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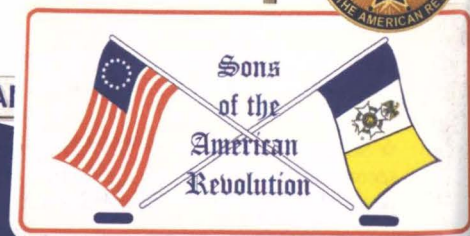
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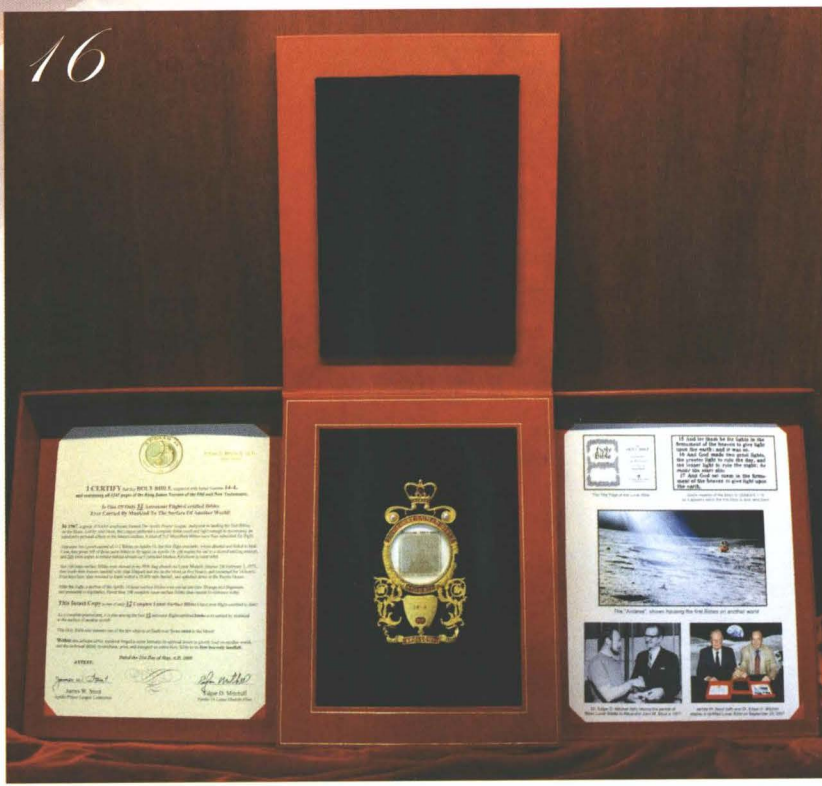
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CORRECTION
On page 29 of the Winter 2014-2015 issue, Col. Edward Carson, USA, Ret., and Lt. Col. Niklas Putnam, USA, Ret., both were mislabeled as being retired from the US Air Force.

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The President General's Message



A Whirlwind Year in Review

Dear Fellow Compatriots:

With the 125th National Congress on the horizon and the upcoming election of a new slate of general officers, I find myself reflecting over the past year. I can scarcely believe that there is only a brief amount of time left before we have a new President General. I am eternally grateful that I was elected as your 111th President General. First Lady Billie and I have had a marvelous time! We have visited about half of our 50 states, three foreign countries, and even celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, all during this past year. But along with the sunshine comes rain, and our rain was the passing of one of our general officers, Historian General Bobby Towns of the Georgia Society. He was a friend to all and is greatly missed.



PG Lindsey C. Brock and NSDAR President General Lynn Forney Young, right, met Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle.

Listed below is an update of the PG's five goals for 2014-2015.

- 1. **Implementation of Phase III - The SAR Center** — We have already begun the first phase of the content outline with Solid Light. We raised another million dollars over the past year. Total donations and investments income: \$1,024,256!
- 2. **Southwest Asia-Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps Task Force** — As of April 7, 2015, the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee monitors five Veterans Corps consisting of 1,117 Compatriots. During my tenure as PG, we have issued 217 Certificates of Patriotism and honored 63 World War II, 10 Korean War, 59 Vietnam War and 33 Persian Gulf War veterans.
- 3. **Notable Speeches by SAR Members** — 66 speeches in various categories. We can do much better on this goal since a significant number of our members make speeches on various topics. Let's begin to share!
- 4. **Patriot Ancestors Biographies** — Through May 15, 2015, 1,916 biographies have been submitted by our membership, and the tally continues to grow almost daily.
- 5. **SAR Medal of Honor Recipients** — This committee has identified 28 additional MOH recipients. The current total of SAR members who have been awarded the MOH now stands at 54. We still have about 17 other potential MOH recipients that require further study.

I want to thank each of our National Trustees, general officers, Executive Committee, SAR Foundation Board, state presidents, chapter presidents and our entire membership in the United States and those abroad for their contributions that made this past year successful for SAR. No one can do this job alone, and I certainly had an abundance of helping hands—I appreciate each of you. Additionally, many of our NSSAR committee chairmen and members contributed immensely to their respective SAR mission statements. Along with those mentioned above, I wish to commend our NSSAR staff for the excellent work they have accomplished this year. Although we visited many other events—from wreath presentations to chartering new chapters—following are some of our firsts:

- 1. Visited France's "Puy du Fou," a superb theme park. It has no rides, only shows that depict the history of France. We were honored to attend the SAR tour of France that commemorated the 100th anniversary of the American volunteers who went to France in 1914 and participated in the early years of World War I, which was prior to the United States entering the war in 1917.
- 2. Was honored to be the guest speaker at the 2014 Yorktown Celebration. It's only once every 13 years that the SAR PG has the privilege to be the guest speaker.
- 3. Attended and brought greetings to the American Legion National Convention and brought greetings to the members and guests. Also, met the President of the United States and Montel Williams, a great supporter of our veterans.
- 4. Attended the Virginia Society's celebration of the Battle of Great Bridge, followed by a drive across the water to the Ratification Day Dinner, which is celebrated annually by the Delaware Society.
- 5. Visited the Rocky Mountain District (Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico). Each of those states has a unique beauty. Oh, what a beautiful country in which we reside!
- 6. Presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal and the first Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate to entrepreneur, philanthropist and Compatriot Alexander W. Dreyfoos of the Florida Society.
- 7. Attended the celebration of the Battle of Guilford

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The President General's Message

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- Courthouse, where First Lady Billie had a Patriot ancestor who fought in the battle.
- Conducted the SAR membership induction ceremony of T/Sgt. Charles H. Coolidge (U.S. Army, ret.), who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic action during World War II. The induction ceremony was held at Compatriot Coolidge's place of business in Cleveland, Tenn. Additionally, one Medal of Honor Certificate of Patriotism and SAR War Service Medal were presented to Coolidge.
 - Attended the SAR grave-marking ceremony of NSSAR President General Harry Thomas Burn (1964-1965) in Niota, Tenn.
 - Met Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain at Windsor Castle for the launch of the Royal Archives Project to digitize and catalog more than 250,000 pages of personal documents of King George III. The results of this project will likely transform our understanding of the Georgian period, especially events during the American Revolutionary War. Also attended a meeting with representatives of King's College London, who will assist in conducting the Royal Archives Project.
 - Flew all night from Los Angeles to attend Patriots Day in Massachusetts. What an honor to be where the

"No one can do this job alone, and I certainly had an abundance of helping hands—I appreciate each of you."

- "shot heard round the world" was fired.
- Visited the Pacific District in Washington State. What a beautiful state!
- Attended the celebration at Martin's Station, where my fifth-great-grandmother Gatliff was taken prisoner along with four of her children and marched to Detroit and then to Canada. They were held as prisoners until the end of the Revolutionary War.
- Conducted the first Executive Committee Meeting in our new headquarters boardroom on West

Main Street, and the first Trustees Meeting on the first floor of our new facility in September 2014. Our host reception for our upcoming 2015 National Congress will be held there.

Billie and I want to thank each of you for making this year possible for us. We much appreciate each and every one of you. You made this year memorable!

Lastly, may we always remember, It's a Great Day to be a Member of the

Sons of the American Revolution.

Patriotically yours,



Lindsey Cook Brock
President General

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It is finally time to complete the registration process and get the bags ready to go the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville, because Congress is just around the corner, June 26-July 1. The Kentucky Society has been planning for five years and is ready to host the 125th Congress. So fill out the registration form, make the travel plans and enjoy the fruits of their labor as we conduct the business of our National Society.

The festivities begin with a short trip to Churchill Downs to enjoy the races and visit the Derby Museum Friday evening, June 26. We will watch the races, enjoy some food at the Derby Museum and dedicate one of the races to the SAR. President General Lindsey Brock, Secretary General Tom Lawrence and their spouses and four other lucky SAR members will be in the winner's circle at the conclusion of our special race.

Saturday morning begins by traveling back in time to visit George Rogers Clark's home and Falls of the Ohio River. After that we will move to Locust Grove, where George Rogers Clark spent his final years after doing so much for this nation in its early years. It will be an enjoyable day to find out more about this amazing man and pioneer of our country. Members of the area will be in period dress and re-enactors will be on site.

Saturday concludes with the host society reception

at the National Headquarters and concurrently at the Kentucky Science Center, a half-block away. We will see *The Kentucky Show*, which details the history of Louisville and Kentucky. Members will learn some new things about Kentucky and Louisville while enjoying appetizers and meeting friends from previous Congresses.

Sunday, June 28, will begin with the Rumbaugh Orations eliminations in the morning. This will be followed by the President General's review of the

Color Guard around 12:30. Once the review is concluded, the members of the color guard and those in Colonial attire will process to the Cathedral of the Assumption for the Memorial Service. Wives are invited to dress in Colonial attire and participate in the procession from the Galt House Hotel to the Cathedral. Following the Memorial Service, the women will stay at the church for the First Lady's Tea. The evening will culminate with the finals for the Rumbaugh Orations.

Monday, June 29, begins with several breakfasts followed by the Opening Ceremony. The Youth Awards Luncheon will be at noon, and the business session continues in the afternoon. The Awards presentations and the induction of this year's class of Minutemen will be on the evening's agenda.

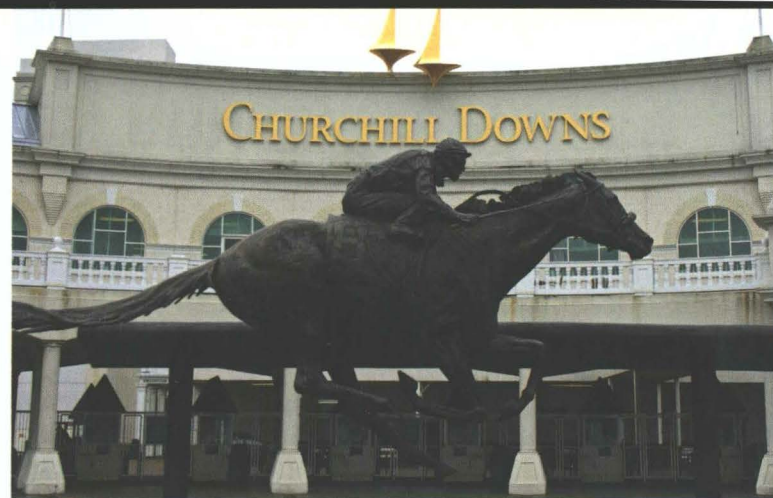
Tuesday dawns with many of us in district breakfasts before moving back into session to continue with our business and elections. The annual George Washington Fellows Luncheon takes place on this day, while the ladies are off to the Audubon Country Club for their luncheon with First Lady Billie Brock. Late afternoon finds the delegates lining up to cast their ballots in the elections that have multiple candidates. The night ends with the President General's Banquet.

Wednesday opens with the final session of Congress and the swearing in of Trustees and VPGs. Then it is off to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington for an afternoon of enjoying the Kentucky countryside and learning more about the fascinating history of horse racing. We may even see some of the past Kentucky Derby champions while at the farm-like park. After the

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Top, Congress festivities begin with a visit to world-famous Churchill Downs; middle, attendees will lodge at the Galt House Hotel; above, the host society's reception takes place at the SAR National Headquarters.

tour comes the final event of Congress, the Installation Banquet and George Washington Signet Ring Ceremony. This is one impressive moment, when the new PG begins his tenure by wearing the ring.

There does not seem to be free time in the schedule, yet, at every Congress, people find time to renew acquaintances, form new friendships and solidify the ties that bind all of us within this organization. I believe that when all is said and done, this is the real reason so many of us come to the Congress—because of the personal relationships with the members that we develop over the years.

So get ready to visit our National Headquarters and enjoy the city and state that plays host to our society's 125th Congress. Hope to see you there. For more information on specifics visit the Congress Web page at congress.sar.org.

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(8) Sun	Color Guard Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.00	\$ 0.00
(9) Sun	Ladies Tea (indicate attendance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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OUTREACH EDUCATION AND THE SAR MUSEUM

Questions and Answers

BY SAMUEL C. POWELL, PRESIDENT, SAR FOUNDATION

The 2015 Spring Leadership Meeting included a question-and-answer session held in our newly renovated national headquarters building in Louisville. The purpose of this session was to provide SAR members and Trustees an update on the concepts of outreach education, plans for the proposed SAR museum and fundraising for it. A panel composed of the project director and related committee members, the SAR Foundation president, the project architect and contractor, and museum-planning firm Solid Light, Inc., offered comments and took questions.

Many questions have surfaced over the past few months as SAR transitions our fundraising efforts from completion of the building itself to the build-out of the interior spaces. You might say, first we built the schoolhouse, and now it is time to construct the classrooms and add finished program components. Occupancy of the building allows us to finish the interior as our financial resources allow.

Two primary questions requiring answers were whether outreach education is a good fit for the NSSAR and how to fund this proposed outreach-education center, commonly called The Center for Advancing America's Heritage, or The Center. Many were concerned about a potential increase in dues and how long it would take to finish the Center. Concern was also expressed about how an outreach education program in Louisville would benefit

our members who do not live in or visit Louisville.

I will give you a brief summary of some of the salient points from the panel discussion and question-and-answer session.

Where are we with our SAR National Headquarters project?

In 1979, we moved from our prior location in Washington, D.C., to Louisville, Kentucky. After almost 30 years of continued growth in Louisville, we found ourselves in need of additional space for our library and headquarters staff. On March 27, 2008, a vacant warehouse complex on "museum row" of downtown Louisville was purchased for \$1.45 million. The warehouse complex offered approximately 42,000 square feet of prime real estate compared with the prior facility's 18,000 square feet. This more than doubled the available space. In the process, we upgraded to the new location of 803-809 West Main St., one of the premier locations in Louisville.

With the help of a \$1 million gift from the William C. Drinkard Charitable Foundation and another \$1.5 million raised through our members, we renovated and opened our new SAR Genealogical Research Library with approximately 50,000 volumes of books, periodicals and journals and microfilm and microfiche. This includes 5,000 family genealogies, 8,000 books on the American Revolution and special collections, including materials related to George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette and George Rogers Clark. The genealogical library was officially dedicated Sept. 25, 2010, completing Phase I.

Fundraising continued and the approximate \$3.5 million Phase II contract for renovation of the second part of the complex was approved by the Trustees in July 2012. The Phase II project provided for a new roof, structural

footings for columns, reconstruction of the rear wall of the building, a new concrete floor in the basement, leveling of the floors, installation of new electrical systems, new plumbing and the minimum build-out of office space to obtain an occupancy permit. Construction took most of 2013 and the first half of 2014. Staff moved into our new facility in the summer of 2014. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening for our new headquarters building was held on Sept. 26, 2014. SAR Foundation donations and approximately \$900,000 on a revolving line of credit were used to fund the renovation expense.

