which funds are sought.

After the local store approves a request, it is sent to the firm's headquarters in Arkansas for final review and verification of the NSSAR Tax Exempt Number noted.

Among SAR projects for which funding was received is a veterans program of the FLSSAR Emerald Coast Chapter.



The Georgia Society Marquis de Lafayette Chapter joined forces with American Legion Post 105 of Fayetteville and Boy Scout Troop 309 of Peachtree City to recognize the Blue Star Salute program. The Scouts posted American Flags on all of the veteran graves in Fayette City Cemetery. Veterans from many of our country's wars and conflicts are buried there, including the Creek Indian Wars, Mexican War, Spanish American War and World Wars I and II. Additionally, numerous Fayette County Revolutionary War Patriots are buried at old home sites.



Texas Society Vice President Winston Scott (right) joined with members of American Legion Post 593 in Converse to recognize 16 families of active duty military members serving in the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps. Each family received a Blue Star Banner. Legionnaire Dick Bray (left) organized the program along with Post Commander Karen Paris.



Partners in Patriotism Committee Chairman Bob Bowen (left), a member of the Virginia Society's Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter, and American Legion Post 55 Commander Glynn Hyatt (right) presented a Blue Star Salute Proclamation from the City Council designating May 21 as Blue Star Salute Day to SFC David Smith, a member of the 229th Engineer Bn., Virginia National Guard, based in Fredericksburg.



One of the highlights of the 115th Annual Congress held this past July in Louisville was recognition of those State Societies that participated in the Blue Star Salute program. A representative of each Society in attendance was given a special Certificate during one of the business sessions by Partners in Patriotism Committee Chairman Robert L. "Bob" Bowen and President General Henry N. McCarl. **Seated, from left:** James H. Lochary, OH; David G. Boring, MI; Lyman R. Brenner, DE; Larry J. Magerkurth, CA; Dr. Harry Hollien, FL; Robert P. Cruthirds, GA; Evertt E. Mulkey, KS; Edward O. Gros, LA; Dr. Andrew M. Jones, MS. **Standing, from left:** Keith K. Brown, Jr., MO; Capt. Walter F. Baker, NM; LTC Joe E. Harris, NC; Peter M. Keltch, OK; Gregory H. Ohanesian, SC; Chairman Bowen; PG McCarl; James H. Maples, AL; Raymond A. Clapsadle, TN; William R. Adams, Jr., TX; Lawrence E. McKinley, VA; John C. Ellingson, WA; Harry R. Houston, WA.

IN OUR MEMORY President General Arthur M. King

Arthur M. King, who served our Society as President General during 1980-1981, was called to eternal rest on September 17, 2005 while a resident of the Meadows Mennonite Home in the southern Illinois community of Chenoa. He would have been 103 years of age this coming December.

Compatriot King was an unusually dedicated member of the Sons of the American Revolution covering a span of 42 years, beginning with induction into the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society. At the time he resided in Missouri, but there was no Chapter in the eastern part of the state. He eventually served as Chapter President, Kansas Society President, Vice-President General for the South Central District and Secretary General – and was elected President General at the Annual Congress in Dallas in mid-1980. During that time, he also managed to participate in the work of many National Committees, in some cases as Chairman. Awards bestowed upon him included these medals: Minuteman, Patriot, Gold and Silver Good Citizenship, and Law Enforcement Commendation. He also received the DAR Medal of Honor.

His love of our Society led him to support a diversity of projects which were to have a lasting impact on the future of the SAR. Among them were:

- **Helping to implement the move of National Headquarters in 1979.** Here his expertise in real estate matters proved invaluable in the sale of our building in Washington, DC and the purchase of the one we now occupy in Louisville, Kentucky.

- **Recognition of Eagle Scouts.** In the early 1980s, a program to recognize Eagle Scouts was devel-

oped by Kansas Compatriot Robert E. Burt while chairing a NSSAR Boy Scout Committee. The program was successfully tested by his Society and then presented to the Executive Committee by Compatriot King for consideration as a national effort; approval was quickly given. An Eagle Scout himself, Compatriot King pledged \$20,000 to establish a fund to provide financing needed to carry out the program including scholarships to top Eagle Scouts. Today it



The cover of the Spring 1991 Issue of our magazine featured a photo taken inside the George Washington Room, which PG King (seated) sponsored. Posing with him were President General James R. Calhoun and Librarian General Richard E. Wilson (right).

reaches thousands of young men all across the country. The fund has grown dramatically over the years through added contributions by Compatriot King and those of numerous other SARs.

- **Expansion of Headquarters building.** In 1984 a construction program funded by Compatriot King included erecting an addition to our building consisting of two levels, each 680 square feet. One level was to house the offices of the Staff Registrar and Staff Genealogist. The other level, in effect a basement, became storage space.

- **Acquisition of property.** At about the same time he funded the expansion program, he purchased for the Society some parcels of land across Fifth Street from Headquarters to provide additional parking space for cars. The following years saw further acquisitions until today the National Society owns an entire block; this is where the proposed Center for



When President General Roland G. Downing (left) attended Compatriot King's funeral, he visited the Arthur & Berdena King Alzheimer's Unit at the Meadows Mennonite Home. With him was J. Gordon Bidner, President of the local Joseph Bartholomew Chapter. PG King funded construction of the Unit.

Advancing America's Heritage will be built.

- **Construction of the George Washington Room and acquisition of the Washington Collection.** During the Spring 1991 Meeting of the National Trustees, the unique George Washington Room was dedicated. Funded by Compatriot King, this facility was carved out what had been part of the Library – and crafted by a Louisville firm to resemble Washington's study at Mount Vernon. And on its shelves and in cabinets was an extensive collection of books and microfilms relative to the famed Patriot. The collection was acquired, at King's expense, by then Librarian General Richard E. Wilson while traveling about the country from 1987 on.

Both he and his wife, Berdena, were born in Illinois and were married there in 1928. His business career caused an eventual move to Weatherby Lake, Missouri, near Kansas City. The high point of this career was involvement in the construction of a major shopping area in the area. When she developed Alzheimer's, they moved to the Mennonite Home in 1989. She passed away in 1992.

The funeral service for PG King was held at the home, with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery at LeRoy. Participating were members of the Illinois Society and the local Joseph Bartholomew Chapter. Offering remarks was President General Roland G. Downing.

Special thanks go to two Compatriots mentioned in this tribute for their cooperation in supplying an abundance of background information: Robert E. Burt of the Kansas Society and J. Gordon Bidner of the Illinois Society. Both played important roles in the life of the late President General King.



Serving as pallbearers were these six Compatriots: Karl E. Reed, Illinois Society President Kenneth W. Griswold, Past Society President Stephen A. Bradley, Past society President M. Joseph Hill, General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter President J. Gordon Bidner and Harry F. Huit.

SAR/SR Tour To Poland In 2006 To Honor Kosciuszko And Pulaski

A joint commemoration honoring two famous Patriots of the Revolutionary War – Generals Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski – will be the prime objective of a 2006 tour to Poland being endorsed by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society Sons of the Revolution. Responsible for planning this venture is former President General Stewart Boone McCarty, Jr., who has been appointed by both organizations as their Ambassador to Poland (he also is a member of the SR). He is well qualified to handle this task as based on experience gained in leading similar SAR trips in 1994 and 1995.

Excursion details have been worked out with Around the World Travel Center, Inc. of Yardley, Pennsylvania through Travel Consultant S. Paul Bosse. Information on contacting him to make reservations is reported later in this news story.

Here's the itinerary at the time the magazine went to press in mid-November:

Thursday, April 27 – Depart at 10:30pm from JFK, New York to Gdansk, Poland via Warsaw.

Friday, April 28 – Arrive in Gdansk followed by short city tour and dinner.

Saturday, April 29 – Tour of the old city of Gdansk and Gdynia with a visit to shipyard where Solidarity began. Overnight in Gdansk.

Sunday, April 30 – Departure for Malbork (the Teutonic Knight's fortress) and city of Torun (birthplace of Copernicus), then continue to Warsaw.

Monday, May 1 – Wreath laying at tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A visit with the Military Ordinaire, Bishop Ploski, head

chaplain of the Polish Army, and official visit to Poland's Military Museum.

Tuesday, May 2 – Tour of Warsaw, with a visit to the Royal Castle and the newly built Warsaw Uprising Museum.

Wednesday, May 3 – Departure for Warka and an official visit to the Pulaski Museum; special luncheon to be hosted by the Warka Brewery. Wreath laying at base of Pulaski Statue on Museum grounds. Afternoon departure for Krakow.

Thursday, May 4 – An official visit to the Wawel Royal Castle Compound, with a wreath laying at Cathedral crypt of Kosciuszko and a visit to the Kosciuszko Mound.

Friday, May 5 – Tour of Krakow and free time for shopping and leisure on Market Square.

Saturday, May 6 – Morning tour of Wieliczka Salt Mines and an afternoon visit to Auschwitz.

Sunday, May 7 – Departure from Krakow to Warsaw, with international departure for JFK that evening.

The tour cost is \$2,550 per person, including air fare from JFK – with a single supplement of \$375. Additional is the cost of flights to and from New York; Travel Consultant Bosse will make your reservations if desired. The overall price also includes such amenities as accommodations at 4-Star Holiday Inns (double occupancy), three meals a day, entrance fees and insurance covering a range of features.

Mr. Bosse may be reached as follows: Tel 215/493-1113; Fax 215/493-6537; E-mail atwt@earthlink.net. The address for Around the World Travel is 90 West Afton Avenue, Yardley, PA 19067.

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Participating in the ceremony in the Oval Office were (from left): Executive Director James N. Randall, President George W. Bush, President General Henry N. McCarl and Louisiana Compatriot William (Bill) Allerton.

President Bush Given SAR Award

On Friday the 1st of July – just before the 115th Annual Congress was set to open in Louisville – President General Henry N. McCarl found himself traveling to The White House to give the Society's Distinguished Patriot Award to President George W. Bush, a member of the Texas Society. In fact, he missed presiding over a meeting of the Executive Committee in order to go to Washington. He was joined there by Executive Director James N. Randall and William (Bill) Allerton of the Louisiana Society.

The occasion was the culmination of concerted efforts over a period of time to set up the presentation date and involved a number of members and friends of our Society. In addition to the award ceremony, the meeting encompassed discussions on the teaching of American History in our country's school system. The President and

Mrs. Bush were offered copies of the National Society's educational CD. This was the first time in over 25 years that the SAR had managed to arrange a formal meeting and presentation in the Oval Office.

The Distinguished Patriot Award was established during the 1986-87 term of President General Clovis H. Brakebill and may be given only once by a PG during his tenure to an American Citizen for outstanding patriotism to the country. Compatriot Brakebill presented the first one to Bob Hope in recognition of his many years of entertaining members of our Armed Forces. Among others so honored was President Ronald Reagan after he left office; doing the honors was PG Charles F. Printz in Mr. Reagan's Los Angeles office at the time of an Annual Congress in San Francisco.

Nominating Committee Selected

The Nominating Committee traditionally meets at the time of the Spring Trustees Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky to select a slate of General Officers for the upcoming term of office.

It is also traditional that a number of Districts, State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots endorse some or all of the candidates by sending letters to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who is always the President General who retired from that post at the end of the last Annual Congress. Now serving as Chairman is Henry N. McCarl, who has announced that endorsements for those candidates seeking election for the 2006-2007 term must be received by him no later than February 1, 2006. His address is 28

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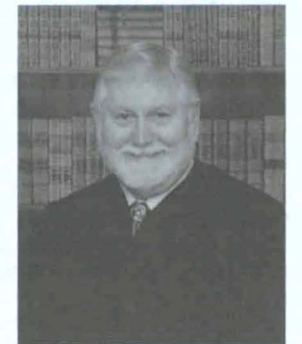
The Committee consists of three different categories, as follows:

- An additional four former Presidents General: B. Rice Aston, TX; Howard F. Horne, DE; Larry D. McClanahan, TN; and Raymond G. Musgrave, WV.

- Four Society Presidents elected by the Council of State Presidents: Miles K. Dechant, PA; Peter K. Goebel, NY; Larry J. Magerkurth, CA; and William C. Schrader, KY.

- Two National Trustees selected by the current President General, Roland G. Downing: Isaac "Barney" Ellis, KS; and Robert F. Galer, GA.

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First Place Winners Of National Society Contests For Youths Given Recognition At Annual Congress

The 7th Annual Youth Awards Luncheon, staged during the 115th Annual Congress in Louisville this past July, honored five students who captured first place in as many National Society competitions. In addition, a monetary award was presented to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Serving as the capable Master of Ceremonies was Virginia Society Compatriot Richard S. Austin.

These competitions were involved: **Rumbaugh Historical Oration, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout Scholarship, JROTC Outstanding Cadet and American Poster.** The winner of each, except Poster, was on hand to be recognized and receive prizes and certificates.

A key requirement for all of the contests, except Poster, is the preparation of an essay on specific areas of interest; those submitted are reproduced in this special report. Compatriots are encouraged to make copies of these available to this

year's potential participants as a guide to the high standards they must meet!

Here are the top prizes that were awarded at the Congress. Also reported are those given to runners-up. It should be emphasized that many Chapters and State Societies also offer awards.

Rumbaugh Historical Oration: \$3,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively. Others competing at the Congress receive lesser amounts.

Knight Essay: \$3,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

Eagle Scout Scholarship: \$8,000. First and Second Runners-up: \$4,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

JROTC Outstanding Cadet: \$1,000.

Americanism Poster: \$300 savings bond. First and Second Runners-up: \$200 and \$100 savings bonds, respectively.

Compatriots and students interested in these programs will find complete descriptive information on the National Society Web Site: <http://www.sar.org>.



On behalf of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, National President Rebecca Suzanne Graw brought greetings at the opening session of the Annual Congress in Louisville. She was also on hand for the Youth Awards Luncheon to accept a \$1,000 check for use in furthering her project.

The Winning Knight Contest Essay

INFLUENCE OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT ON THE REVOLUTION

By H. Curtis Kuntz

The American Revolution represents one of the most violent, abrupt, turning points in the history of mankind. Prior to the colonists' break with the British Empire, history is filled with the story of nations governed by the few. History after the American Revolution appears to be one gigantic movement towards a world of nations ruled by the people. What was behind this sharp break with tradition? What inspired our Founding Fathers to lead this fight against the most powerful empire in the world? The answers to these questions are found not only in political events such as the Boston Massacre and the Intolerable Acts, but also in the philosophical movement we now know as the Enlightenment.

The thoughts of Enlightenment thinkers are reflected in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and in the personal beliefs of the Founding Fathers. Three of the most prominent philosophers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were the Englishman John Locke and the Frenchman Jean Jacques Rousseau and Baron de Montesquieu. John Locke was perhaps the original Enlightenment thinker. The inspiration of his thinking was the English Civil War. Locke's primary contribution to the ideals of the United States of America is his defense of the rights of mankind. He once proclaimed, "All men are by nature equal." It has been said that he felt that all men were born free and equal because they are all the property of God. Certainly these ideals sound very similar to those echoed in some great American documents. Locke also felt that his belief in the basic rights of man should apply to government. He stated, "The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. Locke's bold words were meant to resonate in the halls of English government, but in fact they



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also began a movement that would forever change the New World.

Jean Jacques Rousseau's place in history will always be connected with the French Revolution. However, many of his ideas deeply influenced American revolutionaries as well. Rousseau's beliefs were in some ways a continuation of Locke's assertions. He believed it to be a basic truth that "Liberty and equality were the

prime requisites for the betterment of man." However, his writing went even farther than had Locke's. They addressed the abhorrence of the kind of tyranny that the colonists felt themselves to be under. His timeless treatise "The Social Contract" expounds these beliefs by stating that "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains." Rousseau was not alone in his thoughts. He gained great popularity not only in France, but also in all of Europe and America. It is generally accepted that he and his many followers all agreed that human rights are crucial, and that the equality of all people is undeniable. The spread of Rousseau's ideas to American leaders led not only to a philosophical shift, but also to action on the grandest scale.

The great contemporary and countryman of Rousseau was Baron de Montesquieu. Montesquieu had the most direct affect on the formation of our government of all Enlightenment thinkers. He extolled human rights and condemned tyranny in the same manner as Rousseau. However, he also managed to devise methods of insuring these rights and preventing oppression that eventually became the basis for all world governments. It has been said that, "Montesquieu is present always and everywhere as a tutelary genius benign towards the Founding Fathers." Montesquieu's greatest contribution to the actions of our founders came in the area of separation of powers. He is responsible for first formulating the division of government into executive, legislative, and judicial branches. In fact, many scholars believe that the Constitution is essentially the embodiment of Montesquieu's teachings. His ideas have proven themselves to be valid, as evidenced by the great success of American government. When reviewing the actions of our forefathers and examining

our democracy, there can be no doubt that we owe a great debt to the ideas of Locke, Rousseau, and Montesquieu.

