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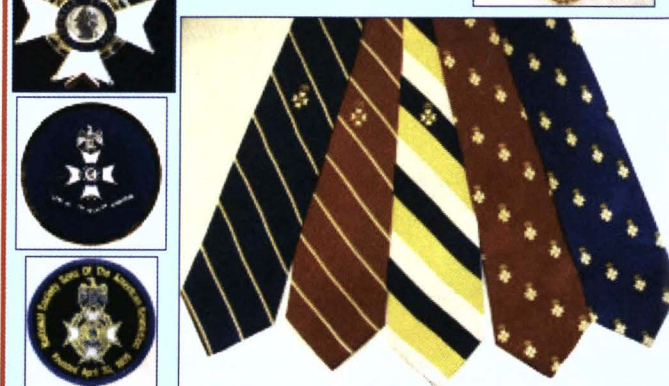
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## The President General's Message

### FINAL REPORT AS PRESIDENT GENERAL

### Accomplishments of the 2009-2010

### Leadership Team

### "Modernize, Publicize and Socialize"

Compatriots,

It is with a great sense of pride that I provide you with my final message as your President General. Since taking my oath of office last July, I have been honored to meet many of you and observe our society in operation on the district, state and chapter levels. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated members working to fulfill our chartered goals.

From Hawaii to Europe and from New England to the Gulf you have impressed me with your enthusiasm and desire to move us forward. Our color guardsmen, re-enactors and supporters have provided for the elevated visibility that we need at parades, memorials, battle commemorations and important events of the Revolution.

Your support for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and the new library, started in September, has been most encouraging. This facility is a core piece in our growth and commitment to maintaining our nation's heritage as given by our patriot ancestors, and our future as protected by our descendants.

My wife, Robin, and I have been honored by your reception and hospitality. This year has been memorable for us. We thank you all, and we will always be in your debt for making this year special in our lives.

The following are my team's accomplishments this year:

In August 2009, we negotiated a professional construction contract for the build-out of the new 17,000-square-foot NSSAR Library on West Main Street in Louisville, Ky. This fulfilled my promise to make the completion of the project my main priority. But for two weeks of snow in Louisville and the steel workers' policy of not working with wet steel, the new library would not only have been completed, but the ribbon-cutting ceremony would have been conducted before Congress.

Thanks to past President General Larry McClanahan, until winter snowfall delayed construction, the project was both ahead of schedule and under budget. Although the project will be completed in July, it was decided to delay the ribbon cutting until the Fall Leadership Meeting, which will allow more members to participate in the ceremony.

My team arranged what hopefully will become a long-term relationship with Remnant Trust, which will provide a display in the Craik Room of the new library, including duplicate originals of the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Magna Carta. Additionally, the trust has teamed up with the SAR for a joint traveling museum exhibit, from which the SAR will receive sizable revenues for at least the next few years. The details should be completed before Congress. This also opened the doors for white-tie fundraisers across the country in conjunction with the opening of the exhibits, which typically will last about 90 days.

We negotiated an invitation from the Smithsonian Institute to become an Affiliate Smithsonian Museum once our new CAAH facility is completed. All we have to do is ensure that our museum facility meets the minimum standards set forth in the guidelines of the American Association of Museums, of which we are already a member.

For the first time, we conducted the SAR Conference on the American Revolution at the United States Military Academy at West Point. SAR Distinguished Scholar Robert M.S. McDonald, a history professor at West Point, issued a call for papers on George Washington and Washington's protégés. Ten of the papers will be presented June 18-20 and published by the SAR. This project should inform scholars that the SAR is a serious contributor to the historical discussion.

The contributions of Spain to the American Revolutionary cause were a major topic for the year, and several scholarly articles on this subject appeared in *The SAR Magazine*. Mel Hankla, who portrayed Gen. George Rogers Clark in a presentation during the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, gave Spain's assistance credit for the success Clark enjoyed in the Midwest. We chartered the new SAR Spain, conducting the charter ceremony in Madrid, Spain, in conjunction with the SAR trip to Spain in May 2010. Participants included 16 individuals who were residents of Spain and 31 U.S. tour members. An SAR Commemorative Medal was created for those participating in the charter ceremony. Kudos to the regent of the DAR chapter in Spain, who worked tirelessly with me for 10 months planning the trip and the charter ceremony. The highlight of our visit to Spain was a royal audience with HRH Prince Felipe.

We negotiated a partnership agreement with The History Channel to work together to further our common goals. The first step will be completed with an article in the channel's biannual magazine to history teachers across the U.S. The article was written by Genealogist General Joe Dooley and encouraged SAR members across the country to visit local schools to present programs on the American Revolution.

We satisfied the concerns of the SAR France Society by entering into an agreement to elevate its status to that of a partner with the NSSAR, rather than that of a state society. Past PGs Howard Horne and Larry McClanahan worked out this new status with VPG Jacques de Trentintian and Martin Boyer of the France Society.

As a result of the agreement, the trustees approved the issuance of a new charter to signify this elevated status. Robin and I led a small group to Paris, France, where I presented the new charter in a May 25 ceremony. The France SAR Society was so elated that it designed an SAR Medal to commemorate the granting of the charter. It is significant to note that on the reverse side of the coin, two dates are included: 1918 and 1945, which reflect the years of U.S. military service to France.

While in Europe, we also visited the United Kingdom Society, which hosted us for a luncheon meeting in London on May 23. Before returning home, we traveled to the U.S. Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, where we presented

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about 100 SAR Wounded Warrior coins to servicemen who had recently been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Through the expertise of Executive Committee Member Bill Marrs and Webmaster Ian Towler, the NSSAR Web site is bigger, faster and better than its predecessor. We now have a section for members only. Video clips have become commonplace, and members are now better informed. *The SAR Magazine* has been upgraded by the inclusion of more articles about the American Revolutionary War era and by refusing to print any article that is not properly documented.

For the first time in history, through the extensive use of video, your President General was able to communicate directly with members of the SAR at the chapter level. DVDs were created by SAR videographer Steve Lee and his son, Matthew, which included excerpts of NSSAR leadership meetings, state meetings and conventions, parades, dedications, Revolutionary War battle commemorations, grave markings, district meetings, chapter meetings and events. Members were shown what went on at Congress, including the memorial service, business meetings, luncheons, banquets, oration contest, awards, tours and auxiliary meetings. What better way to inform the general membership what we do all over the country? These DVDs were well received.

Before my term is up, each chapter will also receive a master DVD that should be provided to all prospective members, so they get a visual image of what the SAR does around the country. Hopefully, this will have a positive effect on recruiting. Another first is that we started an SAR video archive of our history. In addition to the footage from our videographer, we have solicited and received video footage of chapter and state events from members all across the nation.

At the 2010 Congress in Cleveland, for the first time we are offering a souvenir DVD for 2009. Footage for the 2010 souvenir DVD is about half completed.

Both membership and supplemental applications continued to increase to record-breaking numbers. In calendar year 2009, new applications exceeded 3,000 for the first time, and total applications reached a new high of more than 4,000.

The number of members at the end of calendar year 2009 was the highest ever—almost 29,000. Unfortunately, we are still plagued with “certificate members” who join to obtain evidence of their Revolutionary War heritage and don’t wish to help further our aims by continuing to pay their dues.

I will always remember presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on April 10, with the assistance of the George Washington Chapter in Alexandria and 18 uniformed color guardsmen. Four came from Massachusetts, one from Ohio, and the remainder from Maryland and Virginia.

Through the auspices of the DC Society, I will always cherish being the principal speaker at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington on the 267th birthday celebration of Thomas Jefferson. With the cooperation of the NJSSAR, we had an impressive grave marking of our third President General, Horace Porter.

We worked with the McConnell Center to create SAR kiosks to put George Washington’s portrait back into the classrooms. Hopefully, we will be able to obtain grants to provide these kiosks to each chapter.

The SAR Wounded Warrior Program began with our visit to Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Hundreds of the Wounded Warrior coins have been presented to injured servicemen at military and VA hospitals around the U.S. and in Germany.

So that my message would reach as many members as possible, I included large SAR chapters in my travels—e.g., Dallas, Houston, Austin, Tyler and San Antonio, Texas; Chicago; Philadelphia; Alexandria, Va.; Shreveport, La.; and Cincinnati, Ohio. I also visited many small chapters in California, Texas, New Mexico, New York, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Oklahoma.

I spent 240 days traveling for SAR and most days at home working for SAR. To me, it was an honor to work full time for SAR. Through this travel, we also cemented closer ties with other patriotic lineage organizations, including the DAR, C.A.R., Sons of the Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans, Society of Colonial Wars, Society of the War of 1812, Baronial Order of the Magna Charta, National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, and Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. I also attended the annual Convention of the American Legion—riding in the parade, attending the banquet, and addressing some 6,000 Legionnaires at the general assembly.

My travels covered almost 80,000 miles or the equivalent of about three times around the earth at the equator. The first lady accompanied me on all but a very few trips. This has been a wonderful year, and we both want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the SAR members and their wives who hosted us in their homes, transported us to and from airports, and planned our accommodations and meals. In addition, I extend my sincere thanks to an outstanding Executive Committee, Foundation Board, our hard-working committee members and our dedicated staff.

God Bless You, God Bless America, and God Bless the SAR.

*E. F. Butler*

Edward F. Butler Sr., President General, 2009-2010



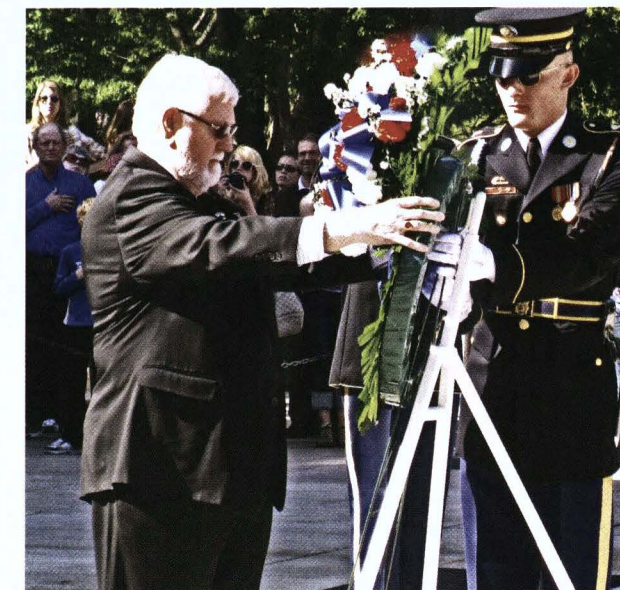
## PG Ed Butler visits Arlington National Cemetery

*And on behalf of all compatriots, presents a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns*

The weather could not have been more perfect on April 10, when President General Ed Butler visited Arlington National Cemetery in the company of compatriots from several Virginia chapters as well as chapters from the District of Columbia, Massachusetts and Ohio.

His tour of the cemetery began in Section 60, where many of the fallen from Iraq and Afghanistan rest. There the President General met Leonard and Mary Ann Cowherd at the grave of their son, 2nd Lt. Leonard Cowherd III. Lt. Cowherd, a West Point graduate, was killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom on May 16, 2004. Both Leonard Cowherd and his son are compatriots affiliated with Virginia’s Culpeper Minute Men Chapter. In a brief ceremony,

Butler presented a wreath and said, “We should be proud of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who in the history of our country have made the supreme



sacrifice on behalf of our great nation. We must honor their sacrifice. More importantly, we need to show our gratitude to the wounded warriors of all campaigns.” This ceremony was concluded with a prayer read by Cowherd.

Butler then proceeded to the Tomb of the Unknowns, where he was met by many other compatriots and 18 uniformed SAR Color Guardsmen from Virginia, Massachusetts and Ohio. Our wreath-laying ceremony was one of about 25 conducted that day. More than 550 spectators filled the broad stairs facing the tomb. As the time for the President General’s wreath-laying

approached, the SAR Color Guardsmen lined up on either side of the stairs leading down to the tomb plaza.

Butler, George Washington Chapter President Bob Carr and George Washington Chapter Vice President Paul Briggs were escorted to the Tomb Plaza by Honor Guard Relief Commander SPC Joseph L. Hull.

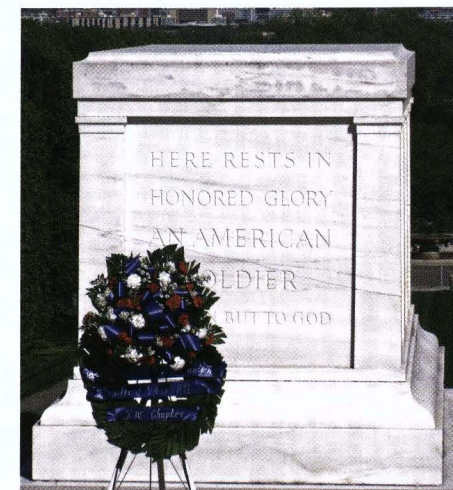
After the wreath was in place, honors were rendered as a bugler played Taps.

Following the ceremony, many of the

spectators asked to have their photographs taken with the Color Guardsmen. Clearly, this event was great from a publicity standpoint, and it was the right thing to do.

The George Washington Chapter coordinated the wreath-laying ceremony with the Military District of Washington, Arlington National Cemetery and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). That chapter also provided transportation for the President General and his wife during their visit.

Although this was the fourth time such a ceremony had been conducted by the George Washington Chapter, it was the first time a sitting President General had placed a wreath at the tomb. Butler hopes that future SAR Presidents General will participate in these annual George Washington Chapter events.



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# NSSAR Wounded Warrior Program

By JUDGE ED BUTLER,  
NSSAR PRESIDENT GENERAL, 2009-2010

Before the 2009 Congress, I planned a program in which the president general, first lady and members of the local chapter would visit the service men and women in military or VA hospitals, who have been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. We soon discovered that the hospitalized also included wounded combat veterans from Vietnam, Kosovo, Somalia and other conflicts, so we broadened the program to include those wounded in combat in any conflict.

Aide de Camp George Harcourt prepared a form to be used to collect information from each injured soldier. Here's how the program is set up:

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution's Wounded Warrior program is designed for the president general and other state and chapter leaders to visit military and VA hospitals to personally thank the wounded service men and women for their service and sacrifice.

The NSSAR Wounded Warrior challenge coin will be presented by the president general (or by the VPG, state or chapter president), together with an SAR brochure and business card, to each injured soldier or veteran. One of the aides will ensure that all of the information on the Wounded Warrior form is completed. VA hospitals require that a consent form be signed by the veterans before their photo can be taken.

An aide will take a digital photo of the ceremony, which will be sent to the serviceperson by NSSAR headquarters staff, together with the Wounded Warrior Certificate and a copy of the appropriate news release. Headquarters staff will send a copy of the photo, Wounded Warrior Certificate and the original of the news release to the recipient's hometown newspaper. If possible, the ceremony will be videotaped and the tape sent to the SAR videographer and SAR webmaster.

Wearing of the SAR Color Guard uniform is encouraged at these events. At some military bases, the staff may wish to formalize the ceremony with the presentation of the colors, invocation, pledge, etc.

The first SAR ceremony took place at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu on Sept. 2, 2009. There, we recognized 12 combat veterans who suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder.



President General Ed Butler presented a Wounded Warrior medal to a VA hospital patient.

When the 12 SAR members and their wives walked into a room, the veterans showed little reaction. First, I told them a little about the SAR, and how we had for many years honored our veterans by taking books, magazines, and toiletries to VA hospitals, and explained that we wanted to pay a special tribute to those who suffered from injuries received in combat. By the time we finished our ceremony, all but one of the veterans were smiling and laughing. Three even walked with us to the parking lot. Clearly, we had brightened their day, which was our goal.

While in Hawaii, we conducted wreath-laying ceremonies at the USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and the Punch Bowl Cemetery.

On Sept. 18, 2009, we visited the VA hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., to present medals. While there, we spoke to an assembly of veterans, thanking them for their service and sacrifice. On Sept. 21, 2009, we conducted a similar ceremony at the VA hospital in Louisville, Ky., and the following day we presented awards to more than two dozen wounded warriors at the Ft. Knox Army base clinic.

The NSSAR Executive Committee made the Wounded Warrior Program

an official program of the SAR at its fall 2009 Leadership Meeting. All state and chapter presidents are encouraged to locate those wounded in combat in their respective areas and to arrange a program to honor them. On Sept. 28, 2009, the San Antonio SAR Chapter conducted the first independent ceremony at the Intrepid Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

On Nov. 8, 2009, we presented awards to three wounded warriors at the Albuquerque Veterans Park and Museum in Albuquerque, N.M. This was a formal ceremony and included a color guard provided by the Civil Air Patrol. On Veterans Day, we participated in a Veterans Day Ball in San Antonio, Texas, where we honored six World War II veterans.

I participated in the California Society's ceremony to honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor at the Medal of Honor Monument in Riverside, Calif., on Nov. 18, 2009. On Dec. 12, 2009, my wife, Robin, and I participated in Wreaths Across America at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Veterans Cemetery, where I was the featured speaker. It was a beautiful ceremony, complete with color guards from reserve, National Guard and ROTC units.

On Dec. 22, 2009, I presented SAR Medals of Heroism to the two guards who stopped the Army psychiatrist who killed a dozen soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas. That afternoon, we conducted a Wounded Warrior ceremony at the Fort Hood Army Clinic.

On Feb. 9, 2010, members of the Kerrville, Texas, SAR assisted me in presenting coins to wounded combat veterans at the VA hospital there. Members of the Mississippi SAR went with Robin and me to the VA hospital in Jackson, Miss., on Feb. 24. The veterans were very glad to see us.

One of our largest ceremonies was at Fort Campbell, Ky. (the Kentucky-Tennessee line runs through the base). Four members of the TNSAR Color Guard assisted in the ceremony.

The airborne battalion commander instructed his adjutant to preside. He called the group to attention, and the colors were presented, followed by the pledge to the American flag. The battalion chaplain led us in prayer. The adjutant spoke briefly, followed by the commander and then me. After I spoke briefly about the SAR and the Wounded Warrior program, I presented coins and certificates to 39 wounded soldiers. We stayed and talked with them about an hour after the ceremony.

On March 9, we went to the Little Rock, Ark., VA hospital with officers of the ARSSAR, and on March 18, we were in the Oklahoma City, Okla., VA hospital with leaders from the Oklahoma SAR Society. With a large group of SAR color guardsmen from all over the United States, we paid tribute at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery on April 10. I had the honor of placing an SAR wreath on that tomb to honor all who have given their lives in defense of our nation.

At the time of writing this article, we are scheduled to present Wounded Warrior coins and certificates to about 100 wounded combat veterans at the US Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. Our visit was scheduled for May 27, following the SAR trip to Spain, England and France. Troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan are initially transported to this hospital for treatment. This will be our first USO trip. The USO was to help us with arrangements and accompany us through the hospital. They even arranged with SAR Executive Director Joe Harris to receive the coins and certificates by mail.

My message to members of the SAR is this: We have primed the pump to start this program. The ball is now in your court to keep it alive.

## HERE'S WHAT WE NEED FROM MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHAPTERS:

1) Make prior arrangements with the commander of each hospital to approve your visit. If on a military base, ensure



that the participants can gain entry, and if necessary, leave a list of participants with base security. Advise participants that they will need to show copies of the auto registration, auto liability insurance and their driver's license to obtain a visitor's pass for their vehicles.

2) Secure written approval for your visit (stating date, place, ward or clinic number and time) and obtain a copy of the authorization or pass for all participants.

3) Provide detailed information about the street address of the hospital, ward information and contact person, with telephone numbers, to all participants.

4) Provide all participants with a map of the base, showing the location of the hospital or clinic to be visited.

5) Determine if the participants need an escort in the hospital, and if so, obtain contact information.