Our former headquarters building at 1000 South Fourth St. was sold to Simmons College shortly after our move and the proceeds from that sale and proceeds from the sale of our Fifth Street lot were combined to create the Fifth Street Endowment, which as of Dec. 31, 2014 had a value of \$2,032,170.

When the renovation project was initiated in 2012, it was not envisioned that we would complete the move as quickly as we did. The sale of the Fourth Street building accelerated our move date. As a result of the earlier than anticipated move and the need for additional funds, the interior of the building was not completely finished at the time of the move. Additional work has been completed to make the headquarters building more habitable for our staff with the build-out of the second-floor bathrooms. We are now fully in the new location, although a significant amount of work remains to complete the offices and proposed outreach education center.

Payment of the line of credit is a top priority and will be accomplished as additional funds are raised. In the meantime, we are enjoying the spread between our borrowing power at less than 2 percent interest rate and investment income at close to 6 percent on our Alexander Hamilton and Fifth Street Endowment funds. There are also considerable savings from the early sale of the Fourth Street building in not having to maintain a second building. Additional fundraising will be the source of funds to repay our revolving line of credit.

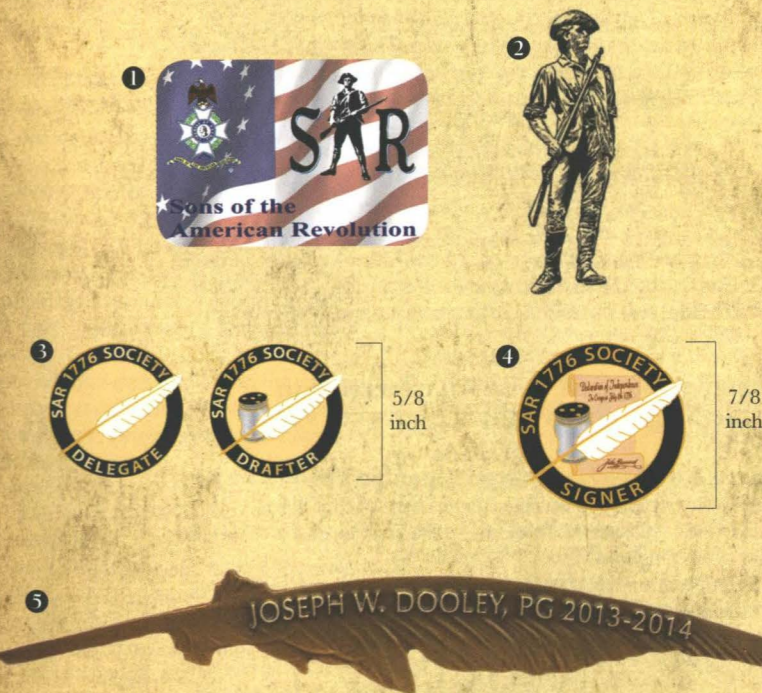
When will the SAR start outreach education?

Outreach education started in the former Fourth Street headquarters 10 to 12 years ago. The SAR Education Center Director Colleen Wilson and her staff have worked with approximately 3,000 students per year and the hope is that the number can be increased to more than 10,000 students per year in the new building. We have an abundance of space in the new building and Mrs. Wilson has set up a temporary classroom on the main floor to continue the outreach education program. Eventually, the education program is to be housed in the lower level of the new headquarters building. We envision having workspace, a meeting room, and facilities to include electronic distribution of programs and services revolving around our outreach education mission. With the proposed interactive exhibits being planned by Solid Light, Inc., the number of local students served could increase to more than 20,000 per year. Our program is currently designed for elementary and middle school children and has been well-received, with many classes returning year after year.

The value of freedom is priceless. Keeping it alive is not.

The current climate of historical illiteracy in America is disheartening, but not hopeless! You can help keep patriotism alive through the Sons of the American Revolution's Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Your tax-deductible donation may be made payable to The SAR Foundation, Inc. and mailed to 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202, or you can donate online using your debit or credit card at www.sarfoundation.org/donate.htm

Suggested levels of giving for donations to the SAR 1776 Campaign:



1. Car/Refrigerator Magnet \$25
2. Sons of Liberty Lapel Pin Silver \$148, Gold \$296
3. Quill Lapel Pins Delegate \$592, Drafter \$1,184
4. Quill Lapel Pins Signer \$1,776
5. Wall Mounted Quills Bronze \$5,328, Silver \$8,880, Gold \$17,760
Plexiglas-mounted cast metal quills with donor's name will be placed on a special display in the exhibit hall.

Please also consider a gift through your estate planning process for a bequest to The SAR Foundation, Inc. and membership in the SAR Founders Circle.

- ★ ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE
- ★ HONORING PATRIOT ANCESTORS
- ★ BUILDING A STRONGER SAR

For questions and further information, please call (502) 315-1777, email ldunn@sar.org, or write SAR National Headquarters, Attn: The SAR Foundation, Inc., 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

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During 2011, 2012 and 2013, we took our education program on the road to the campus of The University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky. In each of the three years, we had attendance of about 1,000 students, primarily in the fifth and eighth grades. This program was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the Steele Reece Foundation. In-kind support from the University of Louisville made possible a training seminar for teachers.

The SAR Conference on the American Revolution, another major outreach education effort, has been held annually for five years. This program has been offered under the direction of former President General Joe Dooley (2013-2014), and has been funded through donations at no cost to the NSSAR. It has been well-received and well-attended and is a tribute to the National Society. Plans are to continue this program into the future.

Outreach education is a continuing program, not a new venture for the NSSAR.

Why should I support outreach education in Louisville if I do not live there or plan to visit Louisville?

The future of our country is not secure. The price of freedom is not free. History education outreach is an important goal of the SAR to be conducted at the local, state and national levels. Your support is critical to the success of our programs.

The SAR Center will be a beta test site for the development and testing of curricula, lesson plans and classroom resources for teachers and members. It will develop resources for SAR members to use in their local educational endeavors. The Center will be a portal for creation of resource materials that can be accessed by members and the public. It will provide resources that otherwise are nonexistent for social studies, civics and history educators. The national website will become a go-to place for our members to access lesson plans to be used in schools, enabling our members to walk into a classroom with pertinent, relevant lessons and curriculum designed around teacher needs. An Education Advisory Committee will be asked to assist with making our presentations age appropriate, easy to use, and suitable to core curriculum standards and best practices. Thus, outreach education at the national level will benefit all SAR members whether in Louisville or across the United States. (1)

The SAR Center for Outreach Education will be multifaceted, offering opportunities that we have not enjoyed in the past. The Center will be a host site for scholarship in historical education and webinars for teachers and SAR members. Broadcasts of these activities could be used in schools and in local SAR meetings. (1)

The museum gallery exhibits will become an integral part of the day-to-day educational program. The gallery will be used for instruction and activities. The exhibit area is where students will experience hands-on activities, demonstrations and interpretations by staff and volunteers/docents. Here, staff will take notes, discuss progress with teachers, and pre- and post-test students to assess efficacy of lessons. Most education outreach organizations beta test materials before they are used in the

classroom or general public. We will have a facility with built-in participants and students daily as our beta testers. We have an opportunity to be the civics, social studies and American history resource for the country, because a site does not exist that specifically supports American history of the period 1763-1801. (1)

Many national organizations have an established identity or brand awareness. The Center will aid us in developing that brand awareness and build a brand that inspires patriotism and pride in America. Branding is having a vision for the future; it builds loyal customers, advocates, even evangelists of those who buy or participate.

This Center is the next step in our outreach education evolution. (1)

1. Concepts and language based on comments offered by Bill Stone, chairman of the Solid Light Ad-Hoc Committee.

Is outreach education "mission creep" for the NSSAR or is it part of our mission?

Purposes 1, 3, 8, 9, 10 from the stated purpose of the National Society speak to a mission of the NSSAR that goes beyond the role of what might be termed a traditional lineage society:

§ 153302. Purposes: NSSAR Handbook, Volume 1, p.1

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed-

- (1) to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- (3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- (8) to foster true patriotism;
- (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- (10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

The purposes listed are best addressed by having a strong education outreach effort at the local, state and national levels. To appreciate our governmental system, our founding fathers, and the importance of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, our citizens need to have knowledge about each of these. Unfortunately, today, that is sadly lacking in many sectors of our society.

From the NSSAR Handbook, Volume 5, p.11 - "The growth of the SAR has been steady and since inception the public spirited members have given generously of their time, labor, and means in promoting the objectives. The SAR is a story of work in progress. Let us continue this enthusiasm into the 22nd Century for the benefit of America's future generations."

But how is the proposed museum part of our mission?

The proposed museum is a museum of ideas, not a "typical" museum displaying artifacts, guns, swords and other tools and items of war. These can be found in the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia when it is finished. Our museum will challenge the visitor/patron to think about the sacrifices our Patriot ancestors made to win our independence and freedom. It will offer interactive electronic displays and video to create interest in the struggle for independence and in the people who made it possible. Importantly, it will teach what it means to be a citizen and the responsibilities we have to our country so that we can maintain our hard-won freedoms. The museum will project stories of patriot ancestors, generating interest in their own family histories and, thus, interest in

genealogy. New members will be attracted. The goal of the museum experience is to educate, excite and interest the public in our mission.

We owe it to our Patriot ancestors to honor their sacrifices by doing what we can to perpetuate their memory and protect our hard-fought freedoms. For our generation and future generations to value their freedoms, they will first have to have knowledge of the struggle for independence and of the democratic republic system of government that our Patriots provided.

What will it cost to build out the museum?

Solid Light has informed us that a museum of the type we will build costs about \$600/sq. ft. We have proposed an 8,000 sq. ft. museum. Therefore, we must raise about \$5 million to fund its construction. The proposed amount of \$6 million includes the museum construction, the \$549,000 interpretive planning contract that is in process, the \$50,000 Vision Plan already provided, and an additional \$400,000 for contingencies.

In addition to construction of the museum, there will be additional structural improvements to the building that will house the museum. At the least, we must upgrade the electrical service panel at a cost of \$80,000 and we must provide lighting, flooring and ceiling improvements, etc. This cost could reach another \$2 million. The total estimate is approximately \$8 million to open the museum.

Will we use NSSAR resources or member dues to fund building and museum construction?

Fundraising by the SAR Foundation has paid all building construction expenses to date and will also work to provide the funds required to build the museum. The only exception is that the Foundation received a one-time gift of \$200,000 from the reserve funds of the National Society in 2010 to finish the library construction. That appropriation was approved by vote of the Trustees.

We have a history of not using NSSAR dues for Phase I and II construction and that practice should be continued. No increase in dues should be required for the building and/or museum construction.

Will dues be raised to pay for outreach education operations?

We do not plan to use membership dues to pay for outreach education staffing or refurbishment of the exhibits.

The current program for outreach education had a budgeted cost of \$96,000 for 2014. Offsetting that expense is income to the Society from assets held in the Foundation. During 2014, the budgeted income on investments to the NSSAR was \$90,000. While this income has not been directly linked to outreach education, and may be more properly designated for facility support, it is a source of funds that could be considered to cover the cost of outreach education. There is no plan to raise dues for operations of outreach education. Outreach education is not a significant net cost to the society now and should not be in the future.

SAR outreach education will be provided by NSSAR staff and volunteers. Over time, the staffing levels may increase in number and credentials, but the program must run in the black from the start. A business plan is currently being prepared by graduate students at the University of Louisville School of Business to assist us in identifying projected costs and income sources.

How will we pay for future operational costs of the proposed SAR Museum and Outreach Education Center?

The identified sources of income for the proposed outreach education program are 1) admissions to the proposed SAR museum, which could be \$360,000 or more per year if we have 60,000 patrons/year paying an average of \$6 each; 2) rental income from outside sources for the public spaces in the new facility, which are estimated to be an important source of revenue; 3) investment income from endowment assets; and 4) corporate and foundation grants and other major donations.

Education outreach needs to be self-supporting through its own income and donations given for the purpose of education. The building has been renovated without a dues increase and that precedent should be continued for operations of the museum.

What is the likely attendance we can expect for our proposed museum?

We have invested a lot of money for location. As you know, everything in real estate revolves around location, location, location. We can estimate the number of potential patrons from published numbers. The following admission numbers were published in the Business First of Louisville March 1, 2014, for other West Main Street museums.

- 501 W. Main, Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, 362,422 patrons at varying prices
- 800 W. Main, Louisville Slugger Museum/Factory, 289,138 patrons at \$6-\$11
- 727 W. Main, Kentucky Science Center, 209,930 patrons at \$11-\$13
- 316 W. Main, Actors Theatre of Louisville, 162,563 patrons at \$15-\$24
- 829 W. Main, Frazier History Museum, 81,861 patrons at \$6-\$10.50
- 715 W. Main, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, 55,000 patrons at \$2-\$8

In 2013, Louisville had a population of 756,832 and its Metropolitan Statistical Area population was 1.26 million, ranking it 43rd in the top 50 cities in size in the U.S. Tourism numbers at Fourth Street Live in 2013 were 4.6 million. There are approximately 2.8 million annual visitors to the three blocks of Louisville's Museum Row, of which 67 percent are visitors/tourists to Louisville.

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Experience: State Recording Secretary & Chapter Secretary for Two Terms; 34 year career with the State of Georgia, Risk Mgt. Department; served as Treasurer for (RIMS) Risk Insurance & Management Society.

State Service (GASSAR): President, 2010-2011, Sr. Vice President, Registrar, Recording Secretary; Congress Planning Committee, 2009; Vice-Chair Chairman of Patriot Medal Committee; Patriot Medal Committee; Chairman of Membership Committee

Chapter Service (GASSAR): Chapter President (Two terms), Vice President, Secretary (Two terms), Charter Member-Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, GA

SAR Medals & Certificates: Minuteman Class 2013; Patriot Medal; State Medal of Distinguished Service; Meritorious Service Medal-National (2), District, State & Chapter Level; Silver Roger Sherman Medal; Silver Good Citizenship Medal; Silver C.A.R. Medal; Bronze C.A.R. Medal; Liberty Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Good Citizenship Medal; Service to Veterans Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster; Gold, Silver & Bronze Color Guard Medals; Von Steuben Color Guard Medal; Silver & Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Medals; Silver Council of State Presidents Medal; Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service; Lafayette Volunteer Medal

Dual SAR memberships: Col. Fielding Lewis & George Washington Chapters (VA), Old North State Chapter (NC), West Virginia Society, Delaware Society, Kansas Society, Norman Chapter (OK), Ohio Society, Plano Chapter (TX), Mother Lode & Orange Co. Chapters (CA)

Personal: Married to Cilla Leed; three children; son is a member of the SAR



The number of patrons we will attract will ultimately depend on the quality of our museum and the interest we can create, but we can expect the location to help bring several thousand visitors each year. With admission prices in the range of \$6 to \$10, we could generate several hundred thousand dollars a year to support our outreach education and museum expenses. This potential income is an important income source for funding our outreach education programs.

Would it not be better to use funds received by the SAR Foundation to support other NSSAR programs instead of museum construction?

There will always be needs, but the National Society runs in the black most years and has adequate funds to operate and support its programs. Even so, the SAR Foundation raises money for NSSAR programs in addition to construction needs as the opportunity presents itself. There are some donors who are willing to give to construction, an increasing number of donors are willing to fund education outreach, and others who will give to Boy Scout programs, ROTC, orations, essay contests, etc. We present all of these opportunities to our prospective donors. Having a major project like the Center has attracted attention of donors who would not otherwise support SAR. These donations do not necessarily occur at the expense of fundraising for other needs.