The arguments made by the Enlightenment thinkers of Europe were very convincing. However the world may never have seen their ideas put into practice were it not for the brave men who founded the United States. Perhaps the greatest example of an American Enlightenment thinker was Benjamin Franklin. He was able to exchange ideas directly with the "philosophers" of France during the eight and half years that he lived there as an American diplomat. Franklin was Renaissance man like many of his great contemporaries. By the time of the American Revolution, he was an old man most famous for his science experiments with electricity, his many inventions, and his book of witty aphorisms, *Poor Richard's Almanac*. His actions during and after the Revolution, however, failed to reflect his age. Franklin's beliefs about human equality surely motivated him in the Continental Congress. It has been said that "In their theory both (Franklin and Thomas Jefferson)...inherit substantially from Locke and...are of the school of Montesquieu." After signing the Declaration of Independence, Franklin went to France in

order to secure crucial aid for the fledgling American army. Naturally the venerable old man succeeded in this endeavor. Years after returning home, Franklin was called upon for one final public service. The Constitutional Convention was being called in his hometown of Philadelphia. Franklin entered the Convention hoping primarily for the guarantee of human equality for his countrymen. The result was one of the most enduring forms of government that the world has seen. The political accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin clearly reflect his participation in the Enlightenment. He is not the only Founding Father, though, about whom this can be said. Samuel Adams once wrote that, "A state is never free but when each citizen is bound by no law whatever that he has not approved of." Alexander Hamilton felt that human equality was a basic truth of the universe. Certainly the list of Founding Fathers influenced by the Enlightenment is not limited by their views. When examining the beliefs of Franklin, John and Samuel Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Thomas Paine, James Madison, and their contemporaries, it is easy to confuse them with Locke, Rousseau, and Montesquieu.

What caused the American Revolution? Was it the abuses of the English Parliament? Perhaps it was the over expansion of the British Empire. Regardless of what political issue ignited the conflict between the colonies and Britain, one thing is undeniable. The ideological component of the American Revolution was an offspring of the Enlightenment. John Locke's assertions of the rights of man in his Two Treatises on Government resonated clearly in the hearts of Americans. Then, Jean Jacques Rousseau provided the logical justification for throwing off the yoke of oppression. Finally, Baron de Montesquieu offered a solution for guaranteeing both the rights of man and the suppression of tyranny. Great Americans such as Benjamin Franklin picked up on these ideas. The responsibility for the implementation of this grand scheme designed by the greatest minds in the world fell to one man. George Washington's place in history was assured by his brilliant comprehension of the ideas that shaped our new tripartite government. The result was not just a break between the Old World and the New World. It was the embodiment of Enlightenment ideals, the greatest experiment of all, the United States of America.

The Winning JROTC Program Essay

HOW HAS THE JROTC PREPARED ME TO BE A BETTER CITIZEN By Michael T. Calkins

Those who lead achieve success. During my sophomore year of high school and my second year in JROTC, I was put in charge of Kitty Hawk Air Society. I had been a member in Kitty Hawk Air Society a half a year during the previous year and therefore I was still green in the society. This was my first leadership position and there was no cadet to fall back on for help, because the previous president had graduated the year before and my vice-president had no experience. I had to make things happen from the very beginning.

All the students attending my school are in JROTC, and everyone was looking for results. The members of the society needed leadership, and despite being shy - I knew they could count on me to make things happen. I believed very few of the top cadet leaders were joining the Air Society. To spread the word and acquire more representation, I had an induction for sophomores through seniors that were meeting the strict society requirements. The results were huge and cadets saw the awesome representation of KHAS, and so I set higher induction goals for the second semester. However, my job was not done; I still needed to set up community service activities for the corps.

To help recruitment for both the school and AFJROTC, I set up and sought cadet support for several community service projects. From creating a club for 8th graders to learn about JROTC, to parades, park cleanups and assisting food banks. When the year ended, 100 cadets had amassed over 3,000 community-service hours, and brought in over a ton of food for a local food bank. These experiences, through JROTC helped me emerge as a leader and a more caring young adult. But JROTC also gave me a greater appreciation of others who have lead and sacrificed for our nation.

"A table is set for five but no one is present, symbolizing the fact that many members of our profession of arms are missing. They are referred to as POW/MIA." During my sopho-



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more year of JROTC, I participated on the POW/MIA ceremonial team. The solemn ceremony made me think more deeply about the sacrifices made by others so that I could enjoy all the liberties I have today. Every time I put on my AFJROTC uniform I feel honored. I strive for it to be perfect, and to act with valor and honor because anything less would be unacceptable to those fallen soldiers.

AFJROTC teaches values that have helped me more clearly frame important ideas. The first value - integrity: "Doing what is right even when no one is looking." Integrity is the most important value to have in the world. As chairperson of Dining Out 2004, I had to be able to trust other cadets to help me get this complex social and ceremonial event accomplished. Everyone acted with integrity, and the result was an event that made parents and cadets very proud.

Despite a hectic schedule, I strive for *service before self*. My segment of the drill team, my flight, and the corps, come before deeds for my own personal good. While outside of school, I put academics, family and religion before I consider myself. I would rather observe my drill team win a trophy, than having the judges award me a trophy as an outstanding commander. I feel a great sense of accomplishment for providing others a means to show integrity, to serve others, and to pursue excellence.

Whether it is in the corps, in academics, or in the world, *excellence* has allowed me to reach my goals. I strive for excellence in my school-work and show great results in accomplishing my goals by maintaining a 4.043 grade point average. My excellence in course work has resulted in my number two class ranking.

In closing, AFJROTC has changed my life. It has taught me to see beyond myself and yet see myself - as a person with so much potential. I dream of being an astronaut, and AFJROTC has shown me I can make my dreams real with hard work and good values. I can lead, I can follow...and I can show the way.

The Winning Eagle Scout Essay

THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA By John R. Rasmussen

The American Revolutionary War was contested from the sun-drenched fields of Georgia to the frozen tundra of Canada. The colonial bid for freedom resulted in well-documented battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill and Yorktown while equally important battles were waged at lesser-known sites like Point Pleasant and Cowpens. Yet of all the battles, the most important may have taken place in northern New York state. The Battle of Saratoga was a turning point in the Revolution because it proved to the world that the young American army was capable of beating the powerful British forces in a major confrontation.

By the late 1770's, Britain was intent on cutting New England off from the rest of the colonies by taking control of the Hudson River Valley. To that end, a force of 10,000 British soldiers under the command of General John Burgoyne headed south from Canada in the summer of 1777. But the march was not an easy one. Americans used a systematic blocking of roads, destruction of bridges and constant sniper fire to slow the British advance. Late that summer, colonial soldiers and militia under the command of General Horatio Gates eventually stopped the advance in the area north of the Hudson valley town of Saratoga.

The British attempted to move on Saratoga on Sept. 19, 1777. In a day-long fight known as the Battle of Freeman's Farm, Burgoyne was able to make little headway against the American patriots and ordered his men to build fortifications near Bemis Heights. Pinned down by a growing American army, Burgoyne waited for reinforcements for nearly three weeks. When none came,



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he decided to risk a second advance on Saratoga on Oct. 7.

The second confrontation, known as the Battle of Bemis Heights, was an overwhelming success for the Americans. Having relied primarily on a defensive strategy for much of the campaign, Gates went on the offensive by mid-afternoon and attacked with three columns of men led by Col. Daniel Morgan, Gen. Ebenezer Learned, and Gen. Enoch Poor. The British line was broken repeatedly while the flanks were punished and driven back. Before the enemy could regroup, Gen. Benedict Arnold—who had been relieved of his command for arguing with Gates—led Learned's brigade on a final surge which overwhelmed German soldiers defending the center of the British line.

A day later, under the cover of nightfall, the British began their retreat north and took refuge in a fortified camp on the heights of Saratoga. Believing that victory was at hand, the American force surged to nearly 20,000 men and surrounded the exhausted British. Faced with such overwhelming numbers, Burgoyne surrendered on Oct. 17, 1777.

The Battle of Saratoga is regarded as one of the most decisive battles in American history. It put an end to the British swagger and their feeling of invincibility. It showed that the Americans were a strong fighting force. More importantly, it exemplified the spirit and patriotism of the American people—attributes that served the rebels well during the remainder of the revolution. The same resolve and spirit have been the foundation of our country for more than 200 years and will continue to keep America strong for future generations.

The Winning Rumbaugh Oration Contest Essay

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE By Terilyn T. Parker

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." According to the Declaration of Independence, this is the basis of the American Revolution. Today I would like to speak to you on separation of church and state. To understand this, we must first see the part that religion played in the American Revolution, second how separation of church and state began, and third how the courts have brought this separation to the point that it is now.

When the colonists decided to separate from England, religious freedom played an important part in the revolution. The king was seen as the direct representative of God on earth. When the Declaration of Independence was written, it was said that all men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." The concept of God was deeply embedded in the foundations of the new country. The heads of this new government knew that a Church could not rule the United States of America. They had seen what a church headed government had done in England and what it had the potential to do in America in terms of religious persecution. When the Bill of Rights was written, in the First Amendment it was stated that, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The separation of church and state began when Thomas Jefferson used the term "a wall of separation between church and state" in his letter to the Danbury Baptists. It is my opinion that this separation of church and state was not meant to be the strict separation that it is today. Jefferson was ensuring these people that the state would not persecute or discriminate against the Danbury Baptists. It is clear that the forefathers did not want a separation so complete that children are not allowed to speak of God at their schools. They only wanted a country where all could practice religious freedom. Thomas Paine said that, "above all things the free exercise of religion" is essential to our freedom. The founding fathers wanted us to have a wall of separation between our religions and our government, but they did not intend for us to completely block out all religion. When Thomas Jefferson was president of the school board, the Bible was used as a textbook in the first public schools.

Just looking at history as well as famous monuments and government buildings proves that religion, whatever religion that may be, was meant to be a part of the lives of the American people. The 83rd Congress designated a room in the Capitol that is always open for the prayer and mediation of the members of Congress. The Washington monument has the words "Praise be to God" engraved in its cap as well as Bible



Terilyn T. Parker hails from Louisiana. During the finals of the Oration Contest held at the Congress in Louisville, she captured first place in a field of 15 other young men and women.

verses written on its staircase. The Jefferson Memorial contains a reference to God. If we are trying to block out religion from our school system, should we stop public schools from visiting these monuments? Or should these historic sites, which are such an important part of our country,

be destroyed because they mention God that everyone may not believe exists? Or should we not teach the Declaration of Independence and other historical documents because of their reference to God?

The first amendment does not state that religion cannot be practiced in schools. It states that we cannot pass laws that prohibit the practice of religion. In the 1947 Supreme Court case *Everson v. Board of Education*, a case concerning the use of state funds to transport children to religious schools, Justice Hugo Black cited the wall of separation. The case of *Engel v. Vitale* in 1962 was the first ruling that separated Christianity and education. In this case the court defined "church" as "a religious activity in public". Prior to this there was no historical or legal precedent banning religious activities in public settings. Is not prohibiting religious activity in schools and other public circumstances passing laws prohibiting the practice of religion? Where is the freedom of expression in these laws and court cases?

I am in agreement with the Supreme Court

Chief Justice William Rehnquist when he stated "the wall" diverted judges "from the actual intention of the drafters of the Bill of Rights." I am not the only one in disagreement with these laws completely separating the church and state. A senior class was told that God could not be used in their graduation ceremonies. In response to this when a speaker stood up to give his speech he let out a large sneeze. On cue every senior stood and said, "God bless you."

In conclusion, I would like to say that I agree that the churches should be separate from the state to a degree. This is what allows our country to be a place of freedom where all can worship according to their own beliefs. The government should not step in and stop people from worshipping, or choosing not to worship, their God. This was clearly the intent of the Declaration of Independence. Our forefathers fought and won the American Revolution so that we could have freedom. We should all have the freedom of religion that they believed in, a true freedom where everyone can practice his or her own religion at any time and in any place.

Raid On Martin's Station Marked

On May 14 Compatriots from Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio gathered at Wilderness Road State Park in southwest Virginia to commemorate a Raid on Martin's Station and passage to the west through Cumberland Gap. Also on hand were representatives of the DAR and C.A.R.

According to information submitted to the magazine by Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Chairman of the National Society Revolutionary War (225th Anniversary) Committee, it was the first SAR involvement in this annual program, with more than 100 people attending a wreath laying ceremony conducted at the General Joseph Martin Monument. Responsible for organizing the event were Virginia Society Historical Committee Chairman Don Philen, Martin Station Chapter President Thomas Coker, and Overmountain Men Chapter President Wayne McClelland.



Serving as the principal speaker was Virginia Society President Larry E. McKinley. Georgia Society President George E. Thurmond represented the National Society as Chairman of the Southern District, Historic Celebrations Committee.



Shown here are some of those SARs, DARs and others participating in the May commemoration at Wilderness Road State Park.

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SARs Continue To Celebrate Revolutionary War Events

With this issue or our magazine, we close out the 225th anniversaries of events that took place in 1780. In addition, a preview is given of next year's articles.

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Chairman, 225th Anniversary Committee

We are rapidly approaching 2006 and the final road to victory over the British at a small town in Virginia called York Town. We are not, however, nearing the completion of our series on the 225th anniversaries of Revolutionary War battles and events. The series will not end until 2008 (1783) with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

Between now and then, we have a lot of history to report. We continue in this, the Fall Issue, with a recounting of what happened at Kings Mountain in 1780 – and special reports on 225th anniversary programs staged by SARs in commemoration of these battles; Camden, Hanging Rock and Ramsour's Mill. Also of special interest is a feature article that profiles Generals Nathanael Greene and Lord Cornwallis.

Winter 2006 Issue

The Winter 2006 Issue will contain a report on the anniversary ceremonies held at Kings Mountain – and a history of the Battle of Cowpens on January 15, 1781 at a place known to many of the Patriots of western North and South Carolina. Here the war



General Daniel Morgan was in command of Patriot forces at the Battle of Cowpens, which took place on February 15, 1781. (Original art by Werner Willis of Charlotte, North Carolina.)

in the south would add another thorn in the side of Cornwallis and the British. Taking about one hour, the battle pitted Brigadier General Daniel Morgan against the most hated British officer in North America, Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton. It significantly impacted how Cornwallis would conduct his campaign between then and his final defeat at Yorktown some nine months later.

Spring 2006 Issue

Plans for the Spring 2006 Issue include a report on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse,



This illustration depicts the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. (From the Army National Guard Art Series by H. Charles McBarron.)

as well as a feature about Banastre Tarleton as he terrorizes southern Virginia.

It was at Guilford Courthouse where the two armies would clash in a major battle that would contribute heavily to the outcome of the war. While somewhat of a draw, General Greene ordered a retreat, leaving the field to the British.



Tarleton came to Virginia facing enemies on two fronts: Patriots on the one hand and his fellow officers on the other. On one excursion he almost captured Thomas Jefferson and on another he covered about 400 miles in 15 days. However, whatever tactical success he enjoyed did not add up to strategic victory.

Summer 2006 Issue

The Summer 2006 Issue will be highlighted with a history of the Battle of Yorktown. It will also have a report on the 225th anniversary program at Guilford Courthouse.

On October 9, 1781 the surrender of British forces to Continental and French forces began. This was the culmination of a move and counter move by Cornwallis and Greene after Guilford Courthouse in March that could be compared to a chess game. For Cornwallis, however, it would be not only a check, but checkmate in this last large battle of the American Revolution.



Depicted here is the final assault on Yorktown between Patriot and British forces in October 1781. (Army National Guard Art Series – artist unknown.)

Shown here is Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton leading a charge of his feared British Legion. (Original art by Werner Willis of Charlotte, North Carolina.)