6) A minimum of two or more uniformed color guardsmen or members wearing a blazer with the SAR blazer patch should participate. One should get the name, unit, home address and hometown newspaper of each warrior and should take photos for the warrior's hometown newspaper. A photographer should provide digital copies of all photos to both the editor of *The SAR Magazine* (sarmag@sar.org), the NSSAR webmaster (ian@itowler.com), and the NSSAR videographer (lgr1207@yahoo.com).

7) If possible, a third SAR member should participate with a digital video camera. A copy of the digital video should be sent to both the SAR webmaster (ian@itowler.com) and the NSSAR videographer (lgr1207@yahoo.com).

8) Although not required, a news release should be submitted in advance to the *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* or *Marine Corps Times* and/or *Stars and Stripes* newspapers and submit an article with photographs afterward.

9) Send copies of all of the above to the President General (judge58@aol.com) and his travel coordinator (sartech@hotmail.com).



# Ribbon-cutting for new library slated for Fall Leadership meeting



Attendees at the Spring Leadership/Trustees meeting followed up on Gen. George Rogers Clark's visit (portrayed by Compatriot Mel Hankla) by visiting Vincennes, Ind., the site of Clark's greatest military victory, en route home.



The Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting was held March 6 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

Eight past Presidents General were in attendance, including Stewart B. McCarty, the senior of the group.

The highlights of the meeting included:

- PG Larry D. McClanahan gave a library building update. He said that realistically the ribbon-cutting ceremony would most likely be sometime around the Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting.

- PG David N. Appleby reported the following have been selected for the Minuteman Class of 2010 from 19 submissions.

Lawrence E. McKinley (VASSAR)  
Stanley W. DeLong (CASSAR)  
John C. Ellingson (WASSAR)  
David A. Hockensmith (VTSSAR)  
Thomas E. Jacks (LASSAR)  
M. Hall Worthington (MDSSAR)

- Appleby presented the Nominating Committee report. The following compatriots have been endorsed for election in Cleveland.

**President General**—J. David Sympton (KYSSAR)

**Secretary General**—Larry J. Magerkurth (CASSAR)

**Treasurer General**—Stephen A. Leishman (DESSAR)

**Chancellor General**—Thomas E. Lawrence (TXSSAR)

**Registrar General**—Lindsey C. Brock (FLSSAR)

**Genealogist General**—Joseph W. Dooley (VASSAR)

**Historian General**—Charles R. Lampman (CASSAR)

**Surgeon General**—Lee C. Park, MD (MDSSAR)

**Chaplain General**—Rev. A. Clark Wiser (NCSSAR)

**Librarian General**—Miles K. Dechant (PASSAR)

- PG Edward F. Butler Sr. announced a new program, Project Patriot, of the Ladies Auxiliary to help our armed forces—especially those in harm's way. The ladies will

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# Butler primary speaker at Jefferson birthday celebration

On April 13, President General Ed Butler was the principal speaker at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., for the 267th birthday celebration of Thomas Jefferson. Butler was accompanied by the first lady. The event was sponsored by the District of Columbia SAR Society. Past President of the DC Society Paul Hays served as the master of ceremonies. The DC Society has hosted this celebration since the Jefferson Memorial was dedicated.

The U.S. Marine Corps Brass Quintet entertained the crowd with a short concert before the festivities

began. The colors were presented by a seven-member inter-service color guard, whose metal plates on their heels clicked smartly on the marble floor of the rotunda under the huge statue of Jefferson. Before the ceremony, a U.S. Army lieutenant general placed a wreath from President Obama at the base of the statue.

When the colors were presented, the brass band played the national anthem. Following the invocation, Hays introduced the dignitaries there. The senior member of the National Park Service brought greetings, after

which Butler delivered his remarks, which follow.

After he spoke, Butler presented a wreath on behalf of the National Society. Other wreaths were presented on behalf of the C.A.R., SR, Founders and Patriots and many SAR state societies and chapters.

On June 10, Butler and the first lady will lay a wreath at Jefferson's tomb at Monticello, Va., assisted by members of the Thomas Jefferson SAR Chapter in Charlottesville. Afterward, the Butlers will be given a tour of Monticello.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON'S 267TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON, D.C. - APRIL 13, 2010  
REMARKS OF JUDGE EDWARD F. BUTLER SR., PRESIDENT GENERAL  
NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I am very proud to be here today, as I have always been an admirer of Thomas Jefferson. He has been ranked by many scholars as one of the greatest United States Presidents. Let's recall some of the things that made him a great president and an exceptional person. He was an outstanding public servant at the highest levels for 40 years, including:

- Member of the Virginia House of Burgesses (1769-1776).
- Member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1776-1779).
- Virginia Delegate to the Second Continental Congress (1775-1776), where he served as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.
- Second Governor of Virginia (1779-1781). He served during the American Revolutionary War, including two invasions by the English. He supported Gen. George Rogers Clark as Virginia militia commander of Kentucky County, Va., which led to the defeat of the British in the Northwest Territories.
- Virginia Delegate to the Congress of the Confederation (1783-1784).
- United States Ambassador to France (1785-1789).
- First United States Secretary of State (1790-1793).
- Second Vice President of the United States (1797-1801).
- Third President of the United States (1801-1809). Under his leadership, Ohio was admitted as a state in 1803.

Jefferson left a great legacy. He will always be known as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. As U.S. President he arranged the Louisiana Purchase (1803), which doubled the size of the United States; he sponsored the Lewis and Clark expedition (1804); and he defeated the Barbary Pirates in 1805.

As a man, he was multifaceted. In addition to being a very capable attorney, he was a self-taught horticulturalist, architect and inventor. He was a voracious reader and was multilingual. When Pres. John F. Kennedy welcomed 49 Nobel Prize winners to the White House in 1962, he said, "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent and of human knowledge that has ever been gathered together at the White House—with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

In Texas, we would say that he was "smarter than a tree full of owls." Clearly, he was a gifted intellectual, who dedicated his adult life to public service. He was a great man, and the United States is much better off because of his service.







# SAR Rocks Cleveland

The Ohio Society is ready to welcome you to the southern shores of Lake Erie. In 1796, Moses Cleaveland started his survey of Connecticut's Western Reserve to lay out a city near the Public Square that is in front of our host hotel, the Cleveland Renaissance by Marriott. His statue is around the corner from the hotel. For sculpture, history, family activity and genealogy, you will truly enjoy this Congress.

The Cleveland Renaissance is located above the Tower Station Shopping Mall that is above the train stop from the airport. Our rate for Congress is \$141 per night plus tax. If you are a fan of the movie, *A Christmas Story*, you will surely recognize the famous "leg lamp" images in the hotel. The hotel faces

Public Square and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument commemorating the Civil War. Topped by a 125-foot-tall shaft, the monument is the most visible of many sculptures and statues nearby. The tour of this monument is free. Check out the Congress website for maps and other information.

The Cleveland Renaissance will be occupied by another group starting before and overlapping with our Congress. This group reserved the Club Level, limiting our access until Monday, so the Club Level Lounge is not open from Friday night through Sunday night. Those who want to reserve a room on that level anyway may try to do so at the going rate by directly contacting the hotel. This rate should be between \$229 and \$249.

To start your Congress planning, call the hotel and reserve your room. If we use up our block of rooms, we have an overflow alternate at the Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center at the same rate. Plan some time before or after Congress to immerse yourself in all Cleveland has to offer. You will be amazed at all there is to do.

— LARRY GUZY, CONGRESS PLANNING CHAIRMAN

## 120TH CONGRESS EVENTS PLANNED:

Friday, June 25, will start with a genealogy conference followed around noon by golf and later a color guard workshop. Friday evening will bring a dinner cruise for those sailor wannabes of Lake Erie lakefront aboard the *Nautica*. The Saturday tour to Cuyahoga Valley scenic area by train will be available for those who want to explore inland. An alternate zoo tour Saturday is also planned for families with young members. Of course, having a mall beneath the hotel will offer a gem of an opportunity to stimulate the economy. The local trolley can take you to explore the many sights and museums in the area.

This year, we are striving to provide activities for children. There will be a special price for the banquet meals for

## REGISTRATION OF \$320 INCLUDES:

- 1) The Host Society Reception on Saturday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 2) A Memorial Service on Sunday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the historic Old Stone Church across the plaza from the hotel.
- 3) The Monday Youth Awards Luncheon in the hotel.
- 4) The President General's Banquet Tuesday.
- 5) The Installation Banquet on Wednesday.

In order to properly plan, we and the hotel need a count for meals, so please check attendance at these functions on the registration form. Registration after June 1 is \$345.

## OPTIONAL EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 6) Friday, June 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Genealogy Seminar featuring local and area topics and an explanation of why the city's name is misspelled; \$20.
- 7) Friday, June 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Golf Outing for those who love the great outdoors; \$110.

# 120th SAR Congress

8) Friday, June 25, 1-4 p.m., Color Guard Workshop featuring classroom topics, clothing and more; a great value for your money: free, but sign up anyway.

9) Friday, June 25, 6-10:30 p.m., Nautica Evening Cruise on Lake Erie, includes dinner; \$63.

10) Saturday, June 26, 10:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Zoo Trip, includes transportation, lunch and zoo entry fee; bear food extra; \$45 adults/\$42 children under 12.

11) Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Tour; if you can pronounce it you have been there before; \$60 adults/\$55 children under 12.

12) Sunday, June 27, 8-9:30 a.m., Color Guard Breakfast with calisthenics and your week's marching orders; \$26.

13) Monday, June 28, 7-8:30 a.m., Council of State Presidents Breakfast with upcoming, current and past presidents and the nominating committee preview; \$21.

14) Tuesday, June 29, 7:30-8:45 a.m., Southern District Breakfast, a taste of Southern hospitality in the

North (sorry, no grits unless you bring your own); \$26.

15) Tuesday, June 29, 7:30-8:45 a.m., Atlantic Middle States Breakfast. Hear plans for the first District Meeting of the next season and celebrate no snow; \$26.

16) Tuesday, June 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Ladies Luncheon & Tour of Museum of Art. Join the first lady for a day in the museum and enjoy the beautiful indoors; \$42.

17) Tuesday, June 29, noon-1:30 p.m., George Washington Fellows and VPsG Luncheon; the ladies will be elsewhere so this could be a stag party; \$37.

18) Wednesday, June 30, 7-8:45 a.m., SAR 1000 Breakfast, the last opportunity to hear the latest news (and the ladies are back); \$27.

19) Wednesday, June 30, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cleveland City Tour, where Lolly the Trolley will show us things only locals know; lunch included; \$45.

20) Wednesday, June 30, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Tour; see and hear your favorite music within walking distance, includes lunch; \$30.

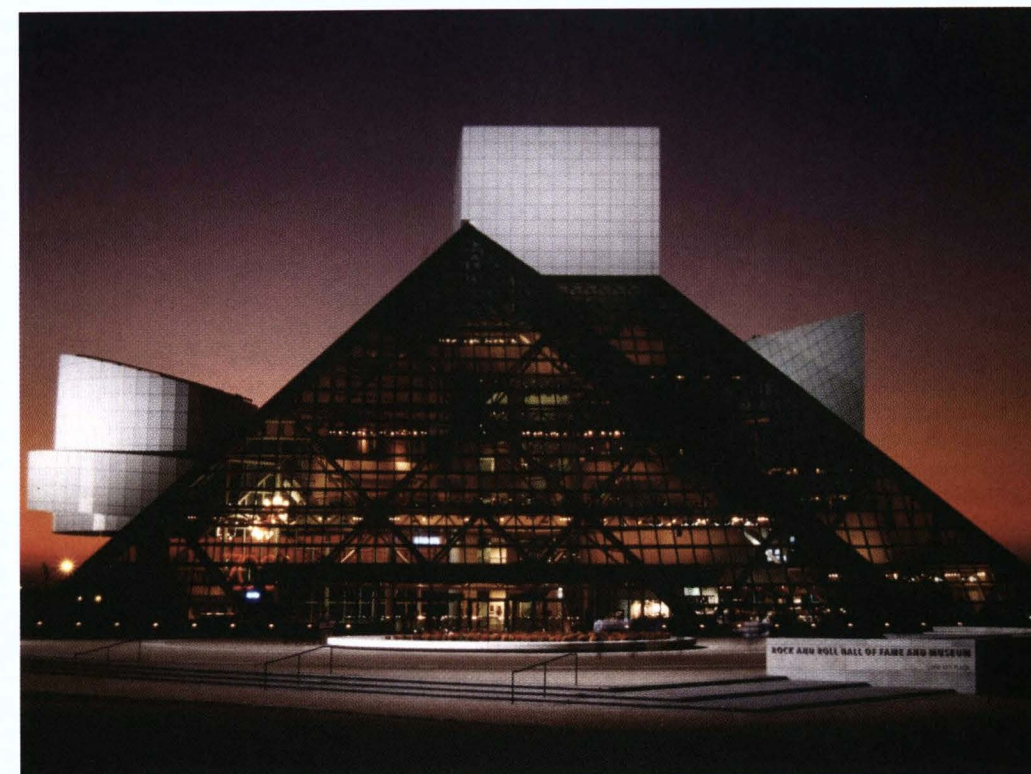
children under 16. A History Scavenger Hunt will take place over several days with the winners being announced Tuesday. Several other activities will be available, including a Colonial Dance after the Monday Youth Luncheon. The Science Museum on the waterfront, a baseball game and a tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum also will be offered.

Of course, we are there for the business of the society and to elect our officers for the upcoming year. The orations contest on Sunday is a true highlight of the week. With the Memorial Service at the historic Old Stone Church and meetings on Sunday, it is a full day before the real work starts on Monday. Election Day is, of course, Tuesday. Our Tuesday banquet speaker is not yet booked; we have to leave something to reveal later.

Early registration is encouraged. The registration form on the follow-

ing page, or on the website, will allow you the opportunity to plan your involvement to maximize your time in Cleveland.

Much more information is available on the website. Go to [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) and click on the link to the 120th Congress.



The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum



# REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 120TH ANNUAL CONGRESS Cleveland, Ohio

National Number

☐ First Time Attendee

Name

State Society

National Title

Address

City / State / Zip Code

Phone Number:

Email:

During the Congress, I / we plan to stay at:

Special Diet:

Send Registration to: National Society SAR, 1000 South 4th St, Louisville, KY 40203

Enclosed is my check (payable to NSSAR) for the total registration(s) and/or events indicated for my guest in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

These fees apply to Registrations received on or before May 28, 2010; after this date, fees increase to \$350.

Child prices indicate children under the age of 12

\* Registration fee includes this event

## Congress Events Included in Registration Fee

- ☐ (1) Sat. Host Society Reception\*
 ☐ (2) Sun. Memorial Service\*
 ☐ (3) Mon. Youth Awards Luncheon\*
 ☐ (4) Tue. President General's Banquet\*
 ☐ (5) Wed. Installation Banquet\*
 

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\$ 20.00

☐ (7) Fri. Golf Outing
 

\$110.00

☐ (8) Fri. Color Guard Workshop
 

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☐ (9) Fri. Nautica Evening Cruise
 

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☐ (12) Sat. Cuyahoga Valley Tour
 

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☐ (15) Mon. Council of St. Pres. Breakfast
 

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# Maryland Gov. O'Malley inducted into MDSSAR

BY CHRISTOS CHRISTOU JR.,  
PAST PRESIDENT, MDSSAR

Several years ago, the new governor of Maryland, Robert L. Ehrlich, was contacted about membership in the Maryland Society. His parents were extremely helpful in providing me with what they knew about their own ancestry.

The assumption was that Ehrlich's father's ancestors were all German and his mother's were recent European immigrants. Thus neither had ancestry early in American history that could qualify for membership, but I made the attempt anyway. Through methodical research, we found that one of Ehrlich's father's German ancestors had married a local Maryland girl and his mother's side also had early American ancestry. Therefore, the potential was there for Ehrlich to become a member.

In 2006, nearing the end of his term, a final document was found proving the father-son relationship of a patriot, and the lineage was proven. Thus, the Maryland Society inducted its 3,700th member—the outgoing governor of Maryland.

The then-State Genealogist, Christopher T. Smithson, thought it would be a good idea to contact incoming Gov. Martin J. O'Malley about membership in the Maryland Society. Although most assumed O'Malley was of Irish descent and had no patriot lineage, research was started. Smithson was not able to make contact with the busy new governor, so he first began looking for any public records, such as newspaper articles mentioning O'Malley's parents, Thomas and Barbara O'Malley. Within a short time, Smithson discovered the so-called "Irish governor" was more German than Irish. He found that O'Malley's father was a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a descendant of Irish immigrants, so at that point he

knew there was no hope of a patriot on his paternal ancestry. However, Smithson learned the governor's mother's maiden name was Barbara Suelzer and that she was a native of Fort Wayne,

Ind. Using census records, he found her listed with her parents, Joseph Gerhard Suelzer Jr. (1898-1947) and Martha Esther Dix (1898-1968). On a website that contained records of Fort Wayne residents, Smithson discovered the great-grandparents of the governor, but the Suelzer surname belonged to Germans who had arrived in America after the Revolution, so the focus was then on the Dix line.

The governor's mother's parents, both natives of Fort Wayne, were Frank J. Dix (1866-1942) and Lulu B. Meyer (1872-1910). From there, through



Compatriots and Color Guard members of the Maryland Society were on hand to welcome Gov. Martin J. O'Malley into the SAR during a private meeting in his office.



newspaper accounts and census records, Smithson was able to locate Frank Dix's parents, Seth Joseph Dix (1840-1917), a native of Lucas County, Ohio, and Esther Elizabeth Bolger (1844-1932), a native of Ireland. He then located Seth's parents, Leonard Dix (b. 1812), a native of Vermont, and Jane Corthrell (b. 1815), a native of New York.

That is where the line went cold for quite a while. Smithson could not find their death records or further information about them. He finally contacted a volunteer at the Random Acts of





State Treasurer Barry McKown made a presentation to Gov. O'Malley in his Annapolis office.

Genealogical Kindness website to help document the ancestry further back. From the volunteer researcher, he received copies of marriage and death records, copies of obituaries and even pictures of O'Malley's ancestors' tombstones. Smithson came across a book on the Bigelow family of Vermont, and he found an entry for a John Dix and his wife, Polly Bigelow, who had left Vermont and moved to Portage County, Ohio. He thought this could be the same family.

From there, Smithson enlisted the assistance of SAR Compatriot Dick Fetzler of the Ohio Society, who was serving as chairman of the Genealogy Committee. Fetzler looked into the issue and found John Dix and Polly Bigelow were buried at the Palmyra Cemetery in Portage County, Ohio. Also buried there were the missing Leonard and Jane, both of whom had died very young. He then found a book on the Beckley family. Beckley was the maiden name of John Dix's mother, Anna, who had married Revolutionary War patriot Benjamin Dix, who served in Connecticut and had received a pension for his service (S39446). Benjamin Dix was born on March 26, 1757, in Wethersfield, Conn., and died June 19, 1827, in Montpelier, Vt. Following his war service, the family had moved to Montpelier, where Dix and his wife apparently had lived the remainder of their lives and were laid to rest in the Maplewood Cemetery in Barre, Washington County, Vt., where a tombstone still exists.

The new governor's office was contacted again and provided all the details that had been gathered on O'Malley's ancestry. The governor was excited and quickly signed the application and paid for his membership. The application was approved and arrangements were made to present the certificate to the governor at the State House. The State House, in continuous use since the time of the Revolution, is the same structure in which George Washington resigned his commission in 1783.

The governor was inducted as new member #174052 and MD #3926. State President David W. Hoover inducted the governor into the society with 3rd VP Lou Raborg presenting the governor with his SAR member rosette.

O'Malley welcomed the attending SAR members and thanked Smithson for all the work he had done.

Other members who attended were past Mid-Atlantic States VP General Hall Worthington, State Treasurer Barry McKown and Color Guard Commander Bill Smithson. The governor was extremely interested in his patriot ancestor and in learning more about his family history.