In fact, the building project may enhance fundraising opportunities for NSSAR programs and be beneficial to both at the same time. In 2013, the James Hesse Estate gave \$25,000 for the George Washington Endowment Fund in addition to \$100,000 for the Center project. We received \$178,831.60 for the SAR Library Fund in May 30, 2014 from the Robert Millett Estate. We received \$50,000 for the Eagle Scout Fund November 2014 from the Joseph Ramsey Estate. Without the building project, interest in fundraising would be far less.

We have found that donors are specific in what they will support. The use of donated funds is dictated by the donor. For example, a corporate gift may be designated for a construction-naming opportunity while a prominent Foundation may donate only for education, not building construction. Other donors may be willing to support the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, not construction. When we see an opportunity to raise funds for outreach education, we seek those funds at the same time we are raising money for the museum and building construction. We can raise funds for multiple needs at the same time.

Fundraising for the Center does not exclude fundraising for other programs and the Center project helps position SAR with more donors. It is therefore beneficial for program fundraising for us to also be raising funds for the Center.

How much have we paid so far on the Solid Light contract and how much do we still owe?

So far, we have paid \$500,000 of the \$549,000 Solid Light contract. The remaining \$49,000 is due to be paid upon completion of the contract, which will probably occur in October to November 2015 when we receive the exhibit content outline. There are no other monies that will need to be paid under the contract terms. No additional monies have been committed to be paid for the museum exhibit project at this time.

Solid Light is a prominent national firm in its field. Its principals have made several presentations to Trustees and have met in smaller meetings with SAR members numerous times. Solid Light's professional expertise has been a vital part of planning and their work has been approved each step along the way. The brochures they have provided have been descriptive, colorful and useful. Their work has been most transparent and open and readily available, and their ideas have come from input from our committees and have been readily adjusted with our suggestions along the way. We anticipate the final product will be exciting and attractive to the patrons we hope to attract.

When will we be ready to construct the museum?

We will not be able to start construction of the museum until we have the \$5 million in hand, or have a known source for the monies. It may take several months or years before we are ready to construct the museum. There may be an opportunity to build out the museum in phases, but that possibility has not been

explored. We hope to accelerate fundraising now that the need is primarily for education outreach.

How is the Foundation doing in fundraising?

Since 2000, we have raised \$11,134,806 in donations and investment income. Both small and large donations are important and donations have been received from SAR members and friends of the SAR as well as from foundations, corporations, the City of Louisville, the Ladies Auxiliary and Kentucky historic preservation tax credits.

How can we expect to raise the \$5 million needed to build the museum plus another \$2 million to finish the interior of the building to house the museum?

We desire to attract a major donation of \$1 million to \$2 million as a challenge gift to move the museum concept forward. We are also in the process of raising money through naming rights of individual exhibits in the museum.

The SAR Foundation has announced a new capital campaign with a goal of \$8 million. The new campaign is the "SAR 1776 Society" campaign and is based on raising money from membership giving as well as attracting grants from businesses and foundations. The SAR 1776 Society capital campaign will offer recognitions based on donations of \$1,776 or fractions or multiples thereof.

What is the proposal for a \$30 million dollar endowment about?

The NSSAR Strategic Planning Committee has proposed a long range, 20-30 year goal to raise a \$30 million endowment to support programs of the NSSAR. This would be a permanent endowment where the principal would not be spent and investment income from the fund could be used to provide added support for NSSAR programs and outreach education.

The source of this money would come from donations and bequests. This is the way major universities raise billion-dollar foundations and we should also encourage our members and friends to support us in this manner. We would invest the funds in the SAR Foundation and use investment income to support our SAR programs and grow the fund. We already have nearly \$5 million as a start in the combined Alexander Hamilton and Fifth Street Endowment funds.

Preserving Patriotism through education

Please consider making your personal gift to the NSSAR through the SAR Foundation.

Un Hui Yi

Korean Traditional Dancer



Un Hui Yi, the wife of Compatriot Jim Fosdyck, CASSAR, performed at the Spring Leadership Meeting in March. She began her education in the art of traditional Korean dance in 2007. She studied under the direction of master traditional Korean dance instructor Joo Myung Sook.

Un Hui's dancing has been featured in several Korean publications. She has performed as a solo dancer and a member of several Korean dance troupes. She has performed in parades, aboard cruise ships, for women's organizations, veterans' organizations, senior citizen and church groups, at elementary through high school programs and private parties. Un Hui also has performed for several chapters of the California Society, the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary and most recently for the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary in Louisville.

Korean traditional dance has a rich history of culture and storytelling that continues today in many parts of Korea. From ancient folk dancing to modern dance styles, the Korean people have long celebrated dance as part of their cultural heritage.

The earliest use of dance in Korea began about 5,000 years ago with shamanistic rituals. Shamanism incorporates the beliefs and practices of the indigenous people in Korea, and both religious views and dance styles were unique to each village in these early years.

Usually, each region would have its own local gods, and the shamans worked as part of funeral services to guide spirits into heaven. The dances were choreographed with the goal of entertaining a god or goddess.

In later Korean kingdoms, Korean dance was extensively supported and highly regarded by the royal court and educational establishments. Many dances became popular more than 1,000 years ago. Un Hui performed two of these dances for the Ladies Auxiliary in Louisville:

~ Hwa kwan mu or Royal Crown Dance
~ Bu chae or Fan Dance

Many of the royal court dances, such as the fan dance, have roots in the original shaman dances. Props are often used to accentuate the beauty and drama of Korean dance, and everything from hats to swords may be seen on stage. In Louisville, Un Hui performed the *awe woo dong* or Spring Dance using a hat as the focal point.

The majority of Korean dances that are considered traditional include some sort of storyline representing the Korean life. For example, in the Ghost Dance, the dancer reunites with a dead spouse, and then experiences grief and loss through the second goodbye. In contrast, the Great Drum Dance features a larger-than-life drum that is often bigger than the dancer. The drum represents temptation of a pure religious figure, such as a Korean monk, who eventually gives in to the desire of the drumbeat.

Storytelling dances that endure today include the *jang go chum* or Drum Dance. Un Hui performed this double-sided drum dance for the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Un Hui danced with a *jang go*, an hour-glass shaped drum slung over her shoulder and tied to her body as she played rhythms on the drum.

Although many new dance forms thrive in Korea, the traditional dances are still remembered and celebrated by many, and are an important part of South Korean culture and history. An example of the new freestyle dance is a dance expressing the joy and happy lifestyle of the Korean people. Un Hui performed this *Chang bu ta ryung* or joy and Happy Life Dance for the Ladies Auxiliary. For this dance, Un Hui wore a white dress while using a small *Sam taek guk* design fan as a prop.

Korean dancers today study traditional dance at local studios, as well as learning from their older relatives and friends. Since many dances are passed down, schoolchildren often learn them in preparation for holidays and festivals.



LARRY T. GUZY
Registrar General Candidate for
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2015-2016

Professional

- Retired 2013 after 28 years as CEO and CFO of corporation I founded in 1985.

National

- Life member since 1998, member since 1995
- Minuteman Class of 2006
- Congress Planning Chairman, 2006-2009
- Task force co-chair, Center for Advancing America's Heritage Development 2008
- Vice President General, South Atlantic District, 2003-2004
- Chairman, Council of Vice Presidents General, 2003-2004
- Membership Committee Chair or Co-Chair, 2002-2006
- Secretary/Treasurer Council of State Presidents, 2005-2007
- First line signer of over 145 members
- Holder of 6 National Gold Medals

Georgia Society

- President GASSAR, 2000-2001; Trustee, 2001-2002
- Many GA Committees including 2015 Nominating
- Captain John Collins Chapter—84 charter members. Founding President, later Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Membership, Editor *Collins Dispatch*, since 2001
- President, Piedmont Chapter, 1998-1999
- 2009 Georgia Congress Planning Chair since 2001

Personal

- Lt. U.S. Navy Reserves, 1970-1973, Active Duty
- BS Math, Marquette University
- Eagle Scout 1961, OA 1962, Brotherhood 1963
- Married to Karin E. Guzy since 1969

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Library Showcases

Lunar Bible



SAR Foundation President Sam Powell, above left, and President General Lindsey C. Brock open the Lunar Bible Exhibit at the SAR Genealogical Research Library.

By AL NEWBERRY, DAVID FROHMAN AND BEIRNE MILES

Coinciding with the opening of this year's Spring Leadership meeting in March, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was delighted to accept for exhibit the Lunar Bible and welcomed Compatriot Al Newberry, a member of the Jordan Milam Chapter in Harrison, Ark. This extremely rare, complete Lunar Bible is one of only 12 flight-certified Lunar Bibles to make landfall on the lunar surface and contains all 1,245 pages of the King James Bible, printed on a single 1½ inch-square Microform within a unique, handmade gold and bejeweled reliquary. This piece is on a one-year loan courtesy of Compatriot Newberry, along with several related items from the SAR's collection in the SAR Genealogical Research Library's Mary & James S. Craik Special Collections Room in Louisville, Ky.

The Lunar Bible exhibit illustrates several important themes evident throughout American history: namely, the idea of Americans as pioneers, the country's inexhaustible national spirit of exploration, and our continual search beyond the horizon for new enterprises. Both the American Revolutionary era and the 1960s tell of a united effort as a nation to overcome obstacles and advance its position in the world. This exhibit draws connections among the early American citizens and patriots striving to create, explore and establish benchmarks for advancement; the contemporary American efforts, through some of the patriots' own descendants, that continue this apolitical, common human value toward self-motivated improvement; and an understanding of the world in which we live and our place in the universe.

Selections from the SAR's museum collection depict American exploration, talent and ingenuity, and its underlying faith to provide an overarching context for the Lunar Bible. The selected pieces seek to draw connections between the Lunar Bible of the 20th century and the frequent presence of the Bible in Colonial American history, its use in Presidential inauguration ceremonies, its influence around our nation's founding documents, and the use of family Bibles as key genealogical resources.

The Apollo program consisted of 17 missions designed by

the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to land humans on the moon and was America's third human spaceflight program (after the Mercury and Gemini projects), spanning from 1961 until 1975.¹ It was conceived during Compatriot and President Dwight D. Eisenhower's term in office, though it received the majority of its initiative after President John F. Kennedy's address to Congress in 1961. Kennedy stated that he envisioned a national goal of "landing a man on the moon" by the end of that decade in a competition with the Soviet Union in the ongoing "space race."²

Apollo's teams had to overcome large setbacks from the beginning. The death of three astronauts in 1967 during *Apollo 1*'s launch pad fire was devastating, though this catastrophe in fact spurred the Lunar Bible's creation through the Apollo Prayer League.³ The vision and dedication of the NASA administration and the American public to

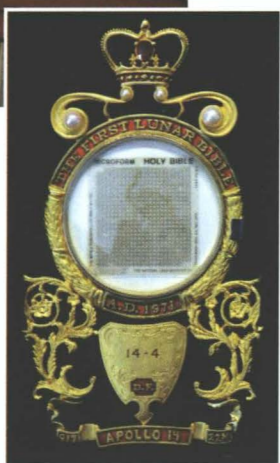
carry on during tragedy helped solidify the nation's drive to explore space. Although the Lunar Bible achieved lunar orbit while aboard *Apollo 13*, it was not until the *Apollo 14* mission that the Bible, carried by Edgar D. Mitchell, ultimately landed on the surface of the moon. NASA's size and weight constraints for the mission dictated the Lunar Bible's compact design. With its launch on Jan. 31, 1971, *Apollo 14*'s primary objectives were to explore and record the Fra Mauro region on the moon, conduct lunar geological surveys, deploy scientific instruments on the surface, and photograph high-resolution images of future lunar landing sites and deep-space phenomena. This mission was led by three crew members: Alan B. Shepard Jr. as commander, Edgar D. Mitchell as lunar module pilot, and Stuart A. Roosa as

command module pilot. The crew landed on the moon on Feb. 5, 1971 (for the third time in NASA history), carried out its lunar study, and splashed down in the Pacific Ocean 216 hours and 2 minutes after its launch.⁴ The Apollo program set lasting milestones in human spaceflight, sparking technological advances in the areas of rocketry, manned spaceflight, avionics, telecommunications and computers.

As an integral part of the authentication and preservation of the remaining Lunar Bibles, David Frohman, president of Peachstate Historical Consulting in Atlanta, became the first of his generation to discover the Lunar Bible project in 1999. Frohman then went on to carefully research, document and ultimately certify those 12 complete copies of the Lunar Bible (sometimes referred to as the "Twelve Apostles") known to be unquestionably authentic in partnership with astronaut Mitchell and James W. Stout of the former Apollo Prayer League Governing Committee.

In 2011, Frohman completed his definitive reference work on the Lunar Bible project, entitled "The Story of the First Lunar Bible," which may be read online at www.lunarbible.com. Frohman was also responsible for designing and handcrafting the 22-karat, solid gold reliquary housing within which the Lunar Bible rests, and the handmade full-calf binding that surrounds the gold-encased Bible and certification certificates.

The Lunar Bible is a tangible remnant of the American space race and a reminder of the efforts of those involved to thrive on challenges and push the envelope of our worldviews. The Lunar Bible is of profound significance not only to the space artifact-collection community as a twice-flown and once-landed lunar artifact, but also to the rare book community, the worldwide religious community, the



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Masonic community and aerospace enthusiasts. The exhibit tells its story using artifacts and pieces that portray this common thread of American character. Important NASA astronauts are profiled, including Compatriot Shepard, who has a direct connection with the SAR and have been recognized for their patriotic achievements by this and other organizations. One of the important pieces supplementing the Lunar Bible's showcase is an autographed photo of Shepard, personally expressing his appreciation of the SAR's mission. Compatriot Newberry recognized the importance and value of this photograph as a key primary source when he visited the Craik Room.

The SAR Genealogical Research Library collection contains more than 55,000 items, including family histories; local, county and state records; and online genealogical databases. The Craik Room also houses the miniature of Dr. James Craik by Charles Willson Peale, the George Washington book collection, and several artifacts of importance surrounding General Washington's life and early U.S. history. This special exhibit provides yet another incentive to visit and utilize this space for any guest's historical and educational studies.

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Nominating Committee Report

During the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, the Nominating Committee—composed of past Presidents General, state presidents and appointed compatriots—announced a slate of officers for the upcoming Congress in Louisville.

The committee interviewed the announced candidates and made the following endorsements:

President General, Thomas E. Lawrence of Texas; Secretary General, J. Michael Tomme of Georgia; Treasurer General, Larry T. Guzy of Georgia; Chancellor General, Davis L. Wright of Delaware; Genealogist General, John D. Sinks of the District of Columbia; Registrar General, Russell F. DeVenney Jr. of Missouri; Historian General, John T. Manning of New Hampshire; Librarian General, C. Bruce Pickette of Alabama; Surgeon General, Larry M. Leslie, M.D., of Kentucky; and Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor of Texas.

Nominated to serve on the SAR Foundation Board are President General Lindsey C. Brock of Florida and Michael J. Elston of Virginia.

There are multiple candidates for a couple of positions and nominations may be made from the floor.



Staff Registrar Toon

After four years in the merchandise department of the SAR Headquarters, Jonathan Toon is now staff registrar.

A native of Louisville, Toon holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and Asbury Theological Seminary. "I am an avid supporter of all things Louisville," he said. "I am a big fan of the local music scene, the Louisville Bats—our Triple-A baseball team—and the Louisville City FC, our new semi-professional soccer team."

When not following those pursuits, Toon said he is working with his parents to collect the information needed to join the SAR.

Compatriots can reach Toon at jtoon@sar.org or by calling (502) 588-6142.