THE BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

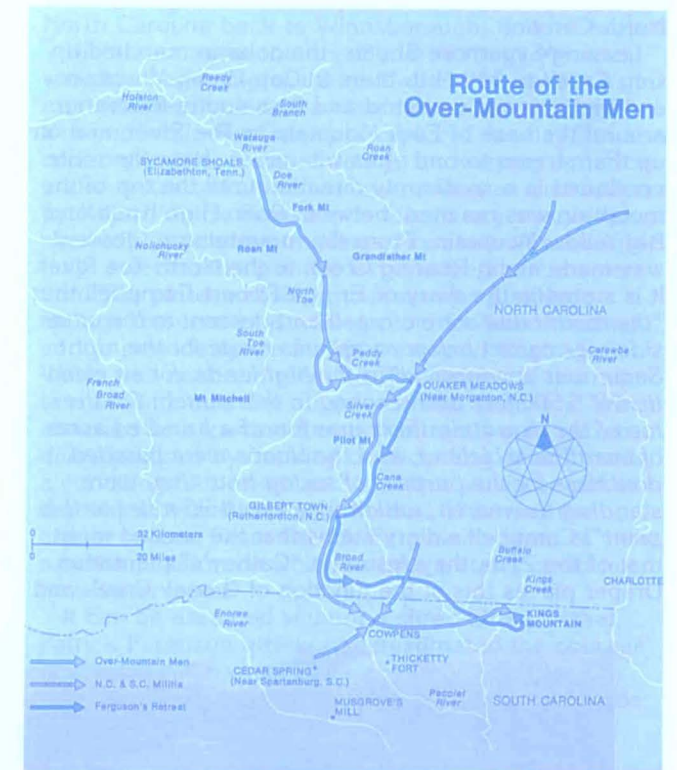
By Compatriot Mel S. Hankla, Kentucky Society

Many historians consider the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 to be the turning point in America's War for Independence. The victory of rebelling American Patriots over British Loyalist troops completely destroyed the left wing of Cornwallis' army. This decisive battle successfully ended the British invasion into North Carolina and forced Lord Cornwallis to retreat from Charlotte into South Carolina to wait for reinforcements. This triumphant victory of the Overmountain Men allowed General Nathanael Greene the opportunity to reorganize the American Army.

Throughout the 225th anniversary year of this so very important event in America's history, I wish to encourage us to remember and honor the "Heroes" of the Battle of Kings Mountain: all 1,400 or so men who took a stand against Patrick Ferguson and his troops of British Loyalists. I also want to commend Lyman P. Draper for all of his efforts accurately documenting so much of our nation's history with writings from personal interviews of individuals "who were there" and to also say "thanks" for allowing me to borrow the title of his book for my exhibit of artifacts belonging to and in honor of, the men that fought heroically in this significant battle.

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND

Following the defeats of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln at Charleston in May and then Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden, British Lt. Gen. Charles Cornwallis appeared to have a clear path all the way to Virginia. In September, Cornwallis invaded North Carolina and ordered Major Patrick Ferguson to guard his left flank. On September 2, Ferguson left for Western Carolina with seventy of his American Volunteers and several hundred Tory soldiers. He arrived at Gilbert Town, North Carolina, on September 7th. Ferguson paroled a captured rebel and sent him with a message, "that if they did not desist from their opposition to the British arms, and take protection under his standard, he would march his army over the mountains, hang their leaders, and lay their country waste with fire and sword."



THIS THREAT PROVED TO BE HIS UNDOING!

A call to arms went out and they gathered at Sycamore Shoals. David Ramsey, in his history of South Carolina, written in 1808, said, "hitherto these mountaineers had only heard of war at a distance, and had been in peaceable possession of that independence for which their countrymen on the seacoast were contending. They embodied to check the invader of their own volition, without any requisition from the Governments of America or the officers of the Continental Army. Each man set out with a knapsack, blanket, and gun. All who could obtain horses were



As depicted in this photo, Kentucky Society Compatriot Mel S. Hankla often portrays Revolutionary War Patriot George Rogers Clark, who in later life moved to the Louisville area and is interred in a local cemetery. He does this under auspices of the Kentucky Humanities Council as a Chautauqua – Living History Character. He also portrays Simon Kenton – Kentucky Frontiersman and is currently developing a character for Isaac Shelby, Kentucky's first Governor. A life-long resident of Jamestown, he holds an E.D.D. through the cooperative Doctoral program of Western Kentucky University and the University of Louisville. He currently teaches Kentucky History and Folklore at Lindsey Wilson College at Columbia. Additionally, he is a flintlock gunsmith and makes several traditional longrifles each year. A historian by trade, collecting artifacts or tools used during the Frontier Era of Kentucky has become a true passion.

mounted, the remainder afoot." On Sept. 25th, Colonels William Campbell, Charles McDowell, John Sevier and Isaac Shelby left Sycamore Shoals in pursuit of Ferguson. The thoroughfare of their mission followed the only roadway connecting the backwater country with the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina.

Leaving Sycamore Shoals, the column marched up Gap Creek to its headwaters in Gap Creek Mountain, and there turned eastward and then south, following around the base of Fork Mountain to Toe River, and on up that stream to one of its tributaries. Here the route continued in a southerly direction until the top of the mountain was reached, between Roan High Knob and Big Yellow Mountain. From the mountaintop, descent was made along Roaring Creek to the North Toe River. It is stated in the diary of Ensign Robert Campbell that "the mountains were crossed and descent to the other side was carted before camp was made for the night. Snow was encountered in the highlands, for an elevation of 5,500 feet was reached in this march. On the top of the mountain there was found a hundred acres of beautiful tableland, and the troops were paraded, doubtless for the purpose of seeing how they were standing the march, which was about 26 miles to this point". Campbell's diary states that the second night, that of the 27th, they rested at "Cathey's" plantation. Draper places this at the junction of Grassy Creek and



"Gathering of the Overmountain Men at Sycamore Shoals, 1780", a painting by Lloyd Branson, depicts the rendezvous of Patriots on the banks of the Watauga River before marching on the Tory forces at Kings Mountain. On September 25th they left there in pursuit of the Loyalist forces under the command of Major Patrick Ferguson. (Illustration courtesy of the Tennessee State Museum Collection, Nashville; photography by June Dorman.)

North Toe River. Tradition has it that on reaching Gillespie Gap the troops divided, one group including Campbell's men, moving southward to Turkey Cove, the other going easterly to the North Cove on the North Fork of the Catawba. Ensign Campbell's diary gives the information that the fourth night, the 29th, Campbell's men rested at a rich "Tory's", near Turkey Cove.

The following day the men who had camped at North Cove marched southeast down Paddy Creek, while those from Turkey Cove marched southerly down the North Fork and then hastily down the Catawba near the mouth of Paddy Creek. They continued down the Catawba to Quaker Meadows, the homeplace of the McDowells, and promptly made camp. During the five days that had elapsed since leaving Sycamore Flats, about 80 miles had been covered. On September 30th, Colonel Cleveland joined the marching column of 1,040 men at Quaker Meadow with the men from Wilkes County and Major Winston with the men from Surry County. An additional 30 Georgians, under the command of William Candler, joined the Patriot force at Gilberts Town, making for a combined strength of approximately 1,400 men.

CAMPBELL BECOMES COMMANDER

The seven Colonels chose Col. William Campbell to act as overall commander. The Overmountain Men moved south in search of Major Patrick Ferguson. From the Rebel spy Joseph Kerr, they learned that Ferguson was thirty miles to the north, camped at Kings Mountain. It is said that Isaac Shelby was especially delighted to learn that Ferguson was quoted as saying, "He was on King's Mountain, that he was King of that mountain and that God Almighty and all the Rebels of Hell could not drive him from it!" Shelby was very familiar with the Kings Mountain region and knew that it could prove to be an almost impossible position to defend.

The Colonels wanted to catch up with Ferguson before he reached Charlotte and Lt. General Charles Cornwallis' protection, so they chose 900 of the best men and quickly made their way north. The combined force of Overmountain Men arrived at Kings Mountain the afternoon of October 7, 1780.

Having little insight into the methods and philosophies of warfare of the southern frontiersmen, Ferguson had chosen the position feeling no enemy could fire upon him without showing themselves. The Patriot force decided to surround the mountain and use continuous fire to slowly close in like an unavoidable noose.

The force was divided into four columns. Col. Isaac Shelby and Col. Wm. Campbell led the interior columns, with Shelby on the left and Campbell on the right. Colonel John Sevier led the right flanking column and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland the left. They moved into their respective positions and began moving toward the summit. The battle commenced at 3 o'clock with the middle two columns exchanging fire with Major Ferguson for fifteen minutes while the flanking columns moved into position. Ferguson used Provincial Corps to drive back Colonels Campbell and Shelby with a bayonet charge, but then his troops had to fall back from under sharpshooter fire.

Ferguson was right in believing that his attackers would expose themselves to musket fire if they attempted to scale the summit. But he did not realize that his men could only fire if they went into the open, rendering themselves vulnerable to returning rifle fire. Most all of the Patriot troops were skilled hunters, woodsmen and above all, "riflemen" who routinely killed fast moving animals to feed themselves. Most were veterans of many years of frontier Indians war and were experts on "tree to tree" no rules combat. On this day, Ferguson's men would find escaping an impossible task.

Because of their exposed position, Major Ferguson's men were being overwhelmed. The sharpshooters were picking them off from behind rocks, trees and brush that surrounded the summit; while the Loyalists' aim was high, a common sighting problem when shooting downhill. The Overmountain Men gained a foothold on the summit, driving back the staggering Loyalists. The noose was quickly closing in. Major Ferguson's bold and final attempt was to try and personally cut a path through the Patriot line so his forces might possibly escape, but this heroic effort failed as Ferguson fell from his horse, his body riddled with bullets. Some accounts say he died before he hit the ground; others say that his men propped him against a tree, where he died. Ferguson was the only British soldier killed in the battle, all others were Americans, either Loyalist or Patriot.

Ferguson's second-in-command, Capt. Abraham DePevster, bravely continued to fight for a brief time, but the confusion was so great and his followers in such a vulnerable position that he realized further resistance was suicidal. He quickly raised the white flag of surrender. He surrendered his sword to Major Evan Shelby, Jr., younger brother of Kentucky's first Governor Isaac Shelby. Gen. William Campbell was the commanding officer of the day, but it is said that he had removed his tattered coat "and with open collar", not recognized as the commander. Despite the call for surrender by the Loyalists, the Patriot Colonels could not immediately stop their men from shooting. Many Patriots remembered that the notorious "Tarleton" had mowed down Patriot troops at Waxhaw despite the fact they were trying to surrender. But eventually...the fighting at Kings Mountain diminished.

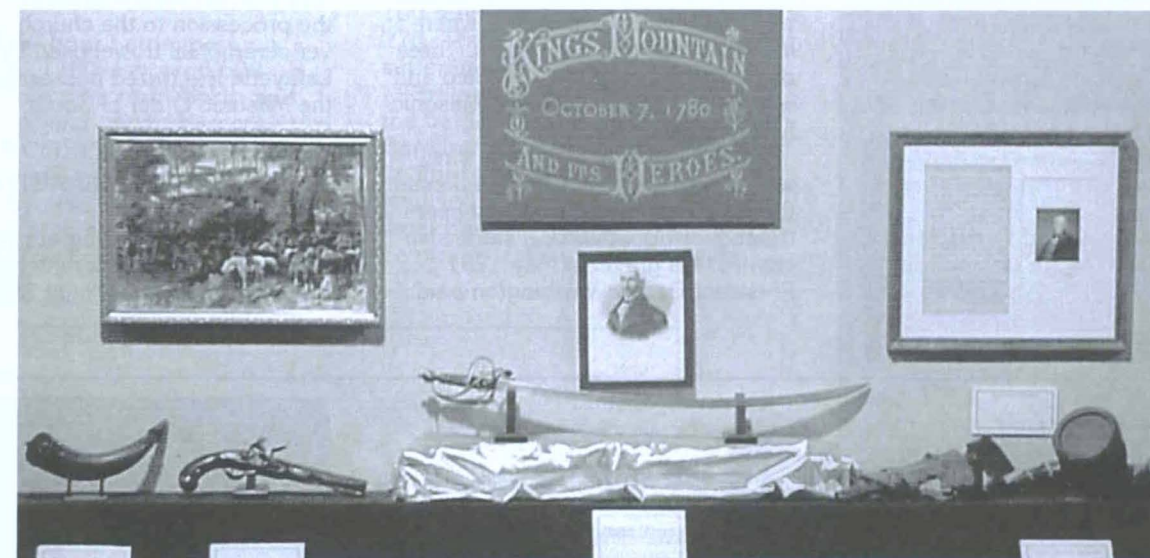
AFTERMATH OF THE ENCOUNTER

The battle had lasted a little over an hour and not a single man of Ferguson's force escaped. Though the numbers of casualties reported varies from source to

source, some of the most commonly reported figures are that 225 Loyalists had been killed, 163 wounded and 716 were captured, while only 28 Patriots were killed, including Colonel James Williams, and 68 wounded. When General Cornwallis learned of Major Patrick Ferguson's defeat, he retreated from Charlotte, North Carolina back to Winnsborough, South Carolina.

Historians agree that the Battle of Kings Mountain was the "beginning of the end" of British rule in its former colonies. In less than one hour of battle, the Overmountain Men not only captured the day but also undermined the British strategy for keeping America under its control. A defeat so crushing as that suffered by Major Patrick Ferguson is rare in any war. Although skewed, his position on Kings Mountain was thoughtfully selected using much experience and consideration. The plateau of the mountain was just large enough to serve as a battleground for his command and to provide space for his camp and wagon train. Water was near and plentiful. The slopes of the mountain would hinder the advance of the attackers. When attacked he expected that any retreat would be rendered perilous by flanking or encircling detachments, a condition he desired as his militia would be put to the task to stand and fight instead of having the choice to flee. From Patrick Ferguson's point of view, a better position on which to take a stand could not have been found.

It can be assumed without a shred of doubt that Patrick Ferguson utterly underestimated the courage of the mountain men. Their apparent advantage in numbers did not discourage him from offering battle; otherwise he would have continued his march on October 7th in the direction of Charlotte and Cornwallis. But had he known that these Overmountain Men would so aggressively stand and fight with a fierceness and conviction never before experienced in his southern campaign, I'm sure he would have been much more cautious and considerably less heroic.



In honor and celebration of the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Compatriot Hankla (author of the accompanying feature article) designed this unique exhibit for presentation at the Maryland Arms Collectors Association show in Baltimore, where it won the "Judges Choice" award. Also on display at the 115th SAR Annual Congress held in Louisville this past July, it is highlighted by items from his extensive assembly of frontier Kentucky items (from left on the shelf): powder horn reputedly carried by George Ledbetter during the

battle; Revolutionary War Era pistol said to have been carried by Capt. William Crabtree during the battle; English officer's saber considered to be the "surrender sword" at the battle's conclusion (owned by Capt. Abraham DePeyster, second in command to Major Patrick Ferguson, it was surrendered to Major Evan Shelby, Jr., younger brother of Kentucky's first Governor, Isaac Shelby); and two personalized utilitarian items belonging to Isaac Shelby and quite possibly used at Kings Mountain.

COMPATRIOTS COMMEMORATE BATTLE OF CAMDEN

By Compatriot David J. Sympson, Kentucky Society

Historic Camden, South Carolina commemorated the 225th anniversary of the defeat of General Horatio Gates who commanded the Southern Department of the Continental Army by British Lord Charles Cornwallis. The war in the South for the Americans had reached its lowest point.

The city commemoration was conducted on August 19, 20 and 21, 2005. Two hundred and twenty five years ago on August 16, 1780 the two armies made initial contact at 2:30 am, with the main battle commencing at daybreak.

Compatriot Walter Barron of the General Thomas Sumter Chapter was instrumental in assisting the city in executing the anniversary commemoration; in addition he was an excellent host to the SAR delegation.

On Friday, August 19th I was honored to lay a wreath on behalf of President General Roland G.

Downing during the General Baron de Kalb Memorial Service, which was held at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Also laying wreaths were the SAR, DAR and Uta Ziesler-Hoelzl, a descendant of the general's younger brother Andress. Uta and her family were from Leipzig, Germany located southwest of Berlin. The general, who left no direct descendants, was born Johannas Kalb on June 19, 1721 in Bavaria, Germany. Rightfully so, the City of Camden honors and memorializes his heroic deeds. One of its main streets is named De Kalb, being the only street named after a battle patriot.

Nine miles north of Camden is the battle site, where on Saturday morning Delaware Compatriot Ralph

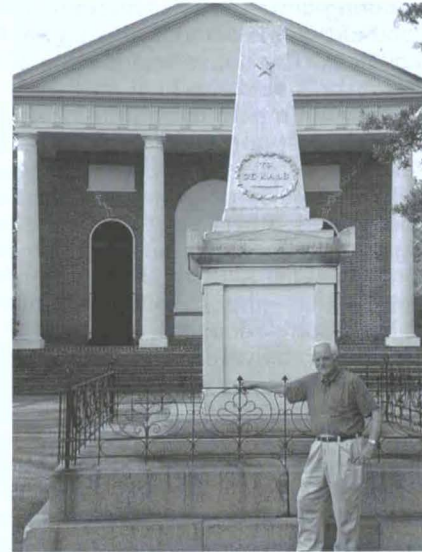
& Kay Nelson and myself attended a depiction of the battle. The site is in the early stages of conservation and development; however, three graves had been located along Delaware's Regiment deployment line. During 17th Century warfare, a Patriot was normally buried close to where he fell. The DAR had previously placed a stone monument to memorialize were de Kalb was wounded. After sustaining three bullet and eight saber wounds, he was finally cap-



Delaware Compatriot Ralph Nelson stood beside the Delaware Memorial Marker located near the site of the Revolutionary War Patriot Memorial, which was erected in the 1990s by the General Thomas Sumter Chapter of the South Carolina Society.

tured and taken to Camden, where the British treated his injuries. Three days later on August 19 he died and was given both military and Masonic funeral rites by his captors.