O'Malley is known for wearing a replica 1812 soldier uniform during 1812 re-enactment events at Fort McHenry, and the hope now is that we will soon see him with a replica American Revolutionary uniform at SAR events.

## Americanism Committee announces contest changes

It is advised that the reader go the NSSAR website and read the new score sheet for reference while reading this article. The link to the score sheet can be found at [www.sar.org/Committees/Americanism](http://www.sar.org/Committees/Americanism).

Over the past two years, the National Americanism Committee has spent a much time discussing and reformatting the document used to record points for the Americanism and President General's streamer contests. This process has led to multiple formats of the score sheet using different computer programs.

During this time, a number of new categories were added and loopholes were unintentionally created. Due to the growing size and complexity of the score sheet, the National Medals and Awards Committee and many individual members expressed concern over the complexity and illogical layout of the form.

Because of this, a subcommittee was appointed to review the score sheet to close as many loopholes as possible. During this process, the subcommittee determined it would also be beneficial to address the size of the score sheet and to determine a single format for it.

The resulting score sheet was published on the national website during the second quarter of 2010. The score sheet is in Microsoft Excel format so that the simple act of data entry will result in the posting and calculation of points. These points are then totaled and reported on a single cover sheet.

For ease of use, this single-score sheet format will record and calculate the points for the three contests that the National Americanism Committee administers:

- The Liberty Bell (chapter level) and Allene Wilson Groves (state level) Americanism contests, which measure how the chapter or state society meets SAR goals in programming for the general public.
- The President General's Streamer Contest, which measures how the chapter or state society meets SAR goals for administrative functions or support of collateral organizations.
- The President General's Cup, awarded to the chapter that demonstrates the best overall Americanism program and President General's Streamer Contest, as measured on a per capita basis.

### EXPECTATIONS OF THE NEW SCORE SHEET

These are the goals of the new score sheet:

- Provide space for data entry that documents activities that generate points.
- Reduce the number of pages/tabs on which data entry is required.
- Logically group together certain categories so that a single event can be recorded on a single page/tab.
- Increase the number of chapters that are eligible for the President General's Cup by reducing the number of categories.
- Close all loopholes by providing specific directions as well as clarify verbiage defining what it takes to generate points to prevent an unintended emphasis on "just generating points."
- Standardize the way points are calculated across all tabs (specifically, color guard participation).

### WHAT HAS CHANGED

There are three primary changes to the score sheet:

- 1) Standardization of language across all tabs, using the same word to describe the same thing on multiple tabs.
- 2) Standardization of reporting across all tabs; if the same type of activity (i.e., color guard participation) can be reported on multiple tabs, then the same format is used on each tab.
- 3) Clarification of rules and guidelines so that loopholes are closed, including language that prohibits considering the same event within multiple categories (i.e., a grave marking that could be construed as a special observance).

In addition to these changes, a summary page has been included for an expanded listing of entry and contest rules and guidelines. Also included on this page are criteria for valid entries and the submission deadlines.

It should be noted that the entire score sheet will now need to be submitted, which includes all the tabs. This was never truly defined in the past.

A final, major change is that no entries are to be submitted to the national executive director or the national office. Entries that are submitted in 2011 will have to be sent via certified mail with return receipt to the National Americanism Committee chairman. Entries can still be sent via e-mail, but the postal entry will be considered the official record.

### WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED

With all these changes, it is important to note what has not changed.

First, the intent of these contests has not changed; we want every chapter and state society to enter the contests. Over the past few years, participation has decreased to the point that barely 15 percent of chapters and state societies submit an entry. There may be many reasons for this, but we hope to eliminate the issues of complexity and time for data entry with the reformatting of the documents.

Second, chapter entries still can be submitted directly to the National Americanism Committee. However, these same chapter entries still need to be submitted to the respective state Americanism Committee so that it can be included in the state society's entry.

Third, the score sheet is to be used for more than just a contest entry. As it is formatted, the score sheet provides the chapter or state society a very valuable tool.

Each contest measures and reports points earned for outreach to the public (meeting the historical and patriotic goals of the SAR), and for administrative functions. Why is this valuable? The simple answer is that the various activities for which points can be earned in effect provide a guide for chapter operations. By observing where points are earned, a chapter or state society can properly focus its activities.

For example, if you are a new chapter or state officer of a minimally active group, you can identify areas where points can be earned quickly with minimal member participation. Any resulting publicity may then generate interest among inactive members, as well as potential members.

Fourth, the score sheet provides a simple format to record and archive chapter or state society activity over a single year. This can be used in addi-

tion to a formal scrapbook or could be included in a scrapbook.

Finally, the need for communication of chapter activities to the state and thus to the national level has not changed. The National Americanism Committee expects to improve communication by providing a single format for reporting activities in a more logical layout over fewer pages.

### WHAT ARE THE RULES

The primary rules for each of the contests are as follows:

- 1) The contest year runs from January 1 to December 31.
- 2) Entry deadline is March 1.
- 3) Chapter entries are to be mailed via certified mail with return receipt and/or e-mailed to the National Americanism Committee chairman and the state society Americanism chairman.
- 4) State Society entries are to be mailed via certified mail and/or e-mailed to the National Americanism Committee chairman.
- 5) A valid entry will consist of the entire Excel workbook with all tabs completed. An incomplete entry or only the cover page will not be accepted.

### IMPORTANT FINAL POINTS

Even with the changes, several items still need to be stressed.

- 1) The rules and regulations for the score sheet are published on the score sheet.
- 2) Data entry should be a continuous process throughout the year. The National Americanism Committee strongly advises that data entry be done as soon after an event as possible. Waiting to the end of the contest year and trying to remember what happened or compiling data from multiple individuals will only cause unnecessary stress.
- 3) The spirit of these contests is to both motivate the SAR membership to become more active in promoting the SAR ideals and to increase participation through friendly competition. The moment the contest becomes just about winning, then the contest needs to be scrapped.

The National Americanism Committee wishes each chapter and state society good luck in competing in 2010 using the new score sheet and looks forward to an increase in contest entries.

Any questions or comments about the score sheet and/or the contests should be directed to the National Americanism Committee. The committee wants to make this score sheet the best it can be as a tool for reporting the participation of the chapters and state societies in the principal activities suggested in the NSSAR Handbook and for feedback to help chapters and state societies to improve operations and use their members' talents.

— MARK C ANTHONY, VICE CHAIRMAN,  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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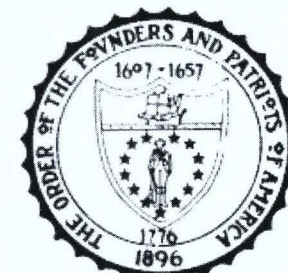
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Sept. 23-25, 2010  
Brown Hotel, Louisville

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Spring Leadership Meeting  
March 10-12, 2011  
Brown Hotel, Louisville

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121st Annual Congress  
July 9-13, 2011  
Marriott, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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122nd Annual Congress  
July 7-11, 2012  
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box up the items at Congress to be sent to service men and women. Everyone is asked to submit the name of a person they know to be serving overseas.

● Butler said the 120th Annual Congress will be late this June in Cleveland. It is planned to be "family friendly." There will be a boat ride on Lake Erie and a train ride with a box lunch.

Butler recognized the first-time attendees. He asked them to stand to be recognized and turn around so we could all see them. Butler said all first-time attendees were wearing a green dot on their name tags and asked us all to walk up to them and introduce ourselves.

● Secretary General J. David Sympson reported on the actions approved by the Executive Committee that had taken place since the fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting.

Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth thanked the members who completed an Internal Controls Compliance Assessment. Four compatriots completed the assessment, saving the organization at least \$9,000.

Recognized were Jim Jones (TX), Bill Broadus (VA), Steve Bradley (IL) and Steve Renouf (CA) (not present).

● Genealogist General Joseph W. Dooley reported that in 2009 SAR took in almost 4,200 applications—3,200 for new members. Comparing these numbers to past years, there is growth in our membership.

He mentioned that at the upcoming 120th Congress there would be both a genealogy (Friday morning) and color guard workshop (Friday afternoon).

As Color Guard Commander, Dooley announced that the Color Guard Committee had selected John Franklin (OHSSAR) as the Color Guardsman of the Year.

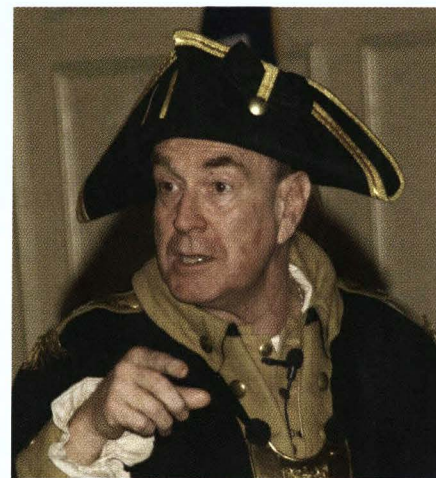
As chairman of the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution or SARACAR, he gave an update on the conference to be held at West Point, N.Y., in June.

● Mike Tomme noted that the Americanism Committee was in need of donations for its awards and that a new Americanism President General Award score sheet would be on the website within the next two weeks.

● Chairman of the Bylaw Committee, Peter Keltch, called attention to several proposals for bylaw changes. Of the five, three were recommended to Congress where an approval vote would take place.

Proposal Two (2). Bylaw No. 19 – Fees and Dues. Section 8. "Emeritus Member." The Bylaw Committee has

no recommendation for this proposal. Peter Keltch moved Proposal No. 2 with no recommendation. An Emeritus Member is to be defined as one who has paid dues for 50 years as a regular member. Time as



Top, Mel Hankla as Gen. George Rogers Clark at the Saturday night banquet of the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting; above, past President General Stewart B. McCarty; below, Virginia Society President Bob Bowen conducted a memorial service during the Friday night banquet.



a Junior Member does not count for time to become an Emeritus Member. Tim Ward, chairman of the Membership Committee, urged adoption of this bylaw change. Voice vote: Motion passed. Proposal forwarded to Congress.

Proposal Four (4). Bylaw No. 1 – Membership. Section 7. Proposal from the IL Society would allow posthumous membership to a candidate who was killed by hostile action in the line of duty. The Bylaw Committee has no recommendation for this proposal. Motion passed. Proposal forwarded to Congress.

Proposal Five (5). Increased the membership of the Independent Audit Committee. Peter Keltch noted that this proposal had just come to the committee and needed some work. The Bylaw Committee has no recommendation for this proposal. This proposal was one of the recommendations of the Internal Compliance Assessment. It was noted that it had to be reworked for Congress as to the classes, or terms of office for the proposed five members. Bill Broadus commented that this would permit more qualified people to participate on the Internal Audit Committee and the Independent Audit Committee. Steve Bradley, chairman of the Independent Audit Committee, spoke in favor of the proposal. Proposal passed unanimously. Proposal will be forwarded the Bylaw Revision Committee and then on to Congress.

● Sam Powell introduced Michelle Dayvault as the administrative assistant to the president of the SAR Foundation, William Allerton. She will help improve SAR's communications and coordinate the fundraising activities. Powell noted that Dayvault has been associated with fundraising for more than 15 years and has been with the United Way for the last 12 years.

● McClanahan introduced Rae Ann Sauer as the new archivist on the SAR staff. Sauer is a University of Kentucky graduate who interned with SAR last summer.

● McClanahan said renderings of the new Dr. James Craik Room—formerly called the Members Room—would soon be on the website. Dr. James Craik was a lifelong friend and personal physician to George Washington. During his lifetime, Craik had a cameo painted by Charles Willson Peale. The brooch has been in the Craik family for generations, carefully preserved by the Craik wives. Some years ago Mary Craik donated the brooch to the SAR. It is valued at \$500,000. McClanahan said it had been the responsibility of the Foundation Board to find a naming right in the new buildings for Mary Craik. The Members Room has now been named the Dr. James Craik Room in compliance with her request. This room is intended to house the brooch and to be used for other valuable documents from the Remnant Trust. The theme of the room will be George Rogers Clark, as the library sits in the footprint of old Fort Nelson.

● Membership Committee Chairman Tim Ward reported items passed by the committee and the Executive Committee needing the concurrence of the Trustees.

1) The new applicant would have the option of applying his dues to the current year or to the next year no matter when he submits his application. If a member selects the following year, then his membership begins on January 1 of the following calendar year. Motion passed.

2) All application fees be waived for all male members of the C.A.R. in good standing. This takes into consideration that now a young male can become a Junior Member before the age of 18. Motion passed.

3) Modify the application to include applicant's e-mail address. Motion passed.

4) The addition of a candidate's military service to the SAR application. Motion passed.

● Douglas B. Stuart (MD Society) of the Investment Committee reported that SAR's investments are up 2.5 percent this year, primarily because of the growth of the stock market.

● Merchandise Department Chairman John Dyrud said that for the first time merchandise sales at a Trustees Meeting exceeded \$10,000. He also mentioned that point of sale equipment would soon be ordered for use before we move into the new building.

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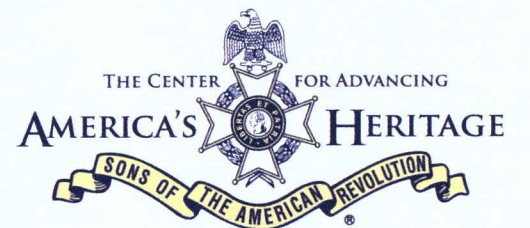
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# Spain's Involvement in the American Revolutionary War



## Part III

By CHARLES R. LAMPMAN

In the summer 2009 issue of *SAR Magazine*, President General Judge Edward F. Butler Sr. outlined much of the history regarding Spain's involvement in the American Revolution. As he noted, most American history books have not adequately explained Spain's role, which would take an entire book to cover in detail. The second article in this series, which appeared in the Winter 2010 issue, covered events leading to Spain's involvement and key personalities.

### SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1775-1779

Most historians ignore the contribution of Spain to the American Revolution, perhaps because the Spanish never fought in a battle shoulder to shoulder with any large number of American forces. There were also no official joint Spanish/American operations.

However, the covert support prior to Spain officially entering the war was significant. Spain declared war on England May 8, June 16 or June 21, 1779, according to various historians.

Another question often asked is why Spain took so long to enter the war after the French, who entered the war June 17, 1778, in light of the House of Bourbon Pact (family pact) of August 15, 1761. One must take a look at what Spain had for holdings around the world vs. those held by France in light of the French and Indian War. France had retained only a few posses-

sions in the West Indies. Spain, on the other hand, had most of North America west of the Mississippi River, plus holdings in Central and South America, the Philippines in the Pacific, and territories in the Mediterranean.

All this took a great amount of assets to manage and control. For example, in 1776, Spain and Portugal became involved in a dispute in the Rio de la Plata area of South America. Spain committed 150 ships and 1,900 troops to settle that dispute, plus faced the threat that England might enter into the dispute on the side of Portugal. There also were problems in the Falkland Islands with France and England claiming the area that the Spanish had claimed. That problem, with the help of France, was solved peaceably. There were continuing troubles with American Indians in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

### The covert support prior to Spain officially entering the war was significant.

King Carlos III was willing to provide covert support to the colonies while officially maintaining neutrality in the eyes of the world. He would bide his time and build up his forces in the West Indies and New Orleans before officially declaring war on

England. He also desired to see indicators of patriot successes on the battlefield prior to jumping into the fray. This was not due to any strong love for the American cause but more to seek revenge against the English for their victory in the French and Indian War. He also did not want to repeat the mistake he had made in that war by getting involved too late and on the losing side.

The first indication that Spain was willing to assist occurred in 1775. Two Spanish ships ran the British blockade off Charles Town, S.C., to sell gunpowder and other vital military supplies to the patriots.

In 1776, Spain and France each contributed one million livres to establish a dummy company called Rodrique Hortalez et Cie, which would provide needed war materials to the patriots. This company was set up in Paris and used Dutch ships to forward the supplies to the Dutch Island of St. Eustatius in the West Indies. From there, American ships could pick up the supplies for transfer to America.

The company was controlled by a Frenchman, Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais. Also in 1776, Minister of the Indies José de Galvez issued secret orders to the Spanish commanders to allow patriot vessels to call at their ports, as long as they did not violate any Spanish laws. Basically, if any foreign vessel's captain declared an emergency of any kind, he would be permitted to enter their ports, but would not be allowed to conduct any "official" business while in port. Privateers could not bring any of their prizes (captured vessels) into port for sale by the Spanish.

In the same year, Spanish merchant Diego de Gardoqui of Bilbao, Spain, provided the patriots with the following materials: 215 bronze cannons, 4,000 field tents, 12,868 grenades, 30,000 muskets, 30,000 bayonets, 30,000 uniforms, 51,314 musket balls and 300,000 pounds of gunpowder. These supplies were delivered from a French port to Bermuda and then to Boston. Reportedly, many of the supplies made their way to Saratoga and were vital to the victory at Saratoga in October 1777.

In August 1776, Gov. Don Luis de Unzaga y Amezaga of New Orleans started providing covert support to the patriots. Continental Capt. George

Gibson arrived in New Orleans with a letter from Maj. Gen. Charles Lee, then second in command of the Continental Army. Lee proposed to opening trade between the colonies and New Orleans via the Mississippi River and the Ohio River to Fort Pitt, then overland to the colonies. He also requested some military supplies. The governor responded by releasing 9,000 pounds of gunpowder, which was transported up the Mississippi and another 1,000 pounds was placed on a ship by Oliver Pollock and traveled the sea route to the colonies. The gunpowder that was sent up the Mississippi was the first of many shipments of military supplies that followed the same route over the next two to three years. In fact, when George Rogers Clark commenced the Northwest Operations in June 1778, over 95 percent of his supplies from then on were provided out of New Orleans. A fact not well recognized is that the Northwest Operations would have failed without the supplies provided by the Spanish and Oliver Pollock from New Orleans.

When Gibson returned to Philadelphia, he carried a letter to the Congress from Pollock, who offered his services as an agent. The Congress accepted his offer, and from 1778-1780 Pollock played a vital role in ensuring supplies that arrived at New Orleans were expeditiously forwarded to the colonies.

In 1776, Bernardo de Galvez was sent to New Orleans as the colonel of the Louisiana regiment. In a Sept. 19, 1776, royal order, he was instructed to succeed Luis de Unzaga as governor, which he did on Jan. 1, 1777. Unzaga introduced him to Pollock as a trusted and faithful American patriot. Unzaga was promoted to captain general of Venezuela.

### OLIVER POLLOCK

Oliver Pollock, an Irish Catholic, immigrated to America in the early 1760s with his father and brothers. His father and brothers opened a roadhouse west of Philadelphia. After a year or so, Pollock went to Philadelphia, where he worked for Robert Morris in trade with the Spanish in Cuba. Pollock became an agent for the company in Havana and learned Spanish. Within two years, he started operating his own trading company in Havana. He became good

friends with Gen. Alejandro O'Reilly, second in command of Spanish forces in the West Indies.

In late 1767-early 1768, O'Reilly, with 2,000 troops, and Unzaga were sent to New Orleans to re-establish Spanish control from the French over New Orleans and the Louisiana Territory. When O'Reilly and company arrived in New Orleans, they were tasked with establishing a government under Spanish control, but since O'Reilly's force roughly doubled the population of New Orleans, food became a major problem. Pollock arrived in New Orleans with one of his ships in 1768 loaded with much-needed flour to sell to the inhabitants there. When he discovered that O'Reilly severely needed his flour, Pollock, who could have made a huge profit selling the flour to O'Reilly, sold it to him for half the price. As a result, Pollock was given the status of a Spaniard in the field of unrestricted trade.

Pollock continued to support the American cause by acting as an unrestricted agent with the Spanish throughout the war. Later, he served as an aide to Galvez during the Mississippi campaigns in 1778-79, when Galvez captured Manchac, Baton Rouge and Natchez.