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Endorsements

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Personal

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PG Lindsey Brock Meets Queen Elizabeth II

By MICHAEL J. ELSTON

On Wednesday, April 1, President General Lindsey C. Brock attended a small reception with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle. The purpose of the reception was to launch a project to digitize the personal papers of King George III — papers that have received little or no attention from scholars due to their inaccessibility to researchers. The project is a collaboration between King's College London and the Royal Archives. It is hoped that the work will have an impact on the understanding of Georgian and 18th century culture and politics, including the American Revolution — one of the most important events of King George III's long reign.

Buckingham Palace invited President General Brock to attend the reception

at the request of King's College London. DAR President General Lynn Young also attended. King's College London (KCL) has proposed partnerships with the SAR and DAR in connection with what Professor Adam Sutcliffe, head of history at KCL, described as "an exciting programme of research, scholarly debate and public events in connection with the digitisation and interpretation of this vast and rich royal archive." The plans for the five-year program are well

advanced, and will include exhibitions in the U.S., the United Kingdom and Europe.

On March 31, in advance of the reception at Windsor Castle, representatives of KCL provided President General Brock with an overview of the project. The tour of the campus and facilities by the college was exceptional, detailing the extensive library at the college and its leading research in the United Kingdom. Professor Edward Byrne, President and Dean of KCL and his staff are to be commended for their gracious hospitality during the visit, which also included SAR member, Lindsey C. Brock III, who accompanied the President General, his father, to the visit with KCL.

The College of William and Mary and its Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture have already agreed to participate in the program. The SAR is considering sponsoring five eight-week visiting professorships for American academics. KCL would arrange

for the "SAR Visiting Professors" to have regular, direct access to the George III Archive at Windsor Castle. The SAR Visiting Professors would be invited to lead an academic seminar (or series of seminars) on the interpretation of the archive in relation to their own area of expertise. While in residence, the SAR Visiting Professors could interact with the faculty and students of all relevant departments at KCL, and to guide and mentor students with interests in their relevant fields. The college would introduce the SAR Visiting Professors to relevant academic institutions and networks in the UK and in Europe, and would assist the SAR Visiting Professors in offering talks, lectures and seminars to interested groups. The SAR Visiting Professors would also be able to offer special seminars for graduate-level and Ph.D. students during their time at KCL.

Exhibitions and seminars will also be conducted in the U.S., and the SAR would play a role in those events.

Additionally, through our relationships with the SAR Visiting Professors, the SAR would promote the project through presentations to local chapters and state societies and at other events in the area of the professors' home universities.

This project presents the SAR with an opportunity to play a leading role in a major international academic project

that has the potential to impact our understanding of the 18th century and the American Revolution. KCL has shared with President General Brock several documents from the collection, which provide reason to believe that the further study of the papers will shed new light on a wide range of topics, including the American Revolution. As only 10 to 15 percent of the papers have been reviewed, it is impossible to know what other gems might be discovered. Moreover, with the patronage of Britain's Royal Family, the events associated with the five-year program will undoubtedly provide opportunities for the SAR to raise its profile and enhance its reputation as a sponsor of academic research on the American Revolution.

Michael J. Elston, vice chairman of the NSSAR Government Relations Committee, is the SAR's liaison to the project. For more information about the SAR's proposed involvement in the project, please contact him at elston.sar@gmail.com.



From left, President General Lindsey C. Brock, Queen Elizabeth II and NSDAR President General Lynn Forney Young.

MOH Recipient Charles H. Coolidge

Is Inducted into the SAR by President General Lindsey C. Brock

By TIM ADAMS

Charles H. Coolidge, a World War II veteran and recipient of the nation's highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded for heroism during World War II, is one of SAR's newest members. During a brief ceremony held in Coolidge's Chattanooga office, the 93-year-old veteran beamed as he repeated the oath of membership when he was inducted by President General Lindsey Cook Brock. John Sevier Chapter Past President Tim Adams pinned the membership rosette on Compatriot Coolidge's lapel.

Members of TNSSAR were present to welcome Coolidge as a member of John Sevier Chapter on March 27. Attending the ceremony were family members, PG and Billie Brock, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., Southern District SAR Vice President General Rick D. Hollis, Treasurer General J. Michael Tomme Sr. and Cilla Tomme, Southern District SAR Color Guard Commander James K. Stone, Color Guardsman Jim McKinney, Adams and past TNSSAR President Charles N. Dammann. This special event was organized by Dammann and Adams, with assistance from members of the Coolidge family, including his son, Lt. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge Jr. (USAF, ret.).

PG Brock also presented Coolidge with the SAR War Service Medal and WWII ribbon, which was pinned on his lapel by Hollis. Technical Sgt. Coolidge served in the U.S. Army, Company M,

141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division. He returned from the war to continue working at the Chattanooga Printing and Engraving Company, a family business owned since 1910. Compatriot Coolidge is 93 and still goes to work every day. Prior to the induction ceremony, Coolidge told the group stories of his action during his service in the European Theater, where he started in North Africa, and then went into Italy and France.

His official Medal of Honor Citation reads: "Leading a section of heavy machine guns supported by one platoon of Company K, he took a position near Hill 623, east of Belmont sur Buttant, France, on Oct. 24, 1944, with the mission of covering the right flank of the 3rd Battalion and supporting its action. T/Sgt. Coolidge went forward with a sergeant of Company K to reconnoiter positions for coordinating the fires

of the light and heavy machine guns. They ran into an enemy force in the woods estimated to be an infantry company. T/Sgt. Coolidge, attempting to bluff the Germans by a show of assurance and boldness called upon them to surrender, whereupon the enemy opened fire. With his carbine, T/Sgt. Coolidge wounded two of them. There being no officer present with the force, T/Sgt. Coolidge at once assumed command. Many of the men were replacements recently arrived; this was their first experience under fire. T/Sgt. Coolidge, unmindful of the enemy fire delivered at close range walked along the position, calming and encouraging his men and directing their fire. The attack was thrown back. Through October 25-26, the enemy launched repeated attacks against the position of this combat group but each was repulsed due to T/Sgt. Coolidge's able leadership. On Oct. 27, German infantry, supported by two tanks, made a determined attack on the position. The area was swept by enemy small arms, machine gun and tank fire. T/Sgt. Coolidge armed himself with a bazooka and advanced to within 25 yards of the tanks. His bazooka failed to function and he threw it aside. Securing all the hand grenades he could carry, he crawled forward and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. Finally it became apparent that the enemy, in greatly superior force, supported by tanks, would overrun the position. T/Sgt. Coolidge, displaying great coolness and courage, directed and conducted an orderly withdrawal, being himself the last to leave the position. As a result of T/Sgt. Coolidge's heroic and superior leadership, the mission of this combat group was accomplished throughout four days of continuous fighting against numerically superior enemy troops in rain and cold and amid dense woods."

The City of Chattanooga has recognized Coolidge's significant contributions by naming a street and park in his honor. "Like his ancestors who fought during the Revolutionary war, T/Sgt. Coolidge exemplifies the true meaning of 'fighting for our freedoms.' We are proud to call him 'Compatriot Coolidge,'" said Adams.



From left, President General Lindsey Brock, Claude Hardison, Jim McKinney, James Stone, Rick Hollis, Charles Dammann and, seated, Charles Coolidge; right, Coolidge wearing his SAR Rosette and World War II Service Medal.

Tim Adams is immediate past president of John Sevier SAR Chapter, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is retired Air Force Captain and has been a member of SAR since 1987.

THE HERMIONE VOYAGE 2015

This year, the National Park Service brings together national parks, national heritage areas, national trails, national rivers and national programs in the Northeast Region to share the Revolutionary story as the reconstructed French frigate *L'Hermione* arrives for its East Coast tour.

The voyage began in April, when *L'Hermione* set sail for America. The journey started from the mouth of the River Charente, in Port des Barques, France, where the Marquis de Lafayette boarded on March 10, 1780. The transatlantic crossing was expected to take 27 days, making landfall at Yorktown, Va.



In 1780, *L'Hermione* took Lafayette from France to Boston, where he met with Gen. George Washington and informed the general of the alliance with France. The frigate joined French Admiral de Grasse's fleet for the Battle off the Capes on the lower Chesapeake and the siege at Yorktown. It then sailed to Philadelphia in 1781, where the Continental Congress visited and paid tribute to it.

As *L'Hermione* moves up the Eastern seaboard this spring and summer, it will be accompanied by a range of pier-side activities. These include, in some ports, a traveling exhibition and a heritage village that will be open to the public. The Hermione Voyage 2015 is part of an expansive outreach program with cultural events, exhibitions and educational programs that celebrate the trip and mark its progress. A digital activation for the voyage expands the reach of the project to millions of people.

The NPS will provide funding to develop a mobile display, publications and educational materials, and to have

its staff stationed at ports where *L'Hermione* will dock. *L'Hermione's* East Coast tour will stop at the following ports:

JUNE

- 5, 6, 7-Yorktown, Va.
- 9-Mount Vernon, Va. (ship at anchor)
- 10, 11, 12-Alexandria, Va. (city dock)
- 16, 17-Annapolis, Md. (city dock)
- 19, 20, 21-Baltimore, Md. (adjacent to the USS *Constellation* and *Pride of Baltimore*)
- 25, 26, 27, 28-Philadelphia, Pa. (with Tall Ships America/Independence Seaport)

JULY

- 1, 2, 3, 4-New York, N.Y. (with educational ships from the U.S. East Coast)
- 6, 7-Greenport, N.Y. (with Tall Ships America)
- 8, 9-Newport, R.I. (with Oliver Hazard Perry - Fort Adams)
- 11, 12-Boston, Mass. (Rowe's Wharf)
- 14, 15-Castine, Maine
- 18-Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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The 2015 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution will be co-sponsored and hosted by George Washington's Mount Vernon on June 12-14. The topic is "The Marquis de Lafayette and the European Friends of the American Revolution."

The Conference is scheduled to coincide with the arrival in American waters of the reconstructed *L'Hermione*, the flagship of the Marquis de Lafayette.

In addition to American scholars, this year's conference will feature European scholars, including Professor Patrick Villiers of the Universite du Littoral, Cote d'Opale. Villiers also is a member of the Historical Research Team of the French Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

You may register for the conference at: www.mountvernon.org/library/events-programs-calendar/the-marquis-de-lafayette-and-the-european-friends-of-the-american-revolution/.

If you are coming from out of town, you may stay any place you like, but Mount Vernon has reserved a block of rooms for the SAR Annual Conference at a nearby Hampton Inn. From the website, on the right, scroll down to the box that reads "Conference Schedule" on top and "Accommodations" on the bottom.

The SAR Founders Circle

The SAR Founders Circle—a legacy society—has been established to recognize and thank those who notify the SAR Foundation, in writing, that their will or trust includes a bequest of \$10,000 or more in their estate plan. A form for recognition is available upon request. The first members—seven in total—were recognized at the SAR 1000 Breakfast on March 7, 2015. It is a good time to do some planning, and while it may not be at the top of a to-do list, creating or updating an estate plan is important.

A bequest can be made by including the following suggested words in a will or trust: "I give, devise and

bequeath to the SAR Foundation, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202 (insert dollar amount, percentage of estate, or describe property) to be used for its purposes (or specify use)."

The story of Compatriot Joe Ramsey and his wife, Betty, who in 2014 bequeathed a substantial amount to five different SAR activities, is of interest. Joe, a retired Merchant Marine officer, was president of the Pennsylvania Society in 1992 and passed away in 2000. Betty passed away in 2013. Their estate plan took care of family first and enriched 35 different charities, including NSSAR, with significant amounts. The Ramseys created a marvelous legacy.

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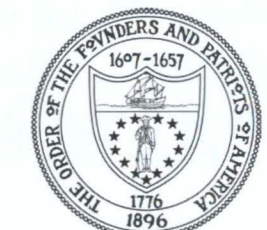
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STATE SOCIETY & CHAPTER EVENTS

News stories about state and chapter events appearing here and elsewhere in the magazine are prepared from materials submitted through a variety of means, including press releases and newsletters (which should be directed to

the Editor at the address shown on page 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

On Feb. 20-21, the Alabama Society celebrated its 125th anniversary and Annual Convention. A record 179 members and guests attended the event at the Birmingham Marriott Hotel, beginning with a Friday evening reception. The food was plentiful, and the music was provided by jazzman Chuck King and Friends.



Attending the Feb. 20-21 Annual Convention and 125th Alabama Society SAR Anniversary were, from left, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., LASSAR President Robert G. Hess, Southern District SAR Vice President General Richard D. Hollis, MSSAR President Michael P. Schenk and ALSSAR President Bobby Joe Seales.

A commendation by Gov. Robert Bentley, a current and active member of the ALSSAR, stated that the ALSSAR was chartered on Feb. 10, 1890 and has 16 chapters. ALSSAR members are a testament to those who have come before us and to those who hold the keys of our future.

The ALSSAR was presented the "Distinguished honor of reaching 125 years of service to the memory and ideals of our Founding Fathers" with a Certificate of Recognition signed by NSSAR President General Lindsey C. Brock. Other guests included Southern District Vice President General Rick D. Hollis, NSSAR Secretary General Thomas E. Lawrence and NSSAR Librarian General and former ALSSAR President Bruce Pickette. Additional visiting state societies and officers attending were President Bob Hess, Jim Morock, Tony Vets and Bo Vets of the LASSAR; President Michael Schenk and Jerry Brent of the MSSAR; TNSSAR President Claude Hardison; former NSSAR Librarian General and former ALSSAR President Mike Wells; and all four Alabama former Southern District VPGs: Lee Swart, Rod Hildreth, John Wallace and Jim Maples.

After Saturday's business meeting, ALSSAR President Bobby Joe Seales presided over the George Washington Luncheon. Washington, portrayed by Al Schaefer, opened

with Washington's prayer for our country. Samford University vocalist Austin Foster provided special music, and County Manager Alex Dudchok brought greetings. The luncheon's guest speaker was Michael C. Hamrick from Eufaula, the architect of records for The American Village. Of all the projects he has done at The American Village, the Veterans Memorial Shrine is the one of which he is most proud. The highlight of the luncheon was President Seales calling for the presentation of the Quilt of Valor, a handmade quilt presented to a veteran for his service. During the presentation, the veteran is wrapped in the quilt to provide strength, love and warmth for all he has done for our state and nation. This is the first Quilt of Valor that has been presented at an ALSSAR event. The recipient was Compatriot Dr. James S. "Jim" Day of the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter. At the conclusion of the luncheon, Compatriot John R. Wallace, a member of the George Washington Endowment Board, made a presentation of certificates and pins to three new GWEF Fellows.

The weekend culminated with an Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers Banquet. The presentation of the colors was by the Calera High School Navy JROTC.

Robert Louis Robinson Jr., a member of the chorus of opera Birmingham, performed a medley of patriotic songs, after which Seales presented him with his membership certificate to the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter and welcomed him as the ALSSAR's newest member.

In honor of the 125th ALSSAR anniversary, Seales gave those in attendance a souvenir bottle of Shelby County wine.

In addition to the Southern District Vice President General, all four Southern District state presidents (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee) were present. Serving for the first time were two youth president's aides. Also attending were State Sen. J.T. "Jabo" Wagoner and State Rep. April Weaver and her husband, Dr. Darrel Weaver.

During the dinner, Chuck King and Friends played. After dinner, Abigail Adams, portrayed by Noel Steward, told of her life during the Revolution. Secretary General Thomas E. Lawrence was the guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife, Mickey Jo.