Baron de Kalb's first burial site was in a field in Old Camden behind the Blue House where he had been treated for his wounds; a stone slab covered his grave. In May 1791 President George Washington paid



This impressive monument dedicated to the memory of Baron de Kalb stands at the entrance to Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden. Shown here is Walter Barron of the South Carolina Society's General Thomas Sumter Chapter. He played important roles in planning and implementing the overall commemoration.

his respects and visited his grave site. In 1825 he was re-interred in his final resting place on the grounds of the newly erected Bethesda Presbyterian Church. His friend Marquis de Lafayette, who laid the cornerstone of the monument, led the procession to the church. A silver ceremonial trowel used by Lafayette is a prized possession of the Masonic Order of South Carolina.

HUNDREDS OF RE-ENACTORS

On Saturday morning approximately 800 re-enactors interpreted the initial contact or Night Skirmish

in a large field on the site of Old Camden. The re-enactors and living history presenters were in a period encampment just below the reconstructed Kershaw-Cornwallis House. The original house served as Lord Charles Cornwallis' headquarters.

A wreath laying ceremony was held at the Revolutionary War Patriot Memorial, which was constructed in the early 1990s by the General Thomas Sumter Chapter, SCSSAR, under the direction of Compatriot Walter Barron. Barron was also Master of Ceremonies during the wreath laying. A historic marker was provided by the State of Delaware in memory of those lost in the field of battle from the Delaware Continental Line. The memorial also displays a marker provided by the Maryland Society in memory of the Maryland Continental Line. Both markers list the known casualties of the battle. In addition the memorial also lists the Virginia soldiers killed in the bat-



The Kershaw House in Camden was originally built c. 1775-1780 by Joseph Kershaw, a wealthy merchant and local citizen. During the British occupation of 1780-81, the unfinished structure was fortified and served as headquarters for General Cornwallis and other officers.

tle, Patriots executed in Camden in 1780, and Patriots of the Camden District.

In the afternoon the re-enactors depicted the Dawn Battle. The costumes and accuracy of the deploy-



Re-enactors portrayed North Carolina Volunteers (British) in the foreground. They are shown confronting the American Line during the Dawn Battle at Camden.

ment of the troops along with fire from the cannons and muskets gave all a feeling of witnessing the original battle. On Sunday a Masonic funeral ritual honoring Baron de Kalb was held.

THE BATTLE OF HANGING ROCK IS OBSERVED

By Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society

About 100 people gathered in Heath Springs, South Carolina, on August 6 to observe the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Hanging Rock. SAR representatives from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia attended and presented wreaths.

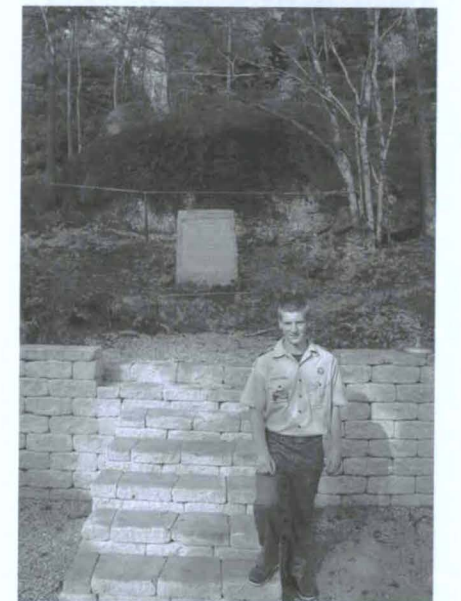
The four-hour battle there on August 6, 1780, involved 600 American militia from North and South Carolina under the command of Col. Thomas Sumter, a Virginia native, and more than 1,000 Loyalists under the command of British Major John Carden. The Loyalist force includ-

ed a detachment from the Prince of Wales Regiment, infantry from the British Legion, Mecklenburg County Loyalists under Col. Samuel Bryan and Camden District Loyalists under Col. Henry Rugeley. When the fighting ended, Sumter is said to have lost about 100 men and the Loyalists about 270. The Prince of Wales Regiment suffered about 50% casualties.

The program to commemorate the battle was organized by South Carolina State Park Rangers Laura Ledford and Kirck Johnson. It involved a series of lectures at the local Barron Masonic Lodge and a commemorative program at the

battle site a few miles south of Heath Springs.

The battle site had been neglected for a long time. The famous Hanging Rock was covered with graffiti. That was before officials approved an Eagle Scout project



Whitfield Marshall, a Boy Scout from near-by Lancaster, South Carolina, is shown in front of the Hanging Rock memorial and retaining wall and steps he and other members of his Troop worked to refurbish prior to the 225th Anniversary Memorial Program there. The project was his idea and was approved for his Eagle Scout project.



While witnessing the commemoration of the Battle of Camden, Compatriot J. David Sympson visited the DAR marker located where Baron de Kalb was wounded during the encounter. Currently serving as Historian General, he is a Past Vice-President General for the Central District and a Past President of the Kentucky Society. He has been a member of a variety of National Society Committees, including Congress Planning, Color Guard, Historic Celebrations, History, Nominating, Membership and Museum. Among the numerous awards he holds is the coveted Minuteman Medal.



Compatriot Robert L. Bowen presented a Virginia Society wreath in memory of those lost during the battle under the command of Col. Thomas Sumter, a Virginia native. Among the hats he wears is that of Chairman of the Revolutionary War 225th Anniversaries Committee - in addition be serving as a Special Contributing Editor to *The SAR Magazine*. The accompanying photos were taken by him during the commemorative ceremonies.

proposed by a local Boy Scout, Whitfield Marshall. He and members of his troop cleared the trail leading to the Hanging Rock, removed the graffiti from the rock, and built a new retaining wall and steps from the trail up to a DAR monument dedicated in 1948.



South Carolina Compatriot Ron Horton congratulated Boy Scout Whitfield Marshall whose Eagle Scout project resulted in the much-improved Hanging Rock battle site.



Compatriot Earl McAlister of the North Carolina Society's Catawba Valley Chapter presented a wreath as South Carolina Park Ranger Laura Ledford looked on.



While visiting Hanging Rock State Park earlier this year, Compatriot Bowen, author of the accompanying report, noted that the battle site (shown here) was in need of cleanup. It is overgrown with small trees, littered with debris, and marked by graffiti.

SAR OUTREACH: HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This listing is compiled for every issue of the magazine by John H. Sauer, a member of the West Virginia Society. It is continually updated, largely through information submitted by State Societies and Chapters. Please send such data to him at 2110 Mason Blvd., Point Pleasant, WV 25550 or directly by e-mail to Sweetsauer@Charter.net. The deadline for the Winter 2006 issue, which will be published in February, is December 15.

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

December 14 - Great Cane Break Battlefield (near Simpsonville, SC): Celebration sponsored by SCSSAR and DAR.

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

December 25 - Washington Crossing, State Parks, PA/NJ: 11:00am. Commemoration and re-enactment of Washington's Army crossing the Delaware. Sponsored by Washington Crossing Foundation. SAR participants.

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January 14 - Cowpens National Battlefield, SC: 10:30am. - Anniversary Celebration. Wreath laying sponsored by the Daniel Morgan Chapter. SCSSAR.

February 11 - Washington, Georgia : Anniversary Battle of Kettle Creek. 10:00am - 2:00pm. Historic home tour, film, battle field tour and wreath laying. Sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter and GASSAR.

February 18 - Philadelphia, PA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday. Wreath laying sponsored by the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR. 11:00am. Independence Hall and Washington Square.

February 20 - Burbank, CA (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills): Celebration of Washington's Birthday. Wreath laying; musket firing; 50+ Color Guards. Sponsored by Sons of Liberty Chapter. CASSAR.

February 22 - Mt. Vernon, VA: Celebration of Washington's Birthday. 11:00am. Wreath laying at Washington Family Tomb; Sponsored by SR; SAR participants.

February 25-26 - Moore's Creek Bridge Battle, NC (near Currie): 10:00am: Anniversary Celebration. Sponsored by SAR, DAR, SR participants.

February 26 - Burlington, NC: Battle of Clapp's Mill, Pyle's Massacre and Battle of Lindley's Mill. Commemoration at 2:00 pm. Allamance Battleground. Sponsored by Allamance Battleground Chapter. NCSSAR.

March 12 - Montpelier, VA: Madison's Birthday Celebration 11:00am. National Commemorative Service. VASSAR participants.

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

April 19 - Monticello, VA (near Charlottesville): Jefferson's Birthday Celebration. 10:00am. Wreath laying; VASSAR participants.

April 12 - Halifax Day: Halifax, NC celebration of "Halifax Resolves", first colony to recommend independence from England. SAR grave marking and wreath laying 2:00 pm sponsored by Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR.

April 13 - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC: 10:00am. National Commemorative Service; Wreath laying. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

April 19 - Concord, MA: Battle of Concord; MASSAR. 8:00am. Wreath laying at Col. Buttrick's grave. 9:00am. Parade and Ceremonies at The Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard participates. 12:00 Noon. Reception, luncheon at Colonial Inn. MASSAR participants.

April 23 - Santee National Wildlife Refuge near Summerton, SC (I-95, Exit 102): 2PM: Battle of Fort Watson 225th anniversary ceremony conducted by Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.

April 26 - Musgrove State Park, Clinton, SC: Commemoration and wreath laying for the fallen Patriots at the Battle of Musgrove Mill. Sponsored by Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR, and Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSDAR.

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

May 12-14 - Martin's Station (near Middlesboro, KY at Cumberland Gap National Historic Park): Celebration of Martin's Station Raid sponsored by the Virginia Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, VA. VASSAR participants.

May 13 - Alamance Battleground State Park, NC (near Burlington, NC): 6:00pm. Anniversary Battle of Alamance. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR

May 21 - Allentown, PA: 10:30am. Annual Lehigh County Declaration of Independence Celebration. Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. Sponsored by Valley Forge Chapter, PASSAR.

May 26 - Philadelphia, PA: 4:00pm. Washington Square. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution. Memorial Day Commemorative Service. SAR Participants.

BATTLE OF RAMSOUR'S MILL MARKED IN NC

By Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society

For the fourth year in a row, Compatriots, ladies of the DAR, and members of the C.A.R. traveled to Lincolnton, North Carolina, to observe the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. The gathering was special in 2005. It was the 225th anniversary of the brief battle. The brevity of the fighting did nothing to reduce the anguish that pitted brother against brother and father against son.

The battle occurred on June 20, 1780, but the anniversary is observed each year on the second weekend in June. The battle involved 400 Patriot militiamen and 1,400 Tories. And, the Patriots won. At the end of the battle more than 100 men lay dead. Those bodies, both Tories and Patriots, were laid to rest in a mass grave. My fifth great grandfather, Jacob Costner, fought there as a Patriot and survived. His brother, my fifth great granduncle, Peter Costner, was killed. He fought as a Tory. He's buried in the mass grave.

Darrell Harkey, Lincoln County Historical Coordinator and a member of the Catawba Valley Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the SAR, said an estimated 1,000 shots were fired for every person that was hit in the fight. "It took more lead than a man's body weighted to kill him," Harkey said.

PARADE A HIGHLIGHT

The morning program included a parade from downtown Lincolnton to the battlefield; talks about the battle and the timeframe in which it occurred by David Reuver, History Professor at the College Charleston in South Carolina; and Charles



Larry McKinley, Virginia Society President, presented a wreath for the National Society at the site of the mass grave.



Participants and guests from throughout the local area gathered at this replica of an 18th century cabin for a series of talks about the battle.



North Carolina Society President Joe Harris was proud to place his Society's wreath at the mass grave site.

Baxley, former Chairman of the Kershaw County (SC) Historical Society and author of the publication "Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution."

In the afternoon, the program moved to the mass grave site where a wreath laying ceremony was conducted by Catawba Valley Chapter President Wendell Kirkham. The principle speakers at that event were Ron Hamilton, Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District; Joe Harris, President of the North Carolina Society; George Thurmond, President of the Georgia Society and Chairman of the Southern Division of the National Historical Sites Committee; and Compatriot Richard Ramsour, Historian of the Marshes of Glynn

Chapter, GASSAR, and a descendant of the Ramsour family that owned and operated the Ramsour's Mill during the Revolutionary War.

State Societies represented included Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. A total of 39 wreaths were presented. The joint Color Guard included Compatriots from every state presenting a wreath.

The Georgia Society hosted a Friday evening reception for members of the SAR who stayed at the local Comfort Inn, followed by a pay-your-own way dinner at a local restaurant.



Ronaldo J. Hamilton, Vice-President General for the South Central District, presented a beautiful wreath on behalf of the National Society.

GEN. CORNWALLIS TANGLES WITH GEN. GREENE

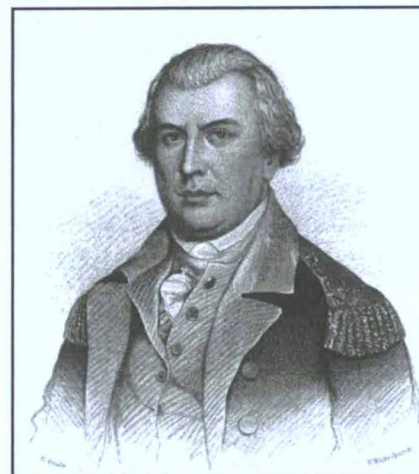
By Compatriot T. Fisher Craft, Georgia Society

Two very unlikely opponents in the American Revolution were Charles Cornwallis, a British nobleman, and Nathanael Greene, a humble Quaker from Rhode Island. In examining the records of the two, it would appear that from his extensive early military training that Cornwallis should have been far superior to Greene in strategies and tactics on the battlefield, but history has proven quite the opposite.

Charles Cornwallis was born in 1738 into a family that traced its roots to the 14th century and its titles back to Stuart times. He was, his father said, "a very military young man". He was educated at Eton and received his commission in the Grenadier Guards in 1756. His subsequent attendance at the military academy at Turin provided a formal training in military sciences that was almost unheard of in the British army of the day. During the Seven Years War, he participated in many engagements on the Continent. He went to the House of Commons from the family borough in 1760, became a Lieutenant Colonel of the 12th Regiment the next year, and upon his father's death in 1762 returned home to take his seat in the House of Lords as the 2nd Earl Cornwallis. Siding with the Rockingham whigs, he was critical of ministerial harshness toward the colonies, but was made Constable of the Tower of London. His promotion to Major General came five years later. The Earl's pro-American sentiments did not prevent him from doing his duty to King and country, however, and in 1775 he volunteered for service in America.

Nathanael Greene was born to a Quaker family in Potowomut

(Warwick) Rhode Island in 1742. Because of Quaker beliefs about education, Greene was taught only reading, writing, and business math. However, he studied vigorously on his own, making toys in Newport to sell in order to have money to buy books. Later he was fortunate to receive guidance in his self-education from two influential men. The first was Lindley Murray, a young lawyer



This black-and-white rendering of Major General Nathanael Greene is after an original painting by the noted artist, Charles Wilson Peale.

working for John Jay's law firm in New York, who later became the country's foremost grammarian. The second was Ezra Stiles, the future President of Yale University.

As relations between England and the colonies deteriorated, Greene became an avid reader of military works. In 1775 the Assembly of Rhode Island established an Army of

Observation, and two months later Greene was given command as Brigadier General of state troops. He led his troops to Boston, where he showed a talent for assembling supplies and suppressing intercolonial jealousies. It was there that he first met George Washington, who was so impressed that within a year he would consider Greene the best of his generals, suited to succeed him in case of his death or capture. The feeling of respect was mutual, as Greene named his first born son in honor of his Commander-in-Chief. On June 22, 1775, Greene was commissioned as the youngest Brigadier General in the Continental Army. A month later he took command of Prospect Hill during the Siege of Boston, and by 1776 he had become a Major General and was in command of the entire army of occupation in Boston. Greene fought in the Battles of Trenton, Brandywine, and Germantown, and he was with Washington at Valley Forge.

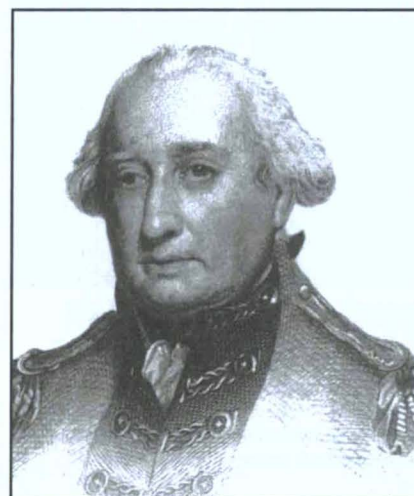
Battle of Monmouth

The last major battle of the war in the North was fought at Monmouth, New Jersey, with indecisive results, both sides claiming victory. The American commanders were Lafayette, Greene, Wayne, and Stirling who faced British troops under Cornwallis. British Commander-in-Chief, Sir Henry Clinton, then ordered Cornwallis south where he again faced Greene in the Southern Campaign.