From the time of his arrival, Galvez covertly supported the patriots as best he could. At times, he was forced to walk a tightrope with the British in Pensacola to maintain Spain's neutrality. He made sure the Mississippi was kept open to the patriots and even used Spanish funds to supply the patriots with needed military supplies. He conceded to the United States a credit of \$74,087.

By July 1777, New Orleans had warehoused for the patriots some 2,000 barrels of gunpowder, large amounts of lead, and clothing ready to be transported to the colonies.

In March 1778, Capt. James Willing arrived at New Orleans, having left Fort Pitt on Jan. 10 in a flatboat called the *Rattletrap*. As they proceeded down the Mississippi River, he and his crew raided every English settlement and plantation along the way, spreading terror as they went. The British commander at Natchez surrendered without firing a shot. Along the way, they even captured the frigate *Rebecca*, a 16-gun vessel, and appropriated it for their own use.

The governor did allow Willing and his group to sell the captured slaves and most of the booty they had confiscated. The money collected was sent to the Congress. Willing also brought a letter from the Congress appointing Pollock as its official agent at New Orleans. Galvez allowed Pollock to use the port facilities to turn the *Rebecca* into a privateer. The Congress issued

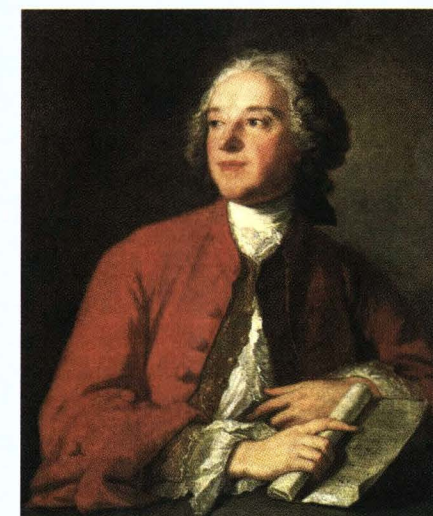
four letters of marque to Pollock for use out of New Orleans.

After things settled down from the Willing affair and once Pollock was the official agent for the U.S., he shipped all the stored supplies to the colonies, using his ship and chartered vessels, a task that extended well into the fall.

All this activity brought strong protests from the British governor of West Florida at

Pensacola, Peter Chester. While Galvez diplomatically handled the situation, it strained relations between West Florida and New Orleans, and the relationship was never the same again.

The British began reinforcing their forts along the Mississippi: Fort Bute at Manchac, Fort New Richmond at Baton Rouge and Fort Panmure at Natchez. Their efforts caused Galvez to spend a great deal of his time increasing his defenses throughout the rest of 1778 and early into 1779. At that time, there was constant tension between the two factions, and each watched the other carefully. With the French entering the war in the summer



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of 1778, the Spanish policy of neutrality changed, and the country realized its involvement in the conflict was imminent. Galvez dispatched more ships and troops to Cuba with orders to increase their defenses.

A little-known fact is that in 1779, Gen. George Washington sent a small detachment of Americans to New Orleans to assist the governor as best they could. Among that small group was a young naval officer, Pierre George Rousseau, who would not only play a vital role in the upcoming operations, but after the war would continue to serve the Spanish in high positions until they gave up New Orleans.

As soon as Galvez received official word that Spain had declared war on England in May-June of 1779, he commenced his planned operations against the British outposts on the upper Mississippi. He would keep the news of the formal declaration of war secret until the right time.

By Aug. 27, 1779, Galvez left New Orleans with a mixed army of 667 men and four vessels. He was headed north toward Fort Bute at Manchac, some 92 miles away. In the 11 days it took to reach Fort Bute, he added another 760 men, so his total force consisted of 1,427 men. (Throughout Galvez's operations, Pollock would serve as his aide-de-camp.)

When his force reached Manchac on Sept. 6, 1779, Galvez considered the time was right to inform his troops that Spain was at war with England.

Prior to the arrival of the Spanish at Fort Bute, British Lt. Col. Alexander Dickson had pulled out most of the troops. Only a watch garrison of 27 men remained.

The Spanish attacked the morning of the 7th, and the British quickly surrendered, having lost one man, with two officers and 18 men captured. One officer and five men escaped. There were no Spanish casualties.

After a week of rest, the Spanish force headed for Fort New Richmond at Baton Rouge. An advance scouting party captured British outposts on the Amite River and one at Thompson's Creek. The Spanish force reached Baton Rouge on Sept. 19.

The fort not only contained 550 regulars and militia, but was physically much more formidable than Fort Bute. Galvez scouted out the area and decided to use a diversion in his attack. The British learned of his diversion too late to benefit them. After the cannon bombardment commenced on the morning of Sept. 21, it only took until mid-afternoon before a white flag was raised over the fort.

The surrender terms included the surrender of Fort Panmure, with its 80 men at Natchez. Dickson agreed to the terms. The Spanish allowed the British 24 hours to bury their dead, and then 375 British regulars and militia were taken prisoner and sent to New Orleans.

Galvez dispatched Capt. Juan de la Villebeuvre with 50 soldiers to Natchez. The British at Fort Panmure at Natchez surrendered peacefully on Oct. 5. For his whirlwind success, Galvez was promoted to brigadier general. Immediately upon his return to New Orleans, Galvez drew up plans for the next year's military operations against West Florida—i.e., Mobile and Pensacola.

Meanwhile, Galvez's father, Matias de Galvez, was keeping the British busy in Central America. That campaign was along the Mosquito Coast against British loggers who had dominated the area. Matias de Galvez successfully drove the English from Belize and Rotatan.

Before Galvez had set out for Manchac and the other forts on the Mississippi, he had called on Jacinto Panis, who had recently been to Mobile and more importantly, Pensacola. Panis was asked to prepare plans for the capture of Mobile and Pensacola and forward them to Captain-General Don Diego Joseph Navarro Garcia de Valladares in Havana. Accordingly, plans were formed for the future operations against Mobile and Pensacola. When Galvez returned from the Mississippi operations, he devoted much of the remaining months of 1779 in preparation for the upcoming operation against Mobile. Navarro did not release all the troops that Galvez had requested, forcing him to alter some plans against Mobile.

Part IV of this series will appear in the summer 2010 issue of SAR Magazine, and will commence with the Spanish plans in February 1780 to capture Mobile and Pensacola.

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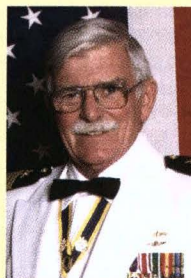
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The cab fare is \$33 one way from the airport. On site parking is \$23 per day while off site is \$12.

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# Respective Contributions of France and Spain to the Revolution

By JACQUES DE TRENTINIAN, FRANCE SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 2009

In the very comprehensive SAR Magazine summer 2009 article on Spain's involvement in the American Revolutionary War, we are reminded of all that country's contributions. This will help to convince more people of Spanish ancestry to join the Society.

However, a few points should be clarified about the French and Spanish cooperation and respective involvement at the time of these events. A lay reader might believe everything had been settled between the two nations right from the beginning of the conflict. But the argument that, as early as the Declaration of Independence, the document's framers knew France and Spain were already in support, is far from reality.

Some of the facts and historical reference about the respective Spanish and French policies and contributions in the vulnerable first years of the American Revolution are outlined below and extensively addressed on the following webpage: <http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoyn/spain01.htm>

Among the points to be reconsidered:

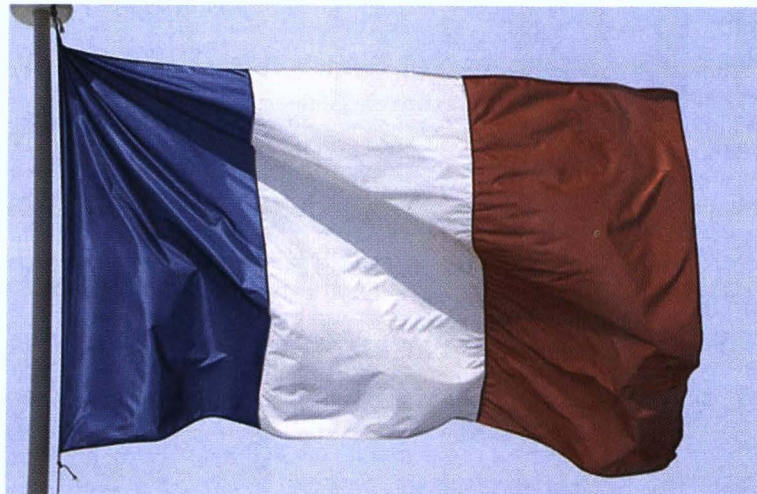
I - "The courts of Madrid and Paris had agreed, in early 1776, on a plan for giving secret assistance to the rebelling colonies. ... Thus, in June 1776 we find both Spain and France acting officially, though under the seal of secrecy, as allies of the British colonies." (SAR Magazine, summer 2009 issue)

Unfortunately, at that time—in the spring of 1776—such alliances were less than certain, especially on Spain's part.

It took the French government three years (1776-1779) to convince the Spanish court to enter in such a plan and abandon the idea of either neutrality or a deal with the British. It meant also agreeing to fight for Gibraltar, Florida and other Spanish

interests, therefore enormously complicating the war strategies.

It is true that when the Spanish Court was weighing whether to support England or the colonists, Pedro Pablo Abarca de Bolea, Count de Aranda, the Spanish ambassador in Paris, personally believed that an independent United States would be a lesser danger to Spain's American colony.<sup>1</sup> But all he could obtain from Madrid in July 1776 was a secret gift



through the French treasury of one million livres to Pierre de Beaumarchais after the French had previously shown the way by such a gesture.

One third million livres were immediately granted by French private investors Monthieu of Nantes, Pelletier DuDoyer of Le Havre, and Joseph Pereira of Bordeaux.<sup>2</sup>

Three more loans totaling 1,074,456 livres were arranged by Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes in 1778.

On March 14, 1776, Jeronimo Grimaldi, Spain's foreign minister, had written to Aranda the limits of his government's involvement: "It is certainly desirable to us that the revolt of the people keeps up, and we ought to want the English, and them, to exhaust themselves reciprocally."

Succeeding Grimaldi, on Nov. 7, 1776, was José Moñino y Redondo, Count of Floridablanca.

Floridablanca's plan was to mediate between Great Britain and France rather than go to war; this would improve Spain's prestige and create a certain level of independence related to France. He was set against recog-

nizing American independence: Spain would not recognize the United States until England did—it merely acknowledged that it was a French war aim and it maintained this line throughout the war.<sup>3</sup>

In 1777 (Treaty of San Ildefonso, Oct. 1), Spain settled its differences with Portugal and a completely different "ballgame" was inaugurated.<sup>4</sup>

By the Convention of Aranjuez on April 12, 1779, Spain entered into an alliance with France, not with the U.S. The price was high, as Spain had no interest in the American Revolution and did not feel great interest in the European balance of power. "Instead she wished to regain Gibraltar and Minorque ... recapture Florida, take Jamaica, obtaining agreement to a joint invasion of England."<sup>5</sup>

This (explicit in the convention) last requirement might be considered as probably the most effective contribution of Spain to American independence,

in spite of its eventual outcome, because the threat of such a landing fixed, along the British coasts, land and sea forces that would have been precious in North America. "The [Spanish] contribution was critical, and in spite of the price paid for it, the Spanish alliance was the greatest accomplishment of French diplomacy during the war."<sup>6</sup>

II - "In 1777 Benjamin Franklin arranged for the secret transport from Spain to the colonies of 215 bronze cannons, etc." (SAR Magazine, summer 2009 issue)

This makes reference to a list of supplies transported by Beaumarchais' ships one year earlier in the fall of 1776, quite a time before Franklin even arrived in Europe.

By September 1776, Beaumarchais had shipped material worth 5,600,000 livres to the Americans. Included were arms and uniform for 30,000 men, 216 brass cannons, 300,000 fusils, 100 tons of powder etc. Powder was especially critical; there would have been no Saratoga success without huge imports. By fall 1777, 1,454 tons of powder had been imported.<sup>7</sup>

III - "Secret transports from Spain" (SAR Magazine, summer 2009 issue)

"... We will give you a secret one million. We will endeavor to persuade the court of Spain to give you another. With these two millions you shall found a great commercial establishment, and, at your own risk and peril, you shall furnish to America arms and everything else necessary to sustain war. Our arsenals will deliver to you arms and munitions, but you will pay for it. ..." (Vergennes, May 1776)

War ammunition and the vessels contributed by the Court of France are valued at 2,500,000 million livres, in addition to the one million livres. (Detail is given by Beaumarchais in his October 1776 report to the courts.)

Agents were in the French ports of Marseille Bordeaux, Nantes and Le Havre and M. Carabasse at Saint-Domingue. The fleet of 18 or so ships sailed from Le Havre, Bordeaux, Nantes and Marseille.<sup>8</sup> Hardly any of these from Spain.

Buchanan Parker Thompson regretted the entire amount would return to French merchants. This means all the supplies were bought in France and shipped from there. "All possible purchases will be made in France unless it became impossible to supply them in that country."<sup>9</sup>

IV - Credits and supplies

Let us put in perspective the relative financial contributions involved:

By the time Rodrique Hortalez et Cie, which was headed by Beaumarchais, was dissolved in 1783, the company had been engaged in business transactions amounting to 42 million livres toward American independence.<sup>10</sup> Twenty-one million were received and 21 million expended. Out of the 21 million livres Beaumarchais spent through his Society Roderique Hortalez, it seems he lost without return about four million livres.<sup>11</sup>

French financial assistance also included 35 million livres in loans,<sup>12</sup> the equivalent of 420 million in U.S. dollars, of which:

- 2 million through Beaumarchais



Count of Floridablanca

(one French state and one private; does not include another million by Spain at the French court request).

- Three loans after the Alliance Treaties: 19 million livres in 1778, 10 million in 1781 and 6 million in 1783.

The 35 million livres in French loans, that is 420 million in U.S. dollars, compared with the 397,230 in U.S. dollars obtained from Spain through Oliver Pollock and 248,098 through Ambassador to Spain John

Jay. There is no contest.

Gifts from the French treasury = 11 million livres:<sup>14</sup>

- 1776 (June 10)—1,000,000
- 1777—2,000,000
- 1781—6,000,000
- 1782 (interest remitted on 1778 loan, approximate)—2,000,000

Diego de Gardoqui, when asked by the Spanish Court to make an estimate of his country's economic assistance, proposed a 7.2 million reales vellón, that is 2 million livres tournois, to which should be added the cost of 10,000 blankets and Bernardo de Galvez's military expenses in Louisiana.

According to C.V. Francis Caron,<sup>15</sup> France's war expenditures from 1776 to 1783 amounted to 1.8 billion livres tournois (\$22 billion) (1.063 billion to the navy and 500 to 800 million to the army), in which Beaumarchais and other entrepreneurs, like Le Ray de Chaumont, would represent the marginal 30 million livres.

In the same period, British expenses were approximately 2.5 billion (navy, 1.054 million, and army, including artillery, 1.373 million).

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cants. He has served on the W3R Liaison Committee as chairman. In conjunction with other members in France, he planned, organ-

ized, coordinated and executed the highly successful SAR Congress of Paris 2003 celebrating Alliance Day (Feb. 3-7, 2003) and the Congress of Paris 2008 celebrating the Peace of 1783 (Sept. 1-6, 2008). During the planning phases and the special congresses of Paris, de Trentinian performed duties as chairman and chief coordinator of activities of the SAR in France and NSSAR headquarters.

De Trentinian led three delegations to Yorktown Day in Virginia, including 20 visitors from France in 2001 and 20 French guests in 2004, and acted as principal guest speaker at the events. In 2006, he led a delegation of 60 people from three other patriotic French organizations to the U.S. He organized a French delegation to the 225th Anniversary of the Rochambeau Landing at Newport, R.I., in July 2005.

De Trentinian organized a European Society in Belgium and has attended five Congresses and numerous leadership meetings.





# A Prussian Guidebook for a Continental Army

By Nick Venable

Over the course of American history, the application of specialized knowledge at strategic points dramatically changed the course of events, just as a lever, carefully positioned, moves an enormous boulder. Examples include Samuel Slater, who memorized the plans for a British tex-



tile mill and illegally sold them in America, effectively founding America's industrial revolution; and Eli Whitney, whose invention of the cotton gin altered the course of antebellum agriculture and the institution of slavery.

One such application of knowledge is best represented by a small book on display on the left side of the Washington display case on the first floor of the National Headquarters of the Sons of the American Revolution. This book lies open to its title page, which reads "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the TROOPS of the UNITED STATES." This page also mentions that the regulations were printed in Philadelphia in 1790. It makes no mention of the author, but the specialized knowledge of Friedrich Wilhelm, the baron von Steuben, was essential for the success of the American land-based military during the Revolution and for the decades following. Commonly referred to as the "Valley Forge Drill Manual," these regulations were the product of von Steuben's efforts to make the Continental Army more dis-

ciplined and professional during its encampment at Valley Forge in 1778.

Von Steuben was well prepared for the task of retraining the American forces. He served as a staff officer, advancing in rank as high as captain, in Frederick the Great's Prussian Army during the Seven Years War (1756-1763). In his 17 years in that mili-

Steuben had been a lieutenant general in the Prussian Army and personal aide-de-camp of Frederick the Great. Upon von Steuben's arrival in America in late 1777, these exaggerated qualifications and his apparent willingness to serve as a volunteer impressed Congress, and they sent him to join Washington's army at Valley Forge in February 1778.

At Valley Forge, von Steuben made a favorable first impression with Washington, who appointed him acting inspector general in order to observe his proficiency as he standardized and improved the drills and regulations for the army. Prior to von Steuben, the Continental Army had no drill regulations; it was made up of bodies of troops from the different colonies, and each state had its own military drill model, none of which were so complete as to be sufficient for a professional army.<sup>2</sup>

Von Steuben innovated in order to overcome both his inability to speak English and the lack of familiarity with professional military regulations among the American soldiers. He created a model company of 100 men to whom he directly taught the drills; other companies in the army then quickly learned by following the examples of this unit. Additionally, von Steuben wrote a book of drill regulations lesson by lesson as he progressed with this model company. He would write these lessons in French, his secretary would translate them into lay English, young officers would convert them into military English, and then the entire lesson would be copied by hand and distributed to the officers and drillmasters in each company.<sup>3</sup>

When instructing his model company, von Steuben also strove to change the custom in the Continental Army that discouraged officers from participating in drills, which they considered beneath their dignity. This was especially problematic because the Continental Army lacked effective drill sergeants.<sup>4</sup> Von Steuben showed the Continental officers that it was appropriate for them to participate in the drill by taking as direct a role as possible, demonstrating by taking the musket into his hands to show the troops how to hold it and repositioning soldiers when the formation was out of

order. The officers, impressed that a foreign lieutenant general considered such activities proper, no longer felt that participating in the drill was beneath their station. This involvement also made von Steuben popular with the troops, who particularly "...were amused by his broken English and his rich exotic [French and German] profanity in moments of stress."<sup>5</sup> Specifically, von Steuben biographer John Palmer tells us that, "When a maneuver went wrong, the Baron would delight the soldiers by swearing in French and then in German. When his artillery of foreign oaths was exhausted he would call on one of his assistants to curse in English for him."<sup>6</sup> The army at Valley Forge progressed so quickly that by May 6, 1778, it was able to offer a Grand Parade to celebrate the new alliance with France, deploying from perfect columns to perfect lines and executing three rolling volleys. The progress of the army was truly striking.

Von Steuben also rectified several major deficiencies in the Continental Army. He did this by taking close stock of the needs and character of the army and adapting the regulations to best serve this body, rather than attempting to impose the Prussian formula on the Americans. Palmer says, "His drill was based upon the Prussian drill he had learned in his youth but he eliminated every motion and every maneuver that was not absolutely essential."<sup>7</sup> Specifically, he drilled the army in the use of the bayonet, a weapon that Continental soldiers had not used and had often thrown away, dramatically improving the effectiveness of the light companies. This training was essential for Anthony Wayne's success at Stony Point and Green Spring, where he depended on bayonet charges to carry the day.