Before the installation of the 2015-2016 ALSSAR officers, Seales gave his closing remarks, thanking everyone for their hard work and dedication. He asked everyone to read the American's Creed and keep the last sentence in their heart.

After the installation and transfer of neck ribbons, VPG Hollis presented newly installed ALSSAR President William O. "Bill" Stone the president's gavel. Stone presented to Seales the past president's pin and certificate, a liberty bell and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his many years of service.



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CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

On Sunday, Feb. 15, the CASSAR Color Guard participated in the 33rd Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills in Los Angeles, above. The Massing is the largest celebration of Washington's birthday in the West. The color guard comprised 30 compatriots from eight chapters of the CASSAR. Members of the Los Angeles Fife & Drum Corps, under the direction of Compatriot Matthew Noell, accompanied the CASSAR Color Guard. Also attending were about a dozen compatriots and members of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

The event is hosted by the Sons of Liberty Chapter.

Orange County Chapter

On Friday, Jan. 30, the Orange County Chapter, in partnership with the Quilts of Valor organization, recognized Lauren F. Bruner, one of the last eight living survivors of the sinking of the battleship USS *Arizona* during the battle at Pearl Harbor. This private presentation of the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate was a little unique as we did it in Bruner's home. He was unavailable for our Saturday meeting so we came to him. He was gracious, welcoming, sharp and witty.

Two weeks later, on Feb. 14, we honored Odeus W. "Bob" Bankston, a survivor of the sinking of the USS *California*. The presentation of his SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate and quilt was done during our monthly luncheon meeting.

Their amazing story of duty and survival could be part of a movie, but it wasn't. It was a tragic reality for them and their shipmates. Both recovered from their wounds and rejoined the fight, serving to the end of the war.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY

On Dec. 8, 2014, the CTSSAR presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation at its headquarters in Stratford, Conn. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation flies the U.S. flag outside its main entrance,

and it is visible from the Merritt Parkway.

The SAR Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the U.S. flag for only patriotic purposes. It is not given to commercial enterprises that fly the flag for advertising purposes.

Tyrone "Woody" Woodyard, Sikorsky's vice president of communications, accepted the SAR Flag Certificate on behalf of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. This honor was especially meaningful to Woodyard as he is a veteran.

Bob Rivard, president of the CTSSAR, wore his Revolutionary War attire, below, and led the presentation ceremony, along with compatriot Ed Isaacs (far left). CTSSAR compatriots who also participated in the ceremony were, from left, Rich Forselius, John "Reg" Harrison and Ethan Stewart.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Benjamin Franklin, a Revolutionary War color guard and more than 400 young professionals converged at the historic City Tavern Club for the annual Sweethearts and Patriots Gala on Feb. 8. Co-hosted by young professional members of the DC Society (DCSSAR) and the DC

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sweethearts and Patriots raised more than \$23,000 for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS).

TAPS, the 2015 Arlington-based beneficiary, offers compassionate care to all those grieving the death of a loved one serving in our armed forces. Since 1994, TAPS has provided free around-the-clock comfort and hope through a national peer support network and connection to grief resources.

In its second year, the Gala has become a tremendous success—and quite the production. Attendees were entertained by the Moonlight Jazz Orchestra (a 17-piece jazz band) and DJ Van Petty (courtesy of MyDeeJay). Rebecca Morrison, a TAPS family member, performed the national anthem along with the SAR Color Guard. Benjamin Franklin, as portrayed by Barry Stevens, mingled with the VIPs, magician Eric Henning added some intrigue to the evening and event painter Jamie Peterson captured the dancing live on canvas throughout the night. The silent auction at the event included more than 50 items, ranging from sports and entertainment memorabilia to one-of-a-kind experiences. An online auction brought in additional funds for TAPS.



The founders of Sweethearts and Patriots include Bedell, DCSSAR members Reid Collins and Andy Dye, and DC DAR members Kate Henvey, Julie Kinzer, Carina May and Leslie Ogden. Planning has begun for the next Gala, to be held Feb. 7, 2016, and the planning committee is compiling a list of potential beneficiaries. More information is available at www.sweetheartsandpatriots.org. The DCSSAR website is www.dcssar.org.

FLORIDA SOCIETY

Brevard Chapter

The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

On March 7, the Brevard Chapter hosted the 9th Annual Celebration of the Last Naval Battle at the Brevard County Veterans Center on Merritt Island, Fla. It was a crisp and breezy day for the 100-plus attendees—split evenly between parade participants and spectators.

SAR chapters attending included: Brevard, Caloosa, Daytona-Ormond, Lake-Sumter, St. Luci River, Tampa and Withlacochee. Brevard County DAR chapters represented included: Abigail Wright Chamberlin, Brevard DAR Regents Council, Commodore John Barry, Indian River, and Philip Perry. Other DAR chapters included: Arthur Irwin, Lawrence Kearny and Winding Waters. Also participating in the parade were the Children of the American Revolution, Canaveral Light Chapter #2358, United



Commemorating the Revolution's last major naval battle.

Daughters of the Confederacy, Camp 1387 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans and the Courageous Division Naval Sea Cadets.

Bringing greetings were: Hall Riediger (FLSSAR), Carole Cole (Brevard DAR), Bill Giers (U.S. Coast Guard) and Ralph Nelson (Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association).

Our guest speaker was Compatriot Bill Elder (Daytona-Ormond) in the persona of Gen. George Washington. Several wreaths were presented followed by the playing of "Taps" by Coast Guard Auxiliaryman John Kachenmeister.

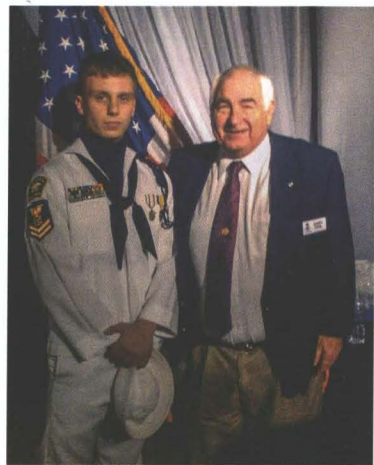
It has been my pleasure to work on this project for the past dozen years or so, and I must give a special thanks to President General Lindsey Brock for assisting in creating this national event. Plus a big thanks to the members of the Brevard Chapter, without whom these celebrations could not have taken place.

— CHAIRMAN BEN DUBOSE

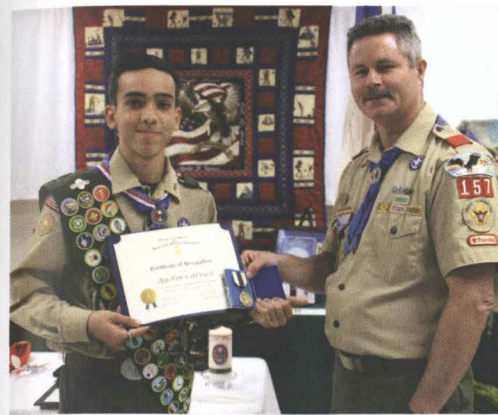
Clearwater Chapter

Gray Wilson was awarded the Sea Cadet Medal from the Clearwater Chapter at its annual awards dinner. He is a high school junior from Largo and is a homeschooled through the Florida Virtual School, where he holds a 4.0 GPA. He lives with his mother, Jennifer Gray, a younger brother and a sister. He plans to pursue college and ROTC after high school and plans a long career in the military.

Wilson comes from a long military line, including his grandfather, a retired Army general. He is the Suncoast Squadron's lead petty officer for its color guard. He has attended training programs through the Sea Cadets, including recruit training, two Coast Guard Station internships, Petty Officer Leadership Academy and emergency response training.



Gray Wilson and SAR Compatriot Gary Coil.



Eagle Scout Austin W. Carrico with Compatriot Glenn Van Vliet.

Emerald Coast Chapter

Compatriot Glenn Van Vliet presented the Good Citizenship Medal to Eagle Scout Austin W. Carrico on Dec. 20, 2014, at his Court of Honor. Austin, a member of Troop 773 in Crestview, has so far earned 76 merit badges and has been extremely

active in the community. His guest speaker was Crestview Mayor David Cadle, who has known Austin through his civic involvement.

Palm Beach Chapter

President General Lindsey Brock presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot Alexander Wallace Dreyfoos Jr. at the FLSSAR's winter Board of Management Meeting on Jan. 30 in Orlando.

PG Brock also presented Compatriot Dreyfoos the SAR Military Service Medal and Certificate of Patriotism, #1, for his outstanding service as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Dreyfoos is a self-made man who came from humble beginnings. He was gifted with a scientific mind and borrowed money to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he obtained a scientific degree. While at MIT, Dreyfoos joined the university's ROTC and upon graduation, received an officer's commission in the U.S. Air Force. He served four years, including an assignment as officer in charge of the photo-reconnaissance laboratory in Germany. Upon his discharge, he attended Harvard University on the G.I. Bill and received a master's degree in business.

Five years after graduating from Harvard, he founded the Photo Electronics Corporation, a company specializing in photography and video production photography. During his ownership of PEC, Dreyfoos was granted numerous U.S. and foreign patents relating to photography. In 1970, he received an Academy Award for his invention of the Video Color Negative Analyzer. Some of his photographic inventions are on permanent display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

As a philanthropist, he has given millions back to society. Among his most notable philanthropic achievements is a \$15 million donation to MIT, resulting in the naming of the Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. Building. He also has donated money to the Palm Beach County Board of Education to construct and open the nation's first performing arts high school, and the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. In 2004, Dreyfoos made sizeable donations to the state of Florida, paving the way for the relocation of the Scripps Research Institute from California to Palm Beach County, Fla. Through his financial assistance, the prestigious Max Planck Institute for neurological research also opened in Palm Beach County.

Dreyfoos was named "A man of Vision in the Community and Culture," and in 2013, he received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He sits on the board of directors of several national corporations and charitable organizations.

At 83, Dreyfoos shows no signs of slowing down. He continues to travel the globe, photographing the many underwater wonders of the world through his love of scuba diving.

GEORGIA SOCIETY

Robert Forsyth Chapter

The Robert Forsyth Chapter awarded Joseph William "Bill" Norman the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at Norman's Landing Restaurant on Jan. 12. Norman was one of the original founders of Longhorn Steakhouse and left the partnership 19 years ago to open Norman's Landing Restaurant in Cumming, Ga. Since then, he has made more than \$1.5 million in charitable contributions from various fundraising efforts, including golf tournaments and spaghetti dinners. The restaurant has a ping-pong room where guests can play, and the cost of the game is added to the charity jar, proceeds from which go to a different organization each month. Norman has upped the donations by holding tournaments, with all proceeds going to local charities.



The Robert Forsyth Chapter was proud to present Bill Norman its Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Presenting the medal were Thomas R. Davis, president; Edward P. Rigel, Jr., vice president; and Allen Greenly, secretary.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY

George Rogers Clark Chapter

Revolutionary War battle flags lined both sides of the driveway of the Nix/Judy Pioneer Cemetery in Glen Carbon, Ill., and waved in the breeze on Sept. 21, 2014, as the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter dedicated a large, cast-aluminum plaque at the cemetery entrance.

The two-sided plaque has a biography of six Revolutionary War patriots and recognizes their part in establishing our country's freedom. They are William Biggs, John Nix, Isham and Richard Randle, Henry Thornhill and Josias Wright.

ILSSAR President Thomas Ashby helped unveil the plaque. He said the marker program "is being done so that Glen Carbon and other communities with Revolutionary War Patriots interred near them might know of the sacrifices and service of these heroes. We take pride that these founding fathers of our country brought their families to Glen Carbon to help perpetuate the American ideal.

"We dedicate this monument to those brave heroes, recognizing their marvelous contributions to creating the United States of America as a gift to the citizens of Glen Carbon, who are honored by these Patriots' eternal presence," he said.

Father Nicholas Finley, himself a veteran, praised the SAR for all it does in remembering those who served.

Members of the chapter provided the color guard and six of them read biographies of the Patriots. Granite City resident Don Bradford sang "God Bless America."

GRC Chapter President Jim DeGroff thanked Steve Ellsworth State Farm Insurance, Cassens Auto Sales, the Edwardsville Rotary and Boilermakers Union Local 482 for their generous donations. Additional funding for the plaque was provided by the NSSAR and ILSSAR. The Village of Glen Carbon helped clear the site for the marker.

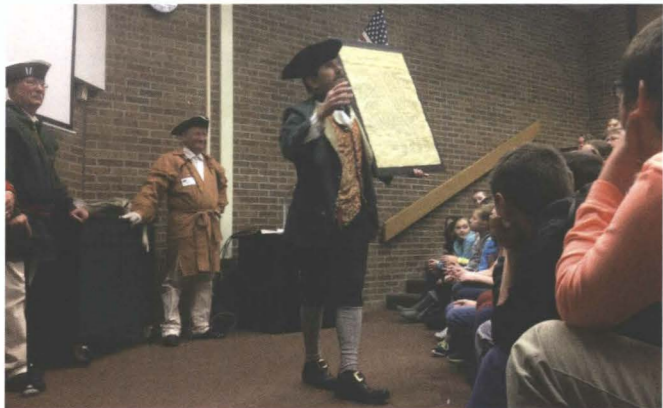


Piankeshaw Chapter

On Feb. 13, Chapter President Allen Cooke, center, and Regent Julie Woller of the Alliance Chapter presented to Master Sgt. Jason Staub checks totaling more than \$3,000 toward Operation Restore Old Glory—replacing the American flag, flagpole and related roof work on the University of Illinois Armory in Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

INDIANA SOCIETY

Compatriots Doug Roush, Stuart Hart and Rod Sherard (Clarence A. Cook Chapter) and Dennis Boone (Alexander Hamilton Chapter) presented a program to four schools in February. Each school held a convocation of the fifth-graders who are studying the American Revolutionary War, with 150-200 students in each presentation. Compatriot Roush is pictured, below, discussing the Declaration of Independence, explaining the difference between the one that was rushed into printing, and the one that was signed.



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Compatriots from several INSSAR chapters performed a veterans honor program that included a musket salute. The program is an annual festival given by a popular country-western entertainer for his fans. Included in the program were a salute to the veterans attending and the color guard manning the flagpole. The old flag was lowered and folded, while the crowd of about 650 watched silently. Taps was played. Next, the old flag was handed to one of two veterans selected to represent all veterans past. A new flag was retrieved from the other veteran and raised briskly up the flagpole as the national anthem was sung, followed by a musket salute. Afterward, the color guard passed by the 60 veterans standing in a prominent place, thanking each for their service.

IOWA SOCIETY

Iowa SAR members Danny Krock and Mike Rowley joined fellow SAR member Bill Campbell, who is also the commander of Chapter 1979 Department of Iowa Military Order of the Purple Heart, in a celebration of Washington's birthday on Feb. 12.

Compatriot Rowley shared Iowa's Revolutionary War

connection and President General (2013-2014) Joseph Dooley's article, "What Rank Is Gen. Washington?" (Spring 2014 issue, page 12) with Purple Heart recipients and guests.

There also was a discussion on how best to partner on projects of interest to both groups. Local grade-school students made a patriotic placemat for each Purple Heart recipient.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY

In 2008, the NSSAR purchased the Fulton Conway Building, an 1850-era tobacco storage building, on West Main Street in Louisville, Ky., to relocate its library and headquarters. As a member of the "inspection" team to evaluate the building, I was looking for a cornerstone in the building, but it did not have one. Brother Master Mason and President General David Appleby (2008-2009) and I formed a plan to have a symbolic cornerstone-laying ceremony at the Fall 2009 Leadership meeting. Elements of the ceremony included:

- Inviting Grand Master and his line officers of Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free & Accepted Masons, plus all NSSAR Master Masons and Master Masons of Louisville Lodge No. 400.
- George Washington's gavel from Potomac Lodge.
- George Washington's trowel, which was used when he laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in 1793, borrowed with permission from the archives of Alexandria-Washington Lodge.
- Commemorative Masonic aprons for all Masons, purchased at a profit for the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Fast forward to 2015: The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M. is being contacted about the possibility of forming a new Masonic Lodge in Louisville that only NSSAR/Master Masons can join. Brother and Compatriot Les Foster said, "By having this lodge, Historical Lodge George Washington and Masonic Founding Fathers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M., would be an asset to both The Grand Lodge and the NSSAR."