At this point, things were not going well for the Americans, particularly in the South, as the area commanders chosen by the Continental Congress produced unfortunate results. Robert

Howe lost Savannah and all of Georgia; Benjamin Lincoln lost Charleston and all of South Carolina; Horatio Gates lost an army and left the British poised to gobble up North Carolina. Congress' loss of faith in its own judgement led to a Resolution that the Commander-in-Chief be directed to appoint an officer to command the Southern Army. Washington's written response was "Major General Greene is the officer I shall nominate".

Turning of the tide of war began at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780. British Major Patrick Ferguson stationed his 1,100 American militia on top of the mountain and "defied God Almighty and all the rebels out of Hell to overcome him". He was killed in the ensuing battle where rebel



This likeness of General Lord Cornwallis was captured in a painting rendered by Charles Wilson Peale.

frontiersmen used their very accurate rifles with devastating effect.

Rout At Battle Of Cowpens

General Nathanael Greene took command of the Southern Army on December 2, 1780 at Charlotte, North Carolina. The Kings Mountain victory had its psychological effect, and a substantial army soon materialized. Foremost among Greene's commanders was General Daniel Morgan, a tough, seasoned, inspiring leader whose activities in the area led Cornwallis to order Colonel Banastre Tarleton to either destroy Morgan's troops or push them back toward Kings Mountain where Cornwallis was situated. Morgan was irked by the need to withdraw before the oncoming Tarleton and turned on his foe to give battle. His choice of the battleground has been criticized, but he has been praised for the novel, ingenious, and masterly disposition of his troops. A first line of militia

fired two volleys at the attacking Tarletons, then fell back behind a second line of militia who also fired two volleys and fell back. To the onrushing British it appeared to be a rout, but the main battle line of Continental soldiers and seasoned militia met the bayonet-wielding onrushing troops with unwavering and deadly fire.

The battle surged back and forth, but the American victory was complete, with nine-tenths of the British force killed or captured, and with 800 muskets, 35 baggage wagons, 100 dragoon horses, a large quantity of ammunition and the colors of the 7th Regiment in American hands. The battle again proved the value of militia when handled by competent leaders. It also gave a death blow to Tarleton's reputation as a military leader. But the far more important result of the battle was that it gave General Greene his chance to conduct a campaign of "dazzling shiftiness" that led Cornwallis by "an unbroken chain of consequences to the catastrophe at Yorktown which finally separated America from the British Crown".

After Cowpens, Morgan reunited with the main American force which sought the relative safety of the far side of the Dan River. When Greene learned that Cornwallis was in pursuit, he exclaimed, "THEN HE IS OURS!". The "Race to the Dan" exemplified the superior mobility of the American Army. In a month's time the Americans marched two hundred miles to North Carolina in harsh weather, eluding the pursuing British. It also exemplified Greene's superior use of local geography and contingency planning. In one move Greene succeeded in escaping the British Army and forcing them to overextend their supply lines.

Meet At Guilford Courthouse

Cornwallis returned southward to recruit additional Loyalist support and supplies, while Greene recrossed the Dan River and trailed him. The forces met at Guilford Courthouse, where Cornwallis succeeded in driving Greene from the field, but he suffered severe casualties. When the British Parliament learned of the battle, Charles James Fox declared, "Another such victory would destroy the British Army." Weakened, Cornwallis withdrew to Wilmington, North Carolina and eventually on to Yorktown, Virginia, where he was defeated by a joint Franco-American force.

Meanwhile, Greene led his army back into South Carolina and began "The War of the Posts". Forces under

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Admitted to the SAR in 1991. Compatriot T. Fisher Craft has been National Trustee of both the Georgia and Switzerland Societies and Vice-President General for the Southern District. During the 113th Annual Congress, held in Chicago, he was awarded the prestigious Minuteman Medal. He has served on a variety of National Committees, a number of them as Chairman. He holds AB and MA Degrees from Emory University and MS and PhD Degrees from Georgia Tech. His professional career ranged from teaching chemistry at Mercer to nuclear engineering research. He has authored over 50 published scientific papers and reports primarily concerning basic research leading to the safe disposal of radioactive wastes. (He is shown here in the National Society Library at Headquarters at the time of a Trustees Meeting.)

his command, along with partisans, simultaneously attacked various points in the exposed British line of forts. He led his main army in three more engagements, the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, the Siege of Ninety-Six, and the Battle of Eutaw Springs, the bloodiest engagement of the entire war. Although Greene succeeded in completely destroying British authority in the southern state, he never achieved a single tactical victory. His lack of success in winning a battle is best summed up in his own words, "We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again".

Cornwallis Returns To Britain

Although defeated at Yorktown, where he was too "sick" to appear at the public ceremonies, Cornwallis remained a major figure in the British imperial order. Following his return to Britain he was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief in India. He accomplished civil service and judiciary reforms now known as the Cornwallis Code. He led the Indian Army to victory in the Mysore War which expanded the British Empire in India. He returned to England in 1794 where he was rewarded a Margquisate for his work. While serving in the cabinet, he negotiated the Act of Union in Ireland, and was later named British Plenipotentiary to arrange peace with France. Dispatched again to India as Governor General in 1805, Lord Charles Cornwallis died there at Gazipore.

Greene Receives Estate

Following the war, the State of Georgia gave Nathanael Greene an estate near Savannah known as Mulberry Plantation. It was here that his friend, Eli Whitney, developed the cotton gin. Land was also awarded Greene by the States of North and South Carolina, which he was forced to sell in order to solve severe financial problems caused by the war.

General Nathanael Greene died in 1786 at age forty-four, possibly of sunstroke. His remains, and those of his son, George Washington Greene, rest beneath a monument in Johnson Square in downtown Savannah. One of the original counties in Georgia was named "Greene" in honor and in memory of the General.

It is to be noted that there were only two American generals who served continuously throughout the entire eight years of the Revolutionary War, from the first brief skirmishes at Boston to the final evacuation of American soil by the British in 1783. They were George Washington and Nathanael Greene.

Cadets At Academies Given SAR Awards

As reported here Compatriots were on hand at both the United States Air Force Academy and Military Academy earlier this year to present awards to outstanding cadets during special ceremonies.

During the May Awards Ceremony at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Cadet First Class Melissa L. Bland was given the National Society's Foreign Area Studies Award. A few days later she received a Bachelor of Science Degree and a commission as an Air Force Second Lieutenant during the Academy's 46th graduation program. Plans call for her to attend the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California and then enter pilot training.

Several years ago Compatriot and Mrs. C.E. Thorp endowed this award. Still active in the Wisconsin Society, he has served as its President as well as a term as Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District.

Military Academy Ceremony

Toward the end of May the first award ever presented at the Military Academy at West Point, New York was received by Cadet Kyle Greenheck who had demonstrated significant achievement and excellence in his studies of United States History. The award, which is an engraved sword, was offered by Historian General Richard W. Sage (the sword and others to be presented in future years are paid for through an endowment made to the Academy with funds contributed by Academy graduates and numerous Compatriots). He gave a brief overview of the SAR and its objectives to those attending the affair. Cadet Greenheck



Cadet Melissa L. Bland received her SAR award from Col. Joseph L. Thomas, USAF (Ret). During the 115th Annual Congress held in Louisville this past July, he was elected Vice-President General for the Rocky Mountain District.



Participating in the ceremony saluting Cadet Kyle Greenheck were these Compatriots (from left): Peter K. Goebel, Empire State Society; Douglas W. Stuart, Maryland Society; and Richard W. Sage, Empire State Society. Goebel and Stuart are Academy grads.

was later graduated and is now serving as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE FLAG AMENDMENT – President General Roland G. Downing (center) traveled to Capitol Hill in July to thank Senators who support the Flag Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and urge others to sign on as co-sponsors. He was representing the NSSAR, one of 18 different organizations belonging to the Citizens Flag Alliance that were there for this purpose. He is shown here in a strategy session with CTA President of the Board Dan Wheeler (left) and Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, USA (Ret), CTA Chairman of the Board. At the time, it was thought that the issue would come to the floor for a final vote this year, but with the Senate Judiciary Committee busy with Supreme Court Justice nominees, the amendment was held over for final consideration in 2006, concluding year of the 109th Congress. The House of Representatives passed the amendment in June.

There's Still Time For Year-End Gifts To Help Build Our New Heritage Center!

An important objective of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is to expand our outreach programs to the community-at-large, especially to students and instructors – with emphasis on teaching the true history of our country's formation. To accomplish

this goal, we are planning construction of the Center for Advancing Heritage near our Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Here will be housed a greatly enlarged version of our current genealogical and historical library. To build and endow this unique facility requires a fund of \$6 mil-

lion; a portion has already been raised. If YOU have not as yet made a financial contribution to this effort, you are encouraged to do so by using the form at the bottom of this page. And your attention is drawn to the list of those who have given \$1,000 or more as of October.

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PHOTO BEST PORTRAYING PATRIOTISM – Because of editorial space limitations in the Summer 2005 Issue of the magazine, this winning entry in the Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photo Award competition was not included. Submitted by Pennsylvania Society Compatriot Gregory J. Shively, it was announced as the winner during Recognition Night at the 115th Annual Congress in Louisville. It depicts the rededication of the Upper Burial Ground or "Ax's Cemetery" in Germantown, Pennsylvania. On October 2 of last year, after participating in the reenactment of the Battle of Germantown, companies of American and British reenactors participated in the rededication program designed to salute 49 known and a number of unknown Patriots. The cemetery had been neglected until Compatriot Shively's Philadelphia-Continental Chapter spent hundreds of man-hours cleaning it up. It should be noted that the Bond Award is a substantial monetary one generated through earnings from a contribution given to the National Society several years ago by Mrs. Bond upon the death of her husband. Judging entries are Winston C. Williams, Editor of the magazine; the Historian General; and the Chairman of the Historic Celebrations Committee. They must be received no later than February 15 by the NSSAR Executive Director for consideration.



UNIQUE FLAG DISPLAY – The Allen Laws Oliver Chapter of the Missouri Society displayed 27 flags representing the changes of Old Glory from 1777 to 1960 at Murtaugh Park in Cape Girardeau, as part of the town's July 4 weekend festivities. The collection was acquired about a year ago, and began with the 1777 design representing the 13 colonies, to the last change in design in 1960 after Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state. Chapter Compatriots, often donning period attire, meet one Saturday each month near the park to discuss history with visitors and assist individuals who are researching family trees.

Battle of Bunker Hill Commemorated

Members of the Massachusetts Society Color Guard and the SAR New England Contingent joined forces on June 17 to mark the 230th anniversary of the crucial Battle of Bunker Hill in Charleston, Massachusetts.

The program began with an ecumenical service at St. Francis de Sales Church on Bunker Hill. This was followed by a march to Breed's Hill, where the state's Lieutenant



Then President General Henry N. McCarl spoke during the event.

Governor was the keynote speaker. President General Henry N. McCarl offered brief remarks as did James W. Conway, President of the Bunker Hill Monument Association. Providing a fitting backdrop was an enormous granite obelisk dedicated to the battle.

The New England contingent placed wreaths at the three gates to the park in honor of Patriots from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire who fought there. The Massachusetts Color Guard placed one at the Massachusetts gate.



The monument on Breed's Hill was the backdrop for the Battle of Bunker Hill commemoration staged by Compatriots from several eastern states.

The day's activities concluded at Warren Tavern, built in 1780 when the town was rebuilt after having been burned by the British during the battle. It is named for Dr. Joseph Warren, the most-regretted Patriot casualty of the battle. He went into the fray as a civilian (his commission had not arrived), but he had been a guiding light behind most of the preparations.

Patriot Nathan Hale's Birthday Marked At Historic Sites In Connecticut

By Todd L. Gerlander, Chairman, CTSSAR Captain Nathan Hale 250 Committee

On June 3rd through 6th the Connecticut Society commemorated the 250th Birthday of Connecticut State Hero, Captain Nathan Hale in "Grand Style". On Friday, we ran an educational program for the local schools which included stations covering an 18th century apothecary, equipment of a soldier, the firing of a musket, military drills with wooden muskets, and tours of the schoolhouse. 150 children took part in the program.

Over the weekend, the Society ran simultaneous events at each of the Nathan Hale Schoolhouses in East Haddam and New London, both owned and maintained by the Society. In East Haddam we sponsored a Revolutionary War Encampment which included Revolutionary War Living History units; the 6th Connecticut Regiment, Drake's Artillery Regiment, Lebanon Militia; the New England Contingent SAR; and three of the state's finest fife & drum units: Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums, Moodus Drums & Fifes, and the Deep River Junior Ancient Fifes & Drums. Period craftsmen included a blacksmith, tinsmith, potter, and a craftswoman demonstrating flax processing and spinning. Also participating was an 18th century surgeon, apothecary, and colonial sutler. Participants also included members of the DAR and C.A.R.

President General Henry N. McCarl attended the weekend events and participated in the East Haddam ceremonies honoring the birth of Captain Nathan Hale, and the dedication included a fife rendition of our National Anthem, followed by the raising of Old Glory by Compatriot Edward Romig and Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Thomas Hudner, Jr., US Navy. This was followed by a musket and cannon salute which roared over the Connecticut River.

The schoolhouses were also part of the Society's Revolutionary War History



Members of the New England Contingent SAR set up a Revolutionary War Encampment in East Haddam to demonstrate to visitors the rugged life that soldiers faced. A number of Living History Units participated.



The birthday celebration featured a musket and cannon salute to Nathan Hale in East Haddam, Connecticut.

Symposium which included authors and speakers George C. Neumann, Richard Mooney, Robert Carroon, Keith Jones, Gregory Edgar, Kevin Johnson, John Callahan, and William Hosley. The symposium was funded in part by the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund.

On Monday, June 6th – Captain Hale's 250th Birthday – the Society took part in five ceremonies throughout the state. We began the day at 8:00 am at the Hale Homestead in Coventry, then to the Nathan Hale Statue in Williams Park in New London, then to the Hale Bust in East Haddam. Next site was the Nathan Hale Statue at Yale University in New Haven, and ending at 4:00 pm at the Nathan Hale Statue at the State Capital in Hartford. At each of the locations, the CTSSAR placed a wreath, and fired a musket salute.

The Connecticut Society took the lead in commemorating Hale's birthday, sponsoring events which were the largest tribute to the Patriot in the state.



One activity involving the celebration of Nathan Hale's birthday took place at the Hale Bust located in East Haddam, Connecticut.

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Consider A Charitable Remainder Unitrust When Making Your Contribution To NSSAR

By Chancellor General David N. Appleby

As noted in this and earlier editions of *The SAR Magazine*, The National Society and the SAR Foundation have recently been the beneficiaries of some sizable donations. One method used by individuals to make such gifts has been the Charitable Remainder Unitrust, for the reasons explained hereafter, this may be an option for you to consider.

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRU) is a trust which pays income to the donor, his/her spouse, and in some cases their children, for a period of years. After all income payments have been completed, the remainder is distributed to qualified charities. The person who establishes the trust may select the unitrust percentage, the person to receive the income from the trust, and the charity or which will receive the principal of the trust after all income payments are completed. The major benefits of the trust may be (1) Bypass of Capital Gains Tax, (2) Increased Income and (3) a Charitable Income Tax Deduction.

Bypass Capital Gains

Investments of real property eventually mature. After a very good investment has appreciated, and the initial cost has been depreciated, the yield or earnings on that investment may then be quite low. At certain times, it is wise to sell as property and reinvest the proceeds in a new property for maximum investment gain. However, your sale of a property may trigger a large capital gains tax, which is really a tax on the inflationary gain of the property during ownership. The unitrust is an ideal tool for a tax free investment, since the qualified unitrust bypasses the capital gains tax. The full amount received from the sale will then be reinvested.

Increased Income

Mature investment properties frequently are earning at only two to four percent per year. The capital gains tax free reinvestment through the unitrust could enable a person to sell without tax an asset earning two to four percent and reinvest in an asset earning eight or nine percent. The increased earnings can then be passed through to the family members using the unitrust income produced by higher yield investments. Over a period of years, the family members can reinvest the additional income and acquire even greater economic security.

Income Tax Deduction

After the completion of all income payments, the principal or corpus is distributed to charity. Even though charity might not receive anything for years,

the government permits the donor (the individual who establishes the CRU) to take an immediate income tax deduction. The deduction is a percentage of the value of property transferred to the trust and is calculated using the age of the donor, the number of years in the term of years and the selected unitrust percentage. Many charitable unitrust donors use their current tax savings for additional investments and thus are able to enjoy the maximum return from their tax free reinvestment and also benefit at the same time from substantial income tax savings.