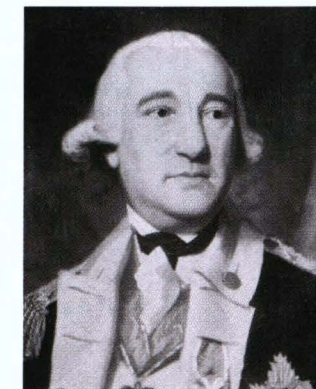
Von Steuben also drastically improved the marching order of the army. Previously, the army had marched only in single-file columns, but he introduced four-man-wide columns that allowed the army to deploy from a march to a battle line four times faster.<sup>8</sup>

Von Steuben's work at Valley Forge was essential to the future success of the army and the discipline that he imposed made the Continental soldier

a match man-for-man against a British Redcoat. Additionally, von Steuben's work as inspector general was significant; he sought greater accountability for the state of the troops, having seen the horrible conditions at Valley Forge. Paul Lockhart explains, "Officers were made responsible for the whereabouts and the physical condition of their men. Indeed, Steuben insisted that officers should put the needs of their men ahead of their own and that they should temper discipline with loving concern."<sup>9</sup> Not only did von Steuben make the Continental Army more professional, but he also made it more humane.

Congress approved von Steuben's Regulations in 1779, and it remained the official United States military manual until the War of 1812. The regulations were composed of von Steuben's drill lessons and general administrative procedures; commonly called the "Blue Book," it went through more than 70 editions.<sup>10</sup> According to Palmer, "Many of its features still survive in official manuals and still more in the traditions and customs of the service."<sup>11</sup> Unlike many foreign soldiers and officers, von Steuben stayed in the United States and became an American citizen after the war. He lived in Manhattan and then near Utica, New York until he died in 1794.

In his book's prologue, Palmer argues that the services of Washington and Steuben alone were indispensable to the military success of the



Baron von Steuben

Revolution as they could not have been offered by anyone else in the Continental Army at that time. He argues, "But it is not conceivable that any other American soldier could have borne Washington's burden of supreme responsibility. Nor is it conceivable that any other man could have given the technical assistance, essential to the military success, that Steuben

gave to his chief. Washington was the indispensable commander. Steuben was his indispensable staff officer."<sup>12</sup> In fact, Washington himself acknowledged this as he wrote a letter thanking von Steuben for his service as his last official act as commander in chief. On the morning of December 23, 1783, the day that Washington resigned his commission to Congress, he wrote the following note to von Steuben:

My Dear Baron

Although I have taken frequent Opportunities, both in public and private, of Acknowledging your Zeal, Attention and Abilities in performing the duties of your Office; yet I wish to make use of this last Moment of my public Life, to Signify in the strongest terms my entire Approbation of your Conduct, and to express my Sense of the Obligations the public is under to you for your faithful and Meritorious Services.

I beg you will be convinced, my dear Sir, that I should rejoice, if it could ever be in my power, to serve you more essentially, than by expressions of regard and Affection- but in the meantime, I am persuaded you will not be displeased with this farewell token of my Sincere Friendship and Esteem for you.

This is the last letter I shall ever write, while I continue in the Service of my Country- the hour of my Resignation is fixed at twelve this day—after which, I shall become a private citizen on the banks of the Potomack, where I shall be glad to embrace you, and testify the great Esteem and Consideration, with which

I am My Dear Baron,

Your most Obedient and Affectionate Servant.

George Washington.<sup>13</sup>

*Author's Note: Readers interested in an in-depth biography should see Palmer's biography General von Steuben, or the recently published The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: The Baron von Steuben and the Making of the American Army by Paul Lockhart.*

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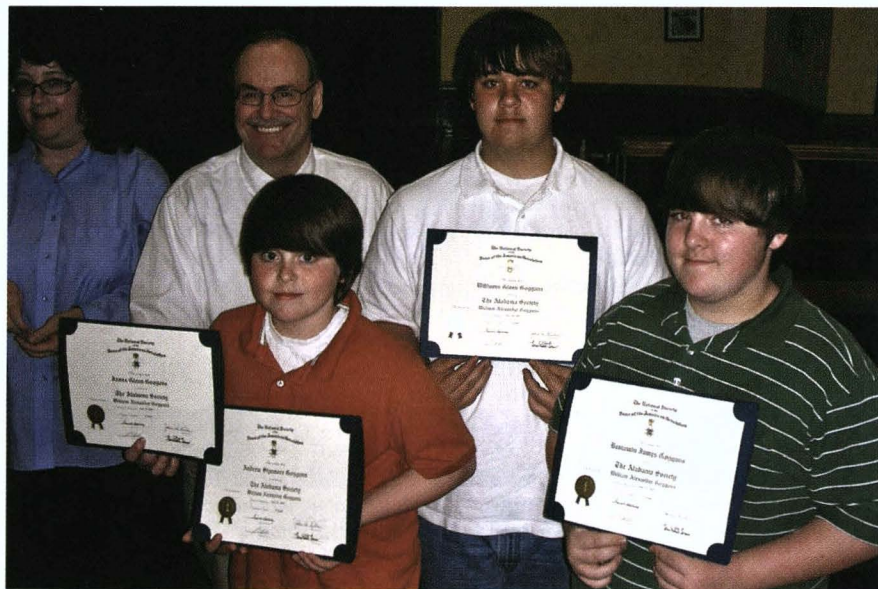


## STATE SOCIETY & CHAPTER EVENTS

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the address shown on page 2). Please note the deadlines below. Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical feature articles they would like to write. Each will be given careful consideration.

**DEADLINES:** WINTER (FEBRUARY) DEC. 15; SPRING (MAY) MARCH 15; SUMMER (AUGUST) JUNE 15; FALL (NOVEMBER) SEPT. 15.



### ALABAMA SOCIETY ELMORE CHAPTER

All the men in the Glen Goggans family were inducted into the John Archer Elmore Chapter during its March 9 meeting in Prattville, Ala. From left, Delaine Goggans, Glen Goggans and sons Andrew Sizemore, William Glenn and Benjamin James.

### ARIZONA SOCIETY

The annual Board of Managers meeting of the AZSSAR was held Feb. 20 at the Chandler Hilton Hotel.

AZSSAR past President Al Niemeyer announced the recipient of the AZSSAR Distinguished Service Medal. This unique medal, the highest award that can be given by the state president, was presented to state society Secretary/



Al Niemeyer, left, presented Warren Alter with the prestigious Distinguished Service Medal.

Treasurer Warren M. Alter in recognition of his past, present and continuing service to the AZSSAR.

### PRESCOTT CHAPTER

Albert R. "Al" Bates colorfully conveyed an interesting tale of the early days of Arizona and Prescott as the guest speaker for the Prescott Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting at

the Casa Bonita Restaurant in Prescott. Members and guests were surprised to learn Arizona was once part of the New Mexico Territory and that explorers crisscrossed

what is now our state many times, north and south of Prescott, before discovering what later became the territorial capital.

Bates' most recent book, *Jack Swilling: Arizona's Most Lied About Pioneer*, contains a substantial amount of information on Arizona and Prescott's history.

### TUCSON CHAPTER

For the first time, one of the original copies of the Declaration of Independence was brought to Arizona and was on view at the state Capitol in Phoenix and the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson. The display was open Feb. 20-22.

When the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, it was sent immediately to Philadelphia printer John Dunlap to be printed and copied, so that the news could be spread as quickly as possible to all 13 colonies. Of the original 200 copies, only 24 of these "Dunlap Broad-sides" were known to have survived, until a 25th was found behind an old painting purchased at a flea market for \$4. This one, authenticated in 2000, was purchased by television producer Norman Lear for \$8.14 million. It is on loan from Lear and being sent around the country to be displayed.

The Declaration copy is on a tight exhibition schedule and was originally slated to be in Arizona for one day at the Capitol. However, a concerted effort by southern Arizona's congressional delegation, the Arizona Historical Society, the Pearson Foundation, National Student-Parent Mock Election and others succeeded in bringing the Declaration to Tucson for an additional two days.

At the invitation of those groups, the Tucson Chapter AZSSAR Color Guard, under the leadership of Color Guard Commander George Lipphardt, stood by in uniform and with full regalia and weapons to lend historical



John Lyons and Color Guard Vice Commander Rudy Byrd.

accuracy and provide information to the viewing public. Lipphardt, John Lyons and Color Guard Vice Commander Rudy Byrd participated, along with past state President Al Niemeyer taking photographs.

More than 5,600 people were able to view the copy of the Declaration. Despite being 234 years old, the document is remarkable in its clarity and can be easily read. It is thought that Thomas Jefferson meant for it to be "acted"—to be read to the public wherever possible.

Besides the Tucson Chapter Color Guard, the staff of the Historical Society, volunteers from the Tucson Presidio Garrison with period garb and weapons, and members of the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution provided interpretation and helped viewers under-

stand the circumstances that led to the Declaration of Independence and its profound importance.

### CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

#### KERN CHAPTER

The Kern Chapter posted colors at the California State University-Bakersfield baseball season opener against the Air Force Academy on Feb. 19.

#### ORANGE CHAPTER

The chapter's Lee's Legion Color Guard and banner carriers participated in a March 27 parade celebrating the 50th anniversary of the City of Los Alamitos. The color guard was designated the parade color guard and placed No. 2 on the program/lineup.



From left, SAR Ladies Auxiliary member Lisa Gregory, Color Guard Commander James Blauer, chapter Vice President David Siler, chapter Registrar Kent Gregory, chapter President James Fosdyck and Ladies Auxiliary member Un Hui Yi.

### COLORADO SOCIETY

Colorado State Society Compatriot Ernest Newman was recently honored at the society's 2010 State Conference. As chairman of the Legislative Committee, Newman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for revising the committee's constitution, bylaws and handbook. His wife, Jane, a member of the DAR and the National Association of Parliamentarians, was given the Martha Washington Medal for assisting the Legislative Committee. The Newmans volunteer at the Peterson Air & Space Museum and were selected as the 2010 Volunteers of the Year. They also received the President's Volunteer Service Award in appreciation of their commitment to strengthening the nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.



From left, Colorado SAR State President Edmund Karr with Jane and Ernest Newman.

### CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

On Jan. 23, the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch celebrated its 100th anniversary by hosting a formal dinner at the historic Hartford Club in downtown Hartford, Conn. Guests included representatives from many patriotic and hereditary societies in Connecticut. Damien Cregeau, branch president, provided a brief history of the branch's namesake and offered toasts to Gen. George Washington; Connecticut's governor during the Revolutionary War, Jonathan Trumbull, whose 300th birthday will be celebrated this year; and to the branch's oldest active member, Robert Dow Wolff. Many CTDAR officers, chapter regents and former regents also attended. Heads of the following societies were given an opportunity to speak about their organizations: Connecticut Society SAR, Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Society DAR, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Connecticut Commandery, Connecticut Society of





The Connecticut Society's Color Guard Living History Unit, The Connecticut Line, marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven. Fifteen members marched in the wind and pouring rain.



CTDAR State Regent Jennie Rehnberg, left, was awarded the SAR Appreciation Medal by CTSSAR President Kenneth Duane Roach.

C.A.R., Connecticut Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Connecticut Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Society of the

Sons of the Revolution, and Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers.

Branch Secretary and CTSSAR DAR Liaison Chris Nichols gave a brief speech on the progress of the DAR Liaison program, after which CTSSAR President Kenneth D. Roach presented the SAR Appreciation Medal to CTDAR State Regent Jennie Rehnberg for her assistance in getting that program running. The evening was a tremendous success, highlighted by the collegial nature of those in attendance, the excellent food and grand atmosphere of the club.

## DELAWARE SOCIETY

The Caesar Rodney Chapter recently recognized its tenured members at a luncheon meeting in Dover. Chapter President Dr. Fred T. Lewis presented John T. Whann his certificate for 60 years of SAR membership.

## FLORIDA SOCIETY

### BREVARD CHAPTER

On Saturday, March 6, the FLSSAR Brevard Chapter hosted the fourth annual ceremonies to mark the 227th anniversary of the last naval battle of the American Revolution. About 200 people attended the festivities under clear skies and crisp weather. This battle took place March 10, 1783, between the frigate *Alliance*, under the command of Capt. John Barry, and the HMS *Sybil*, just off the coast of what is now Cape Canaveral, Fla. By winning this sea battle the *Alliance* prevented the enemy from capturing a huge amount

of Spanish funds destined for the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

In 2007, the Florida State Society had an official Florida Historic Plaque placed at the site. In addition, the local chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, along with the Cape Canaveral Navy League, had a large cannon monument installed.

Next year, the ceremonies will be held on March 5. This is an official NSSAR event and is counted toward the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Please contact Ben DuBose at [bdubosefl@gmail.com](mailto:bdubosefl@gmail.com) or (321) 952-2928 for information. All interested parties are welcome to attend.



Brevard Chapter President Steve Williams, standing, was the master of ceremonies for this year's event honoring the final naval battle of the American Revolution. Behind Williams, from left, are FLSSAR Sr. Vice President Gerry Meeks, past Regent of the Brevard Regents Council Maura McLeod, Florida State Regent of the Daughters of American Colonists Jane Schafer and Ben DuBose, chairman of the FLSSAR Last Naval Battle Committee.



The cannon monument and plaque are surrounded by colonial flags and just a few of the many wreaths dedicated March 6 by almost two dozen organizations.

### CALOOSA CHAPTER

Caloosa Outpost "D" of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade/Color Guard marched in the Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade on Feb. 20 in Fort Myers, Fla. The Edison Festival of Light has been named "One of North America's Top 100 Events" and "One of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast." Outpost "D" Color Guard members Randy Moody, Earl Kennedy and Fred Learned were joined by Compatriots John McCullough and Rob Withey from the neighboring Naples Chapter. Rochelle and Alexandra Drew, members of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church youth group, carried the banner with the SAR logo for the outpost.

This was the 72nd Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade, and the Caloosa Chapter believes it was the best ever, as this is the first time its color guard marched. After the 2.1-mile march, the troops sought horses to return to their automobiles parked at the beginning of the parade route, but the only ones to be found were the Budweiser Clydesdales. The troops were unsuccessful in securing either their services or even a cold beverage from the horses' handlers.

### JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

The Jacksonville Chapter presented the Gold Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Henri Landwirth on Dec. 18, 2009. The award was presented to Landwirth at his Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., residence by Compatriots Jim Gaskins, Lindsey Brock and Gray Chandler of the Jacksonville Chapter.

As a child, Henri Landwirth faced death every day while a prisoner in Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Gusen I and Gusen II, Ostrowitz and other German concentration camps. At the end of World War II, he and four other prisoners were marched into the woods to be shot, but at the last minute a Nazi

soldier decided to spare their lives and told them to run into the woods when they heard shots. Landwirth not only survived, but prospered and became the personification of the American dream, dedicating his life to helping others.

Landwirth was born March 7, 1927, in Antwerp, Belgium. The advance of the Nazi army across the face of Europe shattered his childhood. He saw Jewish

friends and family separated, segregated and living in desperate circumstances. He watched as friends and family disappeared or were starved, beaten or killed. Landwirth's father, Max, was killed early in the war and buried in a mass grave near Radom, Poland. His mother, Fanny, and his twin sister, Margot, were placed in the same concentration camp. Tragically, Landwirth's mother lived to within a few months of the end of the war, only to be put on a ship with 1,000 others and blown up at sea.

Landwirth was lucky. After he was spared by Nazi soldiers in 1945, he ran for days until he collapsed. He was found and nursed back to health by a Czechoslovakian couple who told him the war was over. Landwirth, who was 18 at the time, traveled from refugee camp to refugee camp until finally he found Margot.

In 1950, Landwirth immigrated to the U.S., making his way across the Atlantic on a cargo ship with \$20 in his

pocket. Three months after passing through Ellis Island, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Landwirth took full advantage of his military service to learn everything he could. Thereafter, he used the G.I. Bill to take courses in hotel management and found employment in a New York City hotel. He worked his way up the ladder by doing the work of others as well as his own.

Landwirth married in 1954 and visited Florida with his bride. Within a few months, the couple moved to the state. He worked in a department store and as a short-order cook until he landed a job running the 100-room Starlight Hotel in Cocoa Beach. These were the early days of America's space program and the Starlight became home to the original Mercury 7 astronauts as well as their families, the media and other VIPs who gathered there. Landwirth impressed everyone with whom he came in contact with his honesty and integrity and because he used his success in business only as the means for what he considered a larger and more important goal—helping others. When Walt Disney opened a theme park in Florida, Landwirth sensed the opportunity and, along with several partners including former astronaut and Sen. John Glenn, obtained a Holiday Inn franchise near the main gate of Walt Disney World.

The more Landwirth prospered, the more he did for others. He worked with intellectually disabled youth, giving them employment in his hotels. He helped build a clinic for children with cerebral palsy. In honor of his mother, he began the Fanny Landwirth Foundation, which allowed him to do still more good works. He built a senior citizens center, gave scholarships to poor children in Israel, and created a



The Gold Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate were presented to Henri Landwirth of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. From left, Jim Gaskins, Gray Chandler, Landwirth and Lindsey Brock.



scholarship program to allow Israeli children to come to the U.S. as visiting scholars. He began transportation programs for people with disabilities and provided housing and meals for families who needed food or emergency financial assistance.

In 1985, Landwirth founded Give Kids the World as a means of helping terminally ill children and thanking his adopted country for the many blessings he had received. Landwirth's Holiday Inn was part of an informal network committed to fulfilling the last wish of dying children, many of whom asked to meet Mickey Mouse. The red tape and the delays were interminable and Landwirth was outraged to learn that a child from Michigan died while waiting for paperwork to be completed. He decided that something had to be done and personally contributed \$1 million toward the creation of the Give Kids the World Village, a specially designed hotel and recreation complex for sick kids and their families. He talked builders, suppliers and laborers into donating their services and in short order the Village was up and running. Landwirth secured free airline tickets for the children and their families, a free vehicle and free meals, as well as free tickets to Disney World. More than 4,000 terminally ill children and their families visited the Village in 1991.

When asked why he does all of this, Landwirth said, "I love life. I shouldn't be here. By all rights, I should have died. My whole life was a miracle. I feel it is my duty to give something back. You've got to give of yourself—not money, but the essence of yourself. That is what makes life meaningful."

Landwirth has received numerous honors and awards, including Caring Institute's One of 12 Most Caring Individuals in America (1988), Outstanding Philanthropist Award (1990), *Parents Magazine* Humanitarian of the Year (1994) and Jimmy and Rosalind Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to Health (2003).

#### LAKELAND CHAPTER

Michelle M. Hubenschmit, a nationally certified history teacher, was the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Lakeland Chapter on Feb. 20. Hubenschmit, an advanced placement and honors teacher of history and government at Mulberry High School, gave a presentation of "The Life and Times of George Washington." She received a fellowship to study President Abraham Lincoln at his hometown in Springfield, Ill., in 2008 and another fellowship in 2009 to study President George Washington at Mount Vernon,



Va. Hubenschmidt is a member of the Lakeland Chapter of DAR and a member of the Imperial Polk Genealogical Society.

Members of Lakeland SAR and DAR Chapters visited fourth graders at All Saints Academy near Winter Haven on March 4.

Gay Harlowe and coordinator Doris Wooden wore handmade colonial clothing sewn by Wooden. Harlowe presented models of Revolutionary War patriotic heroes and women dressed in representative colonial clothing. She related stories about the heroes and shared their significance, explaining the reasons for the women's clothing.

Lakeland SAR President Richard Hagerman and past President Ken Wooden wore Revolutionary War uniforms. Hagerman displayed and explained the Philadelphia Light Horse, the first unit flag established by the Continental Congress. He related his childhood experiences living near the site of the 1777 Battle of



From left, Ken and Doris Wooden, Gay Harlowe and Richard Hagerman.