We are updating the 2008 list of NSSAR Master Masons and Past Masters as the foundation and charter members of the new lodge. SAR members have been asked to seek other Master Masons in their chapters. There are more than 200 men on my current list, but I'm sure there are many more who qualify. We also are adding new members to the NSSAR chapters and to lodges across the country. If interested, please contact me: J. Michael Jones, Jjones3549@cox.net, 212 West Country Gables Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85023-5250.

MARYLAND SOCIETY

The MDSSAR has donated \$1,000 to the Preserve the Pensions national initiative sponsored by the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Past President Ivan Dooley Jr. investigated the program with Rebecca Koford, a tremendous advocate for this project, and made the recommendation during the January board meeting. It was unanimously approved. The goal of the initiative is to digitize the 1812 Pensions, which are among the most requested documents at the National Archives that are in preservation danger because of their fragile nature.

More than 7 million pages are planned to be digitized using private funds. For each dollar donated, two pages will be digitized. Ancestry.com has provided a dollar-for-dollar matching grant. This initiative is important to the SAR because it is often the one generation that most people have problems linking to their American Revolutionary ancestor. With A-Z to be completed and made free online, we can help so many more applicants.

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In a special ceremony at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, George Washington's resignation speech was unveiled in a case, above, that the MDSSAR helped to fund. In 2007, the MDSSAR donated \$5,000 to the creation of a display case in the State House for the resignation speech that had been privately held. Gen. Washington resigned his commission as commander of the Continental Army on Dec. 23, 1783 in the Old Senate Chamber of the Maryland State House, where the United States Congress was then meeting. The state-of-the-art display case for his resignation speech was unveiled in the State House rotunda. New exhibits will be placed in the stairwell and in committee rooms, interpreting that event as well as the ratification of the Treaty of Paris there on Jan. 14, 1784, and in Annapolis in the 18th century.

The unveiling was timed to coincide with the opening of the restored Old Senate Chamber, a project that has kept the chamber closed for almost five years. The chamber itself, which saw the formation of the MDSSAR on April 20, 1889, had undergone extensive changes throughout the 19th century. The recent restoration involved extensive research to return the chamber to how it looked in Washington's day.

The featured speaker was Alan Taylor, holder of the Thomas Jefferson History Chair at the University of Virginia and winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for History for his book, *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832*. Dr. Edward C. Papenfuss, retired state archivist, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. It was through his efforts that the Friends of the Maryland State Archives was able to acquire Washington's resignation speech.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter

The Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter met Feb. 28 for luncheon to discuss this year's plans for activities. State Vice President Jim Engler urged participation in chapter and state activities, and two members volunteered to help in state activities—one in reviewing the state membership handbook and the other in assisting in the annual Patriot's Ball. Chapter President Dave Embrey brought a number of Colonial uniforms and explained their histories.

Col. John Eager Howard Chapter

Three Generations of Chapter Presidents in One Family

On Jan. 31, a historic NSSAR event occurred at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore. Jean S. Fugett Jr. was elected and installed as the 23rd president of the Col. John Eager Howard Chapter, MDSSAR. It was not nationally historic because Jean is a former Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins football player or because his sponsor and President General Joseph W. Dooley (2013-14) conducted the installation. It was historic because Jean Jr. is part of three generations of the same family—his father and his son preceding him—as president of the same chapter. This is rare enough in our organization, but historic because Jean's election represents the first election

of three generations of the same African-American family as chapter president in our 125-year history!

His father, Jean Sr., was elected as chapter president in 2009, and his son, J. Russell, was elected in 2011. Both are active in support of the chapter named for one of Baltimore's patriotic heroes.

His Patriot ancestor, Henry Bakeman, a free mulatto, served as a private in Col. Willett's New York Regiment for 11 months, 5 days, joining in April 1781 when he was 16. He was pensioned under Pension #R400, giving his birth as January 1765 in Rocky Fall, Somerset Co., N.J. He and his wife, Jane, are buried at South Onondaga Cemetery, South Onondaga, N.Y. Henry Bakeman's light-skinned descendants were unaware of their ancestor's race until Jean and family attended an annual reunion and provided documentation on his color, which few had alluded to.



President General Joseph Dooley (2013-2014) was on hand to install Jean Fugett as president of the Col. John Eager Howard Chapter.

Jean S. Fugett Jr. has been a man of many firsts as an athlete, journalist, businessman and attorney. He graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School, where he was the first African-American to win Baltimore Catholic Athlete of the Year. He then attended Amherst College, where he was a two-sport All-American athlete and executive editor of the weekly student newspaper. After graduating with honors, Jean studied at Columbia Law School and was on the waiting list at Harvard Law School, which his brother attended.

Fugett was drafted in the 13th round by the Dallas Cowboys and learned the playbook in two days to make the team. NFL Hall of Famer Tom Landry coached him to his greatest success in his fourth and final season with the Cowboys to start in Super Bowl X. Fugett then signed with the Washington Redskins as one of the first modern-day free agents, so he could go to night school to become a lawyer. He went from being the lowest-paid starting tight end to the highest.

Fugett became a reporter for *The Washington Post* in his off season, appearing on a CBS station as a weekend anchor on the *Redskins Sidelines* show. He completed law school at George Washington University at night. After his football career was over, Fugett continued to work for *The Post* and as a commentator for the NFL on CBS.

Following the death of his brother Reginald Lewis in 1993, Fugett took over TLC Beatrice International Foods, the largest black-owned and -managed business at the time and the world's first billion-dollar black-owned business. With \$2.2 billion in sales, TLC Beatrice was No. 512 on *Fortune* magazine's list of the world's 1,000 largest companies.

Fugett served as president of the NFL Retired Players Steering Committee, as legal counsel and advisor to a

variety of businesses and nonprofits, and on the Leadership Council for the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Chapter. He retired from his law practice at Fugett & Associates in Baltimore and then was a managing director of Axum Capital Partners, a Charlotte, N.C.-based private equity firm.

— COMPATRIOT CHRISTOS CHRISTOU JR.
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From left, 2014 MDSSAR President J. Patrick Warner, Ranger Scott S. Sheads, President General Joseph W. Dooley, 2015 MDSSAR President Douglas Favorite, and The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland President Christos Christou Jr. (past president of the MDSSAR and Col. John Eager Howard Chapter).

In a spirit of cooperation, Stan DeLong of the San Diego Chapter, CASSAR, contacted past President Christos Christou of the Col. John Eager Howard Chapter, MDSSAR, to present a Bronze Good Citizenship medal to National Park Service Ranger Scott S. Sheads at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md., because the San Diego Chapter could not present the medal there. The San Diego Chapter awarded Sheads this medal for his work in securing a U.S. flag that flew over Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine to be flown over the USS *Midway* as part of the 1812 Bicentennial Celebrations in June. On Jan. 17, after Sheads spoke at an 1812 annual luncheon at the Maryland Club, he was presented the SAR medal and certificate by past President General Joseph W. Dooley (2013-2014), who was accompanied by the presidents of the MDSSAR and 1812 Society.

Gen. William Smallwood Chapter

The Gen. William Smallwood Chapter met Dec. 4, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall in Silver Spring, Md. President Michael Saunders presented an SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service to Sugarloaf Monuments for the company's role in producing grave markers with the SAR logo for six patriots buried at the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. Saunders also presented SAR Flag Certificates to Juan Luis and Linda Torres and Brad and Mindy Tuttle of Takoma Park. The featured speaker was Glenn Wallace, registrar for the Monocacy Cemetery (Beallsville, Md.), discussing his nine-year effort to document the more than 5,000 burials at the cemetery, including family genealogy and photographs, and his work with the chapter to identify patriots buried there and arrange for the installation of granite grave markers. During the meeting, MDSSAR Secretary Pat Warner inducted five members of the Searles family and Eugene Stohlman into the chapter.

Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter

The chapter presented the Rev. Melvin Brindley of Chestertown Baptist Church with a certificate of commendation for "exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America." The presentation was made Feb. 28 at its regular chapter luncheon. The chapter presents the

From left, Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter President Walter Coryell, the Rev. Melvin Brindley, chapter Vice President Robert Cleaver, and Compatriot Sandy Hoon, who served as the meeting host at Herron Point in Chestertown.



Flag Certificate annually to a candidate from Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties in Maryland.

John Hanson Chapter

The John Hanson Chapter participated in a Court of Honor for four Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1572 on Sunday, March 1, at the sponsor church, St. Mary's Catholic of Piscataway in Clinton, Md. Two of the recipients of the SAR Certificate of Outstanding Achievement were brothers, with one of the brothers waiting two years to be awarded his Eagle Scout so he could be with his brother. They had earned an impressive array of merit badges, 27-29 each. Their Eagle Scout projects were equally impressive and most deserving of the SAR award for excellence in leadership, love of country and duty to family.

Certificates of Outstanding Achievement were presented to Sam Carts, Alex True, Michael True and Joseph Walzel Jr. by George Satterthwaite, John Hanson Chapter secretary at Troop 1572's Court of Honor.

John Paul Jones Chapter

Thirty-five people attended the annual chapter Christmas party held at the Rising Sun Inn Dec. 7, 2014, including members of the Ann Arundel Chapter DAR, National Society of Daughters of 1812 President Ginger Apyar and family members of the JPJ Chapter members.

Chapter members took part in the Annapolis National Cemetery Wreaths Across America Day. Attending were Chapter President John Harvey, and Anne and Barry McKown. The chapter donated five wreaths. More than 1,000 wreaths were placed, right, by hundreds of local participants.



State President Doug Favorite, Chapter President John Harvey and Chapter Secretary Barry McKown at the chapter's annual Christmas Party.



Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter

Compatriots Charles Lawrence Bishop and Richard Lee Stup, and Braddock Heights resident James Edward Smith were honored with the Liberty Medal, recognizing each for his sponsorship of 10 new members in the chapter. The commendation was offered at the chapter's annual meeting, conducted at Dutch's Daughter. The Liberty Medal, depicting a bust of the Statue of Liberty struck in bronze and suspended from a gold ribbon, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Thomas Stone Chapter

The Thomas Stone Chapter presented a George Washington Portrait to Windy Hill Elementary School in Owings, Md. on Dec. 19, 2014. The chapter has presented portraits to all but three elementary schools in Charles County. In St. Mary's County, all the public elementary schools have portraits, and the chapter also has presented them at three private schools.

Under the leadership of Compatriot Howard Booth, the chapter continues to move forward to place the portraits in schools in Calvert County.

Westminster Chapter

The Westminster Chapter held its Flag Award ceremony on Dec. 3, 2014 at the home of the flag owners, Joyce and William Lazor Sr. Chapter President-Elect Jim Engler

presented William Lazor with the SAR Flag Certificate of Commendation in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States. Lazor is known for an extensive flag display across his yard on Memorial Day each year, as well as displaying the flag both during the day and illuminated at night.



MICHIGAN SOCIETY

Paul Emery Chapter

To preserve the memory and principles bestowed by our forefathers, the Paul Emery Chapter donated a portrait of Gen. George Washington to Lapeer High School in Michigan.

The portrait adorns the school's main hallway, where students and staff alike will be reminded of their history each day as they pass by.

Dr. Robert Sprague of Grand Blanc, Mich., president of the chapter, spoke to students, staff and city officials as he presented the portrait. Sprague, along with members of the MISSAR Color Guard, wore full Revolutionary War regalia. Also attending was School Superintendent Matt Wandrie.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY

Duane L.C.M. Galles is a past president of Minnesota SAR and SR, past head of five national lineage societies, and an internationally recognized expert on heraldry. At the recent society meeting, he brought a fascinating, scholarly address entitled, "The American Century and the Renaissance of Heraldry in America." He also had a display

of the personal coat of arms of two MNSSAR compatriots, as well as his own. Galles explained that there was great interest in heraldry during the 17th and 18th centuries and that it fell into disfavor during Andrew Jackson's presidency. In the 1890s, heraldry enjoyed a resurgence coinciding with the United States becoming a world power. Galles cited U.S. and world events from the early 1890s through the early 1920s and noted the expanded interest in heraldry by universities, the church, the armed forces and others during those years.

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The Fall Meeting of the MNSSAR was held Oct. 4, 2014, at Jax Cafe, in conjunction with the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution. Including compatriots, spouses and guests, the total attendance was 54.

Vice President John Sassaman of the MNSSAR led the Pledge of Allegiance and SR Chaplain Michael Swisher offered the invocation.

Past President John Hallberg Jones reported on the most recent issue of *Minnesota History Magazine*, which had a fascinating article on the menus of elegant events of the past. One of the featured items was the Washington Day Dinner of the Minnesota SR held Feb. 22, 1919, nearly a century ago. It had been a festive affair, with a most extensive menu.

The program of the day was presented by Hon. David Sinclair Bouschor, retired Minnesota district judge. Entitled "The Anatomy of Justice," his presentation included anecdotes of trials over which he presided during his career on the bench.

MISSOURI SOCIETY

Ozark Mountain Chapter

Compatriot Howard Fisk from the Ozark Mountain Chapter and his daughter, Hillary, had an hour-long visit with Compatriot Sen. Roy Blunt in his Washington, D.C., office. Hillary is an officer in the Eleanor Wilson Chapter, DAR, in Washington, D.C., and is involved her chapter's Viet Nam Commemoration. Compatriot Fisk took the chapter's banner

to discuss the value of the Viet Nam Commemoration and the chapter's good works. Blunt was cordial and led a wide-ranging discussion on everything from our shared family heritage to the upcoming legislative session. Blunt sent his warmest regards to compatriots of the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



From left, Compatriot Howard Fisk, his daughter Hillary and Sen. Roy Blunt.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY

Each February, as close to George Washington's birth date as practicable, the Lincoln Chapter hosts a Heritage Day with a meeting and dinner in Lincoln, Neb. This year, Heritage Day was held on Saturday, Feb. 21. Various

heritage society members attended.

Those societies represented included the DAR, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, Society of the War of 1812, as well as the Mayflower and Huguenot Societies, to name a few.

Attendees are from throughout Nebraska. Three veterans and

military service retirees who are Nebraska SAR members attended the meeting this year. Pictured, from left, are Col. David K. Kentsmith (USAF, ret.), M.D., a past Omaha Chapter president, current state vice president and state secretary; Rev. Dr. Col. James Hoke (USA, ret.), a past Lincoln Chapter president and current second vice president of the NESSAR; and Chief Command Master Sgt. Robert Lee Knott Jr. (USA, ret.), who also is a past Omaha Chapter president and past NESSAR president. All three dressed in their formal-mess dress uniforms for the event.



NEVADA SOCIETY

Northern Nevada Chapter

The Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nev., opened its Wreaths Across America program Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. to coincide with the nationwide event.

The Northern Nevada Chapter assisted with the ceremonial placement of several wreaths at the memorial wall, honoring the U.S. armed services' five branches. Following this, the chapter placed wreaths at the graves of veterans throughout the cemetery. All veterans' markers in the cemetery were decorated, with more than 5,800 wreaths placed. The event was organized by the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition, which invited the Northern Nevada Chapter and other veterans groups to attend, along with community members.