Unitrust Percentage

Each donor may select the unitrust percentage. The unitrust percentage may amount to five percent or more of the value of the trust. Each year the trust accountant recomputes the fair market value of the trust. The unitrust then pays the selected percent of the fair market value to the donor. For instance, if a trust is valued at \$100,000.00 and the donor had selected a 6% unitrust percentage, the accountant would multiply the 6% times the \$100,000.00 in value and distribute \$6,000.00 that year. If earnings were 7% or 8% and the trust distributed 6%, the extra

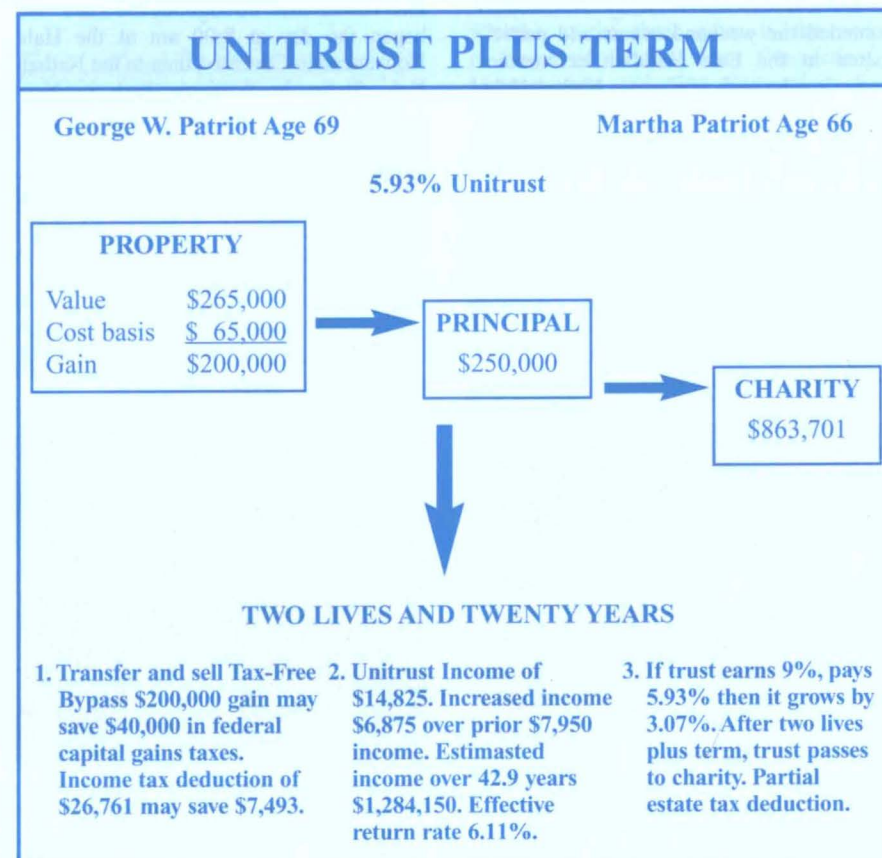
1% or 2% would be added to principal. Since the income payments depend upon the value in trust, many persons select a lower percentage and then benefit from the growth of the trust value during the later years of the trust.

Duration of Income

In addition, the donor may also select the time for which payments are to be made. This time may be two lives, one life, a term of one to twenty years or a combination of lives plus a term of years. After the trust donor has passed away and the payments have been made for the selected term of years, the remainder will be distributed to charity. Under the Internal Revenue Code, all beneficiaries must be named and living when the trust is created. If all pass away before the end of the term of years, the trust assets must then be distributed to charity.

Charitable Remainder

Finally, the donor may select the charities that will receive the trust remainder (the principal or corpus of the trust after all income payments are completed). The entire corpus could be distributed to one charity, or the corpus may be divided



among several charities. The selection of the charities is entirely under the control of the donor. The SAR Foundation is, of course, a qualified charity.

Trustee

Each unitrust must have a trustee. The trustee can be a commercial institution such as a bank or trust company, a charity, an individual or a combination of these three options. The trustee will have to invest the property, conduct any sales and file the appropriate information and tax forms. Since the trust may last for many years, it is important to select a qualified trustee to manage this unitrust.

Estate Taxation

When a unitrust lasts for a life plus a term of years, the value of the trust will usually be included in the estate of the grantor. At that time, the trust is valued and this amount reported on the estate tax return. Fortunately, there will be a charitable estate tax deduction for the value of the charitable remainder interest at that time. Proposed legislation would eliminate the death tax entirely over time, making this a non-issue.

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Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY, February 24-25, 2006
National HQ/Brown Hotel

116th Annual Congress
Dallas, TX, July 8-12, 2006
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Louisville, KY, Sept. 29-30, 2006
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Louisville, KY, February 24-25, 2007
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117th Annual Congress
Williamsburg, VA, July 7-11, 2007
Williamsburg Lodge

NOTE: The traditional "Trustees Meeting" is now termed a "Leadership Meeting" to better reflect the fact that these gatherings now encompass a wider variety of activities spread over a number of days – and involve Compatriots who are not National Trustees, such as Committee members and State Society and Chapter officers. These activities include such diverse programs as Committee meetings, workshops, seminars and banquets. And above all, keep in mind that every member of our Society is invited to participate!

Georgia Society Salutes Patriots On April 19

The Georgia Society's Marshes of Glynn Chapter joined with scores of other Compatriots from across the state and Florida on St. Simons Island, Georgia for two ceremonies staged on Patriots Day – April 19 – honoring Revolutionary War Patriots. This news story is based on extensive background information and photos submitted to the magazine by Chapter President William F. Ramsaur, who planned and conducted the programs along with other Chapter members and Society Regional Vice President David Dukes.

Compatriot Ramsaur points out that the ceremonies were conducted where the



Responsible for a major portion of the planning for the events of Patriots Day was William F. Ramsaur, shown here participating in the ceremony at Christ Church. At the time he was reading a Proclamation issued by the Mayor of Brunswick, Georgia.

British established a buffer in the 1730s to protect South Carolina from invasions from the Spanish in Florida.

Patriot Grave Sites Marked

The first commemorative event was staged in the morning in the Christ Church Churchyard at Frederica at the grave sites of four Patriots: Cyrus Dart, Robert Grant, William Page and Samuel Wright. Among the over 200 attendees were 70 descendants and numerous members of the DAR Brunswick and Frederica Chapters. Georgia Society President George E.



Numerous wreaths were presented at the Patriot grave sites in the Christ Church Churchyard. Shown here is where Cyrus Dart is interred.

Thurmond stated that this program was the most heavily attended of the 73 previous marker dedications held in the state.

Incorporated in this event were the reading of Patriot biographies by descendants; elements of military reviews dating from the time of the Revolution, such as formation of troops, presentation of colors and musical salutes; participation by 25 members of the Georgia and Florida Color Guards; and the unveiling of SAR bronze markers.

Afternoon Program At Historic Fort

Highlighting activities in the afternoon was dedication of a Georgia Historical Marker entitled "The Georgia Navy" at the entrance of the Fort Frederica National Monument. Described on the marker is the Georgia Navy's victory on April 19, 1778 against the British in a skirmish in the Frederica River in the shadow of the still-standing powder magazine. Among the speakers was Virginia Steele Wood, Naval Specialist at the Library of Congress, who



During the dedication of the "Georgia Navy" marker at Fort Frederica, several wreaths were presented by SAR units and other organizations.

gave an account of how Colonel Samuel Elbert and his soldiers and sailors were helped by the tides, winds and good fortune when they used three galleys to outmaneuver and capture three British sailing vessels. Jack Bozeman, Past Georgia Society President, read the letter that Elbert wrote to General Howe describing the victory, while Compatriot Ramsaur read a Proclamation issued by Governor Sonny Perdue proclaiming the date as Patriots Day.

Past Society President Robert F. Galer, now serving as Chairman of the Society's Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, described efforts to recognize historic battles. He remarked that what happened at Frederica and Kettle Creek have much in common in that both were rare victories amidst many defeats and little known to most people.

STATE SOCIETY & CHAPTER EVENTS

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

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

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

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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

ARIZONA SOCIETY



At the **Palo Verde Chapter's** September meeting and dinner, these Compatriots were festively outfitted in distinctive patriot bow ties! From left: Palo Verde Chapter Past President John Candioto, Society Past President George Reese, and National Society Surgeon General Daniel Heller, M.D. Also in September, the Chapter held a Commemorative Dinner to honor and remember victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on our Nation. Four local fire fighters were awarded Fire Safety Commendation Medals at the dinner, where 25 fire fighters and their families were in attendance.

The **Phoenix Chapter** is currently working with the Arizona State Constitutional Commemorative Committee and a DAR representative to provide an educational package for elementary, middle, and high school civics departments. This project will help the schools conform to the new federal law that requires "factual" historical presentation of the events of the American Revolution, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Plans are for the package to include at least the following items: a DVD of "A More Perfect Union" with the teacher's manual; a copy of the SAR CD "America's Heritage" and the teacher's manual; an educational program from the DAR; and a feedback letter describing how the package was used and what the teacher/department would recommend for future educational/promotional advancement of the Annual State Constitutional Commemorative Celebration.

When the **Barry Goldwater Chapter** met in mid-June, Earl (Skip) Atwood Jr., a retired Air Force Captain, shared his recent experiences in Iraq with the large turnout. Atwood, who was awarded the Bronze Star while serving in Desert Storm, has been working on communication systems to support the Iraq Government. He started with the Department of Defense, then the State Department, and now is employed by a pri-

vate contractor. Using a slide show presentation, he described life as a civilian traveling the country to set up and maintain communications between ministries. He also discussed what life is like with body guards who come from many different countries, including some who are highly decorated battle veterans, and the three styles of flak jackets he regularly uses.

ARKANSAS SOCIETY



The **Crowley Ridge Chapter** Color Guard from Jonesboro was in attendance at a recent Memorial Service and Marker Dedication of Compatriot Ralph E. Crain, Sr. Compatriot Crain was a Charter Member of the Chapter; he also served as Society President, and over the years received numerous SAR awards. He was a Vietnam veteran and active in many civic affairs. Members of the Color Guard from left to right: Ben Atkinson, Eugene Wittlake, Jerry McAfee, Gary Glisson, Terry Bandy, Dr. Vance Sales, and Danny Honnoll.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

The **Sons of Liberty Chapter** met in mid-August to hear Compatriot Scott Campbell present the biography of Major David Campbell of the Virginia Militia and

his participation at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Campbell also discussed the Major's life after the War, his involvement in the formation of the State of Tennessee and

the later years of his life. He also related the story of his "unwarranted incarceration at Tellico Blockhouse" by Lt. Col. Butler, Commander of the United States Troops in Tennessee, and the reactions of the Tennessee delegation shown in letters to President John Adams and answered by Secretary of War James McHenry.



The 105th Annual Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Memorial Service and Day of Remembrance was held in May, with the **San Diego Chapter** Color Guard leading the way. Participating in a musket salute were President William E. Tisch, and Compatriots Tom Kubow and John E. Shearer. The program honors deceased veterans, MIA's and POW's of all the wars in which the Armed Forces have been engaged. Following the reading of General Order No. 11, which was issued by Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, D.C., on May 5, 1868, numerous wreaths were laid at a simulated Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other guardsmen participating in the service were Marc Stockwell-Moniz and Rev. Dr. Stanley W. DeLong.



Members of the **San Diego Chapter** Color Guard visited wounded Tank Commander Chad Brumpton at the Balboa Navy hospital in San Diego in late June. During the visit, Compatriots Marc Moniz, Ernie McCullough and Will Tisch thanked Brumpton for his great service in Iraq and let him know his efforts will be remembered. Brumpton's tank encountered an IED; his crew survived but not without serious injuries.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

The Color Guard units of two Connecticut Branches joined with a local DAR Chapter to mark the grave of Connecticut Patriot Captain Daniel Langton at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Southington, on a sunny July day. Past Society President James Newton served as Master of Ceremonies, **Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch** President Rev. Paul Everett served as Chaplain, and Ralph Langdon placed the marker and flag. Captain Fred Rivard of the **Huntington Branch** commanded the Color Guard and led in the firing of a three volley salute to Capt. Langton.

DAKOTA SOCIETY



The Dakota Society participated in the Annual Wreath Laying at the Veterans Memorial in Rapid City, in late May. Compatriots James Clement, Chuck Childs, Dennis Lorenson and Keith Johnson were joined by C.A.R. members Paul and Caleb Dustman. A section of the Berlin Wall, donated by Clement, is shown behind the group.

DELAWARE SOCIETY



On September 11 the Delaware Societies of the SAR and DAR attended the Annual "Delaware Day" church service at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. Compatriots presented the Colors preceding the service and the sermon that followed praised Delaware's role in the Revolutionary War. Attending from left: Past President Jack Lewis, Nancy Lewis, President General Roland G. Downing, DAR Regent Sandra Chapman, President Lyman Brenner, Kay Nelson and Janet Leishman.

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FLORIDA SOCIETY



The **Deland Chapter** presented the Victoria Gardens Men's Club with the Certificate of Commendation in recognition of the Club's exemplary patriotism in displaying the United States Flag. During the Club's 2nd Anniversary Celebration, the Chapter honored the Club for its active program to increase the flag population in Victoria Gardens, which has included making flag kits available for residents to use on the exterior of their homes. Chapter Secretary Robert Weaver (right) presented the Certificate to Club President Ron Latow (center), and Past Club President Robert Barr.

In mid-April the **Jacksonville Chapter** presented Andrew Jackson High School with sufficient funds to purchase 70 United States Flags to conform with legislation mandating all Florida public school classrooms to display a U.S. Flag at least two feet by three feet in size. Known as the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act, and signed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2004, the legislation provided no funding, but required that these flags be displayed in classrooms by August 2005. The Chapter chose Andrew Jackson High to honor one of its members, Dr. William P. Bosworth, who graduated there in 1953. Other Chapters throughout the state have also provided funding to assist the public schools with this mandate.

GEORGIA SOCIETY



Ah, wedded bliss! SAR National Headquarters in Louisville was the site when **Rome Chapter** President Mark Anthony (right) and his DAR wife Cindy renewed their wedding vows, officiated by Past Chaplain General Dr. Jack Early. A tour group and members of the headquarter's staff witnessed the ceremony, which took place in the Martha Washington Room. The Anthony's renew their vows in a different state each August. Among the locations has been the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.



Numerous descendants of Elder Isham Peacock gathered at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in mid-April, when the **Altamaha Chapter** sponsored a grave marking ceremony for the Revolutionary War Patriot. Around 200 family members and guests attended the ceremony, where Compatriot Jason Deal read an account of Peacock's ministry and ordination and the Society Color Guard presented the Colors and Society President George Thurmond offered the grave dedication. Members of the **Button Gwinnett, Marquis de Lafayette and Joseph Habersham Chapters** along with several DAR Chapters placed wreaths at Peacock's marker. Peacock was drafted into service at the beginning of the Revolution, was a Baptist preacher after the War, and died at the age of 108.

The **Mill Creek Chapter** coordinated a genealogy seminar in August for the Kiwanis Club that featured Compatriots at the state level. Organizing the events were Chapter President Ron McCrosky, Vice-President Frank Parker and Treasurer Dr. Cecil Jacobs. They brought in a membership "task force" which included Society Membership Chairman Larry Guzy and others. Society Genealogist Bob Sapp narrated the conference and individual advisors were available to assist several prospects for membership. Over two dozen registrants benefited from the seminar.



John Milledge Chapter Compatriots gathered at the Kennedy Family Farm near Devereux in early April to dedicate a grave marker honoring Patriot Dr. Seth Kennedy (1758-1835). James B. Kennedy IV, owner of the Kennedy Farm and great great grandson of the honoree, presented a biographical sketch of the Patriot, who served briefly in the Continental Army before serving the Continental Navy on the frigate *Confederacy*, where he acquired the title of doctor. The Society Color Guard and SAR Militia Unit posted the colors; the Hon. John Lee Mortison played bagpipes. Numerous wreaths were presented to honor Kennedy from various families, the SAR, the DAR and C.A.R., followed by a gun salute.

The **Captain John Collins Chapter** continued its tradition of dedicating the week prior to the high school football season toward the preservation of historical respect of the American Flag and National Anthem. During the week, Compatriots and a host of dignitaries present an hour-long program to over 3,000 high school students in four surrounding counties who are selected to attend because they are school leaders. Among the dignitaries were U.S. Congressman Phil Gingrey; U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss; State Representatives Joe Wilkinson, Earl Ehrhart, Bill Hamrick and Majority Leader Glenn Richardson; State Senator John Douglas; State Commissioner of Insurance, Safety and Fire John Oxendine; and Camilia Simms, author of *George Washington: A Timeless Hero and Co-Director at the Museum of Patriotism*.