Brandywine. Hagerman emphasized the Bill of Rights and how all of us have inalienable rights, which should be protected.

Wooden used a large pedigree chart to teach students about family ancestry. He distributed and explained blank pedigree charts and challenged students to talk with relatives and complete the charts back to their great-grandparents. Wooden played the role of his ancestor, Lt. Simeon Wheelock. He showed a family photo of the house Wheelock

built in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1768. For 100 years, it has been the home of the Deborah Wheelock DAR Chapter, which is named for Simeon Wheelock's wife. Wooden also described his childhood, growing up near the location of where George Washington crossed the Delaware.

#### GEORGIA SOCIETY

Georgia Society Chaplain Rev. Dan Gates has received the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution's prestigious Community Service Award. The award is given to citizens for outstanding achievements in educational, humanitarian, patriotic or citizenship endeavors in their communities. The award was presented at the March meeting in Columbus, Ga., of the Oglethorpe Chapter, NSDAR.

Gates originated the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans' Garden in Columbus, Ga.'s historic Parkhill Cemetery in 2006. Under his leadership the commemoration has grown to become a major part of southwest Georgia's Memorial Day ceremonies and a highlight of the Coweta Falls Chapter's calendar of events.

Gates, a Vietnam veteran with 12 years of active duty, holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal. He is pastor of East Highland United Methodist Church in Columbus, but still finds time for other community service activities. He organizes and participates at blood donation centers, performs with a quartet at local nursing



Georgia Society Chaplain Dan Gates, recently honored by the NSDAR, appears at SAR and community functions in colonial clerical dress.

homes, provides a daily telephone devotion for senior citizens, and volunteers and serves on a number of boards and agencies in the community.

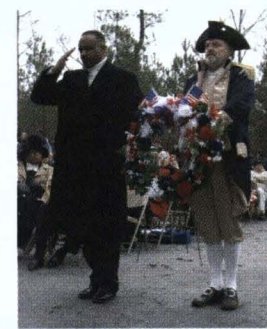
Gates has served as the GASSAR chaplain for six years. During his tenure, he established a website for chaplains and implemented a Chaplaincy Corps, which marshals the talents of chapter chaplains in caring for their members. He created a Chaplaincy Corps lapel pin, which is given to each new chaplain as he is elected to his position. Gates exported the GASSAR Chaplaincy Corps program to the National Society by providing each state president a script and recording of the program.

At the Georgia Society's annual memorial service, Gates conducts a special bell-ringing ceremony in which other state chaplains participate. For Georgia's Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Battle commemoration, he has initiated a colonial worship service, now in its fourth year. He plans and conducts the service at various local churches, at which he and many other compatriots and their wives arrive in colonial attire.

Gates participates in GASSAR and chapter activities as a member of the color guard, and when possible, leads the way in his colonial pastor dress, carrying his Bible. He holds the War Service, Bronze Good Citizenship (three), Meritorious Service and Patriot medals.

#### GEORGIA CHAPTERS HONOR BLACK PATRIOT

The Coweta Falls and the Marquis de Lafayette chapters co-sponsored a historic grave marking ceremony in Zebulon, Pike County, Ga., in late January. The grave of patriot Austin Dabney, a freed slave who served the cause for American independence, was marked with a bronze SAR grave marker. He was the first black patriot to be so honored in Georgia. More than 200 people came out on a cold, rainy morn-



ing to pay tribute to him. The Georgia Society Color Guard posted the colors and the Elijah Clarke Militia Unit offered a musket

salute. Thirty-three wreaths were presented, including one by Genealogist General Joe Dooley, representing the National Society. A brass quintet from Fort Benning provided music for the ceremony. Coweta Falls Graves Chairman Bob Galer planned and directed the event, with the assistance of several government bodies.

Dabney served with the Georgia Militia under Elijah Clarke and John Dooley during the Battle of Augusta



The Rev. Reginald Gunn, a descendant of patriot James Gunn, delivered the invocation for the grave-marking ceremony honoring four Revolutionary War patriots at the Old Capital Cemetery in Louisville, Ga. Pictured also are Julie Noegel Hardaway, regent, Peter Foree Chapter, NSDAR, La Grange, Ky., and a descendant of Patriot Roger Lawson; Rita Culvern, mayor of Louisville, Ga.; Richard Noegel, registrar, William Few Chapter, and a descendant of patriot Lawson; Leroy Lewis, president, Jefferson County (Ga.) Historical Society; and Campbell Chafee, president, William Few Chapter, GASSAR, which sponsored the event.

and the Battle of Kettle Creek. He was wounded during the Battle of Kettle Creek and was cared for by the Harris family of Pike County. Dabney and the Harrises remained friends throughout their lives. William Harris, the family's oldest son whom Dabney sent to school and later to college, and Dabney rest side by side in a plot on the Harris farm.

At the January event, the Harris family placed headstones on the graves, replacing the wooden marker the DAR had placed there more than 100 years ago, and the SAR marked Dabney's grave with the handsome patriot marker.

#### WILLIAM FEW CHAPTER

The William Few Chapter sponsored a grave-marking ceremony for four Revolutionary War patriots in the Old Capital Cemetery in Louisville, Jefferson County, Ga., in late fall of 2009. More than 110 people participated, including 18 SAR, NSDAR and C.A.R. chapters from throughout Georgia and the GASSAR Color Guard, under the command of Compatriot Paul Prescott. Local dignitaries, DAR members from Kentucky, and members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from Augusta, Ga., also participated. A large number of descendants of the honored patriots attended.

Known as Queensborough before the Revolution, Louisville was



Georgia's first "permanent" capital city (1796-1807), and the Old Capital Cemetery is the final resting place of many of the most prominent leaders of early Georgia. The patriots whose graves were marked were Brig. Gen. James Gunn, Maj. Patrick Carr, Capt. Roger Lawson and Capt. Ambrose Wright.

A free seven-minute slideshow of the event on CD is available. The Georgia Society Web site lists the names of members of the William Few Chapter, GAS-SAR, in Augusta to contact for a copy.

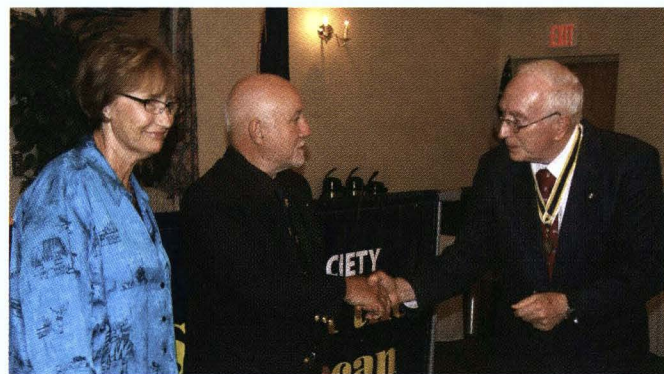
#### JOEL EARLY CHAPTER

Members of the Joel Early Chapter cleaned and refurbished the gravesite of Revolutionary War patriot James Alexander in Blakely, Early County, Ga. A grave marking is planned for later in the year.

#### MAINE SOCIETY

David N. Getchel, the Maine Society's auditor and webmaster, was recognized for his special efforts on behalf of the society by Maine State President W. Dayton Salisbury. He received the Maine State President's George Washington Libertas et Patria Medal and Certificate.

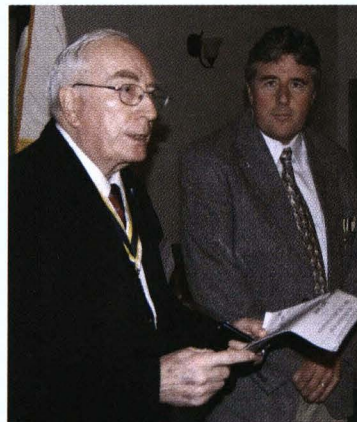
First Vice President Lance Weddell has served in the Maine legislature and has been an SAR member for 35 years. At the Sept. 12, 2009, meeting in Augusta he received the 35-year pin and certificate and gave some historical reflections on his own ancestors and also recounted several humorous incidents.



Lance Weddell, shown with Martha Weddell, received his 35-year pin and certificate from W. Dayton Salisbury, Maine Society state president, SAR.



Georgia Color Guardsmen braved one of Georgia's biggest snowstorms in decades for the first re-enactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek, the 13th colony's premier Revolutionary War engagement. The re-enactment was one segment of the annual Revolutionary Days commemoration. Other weekend events included historical lectures, a reception and dinner, a downtown parade and a living history presentation in historic Washington in Wilkes County, Ga., and a wreath-laying ceremony. On Sunday, the Chaplaincy Corps led a colonial worship service at the Washington First Baptist Church, and later in the morning compatriots and guests honored Georgia Revolutionary patriots Elijah Clark and John Dooley at the Elijah Clark State Park in nearby Lincoln County. (PHOTO BY BOB YANKLE)



Maine State President W. Dayton Salisbury presented the George Washington Libertas et Patria Medal and Certificate to David N. Getchel at the Nov. 14 meeting in Augusta.



#### MARYLAND SOCIETY

The Maryland Society hosted its annual Patriots' Ball Jan. 2, which had been postponed due to a December 2009 blizzard. Nothing was lost in the delay, and the young women who were presented with their escorts were lovely. This year, the ball was held at the Crowne Plaza in Timonium, with the heads of numerous hereditary societies and several national officers attending. The food and festivities were outstanding.

Eight debutantes were presented: Martina Elizabeth Caputy, escorted by Austin Charles Knapp; Taylor St. Clair Dukehart, escorted by Charles O. Fisher Jr.; Susanna Hershey Herrick, escorted by Peter Andrew Herrick; Jennifer Chelsea Lash, escorted by Gregory Stokes; Kathryn Louise Jarvis, escorted by Daniel Charles Jarvis; Marybeth Butler, escorted by William Glen Secor; Mary Elisabeth Schmidt, escorted by Kevin Matthew McPartland; and Bailey Marie McWilliams, escorted by Prescott Allen McWilliams.

The Wreaths Across America program, held Dec. 12, 2009, honored our fallen service men and women. A wreath was placed for each service branch—Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines—and those missing in action. The MDSSAR Color Guard and MDSSAR members participated at three locations this year: Annapolis National Cemetery, Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery and two

wreath-laying ceremonies in Bel Air, Md.

Members of the John Paul Jones Chapter represented the MDSSAR at the Annapolis National Cemetery ceremony. Hundreds of local citizens, veterans, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol units and military groups attended. More than 800 wreaths were placed upon rows of tombstones for the veterans interred at this cemetery, which dates back to the Civil War.

George Satterthwaite of the John Hanson Chapter was in charge of the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery ceremony. The Thomas Stone Color Guard, along with Neal Johnson, participated in the ceremony.

The Aquila Hall Chapter Color Guard assisted Bel Air American Legion Post 39 in the ceremonies at Bel Air Memorial Gardens. After the seven wreaths were placed at the Veterans Memorial next to the town hall, the color guard performed the musket salute.



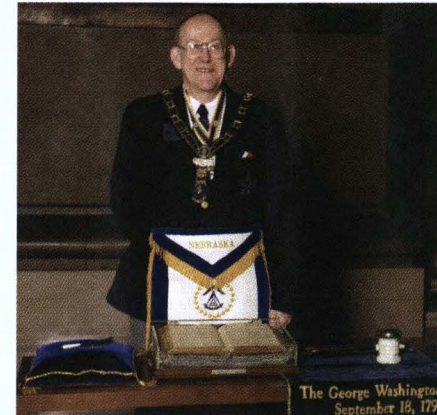
#### MISSOURI SOCIETY

President General Edward F. Butler Sr. is the third person to receive the Missouri Gold Medal. He was honored for his many years of service and his continuous promotion of patriotism and the Sons of the American Revolution.

The award was presented by, left, Clifford Olsen, executive vice president, and Ronnie Cartwright, awards chairman.

#### NEBRASKA SOCIETY

Past Nebraska State Society President John Thomas Parsons, who was recently installed as the Masonic grand master of Nebraska, represented the SAR at the annual conference of the Masonic Grand Masters of North America. The conference was held in February in Arlington, Va. Grand masters from all grand lodges in the United States, Canada and Mexico attended. Several activities were held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, as this is the centennial of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



In honor of the centennial celebration and in observance of Washington's birthday, all grand masters had their photos taken with the trowel and gavel that were used by Washington when he laid the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol, as well as the Bible upon which he took his Masonic obligations. All of those relics are in the possession of different lodges, and this is the first time in recent years they have all been in the same place at the same time.

Parsons wore his SAR medal on his presidential neck ribbon, along with his Masonic collar and jewel.

Washington became a mason in the lodge in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1754, and served as master of Alexandria Lodge (now Washington-Alexandria Lodge) No. 22 while he was president.

#### NEW JERSEY SOCIETY

##### WEST FIELDS CHAPTER

At its recent meeting, the West Fields Chapter heard from Ronald P. Rinaldi, a longtime participant in the Christmas Day re-enactments of Gen. George Washington's crossing of the Delaware and an enthusiastic student of and speaker on the American Revolution. He both informed and entertained the large audience, who inquired about membership in the SAR and the chapter. The meeting was held in the historic Belcher-Ogden Mansion in Elizabeth, N.J.

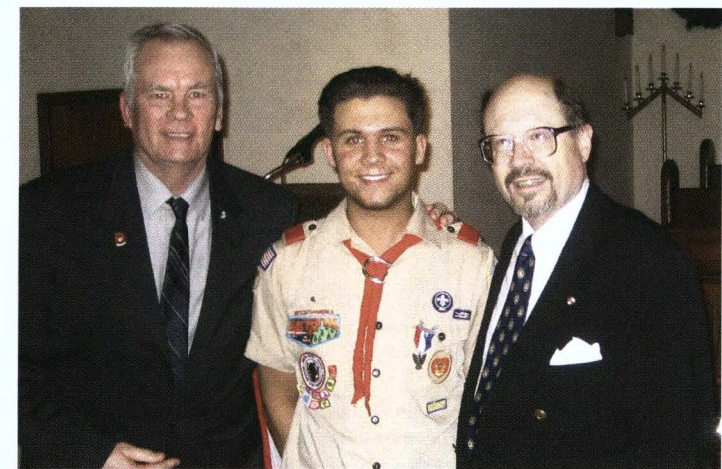


#### EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY (NEW YORK)

##### 1ST NEW YORK CONTINENTAL CHAPTER

The chapter hosted a reception in memory of patriot Nathan Hale on Nov. 12, 2009, at the Coffee House Club in midtown Manhattan. The speaker was famed *New York Times* reporter Richard E. Mooney, whose comprehensive presentation featured new information regarding the actual site of Hale's execution and other research dispelling some of the mysteries surrounding Hale's last days. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed the lecture and the question-and-answer session that followed.

New SAR member Michael Ferrara was inducted and presented his SAR Certificate and membership rosette by President John Mauk Hilliard. Special guest was SAR Compatriot Frederick Kellogg, current governor-general of the Society of Descendants of Colonial Governors.



From left, 1st New York Continental Chapter Compatriot Dr. Kevin Collins, Eagle Scout Anthony Morisano and chapter President John Mauk Hilliard at the National Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Morisano held Dec. 21 by BSA Troop 27 at the Oakwood Heights Community Church of Staten Island, N.Y. Hilliard and Collins presented Morisano with an SAR Certificate and congratulatory letter recognizing his achievements in Scouting.





## NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

### BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS

For those who attend re-enactments, here is something you rarely see—a bayonet charge by the Patriot Continentals and Militia. Friedrich Wilhelm, the baron von Steuben, drilled Americans in this “art of close combat” until they could respond to any order for a bayonet charge with alacrity. They were not used often, but we do know that such a charge was ordered at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, and that was a successful battle.

### BATTLE OF MOORES CREEK

A Feb. 27 ceremony, co-sponsored by the Lower Cape Chapter, marked

the 234th anniversary of the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge in Currie, N.C. Pictured are the president and chaplain of the North Carolina Society C.A.R., who were special guests. This program annually marks a much-needed victory for the patriots in 1776. The defeat of the British-led Tories prevented these troops from linking up with Lord Charles Cornwallis in Wilmington, which was extremely important strategically. The defeat of the British plan



quickly switched the British troops that had landed in Wilmington back to the North and reduced the hostilities in the South to a simmer for about three years.

The National Park Service and the Moores Creek Battlefield Association co-sponsored the celebration. The DAR, C.A.R., Sons of the Revolution, Colonial Dames chapters and many area SAR chapters continued their tradition of gathering to honor this event and the patriots who fought here.

## OHIO SOCIETY

### CINCINNATI CHAPTER

In December 2009, a memorial program was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Paul Vail Post 4369, with a mayoral proclamation read by Ohio Society President Tony Robinson. The attendees then journeyed to Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, where ceremonial wreaths were presented to honor all veterans.

James Shaffer, president of the Cincinnati Chapter, presented a wreath on behalf of the U.S. Army. The Nolan Carson Memorial Combined Color Guard gave a musket salute to the veterans.

The Cincinnati and Kentucky Simon Kenton color guards participated in a birthday tribute to President



William Henry Harrison, and Brig. Gen. Frank Cipolla placed a wreath at Harrison's tomb.

Charles G. Edwards was appointed chairman of the Cincinnati Chapter Revolutionary War Graves Committee in 1987 and since that time has been locating, marking and registering graves of Revolutionary War patriots throughout Hamilton and surrounding counties. This is an ongoing project of the Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Edwards now has a database of 909 Revolutionary War patriots: 104 buried in Butler County, 87 buried in Clermont County, 484 buried in Hamilton County and 234 buried in Warren County. There are many more to be accounted for and registered.

In 1988, Tom Stander of Butler County and a member of the Cincinnati Chapter, asked for Edwards' help in spearheading a drive to save from destruction Eaker Pioneer Cemetery in Reily Township, Butler County, which was on Champion International Corp. property. After long consultations and legal battles, Champion International agreed to dedicate the cemetery land to the Reily Township Board of Trustees for protection and preservation.

Edwards' first grave-marking ceremony was held at Congress Green Cemetery in North Bend in 1992. The veterans honored were William Rittenhouse, Timothy Symmes and John Cleves Symmes. The Cleves American Legion gave the musket salute and the speakers included an SAR member, a historian and a descendant of William Rittenhouse.

Other cemeteries where Revolutionary War veterans' graves were marked and ceremonies held were Red Lion and Lebanon cemeteries in Warren County; Harmon Cemetery in Clermont County; and Memorial Pioneer, Finneytown, Reading Protestant, Rose Hill, Ayer and Hopewell cemeteries in Hamilton County.



### EBENEZER ZANE CHAPTER

The Ebenezer Zane and George Washington chapters (PASSAR), along with representatives of the DAR, held a private ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies on Dec. 12, 2009, just prior to the Wreaths Across America ceremony. President George Ruch read the President General's proclamation and placed a wreath at the George Washington Chapter's memorial marker.

### ST. CLAIR CHAPTER

Don Martin, president of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter, presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Ross County Deputy Sheriff Randy Sanders. Assisting with the presentation was Sheriff George W. Lavender, and Sanders' wife, Debbie. Sanders is a 30-year law enforcement veteran and works as an undercover agent. He is in charge of “The Pipeline 23 Corridor Task Force,” which covers Ross, Pickaway, Pike, Fayette and Highland counties.

## PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR, along with the Berks County Chapter, DAR, and Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R., recently dedicated a monument honoring the Revolutionary War patriots from Berks County, Pa. The monument was erected in the Veterans Grove area of City Park in Reading, Pa.

The ceremony was attended by NSSAR Librarian General Miles Dechant, PSSDAR State Regent Andrea Snedaker, Pennsylvania C.A.R. Senior State President Cynthia Pritchard, and many state, county and city dignitaries. About 100 people attended.