Glenna Smith, representing Nevada's U.S. Sen. Dean Heller, met with and greeted the compatriots of the chapter following the ceremony, and she praised their participation.



Compatriots Paul Hicks, Col. Edward Carson (USA, Ret.), Roger Linscott, Trustee Brian Worcester, and Glenna Smith representing Nevada U.S. Sen. Dean Heller.

The Northern Nevada Chapter members were all in Revolutionary War uniform. NVSSAR Trustee Brian Worcester wore his Union Army uniform to represent his membership in the Sons of Union Vet-

erans of the Civil War, and also participated in the ceremonial wreath laying at the memorial wall for the five service branches.

Worcester is a cousin of Morrill Worcester of Worcester's Wreaths, who founded the Wreaths Across America program.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY

NHSSAR Past President Don Hayes was recognized for 20 years of continuous service to the state society. State President Bob Walsh and Awards Chairman James Veach presented him with a certificate. Hayes has been active in the NHSSAR Color Guard and educational re-enacting.

Five NHSSAR State Society presidents attended the winter meeting. They were Hayes, Walsh, Ben Hampton, Hans Jackson and Doug Wood.



The NHSSAR Color Guard poses for a membership promotional video shot by the NHSSAR and now available on its website at nhssar.org.

NEW MEXICO SOCIETY

The Palace of the Governors (Casa Real) first occupied in 1610, has been named a National Treasure. This is the 55th site so designated in the United States by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The building was originally the Santa Fe Presidio for the Spanish garrison in Neuva Espania and then the office of the territorial governors for the U.S. It has served as a centerpiece on the plaza in Santa Fe, N.M., since 1610. The building is thought to be the oldest in the U.S. that has been in continuous use. On Jan. 28 a ceremony was held at the Palace to celebrate the designation and was attended by more than 200 dignitaries and citizens.

The NMSSAR Color Guard, wearing Spanish Presidio soldier uniforms, was proud to present the colors for the ceremony and to discuss with the guests the history of the building and its use over the centuries. Descendants of the Presidio soldiers, including two of our NMSSAR Color Guard—Lionel Rael and George Garcia—have become SAR members. Their ancestors supported the American Revolution with funds collected at the request of King Philip of Spain and used to buy supplies for the Continental Army. After the Civil War, Lew Wallace, territorial governor, used the building's corner office to complete the last two chapters of his book, *Ben Hur*. The NMSSAR was instrumental in having a plaque placed on the wall of the main entrance honoring the Presidio soldiers who served in or supported the American Revolution.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Lower Cape Fear Chapter

Members of various regions of the NCSSAR and 17 other lineage/historical societies participated in the 239th observation of the Battle of the Widow Moores Creek. The



Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse

March 15 marked the 234th anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, a conflict critical to the outcome of the Revolution. President General Lindsey Brock, right, was the guest speaker at the event held in Greensboro, N.C., on March 14. President of the SAR Foundation and Executive Committee member Dr. Samuel C. Powell, far right, also participated.



battle is sometimes referred to as "the most important five minutes in American history," as it prevented the linking of the Back Country Scots and the British Regulars from Wilmington, thus bisecting the forces of the Americans.

Cooperation with Revolutionary War sites and other like-minded societies is a special, ongoing goal of the chapter. Moores Creek National Battlefield is a particularly close partner with LCFC as the park continually increases exhibits and special areas showing a full range of activities about the lives of our ancestors.

Mecklenburg Chapter

Revolutionary war hero Maj. Gen. Marquis de Lafayette visited Charlotte as part of the Mecklenburg Chapter's Presidents Day Community Dinner and Education Series.

"Lafayette, also known as The Hero of the Two Worlds,

fought for the United States in the American Revolutionary War," said Tom Phlegar, program chairman, Mecklenburg Chapter. "He was a close friend of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson, and he was the key figure in the French Revolution of 1789."

Each year, the Mecklenburg Chapter sponsors a national historical

figure to visit Charlotte as part of the education series. "This dinner and event are open to all individuals, families, organizations, groups and all ages," said Phlegar. "Previous years we have hosted both Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, both of whom were an enormous success."

Veteran historical actor Charles Wissinger portrayed Lafayette. "Charles has a long list of roles he has played in film, television, commercials and theater," Phlegar said. "He may best be known for his roles in the movies *Killing Kennedy* and *Evan Almighty*, and his television roles in *Turn* and *Secrets of Our Fathers*."

Lafayette was commissioned as a major general in the Continental Army by Congress on July 31, 1777, at the age of 19. In his home country of France, he came from a wealthy landowning family and followed in his family's tradition, being commissioned an officer in the French army at age 13.

"The general was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine in Pennsylvania in 1777 and served with distinction in the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778," said Phlegar, "and his troops blocked forces led by British Gen. Cornwallis in Virginia until the American and French forces could position themselves for the decisive Siege of Yorktown."

SAR dignitaries attending were NSSAR Treasurer General J. Michael Tomme, NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and SCSSAR President Dan Woodruff. The crowd also included 142 community and Mecklenburg Chapter members.

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234th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford

The Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR, hosted the 234th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, N.C.

"With over 125 guests, including SAR national Registrar General Larry Guzy, this was our largest commemoration ceremony to date," said Mecklenburg Chapter President and Event Chairman Jay Joyce. "The event was a fantastic success primarily because so many SAR, SR, DAR, C.A.R. and other organizations attended and presented wreaths."

The Battle of Cowan's Ford was fought on Feb. 1, 1781, in



From left, NCSSAR President Ken Wilson, NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary National Chaplain Cilla Tomme, Marquis de Lafayette, NSSAR Treasurer General J. Michael Tomme Sr. and SCSSAR President Dan Woodruff during the Mecklenburg Chapter's annual Presidents Day Community Dinner.



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson, at the podium, read the names of the Patriots of Hopewell Presbyterian Church as NCSC.A.R. President Alexandria Swaim lit the remembrance candles, while Mecklenburg host Chapter President Jay Joyce, at left, observed.

the Catawba River in present-day Huntersville. The battle pitted 5,000 British against fewer than 1,000 Americans who were attempting to slow the British advance across the river. The Patriot Gen. William Lee Davidson was killed at this battle and is buried at Hopewell Church.

"Our guest speaker this year was Charlotte regional history docent and SAR member Tom Phlegar," said Joyce. "His topic was 'God and Country' and addressed the roles of religion, independence, war and coping in Revolutionary War times."

OHIO SOCIETY

Lafayette Chapter

Twenty-six SAR members, wives and guests braved the cold and snow to attend the Lafayette Chapter Presidents Day luncheon meeting at the Fairlawn Country Club, Feb. 14. The combined Lafayette Chapter and Western Reserve Society color guard—made up of Commander John Franklin, Lee MacBride, James Glasgow, Scott Glasgow and



Above, new Lafayette Chapter members are inducted. From left, sponsors James Glasgow, Scott Glasgow, new members Anthony Scott Manna, Anthony Sylbert Manna, DAR member Barbara Griffith and OHSSAR President Ted M. Minier. Left, OHSSAR President Ted M. Minier presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate to Barbara C. Griffith of the DAR.

Claude Custer—posted and retired the colors. Lafayette member James F. Glasgow, Scott and James' dad, gave the presentation on "Words of Support Printed on Continental and Colonial Currency 1775-1780." From his personal collection, Glasgow displayed original notes and currency from the Revolutionary era. Paul Morehouse from the Lafayette Chapter presented a Flag Award to Sandy Porter from the Van Devere Auto Group that displays a huge American flag at its dealership, which can be seen for a mile down the freeway.

New Lafayette Chapter members Anthony Scott Manna and Anthony Sylbert Manna were inducted by Chapter President David Allison with assistance from Compatriots Scott and James Glasgow, DAR member Barbara Griffith, and OHSSAR President Ted Minier.

Minier presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate to Griffith for all that she has done to help the SAR with new members and applications.



Archibald Willard Color Guard Commander John H. Franklin led in the combined color guard to begin the program.

Western Reserve Society

The David Hudson Chapter, DAR, held its annual student awards program at the Hudson Library & Historical Society on Feb. 8. The combined color guard of the Western Reserve Society and Lafayette Chapter, SAR, participated with the presentation and retiring of colors. A large group of students, parents and friends filled the meeting room, above. The students wrote timed essays and designed posters. A few received top honors at the district level and now will go on to state competition.

OKLAHOMA SOCIETY

The Tulsa and Bartlesville chapters' color guard presented colors at the opening ceremony of Revolutionary Day on the Hill, Jan. 29. On behalf of the Tulsa Chapter, Chapter President Bill Martinson distributed 500 SAR U.S. Constitution booklets to the students who attended.

Revolutionary Day on the Hill is presented by two Tulsa Public Schools teachers: Dessa Weber of Kendall-Whittier and Beth Howard of Mark Twain Elementary. It is a stimulating day of educational activities celebrating a pivotal time in our nation's history.

The events of the day brought to life the American Revolution to fifth-grade students of northeast Oklahoma. Participants dressed in Colonial-period clothing, met historical character interpreters, drilled with Revolutionary War soldiers, participated in "African Rhythms" and played Colonial-era games. The learning experience was enriched by bringing together these educational elements in a beautiful Colonial-style venue, Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church.



Color guardsmen, from left, Bill Graham, Loyd Means (Tulsa,) Fred Morris (Bartlesville,) Ron Painter and Stuart Denslow (Tulsa) at Revolutionary Day, Jan. 29.

The sixth annual Revolutionary Day attracted 14 schools and more than 550 students. Students heard fascinating stories of Colonial America from Nelly Custis, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin and Lydia Broadnax, and a Revolutionary-era slave of George Wythe. Dr. James Craik, portrayed by Tom Plott from Mount Vernon Estates and Gardens, kept students spellbound with medical equipment from the Revolution and stories of his friend and patient, George Washington. Students ended the day with "The Bill of Rights Rap" led by the African Drummers from Kendall-Whittier.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

George Washington Chapter

Compatriot Gary Timmons appeared in federal court as one of three guest speakers to welcome new citizens at naturalization ceremonies. Pictured below, from left, Timmons, Joan McClelland (DAR), West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee and U.S. District Judge Frederick P. Stamp.



TENNESSEE SOCIETY

Tennessee Governor Decrees the Brocks Honorary Tennesseans

By decree from Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, Lindsey Cook Brock and Billie Lee Sheckler Brock have been conferred the honorific of "Honorary Tennessean." Tennessee House Speaker Beth H. Harwell and State Rep. Kevin D. Brooks made the presentations. Tennessee Senate



Southern District VPG Rick D. Hollis, TNSSAR Past President John E. McCutchen, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., Tennessee House Speaker Beth H. Harwell, President General Lindsey C. Brock and State Rep. Kevin D. Brooks.

Majority Leader Mark S. Norris of Memphis arranged the special recognition, but was unable to make the presentations personally because of an unexpected conflict. Both Norris and Brooks are active members of TNSSAR.



Class of 2015 Minutemen

Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle of Cordova, Tenn., was welcomed by those participating in a special award ceremony during the TNSSAR Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Tenn., on March 28. The Minuteman Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon a member of the SAR. In addition to the TNSSAR Honor Guard, which conducted an Arch of Swords that each Minuteman walked through, Minutemen participating in the event, above, were Stanley A. Evans, Tennessee; Michael C. Wells and P. Rod Hildreth, Alabama; PG Lindsey C. Brock, Florida; Clapsadle; O. Lee Swart and John R. Wallace, Alabama; and J. Michael Tomme Sr., Florida. Larry T. Guzy, Georgia, is not pictured.

Dr. Clapsadle was escorted by O. Lee Swart, who assisted PG Brock with the investiture.

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The TNSSAR Color Guard presented the colors and a three-shot volley on March 28 in Niota, Tenn., below, to honor the legacy of President General Harry T. Burn Sr. (1895-1977). Charles Dammann of the John Sevier Chapter welcomed everyone. Southern District VPG Richard D. Hollis was the master of ceremonies with President General Lindsey Brock giving greetings from the NSSAR. Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Beth Harwell presented guest keynote address. Many dignitaries, NSSAR



participate in a silent auction and to take a self-guided museum tour. The color guard, which was mustered from compatriots from across Tennessee, assembled in the entrance to begin the evening's events. At 6 p.m. the color guard entered the banquet room with 10 flags, escorted by the armed guards of the New Jersey Light Infantry

officers and Burn family descendants were in attendance, above.

The color guard was commanded by TNSSAR State Commander David Miles Vaughn when the colors were presented. Southern District Commander James Stone was in charge of the firelock three-shot volleys and mourning with John Clark playing "Taps."

TNSSAR Color Guard members attending were: James Stone, David Miles Vaughn, and guardsmen John Clines, John Clark, Wayne Croley, David Eagan, Stan Evans, Lynn Fox, Steve Gaines, Bob George, James Hobbs, Johnny Head, Lee Johnson, David Johnston, Ed Kingsbury, John Kubenka, Ronnie Lail, Michael Mankin, Jim McKinney, Larry Pool, Fred Ryan, Roger Tenney, Jim Thweatt, Colin Wakefield, Clarence Watson and Dave Whaley. They were joined by Louisiana, Mississippi and Kentucky color guard members.

Hiwassee Chapter

Madisonville was recently recognized for the 1,800-square-foot Old Glory American flag flown on Highway 411. The chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the city, certifying it met the requirements for the award. The honor is bestowed on "individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only," according to SAR guidelines.

Participating in the presentation were SAR Hiwassee Chapter President Randy Ayres, Historian Don Edmonds Jr., Mayor Glenn Moser and aldermen Linda Hensley, Susan Saunders and Gus Davis. The Madisonville flag may be the tallest in Tennessee.

The chapter represents McMinn, Meigs and Monroe counties and meets the second Monday of each month at Mexi-Wing in Athens at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Stephen Holston Chapter

On Saturday, Feb. 21, the Stephen Holston Chapter hosted its annual George Washington Dinner at the East Tennessee Historical Society in downtown Knoxville. Sixty-six people in their horseless carriages forged their way through the snow- and ice-covered hills to celebrate Washington's 283rd birthday.

The evening's events began at the entrance door as people arrived at 5 p.m., with the fifes and drums of the New Jersey Light Infantry Company (a local re-enacting group) playing period music. Once inside, guests were welcomed to

Company. Immediately following the colors were Gen. and Mrs. George Washington, who also were under guard.

When everyone was assembled into the banquet room, the pledges were made, invocation given, and toasts to the DAR, C.A.R., and the SAR were given with muscadine juice. Judy Dodd catered an amazing meal taken from recipes of the Colonial period. The meal included turnips, green beans, corn pudding, seven-day slaw, spiced pork and chicken, with spiced apple cake for dessert. East Tennessee's Elizabeth Rose, a well-known folk storyteller and Appalachian songstress, was the evening's special guest. She captivated the audience with tales and hymns of yesteryear.

After her presentation, several of the evening's guests were treated with door prizes, and all were invited to have portraits taken with the Washingtons. The dinner was a most pleasant evening with half of the guests dressed in period attire.



TEXAS SOCIETY Alexander Hodge Chapter

The Alexander Hodge Chapter presented a portrait of George Washington to Sartartia Middle School in recognition of Peter Garcia being named the chapter's history teacher of the year. Attending the presentation in Sugar Land were, from left, Alexander Hodge Chapter President Rob Brown, Garcia, Secretary Curt Osborne and Principal Dr. Jennifer Nichols.



Chapter President Clayton Starr presented a certificate of appreciation to TXSSAR President Robert W. Cohen.