At the conclusion of the program each principal was presented with a Flag that has flown over the Nation's Capitol. Georgia State Flags, an autographed copy of Simms' book, and the SAR American Heritage CD were also given to each school.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY

On Saturday, May 28 the **Fox Valley Chapter** took part in a grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Sgt. Daniel Burroughs at the Griswold Cemetery near Plano. The event took place on the exact 250th Anniversary of Sgt. Burroughs' birth, which was May 28, 1755 in Hartford County, Connecticut. Close to 300 people were in attendance.

The high-point of the event were the remarks delivered by special guest speaker, the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, who represents the congressional district that is home to the Chapter. Chapter Vice-President, Registrar and Historian Mike Johnston worked with the speaker's staff a year in advance coordinating Speaker Hastert's participation.

The event was held in conjunction with other local organizations which included numerous historical societies, the Theatiki Fife and Drum Corps, a bagpiper, the American Legion Post, and the Society Color Guard. Local area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts provided an "Avenue of Flags" consisting of Betsy Ross and Green Mountain Boys Flags at the entrance to the small pioneer cemetery.



The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, was the special guest speaker when the **Fox Valley Chapter** took part in a grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Sgt. Daniel Burroughs at the Griswold Cemetery. With Speaker Hastert are members of the Society Color Guard (from left): Franz Herder, Don Parrish, M. John Dyrud, Ken Griswold and Joe Smith.

In late June, the **General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter**, conducted a "Dedication of Evergreen Cemetery Monument in Lawndale Township", in McLean County. Some 55 people attended, including family members, township officials, and SARs and DARs. Chapter President J. Gordon Bidner served as Master of Ceremonies; Society Vice President Karl Reed Jr. along with other

Compatriots and other town officials also participated.

The monument was given by the Gladys (Bea) Beatrice Fincham Anderson family that includes Mrs. Anderson, her daughter Avis, and sons Lyle and William. It depicts the Henline Stockade built in 1832 (at the time of the Blackhawk War) and notes the Evergreen Methodist Episcopal Church and Evergreen School.



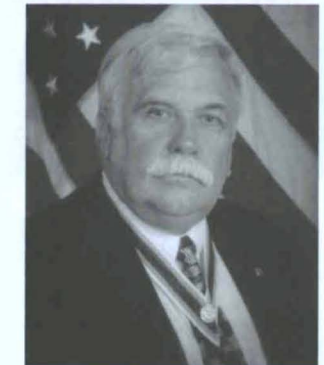
Presenting the new monument at Evergreen Cemetery depicting the Henline Stockade and noting a local church and school built in the same time period were (from left): Mrs. Gladys Beatrice Fincham Anderson and two of her children, Avis Amann and Bill Anderson. Compatriot Anderson and his siblings are descendants of General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter namesake.



During the 115th Annual Congress in Louisville this past July, Society Compatriots and guests witnessed presentation of an Illinois Society Honorary Membership Certificate to Winston C. Williams (left), a member of the Wisconsin Society and Editor of *The SAR Magazine*. The Certificate was "in appreciation of his service to the Illinois Society". Doing the honors was President Ken Griswold.

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INDIANA SOCIETY



Compatriot Robert D. Howell, Sr., posted the Flag at the 2005 Bedford Flag Day Ceremony, hosted by Bedford Mayor Joe Klumpp in the rotunda of the Lawrence County Court House. At the event, State Rep. Eric Koch delivered a talk recounting the history of Flag Day. The Color Guard included James C. Arnold, J. Dee Doane, Edward E. Hitchcock, and Robert D. Howell, Sr., of the **Daniel Guthrie Chapter**, and John Sheets of the **David Benton Chapter**.



The Society Color Guard, composed of members of the **Daniel Guthrie Chapter**, Bedford; **Clarence Cook Chapter**, Indianapolis; and the **David Benton Chapter**, Brownstown, marched in two Annual Southern Indiana 4th of July parades. Left to right: Compatriots J. Dee Doan, Robert D. Howell Sr., Edward E. Hitchcock, and Gary E. Rutherford marched mid-morning in the Shoals Catfish Festival Parade and were judged Best Color Guard. Some of them drove to Bedford, where they were the lead unit in the 100-plus unit Bedford Limestone Festival Parade. The Color Guard was recognized with the presentation of the Best Walking Unit trophy!



The **Continental Chapter** recently marked the grave of Patriot John Gordon at Hawk Cemetery near Muncie. Firing a salute were members of the Society Color Guard. The ceremony was researched and initiated by Robert A. Fetters of the Ohio Society's **Arthur St. Clair Chapter**, with the assistance of Mark R. Kreps and other Continental Compatriots.

MAINE SOCIETY



A highlight of the recent Society meeting was presentation of the coveted Patriot Medal to Robert Cole (right) by Past President Edmund P. Branch. He was recognized for his extensive work as Grave Registrar and writing books on the location of Patriot graves in the state.



At a recent Society meeting in Augusta, outgoing President Edmund P. Branch (left) congratulated Duane Ford, who had just assumed the top post. Compatriot Branch was also presented the Meritorious Service Medal. Observing was Charles McGillicuddy, 2nd Vice President and Commander of the Society's Color Guard.

MARYLAND SOCIETY



The **Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter** recently held a grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary Patriots Joseph Johnson and John Craig, at the Hawbottom Cemetery near Frederick. Shown here are Johnson descendants, including Compatriot Russell DeVenney in period attire. Approximately 50 people attended, some of whom came from Indiana and Missouri. Grave markers were placed by each tombstone, and Past Chapter President Rev. Frederick led the dedication. Society President Carroll Collins welcomed the group, and comments were provided by descendant Douglas Johnson.

MISSOURI SOCIETY



The **Allen Laws Oliver Chapter** posted the colors and fired a musket to start a benefit golf tournament sponsored by the Jackson VFW Post in mid-June. The Color Guard was greeted with enthusiasm from the many participants; proceeds from the event were given to the local Veteran's Home. Color Guard members from left: Ron Beasley, Steve Pledger, Leon Lefler and Wendell Miller.

NEVADA SOCIETY



Signers Chapter Compatriot Don Babbs (2nd from left) received an award for his eighth approved supplemental application in early August. Supplemental applications indicate additional ancestors who participated in the Revolutionary War. On hand for the honors were (from left): Society Secretary Ben Allen, Babbs, President Terry Robertson, and Society Registrar Fred Boughton.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY

A grave marking ceremony was held in mid-April for Capt. John Outwater at the cemetery in Carlstadt, by the **Capt. Abraham Godwin Chapter**. Patriot Outwater led a unit of the Bergen County militia that fought against British forces from 1777 to the end of the conflict. After the war, he became a civic and political leader, and served as a member of the State General Assembly. Chapter Compatriot Fred Stagg is a direct descendant of the Patriot.

President John Sprague served as Master of Ceremonies, with several other Compatriots participating. In addition to state and local civic leaders, M. Michel Besson, representing the Consulate of the Republic of France in New York City, and Bruce Boeglin, President of the Federation of French War Veterans, extended remarks to the audience.



Jockey Hollow Chapter President K.R. Thompson (left) introduced speaker James K. Cullen, a World War II veteran who participated in the Battle of the Bulge, at the Chapter's June meeting. Cullen presented a lively lecture, comparing the infantry soldier of 1944 and the Revolutionary Patriot of 1776, with graphic examples of clothing, rations, weapons, pay, and living conditions.



At the Society Annual Meeting in Princeton, Cadet Lt. Col. Mark Clauss of Riverside High School was the recipient of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award for 2005. He was sponsored by the **South Jersey Chapter**. JROTC/ROTC Chairman John R. Gebhard stood next to Mark, with Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Clauss joining them.

OHIO SOCIETY



In late July Compatriots trekked to Fort Laurens State Memorial at Bolivar to participate in the Annual Memorial Ceremony conducted by the Society to honor the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution at the Tomb of the Unknown. Among those attending were (from left): R.D. Howell, Sr., Director of the South Central District, INSSAR; Dr. T. Rex Legler II, Society President; and James C. Arnold, President of the Indiana Society's **Daniel Guthrie Chapter** (his ancestor, Sgt. John Lewis of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, served as a member of the fort's garrison). An active fort from November 1778 to August 1779, Laurens was the only Revolutionary War fort constructed in Ohio.

As part of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, Bicentennial Celebration in mid-July, state



and local SAR's, DAR's and C.A.R.'s, many dressed in period attire, participated in a Plat Rededication Ceremony and Tree Planting on the Public Square. Society President Robert Parvin addressed the community gathering, explaining how three Virginians who came to Ohio to find their futures would found a city that would bear the familiar name, Mount Vernon. **General Henry Knox Chapter** Compatriot Kelley explained the colorful display of early American flags that was showcased during the celebration, from the Grand Union Flag flown during the siege of Boston in 1776, to Washington's Personal Command Flag used at Valley Forge.

Arthur St. Clair Chapter Flag Committee Chairman Dr. Michael Geron (left) and



Chapter President Robert E. Grim (right) congratulate Benita Lashbrook, who received the SAR Flag Award, and David R. Medert, a Past Chapter President, who received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, during the June Chapter meeting. In addition to displaying the flag daily, Lashbrook, who immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic 36 years ago, also provides unheralded support to our military service members and veterans in the operation of her local tuxedo rental business. President Grim praised Compatriot Medert for his long time service to the SAR, noting his efforts in helping to raise over \$80,000 to restore monuments honoring Ross County Civil War and World War I Veterans, as well as his leadership in creating a new park in Chillicothe to honor World War II Veterans.



The Combined SAR Color Guard presented the Colors to signal the beginning of the unveiling ceremony for a monument dedicated in mid-May to Ohio Valley Revolutionary War Patriots at the Brooke-Hancock Veterans Memorial Park in Wierton, West Virginia. From left to right: Gary Timmons, President, **George Washington Chapter**, PASSAR; Ron Eisert, **George Washington Chapter**; Compatriots Larry Perkins, George Ruch, George Livingston, Lee Marshall of the **Ebenezer Zane Chapter**, OHSSAR; and Ron Malmgren, Vice President, **George Washington Chapter**.

NEW MEXICO SOCIETY



Upon the occasion of his retirement as President of the **Santa Fe Chapter**, Jim White (right) was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by incoming President Jon Foyt. Taking part in the May ceremony were Stephen Watkins (left), Chapter Chairman of the Board, and Capt. Walter Baker, who at the time was serving as the Society's National Trustee.

OKLAHOMA SOCIETY



Highlighting its May meeting, **Tulsa Chapter** Compatriots were honored to be presented with an American Flag that was flown in honor of the Chapter over Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq on Veteran's Day, 2004. Pictured is Major Robert Baird, Squadron Commander, 138 Security Forces, Oklahoma Air National Guard, presenting the flag to Chapter Color Guard Commander Frederick DeBow Fulkerson, IV. Major Baird recently returned from service with his unit in Iraq.



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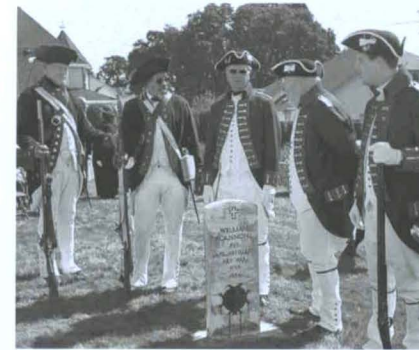
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OREGON SOCIETY



On September 11 the William Cannon Society, C.A.R., sponsored a wreath laying ceremony at their namesake's grave site honoring the 250th Anniversary of his birth. Several **Lewis & Clark Chapter** Compatriots participated in the program, along with representatives from the Armed Forces, Oregon National Guard and a Color Guard from the Oregon Continental Brigade. Shown here are two with Compatriots Ralph Brooks, James Yaple and Bill Klock.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

On Memorial Day the Ohio and Pennsylvania Societies held a joint ceremony in Freeport, Pennsylvania dedicating a new VA headstone and grave marker in honor of Patriot Capt. John Craig. Capt. Craig, along with his two brothers and father, fought in the Battles of Princeton and Trenton, New Jersey, in 1776 under General George Washington. In addition, he was responsible for building the Blockhouse in 1792; the Societies also dedicated a marker at the site of the building.



A joint Color Guard of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Societies led a Memorial Day grave marking ceremony in Freeport, Pennsylvania, in which Compatriots from several Chapters from the two Societies participated. From left: Gary Timmons, PASSAR; Larry Perkins and George Livingston, OHSSAR; and Ronald Malmgren, PASSAR.

The Color Guard was comprised of Ohio and Pennsylvania Compatriots, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Company F Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War. Master of Ceremonies was Don Collar, President of Freeport Area Historical Society and other speakers included Charles G. Edwards, Historian and Publicity Chairman of the Ohio Society and Revolutionary War Graves Chairman of the **Cincinnati Chapter**. He spoke on Capt. John Craig, his 4th great-granduncle, who died at the age of 96 years.

At Freeport Cemetery wreaths were placed by the **Ebenezer Zane Chapter**, **Rufus Putnam Chapter**, and the **Cincinnati Chapter**, as well as the **George Washington Chapter** of the Pennsylvania Society. Local Historian Rodney Chapman, and Ohio Society Historian Charles Edwards, delivered remarks.

Members of the **Philadelphia-Continental** Color Guard participated in the INS ceremonies at the Philadelphia Convention Center. Approximately 2,500 local residents from over 90 countries became United States citizens! Chapter President Bill Epp was one of three featured speakers at each session. Color Guard members posed for hundreds of

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY

Several Society Compatriots attended the celebration of the 230th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the First American Navy in East Greenwich, the town known

photos with the new citizens after posting and retiring the Colors for the ceremony.

Gathering to honor three Revolutionary War Patriots, the **Fort Halifax Chapter** held a grave marking ceremony at the Hill Cemetery in Halifax, in mid-May. Society President Miles Dechant and several members of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** Color Guard participated in the program, along with representatives from several historical societies. The honored soldiers were George Sheaffer (1755-1829), 2nd Battalion, Lancaster County; James Black (1758-1847), with the 3rd Battalion, Lancaster County Militia; and Jacob Ober (1761-1821), also from the 3rd Battalion. The Hill Cemetery is considered one of the oldest in Upper Dauphin County.

The Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel in King of Prussia was the site of the 37th Annual Constitution Week Luncheon co-sponsored by the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** along with the DAR in mid-September. The newly appointed National Park Service Superintendent of Valley Forge National Park was the featured speaker.

Proclamations by Governor Donald L. Carcieri, State Senator J. Michael Lenihan, State Representative Robert A. Watson, and Town Council President Michael B. Isaacs.



Color Guard members and other Navy Day participants gathered at the building that once housed the Rhode Island Legislature, the site where legislation creating the Rhode Island Navy took place on June 12, 1775. This act created the first Navy in the Western Hemisphere. In the foreground, at right, are three Compatriots who participated: Daniel O'Connell, President **General Christopher Lippitt Chapter**; Robert B. Baxter, Society Board of Managers; and Carlen P. Booth, Society President. The woman at the far left is C. Elizabeth Chandas, State Regent, RIDAR.

as the "Birthplace of the Navy", in mid-June. The event was kicked-off with a Navy Day Parade, and highlighted by

The Massachusetts Colonial Navy provided a musket salute and musical selections.



The Society was host to members of the France Society when they traveled to Newport in early July to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the landing of the French Expeditionary under the command of Comte de Rochambeau in July 1780. The delegation was invited to dinner at the Clambake Club, a private dining facility overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Pictured from left: Ambassador Philippe Husson; Lieutenant-Colonel Comte Thierry de Sequins-Cohorn; Philippe, Comte Boby de La Chapelle; Christine Bayard; Luc Dayard; Anne Comtesse Boby de La Chapelle; Gerard Priet; Catherine Priet; and Society President Carlen Booth.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY



In early July, **Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter** Compatriots participated in a wreath-laying ceremony as part of the Nineteenth Annual Patriotic Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Thomas Heyward, Jr., Signer of the Declaration of Independence. From left: Registrar Dean Hewitt, Area I Vice President Paul L. Grier, and Vice President Benjamin Richards, Jr. The tomb is located near Ridgeland in Jasper County.

TEXAS SOCIETY



The **Capt. William Barron Chapter** joined with the Camp Fannin Chapter #228 of the National Sojourners, for its Fourth Annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony in mid-June. Held at Tyler Square across from the Court House, many SAR's, DAR's and representatives from a variety of other civic organizations participated. Over 300 flags were turned in from the area, which were then disposed of properly.