### GEN. ANTHONY WAYNE CHAPTER CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The General Anthony Wayne Chapter celebrated its 70th anniversary with a memorial service and luncheon at the Riverview United Methodist Church in Patterson Township, Pa., on Sept. 26, 2009. The ceremony opened with the posting of the colors by the color guard consisting of PASSAR 3rd VP William McKim and Compatriot John Oppe. The memorial service also included readings by First Vice President John Inman, former Chapter President William Connor and Registrar Don Inman. Chapter President John Carroll delivered a homily memorializing the achievements of the 111 departed compatriots. Each compatriot's name was called out with reverence and recognized by the “Tolling of the Bell.” WOSAR Carol Inman played inspirational organ music throughout the program.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER

At a recent meeting of the George Washington Chapter at the George Washington Hotel in Washington, Pa., the chapter presented a painting of the old West Alexander tollhouse to the Washington County Historical Society.

From left, Chapter President Ken Gorton and Historian Marshall Lignian present the painting to Clay Kilgore of the historical society.

Also, Gorton was one of 14 guest speakers at naturalization ceremonies held in the U.S. Northern District Court in Wheeling, W.Va. After the ceremony, the chapter presented an American flag and booklets to each of the new citizens.



### HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER

Chapter President Richard L. Kunkle and members of the Harris Ferry Chapter dedicated a new headstone for Col. James and Sarah Burd at the Middletown Cemetery on Oct. 4, 2009. The original headstone was still in place, but illegible. Participants in the ceremony included re-enactors Larry Gorecki and Linda Askins, piper Tyler Pearce, the Donegal Riflemen and the Fort Halifax Chapter Color Guard.

### PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER

Compatriot Richard D. Merion, past president of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, took action after learning that the ROTC program at West Chester University had been denied office and classroom space, requiring cadets to



drive more than 36 miles for their training. Over a period of six months, Merion, a retired Army brigadier general, contacted numerous alumni who are veterans, asking for assistance and support letters. Finally, the university agreed to find office and classroom space for the program, and the enrollment in ROTC doubled. Merion was named honorary colonel by the West Chester ROTC Battalion.

#### TIADAGHTON CHAPTER

Members of the Tiadaghton Chapter recently held a grave dedication for Revolutionary soldier John Schrack. He served as a private under Capt. Benjamin Markley. After the war, Schrack settled in the valley west of Loganton, Clinton County, and is buried in a small cemetery in the middle of his original farm.

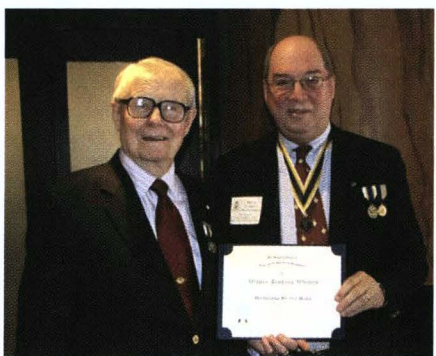
More than 60 people from across the state attended, including members of the Fair Play Men, who provided a musket salute at the conclusion of the ceremony.



#### RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY

The Rhode Island Society's annual meeting was held Feb. 13. Pictured, from left, are newly elected Rhode Island State President John Crocker Eastman II, new Rhode Island Compatriots William Watson Taylor Jr. and Jeffrey Thomas Gardner, and New England VPG and Rhode Island State past President Carlen Phillips Booth. Taylor and Gardner were welcomed into the society with membership certificates and rosettes.

Walter Jenkins Whitley, at left below, past chapter president and longtime board of managers' member,



became a 50-year SAR member on March 31. At right is outgoing Rhode Island State President Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, presenting a Meritorious Service Award to Whitley.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

The South Carolina Society hosted its biennial Colonial Ball on Dec. 19, 2009, at the Charleston Place Hotel at which 12 debutantes were presented to 265 guests.

Guests included several past vice presidents general, past state society presidents—including a past Indiana Society president—and elected public officials.

The debutantes, who are descendants of Revolutionary War patriots, were presented to the society through an arch of swords delivered by a corps of Citadel Cadets and a member of the Charleston Police Department's piper corps.

Debutantes presented were: Martha Whitney Bellows, Elizabeth Harrelson Burns, Isabelle Pinckney Caskey, Cameron McNair Crawford, Alexa Christine Culclasure, Anna Lynn Doster, Kimberlee Allen Lockwood, Helen Elizabeth Menchinger, Britney Alycia Rast, Whitney Elizabeth Rhoad, Ashleigh Nicole Tucker and Claire Isabelle Madeleine Voegelé.

#### VICTORY AT COWPENS ONCE AGAIN CELEBRATED

Unlike the past two years, the morning of Jan. 16 dawned without rain in Chesnee, S.C. Compatriots from six states, who had gathered to observe the 229th anniversary of the

Battle of Cowpens, breathed a sigh of relief.

The day before the commemoration, compatriots had convened in Gaffney, S.C., at the traditional SAR headquarters at the Super 8 Motel. N.C. Vice President General Sam Powell presided over the South Atlantic District meeting on Friday, Jan. 15, where representatives from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia briefly reported on the activities of their state societies since the previous meeting in October.

Both Secretary General David Sympson and Chaplain General Rev. Clark Wiser brought greetings.

After this meeting, the compatriots and their wives adjourned to a reception hosted by the South Carolina Society.

Members of the South Carolina Society demonstrated their Southern hospitality by providing biscuits to the gathered compatriots on Saturday morning. During this breakfast, Powell presented A.J. and Nita Patel, the owners of the Super 8, an SAR Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their gracious hospitality to the SAR.

The SAR members then traveled to downtown Spartanburg to begin the day's activities. A massed color guard of 35 compatriots gathered at Morgan Square and presented the colors. U.S. Park Service Chief Ranger Kathy McKay made introductory remarks and invited attendees to place a carnation at the base of Gen. Daniel Morgan's statue, which in 1971 had been placed in downtown Spartanburg as the highlight of the centennial celebration of the Cowpens victory.

Leaving Spartanburg, the SAR members met for lunch at Fatz Café in

Gaffney and were joined by about 10 other SAR compatriots.

After lunch, the SAR members gathered at the visitors' center at the battlefield. There, the massed color guard grew to 42 members, resulting in three columns for the presentation of colors. Sympson brought greetings from the National Society and began the wreath presentation ceremony. In total, 63 wreaths were presented by members of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Sons of the Revolution and other patriotic organizations.

After the ceremony at the United States Monument, members of the SAR said their farewells and talked to small groups of children.

Attendance was higher this year due to the improved weather conditions, the first weekend since Christmas with no precipitation and temperatures in the 50s.

Please make plans to attend the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens in 2011.

#### TENNESSEE SOCIETY

##### KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

On Feb. 18, the Kings Mountain Chapter held its first awards banquet, celebrating its performance over the past five years, as shown by 100 percent of the chapter donating to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage project. The chapter also had 100 percent dues payment by Dec. 31, 2009, and a 15 percent growth in membership.

Distinguished Service Certificates were presented to Larry Ball, James Joe Jefferson, Jarrett Whitson and Jim Wilson.

Meritorious Service Medals went to Darryl Addington, James Briddell (Bronze Cluster), William Bridforth Jr., Clyde Hicks, Sam McKinstry, John Sims, Perry Stout, James Thompson, Fredric Wetzel and Ronald Whitson.

Military Service Medals were presented to Lt. Col. Joe Chambers, John Kubenka, Lee McKinstry, Perry Stout and Lt. Cmdr. Jim Wilson. War Service Medals were awarded to Adm. Frank Anderson; James Joe Jefferson, who served on troop transport James C. Breckinridge, AP 176 in the Pacific during World War II; retired Maj. Clyde Hicks, a B-29 crew member in WWII who also served during the Korean War; and retired Lt. Col. Howard Littleton, a crew member on B-24s who also served during WWII and the Korean War.



The Watauga Valley Fife and Drum Corps leads in the Combined NSSAR Color Guard at the 229th Anniversary of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals on Sept. 19, 2009, in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Martha Washington Medals went to Mary Addington, Darlene Chambers, Fay Eubank and Betsy Stevens. SAR Daughters of Liberty medals were given to Rebecca Briddell, Carolee McKinstry, Ellen Sims and Lois Wetzel.

SAR Medals of Appreciation were presented to Elizabeth Bailey, Virginia Hicks and Sara Moore.

#### Men, Mountains, Rivers and Fightin' Words—the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

By LCDR ROBERT P. YANKLE II  
PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER, NCSSAR

Which to use, the carrot or the stick? If you are dealing with the Overmountain Men of eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia, you'd better choose wisely or you may just be buried on a mountaintop in South Carolina and covered with stones, far from your homeland of Scotland.

Here is an example of the "stick" approach: Maj. Patrick Ferguson, newly appointed by Lord Charles Cornwallis to protect his left flank as he proceeded north into North Carolina in September 1780, sent word to Isaac Shelby and John Sevier of Tennessee that if they persisted in rebellion, he would lead his troops across the Blue Ridge, capture and hang them, and then "destroy their settlements with fire and sword." These were not words to be taken lightly. The word went out to gather at Watauga on the Sycamore Shoals, an independent settlement that had been formed in



Gathering at Sycamore Shoals Day



defiance of British laws. The men who gathered there determined to take the fight to Ferguson directly, and set out to find him. Along the way, they were joined by militia from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and even Georgia. They numbered nearly 1,030 when they found Ferguson on King's Mountain—and left him there, covered with stones, far from his homeland of Scotland.

John Echerd, past president of the Tennessee Society; Joe Chambers, president of the Kings Mountain Chapter, TNSSAR; and Ronnie Lail, president of the Watauga Chapter, TNSSAR gathered their forces and planned an impressive celebration to commemorate the original Gathering at Sycamore Shoals. Lail is a member of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, so he eagerly solicited the association's participation in the event. And participate they did.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen also recognized the importance of this unique celebration and issued a proclamation declaring Sept. 19, 2009, as Gathering at Sycamore Shoals Day. Rick Hollis, president-elect of the Tennessee Society, NSSAR, read the proclamation aloud to the crowd gathered for the event Sept. 19 at the Fort Watauga restoration site at the Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Elizabethton, Tenn.

In attendance were NSSAR President General Ed Butler; Executive Director Joe Harris; Vice President General of the South Atlantic District Sam Powell; past VPG of the South Atlantic District Stanley Evans; and state presidents Bill Eubank, TNSSAR; Tom Higgins, KYSSAR; Frank Horton, NCSSAR; David Hoss, ARSSAR; and Lance Carter, WVSSAR. In addition, the DAR was represented by Pauline Moore, state recording secretary, TNSDAR.

The TNSSAR plans to continue to sponsor an annual celebration of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals on the third weekend in September. The 2010 celebration will include a commemoration of the 265th anniversary of John Sevier's birth. Sevier was one of the leaders of the Battle of Kings Mountain and the first governor of Tennessee.

## TEXAS SOCIETY

President General Ed Butler, Historian General and former Florida Society President Lindsey Brock, and former Texas Society President Tom Green inducted Dr. Jose Ignacio Vildosola and his two sons, Kevin and Derek, by phone from Laredo, Texas, while there for the 113th annual George Washington Parade.

Vildosola and his sons live in Miami, Fla., and Tom Green worked with Vildosola by e-mail to prepare the applications for SAR membership. No ancestors of Vildosola were born or had died in the United States, so all the documents came from either Spain or Cuba, where Vildosola was once jailed as a political prisoner. Obtaining the necessary documents would not have been possible without the help of Mary Ann "Molly" Long de Fernandez de Mesa, who located many of the documents in Spain, where she lives and chairs the NSDAR Spanish Task Force. Marlene San Jorge, Vildosola's sister-in-law who lives in Cuba, obtained many of the Cuban documents necessary for the SAR applications.

After his escape from Cuba to Miami, Vildosola again went through medical school and now practices medicine in Miami. Vildosola's ancestor, Joseph Ygnacio de Gardoqui, was a wealthy ship owner in Spain and provided thousands of items in support of the American Revolution, including his son, Diego, who was the first Spanish Ambassador to the U.S. and was standing next to George Washington when he took the oath as our first president.

Compatriot Tom Green is working with Vildosola to get applications approved for the doctor's brother and his two sons, who still live in Cuba. Butler is writing an article about this Spanish family in his series on Spain's contribution to the American Revolution.

## ATHENS CHAPTER

At its January annual meeting, the SAR Athens Chapter held its 2010 officer elections. Texas Society President Tom Lawrence spoke to the chapter and inducted the officers. Lawrence's program focused on increasing public service recognition and youth activities.

Henderson County Judge David Holstein was the speaker at a recent meeting of the Athens Chapter. He also received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Award from chapter President Charles Luna.

## SAR OUTREACH: HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

*This listing is compiled for each issue by Compatriot Andy Johnson, a member of the Virginia Society. It is continually updated, largely through information sent to Johnson at 1200 South Monroe Street, Arlington, VA 22204 or by email to amjohnson@juno.com*

Holstein, who will not be seeking re-election to a third term, reflected on some of the issues raised and goals accomplished during his two terms. He also touched on the patriotism and duties of good citizens established by our country's founding fathers.

A highlight of the meeting was the induction of Rev. Norman Huneycutt by chapter Registrar Art Hall.

## BERNARDO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER

Fred Hill of the Freedom Chapter gave a well-prepared presentation on black powder and small arms. The chapter enjoyed the presentation and had many questions for him.

John P. "Pete" Lenes was re-elected president.

## HEART OF TEXAS CHAPTER

The Heart of Texas Chapter recently honored Senior Sgt. Mark Todd and Sgt. Kimberly Munley with Heroism Medals, which were presented by distinguished guest President General Edward F. Butler Sr.



CAPT. WILLIAM BARRON CHAPTER

President General Ed Butler was the guest of the Captain William Barron Chapter recently and inducted the chapter's newest member, 97-year-old Gilbert Carroll.

The Medal for Heroism was presented in recognition of the outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger shown by the officers' successful efforts in bringing down the gunman at Fort Hood, Texas, and stopping further loss of life in the incident.

Members of the chapter, the Fort Hood Chief of Police, the Fort Hood Fire Chief and the honorees' co-workers attended the ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon for the awardees and their families at Club Hood.

The Heart of Texas Chapter meets at 10 a.m. at the Central Texas Museum in Salado, Texas, on the second Saturday of January, February, March, May, September and November. Visitors and persons who are interested in joining are welcome to attend.

## PLANO CHAPTER

Members of the color guard from several north Texas chapters presented the colors at a naturalization ceremony held at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Center in Irving, Texas. U.S. Magistrate Don D. Bush, a member of Plano Chapter No. 37, presided over the ceremony as 151 new U.S. citizens took the Oath of Allegiance before a standing-room-only crowd of more than 300.



After the naturalization ceremony, a new citizen stands with the color guard. From left, Howard Roach, Mike Radcliff and Richard Arnold of the Plano Chapter; Jim Johnson of the Denton Chapter; and Bob Northcraft of the Dallas Chapter.



The featured program was Compatriot Mike Radcliff's excellent presentation of the George Mason speech, in which new citizens learned of the importance of individual freedoms as expressed in the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution. Compatriot Jim Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

U.S. Army Capt. John B. "Jay" Bradley III (above), a compatriot, and members of his command distributed 51 soccer balls and related supplies to children in Mosul, Iraq. Bradley

requested the soccer balls knowing that they would be great "hearts and minds" winners to give to the children. The balls and supplies were purchased by chapter donations of more than \$300. Bradley's wife, Danielle, arranged shipment of the balls to Iraq by the Army.

Bradley is the commander of a battery of about 120 soldiers who conducted combat operations and daily patrols in Iraq. He returned home to Fort Hood, Texas, safely on Dec. 2 after his third tour of duty in Iraq.

## ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER

Texas Society President James T. Jones Jr. presented the Robert Rankin Chapter's Outstanding American History Teacher Award to Penny Rosas, a teacher at Mayde Creek High School in the Katy Independent School District. Rosas also was presented with a flag certificate on behalf of her school and was honored with the Texas Society's Outstanding American History Teacher Award. She received her awards at the annual state meeting and will be in the national competition.

The newly-elected chapter officers had the honor of being installed by President General Edward F. Butler Sr.

## VIRGINIA SOCIETY

On Jan. 18, the Richmond Chapter presented a Flag Award to Col. Van T. Barfoot, a Medal of Honor recipient. From left are past chapter President Stephen Atkinson, current chapter President Taylor Cowardin and







# Welcome New Members

NSSAR membership May 1, 2010: 27,097.  
Numbers indicate total new members since  
last issue. Patriot ancestor is identified  
after new member's name.

## Alabama (9)

Douglass Ray Brandon, 176362, William Howell  
Conrad E. Cook VI, 176243, John Jacob Myers  
Conrad E. Cook V, 176242, John Jacob Myers  
Kurt Edward Gwathney, 176238,  
John Baptist Cambron  
Charles David Pugh, 176236, Elijah Pugh  
David Lance Rhodes, 176237, John Harper  
Thomas Hampton Smith, 176239, Drury Harrington  
Joshua Keyton Turner, 176241, Clement Blackburn  
Daniel Dupree Turner, 176240, Clement Blackburn

## Arizona (13)

Peter Edward Barkhaus, 176385, John Evans  
Raymond Thomas Barkhaus, 176384, John Evans  
James Carroll Christian, 176382, John Brownlee Sr.  
David Michael Christian, 176383, John Brownlee Sr.  
James Patrick Davis, 176511, Nathaniel Emerson  
Mark Lowell Griffin, 176386, Jacob Haldeman Sr.  
Norman Kennedy Hunt, 176381, William Candler  
Stephen Nicholas Kuplack, 176245,  
William Trowbridge  
Lester Wade Moseley, 176510, Robert Moseley

Herman Eugene Risch, 176246, Henry Francisco  
David Paul Simpson, 176244, William McClean  
Maxon Cambridge Wingert, 176387, Jarrett Williams  
Christopher Kent Worley, 176509, Hugh Johnson

## Arkansas (4)

Don Bell Bradley III, 176152, John Bradley Jr.  
Don Bell Bradley IV, 176153, John Bradley Jr.  
Robert Eugene Chisam, 176388, George Chisam  
Lance Florian Myers, 176247, William Byers

## California (23)

Gary Mike Blackburn, 176512, Michael Houk  
Chad Daniel Blauer, 176155, Sylvanus Ames  
Walter Herbert Blomquist, 176520, Samuel Wyckoff  
Jeffrey Howard Brown, 176154, Benjamin Proctor  
Larry Alden Gentry, 176391, William Crocker  
Leslie Earl Howell, 176396, James Nowland  
Robinson Hubert Jones, 176514, James Wells  
Richard Spear Kimball, 176513, Moses Kimball  
Larry William Lasky, 176151, Asa Hewitt  
Mark Robert Patridge, 176393, Jonathan Stickney  
Bryan Paul Patridge, 176392, Jonathan Stickney

Hunter Wilson Ringsage, 176249, James McCann  
Forrest Wade Ringsage, 176248, James McCann  
Alex Gilbert Rivera, 176519, Jose Viterbo Rivera  
Gregory Lawrence Silva, 176394, Juan Matias Olivas  
Matthew Lawrence Silva, 176395, Juan Matias Olivas  
Kenneth Wayne Snowden, 176390, Samuel Snowden  
Richard Earl Stultz, 176389, Reuben Parsons  
Travis Wayne Winsor, 176517, Isaac Winsor  
David Wiley Winsor, 176516, Isaac Winsor  
Davis Raymond Winsor, 176518, Isaac Winsor  
Kendall Lamar Witt, 176250, Caleb Witt  
Larry Richard Wood, 176515, Noah Hopkins

## Canada (3)

Francisco de Monteverde y Cuervo, 176251,  
Pierre Claude Du Quesne  
Mori Ancumer Bruce Hillman, 176253,  
Thomas Westbrook Waldron  
David Gaylord White, 176252, Daniel White