Athens Chapter

At a recent meeting of the Athens Chapter, TXSSAR, President Robert W. Cohen spoke on Spain's role in the Revolutionary War. He also updated the group on the state of the TXSSAR.

Cohen inducted the chapter officers for 2015. Elected officers are Clayton Starr, president; and Sam Whitten, secretary/treasurer. Appointed officers are Harry M. Fife Jr., registrar; Charles Luna, chancellor; Bill Sekel, sergeant-at-arms; and Wayne Stafford, chaplain. The office of vice president is currently open.

Galvez Chapter

Members of the TXSSAR presented a flag ceremony at the funeral of Compatriot John Gulley on Feb. 27 at the First Methodist Church in Houston. Below, from left, TXSSAR President Elect Larry Stevens (Piney Woods Chapter); Gene Shaner, vice president (Bernardo de Galvez Chapter); John Thompson, TXSSAR Color Guard commander (Freedom Chapter); Tom Green, past TXSSAR president (William Hightower Chapter); Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas Chapter); Pete Lenes, past president (Galvez Chapter); Jim Jones, past TXSSAR president (Piney Woods Chapter); and Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin Chapter).



Plano Chapter

The Plano Chapter presented Plano Police Detective Chris Jones with the Heroism Award at the Plano City Council meeting Dec. 16, 2014. Jones was off duty and on his way to the hospital when he came upon a multiple-vehicle wreck and witnessed a semi hitting a Chevy and pushing it up the hill and off the roadway. When Jones exited his car, he could see that the bottom of the car's engine was on fire. He opened the door and tried to drag the unconscious driver out, but the driver was caught in wreckage. On Jones' third attempt, he was able to pull the driver free and dragged him a safe distance away. A minute later, the car was engulfed in flames. While Jones' wife and a passerby attended to the injured 22-year-old driver, Jones went to the semi, assisted the driver in exiting the truck and helped him to a safe place.



Gary VanDolzer as George Washington with Compatriot James Downing and his wife, Lynn.

UTAH SOCIETY

The UTSSAR, in partnership with the Utah DAR and the Constitution Day Committee of Utah, held a celebration Feb. 20 of George Washington's birthday and commemorated the 240th year since the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

After a dinner catered by Majestic Grill, the audience was treated to a foot-stomping, hand-clapping performance by the Utah Old Time Fiddlers. The attendees were delighted to hear the sounds of harmonica, fiddle, guitar, bass and other "old-time" instruments, as well as the singing of ballads. A sample of their performance included: "Whoa Ha Buck," "Jerry Boy," "Wreck of the Old 97" and "Orange Blossom Special."

Following the fiddlers, the audience stood and welcomed Gen. Washington, portrayed by accomplished actor Gary VanDolzer, who received a standing ovation. VanDolzer, with the exception of shoe size, is nearly identical to Washington in height, weight and size. His uniform is a replica of Washington's uniform on display in the Smithsonian and his clear and distinctive voice caused many to think that the Father of our Country was actually speaking.

Among his remarks, VanDolzer as Washington said: "Having liberty requires courage, it requires fortitude and vigilance in remembering and doing. Remember who you are—not hyphenated Americans, not members loyal to any political party nor to any man's whims, but to the principles and the ideals that have created and sustained this miracle we call America. Remember, as John Adams said, 'Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.' And Adams' colleague when the Declaration of Independence was signed, Dr. Benjamin Rush, who reminds us, 'The only foundation for ... a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.' The American people cannot compromise on morality and virtue and expect long to be free, for men will be governed by God or by tyrants; there is no other choice! Remember that

the gift of liberty comes with a price. It continues only so long as those blessed by liberty do the simple things liberty requires. And you can believe that God will not abandon those who uphold liberty. Liberty will live, believe in America and in yourself."

VIRGINIA SOCIETY Culpeper Minutemen Chapter

Six Culpeper Minutemen Chapter compatriots and two wives attended the dedication of Col. John Jameson Boulevard in Culpeper in late December. The near-freezing drizzle abated, and though it was still quite cold, there was a good turnout of about 50 people for the dedication of the new, .61-mile-long boulevard with three roundabouts that will greatly improve the traffic flow on the northeast side of town. The Chapter Color Guard provided the colors for the ceremony, and Chapter President Bill Schwetke presented a short biography of Col. Jameson, a captain and company commander in the 1775 Culpeper Minutemen, and later colonel in the Continental Army. Those attending were Past President Larry Alexander and his wife, Beverly; Past VASSAR President Jim Bayne; Chaplain Len Cowherd; Treasurer Don Jennings; Color Guard Commander Lon Lacey; and President Bill Schwetke and his wife, Cat.

Virginia C.A.R.

The Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution held its 88th State Conference in Richmond, March 6-8. During the annual banquet, VASSAR's Michael J. Elston was named the VSC.A.R. Outstanding Senior for 2014-2015. State President Virginia McGowan "Mackie" Storage presented Elston with a certificate and a special pin. Elston has served as the VSC.A.R. senior state conference chairman since 2012 and began serving a two-year term as VSC.A.R. senior second vice president in 2014. Senior State President Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt said that Mike "always keeps the 'C' in C.A.R. first."

George Washington Chapter

As part of the George Washington birthday ceremonies in Alexandria, Va., George Washington Chapter Vice President Greg Bodge laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

Alexandria is known as George Washington's hometown. Every year on the federal holiday in February, the city of Alexandria hosts ceremonies and events to commemorate his birthday. One of these is a wreath-laying ceremony in



Wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

honor of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution.

This year on Feb. 18, Alexandria celebrated Washington's 284th birthday. While some events were canceled because of the extremely cold weather, this was not the case with the wreath-laying ceremony. Members of the chapter participated in the event, which included Reverdy Wright, president of the VASSAR.

In Colonial times and during the early republic, burials in Alexandria took place wherever vacant land was available. There are many known graves of Patriots in Alexandria, but unfortunately many others are not marked or locations recorded. One of the latter was discovered in 1826, during an expansion of the sanctuary of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, which is next door to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. In this unmarked grave were found the unidentified remains of a man in a Revolutionary War uniform. This Unknown Soldier of the Revolution was reburied in the Saint Mary's cemetery. However, over the years, the corpse was reinterred several times and eventually ended up on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

While old-timers knew of the grave and its significance, it was not until after World War I and the formal burial of its Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery just a few miles away that significant interest began to develop in marking the final resting place of this Revolutionary Unknown. Finally in 1929, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic and veterans organizations erected a memorial at the gravesite.

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The Virginia Society presented the Patriot Medal, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a compatriot,

to Robert F. Carr at the March 14 meeting of the George Washington Chapter in Alexandria. Carr served as VASSAR secretary and assistant secretary from 2011 to 2015 and as George Washington Chapter registrar (2007-2011), president (2010-2011) and member of the board of managers since 2012. The medal was presented by VASSAR 2nd Vice President Michael J. Elston, who said, "Carr has had a direct impact on the growth of VASSAR's largest chapter" and "stepped into the role of president at a critical time and began a new period of engagement between VASSAR and the George Washington Chapter."



Lt. David Cox Chapter

The Lt. David Cox Chapter held its officer installation on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Porky's Restaurant in Galax, Va. Special guests included Dr. Reverdy Wright, president elect of the VASSAR; Alice Sweeney representing the Appalachian Trail Chapter DAR; and Susan Story representing the New River Pioneers Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dr. Wright conducted the installation of officers. Inducted were Billy Mitchell, president; Rev. Brad Simpson, vice president; Ralph Sweeney, treasurer; Alfred Howlett, registrar; and Charles Crockett, chaplain.

Mitchell inducted Michael Richard Lindsey as the chapter's newest member.



Installation of officers, from left, Billy Mitchell, president; Charles Crockett, chaplain; Ralph Sweeney, treasurer; and Alfred Howlett, registrar.

Compatriot Rayburn Mitchell presented an informative program on the Revolutionary War battles of Lexington and Concord, Mass. Mitchell recently visited these battle sites and provided the audience with many interesting and little-known facts about the minutemen who fought these battles for our independence.

Williamsburg Chapter

The 2015 officers of the Williamsburg Chapter were sworn in on Jan. 10 by outgoing President Bob Spencer.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Capt. John Paul Jones Chapter

On Jan. 14, Chapter President Capt. Conrad Plyler and Chapter Color Guard Capt. Doug Nelson presented 15 Young Patriot Writer Certificates, below, to students in fifth through eighth grades at Bethany Lutheran Elementary School in Port Orchard. The students wrote essays describing their impressions of the chapter's living history presentation and the American flag.



Seattle Chapter

The highlight event of the annual Seattle Chapter September awards ceremonies for the 2014-15 SAR season was the presentation of the SAR Medal For Heroism to Jon Christopher Meis. With a packed room watching, including staff of the 13 Coins Restaurant, President John R. Berg read the citation:

"On June 5, 2014, Jon Meis, a graduating senior at Seattle Pacific University in engineering, while acting in the capacity of hall monitor in the science and engineering building, found himself where no one ever wants to be, confronting an armed gunman, who had just shot four students with a shotgun, killing one. With spent shotgun



Jon Christopher Meis receiving one of his many awards.

shells littering the floor, the gunman stopped to reload. Heroically, and with little consideration for his own safety, Meis placed himself in harm's way, confronting the gunman with only a personal protection canister of pepper spray, with which he sprayed the attacker in the face, then grabbing the assailant around the neck and wrestling him to the ground. With the assistance of a couple other students Jon subdued the armed man, pinning him to the floor until police could arrive. A couple days after the shootings had taken place on the campus of this small Christian college associated with the Free Methodist Church Jon issued a statement to the news media and public, who had proclaimed him a hero. He asked for people's thoughts and prayers be sent out to the injured and family of the deceased, and forgiveness for the gunman. He ended his statement with, '... a hero cannot come without tragedy.' Meis's heroics are credited for saving countless lives. His actions represent the best qualities of our citizens who when faced with extreme danger rise to the occasion and perform acts of valor. The Sons of the American Revolution gives the Medal For Heroism to heroic individuals as recognition of their bravery."

President Berg followed up with some fitting remarks on what it is to be brave.

WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY

Governor Arch Alfred Moore Jr. Memorial Service

On Friday, Jan. 16, members of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution paid their respects to the families and memory of West Virginia Gov. Arch Alfred Moore Jr.

Steven D. Hart, president of the West Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Raymond M. Kane Jr., president of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of West Virginia, attended the services for Moore, which were held at the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston. Raymond M. Kane Jr. is also a member of the SAR and is registrar of the WVSSAR. They had the privilege and honor of meeting with members of the Moore family, including U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

Moore was a member of both the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Sons of the Revolution. His Patriot ancestor was James R. Jones, who served as a private in the Virginia Continental Line.

Moore, 91, died on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 in Charleston, Kanawha County, W.Va. He was West Virginia's first and only three-term governor, serving from 1969-1977 and again from 1985-1989. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1957-1969.

Moore served in the European Campaign during World



Gov. Arch Moore funeral guard.

War II and was seriously wounded by German machine gun fire in Germany in November 1944. He was decorated with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge and European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three battle stars.

His wife, Sadie Shelley Riley Moore, died in September 2014 at age 88. He is survived by daughters Shelley Moore Capito and Lucy Moore Durbin, and son Arch Alfred Moore III.

Funeral arrangements took place in both Charleston and Moundsville, W.Va., Jan. 16-17, with interment in Moundsville.

After the ceremonies for Moore, Hart and Kane spent the rest of the day performing genealogical research in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, which is located in the West Virginia Culture Center. The library houses an enormous collection of books, exhibits, microfilm and other records.

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Two West Virginia Society compatriots were honored to present wreaths at the 272nd anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson on April 13 at Monticello in Virginia. D. Wayne Harvey, below left, is the WVSSAR historian, and Richard D. Brockway, right, is the National Society Historian General. Both are members of the Greenbrier



Valley Chapter and presented wreaths at the ceremony on behalf of the WVSSAR and the NSSAR.

Following the ceremony and celebration, a huge birthday cake was served to all attendees. Presenting the colors at the event, which was hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, was the SAR Thomas Jefferson Chapter Color Guard.



Top, President General Lindsey C. Brock and First Lady Billie S. Brock with Fort Henry Chapter President Jay Frey; above, Larry Perkins, Ebenezer Zane Chapter (OHSSAR), with Vickie and W. Anthony Robinson, VPG Central District. [Photos by D. Allinder]

Fort Henry Chapter

The Fort Henry Chapter was chartered on April 26, 2014, and re-established at an organizational dinner held Oct. 23, 2014, at Wilson Lodge of the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center of Wheeling, W.Va.

Among the 60 guests were President General Lindsey Cook Brock and Billie Brock. The guest speaker was David T. Javersak, Ph.D., dean emeritus, School of Liberal Arts and professor of history, West Liberty University. WVSSAR President Steve Hart presented the charter for the re-established Fort Henry Chapter to Chapter President James "Jay" Frey. Also attending were SAR Singers Choirmaster Richard Brockway and Norma Brockway, WVSSAR Past President Ira Cook and Lillian Cook, WVSSAR Past President Bob Fish, OHSSAR Past President George Ruch, WVSSAR Secretary-Treasurer Joe Khare and his wife Cheryl Brown, and WVSSAR First VP Bill Lester and Ann Lester.

Hart continues to help establish new chapters in West Virginia, with a new SAR Chapter soon to be established at Elkins, W.Va., and other chapters in the early discussion and planning stages.

Gen. Adam Stephen Chapter

Patriot Jacob Williamson's grave in Elmwood Cemetery, Shepherdstown, W.Va. was marked with a simple tombstone with his date of birth and death until Nov. 8, 2014, when the Gen. Adam Stephen Chapter dedicated a marker for him, right.

Jacob, the son of Peter and Maria (Cossart) Williamson, was baptized on Feb. 24, 1739/1740 in the First Reformed Church in Raritan, Somerset County, N.J. Around 1767, he married Elizabeth DeGroot, who was baptized July 31, 1747, in the same church. She was the daughter of John and Aeltie (Olden) DeGroot.

The couple migrated to the area that later became Jefferson County, W.Va., where they raised eight children.

During the American Revolution, Williamson served as a lieutenant in the Berkeley County, Va., militia.

Elizabeth died on March 12, 1821, and Jacob died six months later; both are buried in the Presbyterian section of the cemetery. Williamson's will was probated on Nov. 26, 1821, leaving his 137-acre plantation to his son, William, and his other assets to his six living children and seven granddaughters whose fathers predeceased him.

The ceremony began with the processional led by the new local C.A.R. Society, followed by the invocation given by the Rev. Dr. Raleigh Hunter Watson, chapter chaplain, and fourth great-grandson of Williamson. Nicholas James Phillips, Andrew Watson Phillips, Raleigh Allen Martin and Samuel Stuart Martin, sixth great-grandsons, led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Chapter President Frank "Joe" Khare welcomed all, and greetings were extended by Shepherdstown Mayor Jim Auxer and WVSSAR President Steven D. Hart. Compatriot David Frank Hill III, fifth great-grandson, gave a remembrance of Williamson.

Compatriot Steven Lyle Nicewarner, fifth great-grandson, led the dedication of the marker and the three great-grandsons, Raleigh Hunter Watson, David Frank Hill III and Steven Lyle Nicewarner, unveiled the marker. Two members of the Capt. Ralph Stewart Chapter, WVSSAR, attended and laid a wreath. Members of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, NSDAR, and new C.A.R. Society also laid wreaths. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Shepherdstown's historic Entler Hotel.

"Objects of the Most Stupendous Magnitude..."

- John Adams, June 9th, 1776

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