In late June, the **Piano, Denton and McKinney Chapters** participated in the Independence Day Celebration held by the McKinney Heritage Association near the McKinney County Court House. A Society Color Guard marched around the Square with guests, children and Association members, and then later held a Flag Folding Ceremony using the Betsy Ross Flag. A short lecture was provided describing the origin, participation and life of Betsy Ross. Shown folding the flag, from left: Compatriots Mike Radcliff, James Johnson, Richard Arnold and Peter Rowley.



McKinney Chapter President Peter McLellan honored Police Detective Diana Hale with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in September, as McKinney Chief of Police Doug Kowalski looks on.



The **Brazos Valley Chapter** joined with the DAR Elizabeth Crockett Chapter in a presentation at the Mambrino School in Grandbury marking the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Members visiting each of the fifth grade classes, involving over 125 students, to discuss events leading to the documents were (from left): Chapter President Victor Smith, DAR Shannon Smith and Kenneth Hendricks. In addition, they discussed Lexington and Concord, the Declaration of Independence, Washington's victory at Yorktown and the Treaty of Paris.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY



In early June, the Society's **George Washington Chapter** and the **San Antonio Chapter** of Texas, marked the grave of Patriot John Rorabaugh (1740-1821) in Peru, West Virginia, south of Moorfield. Master of Ceremonies was **Washington Chapter** Compatriot Jack Evans. He noted that John Rorabaugh is the Patriot ancestor of Frank Rohrbough, a current member of the Chapter, and his twin brother Stephen Rohrbough is the Past President of the **San Antonio Chapter**. Patriot Rorabaugh provided pasturage and corn to the militia marching to the Carolinas; interestingly, George Washington recorded a visit as a young surveyor to the Rorabaugh homestead in his diary. George Judy, a direct descendant of the honored Patriot and current owner of the original 400-acre homestead, hosted the event with his wife Cathy. The homestead now consists of more than 3,300 acres. At the gravesite, from left: Stephen Rohrbough; Kathy and George Judy with their sons Kevin and Aaron; Frank Rohrbough (in Virginia Continental Line uniform); John Judy; Fifer Sandy Fife Moore; David Judy; Drummer Bill Messerschmidt; and Bridget Rohrbough (daughter of Stephen Rohrbough).

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Alexander Hamilton Chapter Compatriots enjoyed breakfast at a local restaurant followed by a lecture on the tragic life of Narcissa Prentiss Whitman, presented by Kate Hull, 2nd Vice Regent, WSSDAR, in mid-September. Mrs.

Whitman, missionary teacher to the Indians of the Pacific Northwest, was the wife of the famous Presbyterian missionary, Marcus White. Born in New York, she was one of the first two white women to journey overland to the Northwest.

WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY



When the **Adam Stephen Chapter** gathered at Martinsburg in mid-July, the guest speaker was James N. Randall (left), Executive Director of the National Society. He chose as the topic of his remarks the role of the SAR in modern America. Presenting him a Certificate of Distinguished Service was President Charles F. Printz.

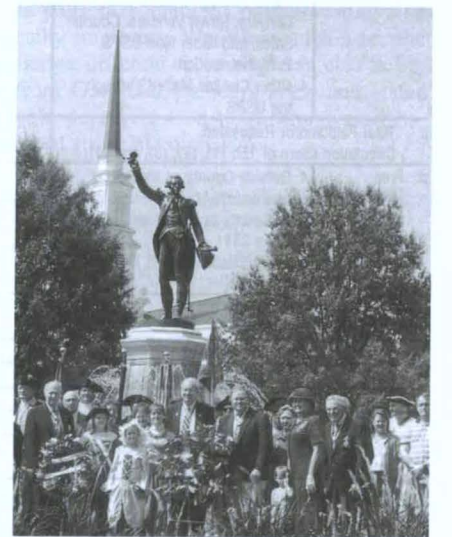
Lafayette Saluted In Georgia Event

LaGrange, Georgia was the site of a wreath laying ceremony on Patriots Day – September 11 – honoring the Marquis de LaFayette's 248th birthday. Sponsored by the LaGrange Chapter, the program was staged at the Patriot's statue in LaFayette Square.

It is interesting to note that according to information submitted to the magazine, the statue was cast in the mid-1970s from the original in France through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr., then President of LaGrange College, and the Callaway Foundation, Inc. as a tribute to LaFayette and America's Bicentennial in 1976. It is on permanent loan from the college, which was founded in 1831, to the city, founded in 1827.

The Chapter was joined in the event by members of the Georgia Society's Marquis de LaFayette Chapter of Fayetteville, Georgia, and the DAR LaGrange and Augustin Clayton Chapters. Especially impressive was participation by the Society's Color Guard, led by Compatriot Paul Prescott and the Musket Brigade, led by Compatriot Charles Newcomer. The militia fired a three-round musket salute following remarks by Society President George Thurmond, LaGrange Chapter President Forrest C. Johnson III and Marquis de LaFayette Chapter President John Sloan.

LaGrange, Georgia is named for Lafayette's estate in France, the Chateau de LaGrange-Blenau. While the Patriot was visiting Georgia in 1825, he remarked that the territory reminded him of his property in France. Col. Julius Caesar Alford overheard the remark and suggested the name LaGrange as the capital of the newly created Troup County, which was named for George M. Troup, the Governor of Georgia who welcomed LaFayette.



LaFayette Square in LaGrange, Georgia was the site of a Patriots Day tribute to the Marquis de LaFayette in September. Note the dramatic statue of the Patriot.

Conference Draws Compatriots From 12 Societies

Wilmington, Delaware was the city chosen for staging the Annual Atlantic Middle States Conference in mid-August, with nearly 70 Compatriots (plus guests) from 12 State Societies in attendance. The AMS is composed of the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic Districts.

Friday's events included a wreath laying ceremony at Old Swede's Church at the grave site of Patriot Major Peter Jaquett. A Combined Color Guard with representatives from Delaware, Maryland, New York and Virginia presented the Colors. On the cemetery's stone wall is an

SAR plaque commemorating the 44 Patriots known to be buried there. A buffet dinner followed that evening.

Highlighting the Saturday morning business session were three workshops:

- "Washington-Rochambeau Route (W3R), Where We Are and Future Celebrations" led by Delaware Compatriot Ralph Nelson;
- "The Future of NSSAR" conducted by Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox; and
- "The Web Enhanced Membership Database" led by National Society Executive Director James N. Randall.

An afternoon tour took attendees to historic New Castle which features buildings going back to the early days when Delaware was the three southern counties of Pennsylvania. Included was a wreath laying at the grave of George Read, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence; he is buried on the grounds of Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green. An SAR plaque lists 31 known Patriots buried there.



Conference attendees gathered at Old Swede's Church for a program at the grave site of Delaware Continental Major Peter Jaquett.



A Saturday tour included a wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Patriot George Read, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Maryland Society Color Guard is shown firing a volley salute to the Patriot.



During the Saturday evening banquet, President General Roland G. Downing addressed the issue of the sad state of American History teaching programs at colleges and universities across the country.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Interview With Senator Charles E. Grassley, Iowa Society Compatriot

By Timothy R. Bennett, Chairman
Congressional and Governmental Relations Committee

The Congressional and Government Relations Committee met with Senator Charles E. Grassley of Iowa on September 22 at the Hart Senate Office Building. Chairman (and Registrar General) Tim Bennett was accompanied by George A. Stickels and Col. Andrew M. Johnson, Committee Recorder.

Senator Grassley has held his Senate seat since 1980 and has served on many committees including Agriculture, Judiciary and Budget. He ranks 17th in seniority in the US Senate and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The Senator has been a long time member of the SAR.



Senator Grassley (second from left) was interviewed by these three Compatriots (from left): Timothy R. Bennett, Andrew M. Johnson and George A. Stickels, a member of the District of Columbia Society who worked in the Senator's office in the 1990s.

Senator, how did you get interested in politics?

Mother and Dad always talked about history and politics at the dinner table. They were strong on good citizenship and were very interested in history and politics. I was taught to be active in civic affairs and to have a political opinion on most matters. People told that all politicians were crooks and asked why I would want to be one. I knew that was not the case and that public service was the right thing to do. My political career wasn't planned. It just kind of evolved. I was politically active in high school, spent 16 years in the Iowa legislature, from there to the US House of Representatives and then to the US Senate.

Your position as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee makes you a key player in the President's plan to reform the Social Security System. Do you think that the kind of reform proposed by the President can be passed by this Congress?

No, and I am sorry to say that. Everyone knows that the Social Security System is in trouble and that it will reach a crisis about 2015. There are mathematical solutions available and reason tells us that the longer the delay in making changes, the greater the bill will be. If we do it today instead of tomorrow, it is \$600 billion cheaper spread out over 75 years. I don't know why we can't face this reality but the political will for reform is not there. When the crisis comes, then the Congress will act and the cost will be high.

Given the recent tragedy in the Gulf Coast area and the higher gas prices, do you think that the passing of the Energy Bill will really help alternative fuel development in this country and how?

God only made so much fossil fuel and it is a finite quantity and it is running out. We need to develop more home grown energy to make us less dependent on foreign oil and on the concentration of production in our gulf coast area. America is currently working hard to produce fuels from our renewable domestic grains production. Ethanol type products play some supply role now and are significant in providing alternative domestically produced energy.

How did you get into the SAR and are members of your family in the SAR, DAR or C.A.R.?

My wife and two daughters are in the DAR. It was my brother's widow, Marjorie Grassley of Boone, IA, who did the necessary research and application work to get me into the SAR. Anytime you really want to know more about me as an individual, she would be the right person to interview.

What is your position on the preservation of historic sites - especially American Revolution sites?

I don't think that I have a formal position per se. I have since childhood had a great regard for preserving our history. I give ad hoc consideration to all historic preservation issues and really think the concept of historical district preservation is essential. I have been involved in legislation for tax exemptions for things that maintain historic districts for example. This approach puts the individual historic site or building in the context of its place and time and greatly increases the value of the preservation.

The Sons of the American Revolution support many youth programs which seek to urge young Americans to make public service a part of their lives. As a public servant, what advice would you give young people regarding opportunities and training for their adult lives?

Start with an attitude that one person can make a difference. Yes, some will make a greater or lesser contribution for many reasons such as opportunity and abilities, but all can make a difference. Your impact on others may often be unknown to you but a good example may be an inspiration to many. To enter public service, each individual needs to be prepared for that service and for the demands of public office. Be a missionary for your cause.

What can we do as SAR members to educate, promote and "grow" our organization so we can be more effective?

Don't just talk to and among yourselves. Get out into the community and talk to people. You must get into the community at large and tell them about your purpose and goals. Relatively few people know much about patriotic societies. Communicating with the public now is especially important. We live in such a secular world. What makes America different from anybody else is our political beliefs came from God. Our founders knew and stated that the rights of the people were from God, not from government. Our nation needs a return of spiritual emphasis.

Senator, you have served Iowa, as a US Representative and since 1980, as Senator. Do you have thoughts about a higher office?

No, my only goal in the rest of my life is to be a good public servant. I do not aspire to any higher office - only to be a good public servant and citizen.

If you left politics, would you farm, teach or do something else?

I would return to the farm which my son Robin is now operating and become an active farmer again. I would also look to do some teaching.

Other than levees and dams, what other ways does Iowa have to control flooding?

About all that is left is wetland restoration to reduce water and farm chemical run off into our rivers. There is still marginal land, even in Iowa, that can be placed in wetland programs for everyone's benefit.

Compatriots Gather In Louisville For Fall National Trustees Meeting

When the weekend of September 30/October 1 rolled around this year, over 160 Compatriots gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for the National Society's traditional Fall Trustees Meeting. On hand for the event were the General Officers, Vice-Presidents General, former Presidents General, National Trustees and the Chairmen and members of scores of Committees. To handle this large a group, facilities at National Headquarters were used for a limited number of small meetings, while most Committees met at the Brown Hotel on Friday. The Brown also served on Saturday as the locale for the Trustees Meeting and evening banquets.

This news story summarizes highlights of interest to the broad membership, while an assortment of photos depict a range of activities to emphasize involvement by many Compatriots in the Society's important business.

President General Downing Presides

The Trustees Meeting was called to order by President General Roland G. Downing in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel. Opening ceremonies included recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem. Next came approval of the



Presiding over the Trustees Meeting was President General Roland G. Downing. In his opening remarks, he paid tribute to former President General Arthur M. King, who had passed away a short time back.

Minutes of the two Trustees Meetings held at the time of the 115th Annual Congress in Louisville this past July.

In his formal remarks, PG Downing announced that a little over \$300,000 had been received for use in constructing the Society's proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage. This sum consists of \$211,000 from the residue of a Charitable

Remainder Trust set up by President General Benjamin H. Morris for his wife who passed away last spring – and \$91,000 from the Harold Downing estate of Missouri (no relation to the PG). He also reported that a contribution of \$175,000 may come to fruition soon.

The next item on the agenda was presentation of gifts to the Society, including books for the Library and contributions to various special purpose funds. It was brought out that a Memorial Fund had been established in the name of former President General Arthur M. King, who died recently, with an anonymous matching grant of \$18,000 for cash received from October 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006.



Under the command of Peter K. Goebel, (right), the National Society Color Guard performed on a number of occasions.

Hurricanes Affect SARs

A special report was given by George K. Reech, Vice-President General for the Southern District, regarding the affects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on SAR Chapters on the Gulf Coast. The Louisiana and Mississippi Societies were granted 90-day extensions to file dues and reports for 2006. In addition, Compatriots who lost their Membership Certificates in the storms may have them replaced by the National Society free of charge, upon request.

Secretary General Nathan E. White offered reports for the Executive Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee (which he chairs). He also announced procedures for handling contributions to the National Society and the SAR Foundation proposed by the Executive Committee; they were approved.

Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox presented the Society budget for the 2006 Fiscal Year. Included was compensation for an Education Director to come aboard in mid-2006. After discussion, the budget was approved.

The report of Chancellor General David N. Appleby included a recommendation that a 60-acre property in Missouri recently



Secretary General Nathan E. White offered a wide variety of reports on behalf of Committees.

received as a gift by the SAR Foundation be sold. The Trustees voted approval.

Upon motion, the Trustees approved the Executive Committee's waiving, on a case-by-case basis, the "10 times dues" requirement for establishing a Memorial Membership for a soldier killed in combat (the Application Fee is not waived).

New Web Sites Reported

Ralph D. Nelson, Jr., Chairman of the Web Education Committee, reported that a new NSSAR web site had been established titled "The Real Story of the American Revolution" with the registered domain name www.rsar.org. The site utilizes three approaches to the subject: Discovering Liberty, Acquiring Liberty and Maintaining Liberty.

Genealogist General Edward F. Butler, Sr. announced that plans are underway for a full day genealogical seminar in conjunction with the 116th Annual Congress in Dallas on July 7, 2006. At any given time there will be a choice of lectures to attend. Apart from this seminar, two genealogical workshops will be held. He also reported that an SAR Genealogy web page has been established; it may be accessed through www.sar.org/geneal/genecomm.htm.



Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox presented the National Society budget for Fiscal Year 2006, which was approved unanimously by the Trustees.



Chancellor General David N. Appleby reported that the SAR Foundation had been given property in Missouri. The Trustees voted approval to sell the parcel.



One of the largest Committee meetings held at the time of a Trustees Meeting is that of Strategic Planning, which is responsible for reviewing National Society programs with the objective of making recommendations to the Executive Committee. Serving as the Chairman was Secretary General Nathan E. White (standing at far end of table).



Stephen A. Leishman (right), Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee of the George Washington Endowment Fund Board, saluted several Compatriots who recently had contributed \$1,000 or more to provide support for SAR projects. During a special recognition breakfast, he is shown presenting a George Washington Fellow pin to one of them: Maryland Compatriot Robert D. Tackitt.



One of the first meetings held was that of the Executive Committee, with the full membership present (from left): J. Philip London, Robert F. Galer, Chancellor General David N. Appleby, Secretary General Nathan E. White, President General Roland G. Downing, Executive Director James N. Randall (observer), former President General Henry N. McCarl, Isaac N. Ellis, Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox and J. Michael Jones.



One Committee that has been the busiest over the past couple or so years is the one responsible for commemorating the 225th anniversaries of key Revolutionary War events, including the development of historical feature articles for the magazine. Its Chairman has been Robert L. Bowen (second from right).

Genealogist General Edward F. Butler, Sr. revealed that a genealogical seminar will be held at the Annual Congress scheduled for Dallas next July.



Chairing a meeting of the Music Committee was Richard D. Brockway (fourth from right). This group is responsible for identifying music suitable for use at SAR programs and ceremonies. They also seek musical talent with in the membership for entertainment at an Annual Congress or Trustees Meetings.



The Congress Planning Committee, under the chairmanship of Barrett L. McKown (at end of table) discussed the details of several future Annual Congresses, with emphasis on the one scheduled next year in the Dallas area at the elegant InterContinental Hotel.