## Colorado (3)

Christopher Michael Micsak, 176256, John Waggoner  
Robert William Micsak, 176254, John Waggoner  
Robert Victor Micsak II, 176255, John Waggoner

## Connecticut (13)

Gary Lee Lane, 176163, John Caughey  
Todd Richard Lane, 176157, John Caughey  
Troy Mathew Lane, 176158, John Caughey  
Caleb Elijah Lane, 176159, John Caughey  
Macgregor James Jacob Lane, 176162, John Caughey  
Gregory Rawlings Lane, 176161, John Caughey  
Clifford Ronald Lane, 176160, John Caughey  
Richard Ernest Lane, 176156, John Caughey  
James Charles Littlefield Jr., 176521,  
Ebenezer Littlefield  
Todd Alling Sasso, 176164, Isaac Hotchkiss  
Anthony Louis Sasso, 176166, Isaac Hotchkiss  
William Louis Sasso, 176165, Isaac Hotchkiss  
James R. Vazquez, 176167, Thomas Fitch Bishop

## Delaware (2)

Andrew Albert Anderson, 176397, Jacob Bastian  
Wesley Clinton Culver, 176522, Simeon Carpenter

## District of Columbia (7)

John Marshall Bridgeland, 176465, Joseph Whitcomb  
Thomas Dyer DeCourcy, 176523, Enos Chandler  
Allen Dural Gannett, 176258, Jacob Gannett  
Matthew Brinton Miller, 176260,  
George Adam Bowersox  
Daniel Lee Miller, 176261, George Adam Bowersox  
Earl Ellwood Miller USA, 176259,  
George Adam Bowersox  
Walter Carter Pennington, 176257, Samuel Espy

## Florida (35)

John Earl Albee, 176531, Ephraim Stevens  
Jimmie Edward Barnes, 176275, Sotha Hickman  
Ourn Raphael Brown, 176406, David Brown  
Raphael Albert Brown, 176405, David Brown  
Kriss Edward Brown, 176527, Edward Jackson  
Garrett Mattingly Brown, 176529, Edward Jackson  
Scott Douglas Brown, 176528, Edward Jackson  
Douglas Edward Brown (Ret.), 176526,  
Edward Jackson  
Robert Hartson Cheney, 176537, Zela Reno  
David William Cooper, 176399, Gilbert Cooper  
Robert Paul Eisenhardt, 176404, David Philips  
Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr., 176280,  
Magnus McDonald  
Robert Lucas Grant Jr., 176536,  
Neri Crampton/Cramton  
Lewis Oliver Harris Jr., 176525, David Field  
Allen John Hegener, 176277, Stephen Dudley  
David Joseph Horne, 176271, Henry Horn  
Robert Brooke Humker, 176400,  
Thomas Bloomfield  
Richard Talbott Jenks, 176401, Ichabod Jenks  
Charles Albert Kerr Sr., 176274, William Crawford  
Paul Joseph Longstreet, 176535, Garret Longstreet  
Thomas Ray Mysinger, 176282, Conrad Wilhoit  
William Daniel Nobles III, 176272, Ignacius Ogdin  
Larry Allen Peck Sr., 176273, Simeon Bradford  
Leo Joseph Reilly, 176276, Peter Norton  
Mark Jay Rominger, 176534, Michael Rominger  
James Harvey Scott, 176530, Reuben Long  
Arthur Guy Shehan, 176398, Hiram Frazee  
Robert Daniel Stewart Jr., 176278, Daniel Boone  
Robert Daniel Stewart, 176279, Daniel Boone  
Alan Jon Stratton, 176281, Alexander Thomas  
John Lewis Tomlinson III, 176402, James Tomlinson  
Todd Redvers Vernon, 176403, James Cooper  
Oliver Wendell Woodard Jr., 176524,  
Matthew Starbuck  
Ralph Martin Young, 176532, Aaron Crain  
Walter Richard Young Jr., 176533, Aaron Crain

## France (17)

Henri Corbin de Mangoux, 176369,  
Jean-Baptiste Armant  
Thibault Corbin de Mangoux, 176370,  
Jean-Baptiste Armant  
Geoffroy Corbin de Mangoux, 176368,  
Jean-Baptiste Armant  
Philippe d'Allemagne, 176366, Claude d'Allemagne  
Laurent de La C. de. de Sayve, 176378,  
Charles Carroll  
Erard de Mangoux, 176367, Jean-Baptiste Armant  
Laurent du Mas de Paysac, 176365, Zebulon Butler  
Fulcran Le Moine de Margon, 176374,  
Alexandre d'Escienne  
Camille Marie Joseph Le Moine de Margon, 176373,  
Alexandre d'Escienne  
Edmond Leca, 176371, Pierre Ruffo de Bonneval  
Thibaud Mabile du Chene, 176372,  
Charles Marie de La Grandiere  
Philippe Oddo, 176364, Pierre Ruffo de Bonneval  
Alexandre Perruchio, 176375,  
Joseph de Martelli-Chautard

Edouard Perruchio, 176376,  
Joseph de Martelli-Chautard  
Sébastien Perruchio, 176377,  
Joseph de Martelli-Chautard  
Adrien Raphael Tourres, 176379, Antoine LaRoche  
Gérard Jacques Marie Tourres, 176380,  
Antoine LaRoche

## Georgia (10)

Jimmy Preston Adams, 176407, John Everett  
Wayne David Baker, 176540, James Williams  
James Thomas Dale, 176543, Robert Adams  
Franklin Augustus Hart III, 176539, Robert Hart  
John Smith Lemley, 176538, John Smith  
Dorian Thomas O'Bryan, 176170, Philip O'Bryan  
Morris Michael Pulliam, 176168, John Stonecypher  
Morris Clayton Pulliam, 176169, John Stonecypher  
Robert Emanuel Sheffield, 176541, John Sheffield  
Marlin Glynn Sheffield, 176542, John Sheffield

## Illinois (26)

Andrew Luke Baffes, 176410, Antoine Paulin  
Keenan Louis Ballo, 176416, Spencer Record  
Evan Michael Ballo, 176417, Spencer Record  
Raymond Dale Beets, 176172, John Casper Stoever  
Jason David Blandford, 176413, Lewis Du Bois  
Harry Edward Cruncleton Jr., 176409,  
James Cunningham  
Guy Cronice Fraker III, 176408, James Pierce/Pearce  
Stanley George Harms, 176171, James Locke  
William Carl Harpole, 176414, George Dickey  
William Corey Harpole, 176415, George Dickey  
Robert Charles Lindley, 176426, Demas Lindley  
Zachary Bernard Lipschutz, 176412, Samuel Dye  
David Weiss Lipschutz, 176411, Samuel Dye  
Marshall Marion Marsh, 176421, James Laughlin  
Michael Bruce McLeod, 176418, Alexander Negley  
Nathaniel Gideon Netzkzy, 176425, Lemuel Haskins  
Daniel Joshua Netzkzy, 176422, Lemuel Haskins  
Benjamin Aaron Netzkzy, 176423, Lemuel Haskins  
Jonathon David Netzkzy, 176424, Lemuel Haskins  
Troy R. Rodman, 176431, Joseph Rodman  
Michael Alan Snyder, 176420, John Lamb  
Daniel Padraic Szyman, 176430, Edward Maxey  
Stephan Sean Szyman, 176429, Edward Maxey  
Robert Malachy Szyman, 176428, Edward Maxey  
Robert John Szyman, 176427, Edward Maxey  
Eric Steven Traub, 176419, Josiah Crane

## Indiana (1)

Nick Wayne Seats, 176544, Stephen Ashby

## Kansas (11)

Harvey Martin Joseph Abbott, 176176, George Tucker  
Lloyd James Fanning, 176545, Laughlin Fanning  
Edgar Lee Lundberg, 176548, Ambrose Lipscomb  
Byron Tyler Manco, 176432, Archibald Wilson  
George Dennis Martin, 176547, Sterling Crowder  
Robert Andrew Muxlow, 176546, Joshua Younger  
Jackson Allen Naughton, 176283, John Lock  
Austin Fidelis Smith Schmeidler, 176175,  
Joseph West Sr.  
Ryan Richard Veach, 176174, Jonathan Steelman  
Richard Raymond Veach, 176173, Jonathan Steelman  
John Christopher Waggoner, 176433, Richard Waggoner

## Kentucky (18)

John Tyree Bondurant, 176434, Jesse Henson  
John Vernal Cassady, 176284, Daniel Bebout  
Lloyd Franklin Fowler, 176549,  
William Maddux/Maddox  
Edward Louis Horn, 176444, Burgess Brammer  
Kenneth Robinson Layman, 176443, Joachim Layman  
Duane Starrett Nickell, 176436,  
Jeremiah Nickell/Nichols

Christopher Shea Nickell, 176437,  
Jeremiah Nickell/Nichols  
Carl Duane Nickell, 176435, Jeremiah Nickell/Nichols  
Richard Lee Norris, 176438, Proctor Ballard  
John David Norris, 176442, Proctor Ballard  
Richard Lee Norris Jr., 176441, Proctor Ballard  
Keith Wayne Norris, 176440, Proctor Ballard  
Scott Alan Norris, 176439, Proctor Ballard  
Donald Brent Root, 176285, John Peter Corn  
Stephen Anderson Root, 176287, John Peter Corn  
Timothy Don Root, 176286, John Peter Corn  
Charles Christopher Stern, 176551,  
George Roberts Twelves Hewes  
Charles Chester Stern, 176550,  
George Robert Twelves Hewes

## Louisiana (20)

James Michael Allain, 176289, Elkanah Babbitt  
Jeffery Lyle Allain, 176290, Elkanah Babbitt  
Dwight Wilbur Andrus Jr., 176299,  
Louis Coulon de Villiers  
Floyd Joseph Domingue Sr., 176552, Michel Bernard  
Melvin Wayne Dominique, 176297, Antonio Dominguez  
Edwin Henry Emory Jr., 176288, Littleton Johnston  
John Calvin Fleming Jr., 176233, Abia Clay  
John Calvin Fleming III, 176234, Abia Clay  
William Barrett Fleming, 176235, Abia Clay  
Boyd Edward Helm, 176294, Michel Friloux  
Ludlow Nicholas McNeely Jr., 176296, Hugh Milling  
Charles LeRoy McNeely, 176295, Hugh Milling  
Joseph Scott Neese, 176178, Martin Neese  
Harrison Joseph Neese, 176177, Martin Neese  
Christopher Wayne Owens, 176293,  
Alexander Kilpatrick  
Wamul Robert Owens, 176291, Alexander Kilpatrick  
Robert Gregory Owens, 176292, Alexander Kilpatrick  
Robert Wayne Webber, 176554, Michael Hyder  
Seth Andrew Webber, 176553, Michael Hyder  
Kenneth Mase Wolfe, 176298, John Lyle

## Maine (1)

Horace True Moody (Ret.), 176300, Samuel Moody

## Maryland (17)

Kirk William Bowie, 176179, Aaron Simmons  
John Berwyn Carson Jr., 176556, William Wilkison  
Robert Joseph Graziosi, 176555, George Brown  
Daniel Charles Hedges, 176448, Lawrence Everhart  
Dean Denton Howard, 176445, Daniel Moore  
Matthew Scott Jones, 176306, Amos Jones  
Richard Nathan Jones, 176301, Amos Jones  
Richard William Jones, 176302, Amos Jones  
Jason Alexander Jones, 176303, Amos Jones  
Robert Harvey Jones, 176305, Amos Jones  
Richard Nathan Jones, 176304, Amos Jones  
Alvin Brown Kyle, 176446, John Hart  
Russell William Kyle, 176447, John Hart  
Wyatt Gregory Lawes, 176558, Grafton White  
Graeme Charles Lawes, 176557, Grafton White  
Mark Anthony Romeo Jr., 176449, Raleigh Hammond  
Luke Joseph Salla, 176450, Amos Jones

## Massachusetts (2)

Kevin Edwin Locke, 176307, John Locke  
Verne Louis Thayer, 176451, Israel Trow

## Michigan (1)

Henry Franklin Fair, 176308, Daniel Johnson

## Minnesota (2)

Michael Ronald Bradley, 176559, Joseph Bradley  
Robert Fergus Dunlop, 176312, Isaac Coit

## Mississippi (6)

Earl Andrew Anderson Jr., 176562, Jacob Uitley

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William Hutchinson Kline	144283	TX	Robert Emmett White	152799	TX
Allen Russell Langston Jr.	163566	TX	John L. Whitsell, CHC USN	86493	TX
Cloral L. Lovell Jr.	158877	TX	Milton Silas Wing	166589	TX
Donald Eugene Matthews Sr.	150289	TX	Robert C. Wood	115082	TX
Maurice Woulfe McCall	128391	TX	Robert Denzil Woofter	126993	TX
Joseph E. McNeely, USAF (Ret.)	151266	TX	Warren Lynn Bock	152558	VA
Vaughan B. Meyer	97551	TX	James William Bradbury	136642	VA
Charles Clay Montandon Jr.	154188	TX	Larry Clinton Brown	168074	VA
Thomas Garnett Morehead	118188	TX	Herbert Fuller Butler Jr.	119372	VA
Charles Motz	91149	TX	John Kent Cabaniss	134636	VA
Keith William Peters	130008	TX	Dorsey James Cole Jr.	146573	VA
Phelps Frederic Pond	129351	TX	Thomas Elmo Colvin, USAF (Ret.)	147771	VA
Hal Gene Riddle	137842	TX	Frank Byron Kitchel	130641	VA
David Brevard Rochelle	158360	TX	Robert Henry McGraw Jr.	156269	VA
Luther Wallace Ryan	157327	TX	William F. Newman	106175	VA
Richard Gerald Shanks	145948	TX	Kenneth Roland Powell Sr.	156264	VA
Luther Leroy Singletary	122888	TX	John Post Prisley, USN (Ret.)	124054	VA
Doyle Samuel Stacy	162680	TX	Thomas G. Rayfield	86538	VA
John William Stell	132715	TX	James Allen Suddeth	121016	VA
Edward Roy Stokes	135605	TX	Jean Fennell Wine, MD	127805	VA
Joseph Fulton Taylor	147055	TX	Roy Franklin Wyne	143740	VA
Richard F. Thompson, CPA	116646	TX	William Taylor Gillespie	107241	WA
Kenneth Willard Vaughan	161600	TX	Robert Rand Hunt	150686	WA
James Leonard West	163576	TX	Maynard Tenor Sanders	165783	WA
			Joe Edward Dunfee	163035	WV
			Ralph Owen Updike	162140	WY



Darrell Eugene Britt, 176180, Samuel Billingsley David Parsons McLean, 176453, Joseph Parsons Douglas Barbour McLean, 176452, Joseph Parsons Gary Lee Roper, 176560, Henry Shouse Jack Thomas Willis Jr., 176561, Thomas Poindexter

#### Missouri (16)

Thomas Guyton Atkins, 176564, John Nelson Andrew David Blattner, 176563, David Patterson Johnathon Stratton Brown, 176182, Ephraim Wilson Timothy Scott Brown, 176181, Ephraim Wilson David Scott Cox, 176363, Aaron Wood Edward Alan Larsen, 176309, Benjamin Riegel Donald Dell Lewis III, 176310, Andrew Lewis Michael James Lewis, 176311, Andrew Lewis Earnest Lee Mowry, 176565, Andrew Ream Roy William Prather Jr., 176566, Baruch Prather Steven Eric Sizemore, 176457, William Pettypool Michael Scott Sizemore, 176455, William Pettypool David Christian Sizemore, 176454, William Pettypool Toby Richard Sizemore, 176458, William Pettypool Caleb Mason Sizemore, 176456, William Pettypool Paul Daniel Toms, 176183, Gideon Durfee

#### Nebraska (7)

Mark Jeffrey Diercks, MD, 176185, Daniel Covert Chester Raymond Harris Jr., 176459, Nathaniel Harris Luther Palmer Johnson, 176184, Joseph Palmer LeRoy John Louden, 176313, Ebenezer Ingalsbe Jon William Louden, 176314, Ebenezer Ingalsbe Michael Harold Wheeler, 176460, Revidel Dilley Stanley Dale Wostrel, 176461, Antoine Louis Buyat

#### Nevada (12)

Warren Bale Antes, 176570, Edward Conyers Payne John Michael Chuldenko Jr., 176567, John Helm David Johns Hanson, 176315, William Benton David Fredric Hess, 176569, Amos Kellogg Charles Edwin MacLeod, 176576, Patrick McDavid Thomas Frederick Recker, 176571, Fiatt Wysong Wesley Keith Ridenour, 176575, Martin Reidenauer Sean Charles Ridenour, 176574, Martin Reidenauer Aaron Matthew Ridenour, 176573, Martin Reidenauer Gary Charles Ridenour, 176572, Martin Reidenauer Derek David Windle, 176568, Frederick McInturff Paul Sherman Wisecup, 176462, James Collier

#### New Jersey (4)

John Kenneth Crandall Jr., 176463, Benejah Crandall George James Giffin, 176578, Joseph Gold Robert Wayne Hill, 176464, Bartholomew Lott Eli Tipton Walters, 176577, Jabez Murray Tipton

#### New Mexico (4)

Charlie Ben Maldonado, 176580, Jose Vincente Garcia de Noriega Jens Kyle Sandberg, 176581, George Peter Garlock Kevin James Sandberg, 176591, George Peter Garlock William Arthur Yost III, 176579, John Lyon

#### New York (10)

Brian Logan Beirne, 176264, William Pannill Thomas Beirne III, 176263, William Pannill Brenner McGrath Fissell, 176270, Jacob Wicker Gary Ernest Grandy, 176268, Richard Truesdell Keith James Hadley, 176262, Amos Hadley David Brandon Hoefer, 176269, David Carter Morris Edmunds Richardson, 176266, Jeremiah Richardson Robert Hugh Scott, 176267, Solomon Wixson Paul Edwin Seifried, 176582, Johannes Snedeker Dennis Michael Small, 176265, Daniel Denniston

#### North Carolina (15)

Doyle Edward Campbell, 176586, Joseph Beeler

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The Liberty Bell that Brock rang during the parade is an exact replica of original Liberty Bell that is on display in Philadelphia, Pa., hence the bell has the same tone/pitch as the Liberty Bell that rang during the American Revolutionary War. "This was truly an amazing event that annually honors the Father of our Country," Brock said. "It was a great personal honor for me to participate."



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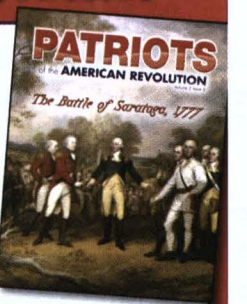
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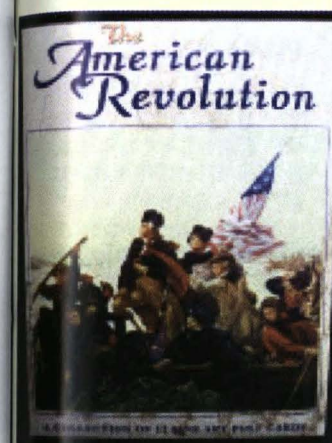


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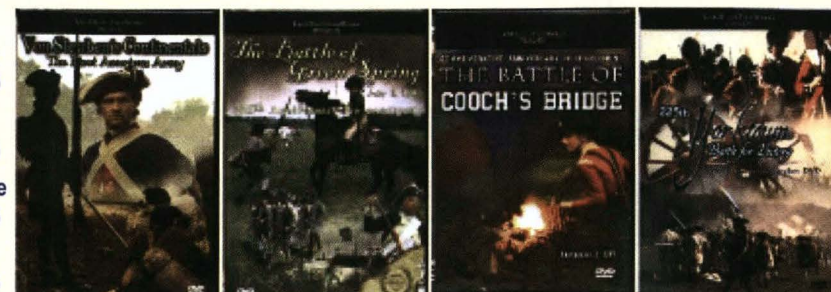
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